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HUNGER MARCHES BEGIN, FRISCO SEPT. 12

CAL. COMMUNIST PARTY CALLS FOR FOSTER FORD 'WRITE IN' CAMPAIGN; FORD TOURS WESTERN CITIES

COLO. WORKERS NAME CANDIDATES

DENVER, Colo.—The election campaign in Colorado is getting into full swing. Many meetings are being arranged in various parts of the state, planned to reach a greater number of workers than ever before. The following are the candidates nominated at the recent State Convention, in addition to the National Ticket:

- United States Senator, Edward D. Richardson (Denver).
- United States Congressman, Charles Guynn (Denver), 1st Dist.
- Governor, State of Colorado, William Dietrich (Denver).
- Lt. Governor, Manuel Archuleta, (Trinidad).
- Secretary of State, Winifred Lepool (Denver).
- Auditor of State, Enoch Hardaway (Dore Creek).
- State Treasurer, Boston Perkins (Denver).
- Supt. of Public Instruction, John Bruce (Denver).
- Judge of State Supreme Court, Byron Andrews (Denver).
- Regents of the University of Colorado (2), Sam Goldman (Denver); Charles Moseley (Boulder).

BASIL DELL - FOUR OTHERS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS

Arrested at Meet in House Planning Relief Fight

JURY OUT 27 HOURS

I. L. D. Appeals Cases; Organizes Defense Fight

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—After deliberating for 27 hours a Los Angeles jury found five workers guilty of resisting an officer as the result of a struggle when Hynes' red squad invaded a private home here where a group of unemployed were discussing the problem of relief. The trial lasted three weeks. Thurmond Clark, notorious red-baiting judge, presided, and absolutely held that the police had a right to invade workers' homes without warrants.

The court was packed with workers every day. The judge was vexed to the extent of clearing the courtroom when Leo Gallagher, of the International Labor Defense, was cheered as he brought out the difference between justice served bosses and the kind given the workers.

Workers Basil Dell, Russell Dell, Al Safe, James Murphy and Louis Douglas were arrested June 22. With other workers they were holding a meeting when the red squad suddenly appeared, broke into the home, and without warning began clubbing the workers. The workers defended themselves the best they could. Phelps, one of the squad, shot Basil Dell through the hip while two other police held him.

The workers were sentenced to 6 months. The case is being appealed by the I. L. D.

Workers, Farmers Called Upon to Write in the Names of Party Candidates and Defeat the Bosses' Sham Democracy

WASH. WORKERS TO HOLD STATE NOMINATING CON.

James Ford Will Address Delegates and Mass Meeting

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—The Washington State Communist Nominating Convention will be held on September 13. James W. Ford, Communist candidate for vice-president will address the delegates and a mass meeting in the evening.

The convention will discuss the proposed state and county platforms, and nominate candidates. It will also ratify the national platform and candidates. All workers organizations are being canvassed.

The convention call, sent to all workers organizations, points to the many issues that face the workers. County commissioners of Kings county plan to introduce forced labor on road work for \$2.10 per week in groceries. They are being helped in this move by the Musteites (Branin Wells Cronin) and the syndicalists (Hyde, Broadway, etc.). Mayor Dore, who was elected through the co-operation of the musteites, has cut the wages of the city employees 15 or 25 per cent. The A. F. of L. fakers have just helped the laundry bosses carry through a 15 per cent wage cut.

The fakers of the Unemployed Citizens Leagues are introducing a jim crow policy.

All these questions will come up for discussion and will be dealt with in the platform. It is expected that 80 per cent of the delegates will be composed of workers outside the Communist Party. Further particulars can be obtained at 1421 1-2 Eighth Ave., Seattle.

DENVER POLICE PINCH 36 IN ANTI-JIM CROW FIGHT

Young Communist League Leads Fight for Negro Rights

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 19.—Thirty-six negro, white and Spanish young workers were arrested here in a fight led by the Young Communist League to break down Jim Crowism at the Washington Park Pool.

When 200 young workers approached the park on trucks, they were met by fifty police, armed to the teeth, headed by Chief of Police Clark. Park Commissioner Lowry promptly informed them that "the park has been a white man's park for twenty years; that these whites will not allow you to swim here, and that if you came in a bunch to start trouble you will get it." These speeches supposedly addressed to the young workers, in the form of advice, were laying the basis for developing a race riot.

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The Communist Party calls upon all workers' organizations and supporters of the Party to take an active part in the "write in" campaign. This means that thousands of workers will have to be shown that it is possible to vote for Foster and Ford in California by writing in the names of the electors.

The Party is putting forth two electors. The names of these two electors are:

WILLIAM FOSTER
JAMES FORD

These names are to be written in the first two blank spaces provided on the voting machines for electors for presidential candidates not appearing on the ballot. There are similar provisions on all paper ballots.

FORD TOURS WEST

James Ford, vice-presidential candidate of the Communist party is making a tour covering many large cities throughout the west.

Preparations are being made to make the meetings great campaign rallies that will mark the highest pitch of the campaign.

FORD'S TOUR

- District 12
- Sept. 11—Spokane, Wash.
- Sept. 13—Seattle, Wash.
- Sept. 14—Tacoma, Wash.
- Sept. 15—Aberdeen, Wash.
- Sept. 16—Portland, Ore.
- District 13
- Sept. 18—Oakland.
- Sept. 19—San Francisco.
- Sept. 20—Los Angeles.
- Sept. 21—San Diego.
- Sept. 22—Phoenix, Ariz.
- District 19
- Sept. 24—Salt Lake City.
- Sept. 25—Denver, Colo.

300 IN TUCSON PROTEST TERROR

TUCSON, Ariz.—On Saturday, Aug. 6th, two workers were arrested while speaking at a street meeting for alleged charge of using "profane" language. One, Comrade Priebe, an ex-soldier, in describing the conditions of the Bonus Army in Washington used the word "God d—n it" reference to Hoover. He was immediately arrested. Comrade Taylor then called on the crowd to follow to the police station. About 200 responded. When the crowd reached the station Taylor was also arrested and placed on the same charge of "disturbing the peace."

In court both comrades demanded the jury trial but were refused by the judge, thereupon the defendants refused to take the stand or to answer any questions. But the judge sentenced them just the same. Comrade Priebe got 50 days or \$50.00 fine. Comrade Taylor got 25 days or \$25.00. The I. L. D. appealed the case to the superior court and bailed out the comrades.

The effect of the "trial" was a great increase in the attendance of the Communist street meetings.

The Editorial Board of the Western Worker calls upon all workers of the west to stand solid with the miners of Illinois now fighting the reign of terror, to force a starvation wage scale upon them.

Send all protest telegrams to Governor Emerson, Springfield, Ill.

Communist "Free Tom Mooney" Run Stirs Olympics



Upper left shows six of the young runners jumping into the track, to the view of 100,000 spectators. Upper right shows while they are running around the track, two others open a large "Free Tom Mooney" banner. Lower, shows the young Communists arrested and handcuffed being led out to jail.

Workers Jam Court In Mooney Trial

'FREE TOM MOONEY' RUNNERS CIRCLE ON OLYMPIC TRACKS

Many Cheer Young Communists Demonstrators

BY OUR LOS ANGELES CORRESPONDENT

It was August 13th, the final day of the Olympics. The last event apparently was concluded. Everything went smoothly and peacefully. In the huge stadium at Exposition Park athletes from all over the world—Agents of Imperialism, whooping it up for their respective countries—for weeks were leaping hurdles, throwing the shot, pole vaulting, marathoning—ballyhooping for the bosses.

Los Angeles, where the Olympics were held, is a city whose Chamber of Commerce brags about living in the "white spot" on the map. They subsidize the notorious Red Squad who try unsuccessfully to keep the city "white."

During the Olympics the Red Squad, as usual, raided homes of

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As we go to press the trial of the Mooney demonstrators is still going on.

The fascist character of the court proceedings and the dismissal of the Defense Attorney, Gallagher, should bring a volume of protest from the workers everywhere.

Send all protests to Judge Thurmond Clarke, District 5 Court, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles, Cal. Help defend the heroic young workers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 26.—The trial of the six young workers who demonstrated for Tom Mooney in the Olympic Stadium, opened on August 19. The trial was before Judge Thurmond Clarke, an appointee of Governor Rolph, who had just finished sentencing five workers to six months in prison for the "crime" of meeting in a house and taking up unemployed problems.

Those on trial are Meyer Baylin, Ann Davis, Jess Shapiro, Edward Palmer and Ethel and Russell Dell.

During the first day a jury consisting of two men and ten women was chosen.

During Monday's proceedings the state presented its evidence, which consisted of the banners with "Free Tom Mooney" on them.

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UNIV. DISMISSES LAWYER DEFENDING 'MOONEY RUNNERS'

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 27.—"Lawyers who defend the rights of political minorities have no place on the teaching staff of Southwestern University."

With these words Attorney Leo Gallagher, widely known for his defense of workers in this city and defense lawyer for six workers arrested as a result of the Mooney demonstration on the last day of the Olympic games here, was dismissed from his teaching position in the law school of Southwestern University here.

Dean Rollin McNutt, who issued the public statement of the discharge, stated frankly that it came as a result of Gallagher's "conduct of the trial of the accused Olympic Stadium disturbers." He noted further that "the action had nothing to do with Mr. Gallagher's teaching service, as that was satisfactory."

Leo Gallagher has achieved a national reputation, not only for the vigor and brilliance of his defense of workers, but for his legal attainments, which have won him the respect of lawyers throughout the state. His dismissal from the teaching staff of Southwestern University, plainly an attempt to starve him out of his position as a lawyer of the working class, has brought forth protests from the working class and sympathetic organizations throughout the country. Its failure as a threat against the workers whom he defends is made clear by Leo Gallagher's own statement that he "would eat bread and water before he would give up the principles for which he is struggling."

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S. F. WORKERS TO GATHER 1:30 P. M. AT CIVIC CENTER

Five Counties Set Dates; Los Angeles Oct. 3; Santa Clara, Oct. 3; San Mateo, Oct. 10; Alameda, Sept. 29

MANY COUNTIES PREPARING FOR HUNGER MARCHES

Will Expose Fake Relief Schemes and "Job Sharing" Plan

Reports from field organizers coming to the state hunger march committee indicate that there is a widespread support for the county hunger marches throughout California.

The Sacramento march will be on Saturday, September 10. Alameda, September 29. Los Angeles the first week in October. Santa Clara October 3. San Mateo October 10, and Santa Cruz October 17.

All county hunger marches are under the joint auspices of the Unemployed Councils and the Workers Ex-Servicemen League. For each of the marches demands based on the conditions of the county are being prepared, and will be presented before the county government.

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CAMPAIGN FOR RAISIN POOL PROVES FAILURE

United Farmers League and Communists Lead Fight

FRESNO, Aug. 26.—The raisin pool campaign here has proven a complete failure despite the extension of the time in order to get the 85 per cent of the acreage necessary. Pool employees were notified to look for other jobs.

With the time for the campaign practically expired, the pool is still short about 70,000 tons. In fact, little more than half of the required tonnage was signed up. This is despite the most persistent efforts on the part of the business men and rich farmers of the San Joaquin Valley, who mobilized the American Legion and all other available forces, making up a committee of 1000, to terrorize the thousands of poor farmers into signing up.

The defeat of the pool is chiefly due to the campaign put forth by United Farmers League and the Communist Party in Fresno. At the very outset of the campaign a leaflet was issued warning the farmers that the pool means putting the farmers into a state of serfdom compelling him to turn over his entire crop and control over his land.

The United Farmers League, with headquarters at 606 Fulton St., Fresno, is daily receiving more support from the small farmers in the valley, having proven itself a leader in their struggle against the bankers and landlords.

Plans for the San Francisco Hunger March have been completed at the conference on August 21 at which there were 58 delegates, representing 18 organizations.

Neighborhood demonstrations of unemployed will march to Market and Fulton, the main assembly point (near civic center) reaching it at 1:30, where a delegation will be elected to bring the demands before the supervisors.

After a discussion the demands proposed by the provisional hunger march committee were adopted with some amendments.

Among the amendments were to change to \$25,000,000 in place of 10,000,000 at first proposed for the city to appropriate for relief.

That the minimum to be paid for city work be \$5 per day, in place of \$4 at first proposed. Also there were a number of demands added which provide for milk and hot lunches for school children, school supplies free, the right to choose doctors, and hospitals, and paid for by the city, building controlled by city be opened for single men be furnished and meals served three times a day, that public flop houses be opened at all times, and workers should not be forced to get up at 5 a. m., etc.

\$6,500,000 BOND TO CONTINUE CHARITY

Intense campaigning is going on in San Francisco for approval of the \$6,500,000 bond issue by the city. The Associated Charities admits that there are 53,000 of the population depending upon city relief, including 13,000 families on the charity list, besides the thousand.

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W. E. S. L. PLANS ORGANIZATION IN WESTERN CITIES

To Elect Delegates to the National Convention in Cleveland

STATE CONV. IN S. F.

Mobilize Ex-Servicemen for County Hunger Marches

According to the state committee of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League at 1507 Eddy St., reports coming from all parts of the state indicate that there is wide interest in the state convention of the W. E. S. L. which is to take place on Sunday, August 28 in San Francisco. New posts are springing up as a result of the tour being made by Comrade Lambert, state organizer. Particularly are there many requests for information from many veterans returning from Washington and want to get down to brass tacks.

The state convention will elect a state committee, plan an intense organization drive, and elect delegates to the national convention to be held in Cleveland September 23, 24 and 25.

The convention will likewise take measures for a wide mobilization of the servicemen for the hunger marches now being prepared in many California counties under joint auspices of the W. E. S. L. and the Unemployed Councils.

Western Worker Goes Forward

On October 18 the first weekly issue of the Western Worker will be out. This will be greeted by thousands throughout the west, as the Western Worker on a weekly basis will prove a far more effective weapon in the struggles of the workers, although at first it will be four pages.

That is the reason that this issue reaches you late. We had to make printing re-arrangements in preparation for a weekly.

Although we were to come out as a weekly January 1933, the increased activity of the revolutionary labor movement throughout the west and the sharpening of the struggles, demands that we come out sooner.

We have confidence that the thousands of readers of the Western Worker will work to get the 1000 new subscriptions and 2000 increase in bundle sales to secure the foundation for the weekly.

The October 18 issue will be a special enlarged edition. Welcome it by sending your greetings to be included.

WESTERN WORKER MANAGEMENT.

Upturn? — Bunk!

Timothy Reardon, state labor commissioner, in his August report, shows that in comparison with July, 1931, there is a decrease in the number working in California, by 18 per cent.

The same report points out that weekly payrolls have decreased during the same period by 29.2 per cent. The average weekly wages have decreased by 13.7 per cent.

The same report shows, that in comparison with June, payrolls fell by 4.4 per cent and average earnings by 6.7 per cent.

This is the period during which the "great upturn" was hailed.

Militant Bend Farmers In Victory Over Irrigation Officers

Poor Farmers Come to Unemployed Council for Help; Organize U. F. L.

BEND, Ore., Aug. 20.—The poor farmers of Deschutes County, Oregon, in the central Oregon irrigation district, recently were forced to take matters in their own hands to prevent the destruction of their crop by drought.

Before the C. O. I. directors opened the gates they had to be paid for the first half of the season in advance. August 1 was the beginning of the second half and then the trouble started. The C. O. I. board of directors arbitrarily shut down the gates of all poor farmers who were unable to pay to second half.

COME TO U. C.

The Unemployed Council in Bend has been organized some time ago, and the poor farmers turned to the workers for advice and help. The U. C. called a meeting of the farmers at Pleasant Ridge, where the program of the council, especially in regards to presenting the shutting off of water was explained and how the workers in the cities resist gas and water shut off. The United Farmers League was explained by Comrade Weber from Portland. The farmers voted in favor of opening up the head-gates almost unanimously, in spite of the dictum of the directors. A letter was read from the I. L. D. of Portland, pledging full co-operation in the fight.

The next afternoon a checkup indicated that no less than 95 per cent of the farmers had carried out the plan. Due to the solidarity displayed not only by the farmers, but also by the workers in Bend, the C. O. I. saw the handwriting on the wall, and the poor farmers who only last week were threatened with the loss of their homes and crops are now receiving water for irrigation.

A branch of the United Farmers League has been organized here.

Briefs

C. P. in Rochester

ROCHESTER, Wash.—We organized a Communist Party local here on August 4 with six members. Though most of the stump ranchers around here are church members and suspicious about the Soviet Union, we will do our best with them for a Soviet United States of America.

Ten Cents an Hour

ROCKLYN, Calif.—Pear and peach shipments came to a halt Thursday and 160 farms stopped working. Three hundred workers were fired. Wages were reduced from 15 to 12 and 10 cents an hour.—H. H.

Stools Guard Missions

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—On the night of July 16 I was at the Union Rescue Mission at 226 South Main Street, and was explaining to the workers how to organize to get out of our misery. All of a sudden one of their loyal tools departed and sent back a gangster who took my ticket and told me to get out.

Kluxer Frames Negro

SAN FRANCISCO.—A young negro, who is a second cook at the San Francisco health farm at Redwood City, and who has a wife and five children, was fired by the gun toting boss when radical prejudice was inflamed by a K. K. K. who claimed the negro made an "immoral approach" to him.

Arrest Jobless

SAN FRANCISCO.—Three members of the downtown Unemployed Council went in a committee to the Goodwill Organization to get clothing. The bulls saw us coming, put us in jail, mugged and fingerprinted us and finally accused us of being big time racketeers. We were kangarooed and given 60 day suspended sentences.

"Third Degree Soup"

SAN FRANCISCO.—There are 4500 of us who get a bowl of soup and eye water twice a day here, providing we qualify. That is, we must be third degraded and stand in line for at least an hour per meal.

CLEANING BOSS GOES 50-50 WITH WORKERS OH YEAH

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The bosses of the cleaning and dyeing business are cutting prices, hiring gun thugs and using every known method to fight for the dwindling business, but the main effect of their nefarious tactics is to make the worker pay for the bill of the so called "war" through wage cuts and virtual slavery.

M. Steuer, who runs The Red Front cleaning plant and has a string of stores throughout the city in which he makes the workers pay by drawing up a fancy contract enabling him to evade the law of \$16 a week and 48 hours for women workers. The first few lines of the contract looks like a wonderful deal—the boss and the worker in the store is to share 50-50 in the profits as co-partners! But by the time you have finished reading the contract carefully you see clearly that the worker must keep on the job 10 to 11 hours a day and get \$10 a week (or about 16¢ an hour.

The boss has full power to prevent workers sharing in profits. If a worker solicits a lot of business so she is entitled to \$2 above her salary, the boss raises the rent. There is no limit to the tricks he can play by inventing fines, fees etc. The worker is at his mercy and is held responsible for all clothes left.

To celebrate the putting of the contract into effect in July Steuer bought himself a new Reo sedan! Fellow workers, get wise to the fact that the bosses use the workers as so many animals, while we make them rich.

Portland Workers Protect Speaker; Defy The Police Thugs

PORTLAND, Ore.—An attempt on the part of the Portland police to stop an Unemployed Council street meeting in front of the Civic Emergency office failed. Comrade DeJonge, representing the U. C. and proposed candidate for mayor on the Communist Party ticket, was ordered to discontinue his talk by two policemen. The workers shouted "if you take the speaker, you are going to take all of us."

Then the officer told DeJonge that the meeting could go on, provided there be no stoppage of traffic. Later it was learned that the request for the breaking up of the meeting came from the heads of the Civic Emergency office, an institution using discrimination against militant workers.

BLUE SHIRTS 'ORGANIZE'

(By JOBLESS WORKER)

This much press agented organization had its initial meeting in the basement hall of the St. Theresa Church at 19th and Connecticut streets on Saturday, Aug. 13. The attendance was very poor. The speaker and organizer, one Von Osten, was introduced by a very nervous chairman, who immediately left the stage.

The organizer, a little fellow with a trick mustache, is just a soupliner. Last winter his costume was sketchy indeed, an overcoat, collarless shirt, pair of cotton soldier breeches and on his feet rubber soled, canvass shoes. Since then he has graduated, via the Liberty Party, to a "front"—tailor made cigarettes and a jingle in his pockets. He is no orator, rather the bashful school boy who painfully has learned his piece by heart. He lauded the many virtues of Father Cox, emphasized and deplored the fact that the Holy Roman Catholic Church is not behind the movement.

Coxian economies are truly wonderful, socialism is impossible because each worker craves to own his own home. There is no difference between socialism, communism and coxism. The depression is caused by the wilful manipulations of a small clique of financiers. Ergo the panic is a money panic. The cure is as simple as the cause. The bankers are hoarding the money. Very well, to hell with the bankers' money. We'll have our own money. For instance, San Francisco only need issue twelve millions of dollars in scrip which should be acceptable for the payment of taxes, and presto back comes prosperity. Just how this is to come about was explained rather vaguely. Father Cox, however, is to come himself, soon, he will make it all as clear as mud.

ROCKLIN FARMERS ORGANIZE I. L. D.

Prepare to Defend Selves in Future Struggles

ROCKLIN, Calif.—At the first International Labor Defense meeting held in Placer County, 54 workers and farmers joined. The meeting had been planned to bring together three delegates from each of the twelve nationalities in the district of Rocklin, 86 delegates came.

The enthusiastic response to the program of this militant defense organization can be accounted for by the extreme hardship that the crisis has caused. Nearly 300 farmers have had their power cut off for they were unable to pay the extortionate rates charged by the P. G. & E. Co. Hundreds of farmers are facing power turnoffs, as the blood sucking power company has made all bills payable monthly. The existence of a strong International Labor Defense will defend these farmers in the future when they organize to prevent power shutoffs by mass pressure. The failure of the S. P. to lower rates, the refusal of the banks to advance any money on crops, and the imminence of mortgage foreclosures have forced the farmers to organize and fight back. —Farmer Correspondent.

REDWOOD CITY JOBLESS ORGANIZE

A group of unemployed workers of Redwood City, disgusted with the treatment received from the hatchet-faced dispenser of charity in the social welfare, angered by the bull-dozing and third degree tactics of the individual in the local employment agency, stormed the city manager and demanded immediate relief or a job.

This tool of the bosses evaded the issue and sent the workers to the Citizens Unemployed Committee. This committee, composed of business men, said they could do nothing. Also they admitted that Mrs. Beaver, in charge of the social welfare, was slightly callous due to being on the job too long, but as far as getting immediate relief, it was simply impossible. The workers, not confused or bewildered by the flood of demagoguery that flowed from the lips of these fakirs, showed the bosses and their agents what they, the workers, could do by calling a street mass meeting immediately. Approximately 40 workers and 7 police attended the meeting and an Unemployed Council was formed. A committee was elected to form block committees and the workers are responding to the call of organization in a militant manner. The workers realize that these fake relief committees are formed to keep the workers from struggling.

Now that there is an Unemployed Council the workers of Redwood City are taking an active part for the county hunger march which will take place on October 10 to demand relief.

FIGHT DEPORT. TERROR IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—In protest against the ordered deportation of Louis Tasiopolus, several hundred workers, under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, marched to the immigration station from City Hall Park. Gathered in memory of the death of Sacco and Vanzetti, the workers pledged to keep up the struggle against persecution.

Louis Tasiopolus had been ordered to surrender to the immigration authorities that very day. Commissioner Luther Weedens answer was to pass the buck to the Department of Labor in Washington. When Tasiopolus finally had to be given up the boos were heard throughout the whole building.

A stool pigeon sent by Weedens into the crowd to report on the speeches, was exposed from the speaker's stand and made for safety inside the building, not feeling very comfortable by the rage of the workers in the demonstration. The deportation train carrying many foreign born workers left that night for New York, stopping all along the way to pick up more victims of Doak's deportation program.

MODESTO CO-OP EXPOSES WORKERS TO DEADLY GEARS

No Guard Rails Provided to Prevent Serious Accidents

MODESTO, Calif., Aug. 20.—Terrific speed-up at the Co-operative Cannery increases the chances of workers getting tangled up in the gear wheels and belts which the bosses refuse to equip with guard rails.

Wages are 15 to 20 cents an hour. Women are paid two and one-half cents a fifty pound box pitting. They make an average of \$1.50 for ten hours, working like slaves. Two workers were put out of the cannery for asking for better conditions, and were chased away for passing Daily Workers and Western Workers. —Cannery Worker.

WASH. WORKERS TRY HOOVER

SEATTLE, Wash.—Mass workers trials attended by 800 workers in Seattle, 1200 in Bellingham and 400 in Anacortes, tried and convicted Hoover for the murder of War Veterans William Huska of Chicago and Eric Carlson of Oakland, Calif., and four children. The workers elected a jury. Irvin Goodman, I.L.D. attorney of Portland, was the prosecutor, and Jessie Wakefield, former I.L.D. organizer of Kentucky, was the judge.

Dick Lovelace, a disabled veteran and now organizer of the Portland W. E. S. L. was first witness, testifying on the actual occurrences in Washington.

Challenges to the Socialist, Republican, Democratic and other parties to come and state their position remained unanswered. Only the Communist Party appeared. There was only one statement read for the defense, that was the only public statement that Hoover issued on the murders. In all cases the jury unanimously agreed on a verdict of guilty, and recommended as a sentence the building of a strong I. L. D. as a weapon in the fight against terror.

PHOENIX WORKERS PROTEST TERROR

PHOENIX, Ariz.—300 Workers gathered at the open lot on 1st and Polk St., here Sunday, Aug. 14th, to protest against Hoover's murderous attacking of the Bonus Army.

This meeting was first scheduled at the Parking lot on 1st and Washington, for which a rental was paid, since the police do not permit meetings in the heart of the city. When the police learned of this they intimidated the owner to change his mind at the last moment. The meeting therefore had to move about four blocks away. But despite this a very good meeting took place. Four workers joined the party and quite a number of ex-servicemen pledged to build the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League.

HORIYUCHI ROXAS IMPERIAL VALLEY PRISONERS OUT

Horiyuchi Saved From Japanese Hangman; Goes to U. S. S. R.

2 STILL LEFT IN JAIL

Fight Must Continue to Force Release of Sclar and Emery

Tetsuji Horiyuchi, the sixth of the Imperial valley prisoners, was released, to be deported, and sailed to the only workers fatherland on August 17 on the M. S. Portland, to the tune of the "International," sung by 50 workers who were at the pier to see him off.

He will arrive in San Pedro on August 19, where another militant Japanese worker, E. Yamaguchi, will join him.

These two workers both won voluntary departure due to the fight on the part of the International Labor Defense, after being held for over two years in Folsom prison and in the Los Angeles city jail.

Danny Roxas, the Filipino worker in the Imperial valley case, was released on parole August 16. This leaves of the original eight in the case two still in prison, Carl Sclar in Folsom, who was paroled provided he is to be deported, but could not be deported since he is a Russian subject and the United States has no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, and Emery who's term has been extended to February 1933.

The deportation order for Carl Sclar has now been withdrawn and it is expected that he will also be paroled in the near future. The I. L. D. points out, however, that the release was forced only by the mass struggle in behalf of these workers, and unless the fight is continued in a most militant manner there is no assurance for Sclar's release. Furthermore the fight must center for the immediate release of Lawrence Emery, who must stay six more months. The prison authorities do not permit visitors to see him.

ROLPH TRIES NEW TRICK ON VETS

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 23.—Governor Rolph was made the laughing stock of the state when he tried his latest trick, proposing at the state Legion convention that the veterans of California be paid from a bond issue, floored by the state.

Bond experts proved that the interest piling up to be paid on such a bond issue would cost the veterans from 54 to 72 cents of each dollar. The high taxator and the debts already in the state would by no means permit that the state should stand the loss. Rolph admitted that he hadn't really considered the matter, and the proposal was hushed up.

HEINZ HAS 57 DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF SPEED UP

Woman Made So Nervous by Speed-up Maniac That She Cuts Her Hand Badly

BERKELEY, Calif.—H. J. Heinz Cannery Corporation, at San Pablo and Hienz Ave., has a foreman named Littlejohn, who jumps around hollering and clapping his hands like a demon in hell to make the workers go faster and faster so the bosses can get the most possible production.

On August 11, a woman got so nervous from listening to this crazy man that she said: "My, God, you make me nervous." Littlejohn said: "If you don't like it the gate is open." As he spoke she cut her hand badly. He grabbed her by the shoulder and told her to get her time. Then he pushed her.

Tom Roba, in the office, wanted to smooth the accident off and not can her, so he sent her back without taking care of her hand. This worker was so weak from loss of blood and nervous, that she went to the rest room to wait until noon so she could go home.

Wages are cut 10 and the new cuts are in store. Women are driven to clean ten buckets of tomatoes an hour regardless of size. Buckets are from 3 1-2 to 4 1-2 gallons each. No one can clean more than 8 buckets of small size tomatoes per hour, but the bosses



Tetsui Horiyuchi

HUNGER STRIKE AT ANGEL ISLAND; THE FOOD IS ROTTEN

Active Strikers Placed in the Alameda County Jail

Seventy men declared a strike, on Wednesday, August 10, in the Angel Island immigration prison, because of the rotten food served. The food was insufficient and served with one rusty tablespoon.

The strikers demanded more and better food, and clean teaspoons for the coffee. These demands were won and the men are getting more and better food.

It was pointed out that there is no excuse for such rotten feeding conditions, in view of the fact that the government allows \$1.10 per day for feeding each prisoner. Evidently most of that allowance goes in the form of graft. This likewise explains the reason why so many prisoners, many of whom are there for working class activity, are kept for a year or more before deportation.

August Rodin, held for deportation for six months, together with two others, were taken to the Alameda County Jail as a punishment for having participated in the strike.

Notice to Worker Correspondents

The Western Worker going on a weekly basis means that more workers' correspondence will have to flow in.

- Bear in mind the following points in writing for the W. W.
- 1.—Have your article limited to no more than 300 words. If it is longer make two. Send them for different issues.
- 2.—Use most of your space to bring out facts.
- 3.—When the articles appear use them. Sell the W. W. among the workers effected.
- 4.—Red pencil them so workers will see them. We will sign your name only with your permission.
- 5.—Write your address so we know how to write to you in case for some reason we cannot publish your material.

—EDITOR.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Good Harvest in U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, Aug. 25.—Though fear was expressed that heavy rains in north Caucasus would result in a serious harvest deficit reports for the third five-day period of August show 80 per cent increase in state grain collection.

Especially successful are the machine and tractor stations, which completed 80 per cent of their program. Because of the rapid production of tractors (25,000 in the first half year), the harvest is now considered weather-proof. There are now 3000 tractor stations with nominally 25 machines each.

Red Army Marches On

HANKOW, China.—After the smashing defeat imposed on Chiang Kai Shek's crack divisions in Hupeh province, during which 40,000 deserted to the Red Army, the Soviet Republic of China sent a new army of 60,000 to capture the city of Manchang, the only spot still not taken over in Kiangsi province, and generally to mop up remnants of Chiang's routed forces in the vicinity.

Unemployment Increase in England

LONDON, England.—Unemployment in England has reached 2,811,000, the highest figure yet recorded. The figure includes only those entitled to the dole. It would be considerably more if those recently taken off the list were included.

Japan War Plans Continue

TOKYO, Japan.—Munition factories are working two shifts. A new war and chemical factory has been established on the outskirts of Tokyo. Five hundred trucks have been purchased for the army this month and airplane production is proceeding steadily. Imports of glycerine, iron ore, steel and machine tools from the U. S. are especially heavy.

Ottawa Pact Hits U. S. Trade

OTTAWA, Canada.—After long deliberations 12 separate pacts have been signed designed to establish trade agreements between England and the dominions. This seriously affects U. S. trade. The pacts are likewise aimed against the Soviet Union under the idea of fighting "dumping."

English Textile Workers Strike

MANCHESTER, England.—Two hundred thousand textile workers are scheduled to go out on strike Aug. 25th, as wage negotiations failed to bring about an agreement. The strike will inevitably involve 500,000. There are now more than 50,000 on strike.

Win Rent Strike in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama.—A rent strike here was won and rents were reduced by 30 per cent. American Imperialists alarmed, are taking action to intervene.

Better Housing in Moscow

MOSCOW.—Two hundred thousand people have been provided with rooms in Moscow during the first six months of 1932. This achievement is recorded in the report of the Moscow Soviet presented by Bulganin, to the plenary meeting now being held. Great strides in other directions—street, paving, lighting, parks, central heating and transport—are also recorded.

Dnieprostroy Dedicated

MOSCOW.—The giant hydroelectric project, Dnieprostroy, has been completed and will be officially dedicated here on Thursday, Aug. 25th. The power project has a generating capacity of 763,000 horse-power, which makes it the largest in the world. Second to it is the Muscle Shoals project, which has a capacity of 612,000 horse-power.

Spanish Communists Lead Strike

SEVILLE, Spain.—A 24-hour strike was called here in protest against the government's commutation of the death sentence against Gen. Jose Sanjurjo, leader of the recent monarchist revolt. The strike was called under Communist leadership.

Eight Thousand Killed in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—In the course of the seven weeks of civil war more than 8000 were killed.

WORKERS SCHOOL COURSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER FIRST

Courses Offered to Train Workers for Class Struggle

Workers School courses are beginning Sept. 1st. This year the registrations are expected to reach the highest yet reached. Courses are offered in Fundamentals of Communism, Organization, Trade Union Strategy and Tactics, Youth, Marxism-Leninism, and History of the Labor Movement. Each course will last 3 months, one evening each week. The cost is one dollar per course. For unemployed special arrangements are made.

The San Francisco school is at 1164 Market street. The Oakland school is at 727 Washington street. Office open for registration all day and evening.

CANNERY WORKERS FIGHT BOSS TRICKS DEMAND FULL WAGE

Organize Plant Committee of Action

About 200 Chinese, Filipino and Mexican fish cannery workers staged demonstrations at the company's office on Pacific street on August 18 and 19 to demand their full wages as per contract.

During the season the company forced the workers to work overtime two hours daily for two weeks. The agreement in the contract calls for payment of overtime, but the company refused. A meeting of the workers was called and it was agreed upon to stop all work for one minute the next day. The company became alarmed by this expression of unity, and fear of having production interrupted during the season, paid for the overtime. At the end of the season, when they returned and the balance of the wages was paid, the company deducted the money paid for overtime amounting to \$12 per worker. The workers refused to accept the wages unless paid in full.

The TUUL is helping the workers to organize, and as a result a

KHAKI SHIRTS MEET GUARDED BY DETECTIVES

Refuse to Answer Questions and Endorse Democrats

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Guarded by a band of detectives against questions that might expose the anti-working class nature of their organization, the "Khaki Shirts" held their first San Francisco meeting with about 75 present, declaring themselves against the "reds" and the Workers Ex-Service Mens League, and for the payment of the bonus!

Well fortified with police and radical phrases these fakirs tried to make the veterans believe that by voting for the Democrats and crushing the Communist Party the bonus would be paid.

Several workers were misled and joined. Others became disgusted and left when told that no one but the regular speakers could speak or ask questions.

A. F. of L. SUPPORTS FASCIST

OAKLAND, Calif.—The "Khaki Shirts" held a meeting here with about 250 present. The chairman opened the meeting by assuring everyone that the Khaki Shirts was "strictly American," and that every member will be thoroughly investigated.

One claiming to have been in Washington, declared that the only way the bonus could be had is through the ballot.

In explaining the by-laws it was pointed out that the organization is out to fight Communism. Garner and Roosevelt were endorsed.

A representative of the Butchers Union, A. F. of L., brought a donation of \$20, and promised full co-operation.

committee of action was formed. The cannery workers receive \$150 for a period of 90 days or more, and are working under the most miserable conditions for the Alaska fisheries. From these wages the worker is forced to pay \$5 for school taxes, \$1 for company doctor and 50 cents for janitor service. They are forced to buy from company owned stores where they have to pay sky-high prices for daily necessities. The workers realize the necessity of organization in view of the fact that for the next season the company is planning to pay only \$120.

Spreckels Workers Organize to Fight Cut, Long Hours

Workers To Meet Terrific Speed Up and Bad Conditions With Struggle

SPRECKLES, Calif., Aug. 20.—Organizers of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union report that the workers of the Sugar Refinery are laying plans to meet the 10 per cent wage cut, 12 hour day of terrific speed-up, and unhealthy working conditions with an organized struggle.

At the beginning of the campaign, which will last for 115 days, wages were cut 10 per cent from a year ago. Laborers now get 27 1/2c an hour, with the average wage 32c.

The machinery runs continuously 24 hours a day; two 12 hour shifts—seven to seven. Many are forced to eat lunches standing at machines amidst terrific heat and flying dirt. Ten days pay is held back and one is docked an hour if he is five minutes late. The half hour supposed to be taken off for lunch.

Four new Oliver presses were installed this year. On this job one man can do what previously required 43 men. The balance are now jobless.

Other instances of the merciless speed-up are to be found elsewhere. On the "Centrifugal Floor" workers tend three and four machines where one used to be kept "busy" by one machine. The heat is so terrific on this job the work is one hour on, one hour off. The rest period means sitting around in drafts catching colds.

At the end of the process dried beet pulp comes through a shute filling sacks. The sack sewers are so short handed they can just barely sew a sack and dump it on a conveyor by the time another sack is ready. The ventilator broke down, and was still unrepaired at this writing. Workers breathe the fine, dry dust that irritates like alfalfa dust. Women do this work during the day shift and must keep at it for 12 hours with only a half hour off.

HARD, DANGEROUS WORK

Those who work in the "Hog Pen" are constantly getting splashed with hot water. They work one hour reliefs, having to sit around in drafts in wet clothes while they rest. In the lime kilns it is to be found the hardest kind of labor, shoveling blocks of lime off the floor into wheelbarrows to be weighed. No ventilation. Some wear cloths over nose and mouth to keep out the poisonous lime dust that is everywhere. The heat is almost unbearable. On the "Hoe Down" job beet are piled to the ceiling and two or three workers hoe them down into water trough conveyors. The danger of beet slides makes the bosses keep clear of this place as there is no protection.

STOOL PIGEONS

The Superintendent, named Christy, sneaks up on workers and howl at them if they happen to relax a second. As the bosses realize that they would be licked in case of a strike, they plant stool pigeons to keep organization talk from spreading. These stools are called "fairy foots" by the workers who have them spotted.

CARS STRIPPED

Though there is plenty of room inside the gates for workers' cars, they must be left outside about half a mile distant. As a result of the extreme poverty in the neighborhood the cars are often stripped of gas, oil, batteries, tires, etc. It takes about half an hour to walk to the parking lot. This means a total of 13 hours on the job and pay for only 11 hours, as there is no pay for the lunch hour.

HIGH RENTS

The dilapidated buildings in Spreckles are crowded with dozens of families. Around Salinas rents are prohibitive. Landlords state they are taking advantage of the seasonal influx of migratory workers.

On opening day only 400 men showed up. Fourty were hired. The rest were told to keep coming

back as they "might" get a job. Some did. About 600.

These unbearable conditions together with the dread thought of approaching winter with no jobs in sight are forcing the workers to organize into the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, whose headquarters are at 81 Post St., San Jose. Workers are forming committees throughout the refinery to work out demands to be made to improve conditions on the job and prepare, united with the Unemployed Councils, to fight for winter relief.

L. A. RED SQUAD EVICTS VETERAN; FIVE ARRESTED

Block Committee Mobilizes Neighborhood for Defense

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—Chase, an active member of the Unemployed Council and a war veteran, was evicted from his home. The block committee of the council had 35 workers present to fight the eviction. The police and the red squad surrounded the house, in which these workers were waiting.

The workers elected a committee of four to go to the county welfare board and ask for another house, but were arrested on the way. However, another worker managed to sneak through the lines and got a house for Chase and his family. In the meantime the police got Chase out of the house by force.

Chase got up and spoke, getting more than 200 of the neighborhood around him, who expressed great bitterness against the police. After speaking for awhile, Chase was arrested, but his wife got up and took his place. She pointed out how her husband fought for his country and now was put out on the street for it.

BUILD WESTERN WORKER

To make the drive for the weekly more interesting, the Western Worker will offer the following prizes for subs:

1.—For every five dollars in subs secured—a copy of Foster's Book "Toward Soviet America," or any other \$1.25 book of Workers' publications.

2.—For every ten dollars in subs a copy of Stalin's Leninism or any other \$2.50 book of workers' publications.

We have on hand a number of Soviet Dolls and they are as superior to American ones as a workers' government is over the Wall Street dictatorship. Those not disposed to read can get one of them for ten subs. But we have a limited number of them. So first come first served.

Now that the Western Worker will begin as a weekly October 18, there are no more serious reasons left for failing to get subs.

The fact is that even as a semi-monthly the Western Worker has been continually increasing in circulation.

To make a weekly secure, we must increase subscriptions by a thousand and the bundle orders by two thousand before October 18.

This spread among the 300 towns now reading the Western Worker means very little effort. We need only refer to some examples of accomplishments during the drive until now, while the Western Worker is still a semi-monthly. The work for a weekly should be all the easier.

Units 1, 5 and 7 of San Francisco have gotten 34, 29 and 54 subs respectively. This chiefly is due to such comrades as Lehman and Babin. The latter got 50 of the 54 in her unit.

Nevada, Eureka, Petaluma and other parts have gone over the top of their quota.

Berkeley got 20 subs. In fact, if it wasn't for Berkeley the East Bay section certainly would get the Booby Prize.

San Mateo, a new unit, and although starting late, already sent in seven subs.

The Finish Workers Club got 14 subs during the last few weeks. Certainly other mass organizations can do as well.

Comrade Trap, of San Francisco, who sells the Western Worker

CHARITIES FOILED ATTEMPT TO EVICT 68 YEAR OLD VET

Unemployed Council Forces Action When Police Terror Fails

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—Captain Waterhouse, of 1103 Laguna, who gained his rank by bravery in the Spanish American War, and served 18 months during the World War, would have been moved into the street for non-payment of rent had it not been for the Fillmore Unemployed Council.

Waterhouse, who is 68 and whose sick wife is confined to bed, came to the council and told of the refusal of the charities to pay his rent despite the fact that he showed them the eviction notice. A demonstration was immediately called for the following morning, on which the eviction was to take place. The police were called by the landlady who owns every house with one exception on the block. No arrests were made but the demonstration was impossible as there were more police than workers.

A committee of 15 went to the charities to demand that rent be paid. The cops failed to terrorize the committee. The flunkies in charge tried to say that there was a mistake somewhere, and that "of course" the rent would be paid or a new place found. The committee stayed until a new place was found.

DAUGHTER EVICTED

The next day, Mrs. Brown, mother of six children and the daughter of Captain Waterhouse, had her few belongings set on the street because her husband, who is searching for work in Stockton, was unable to send any rent money. Quick action of the Unemployed Council committee of action again forced the charities to find a place for Mrs. Brown and family.

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DENVER POLICE PINCH 36 IN ANTI-JIM CROW FIGHT

(Continued from page 1)

The crowd of young workers answered that they have a right to swim, and after short deliberations, shed clothes, having prepared beforehand with bathing suits underneath, and jumped into the pool.

While the swimmers were in the pool, the cops were busy with their stool pigeons and provocateurs, to work up hostility in the crowd. The police hoped to work up a race riot by getting the crowd itself to take the initiative under the slogan that "it's up to youse guys to get these niggers out."

After a half hour the young workers came out and in an orderly fashion went to put their clothes on. The police formed a cordon in order to pose for the photographers how they are "protecting" the young workers from the crowd. The young swimmers dressed and piled into the trucks, while the police made their way behind the crowd instigating them to push forward against the "red agitators." A small group detached themselves from the crowd and made forward to start trouble and a number of bottles were thrown, but the young workers did not allow themselves to be provoked, only explaining to the crowd that they were determined to break down discrimination and Jim Crowism in Denver.

This was a sign for the cops to come in. They demanded that the speaker be turned over to them. Upon being refused they seized one negro boy and began to club him on the head. The young workers joined to protect the comrade. The cops savagely wielded their clubs on all sides, shooting wildly.

The police were not able to get the crowd to start the riot and therefore had to start the "race riot" themselves.

Thirty were arrested, among whom is Pat Toohy, district organizer of the Communist Party, Neil Anyon, D. O. Pioneers, Jay Anton of the Y. C. L., Frank Smith, secretary of the Unemployed Councils and the district organizer of the I. L. D.

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MONTEREY WORKERS DENOUNCE M'KAY; WANT COMMUNISTS

Faker Exposed Trying to Bring in "Self Help" Scheme

MONTEREY, Calif.—The Building Trades Council and the Butchers Union of Monterey sponsored a meeting on unemployment which took place here on Tuesday, August 16. They invited one, Alexander McKay of San Jose, to tell how his American Labor Union, which provides you with a 30 cents an hour credit and one meal a day, works.

The John Reed Club of Carmel was invited to take part in the meeting, and their speaker, Ella Winter, invited to speak on "How the Workers of Russia Helped Themselves," was given the floor before McKay spoke. She described the conditions in the Soviet Union, pointed out how the Russian workers have gained their freedom as a result of mass organization, and urged the workers not to be misled by McKay's fake organization. She received enthusiastic applause.

By this time leaflets exposing McKay's organization prepared by the Salinas unit of the Communist Party, were in the hands of all the workers.

McKay spoke for a while, but although he promised a "real program" he hardly brought out anything that seemed like a solution for the hungry workers, who, by this time, interrupted, demanding something practical. Heckling and interruption increased until finally McKay could hardly proceed. Casper Bauer, one of those that helped to sponsor the meeting, got up and declared that had he known all McKay would do i srant against the communists and give nothing for a practical plan, he would have never come.

By this time it was almost unanimous that McKay was a faker. Ella Winters rose and proposed that a meeting be arranged of the unemployed at which the program of the agricultural and cannery workers industrial union and the Unemployed Councils will be explained. This was greeted with great applause.

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"TOM MOONEY" RUNNERS CIRCLE OLYMPIC TRACK

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militant workers, beat them up, smashed meetings, framed workers in court, before subsidized judges and anti-labor juries. The Red Squad were doubtless jubilant that not a single anti-Olympic demonstration had taken place to disturb the parade of Imperialist Athletes.

Governor James Rolph, Jr., of California, Tom Money's jailer, sat in the stand. Herbert Hoover was honorary chairman. Logically enough Tom Money was honorary chairman of the Chicago meet. Hoover was probably fishing at Rapidan. Rolph was dispensing his harlot smiles from the judges stand. Tom Mooney was peeling potatoes and onions at San Quentin.

The sun was beginning to set. Suddenly there was a stir. Four boys and two girls, who sat quietly in a front row, jumped to their feet, doffed their outer clothing and leaped over the railing into the track. Underneath their clothes they wore athletic suits. On the front and back of their shirts blazed in crimson letters the words "FREE TOM MOONEY." Shouting free Tom Mooney, they dashed around the track. 100,000 Spectators, policemen, plain clothesmen, Legionnaires and stool pigeons were held spellbound by the courage and audacity. The records and spectacular contests paled into insignificance.

The officers and ushers seemed amazed into a state of paralysis. The heroic Young Communists—for that's who they were, continued shouting "Free Tom Mooney."

From the spot where the runners started, two young men conjured out a ten foot banner with red letters painted on both sides "Free Tom Mooney." Holding the banner before the gaze of the huge throng they walked down the track. They stopped in front of the judges' stand. "Sunny Jim" Rolph lost his smile. Some of his satellites recovered their bearings long enough to leap savagely upon the signs and tear them to shreds.

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Editorial Column

THE COUNTY HUNGER MARCHES

With encouragement from the capitalist press and the official charity racketeers, the alleged Unemployment Citizens League, now being rapidly discredited in Seattle, has appeared in California.

Stealing is at any time not a very reputable profession. But stealing from the unemployed is a low, contemptible act characteristic of the worst enemies of the workers and poor farmers. Yet this is actually what constitutes the activities of this organization. To hear the gentlemen engaged in that profession speak, one would think them the great benefactors of the unemployed. They are full of radical talk and one, a scoundrel by the name of Calvert in Fresno, for example, actually pretends to be a Communist.

In order to carry forward at least part of their robbery before they are exposed, they have different names which they assume in various cities. Here is a partial list of them: Berkeley—Unemployed Citizens League. Oakland and Fresno—Pacific Co-operative League. Los Angeles—Los Angeles Co-operative Exchange. American Unit Trading Post. Huntington Park—Unemployed Association. Compton—Veterans' Relief Association. San Jose—American Labor Union. Also in various places they use the name Producers League, Unemployed Relief Council, etc.

Exploit the Unemployed

Their racket is simple. They go to the farmers who don't pick their crops because they can't market them. They make a pious speech asking permission to pick the crops on the pretense that they are helping the unemployed. The farmer thinks he is doing some good for the starving and so agrees. They then get the unemployed in the towns to go to the farms for this work. They pay the unemployed about 15 cents an hour in produce. In other words if an unemployed worker works for ten hours in apricots he gets \$1.50 worth of apricots or similar fruit—although he probably picked between \$10 to \$20 worth. The difference then goes into the pockets of the racketeers.

Among the gentlemen engaged in this vulture business are Stitt Wilson, Austin Lewis and other socialist party satellites. Around them is a group of liberals and "tired radicals" who are using their former vague connections with the radical movement to hide their present nefarious activities in living off the backs of the unemployed.

Farmers, Look Out for Fakers!

The unemployed workers who are being exploited by these cheap charlatans, and the farmers who have been imposed upon, should immediately break with them and expose them to all others so that they are prevented from hoodwinking any more people for their own personal profit.

The only bona fide organization of the unemployed are the Unemployed Councils. Food collected by workers under Unemployed Council auspices is kept by the workers, and does not go into grafters' pockets. Trucks and gasoline for transportation are demanded from the city and obtained, or if refused, are donated by sympathizers.

But this form of relief can at best be of secondary importance. The workers must not allow themselves to be led to passivity and slow starvation. Only mass struggle will bring unemployment insurance and substantial relief.

The County Hunger Marches under the leadership of the unemployed councils that are taking place throughout the west beginning with the September 12 march in San Francisco must mark the opening of a higher degree of struggle against unemployment!

Down with the racketeers!
Join the Unemployed Councils!
All out to the Hunger Marches!

JOIN C. P. "WRITE IN" CAMPAIGN

When the California bosses, with the help of the Socialist Party, took the Communist Party off the ballot, they hoped to throw our party out of the election campaign altogether.

But that's because they do not know the Communists. The Communist Party is never stalled by difficulties.

The scheme of the bosses is an effort to swing the tide of Communist support into the Socialist Party, Liberty Party and so called progressive channels which through deceit and demagoguery present themselves before the workers as a "lesser evil." The old political trick based on the slogan "don't waste your vote" to induce Communist supporters to pick these agencies of capitalism will come in very handy.

Militant workers in California will not allow themselves to be fooled in such a manner but WILL VOTE FOR FOSTER AND FORD.

The task is only more difficult, but not impossible. It will be done through a state wide "write-in" campaign. This will mean a demonstration against the bosses' sham democracy, and shatter their policy.

A large number of votes written in for the Communist Party will force more relief from the bosses, will be a protest against war and wage cuts.

Every vote for Foster and Ford in California will help pile up a huge total nationally for the only workers candidates!

Make the write in campaign a mass demonstration against capitalism; the decrepit Socialist Party and their other demagogic servants.

Three Sets of Gold Dust Twins



Democratic Servants of Capitalism

The Republican Party represents the present starvation policy of the government. It gives billions to bankers but murders unemployed veterans asking for bread. It stands for war against the Soviet Union. It represents the wholesale foreclosure of farms and homes of workers. It stands for terror against the workers.

Republican Servants of Capitalism

The Democratic Party equally with the Republican Party stands for a policy of starvation, but uses demagoguery to cover it up. It represents lynch terror against the negro workers and farmers in the south. It represents Tammany corruption. It stands for imperialist war preparation particularly against the Soviet Union.

"Socialist" Servants of Capitalism

The Socialist Party is the third party of capitalism. They fight unemployed insurance and support Morgan's block aid system. They would carry through the same starvation program here that MacDonald does in England. They support the bosses' race discrimination policy. It is the bitter enemy of the Soviet Union and supports the League of Nations, which is a war instrument.

The Golden Gate Bridge Illusion

BY GEORGE MORRIS

The Southern Pacific Co has announced that it withdraws the court action to prevent the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. This has been the cause of a great deal of excitement in the San Francisco press hailing it as a victory of the "people" against the private interests and that now prosperity will surely dawn upon San Francisco, for the building of one hundred million dollars worth of bridges can begin.

The Western Worker in a previous issue, already had occasion to expose the frauds connected with the Hetch Hetchy project and how it serves as an illustration to show that the profit system is an obstacle to all public enterprises unless it can fit them in line with the drive for profits. The G. G. Bridge case is another excellent example.

We have seen that the Hetch Hetchy project has taken already over three years and is not yet finished, but the attempt to put through the G. G. Bridge project has so far taken only ten years. BRIDGE HITS S. P. PROFITS

Sure enough when the idea of the bridge was conceived it conflicted with the Southern Pacific Railroad, which operates a ferry across the Golden Gate. This followed the usual methods similar to those used by the Spring Valley Co. in connection with Hetch Hetchy such as the buying out of politicians to use their influence to stall the project, using every conceivable method that will prevent the agreement among the six counties involved, and finally the company openly applied for an injunction to prevent the sale of bonds to finance the project.

The fight likewise effected the Trans Bay Bridge from San Francisco to Oakland, which would put other S. P. ferries out of business. Here in addition the U. S. Navy authorities were brought in to prove that the bridge could not be high enough to permit the free

movement of warships and therefore defense is endangered. "Authorities" were brought in to show that the whole project was neither practical, nor possible from an engineering standpoint, since engineers can be easily bought for any purpose under capitalism.

GRAFT BEHIND POLITICS

While these investigations and hearings were going on the bridges became an issue in politics. The San Francisco administration was particularly under fire, coming especially from groups of politicians representing the industries and contractors that would benefit by the building of the bridge. Then of course the pressure of the movement of the Unemployed demanding work was continually assuming greater proportions. This in fact compelled Mayor Rossi to make among his chief promises in the last election the definite starting of the bridges. Although these were in reality empty promises, since there was no assurance that the S. P. will drop the court proceedings, and above all there was no outlook for financing the project without a big increase in taxes. The policy of the Reconstruction Corporation to finance such projects is very recent. In fact it is because of this outlook for financing that the Rossi administration pushes the matter a bit more vigorously, for such projects are really means bridging millions into the pockets of the contractors it represents.

FULL R. F. C. FINANCING DOUBTFUL

There is by no means an absolute guarantee that the R. F. C. will buy over one hundred million dollars worth of bonds. Its resources are not so large that it can very freely make such large appropriations. Furthermore we have already seen how in the case of Pennsylvania a loan of ten millions was refused in spite of the fact that the relief funds have been entirely exhausted. This was to punish Gov. Pinchot of that

state who recently assumed the role of a "progressive" and made serious bids for president on the Republican ticket, mainly on the basis of attacking the Hoover administration. This shows that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds are not being thrown to all capitalists indiscriminately, but used as a means for whipping into line such as may balk.

It still remains to be seen if the relations between our local bosses and the Wall St. rulers of the National government are in absolute accord. Besides there is a mad scramble for loans from numerous city and state governments in a state of bankruptcy, and there is certainly no reason to believe that California will get first choice.

This, however, does not stop the local agents of the bosses from hailing the dawn of Prosperity with the building of the bridges. Anyway, in case the loan does not come through then the blame can be shifted on the federal government, so there is nothing to lose by it. It is ridiculous to believe, as has already been intimated, that in case the R. F. C. does not buy the bonds private bankers will buy them. This would mean a considerable increase over the already great tax rate, then the borrowing capacity of the city of San Francisco is likewise about exhausted, thanks to the Hetch Hetchy loans.

WILL NOT EMPLOY MANY

Even assuming that the difficulties in connection with financing will be overcome, at present the case is not even entirely cleared in court, the idea that the projects will give employment to a great number is nonsense. It is admitted that it will be possible to employ only a few hundred, during the first period. In the course of construction only a few thousand will get employment, including many that will get employment in the factories producing

materials. When it is considered that there at least two hundred and fifty thousand unemployed in the bay region, then it can be seen what little effect it will have on the unemployment problem. It will at best give the politicians of the bosses an opportunity to reward their friends with jobs.

We will undoubtedly witness the unity between the A. F. of L. officials and the contractors. The A. F. of L. will lend its label to cover up the worst exploitation as is the case with the Hetch Hetchy project.

The Workers can make such projects serve as relief only if a militant organization and struggle will compel a speedy start and decent working conditions. We must realize that the great unemployed movement throughout the country led by the Communist Party is what compelled the bosses to provide the little work that will come out of such public projects. It is the continuance of this struggle that will compel them to start these projects immediately, force a living wage to be paid, and compel that the funds should go for wages and not graft.

In this respect the county Hunger Marches in San Francisco and Alameda will play a great role and must place the demands

As we are nearing Nov. 7th, which will mark the 15th Anniversary of the Soviet Union and the completion of the 5 year plan, we can likewise contrast the fact that during a period of four years thousands of projects were started and completed in the S. U. hundreds of which cost as much and more than the projected G. G. Bridge would, and the fact that in the U. S. 15 millions go hungry, it takes anywhere from ten to thirty years to make way for a project if it ever gets started, and then the bulk of the funds find their way to the pockets of the rich.

Workers' Organization

Notice to all western districts of the C. P.: In this section we will include experiences and news pertaining to the organizational conditions in the party and mass organizations. Send in all material, but it must be very brief.—Editor.

Good Results in Recruiting Drive

In reviewing the results of the recruiting campaign which began with the No. 13 District Convention of the Communist Party, held July 4, in San Francisco, we can see that on the whole we will achieve the goal of 500 new members by November 7. To date, with the drive approximately half completed, we have recruited 278 new members. However, there are a number of shortcomings in our campaign, which we must take steps to correct immediately.

1. While some sections, notably Sacramento, East Bay, San Jose, and Nevada, show good work in the campaign, the largest section in California, Los Angeles, is very slow. Arizona, Fresno, Stockton and Eureka also are too slow.

as yet register any noticeable increase, which means that we are not drawing these new members into active party life.

3. Only 22 per cent of these newly recruited members are in agriculture, marine or transportation, which is far below the quota set.

4. With the exception of the growth in the S. P. Shop unit in San Francisco, the other shop units in the district have hardly increased in membership. Nor have new shop units been established.

5. Our fractions in the TUUL unions and groups, and in the mass organizations have not yet begun to bring the Communist Party recruiting campaign into their own field of work.

In order to improve our campaign, we must make all efforts to recruit from our points of concentration. Above all, must we take energetic steps to involve the new members in activity. New members classes should be established, and each comrade assigned to some specific task, in the activities of the unit. Finally, we can only consider the recruiting campaign as successful when our "barometer"—dues payments—

are brought up to the level of the actual membership.

New Unit in San Mateo

The San Mateo Unit, which was formed less than three weeks ago, has already carried on very good activity in the Sacco-Vanzetti campaign, and in the preparations for the San Mateo County Hunger March, which takes place on October 10. Many of the members of this new unit were formerly members of the Socialist party, which they quit because they realized that it really became the third party for the capitalists.

New Unit in Salinas

In the heart of the Pajaro Valley, another new unit of the party has been established, and while it is still small, is already giving a good account of itself, doing good work among the Spreckels Workers, and exposing the Faker McKey from San Jose. It has before it the task of winning over the thousands of cannery and agricultural workers.

Nevada on the Map

The Fallon, Nevada, Unit, thru its activities among the farmers, has won 16 new members in the short space of one month. The unit was established shortly before the district convention, with five members, who quit the old S. P. branch there.

In contrast to the growth of the Fallon Unit, the Reno unit, which was established several months ago, has only recruited three new members. We have received a report of good contacts made with workers employed in Sparks, the small industrial center outside of Reno, and we hope that the Reno comrades will work so that we can record the establishment of a new unit there by the next issue of the Western Worker.

Sac. Section Convention

The Sacramento section, to which Stockton has only been recently added, will hold a section conference late in September. A plan of work will be adopted, and steps will be taken to strengthen the section committee.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND WESTERN WORKERS

Red China Stops Foreclosures; The New American "Bezprezhoni"; First International Anniversary

Listen, western farmers who are losing your land, listen to how the peasants in China are solving their problems:

When Communists capture a village they first issue a call for all deeds and leases which are solemnly and publicly burned. Land is then redistributed according to the number of members of a family. Taxes are cut in half. (Time Magazine, August 15, 1932.)

It seems from the capitalist press that "Chiang Kai Shek has matters firmly in hand" again. Well, maybe—but we have just learned that war risk insurance in Shanghai rose from \$4 per year, which was the rate for 1931, to from \$192 to \$264 per year, which is the rate for 1932.

IMPERIALIST TOOL

The Nationalist government is desperately trying to save itself. But from whom? From Japan? Or U. S. imperialism? Or British aggression? Not if one is to judge by the direction of their fire. While the imperialists are again marching in Hangkow, Shanghai and in the north in Jehol, the Nationalist government sentenced Paul and Gertrude Rugg, two Swiss friends of the Chinese revolutionary masses, to life imprisonment. In a Chinese prison means death in a very few years.

The cowardly Nationalist government, unable to maintain its robber hold against imperialist aggression, is trying to show its "stability" by murdering revolutionary workers.

The long bloody record of this coterie, its cowardice in the face of foreign imperialism, its betrayal of the Chinese masses, its shooting down of striking workers will mark their regime as one of the ugliest in all history.

The Anti-Imperialist League, with headquarters in San Francisco, is appealing to all to help them fight for the release of Paul and Gertrude Rugg. Address them care of the Western Worker for what you can do.

YOUNG COMMUNISTS TAKE NOTICE

Hundreds of thousands of homeless boys and girls in the U. S. are wandering over the highways, aimlessly looking for a means of livelihood. (The San Francisco News reveals that there are 200,000 "child nomads.") Only a few years ago the press

raved at the "Bezprezhoni," the homeless children made orphans by the war and counter-revolution, who roamed the Soviet Union.

The First Workers' Republic gradually gathered up these children and made them splendid useful members of proletarian society.

Now several years have passed. With the growth of industry and the rise of culture the "Bezprezhoni" have become a matter of history in the U. S. S. R. And with the decay of capitalism they become a matter of current life in this country.

A conference of "community chest and welfare" workers in California reported that 600 homeless people were daily entering California through Yuma, Arizona, alone—out of these 80 per cent were under 21 years of age. Roph will probably welcome them into the youth forced labor camps to be set up.

That's a job in organization for our Young Communist League. **FIRST INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY**

The month of September is the anniversary month of the founding of the modern scientific socialist movement. On the 28th of September, 1864, in St. Martins Hall, London, Marx led in the establishment of the International Workingmen's Association, popularly known as the First International.

There was a Second International. It might have been called the league for the suppression of workingmen. The Communist International is continuing the work for which the I. W. M. A. was founded.

Did Marx envisage the Russian revolution while he was speaking in St. Martins Hall? He not only foresaw it, but outlined it in its chief details. Marxism has been "destroyed" a million times since he first outlined its main tenets in his monumental work "Capital."

But Marxism is stronger today than any movement in modern times. Its ultimate victory is assured by the Leninist policy and leadership of the comintern.

The best way to commemorate the founding of the First International is to study the works of Marx and Lenin, and to be an active worker in the first ranks of the working class, the Communist Party.

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STITT WILSON FAILS TO SHOW UP AT DEBATE

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 25.—Stitt Wilson, Socialist candidate for congress failed to appear in debate against Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party, which was widely advertised to take place at Odd Fellows Hall, Oakland, on August 25. Sam Darcy spoke before the audience of over 500 workers who were made up largely of old time socialists, and responded very enthusiastically to every point made in the expose of the S. P.

NEVADA WORKERS EAGER TO HEAR ABOUT U. S. S. R.

RENO, Aug. 18.—Three successful meetings were held in Nevada. The meetings were addressed by Comrade Snyder, who told the workers of Socialist construction in the Soviet Union. The meeting in Reno was attended by about 100, Fallon 150. At the Reno meeting 10 joined the F. S. U. The meeting at Sparks was not very large due to the fact that the local paper sabotaged the ad for it, and leaflets were put out late, but the crowd responded very well to the lecture.