

LOYALISTS CHECK FRANCO

'Liar!' Hurlled in Ferry Row

FACTS TWISTED IN FERRY DEAL PRESENTATION

Reed Charges McAuliffe Misrepresented RFC Plan as Adopted

By John Broman
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—"Florence M. McAuliffe is a liar, and he knows it!"

This charge was hurled at the Toll Bridge Authority attorneys here today by John C. Strrat, attorney for the East Bay League to Fight the Ferry Franchise Purchase, following action of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in voting, on information supplied by McAuliffe, to endorse the payment of \$3,750,000 to the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. for the ferry franchises.

"McAuliffe is a liar when he says, as he did yesterday to the supervisors, that fares can't be reduced because of an agreement with the Reconstruction Finance Corp.," declared Strrat.

Charge of "Liar" Echoed
"This refinancing agreement is not A. effect, and he knows it. It can't be in effect until it is approved by the Toll Bridge Authority after a public hearing. The date for this hearing hasn't even been set yet."

Fred E. Reed, president of the East Bay Regional Plan Assn., echoed the charge of "liar," leveled at McAuliffe.

The supervisors voted 9-2 for the resolution approving the purchase, James E. McSheehy and Adolph Uhl recording the votes. Uhl voted against it solely on the grounds that he thought the price was too high, and opposed an amendment by McSheehy to urge the TBA to defer consideration of the franchise purchase and establish a 30-day trial period at tolls equal to present ferry fares (50c one way, 50c round trip).

This amendment, the same as the resolution approved by the Alameda County supervisors and representatives of all East Bay municipalities some three weeks ago, declared that the trial period "will determine the advisability of purchasing the ferry franchises and will at the same time demonstrate whether or not the financing of the bridge can be carried on a sound basis at this reduced fare."

McSheehy Warns
Voting for the amendment were McSheehy and Supervisor Dewey Mead, in the 9-2 vote which lost the amendment.

McSheehy uttered a warning to the supervisors opposing the amendment and favoring the main resolution, implying that the people would want to know whether the Southern Pacific Railroad had bought and paid for their votes.

"We'll have to give an accounting of our stewardship some day to the people," said McSheehy. "It isn't much but we all like our positions. We love to be returned."

Uhl's vote against the amendment, on grounds that Gov. Merriam had a right to toss the issue in the board's lap, and that McAuliffe said it was illegal to reduce tolls, was flayed by McSheehy, who said Uhl "condones himself for standing out on that flimsy excuse on the grounds that the advocate of the resolution (McAuliffe) says it can't be done."

Oh! No!
McSheehy's reminder that the public was interested in their votes was like flint against steel, and drew answer from Supervisor Jesse C. Colman.

"I don't think anybody need be afraid anyone will say we are a servant of the corporations, if we know we're not," said Colman. "And certainly it can be said we're not."

After the amendment was lost, Uhl moved to table the main resolution and was seconded by McSheehy. However, this was voted down 9-2. Then the main motion carried 9-2.

Commented McSheehy: "You have your reasons for giving to the Southern Pacific the \$3,750,000 for a franchise that really does not exist."

Strrat, Reed and James J. Chapman, who have led the fight against the franchise swindle from the beginning, starting in Alameda County, were denied the right to speak yesterday in the board meeting. (Continued on Page 6, Column 4)

Once the 'Human Bomb' Today Human Derelict

Carl Warr Who Shocked the Nation With Bizarre Dynamite Threat Now Booked as 'Vag' and Told to Quit L. A.

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—A hunchbacked, weakened, little man of 59 was dragged into "sunrise" court before Municipal Judge Louis Kaufman on a charge of evading the railroad fare and being a "vag."

Almost entirely bald, stoop-shouldered, old and torn, this little old man that looked so pitiful and harmless, standing there before the court, was the once famous "human bomb."

In 1912, Carl Warr, then 33, was a bold, death defying worker. Disgusted with dictatorial dictates from the lips of Paul Shoup, then the head of the Pacific Electric Railway, Warr started the entire city with one of the most bizarre acts in American history.

Bears Police Chief
Into the office of Charles Sebastian, then chief of police and later mayor, strode Warr, 26 years ago. Masked from his forehead to the lower part of his chin, Warr

entered the office quietly, with 52 sticks of dynamite strapped close to his body.

Sebastian scarcely noticed the man as he entered, but as he turned to ask what he wanted, he noticed the sticks of dynamite and the man's finger ready to spring the trigger of the home-made bomb.

Get Shout in here, I want to discuss a higher wage agreement for the P. E. employees," Warr is said to have declared, meanwhile threateningly moving the trigger finger.

Sebastian ordered all the prisoners locked up in the city jail. (Continued on Page 6, Column 6)

Talks Renewed In San Pedro Dock Lockout

Stevadores Show Good Faith by Saving Sinking Cargo

SAN PEDRO, Cal., March 22.—Organized longshoremen and organized employers met in conference here today—one more attempt on the part of the 2,600 locked out dock workers to settle, and leave jurisdiction over car loading and unloading with the Carloaders and Warehousemen's Union.

They conferred while newly-appointed Federal Arbitrator Albert A. Rosenshine prepared to take up his duties. Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins named him, a San Francisco man, yesterday.

Waterfront leaders are agreed that the first problem Rosenshine has is whether there is anything which can be arbitrated. The longshoremen are determined not to go through the Carloaders' picket lines and not to take over their work, and declare that both the onshore contract and the Carloaders and Warehousemen's contract are clear on the point.

Nevertheless longshoremen have made repeated offers of compromise to the shipowners.

Offer Compromise
They have offered to go back to work and negotiate while they were working, but the employer group, attempting to use this dispute, to whittle down the hard-won agreements, have refused all offers.

Proving that they will do everything necessary to cooperate and bring an amicable end to the dispute, the longshoremen yesterday sprang to the rescue of the schooner San Diego.

It was reported that the ship had sprung a leak and was sinking so 60 longshoremen were rushed down to the dock to unload 1,500,000 board feet of lumber.

Longshoremen also loaded 45,000 boxes of oranges aboard the Larkin Motorship Edna, Blue Star Line, because the goods are perishable.

Lumber Yards Shut Down
Meanwhile lumber yards are shutting down because they are not able to obtain any stock from the north.

Call Timorous Diplomat Hypocrite and Coward

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The "philosophical calm" of Salvador de Madariaga, former Spanish Ambassador to the U. S., received an unphilosophical shock just before he stepped to the platform this morning to speak on international affairs at the Town Hall Forum at the Curran Theatre.

GIRL BEATEN AS 'GOONS' RUSH CIO WORKERS

17 Walnut Workers Locked Out In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Apparently just preparing to win a National Labor Relations Board election against the CIO, the Diamond Walnut Co. here locked out 17 union girls this morning and "goons" gave them the rush down the ramp leading to the plant.

One girl, Mary Anderson, five years in the employ of the company was beaten by Fred Flores, 501 Sunset Ave., a member of the company union, the "Walnut Workers Association."

The girls say the company officials were all watching out of the windows and laughed heartily as the girls went flying and rolling down the ramp.

Board Heard Case
The case was recently before the National Labor Relations Board, and testimony was unambiguously offered by company union officials that they signed the girls' names to the membership applications and that the company bosses appointed the officers of the "Association" without consulting the workers at all.

The Board decreed the "Association" to be an outright company union, and stopped proceedings to hold a "consent" election to see what union the workers wanted.

Despite a company pledge that there would be no coercion and intimidation prior to the election all this week, walnut workers were intimidated. Foreladies warned them not to vote in the election for the CIO Walnut Workers Union.

Finally came the crowning act of violence today.

The Walnut Workers Union will now move to have the "consent" election set aside, and the NLRB case on charges of unfair labor practices continued. About 1,400 workers are involved, in the industry.

Green Wants to Kill Labor Board Power

WASHINGTON, March 22 (TP)—President William Green of the AFL told the Senate Labor Committee today that his organization was opposed to the Wagner collective bargaining bill in its present form.

The Wagner measure would provide that collective bargaining be assured all workers employed on government projects.

Green said that if the discretionary power granted the National Labor Relations Board under the Wagner Bill were eliminated and certain other points changed, the AFL would throw its wholehearted support behind the measure.

Case Set for Alleged Sluggers of Schomaker
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Tom Laughlin and Henry Ehler caught by the police in Tacoma and charged with being the men who several weeks ago slugged Business Agent John Schomaker of the Longshoremen's Local 1-10 here, today had their case set for trial on March 29.

Democrat Leaders Clear Mystery of Pustau's Evidence
LOS ANGELES, March 22.—The mystery as to who hired Joe Dunn to take the deposition of Carl Pustau, federal point in. Hibel suits involving Sen. W. G. McCadoo in bribery charges, was cleared up here today when Pierson I. Hall, former U. S. district attorney here, declared he and Democratic Party leader John Elliott did it.

Elliott paid Dunn \$797.37 to take the deposition, said Hall.

Col. William H. Neblett, ex-partner of McCadoo who is seeking huge sums of money as halm for the charges hurled at him in the Pustau deposition, has been in a "dither" to find out who had taken the deposition.

In a statement Hall declared that Pustau came unsolicited to his office and voluntarily disclosed such "shocking" dope on Sen. McCadoo and Neblett that he got Dunn to verify the facts. The verification proved the charges true, he said.

Holds Ground



PRESIDENT CARDENAS

Longshoremen Ask Showdown In 'Boycott'

Threaten Retaliation Against 'Conspiracy' in Lumber War

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—While the Committee of 43 posted and gestured and went through the motions of "investigating" the boycott of CIO lumber, the longshoremen prepared today to "tid up one shipload of AFL lumber" to see how they like that.

The motion was voted through unanimously at a meeting in San Francisco last night of Local 1-10 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and gives sanction to officials of the union "to pick the time and ship, when it will be most effective."

This does give the employers' Committee of 43 a choice to call off the boycott first if they want to, and if they act immediately.

Charges Conspiracy
The CIO publicly charged that there is no workers' boycott against CIO lumber, but that a conspiracy, exists between Dave Ryan and other officials of the building trades council, certain mill owners and certain lumber yard owners to prevent the storing in yards of the use of CIO lumber after it is unloaded in San Francisco. The "boycott" affects no other city. The CIO and the longshoremen hold the organized employers could end it any time they like.

Ryan himself, testifying yesterday before the Committee of 43, privately admitted the CIO charge.

"In fact," he said, "no boycott or jurisdictional dispute exists. Our agreements with contractors and home builders contain no stipulations regarding the kind of building material used, nor as to where, from whom, or through what agency they shall buy lumber."

"However, what we are trying to do is persuade them to buy lumber from AFL sources."

Ryan told of going around "wherever we hear they are using CIO lumber" and "persuading them" to change to AFL lumber.

Yard Owners Intimidated
However, W. R. Chamberlain of the Chamberlain Steamship Co., operating Western Oregon Lumber Co. testified to a sub-committee of the "43" yesterday that lumber yard owners here tell them they will boycott the lumber.

President Henry Schmidt of the Longshoremen, just back from the Columbia River region, today explained the vote of the longshoremen there not to immediately boycott AFL lumber, in retaliation for the attack on the CIO lumber by the AFL building trades. The longshoremen in and around Portland don't feel that any of the mills have really gone AFL, said Schmidt. They know that the so-called AFL mills merely have a charter given to seven or eight men, and the rest of the men are still CIO. The mill claims to be AFL in order to get by.

Kidnap Search Centers About Toy Typewriters
NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., March 22 (TP)—G-man action in Peter Levine kidnaping was divided today between examinations of a few slips of paper and the keys of three toy typewriters.

It was learned that the kidnaping investigation had been centered on a drive to find the stationer who sold the paper on which the ransom notes were written. Reports said that the search had narrowed to half a dozen dealers in the New Rochelle area.

HULL DENIES MEXICAN OIL 'KIDNAP' TALE

Says Reports Indicate No Americans Held at Tampico

WASHINGTON, March 22. (TP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that his official reports from Mexico denied the published story that two American officials of a petroleum company had been seized by Mexican oil workers.

The story had said that the two officials were employed by the Huasteca Petroleum Company of New Jersey. Secretary Hull said his latest reports indicated that no Americans were being held.

Cardenas Tells Plans
MEXICO CITY, March 22.—Treasury officials of Mexico today took steps to pay for the properties of the 17 oil companies confiscated for refusal to pay the legal rate of wages to their employees.

Mexican law permits ten years' time in which to compel such payments, and the nation does not have to pay for the value of the land, as that belonged to it in the first place, and was never adequately paid for by the companies.

Simultaneously a presidential announcement was issued to the effect that no further nationalization of other industries was contemplated at this time.

Local fascist-inclined papers and organizations had begun a campaign of rumors that "all industry is going to be seized and socialized," and the effect was to bear down the value of the peso.

The Bank of Mexico today opened up free trading in the peso, to allow it to "seek its natural level," but at the same time the government took certain measures to peg it in the neighborhood of its present value, about 27 American cents per peso.

Confiscation of the oil properties, supposedly worth half a billion dollars but probably having an actual value of half that, created the utmost enthusiasm among the people of Mexico. Spontaneous fiestas in all cities, with dancing in the streets and shooting off of fireworks accompanied the news that the seven-man committee, nominated by the Oil Workers Union and appointed by President Cardenas was actually directing the oil industry.

The oil industry is working like a clock under the control of the people," declared Secretary Vicente Lombardo Toledano of the Mexican Confederation of Labor today.

Attempts to circulate rumors that certain American and Mexican oil bosses were "imprisoned in their offices" by the victorious workers were discounted here as the expected "atrocity propaganda" of the companies. More of such stories are probable, in the opinion of observers here.

Firms Protest
WASHINGTON, March 22. (TP)—Four American oil companies whose properties in Mexico were seized by the Cardenas government filed protests today with the State Department.

The Standard Oil Company of California, the Mexican Sinclair Petroleum Corporation, the Penn-Mex Fuel Company and the Huasteca Petroleum Company all termed their protests "claims of a manifest denial of justice."

Just before the protests were filed, Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles conferred with treasury Secretary Morgenthau, presumably about the Mexican oil seizures. Their conference was believed to have dealt with the possible effect of the expropriation on American-owned silver agreements, then off safely.

Alameda Friends Set to Push People's World This Week

The Alameda County World Builders have set aside March 26-27 to go out and push Alameda County over the top!

They call on all friends of the Daily PEOPLE'S WORLD to come and join with them in this "Big Push", for at this time it is such great importance that Alameda County get over the hurdle.

Cards bearing the names and addresses of former subscribers, trial subscribers and other prospects are available at the Oakland office, 357 12th St., Room 17.

Don't let the World Builders of Alameda down, you Oakland readers, for they need your assistance. Get out and help them get over the top!

OVER THE TOP FOR ALAMEDA!

Tanks Hurlled At Defenses Beaten Back

Hull Declares President Can't Lift Embargo Against Spain Under Terms of Neutrality Act

MADRID, March 22. (TP)—The Spanish government was cheered today by reports that the Rebel drive toward the Mediterranean had been halted. Loyalist infantry and machine gunners were said to have beaten back attack after attack by Rebel tank squadrons.

The Rebels fell back temporarily. Immediately insurgent airplanes and artillery began bombing the government's positions in preparation for a new attack.

The government hurried fresh troops toward the front in an effort to administer a real check to

Britain Spurns Soviet Offer, London Hears
LONDON, March 22. (TP)—The British cabinet was reported tonight to have decided to turn down the Soviet Union invitation to a conference or curbing aggressors.

The invitation was sent out last week by the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, Maxim Litvinov. Germany, Italy and Japan were excluded from the invitation list which included the United States, Britain, France, and other democratic powers.

The Italian ambassador, Count Dino Grandi, held a long conference today with the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax. The Anglo-Italian negotiations in Rome and the Spanish war situation were understood to have been discussed.

Lord Halifax will report the results of his conversation to the cabinet tomorrow.

Concerning the Spanish situation, Chamberlain was expected to reaffirm Britain's adhesion to the "non-intervention" policy.

Withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain was regarded as one of the conditions made by the British in the current negotiations with Italy for a general settlement of Anglo-Italian problems. However, the "non-intervention" committee has not yet named its commissioner to count foreign troops in the contending Spanish armies.

Count of the foreign soldiers is the first step scheduled in the program to withdraw the foreigners. The counting process is expected to take several months before actual withdrawal can begin.

Meanwhile, the Loyalists claimed to have stopped a strong Rebel thrust at Torrevelilla near the southern border of Catalonia. The Rebels assembled a fleet of more than two score tanks to lead the attack on the Loyalist defense lines. The assault was the fourth attempt of the Rebels to break through the Torrevelilla defenses in Gen. Franco's drive for the Mediterranean coast.

The Loyalists had the advantage of defending rugged mountain country that made offensive operations difficult and offered many natural fortifications.

British Commons Upholds Ban on Austrian Refugees

LONDON, March 22 (TP)—The Laborite opposition was rebuffed in Parliament today when it sought to have the government relax its ban on Austrian immigrants.

The British government has maintained a rigid embargo on all Austrians seeking entry into England since the German Nazis took over the country. Several who arrived by plane Sunday were immediately put aboard planes bound for the continent. They were not permitted to leave Croydon airport.

The Foreign Secretary stated the government's policy by saying that the unrestricted admission of immigrants would aggravate unemployment and housing conditions. He added that the question of naturalization would have to be taken up with the dominions before any change in the law could be made.

The house supported the government policy by a vote of 210 to 142 on a Laborite motion.

ONLY 8 DAYS LEFT!

Of the counties these stand out for the most subs on Monday, the 21st!

San Francisco 974
Alameda 667
Los Angeles 2513
Other counties 4726

Subs in to date 5380
Subs needed 1620
OUR GOAL 7500

Hearst Men Mired In Contradictions At Board Hearing

Whitewashing Post-Intelligencer Proves Hard Job for Boettiger; Judge Assumes That Publisher Is Ignorant

SEATTLE, March 22.—John Boettiger took the witness stand today to defend the Post-Intelligencer against charges of unfair labor practices in the dismissals of three employees for Guild activity.

E. B. Lindeman, associate publisher, beat a nervous tattoo throughout the questioning. John Boettiger was not a good witness.

Boettiger declared that he had ordered Ruth Givan, supervisor of the telephone girls, dismissed after her department head had assured him she was "inefficient."

He declared that Mr. Young had insisted that four girls from the department could be fired and production maintained if only he were permitted to discharge Mrs. Givan. "I told him to let Mrs. Givan go," Boettiger said.

Business picked up at once, he declared blandly.

"Do you know whether any incentive was given to the voluntary clerks remaining in the department to get more business?" Thomas P. Graham, Jr., attorney for the Board asked.

"No," Boettiger said.

Boettiger Ignorant? "Are you sure about your answer," the trial examiner put in, because we have had testimony that such was the fact?

"I feel sure, yes, but I could be wrong," Boettiger explained. "Does that clear it up?" Paul Ashley, Post-Intelligencer attorney inquired.

"I assume, to be perfectly frank, that the witness does not know," Trial Examiner Charles A. Woods declared.

"Did you consider simply demoting Mrs. Givan?" Boettiger was asked. Mrs. Givan had previously testified that she had asked for some other position when she was discharged.

"I did . . . we . . . I . . . Either Mr. Lindeman or Mr. Young sensing my feelings in the matter, did not favor it. Being an executive in the office it might be difficult to adjust. I have always had a feeling in dropping an executive that it is best to sever connections. They can't be the same enthusiastic, earnest employees as in their excited positions."

Friendly Feeling? Boettiger recited the occasion when a committee from the Newspaper Guild had called to complain after the formation of a company union in the classified department.

Boettiger testified that he had written letters and had them posted on the bulletin board asking any employee who had a complaint that they were being restricted in the free choice of their union immediately to advise him.

"What happened?" he was asked. "No individual employees came to me complaining."

Boettiger testified at length on his "friendly" feeling for all unions. "I adopted a policy of friendliness for all unions, when I became a manager."

Teamsters Demands Referring to the strike that closed the Seattle "Star" for four days in July, Boettiger declared under examination of his attorney that similar demands were made on him by the teamsters union.

"By whom were the demands made?" "The business manager and Mr. Lindeman received demands from the Newspaper Drivers & Helpers union that we should insist upon the district managers joining their union."

"Did you acquiesce?" "I did not."

"Did the officers of that union intimate that if we didn't unionize the circulation department they would refuse to haul papers?" "Yes."

"I said that my position had to be one of absolute compliance with the Wagner Act."

Defies Beck Boettiger referred to a bulletin of the Seattle Newspaper Guild which was sent out in November. He said he had been called by Mr. Seller who had asked for an appointment. Seller wanted to know if it were true that the teamsters union were threatening to close.

Boettiger testified that he had told Seller that he didn't know if he could forestall it or not but was unable to meet with the Guild until later.

The next morning he said that a bulletin was on his desk in which the Guild had said that he had declared he was not the least bit alarmed over the teamster threat, that he hadn't considered it important enough for a conference.

The title of the story had particularly aroused Mr. Boettiger's ire, he said. It was "Utney to Mr. Beck!"

More "Economizing?" Dismissals at the paper were Mr. Boettiger said, merely "economizing measures." It was, he asked the trial examiner to believe, just a coincidence that members active in the Guild had been dismissed.

At one place in his testimony he declared that he had followed a policy of "leaning over backwards" where an employee belonged to the Guild.

He had issued instructions, he said, that three factors were to be considered in dismissals: (1) who could best be spared (2) dependents (3) length of service.

Under cross examination he divulged that no weight was given to the number of persons having dependents when they were fired and that seniority had been likewise disregarded.

As the questioning period wore on, John Boettiger relied more and more on the report of Mrs. Givan's

ASK FR TO STOP UNFAIR TACTICS ON FAIR CHIEF

Maritime Men Warn U.S. To Halt Anti-Union Discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—If something doesn't stop the Exposition's discrimination against members of Pile Drivers Local 34, there probably won't be any exposition, the maritime workers notified Roosevelt and Secretary Perkins today.

Loath to strike waterborne traffic to Treasure Island, site of the Exposition construction, but determined to see justice done its member local of carpenters and pile drivers, San Francisco Bay Area District Maritime Federation met with Local 34 yesterday, and decided to try one last move to avoid a tie up.

A letter was drafted and is today on its way to Washington, which begins by calling attention to the fact that much government money is involved in the Treasure Island scheme, and asks the Department of Labor to give any "aid, advice or assistance" it can.

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FDR Greet Conference For Security

Six-Year Program Is Mapped to Assure Jobs for All

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Greeted by President Roosevelt in a letter expressing agreement with its fundamental objectives, the National Conference on Work and Security continued today to make a far-reaching six-year program to give jobs to the underprivileged millions of America.

A job for every worker in the land who cannot find employment in private industry was the keystone of the program adopted by 100 delegates from a broad cross section of trade union, civic and fraternal groups with a membership of 4,500,000 people.

The President's letter declared: "The National Conference on Work and Security has chosen a theme for its consideration two problems—work and security—which are the basic factors in the solution of all of our troubles today."

"Only through labor can security be achieved and the economic welfare of the nation be established upon a firm foundation. Our first duty then is to find work for every able-bodied man and woman."

"It is encouraging that your conference has chosen a theme of the causes and cure of unemployment. Moreover, there is already a plan of government for free and untrammelled discussion of the problems which clamor for the attention of the government and I am glad to welcome such discussion right here in the nation's Capital."

"Only by first understanding the needs of the country as a whole can we hope to find the remedy for the national ills—whether social, political or economic."

"Discussions, therefore, to be of value must be not only full and free but constructive in tone and objective, as well as frank and honest in approach."

"As has already been suggested, I shall be very glad if you will send me any helpful suggestions or constructive recommendations your conference may be able to arrive at which will help in the solution of the great problem of unemployment—a problem so great that it is of the interests of the country must work as one if we are to find a solution. I hope real enlightenment will come out of your deliberations."

"Very sincerely yours, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The conference, composed of representatives of 100 labor unions, public works projects to provide jobs for 3,500,000 jobs at an initial annual expense of \$3,500,000. A bill embodying its essential features is being drafted for early introduction in Congress.

Other major sections of the program include increased federal relief grants to the states, a plan of social security laws and a youth program along the lines of the American Youth Act.

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Milk Laws Place Farmers at Mercy Of Big Monopolies

Desmond Act Guarantees Monopoly Control of Prices; Only Remedy Found In Municipal Ownership

By Tom Patterson

What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Most people consider that a reasonable proposition, but not milk distributors. Nor the present laws of California.

Take the prices for instance, which were proposed today and yesterday at hearings in Oakland for the Alameda County milk distributing area. It was clear when they were all summed up that the groceryman and the farmer both stood to lose heavily by them, but the distributor was to get the benefit.

Since the Desmond Act has been good cause for statewide concern, many have wondered what type of legislation was passed at the last session to protect the farmer's end. Certainly the farmer found out yesterday that his protection turned out to be a first-class ticket to bankruptcy, and that the time has come to take stock of the bill that his "representatives" put through the last legislature.

The Desmond Act

Most people are inclined to think of all of this new regulation as the Desmond Act. The Desmond Act is in reality only that part of the new legislation which deals with the establishment of a minimum wholesale and retail prices with distribution.

Much of the legislation, however, deals with production and establishment of prices paid to the producers, or farmers. This part is popularly known as the Young Act. The new legislation is not in any one place. It is a series of amendments, now incorporated in the State Agricultural Code.

Board Powers Limited

After he has done this he can, if he wants, appoint a local control board of seven producers. But all this board can do is to advise and assist on a plan which it may not have wanted in the first place and cannot abolish. It may propose the Agricultural Director's proposed prices. But the agricultural director can put them into effect anyway.

And when it is in effect, no farmer can sell his milk to a distributor unless he complies with all the rules. Among the rules is a deduction from his milk check to pay cost of operation of the plant.

Just what does the Director base his price schedule on?

Director Unrestricted

There are practically no limits. All that the Director has to consider is the necessity of setting it so that it will insure the consumer an adequate supply of pure and wholesome milk, whatever that may mean. He must consider "normality of demand" and the purchasing power of the area. It is obvious that "normality of demand" carries with the purchasing power, but that is not for the Director of Agriculture to worry about. Nothing is said about fixing the price high enough for the farmer to make a living or stay in business.

This part of the price fixing is known as "sauce for the goose." We have already learned that under the Desmond Act, where the distributor's price is involved, the director must consider the necessity of business and securing a reasonable return on his investment.

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Answer to the Problem

Hence it is no accident that the big milk distributors were the main lobbyists for the new legislation when it was put through the legislature last year. Nor is it any accident that Assemblyman Earl Desmond of Sacramento, after whom the Desmond Act was named, should be the attorney for the Sacramento Milk Dealers' Association.

Shameless as the new legislation is, some progressive assemblymen did vote for it on the assumption that regulation was necessary and on the belief that the local control boards would actually have a part of the power and that the machinery of the plan provided some opportunity for the consumer to have a voice.

Clearly it is vital to both farmers and consumers that regulation actually be established in the milk industry, but not through stacking the cards in favor of the distributor and not through making the director of agriculture a veritable czar with powers that are totally unlimited.

Should Be Wiped Out

Certainly the Desmond Act and the rest of the new legislation as well should be wiped off the statute books. From beginning to end it is so completely anti-farmer, anti-consumer and anti-grocer that to talk of minor revision would be to tacitly accept the essentials.

The question naturally arises: what measures are actually needed in the regulation of the milk industry? The answer to this question is the people's answer to the whole problem of monopoly, wherever a vital necessity of life is withheld from those who need it by the stranglehold of a few vested interests. It is the answer which increasingly will become the aim of all groups interested in the production and distribution of such a commodity. In the case of milk, municipal ownership and operation of milk processing plants and central distribution agencies.

Under such an arrangement, the milk trust is eliminated and all elements interested in every aspect of milk production and consumption will be satisfied. No longer will the big distributors be able to turn the farmers against a low price for the consumers, or the retail merchants attack the processing workers.

Through municipal ownership and operation, it will be possible to guarantee farmers a cost-of-production rate for their milk, what every farmer justly should receive. Processing workers can have union wages and conditions. Retailers can make a profit. And the public can buy its milk at considerably lower prices than prevail at present.

This should be the objective of all these elements in the milk controversy. That it can be done easily and efficiently is shown by the example of New York, where farmers and consumers and workers are already mobilizing for this general plan.

Only the Monopolists

But in California, until the movement for such a plan is underway, the short-time objective of the people must be remedial legislation for the present out-throat condition. One-man control of milk distribution should be wiped out, and democratic machinery substituted. Price-fixing and marketing quotas should be arranged with the sole view of releasing to the consumer all of this vital commodity that is produced, with the farmer getting a cost-of-production price, the processing workers getting union wages and conditions, the retailers earning a proportionate profit, and the public paying from nine to ten cents a quart.

It can be done. The only obstacle is a small group of greedy distributors backed by the Associated Farmers and the monopoly interests of California. Will the people permit them to stand in the way?

My guess is, No!

Peace Petition Sponsors Seek Million Names

League for Peace Asks Open Hearings on Legislation

NEW YORK, March 22.—A campaign to collect a million signatures on a petition for open hearings before House and Senate committees to democratically determine American foreign policy has been opened by the American League for Peace and Democracy.

More than 10,000 signatures have been gathered in the first few days of the campaign and tens of thousands are already in the hands of League branches throughout the country.

"We, the undersigned Americans—part of the 90 per cent of the population of the world who want to live in peace—hereby request a foreign policy based on: (1) reads the petition, "one, the distinction between aggressors and their victims, two, the necessity of denying our economic resources to the war-making treaty-breaking aggressors and opening them up to their victims under conditions designed to remove the risk of one being drawn into war, and three, the necessity for concerted action to quarantine the aggressors."

"To this end we support the O'Connell Peace Act (H. Res 527) and other such measures like those proposed by Representatives Fred Biermann, David J. Lewis, and Byron Scott.

"We request that the Senate and House Committees hold open hearings to consider revision of our foreign policy. We hold that the establishment of foreign policy by such democratic procedure is essential to the achievement of peace."

The signed petitions will be presented to President Roosevelt and the Senate.

Deny Court Room To NLRB 'Reds'

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 22. (TP)—The National Labor Relations Board today was denied the use of the Washtenaw County courtroom.

Circuit Judge George Sample issued the ultimatum and declared that he thought the N.L.R.B. was "just a bunch of reds."

The N.L.R.B. desired to use the county courtroom for a hearing on strike charges in connection with labor difficulty at the Ann Arbor Michigan Press. The strike was called a month ago by the International Typographical Union.

Judge Sample said: "We can handle our own labor problems in Ann Arbor. We don't need any bunch like the N.L.R.B. to tell us what to do. They won't use my courtroom—not unless the Federal Government issues an order forcing me to open it to them."

NEGROES BEGIN DRIVE TO PASS LYNCHING BAN

Pledge Backing for NAACP In Call to Nation

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—One hundred and thirty delegates from 20 states met at the White House here today and issued a sharp defiance to the reactionary Southern and Republican Senators responsible for shelving the anti-lynching bill.

The conference, called by the National Negro Congress, was attended by representatives of powerful labor, church and civic groups, including: Bishop L. W. Kyles of the A.M.E. Zion Church; Cedric Belfrage, representing the four million organized workers in the Committee for Industrial Organization; Rev. W. H. Jernagin of the National Baptist convention; Gardner Jackson of Labor's Non-Partisan League, and David Brann of the United Automobile Workers of America.

The first official act of the conference was to recognize and praise the "brilliant leadership of Walter White and the NAACP in their fight for the anti-lynching bill."

The conference pledged fullest cooperation with the NAACP.

The conference went on record for renewed efforts on a nationwide scale to secure a recommitment of the bill and its passage in this session of Congress.

Offer Proposals

Prominent Senators including Robert Wagner, author of the bill, and Joseph Guffey of Pennsylvania, sent messages to the conference pledging themselves to fight for the passage of the bill in this session.

John I. Lewis, leader of a half million members of the United Mine Workers of America, and Philip Murray, leader of 250,000 organized steel workers, both sent messages to the conference condemning in no uncertain terms the "parliamentary trickery" of United States Senators who had refused to bring the bill over the 47-day filibuster.

The statement of proposals adopted at the conference, indicating the means to be taken in the effort to pass the anti-lynching bill, is as follows:

(1) March 25th the date for intensification of the campaign to elect anti-lynch committees in all organizations throughout the nation.

(2) April 3rd national anti-lynch-Scottsboro Day in all the churches.

(3) April 9th mass parades and demonstrations throughout the nation.

(4) Delegations in local communities to visit Senators and Congressmen and delegations in Washington to visit the President.

Need Is Urgent

"We further call on all organizations and anti-lynching committees to vigilantly watch and work for the defeat of all those who voted against this legislation. We call on all organizations to conduct a campaign for all the people to exercise the vote at all cost in accordance with the Constitution and that special measures be taken to wipe out the discriminatory provisions by which millions of people, black and white, are disfranchised—particularly in the South."

"This action is vitally necessary to protect the lives and liberty of the Negro people and all people in America, and this situation compels us to unite all that we have and are in this fight for the passage of the anti-lynching bill and for democracy."

Labor League Forms 2 Clubs In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—"Sacramento is stepping out boldly behind Labor's Non-Partisan League toward progressive government," said Ernest Pendergast, of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, a leader in the League.

Yesterday two assembly district clubs were organized by Labor's Non-Partisan League. This is evidence that distinct progress is being made by the organization in the direction of unity of labor groups, both of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. for the purpose of blocking reactionary legislation.

C. E. Peacock was elected chairman of the 8th Assembly District Club and Ernest Pendergast secretary.

Al Sidel will be chairman of the club for the 9th district, with J. R. Robinson as secretary.

Cannery Season Start Rumored in Oakland

OAKLAND, March 22.—What may be the first work in the 1938 cannery season is the current rumor around San Leandro of the opening of Plant 8 this week to work spinach, the People's World learned today.

It was believed that due to the recent floods around the Bay Area, spinach would open late this season. Persistent reports during the past few days, however, indicate that the season may start early this year.

"This is lousy," a young cannery worker told a World reporter when questioned as to these rumors. "Look at them longshoremen. They know when they're going to work but we guys got to sit around until the last minute when they run like hell when the plant opens."

Popular Spanish Army Chiefs



ENRIQUE LISTER (left), head of the famous Lister Battalion, and general in the Fifteenth International Brigade, is shown here with Commander Carlos.

Diary of an American in Spain

En Route to Teruel—Men Show Their Mettle

It's Cold and Your Feet Get Frozen Quickly But Americans Show They Can Take It—You Only Have Rumors to Guide You

By Addison Keeler

Christmas came and passed and still no orders to move up. The holiday was uneventful except there was an issue of American chocolate, cigarettes, nuts and raisins and at supper the kitchen served us fried pork instead of the usual "burro."

The battalion had raised quite a large sum of money to buy gifts for the children of the village and these gifts, consisting of toys and candy, were distributed.

The day before New Years dawned cold and cloudy with a wind blowing out of the north. About nine in the morning a motorcyclist from Brigade Headquarters arrived with the long-expected orders. Shortly after we were directed to pack. We're moving up! But we did not actually start before afternoon when the last covered truck was lined up and each man had received iron rations of sardines, chocolate and bread.

Staub gave us a brief talk before he ordered us into the trucks. He told us we must expect hardships, especially from the cold, from now on. We could well believe him, feeling the wind whip the dry snow in our faces.

That truck ride will long be remembered. I don't know how many men with heavy equipment were crowded into each truck—30, 35, 40—but I do know we were packed like sardines and utilized every available inch of space. Those in the center got the break as they were propped up by the men on either side of them and could sway with each motion of the truck without worrying about losing their footing. The ones on the side, however, were thrown off balance with every lurch of the truck and had to cling to the ribs and fight for footholds. Those who found seats along the sides and rear sat huddled, the icy wind beating on their backs. Naturally (though there were plenty of beefs and curses but, as in later uncomfortable moments at Teruel, every man showed that he could take it. Seven hours later, weary and with feet half frozen, we arrived at our destination.

A Village in Ruins

The town in which we found ourselves had been almost blasted to pieces by continuous bombardment. However, we found a few buildings more or less intact and Company 1 took possession of one of these. We hung sacks over the shell holes and shattered windows to keep out the cold wind and built fires on the stone floors. It was smoky but reasonably warm. Meanwhile our kitchen had rolled up so that we had a warm meal before covering up in our blankets.

The following morning after an early breakfast we were marched out into a field below the town, given picks and shovels and told to "dig in." A raid by enemy bombers on that town was expected. The weather was so cold that it was a pleasure to work and we soon had fox holes dug.

A fox-hole, by the way, is a shallow pit anywhere from a foot to three or four feet deep with the dirt thrown up in front as a parapet. The pit must be long enough and wide enough so that one or two men can lie in it full length and be protected from rifle fire and shrapnel. Some fox holes are wider than others—for example our estate-major (company headquarters) accommodated five men—but the narrower they are, the safer are the men who occupy them from overhead shrapnel or airplane bombs.

Later, if advisable, fox-holes can be deepened and connected up, one with another, to form a system of trenches. Fox-holes are often constructed under fire, the soldier using any digging tool at hand, bayonet, knife or finger nails. If sacks are available the dirt parapet is further strengthened by a double row of sand-bags.

Rumors, Rumors

At night I went to the shell-town and again slept in the shell-town house. Eph, Tom Moore and I shared blankets and were comfortable except for the lice which were becoming increasingly numerous and active.

At three in the morning we again mounted into trucks but this time only rode a short distance to another town.

In time of war a soldier—and for that matter even a company commander is in complete ignorance of the why and wherefores of movements he is ordered to execute. Only rumors reach him ("Somebody down at the Brigade H. Q. said so and so") and he soon learns to distrust these. The rumor which now reached us via a truck driver who had it from a Brigade runner who had it from the Battalion clerk, to the effect that we had moved up near the front New Years night with the intention of making a surprise attack New Years Day.

But the tactics got wind of our plans so that the attack was called off and we now were being held in readiness to repel any strong advance attempted by the fascists.

Whether the first part of the rumor—that about our attack being called off—was true or not I've never been able to find out but the second part did prove true, for just two days later we were to find ourselves meeting and pushing back a serious fascist thrust against the Loyalist line near—(deleted by censor) some fourteen kilometers northeast of Teruel.

Young Man Named

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 22 (TP)—A 35-year-old educator, Dr. Herman Wells, was named today as president of Indiana University. Dr. Wells was described as the youngest state university president in the United States. He formerly was dean of the business school.

LOS ANGELES

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U. S. DEMANDS DAMAGES FOR PANAY OUTRAGE

Machine-Gunning Of Crew Shown by Moving Pictures

WASHINGTON, March 22. (TP)—The U. S. sent a bill to Japan today for damages in connection with the bombing of the U. S. gunboat Panay.

An unspecified indemnity was asked in a note transmitted to United States Ambassador Crowe at Tokio for presentation to the Japanese government. The state department declined to discuss the contents of the note.

The indemnity demand was made in keeping with the United States note sent to Japan at the time of the bombing on December 12th in the Yangtze River.

One United States sailor was killed and several were wounded when Japanese airmen rained bombs on the tiny river boat and then machine-gunned it. The United States in a strong protest denounced the bombing and served notice that it would demand full indemnity.

Japan apologized for the incident but tried to refute the charges of machine-gunning. However, the machine-gunning was shown last night in motion pictures of the bombing.

Notables to Speak For Japan Boycott In State Capital

SACRAMENTO, March 22.—With an imposing list of speakers, a mass meeting will be held here Friday night to push the boycott of Japanese goods.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Tuesday Club House, 2722 L. Street, and will be preceded by an automobile parade proclaiming the need of popular support for Roosevelt's peace policy: "Quarantine the aggressor nations."

Victor Qwonglee Kwong, former S. F. newspaper man and now chancellor of the Chinese Consulate-General, Ellis Patterson and Samuel Yessly, state assemblyman; and I. Bibb Tolin, of the League for Peace and Democracy, have promised to speak. A Japanese speaker yet to be named, is also expected.

Wide interest in the boycott promises a large attendance, according to the Sacramento Citizens Committee for Boycott of Goods Made in Japan, which is sponsoring the meeting whose slogans are: "Boycott Japan, defend our homes," and "Help China fight our battle."

Come One and All To Ride the Goat At the WBA Party

"I wouldn't miss the San Francisco World Builders Initiation party for anything in the world!"

This is the sentiment of all who hear of the social entertainment planned by the WBA of San Francisco.

On Sunday, March the 27th, at 7:30 p. m. in the Sorosis Club, 533 Sutter street, the curtain will rise on the finest array of talent ever drawn together.

Our own MIKE QUIN, columnist of the "World," will be there to give the World Builders their welcome into the Association.

With the San Francisco Theater Union presenting a skit, "Teamwork" written by Mimi Diamond, and the Carol Beals Dance Group giving a dance number, anyone who cannot get the one month subscription or the quarter, for their admission, should go surrender to the city aquarium.

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Sacramento

NON-PARTISAN LABOR FORUM—Meets Sunday evenings, 8 p. m. Forester's Hall, 714 E. St., Sacramento.

San Francisco

MILLY BENNETT world famed war correspondent, will speak on "I Over Wars" Friday, March 25, at 8 p. m., Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1270 Sutter, near Van Ness Ave. Auspices: Friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

CAMPAIGN FROLIC, Keep March 25, open 8 p. m. 121 Haight St. Admission: 40c. With ad 30c.

"A NIGHT IN PARIS"

Gala Parisian affair. Cabaret style. Floor show. Earl Worth's Swingers. Midnight supper. 11 p. m. Mission Wine Cellar, 44 Page. SATURDAY, March 26th. Proceeds for Youth Center.

Celebration of Tenth Anniversary of "Bro-Slavs" in the Soviet Union, Sunday, March 27, 1938, 8 p. m., at Jewish Community Center, California and Presidio Sts. Jewish Chorus and program of folk songs. One act play.

Los Angeles

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.

Annual Picnic—Communist Party, May 8, Verdugo Country Club.

PARTY—Entertainment gallery—355 1/2 North Orange Grove, Friday, March 25, 8 p. m. Admission 50c. Ausp. Hollywood Branch I.L.D.

Doctor in China



DR. NORMAN BETHUNE, the famous Canadian surgeon and author on blood transfusion, has exchanged the Spanish front for the Chinese front, in the service of world democracy. Dr. Bethune was reported missing on February 22 on the dangerous northern front. However, a cable now received by the American League for Peace and Democracy states he is in Sian, working hard.

Youth Is Freed In Try to Bomb Japanese Ship

Seattle Jury Brings in Not-Guilty Verdict After 32 Hours

SEATTLE, March 22.—George Partridge, implicated in an attempted bombing of the Hiyu Maru in the harbor early this year, was today a free man.

He had attempted to stop the shipment of war materials to Japan. With Robert Forsythe, young University instructor from British Columbia, Partridge had crept under the docks at Smith Cove at midnight. In a suitcase they carried a home-made bomb to place under the Japanese liner.

Forsythe had donned a life preserver and swam out with the bomb attached to a railroad tie. His body was found the next day floating under the docks. He had collapsed from exposure and drowned.

Judge Hugh C. Todd received the verdict with a mild rebuke of the juror who had deliberated 32 hours on Saturday night.

"The court will not comment, except to say the defendant had ample time to apply to the police department and save the life of the other party at least."

Partridge, a quiet voiced twenty-two year old youth, was returned to jail cell, awaiting action by two federal holding charges placed against him by the immigration service and the United States District Attorney's office.

CHINESE STOP INVADERS WITH COUNTER DRIVE

Defenders Move North To Attack Japan Stronghold

SHANGHAI, March 22. (TP)—Chinese army officials claimed today that their forces had stopped the Japanese drive on Suchow by a strong counter attack.

The Chinese spokesman said the counter offensive had resulted in recapture of Hangwan on the Tientsin-Pukow railroad at the border between Shantung and Kiangsu provinces. The Chinese were reported now to be pushing northward for an attack on Tengkien.

A force of 250,000 Chinese is opposing the Japanese advance aimed at the capture of Suchow and control of the East-West Langhai railroad. The Japanese force numbers only 150,000 men, but the Japanese possess the greater military power because of their superior equipment.

Control of the Langhai railroad is vital to the Chinese in their defense of the temporary capital at Hankow. If the Japanese succeed in smashing through to the rail line, the Chinese defenses along the Yellow River will be untenable.

Severe fighting was reported west of Lake Weishan, along the Grand Canal. The Japanese were said to have massed heavy artillery in that sector in an effort to smash the strongly held Chinese defenses.

Clark Amendment Beaten

WASHINGTON, March 22 (TP)—The Senate voted down the Clark amendment to the government reorganization bill today by a 69 to 29 ballot. The amendment would have specifically defined the duties of the six assistants to the President to be appointed under the terms of the measure.

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The Story the "World" Dared to Tell...

When you cross the Bay Bridge, you pay fifty cents and think that's that.

But that ISN'T that. For in your car is an invisible passenger for whom you must pay. His name is "Espee" (short for Southern Pacific). And every time you cross that bridge he is sprawled there in the back seat and you pay for him just as surely as you pay the toll collectors at the entrance.

Maybe it's a nickel, maybe it's a dime; it all depends on what is your share of the burden that the people of Oakland must bear.

Whatever it is Espee doesn't think it's enough. He has been carrying a lot of baggage (junk) and he wants you to carry it in your car and pay for its transportation. He sets a high price on this junk, \$3,750,000 to be exact, although on the open market he couldn't get the equivalent of the price of a bad five-cent cigar.

THAT'S THE STORY OF THE BRIDGE SWINDLE!

It's a story that HAD to be told. A group of courageous citizens in Oakland uncovered it. But it HAD to reach the people who were most directly concerned!

But Mr. Espee is an influential gentleman who carries surprising weight with the Oakland metropolitan papers and they WOULDNT TELL the

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Democracy Speaks, But Is Not Heard

"AMERICA is one of the group of remaining great democracies," said John L. Lewis in a broadcast to the British Isles, and he added, "If the democracy of the United States is to survive and if its government is to be a true expression of the ideas of its citizens, there are abuses which must be corrected."

One of the first of these abuses, though not mentioned by Lewis, is evidently the news gathering system of this country. How can you have democracy, if the democratic minded people are deprived of facts, news, of the raw material of their thinking?

This very speech of John L. Lewis was so deliberately, miserably reported by the Scripps-Howards and Hearsts and other chains, to say nothing of the Associated Press and United Press and other news services, that the People's World, which aspires to give the facts, didn't know until the text of the speech arrived by mail, days later, what had really been said.

Only a garbled version came to the Pacific Coast, with totally wrong emphasis. The People's World is a young and struggling paper, and can't have its special correspondents everywhere, so it had no special report of the speech. The speech is now several days old, and it is to be presumed the reading public doesn't want old news. But let's take a chance and quote some more of those portions of the speech of John L. Lewis that were suppressed on the Pacific Coast:

"Hundreds of thousands of the people of this nation have for years been exploited, oppressed, and denied the exercise of those rights guaranteed to them under our constitution. They have lived at the mercy of economic vicissitudes. They have been little more than industrial serfs. They have been unable to raise their wages, to ameliorate their working conditions, to assure themselves economic security. Millions have suffered the ills that accompany partial starvation in America, and the children of these men have been unable to improve their lot.

"It is not the purpose of the workers of the United States that these things should continue. We do not intend that our people shall trudge aimlessly from street to street seeking only that work which they will never find because our economic leaders have neglected to provide it for them. We do not intend that our children shall starve in the midst of plenty. We DO intend to take an active part in the government of our nation, so as to insure to the average citizen an improved participation in its economic and political boundaries . . . socially, economically, and politically, the workers of America are becoming articulate."

The Key to Progress In Washington

THERE is still a master key that will unlock the door to progress in the State of Washington, despite the set-back recently suffered by progressive forces in the Seattle election.

During the municipal polls every labor-hating, open-shop element in the state entered the political arena in vigorous preparation for the final showdown, the Fall elections, when the Tories hope to send their fair-headed boys to the United States Senate and House of Representatives, to the state legislature, and to the precinct committees and county offices in King County.

But the combined strength of all these reactionary elements was not alone able to send Arthur B. Langlie to the mayor's chair. Nor will this Tory coalition be able to wreak their will on the people this Fall—alone.

They succeeded in the municipal poll solely because they were not opposed by a united labor movement. And this is their only hope for success this Fall.

Here is the decisive force in Washington politics—the unity of labor. Here is the key to progress.

Forging this key is the first order of business for every labor union, AFL and CIO.

It is the first order of business for every organization of the small and middle farmers, whose demands for mortgage moratoriums, federal farm aid, lower transportation costs, and curbs on the price-fixing activities of the big distributors and processors can best be obtained through unity with the city workers around the struggle for a progressive government.

It is the first order of business for the little retailers and artisans, who have nothing to gain and everything to lose from the reactionary policies of an administration that approves wage-cuts and lay-offs and the cutting down of purchasing power among the people.

Forging the master-key of labor unity will stop this offensive of the traitors and parasitic rich in the first and only order of business for the people of Washington during the coming months.

The Lynchers' Scheme to Murder the Scottsboro Boys

THE Alabama State authorities have their own way of "getting rid of" the 7-year-old Scottsboro cases.

That way is to get rid of the five impris-

oned Negro youths by murdering them one by one.

Already they have sent Ozie Powell, partially paralyzed from a lynch-attempt on his life in 1936, to the Atmore prison camp, one of the most brutal chain-gangs in the South. Here he may be beaten to death, or framed and murdered on the fascist pretext that he "attempted to escape." No human being—especially no Negro prisoner—can survive the sadistic torture of Atmore.

Once Haywood Patterson, another of the boys, was sent to this camp but the enraged protests of all fairminded people resulted in his removal. Powell, too, can be saved if the conscience of America makes its voice heard against this heinous crime.

The lynch officials of Alabama are traveling on what they believe to be the blunted vigilance of the democratic people of the country. Their unspeakable lies that there has been a "deal" in the Scottsboro case to give up the fight for the five remaining boys, they hope will take root.

Appeals for Clarence Norris (under sentence of death) and others of the boys have just been filed in the Alabama Supreme Court by attorneys of the Scottsboro Defense Committee. More than ever the Scottsboro Defense Committee (112 E. 19th St., New York City) should be given full financial and moral support in the fight to free these innocent youths.

This latest brutality against Powell hangs over the heads of all of the boys. It represents criminal persecution of the Negro people and the shameless flaunting of the Constitution.

Thousands of protests should be sent to Gov. Bibb Graves, Montgomery, Ala., demanding that Powell be removed from the death-trap of Atmore.

Do Union Men Want Merriam?

DO YOU want Governor Merriam for another four years?

If you don't (and obviously the majority of California's people don't), how can you defeat him and his Republican Party machine?

The answer is simple—by unity. First of all, by unity of labor, which could rally all progressive forces and deliver a sledgehammer blow to reaction.

But apparently labor is going to have to achieve unity the hard way, judging by the decisions of Edward D. Vandeleur's "AFL Political League" convention last Sunday in Santa Barbara.

Vandeleur and the other reactionaries dominating the California AFL leadership seem determined to carry their disastrous labor-splitting from the economic field to the political field.

They rejected Labor's Non-Partisan League's proposal for unity of labor in the elections, for their own program.

They declared this new league would not endorse any candidates "known to be sympathetic with or to have given encouragement or support to the CIO." In effect, this means to defeat every attempt to get all labor united around candidates subscribing to a pro-labor, pro-people's program. And since this program falsely branded Labor's Non-Partisan League as "a CIO outfit," it means to split up the AFL vote, because scores of AFL local unions are LNPL affiliates.

To every sane-thinking person this Vandeleur program is suicidal for labor and the people.

The LNPL proposal, which asked that its committee of five meet with a committee of five from the AFL league to work out a united labor program and united endorsements, is the only sane program.

Quite correctly, the LNPL pointed to the disaster in Seattle as a result of division of labor on the political field—namely, the election of an open-shop mayor and a virtual clean sweep for the employers in the other offices.

The same thing happened in Detroit, with the added disgrace that the AFL leaders endorsed, in the finals, the open-shop candidate in order to defeat the "CIO candidate." A solid labor front for the elections was ruptured right in the middle of the campaign by the top AFL leaders there.

In St. Paul, Minn., as a result of a united AFL-CIO front for the elections, a pro-labor candidate led the mayoralty primary field.

Victory or disaster at the polls hinges upon the Vandeleur program, its acceptance or rejection by the AFL membership in California. The AFL membership did not write that program.

"The program is being written for us," said one delegate at Santa Barbara. "We have to take it and like it."

But the AFL membership does not have to "take it and like it." They do not even have to "take it."

Every AFL member carries upon himself an obligation to himself and the whole people of California—to ask that his next union meeting demand that the AFL Political League immediately name a committee to meet with the LNPL committee to work out a united labor front for the 1938 elections.

The burden rests upon the AFL membership. It is in their power to defeat Merriam and his gang of hoodlums and labor-haters.

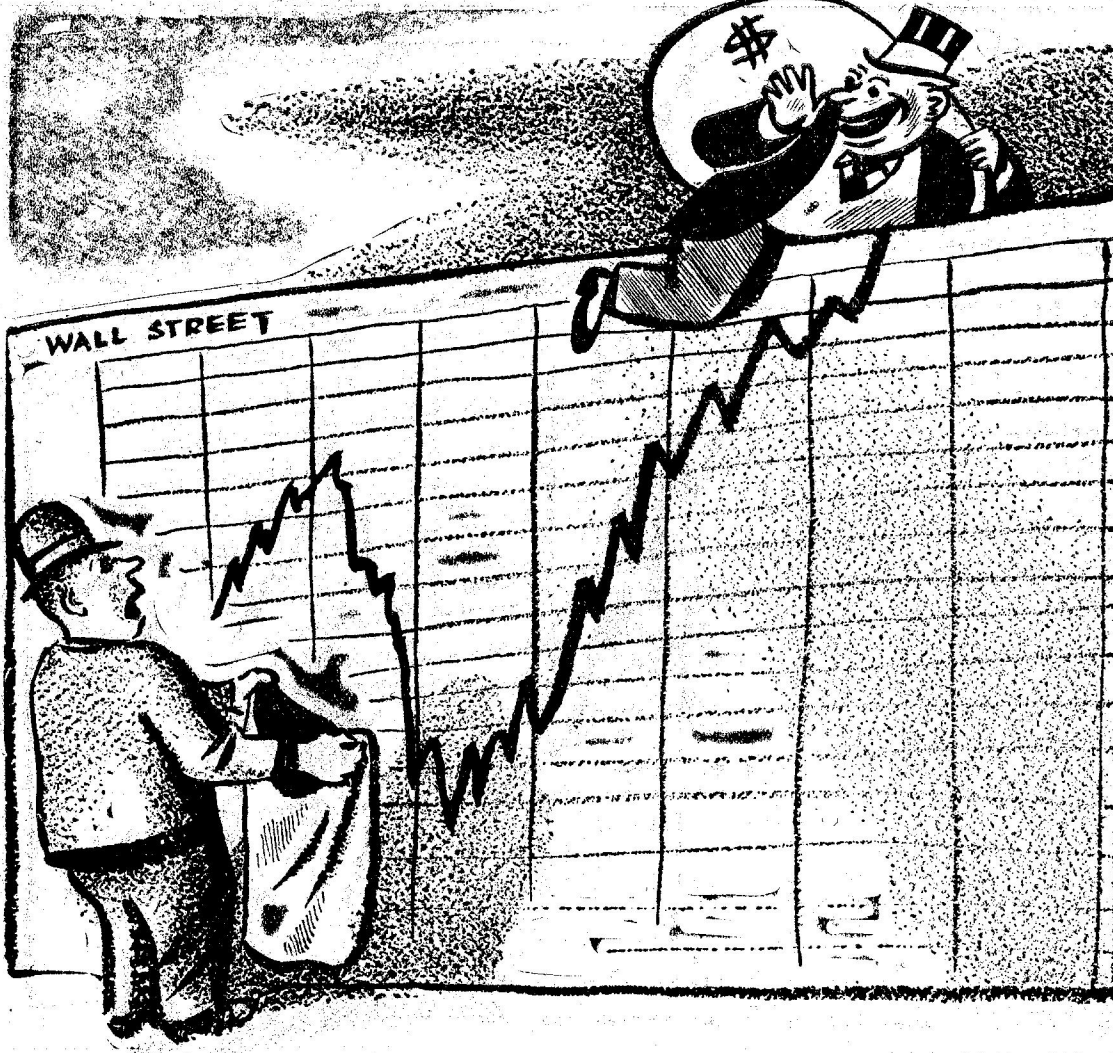
Just answer this question: "Do you want Merriam for another four years?" Then act.

What Path To Peace?

FOR one of the most brilliant and accurate discussions on how peace may be preserved, we direct the attention of our readers to The New Masses current (March 15) issue, containing Earl Browder's speech before the Carolina Political Union.

We may add that The New Masses is running a series of most enlightening articles by Mr. Browder on this subject, and that these are especially interesting because Mr. Browder offers to answer each and all questions asked. The New Masses is to be found on most newsstands. Questions should be directed to Earl Browder, care of The New Masses, 31 East 27th street, New York City.

Holding the Bag



Oil Kings Turn Outlaw and Plot Armed Rebellion Below the Rio

By Vern Smith

THE Mexican government has nationalized the properties of the foreign oil companies. Does it end there? I'll tell the world it doesn't!

The principal American company involved is the Standard Oil Co., which owns the Huesteca Oil Co., and half a dozen others in Mexico. The Standard Oil last year by underhand dealings and "coytage" (bribery), bought up half of the Mexican government's own "Petro-Mex" company, invented by the Cardenas government to fight foreign oil monopolies.

Can you imagine the Rockefeller family sitting down and watching the People of Mexico, whom they hate in their hearts for "greasy peons," actually taking over the oil?

Rockefellers Ruthless

MYSELF saw in Harlan and Bell County, Ky., the Rockefeller family smash a strike in their coal mines with the most ruthless company gunner terror, and when some miners defended themselves, give them 99 years in prison—where they still are.

The Rockefeller's trail of ruin, and suicides of rivals stretches across three generations—and needs no comment.

Of the 17 foreign oil companies involved, the other biggest leader is the Agulla, subsidiary of the Royal Dutch Shell, which is knavish rather than royal. English instead of Dutch, and has nothing to do with shells, except that it perhaps is one of the main factors making for war in this world.

The little group of capitalists founded and organized by Sir Henri Deterding owns and runs the Agulla company—Deterding, Hitler's best friend, and a never-ending plotter against the peace of the Soviet Union. This is Deterding who hired his own spy system to raise counter revolution in the countries of all his rivals, a notorious man of violence and secret assassination and bloody counter revolution.

Can you imagine Rockefeller and Deterding's partner sitting down and swallowing their losses in Mexico?

First will come the ideological barrage, like a poison gas cloud before the tanks and the infantry charge.

It already starts on the day after the seizure of the oil fields.

Standard Oil Lies

THE Standard Oil publishes a broadside in the American press, claiming that it was peacefully drilling for oil, and never had any labor trouble (which is a lie because it had a strike last year to say nothing of plenty before then). Then, says Standard Oil, the Mexican government and the Oil Workers' Union, made demands "so excessive that acceptance would mean insolvency."

This is also a lie. The wage raise demands granted by the Mexican Board of Conciliation and Arbitration were only \$1,000,000 a year more, for all 17 oil companies, than the companies themselves offered. It would be ridiculous to say that in the case of an industry that boasts its value to be nearly half a billion dollars, any risk would be taken over a mere million—about one-fifth of one per cent of the capital.

No, the difficulty was not about the money at all, except that a victorious imperialist oil company could go back to the slave wages it used to pay.

The whole difficulty was the irrevocable, irresponsible conflict of foreign imperialist, fascist, finance capital with a new Mexico, a nation at last, not a mass of generals and landowners and slaves. The conflict was between the progressive People of Mexico, and foreign imperialism, with foreign imperialism, in the person of the Rockefeller and Deterdings and their crowd, demanding the right to run their business above and over and

sacred and safe from the laws of the People of Mexico. The oil barons claimed the right, which they held in previous regimes in Mexico, to dictate to the government, and to rule a piece of Mexican soil as they liked.

Mexico Calls Oil Bluff

THEIR bluff has been called. The Mexican government by its constitution always owned the sub-soil wealth. It granted temporary rights to exploit this wealth to foreign oil companies. (As a matter of fact, the companies bought their oil rights for as low as ten cents an acre from old Don Porfirio Diaz, illegally president of Mexico, and various other temporary dictators since—so even that title isn't a very good one.)

But suppose the oil companies had a legal right to exploit, temporarily these oil deposits. Such a right was certainly contingent on obedience to the rulings of Mexican courts, obedience to Mexican law!

And now, for gross defiance of the law, for flagrant contempt of the decisions of the highest court in Mexico which ordered the wage raise, for attempting to blackmail President Cardenas with threats of economic reprisals, for actual financial aid to the Fascist "Gold Shirt" bandits and others, the Mexican People and their united front government take back from the 17 unworthy stewards the properties once entrusted to them.

If you want to be legal, and technical, the Mexicans have a perfect case. That ought to answer the oil companies' propaganda. Their propaganda probably will not stay on the present high level, it probably will proceed to Red baiting, accusations of nationalization of women, charges that all Mexicans are dope fiends, and whatever else the cesspool writers of Standard Oil can think of.

Propaganda Prepares for Violence

MEANWHILE it is vitally necessary to remember that arguments will not settle this case. The propaganda of the oil companies will be just to prepare the way for the real attack, which will be an attempt to do in Mexico, through financing and arming some local military chieftain, what Mussolini and Hitler are doing in Spain through financing and arming and recruiting for Franco.

There are plenty of local people who hate the Cardenas government, which is the People's Government. The trouble with them so far is that they have not been united.

The Fascist Gold Shirts are such careful students of Hitler that they kill Catholic priests and Communist school teachers indiscriminately. Old General Plutarco Elias Calles, now in exile at San Diego, Calif., and plotting with Rodriguez, the exiled leader of the Gold Shirts, also fought against the Church.

Bishops Have Gunmen

THEN the Catholic bishops have their gunmen. They have the "Cristeros," fanatical Indians of the backwoods, and pale-faced divinity students of the cities, who murder school teachers (there are whole areas back away from the railroads where a school teacher dares not go) and they roam the hills in small bands, and occasionally come down and raid an isolated village.

"Viva Christo Rey!"—"Hurrah for Christ the King" is their war cry. It is not a fight of Catholics against others, for those they murder are usually Catholics, too. It is the bishops and landowners against democracy.

The Cardenas government distributes land to the peasants as fast as it can get the money to buy them seed and tools and machinery. It has taken away nearly a third of the landowner's estates and given the land to the actual farmers. The remaining landlords sit and wait for their turn, but not submissively. Far from it. They hire their gunmen, too, more and more. The landlord's bands call them "Guardias Blancas"—"White

By Gropper

COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

"Appeasement on
Earth: American
Bombs for Hitler"



"APPEASE: To make quiet; to calm; to reduce to a state of peace."
"Appeasement: Act of appeasing; pacification; satisfaction."

All the pundits of American journalism who smell around the fascist telephone poles, when Chamberlain ditched Eden immediately began baying at the moon: "Appeasement! Appeasement!"

Chamberlain had brought "appeasement" to troubled Europe. That, said our editorial Solomons, was "realism." The "idealistic" Mr. Eden would, O horrors, lead to war. But "appeasement" by Neville Chamberlain was hot stuff. Or would be.

President Miklas of Austria didn't want to be "appeased." He said when threatened first by Hitler's agent Wilhelm Keppler, then by General Muff, military attaché: "I am an elected official and cannot submit to threats." He is now being "appeased" in jail.

Schuschnigg was against "appeasement" up till the time he ought to have been against it. Then he went for it, saying, "We are not minded to shed German blood. God will protect Austria." Now, God will have to protect Schuschnigg, who seems to be more or less arrested, while his small son was carried off by Nazis as ransom for Schuschnigg's behaviour.

It was just luck that the kidnaper of Lindberg's baby never thought of explaining that snatching children is a grand thing to "appease" parents. Vienna's mayor was pinched for disturbing "appeasement" by "negotiating with socialists and reds." The first day of "appeasement" about 1,100 arrests were made in Vienna. At Salzburg, a Catholic editor, the president of the Labor Council and the provincial governor were among those dragged off to be "appeased." The later, Franz Rehr, "was led away still protesting, in his nightshirt."

At the same place, one Colonel Vogelbuber—"said to have muttered a disloyal remark"—is being "appeased" with Nazi blackjacks in jail. There was also economic "appeasement." The debt of \$11,340,000 owed by Germany to Austria "was suspended immediately." Try that on your grocer.

Dr. Freud, the famed psychoanalyst, hustled off to jail will now try to determine whether an Oedipus complex or a paternal fixation by Hitler for Chamberlain, or vice versa, is responsible for European "appeasement."

Major Emil Fey, who in his day did his best to destroy the only hope of Austrian independence by crushing the labor movement, shot his wife, son and himself. So the Nazis say, anyhow, though "appeasement by suicide" is so general that it smells of murder.

Ditto an Industrialist, Friedrich Reitlinger, whose daughter "appeased" him, at his request, then did herself in. A medical professor, Gustav Bayer, possibly the Bayer who discovered aspirin, which has "appeased" many a headache without removing the cause, took morphine with his daughter. While a world famous skin specialist, Professor Nobl, and wife, both "appeased" themselves in manners not reported. "German secret police," says one report, "took complacently the wave of self-destruction" among the Jews. It "appeased" them, according to Webster and Chamberlain. It seems that the Nazis "took" other things complacently, too. The goods in Jewish stores were carted off to "appease" somebody.

But all this is small stuff. Why stop at Austria? Czechoslovakia is so near. And though, said Berlin reports, Hitler is "at present" too busy, his Nazi agent in the Praha parliament promises to raise a ruckus that will soon have to be "appeased." By agreement, too, with Mussolini and Chamberlain, no doubt, Hitler's palsey-walseys in Poland are moving to "appease" themselves by swallowing helpless Lithuania.

Poland helps, too, in keeping the mind off Spain, where Mussolini, with Hitler's help, seeks "appeasement" by wholesale murder of women and children in the most savage slaughter since Japan's massacres at Nanking. All the while, we are "assured" that Chamberlain will "arm England by the year 1937" and then—why, then he will "appease" the fascists—by attacking the Soviet Union along with them (a lot sooner than that!)

We Americans, too, are doing our bit. We "appease" the fascists by selling them aerial bombs to blow Spanish babies to bits. But we won't sell the Government of Spain a single gun! Why Chamberlain calls "appeasement," we call "neutrality." And if fascists are delighted!

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Cannes

NOTHING pleases the fascist dictators more than the paralyzing terror they are spreading throughout the world. Even more than with the conquests they have already made, the war-mad tyrants are elated with the impression of tremendous and unbeatable force that the capitalist press in the democratic countries has helped to disseminate. The totalitarian butchers glory and revel in being sensationally advertised as an irresistible force before whom retreat is the only possible course.

The fundamental conditions of fascism—the real cause and the means by which the conquests were won and why fascism's threats are becoming more bullying with each minute—are being lost sight of. It is not necessary in the least to attempt to belittle the strength and the challenge of fascism in this dire moment.

But failure to see the basic and insoluble crisis of fascism, the motives and the manipulations which have propelled the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo triangle forward—and the numerous obstacles which, if correctly placed, can wreck the entire fascist juggernaut whose momentum has lessened the control of the dictators—is to overlook the increasing opportunities of saving humanity from a new world war and of striking a most powerful blow for human progress.

IT SHOULD never be forgotten that Hitler's march into Austria grew out of a momentous clash within the fascist state structure, a conflict which contained the germs of the destruction of fascism. The move against Austria was a desperate diversion to distract internal and external attention from the catastrophic facing fascism. It was a colossal gamble but the dice were loaded by the British Tories.

Indeed, it was recognition of the deep-going extent of the catastrophe menacing fascism in Italy and Germany that brought the Chamberlain government to a hasty rescue. The promise of financial and diplomatic aid to the harassed Mussolini convinced Hitler that it would be politic and completely safe to rape Austria. No doubt the seizure of Austria and the shameful retreat of the democracies help temporarily to strengthen the Nazi regime; and perhaps, more important still, fascism is given a new hypodermic to inject enthusiasm which has been waning among the people. Moreover, the inclusion of Austria into the crisis-ridden body of the Nazi Reich can only be the source of intensified destructive economic infection.

Hitler also employed the knowledge of the economic desperation of his ally Mussolini to push unwelcome German troops to the Brenner Pass and make Mussolini thank Berlin for doing it. And in an attempt to overcome the seeds of a new crisis thus sown and to save Mussolini from the clouds of an economic deluge, both the Rome-Berlin axis made a frantic and murderous drive against Spain.

The fiendish bombardment of Barcelona is not an expression of the "strength" of the fascist offensive, despite its partial and threatening successes, but is proof that the combined gangsters must have a quick and sweeping victory if it is to be of benefit to them at all.

Who can deny today that the situation among the people of Great Britain, France and the United States is more favorable than ever for the actual realization of collective security? And if this objective can be accomplished the "victories" of the fascists triangle will be negated by the realization of the most powerful collective force for peace that mankind has yet conceived.

That is why, in this situation, they who work against collective peace action or the democratic powers and the Soviet Union consciously or unconsciously are the most needed and welcome allies of fascism and its plans for world war today.

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DOUBLE CHECK

With Mike Quin

YESTERDAY Lefty and I stepped into a bar for a glass of beer. JIMMY'S PLACE it said over the door. Above the cash register was a painting of a grizzled old boozehound taking a snifter out of a flask.

The bartender was an enormous amount of Irishman. His stomach had wandered to the last loop-hole in his belt and his general appearance could be described as sweaty.

Drawing our beers didn't bother him much. He slanted the tap and slopped the foam with the second nature of an expert, his conscious mind being devoted to conversation with a harness-bull who was lolling at the other end of the bar out of costume.

We came in in the middle of a worried discussion about the police shake-up, but the harness-bull didn't think it was going to affect him, so they switched to broader and more philosophic subjects.

Bartender Has Troubles

THE bartender was also the owner and had just fired an assistant. "Pay him seven and a half a day and he only brings in six. What does he think I am? I can put my wife back of the bar. She'll draw more than that and won't cost me nothing."

The cop sympathized. "If a man has a following they'll walk anywhere," he continued. "Of course I could hire that anarchist Newton and get plenty of business. I'd probably get my windows broke too," said the cop.

"Newton says they're all the time pickin' on Bridges," said the bartender. "Still I guess you can't blame anybody for being a red, the way these unions act. They're goin' completely off their nut. All the time they want higher wages, higher wages and nobody can pay it. Then if you don't pay it, they want you on relief. Goddammit, I'd go down myself before I'd go on relief."

"Plenty of 'em seem to be doing it," I cut in. "Sure," he agreed, "and they're a damned site better men than those who go on relief."

"We'd sure have rotten looking beaches if they all tried to drown themselves," I said. "That's the bunk," he retorted. "Times are as good right now as they ever were. It's up to the man. Any man can step right out and make a living if they want to."

"That's right," agreed the cop. "That's perfectly right." That seemed to settle that, so they went back to the subject of Newton. "You know," said the bartender, "every time Newton comes in here he calls everybody brothers. Maybe he had oughta been a preacher."

Radical, But Smart

"YEAH, but some of the cracks he gets off aint bad at that," said the bartender with a touch of reminiscence in his voice. "He seems to be pretty well read all right," agreed the cop. "Guess he reads a lot of books and keeps up on things. But he's too radical."

"The other night he was sayin' Christ disappeared at the age of twelve, and turned up again at the age of thirty. And where was he all the time? He was in India with his father practicing up on slight of hand."

The cop and bartender laughed merrily and agreed this was evidence that Newton was not altogether hopeless. "But," added the cop as a final disposition of Newton, "he's too damn radical and he'd get along lots better if he'd keep his mouth shut."

Happy Incident

"SAY," said the bartender with sudden enthusiasm, "do you remember Joe, the guy with the bald head who comes in here all the time. Sure! You remember him? He was up in his hotel room as an owl the other night and bustled into the room of a dame next door. He kept poundin' on the door and yelling, 'Let me in you...'"

"So the dame, she opens the door and says, 'All right you...'" "Come on in." And with that she busts him over the head with a chamber pot.

"You'd oughta see him. His bald head is slit right down here and both eyes blacked."

Both cop and bartender gave way to merriment uncontrolled which echoed in our ears as proof positive that life is not without joy or happy incidents.

LABOR BOARD PROBLEMS

A FEW months ago we explained in an article in this column the manner in which the National Labor Relations Board certifies a union as the collective bargaining representative of the workers choosing that union. Without reviewing the details of this procedure, it is enough here to say that the Board is given the power to officially certify as the exclusive agent with whom employers must deal that union which a majority of the workers in an appropriate bargaining unit designate.

Obviously one of the most important questions arising out of the Board's function of certifying unions is the matter of determining the appropriate bargaining unit. According to the Wagner Act the Board is required to pick the unit which is most likely to insure to the employees the full benefit of their right to self-organization and to collective bargaining.

Difficult Problem Arises

THE problem arises in its most difficult form in cases where several craft unions and an industrial union are competing within the same plant. The Board must decide whether it will permit the craft groups to vote as separate units, or whether all of the workers in the plant shall constitute a single unit.

The importance of this decision rests in the fact that, if crafts are allowed to vote by themselves as separate units, they are in a position to weaken the collective bargaining strength of all the workers in the plant. Workers all over the country have shown their overwhelming preference for the industrial form of union, which functions far more effectively as a bargaining representative for the employees than craft groups.

Permitting small crafts to vote as separate units when their members form only a minor part of all the workers in the plant is pseudo-democratic. Such a position ignores the wishes of the vast majority of the workers, and only serves to weaken the economic power of all the workers.

NLRB Decisions

THE decisions of the Labor Board thus far on this question have not been satisfactory, because small craft groups have been permitted by the Board to decide that the collective bargaining strength of all workers in a plant shall be split up between a number of representatives. An encouraging note, however, is the fact that Mr. Edwin S. Smith, one of the three members of the Board, has recently been dissenting in Board decisions on this very issue.

Mr. Smith has written opinions recognizing that the Board can only weaken the bargaining strength of workers by selecting the maximum collective bargaining strength by selecting the industrial unit in elections wherever that is possible. Naturally it is to be hoped that the other members of the Board will soon recognize the correctness and wisdom of the reasoning which prompted Mr. Smith to take this position.

Another problem which has been raised several times before the Board is the matter of certifying a union which wins an election while an existing contract remains in force. For example, let us say that the workers in a certain plant belong to the X union on January 1st. A contract is made between the X union and the employer, to be effective for a period of one year.

A few months later the majority of the workers desire to change their affiliation from the X union to the Z union. They petition the Labor Board for an election. The result of the election is that the Z union is chosen as collective bargaining representative by a vast majority of the employees in the plant.

Employers and NLRB Take Different Stand

EMPLOYERS have taken the position, supplemented by support of reactionary AFL leaders, that the X union still has the right to administer the contract until it expires, notwithstanding the fact that the great majority of workers have expressed their desire to be represented by the Z union. The labor board has correctly taken the position that the X union signed the contract in the first place only as the representative of the workers, that the Wagner Act reserves to the workers the right to change their representative at any time; and therefore when the workers change from the X union to the Z union, the latter becomes entitled to administer the agreement for the balance of its term.

This position of the labor board finds support in the very language of the Wagner Act, and is the only position consistent with principles of democracy. The CIO is on record in support of the Board's decisions on this issue. It is interesting to note that the Railway Labor Board, which administers the Railway Labor Act governing railroad employees, has answered this problem in exactly the same way that the National Labor Relations Board has done.

'I Am a Prisoner in a Relief Camp'

'We Are Pinned In Like Animals With No Human Rights'

I am a prisoner in a SRA concentration camp. Not in Hitler Germany or Fascist Italy, but here in our sunny California. It is true no barbed wire pens in the camp; it is true no judge formally sentenced me to imprisonment here; but when the relief officials told me: "either go into this camp or starve" it condemned me like a judge, and hunger is as strong as barbed wire or bars to keep us in this hell-hole where human beings have no democratic rights.

"This camp is one of the twelve set up all over the state by the relief administration; to teach the single unattached relief clients 'work habits'."

Like the other enrollees in these camps I did not come here of my own choosing, but after months of vainly hunting for work, half starved and desperate for living on direct relief, I yielded to the demands of the relief officials and enrolled for thirty hours work per week.

We were promised food, clothing and shelter, plus a cash award of \$2.50 to \$7.50 per month, granted to 5 per cent of the enrollees. (85 per cent of the men do not receive any cash as this is only given to men in so-called key positions, waiters, watchmen, etc.)

Cushy Jobs Go to Stooges

Only a few skilled enrollees, building trades workmen and truck drivers, become a part of the administrative payroll, the former receiving \$35.00 monthly, the latter from \$25.00 to \$35.00 monthly, with board and room. Many of these, along with the other soft jobs, go as rewards to the political stooges of the relief bureaucrats, finding their way into the cushy jobs through the good offices of a Colonel Bliss who is a pioneer in the relief racket and carries the title of Superintendent of Camp Operations in the southern area.

(The camp racket was set up under the Ralph administration to care for single transient men in 1923 and it developed into such a lucrative racket that the reactionary state legislature of 1933 passed a bill legalizing and extending its operation of relief to include any relief client the SRA may choose to place in a concentration camp.)

Here at Camp Pacoima all clients are registered and then transferred to out-lying camps and since most people interested in becoming acquainted with camp conditions confine their investigations to this camp, the conditions there are far superior to other camps.

Even Best Camp Bad

This camp is being built primarily to serve in the future as a hospital camp for tuberculosis and general diseases. Old barracks have been made over into a hospital. The camp is terribly over-crowded and health and sanitation plays no part in the scheme of things. There has been some improvements of late, thanks to the efforts of the Workers Alliance; individual urinal cans were eliminated in the barracks; showers and men's toilet facilities were installed, though still terribly inadequate for the large amount of men here and unsanitary out-houses are still in use.

Practically all of the barracks are double-bunked and unsanitary and non-weather proof. No recreation hall is available and these cold nights find us shivering in a manure-heap to get warm by a vest pocket size stove set up in the barracks.

No Bath Facilities

Until the Workers Alliance got busy, an improvised open cold shower and old fashioned out-houses were all the toilet facilities available and a self-respecting skunk would not have ventured within two miles of camp Pacoima, body odors were so strong.

Men are not segregated in the barracks. Diseased and well men share the use of the same mess equipment, toilet facilities and sleeping quarters. At present a number of syphilis cases are in camp awaiting the opening of the so-called hospital. They are given free use of all facilities used by the other men.

The food is good here though lacking in quality and quantity but in out-lying camps it is a question of short rations; often because of the indifferent attitude of indifferent bureaucrats, political appointees, who control the source of supplies.

Slave Labor

Free labor and slave labor forced side by side. Enrollees exist to labor for the Forestry Department get nothing, while the regular Forestry employees get \$1.50 per day for doing the same type of work. This type of forced labor in payment for the use of the Forestry as a camp site for SRA.

The men refer to each other as Peggies in a friendly manner but an underlying tone of resentment is noticeable in their voices. And to a man we are largely awaiting the election of 1938 so that we can go to the polls and give Merriam and his gang our opinion of his concentration camps.

Wineo's Encouraged

Before we came life was heart-breaking enough, but due to the added mental strain of this isolated life, being kept away from people, treated like animals, without rights come of the men resort to



"One of the police squad viciously tore it down."

wines to escape temporarily from their miserable surroundings. A camp police force is maintained to keep order but their activities are confined mostly to the suppression of civil rights and the wily element is left to roam at large, fighting or insulting anyone crossing their path and keeping the camp in a general uproar. In fact, drunkenness is so common here, a watchman who suffered a stroke while on duty lay for six hours in the cold and contracted pneumonia and died, because other watchmen thought he was just drunk.

We men accuse the camp officials of encouraging these wineo's, demoralized workers, and giving them jobs where they have to appear in public places drunk and disorderly to support their official contention that we are a "special brand of people"—all drunks—rightfully belong in a semi-military camp, ostracized from society.

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Red-Tape

A pass system is used in all camps and written permission to leave the camp site must be obtained on all occasions. Recreational facilities are limited to card games, WPA shoveville every ten days and horse shows. A recreational hall has been under construction for five months but is not yet completed. Our library consists of a few moth-eaten books suitable for a ten-year-old child. The American Legion donated a few In Post and Social Service gave a pile of Woman's Home Companions.

We had a camp paper but the rigid censorship enforced by the officials made it uninteresting to the men since it was merely an organ of propaganda to put over the concentration idea so it folded up without any tears being shed by the enrollees.

Censorship

Liberal and progressive matter is destroyed by the police squad; some one tacked up a copy of the Swellbach-Allen bill to increase wages, one of the steno's immediately ranted it down and hot-footed into the office with his find.

When a group of us got permission from one of the camp workers to use his radio to listen to the National Broadcasting Company "Town Hall", one of the steno's immediately ordered us to turn it off right away; that wasn't the proper kind of program to listen too.

They try to make us feel hatred for Negroes; Negro workers get no chance at any of the more select jobs; one man, was told that colored workers were not wanted, so when Barnes, another Negro, protested, he was discharged from the camp and forced to walk the eighteen miles back to Los Angeles.

The so-called clothing given us is the cheapest of work clothes. A few suits of rejected heavy underwear drawers were gotten from the army, and everyone envies the enrollees lucky enough to get a pair for his shivering limbs. The clothes are not given us, but "loaned" to us as long as we are in the camp.

Job Racket

The relief officials are cooking up a new racket at present to spring on the unsuspecting enrollees. Last fall they herded us into trucks and shipped us north to nick cotton below the wage scale. We got ninety-five cents an hour while the scale was \$1.10. No one made enough to pay our fare back, much less live on. The average wage was \$1.00 a day which went for board. Most of the farms were Bank of America owned. Now the relief officials have bought up a lot of cotton and intend to start a mattress factory here in the near future and use the enrollees to manufacture them.

Most of the men are anxiously awaiting WPA work orders but the SRA is reluctant to part with their cheap labor supply and many men are not certified at the WPA headquarters despite SRA assurance that it has been done. Many class A men have been here three or four months without a work order.

Potential Scab-Holders

One of the local business men here seemed to think maybe it was a good thing, the camps, till it was explained to him how they were suffering from this program. The skimpy relief checks spent

Famed Nazi Exile Mann Says If Democracies Act Hitler Can Be Stopped

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—"Fascism, Nazism will see in any friendly gesture a mere weakness. That is what democracy must realize and guard itself against. If the democracies would take a definite stand now, they could stop Hitler fascism."

Thomas Mann, the German author who was drawn from artistic seclusion into the political arena by his hatred of Hitler ideals, made this statement last week in Washington's staid Constitution Hall. Mann is in the midst of a nation-wide lecture tour which will bring him to War Memorial Opera House the night of March 29 under sponsorship of Town Hall Forum.

The author was in Washington when reporters brought him news of Hitler's Austrian coup. He blamed "England's weakness" for the Austrian penetration but said he believed there was still hope if "England would tell Hitler now in no uncertain terms that his actions won't be tolerated."

Germans Oppose Hitler

"The opposition to Hitler among the German people is strong," he told capital reporters. The difficulty is that it is not united. If it becomes well organized—"He did not finish the sentence.

At Mann's home in Switzerland he receives letters and visits from anti-Nazis which give him great encouragement for the future of democracy, he said.

He cautioned those who might be driven "by panic to declare for fascism out of fear of socialism" not to do so. Fascist socialism—the theft of a moral and humanitarian idea for the purposes of propaganda of the WPA jobs, is an impossible term because the two are opposites.

Dr. Mann spoke in Salt Lake City March 21 for the University of Utah and will speak on April 1 Los Angeles. At his San Francisco appearance he will be introduced by Dr. Monroe Deutsch, vice president and provost of the University of California.

Dr. Deutsch will substitute for Gertrude Atherton, who originally was announced as chairman for the evening.

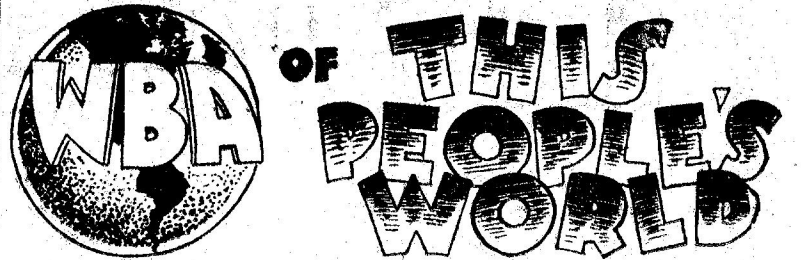
Traveling with the eminent author are his wife, who also acts as his secretary, and his daughter Erika, whose husband, the British poet W. H. Auden, is now in Spain fighting for the Loyalist cause.

by us when we were getting them made up a good part of their trade, and their taxes are increased also, for this type of relief costs almost 40% more, by official figures.

The administration can't give any account of expenditures (rumors are that there is a shortage of \$3,400 in the warehouse department alone, for the month of September that cannot be accounted for).

What the camp does is not "rehabilitate," as it is supposed to do, but demoralize its enrollees by the treatment outlined above, and this is the best of the camps. And it creates a potential scab hiring hall for those in search of cheap labor.

After ten years of experimental work by the tire manufacturers in search of a suitable material for heavy-duty truck and bus tires capable of resisting and throwing off the destructive internal heat set up at sustained high speeds under heavy loads, Rayon, the weakest among textile fibres, has been chosen to do the toughest job.



And in Frisco . . . The Initiation Party

NOW, if there ever was a live-wire group of World Builders, always right up on their toes, this San Francisco group is it!

On Sunday the 27th of March, they have planned an initiation party that is something! They have arranged to have talent that is really extraordinary—the Frisco Theater Union, the Carol Beals Dance Group and the Gesang Verein.

Mike Quin will speak to the World Builders and their friends about the paper, giving them a pat on the back and a warm handclasp for their great work in building the "World."

All friends of the "World" are hereby given an invitation, if they have their one month sub—or a quarter.

About the Big L.A. "World" Sunday!

LOS ANGELES as yet has not sent up word about the results of their L "PW" Sunday on the 20th, and it makes it look rather bad.

"Ave they too busy counting up all the subs, the Los Angeles World Builders got on Sunday? Or are they now in hiding, ashamed of themselves?"

It is up to Los Angeles to say . . . very impatiently we are awaiting the answer!

Meet a World Builder—A-1!

IN Stockton, California, there is one darn fine World Builder, and we would like you all to meet him. His name is A. G. MacBEATH, and from a sick bed writes:

"Would you send me some information about the World Builders Association, as I would like to start a group here."

World Builder MacBEATH is in bed with a crushed leg, and 'n'able to get about, wants to start the WBA functioning in his town.

Now that certainly is just the spirit that makes the World Builders Association an organization that one should be proud to join and take part in!

Imagine, working with such fine fellows as MacBEATH, who with a leg that is crushed and broken, still would not let that stop him from doing something to help his paper!

Have you joined yet? Get into the swing of things . . . become a World Builder. It's easy!

O.K. MacBEATH, you'll do, AND HOW!

Is Alameda Going to Go Over? . . . Read This!

THE Alameda World Builders have set aside the 26th and 27th of March for their big drive to get their county over the top! And all of the Alameda World Builders have available to them the names and addresses of the expired subscriptions to go to these people and get their renewal subs.

With the drive and push that the Alameda World Builders are famous for, they will go over the top in one big way!

Crowds have been forming at the Alameda "PW" office, at 337 12th St., for these names and addresses, and if you want to get into the spirit of things and get yourself a few extra subs, to help your own reputation, better get there today!

Nice Pretty Red Roses To . . .

A. G. MacBEATH, for the swell World Builder spirit he has shown . . . MARCUS DEFONSECA and AL NICHOLS, of Alameda, who both are in a race for top honors as East Bay's best World Builder.

PEARL SCHWARTZ of Los Angeles, who through such hard work getting subs so that L.A. will go over the top (3) has been forced to go into a sick bed. Come back, Pearl, we miss you so!

TUNING IN

with Mary Hurley

ORCHIDS to the National Broadcasting Company and Pat Casey, editor of the Chronicle news-weekly magazine, "This World," for the extraordinary interview with Milly Bennet, sans censorship, over KGO on Friday, March 18. Milly Bennet, world famed war correspondent who covered the Battle of Belchite, the bombing of Barcelona and Valen-

cia, was able to give to listeners of this broadcast first hand information on the state of affairs in Spain at present. If you missed this broadcast, Milly Bennet will speak at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on Friday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. Her topic will be "I Cover Wars". Keep this date open—you are assured of an interesting, informative evening.

If you're curious about what makes the studio audience laugh when the Mad Russian makes his entrance on Eddie Cantor's program, it would be well for you to know it's his ears. He folds them together beforehand in some way (or so they say) and when he gives his "How DO you do" greeting the ears spring out again. Nice trick, anyway. Eddie and his gag troupe will be heard over the Columbia Network on Wednesday, at 8:30 p.m.—plus the undaunted Mad Russian.

Wednesday's Hits AFTERNOON 12:00—Agricultural Bulletin, KGO; NBC Symphony, Mutual; Continental Varieties, NBC Blue; Editor of the Air, KFVD. 12:45—Metropolitan Opera Guild, NBC Blue. 1:30—Dinner Concert, NBC Blue; Art Talk, KFRC. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, commentator, Mutual; American Progress, KFVD; Sidewalk Reporter, Night and Filmore Streets, KFVD. 4:30—Acolan Trio, Columbia. 4:45—Science on the March, NBC Blue. 5:00—Stringing Along, Walter Kelsey's Orchestra, NBC Red. 5:30—The Music of the Future, His Orchestra, NBC Red. 5:45—Agriculture Today, NBC Blue. Evening 6:00—Andre Arts Trio, NBC Red; Deaux Kostalantz's Orchestra, Columbia. 6:30—Band on the March, KGGC; Sports Broadcast, Mutual; Thrills, NBC Red; Ben Bernie and all the Lads, Columbia. 7:00—Your Hollywood Parade, NBC Red; Gang Busters, Columbia; Symphonic Stripes, Mutual. 7:30—Hobby Lobby, Columbia; NBC Minstrel Show, NBC Blue; Lone Ranger, Mutual. 8:00—Negro Ball Quartet, NBC Blue. 8:30—Eddie Cantor and Company, Columbia; Hawthorne House, NBC Red. 9:00—Jewish Art Program, KGGC; Town Hall Tonight, Fred Allen, NBC Blue.

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JOE LOUIS PLENTY PLEASED BY BAER'S COMEBACK

By MILT BURNS

Sports Editor, Midwest Daily Record

(Special to People's World)

CHICAGO, March 22.—Negro Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is under wraps.

All the sports scribes' drivel about the "deadpan killer," "Poker-face Joe," "stolid mask" is just an act.

Behind the impassive features of the Brown Bomber lies a different Joe who's being kept from the public by his managers, John Roxborough and Julian Black.

This writer discovered that fact in an interview yesterday with the former Ford auto worker who battled his way to the heavyweight crown.

Waiting outside Joe's dressing room at Traf-ton's sock house in the Loop, I overheard a Louis, not seen by the fans before.

He was kidding his trainer, "Chappy" Blackburn while I was outside, and every once in

awhile he would explode in hearty laughter.

And a man that can make the walls shake with a booming laugh can't be the close-lipped monosyllabled guy they write about, who smiles under effort or out of politeness.

Later on I discovered that Joe is a willing talker, and it doesn't take any prodding either.

Co-manager Roxborough told me confidentially, "If you get to talking baseball he'll probably talk an arm and ear off of you."

But the Greta Garbo act became evident immediately after I stepped into the room.

Joe assumed his expressionless mask once more, and I was facing the famous dead pan. From that point and up to the finish of the interview, the lullaby expert never cracked even a glimmer of a smile.

It is apparent that the champ's shrewd managers have worked up a swell publicity gag around the champ's poker face, and they intend

to keep it that way as long as it makes good copy.

I showed the Bomber a copy of the Record with Henry Armstrong's interview in it, and pointed out the statement in which Armstrong declared that Louis had been taking it easy lately, because he had reached a certain amount of financial security.

Joe read the statement and then declared: "That isn't altogether true. I never let up in my training, but I made a big mistake with Schmeling. I didn't fight him the right way. Maybe that's what Henry meant when he said that."

Armstrong also said that you'd be out for murder when you meet the German boxer, "I told him. 'I wouldn't say that exactly. I go in to win against any fighter. I got no particular grudge against Schmeling. I just mean to win.

I don't think he'll catch me with that right the next time, though."

Joe is concentrating on defense against a right hook in his workouts. I watched him spar with George Nicholson who uses Schmeling's boxing style, before the interview took place and noticed that he keeps the left side of his face buried deep in his shoulder in order to counteract a right to the jaw.

"Is there anything to this rumor that you will retire after your match with Schmeling?"

"Nothing to it at all," answered the Heavy King. "I'm plenty young yet, you know."

Louis is "plenty young yet." I was told that he is only 23 years old. Black believes that a nice few profitable years lie before the king-pin ear pouncer before he hangs up his gloves and retires to the quiet life.

Said Louis when the question of Maxie Baer's amazing comeback victory over Tommy Farr

came up:

"When Baer won, it was a pleasant surprise for me. I always felt that Baer was a good fighter. All he has to do is quit clowning and get serious about the business. I'd like to see him make a comeback, because he's the kind of fighter I like. He can punch and has plenty of heart."

"One more thing before I go, Joe. Will you make a prediction on the outcome of your match with Schmeling?"

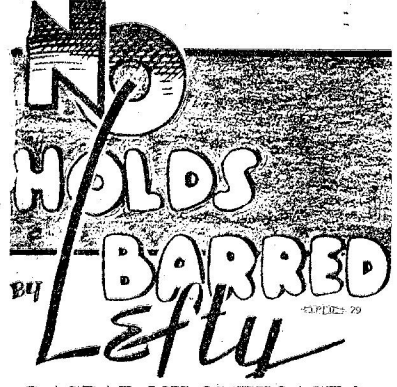
"Well, if you see me after the fight I'll make a prediction for you. I won't say anything about it otherwise. I'm going to be in the best of condition and I'm going in there to keep the championship. I know that Schmeling won't find me so easy to hit again."

The Bomber probably took up his kidding from where he left off, as soon as I was

WAREHOUSEMEN MAY SPONSOR SPAIN GAME

BIG SHOT OSCAR

2-1 Brubaker Wins Over Valin Tonight



Hit Tokio 'Good Will' Olympics. Plan Sports Ball April 23

ASPAR MILQUETOAST is a new hero and heroine today. The forgotten men of the world, the people who get run into by trucks, kicked by lady shoppers, snubbed by doormen and barked at by Doberman-Pinschers, have come into their own.

Today they can look up at Tommy Farr, the man who has made his fortune by being kicked about the ring.

Tommy has announced his forthcoming marriage to Eileen Wenzel, Gotham beauty.

And Tommy won't have all the laurels to himself. Eileen got her money by taking a beating, too. In 1936 she was out riding with a brewer by the name of Louis Ebert.

The car ended in a passionate embrace with a lamp-pole. Eileen took a severe beating, but the brewer took a worse one when a judge with an eye for beauty announced that his encounter with the lamp-post would cost him \$40,000.

The forty grand didn't go to the lamp-post, but to Eileen.

AT ABOUT the same time in the obscure borough of Tonypandy, Wales, a young miner was learning some rudimentary details about the Manly Art of Self-Defense.

Tommy's program so pleased the citizens of the British Isles that they arranged to have him crowned heavyweight champion of the British Isles.

Tommy won fight after fight, but soon discovered that he wasn't getting any richer by this method, as the British fans didn't seem interested in paying to see Tommy bounce his opponents off the ropes.

Each time Tommy won the house got worse and worse. Eventually it turned out that there was no decent opposition for Tommy, and the paying customers had just about disappeared.

IT WAS then that the brilliant idea of touring the United States came to Tommy's mind. It likewise came to the minds of several cushy promoters, but that's another story.

So Tommy boarded the Berengaria and sailed to American shores. Perhaps it was when he was aboard the boat that the following masterful thought slipped into his cranium:

"American boxers always try to achieve smashing victories, which isn't much of an attainment when you consider the opposition they get. Now why shouldn't I set out after some smashing defeats and make my fortune?"

Now Tommy gets an idea so infrequently that he hastened to act upon this one before it fled in fear at being in such a strange location as the inferior of the Farr cranium.

The rest is history. After a Gargantuan victory Tommy got himself licked by Joe Louis. Then, summing up all his ability, he managed to achieve a defeat at the hands of Jim Braddock, a defeat which the critics plainly said couldn't be done.

Finally, by an effort which was nothing short of Herculean, he got a loss to Max Baer.

Now, with his heady eye fixed upon matrimony, he naturally would select only a trail that was as good as making money by losses as he himself is. Eileen is the answer.

Millich to Fight Ulmer at National Hall

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Heavyweights will feature Benny Ford's National Hall Card here next Monday night, the promoter announced today.

Newsboy Millich and Dutch Ulmer will fight the six-round main event. Millich defeated Bob La Rue in his last appearance here and has victories over Red O'Malley of San Diego and Jim McVoy of Sacramento to his credit.

Ulmer is making his first local appearance. He is an Easterner who in his only West Coast appearance got a draw with Charley (Killer) Coates in Los Angeles.

Chick Delaney and Little Caesar, bantamweights, will fight the six-round semi-final bout, Ford announced.



OSCAR VITT, who not so long ago was kicking his heels in the coast league, has now been promoted to the majors. He's managing Bob Feller and the Cleveland Indians this year and promises a hot time for other American League clubs.

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CLARA IS A LADY!

OAKLAND, March 22.—That much talked about phenomenon, a lady wrestler, will make her bow again Friday night at Oakland Auditorium on Promoter Ad Santel's weekly anguish display.

Miss Clara Mortensen, world's light weight champion, will take on Lucille Wilson, beautiful San Diego grappler in a special exhibition match.

The two hour, three fall main event will feature Chief Little Wolf, Navajo Indian, against Al Periera of San Jose. The Chief is one of the top-flight heavyweights and may soon get a chance at Bronko Nagurski's

heavyweight crown.

The chief wopped Cy Williams in their last engagement in the local arena.

Alex Kasaboski, sensational matman from Detroit, tangles with Glen Wade of Nebraska in the 30-minute, one fall semi-final.

Other bouts, all over the 30-minute, one fall route:

Crusher Foster, Georgia, vs. Hank Metheny, St. Louis.

Abie Kaplan, New York, vs. Mike Chacoma, Washington.

Leo Narberes, Oakland, vs. Milo Mortensen, Clara's brother.

English Leads ILWU Kitten Ballers to Win

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The warehousemen's sports movement will benefit to the tune of some \$2000 on April 23 when the ILWU 1-6 takes over the Civic Auditorium for its annual ball and floor show, according to predictions made today by J. Walsh, publicity chairman.

Plans for the affair include the engagement of a twenty piece orchestra and a group of outstanding night club entertainers.

John L. Lewis, who will be in this area for the ILWU convention which begins April 20, has been invited to lead the grand march.

MORE ON FERRIES

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However, the TBA representatives, McAuliffe, Charles H. Purcell and Charles Andrew got the floor to answer questions by the supervisors, who failed to ask the most damaging questions.

The broad front of East Bay civic, improvement and labor organizations prepared a list of 14 damaging questions to the claims of McAuliffe and Purcell, but these were not allowed to be introduced.

E. A. Crocker, of the San Francisco Anti-Ferry Franchise Purchase League, read into the record a document prepared by Attorney Joseph A. Brown, which exposed the swindle.

Real Value of Franchise "What is the real value of the franchise?" asked this document.

"This franchise cost the ferry company nothing. It does not appear among the assets on their balance sheets. Nor where it should be, among their liabilities. It has no operating values, for even the 'in pocket' profits on the Oakland run are more than offset by the 'out of pocket' losses on the Sausalito run.

"When interest, 'un-allocated,' 'discontinued lines' and other expenses are considered it is a white elephant.

"What is the nuisance value of the franchise?"

"The nuisance value, i.e., damage to Bay Bridge revenues, of the Oakland franchise is set at \$1,000,000 a year by Messrs. McAuliffe and Purcell of the TBA (page 6 of their report dated February 23, 1938). The life of the franchise ends on October 13, 1941—3½ years hence. The total nuisance value according to the TBA is 3½ x \$1,000,000 or \$3,500,000. The price asked, the real price, including interest, is 4½ to 5 millions.

"Only Brewster of Brewster's Millions, would be interested in such a purchase."

Supervisors "Explain" Most of the supervisors "explained" their votes for the swindle.

George R. Reilly said that "we must be courageous." Arthur C. Brown, Jr., said he did it to save

Trojans Wallop Cards

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Behind the able pitching of Jack Brewer, the Southern California baseball nine defeated Stanford again yesterday, 9-3.

Brewer struck out 11 batters as Stanford helped the Trojans along by contributing six errors. Score: Stanford.....9 0 0 0 0 1 2 0-3 Hits.....9 0 0 2 0 1 0-6 S. Calif.....2 1 0 1 1 0 0-9 Hits.....3 1 3 0 3 0 1 0-11 Purman, Hamilton and Jameson, Brewer and Engle.

KYNE RATES STAGEHAND 5-1 FOR DERY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Jack Kyne, San Francisco future bookmaker, listed Stagehand as a 5-1 favorite in the first West Coast listings on the annual Kentucky Derby.

Stagehand won the rich Santa Anita Derby and Santa Anita Handicap.

Equal second choices at 10-1 are Fighting Fox, Mendocino and Tiger.

At 12-1 are Neday and Comet, followed closely by Lawrin, Dauber and Mountain Ridge.

The Golden Gate Bridge, whereupon McSheehy put him "on the spot" by asking why he, as a member of the G. G. board of directors, had never tried to get gas tax funds for maintenance costs, which would wipe out the deficit of that bridge. Colman was for it as "a business proposition."

The Southern Pacific had rounded-up some "citizens representatives" to speak for the swindle, and yesterday, for the first time, had someone besides the TBA officials to speak for them.

Mrs. Annie A. Scanlon, president of the S. F. Women's Civic Center, of 1201 Vallejo St., flayed the hampering of discussion against the franchise purchase.

"Everybody gets shut up around here," she declared. "Everybody around here is related to somebody else, and you can't open your mouth around here. I'm not related to anybody, but I'm going to talk."

CHAS. HAS A JOB

Getting O.C. Tracksters Collected

Open Against Bears Sat.

By Martin Taylor

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Charley Hunter, Olympic Club track coach, starts making the rounds this week to gather in his brood for the annual meet with the California Bears.

The meet is scheduled for next Saturday at Berkeley and Charley says if he can get his stars all rounded up they are bound to win.

Charley hasn't got the comparatively simple task that the college coach has.

The O. C. coach has to run all over town to catch his boys and in the case of Norman Bright, the Sunnyvale school teacher, and a few others, he has to go quite a ways out of town.

BRIGHT WILL BE THERE

Incidentally, Charley figures to have Bright on the scene and expects him to take the mile and two mile events easily.

A few of Hunter's hopes will be Mushy Pollock and Jack Weierhauser in the sprints; Elroy Robinson and Bob Young in the 440; Elroy Robinson and Bill McCurdy in the 880; Del Fishbeck and Tom Moore in the hurdles; Slinger Dunn and Ken Carpenter in the weights; Bob Clark in the broad jump, and Johnny Mottram in the javelin.

Meanwhile Stanford prepares to open its season against Washington Friday night at Seattle.

MORE ON MEXICO

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sing songs in honor of General Mola, just killed in Spain. They happened to be singing in front of the bakers' meeting place. Each side carried away its dead and wounded.

The peasants who have received land, form "Guardias Rojas"—"Red Guards"—to defend it from the Guardias Blancas. Lately the government has been giving the peasant defense corps Mausers and ammunition.

Not all the middle class and not all the army officers and soldiers are pro-fascist. Probably they split 50-50. The really learned professionals, particularly the teachers, are enthusiastically pro-Cardenas.

Communist Party Growing THE Mexican Communist Party has about 20,000 members, of which some 6,000 are teachers. It has members in the army, and much influence in the labor unions. Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party, declared the seizure of the oil fields:

"The most brilliant step in the Mexican revolution along the road toward national liberation from foreign oppression.

The Indian masses, the peasants and the workers, have gained pride and self-respect under the Cardenas government. No longer is it shameful to admit your Indian heritage. In the new schools (and the government aims to give schooling to every child) great attention is paid to the Indian heroes of the war against the Spanish conquerors. There is a tremendous interest in Indian arts, and archeology, and

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CIO All-Star Five Here On April 2

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The Los Angeles team which plays here April 2nd and 3rd for the California state CIO basketball championship will be an all-star club made up of players from many of the best fives in the Southern loop. Herman Stuyvelaar, secretary of the (CIO) Industrial Council announced today.

The Los Angeles Industrial Council has signed to bring a club North to play the strong San Francisco and Oakland warehousemen fives, which rule the roost in the Northern division.

The United Auto Workers (General Motors) hold the Southern division championship but Los Angeles hopes to place a stronger team in the field by selecting an all-star squad.

Neither the San Francisco or Oakland fives will concede the other the northern title. Coach Bill Lucas, San Franciscans hold a one-game edge in inter-city play, but Bill Peterson's Oakes argue that the games were played early in the season before the latter club hit its stride.

culture and language and customs. This is a class issue. The Indians are the workers and peasants, and always have been.

Well, there you have the two forces:

Fascism vs. the People

ON the one side, the people of Mexico, proud and free for the first time, and determined to go on with the work of national resurrection, with winning a good life for themselves and their children.

On the other side, the vultures of finance capital, of fascism, led by the bloodstained dynasties of Rockefeller and Deierding, making use of the equally blood-thirsty native aristocrats of Mexico.

Our job in America is to see to it that Cordell Hull does not issue any ultimatums to the Cardenas government nor shake the saber and threaten with the navy.

Our job is to see that the border remains open to the Cardenas government and is closed to munitions for the Fascist insurrection—that will now be attempted just as soon as preparations can be rushed through.

It is a good plan to begin by being very skeptical of any "horror stories" you hear from or about Mexico before the fighting starts.

Heavies Tangle at Oakland

Maes vs. Dado Also on Card

By LEFTY

OAKLAND, March 22.—Some of the boys were whooping it up—about 2 to 1—that Phil Brubaker will win the 10-round heavyweight go with Domingo Valin in Oakland Auditorium tomorrow night.

Even the elevation of the Brubaker mitt, however, will fail to mean much more than a bedtime story inasmuch as the eminent Mr. Valin has failed to light the smallest candle in the firmament of fistcuffs.

Brubaker, for that matter, took it lying down when he met "the Lenglet several months back.

VALIN MAY IMPROVE

All of which goes to prove that if you see a fight Wednesday, it will be because Valin is a whale of a lot better than we or he or anybody else thinks he is, or because the boy from Dinuba was meant for a farmer in the first place. Certainly he showed promise for a hardy, but the note's overdue.

It's hardly possible that Tommy Maes will be more than a passing acquaintance of Little Dado, who can leap through the air with the greatest of ease and outsmart the majority of the boys who aspire to land him gasping on the canvas.

Texas Thompson meets Nash Garrison in the third 10-rounder of the evening, and Manuel Figuera will tackle Leonard Antonio in the 4-round curtain-raiser.

Pirates Beat Cubs

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—The Pittsburgh Pirates pounded Chicago Cub hurlers Rott and Shoun for eighteen hits to trounce the Cubs 13-4, in an exhibition here yesterday.

Pirate shortstop "Arky" Vaughn drove in two homers, one in the second and one in the fifth, with two mates aboard.

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