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## RETURNS SHOW GREAT STEAL OF RED L. A. VOTES; LIBERTY PARTY WITH MONTANA BOSSES

### Montana Communists Almost Elect Entire County Slate But For Liberty Party Catch Phrases

### Election Officials Won't Count Communist Votes in Many Parts

## I. L. D. PROTEST JIM CROW POLICY OF S. F. POLICE

### Demands Removal of Two Cops Enforcing Race Discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 18.—The International Labor Defense has submitted to Chief Quinn a formal demand for the immediate dismissal of officers Sidney Du Bose and James McConnell who arrested Mrs. Consuelo Kanaga and Mrs. Nevo K. Brown on November 16th.

DuBose arrested them when they were out auto riding with Mac Daniels, a young Negro chauffeur. DuBose stated that he comes from the South where they have Jim Crow Laws and such things do not happen, "and when he sees white women with a Negro he intends to take them in and have them explain."

In the statement the International Labor Defense stated that it is accusing not only the two officers of Jim Crowism but the entire police department in the city of San Francisco pointing out that this case comes only a few days after the refusal on the part of the police department to grant a dance permit to the Fillmore Workers Center because Negroes would not be barred. This was refused outright by Captain Healy.

Another petitioner went to see Chief Quinn in regard to getting a permit for a dance next Saturday, was refused by the Chief's assistant at the Hall on the same ground.

The International Labor Defense states in its resolution to Chief Quinn that it will carry on the fight for full racial equality and to break down Jim Crow barriers in the city.

## MOONEY SENDS I. L. D. CONGRATULATIONS ON SCOTTSBORO

### Says "It Is Milestone in History of Defense Tactics"

NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 17.—The National office of the International Labor Defense received the following telegram of congratulations from Tom Mooney on the Scottsboro victory:

Nov. 17, 1932  
International Labor Defense, 80 E. 11th Street, New York City.  
Congratulations on your epochal victory in the Scottsboro case, a momentous milestone in the history of mass defense tactics. There is no doubt that it was the tremendously effective national and international campaign organized by the International Labor Defense and International Red Aid that was the determining factor in the decision of the United States Supreme Court to grant the Scottsboro boys a new trial. The tidal wave of protest from workers and sympathizers of all colors and nationalities has thus far saved the framed up Negro children from being burned in the electric chair. This victory should be an inspiration to every worker and a challenge not only to the lynchers of the South but the framers and jailers of workers the world over. In spite of this victory the workers must not relax for a moment. They must continue the fight until these Negro children have been freed from the clutches of the bloodthirsty lynchers of Alabama.  
TOM MOONEY.

## LAGUNA HONDA HOME INMATES POISONED BY CHARITY FOOD

### Officials Admit 56 Poisoned, Hush Up Incident

### 2 Reported Dead

### Same Food Served to Others On Charity Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—With at least two reported dead, and more than 150 violently ill as a result of eating poisoned food at the Laguna Honda Home for indigent poor, another ghastly page is written in the Unwholesome record of the Rossi administration and their county relief director, M. Wollenberg.

The first hint of the tragedy reached the outside world, Monday when the News carried a sensational headline that 56 were poisoned as a result of eating the food. The next edition of the News did not even mention the incident. The following morning the Examiner carried a short notice buried under unimportant news in which Wollenberg was reported to have said that pickled pork was the result of the trouble.

### HUSHED UP

Evidently Wollenberg or Rossi halted publication of the details, especially in view of the Community Chest drive at present. Wollenberg is the director of the home.

Correspondents of the Western Worker were able to learn from workers at the home that two actually died and the figure of those poisoned is almost three times the number reported. It is very difficult to learn more details in view of the stool pigeon system in the (Continued on Page 3)

## COMMUNIST PARTY OF BELLINGHAM TO NAME CITY TICKET

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 18.—Two Communist candidates were nominated today to run for councilmen in the city elections, December 5. John Reed was nominated from the second ward, and John Cairns from the sixth. The caucus also unanimously adopted a platform proposed by the Communist Party.

The platform includes the following demands:

- Immediate relief for the unemployed.
- Stop all evictions, foreclosures, light, gas and water shutoffs.
- No discrimination because of Age, Sex or Color, Nationality, or Political Belief.
- All relief paid in cash.
- Abolish forced labor. No wage cuts.
- Provide for needy veterans.
- Free medical, dental and hospital care for workers.
- Inaugurate building program to benefit workers.

## 400 Ranch Workers Strike at Vacaville

### Agricultural Workers Industrial Union Leads; 250 Join Union; Won't Work For Less Than \$1.50 Per Day

VACAVILLE, Calif., Nov. 21.—This morning the strike picket placed benches and boxes on the street crossing the main street of Vacaville to prevent trucks bringing scabs from getting thru. The chief of police came over and arrested six of the pickets at the point of a gun.

More than one hundred pickets including women and children massed around and forced the release of the pickets. Yesterday there was a strike meeting, attended by over 500, including Phillipino, Japanese, and Spanish. A collection of \$25.00 was made for the strikers.

VACAVILLE, Calif., Nov. 19.—Latest reports from the 400 strikers on the ranches here are that the strike under the leadership of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is solid and all attempts to bring in scabs have been frustrated by militant solidarity between the strikers and unemployed workers.

The strikers are well organized in broad strike committees. The first meeting of the strikers was on Wednesday in the back yard of one of the workers at which there were 200 present. Company superintendents, police and stool pigeons were well in evidence, but did not dare to interfere because of the militancy of the workers.

Despite attempts on the part of the Bosses papers to minimize the strike, it already started to spread to Suisun and Woodland.

The strike broke out on the Frank Buck ranch when, immediately following his election to Congress as a Democrat, he cut wages for all pruning and other work from \$1.50 per 8-9 hour day to \$1.25 for a strict nine hour day.

The following demands were drawn up and the strike spread to the nearby ranches: 1. \$1.50 minimum wage; 2. 8 hour day; 3. No evictions pending settlement of the strike; 4. No discrimination by employers or workers, regardless of race or color; 5. Free transportation to and from job; 6. Tools to be provided by employers; 7. Complete recognition of the Agricultural Workers Industrial League.

## K. K. K. RAIDS WORKERS HOME BEAT DEFENSELESS WORKERS

### Long Beach Police Promised Thugs There Will Be No Interference

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 19.—Supported by more than three hundred enraged workers, Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, forced the City Council this afternoon to condemn the Klan raid on a worker's home here last Wednesday, to decide for a grand jury investigation of the raid, and to adopt a motion to investigate at a public hearing the evidences of police collusion with the Ku Klux Klan thugs. The Grand Jury will conduct its investigation Nov. 21 and the Council an open hearing on Nov. 25. A mass meeting of workers previous to the latter dates is being arranged to prevent the hearing becoming a further attempt at whitewashing the brutal affair and covering up the known connection of the police. Murphy, chief or detective, is reported to have been in possession of full knowledge of the raid and to have agreed to keep his hands off.

Protests are already coming in from other cities of California and the West. All workers organizations and individuals must act at once, sending their protests to the Long Beach City Council.

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 17.—With drawn revolvers a gang of Ku Klux Klan raided a group of defenseless workers at a private home early today, severely beat and attempted to kidnap several workers. (Continued on Page 3)

## COAST HUNGER CARAVANS GET GREAT SUPPORT DESPITE GOVERNMENT ORDER, K. K. K. THREATS

## STATE HUNGER MARCH TO SACRAMENTO JAN. 10

### Delegations from All Western Cities Join March to Washington. Met by Enthusiastic Mass Meetings; Get Food, Clothing, Shelter and Funds from Cheering Workers, Farmers

### Hunger March to Sacramento to Demand that State Give Real Relief, and Will Fight Forced Labor Camps, When Legislature Opens

## MANY NORTHWEST TOWNS REPRESENTED IN HUNGER CARAVAN

### Fine Response Makes Big Delegation Possible

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 15.—Determined to place before the capitalist congress, Dec. 5, the demands of the workers for Unemployment and Social Insurance, immediate payment of the Bonus, and farm relief, at the expense of the bosses, ten marchers arrived from Portland yesterday, joined with the local delegates elected at a mass rally here, and started east to Washington, D. C. The thirty-six delegates included four marine workers, and thirty-two unemployed and veterans from Bellingham, Salem, Newberg, Astoria and Portland. Two farmer delegates, from Roseburg and Swanson, Oregon, were in the march, as well as four veterans who tasted Hoover's gas-bombs last July. The Northwest delegation, Column 1, will meet twenty-one more farmer delegates, some of them women, in eastern Oregon and Idaho.

The militant fight of the rank and file members of the Central Federation of the Unemployed Citizens Leagues forced them to endorse the National Hunger March and give credentials to the delegates. Seattle is one of the cities where the support of such organizations has been won. Substantial collections have been taken up to defray expenses, but so many more went than had been provided for that many squads left by freight. Particularly handy was the warm clothing contributed, as snow is reported most of the way east from the Cascade Mountains. Another veterans delegation is being organized, to join those already under way, in Washington, or before the borders of Maryland and Virginia are reached.

## DEPORT MARSHALL TO ENGLAND

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 18.—Word was received today by the International Labor Defense that G. N. Marshall will be deported to England on December 15, as a result of his working-class activities.

## Southern Column Starts with 20; Passes Yuma, Ariz.

YUMA, Ariz., Nov. 16.—The twenty delegates of Column 3 (Southern California) of the National Hunger March arrived here today after the long, hot trip from San Diego. Last night three hundred enthusiastic San Diego workers gave them a substantial send-off at Woodbine Hall. A large amount of food and clothing and a good collection which raised the cash total to \$180 was donated, and all the marchers are in fine spirits. One woman delegate accompanies the column.

## COLUMN 2 CARAVAN REINFORCED WITH DELEGATES ON WAY

### Will Join Large Utah Contingent at Salt Lake

### Bulletin. Column 2

ELKO, Nevada, Nov. 18.—Column 2 arrived in Elko at 12:00 Noon and held a street meeting, attended by a large crowd of workers. Four joined the Unemployed Council. A delegation was sent to the Mayor to demand a place to eat, clean up and sleep. The Mayor was out, but the Superintendent of Supervisors consented to furnish the city camp grounds and cabins which are well equipped.

The delegation made preparations for the long lap to Salt Lake. At Winnemucca the only offers for night lodging was a dirty old church with no lights or heat, a lot outside the city limits, or the city jail. But all were refused. The caravan proceeded to a place 15 miles further and parked on a breaking camp.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 17.—Threats of the Ku Klux Klan, and letters from the District of Columbia urging all local governments to "discourage" the National Hunger Marchers have had no effect on the enthusiastic backing of the unemployed, veterans and farmers. Today, when their committee (Continued on Page 3)

## CALL TO MARCH ON SACRAMENTO WHEN LEGISLATURE OPENS

### Campaign For Conferences To Elect Delegates Starts Now

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—The State Hunger March Committee elected from the ranks of the hunger marchers on January 11, has issued a call for another march on Sacramento when the legislature opens, on January the 10th, 1933.

The call points out that Governor Rolph's answer to the unemployed almost a year ago, promised that the spring will bring work, there would be no need for relief, that the counties will give adequate aid. But in practice we see the number of unemployed has grown and that misery has increased to an unheard of degree. In many counties there is practically no kind of relief other than Red Cross flour. The state made no appropriations and the only steps taken was to double the forced labor camps for the coming winter.

The call goes on to show that the hunger march last year and the county hunger marches later have forced a considerable increase in relief rations, and that a Hunger March this year will organized from every town in the state, backed by a mass workers movement will force even greater concessions.

A campaign for wide conferences of the jobless is to begin in every town, from which delegates for the march will be elected. The State Hunger March Committee at 1223 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, will propose demands for consideration to the conferences. Organizers will be sent to all parts of the state and the line of march will soon be made public.

## SAN MATEO JOBLESS COMMITTEE FIGHTS FAKERS FOR RELIEF

### Present Demand That Rich Be Taxed One Million

SAN MATEO, Calif., Nov. 17.—In a Mass Demonstration November 15th, the San Mateo Unemployed Council presented a resolution with demands to the San Mateo Relief Committee. The demands were adopted at a Mass Meeting held the day before at the U. C. Hall.

The workers numbering fifty headed by J. M. Reynolds filed into the headquarters of the local Relief Fakers, all the members of the Committee were in session, also the Chief of Police. The latter seeing the workers present telephoned for the "San Mateo Red Squad."

The resolution demanded that \$1,000,000 be collected from the wealthy citizens of the County for relief, no red tape for hospitalization, that one of the Unemployed Council be appointed for committee in charge of distributing relief jobs at \$3.00 per day to see to it that there is no favoritism, and other minor demands.

When the resolution was handed to the Chief Charity Faker, he refused to consider the petition, and one committeeman ordered Reynolds out, "shut up" or be thrown (Continued on Page 3)

## Jobless Get Very Little of Portland Chest Funds

By WILLIAM MORGAN

The Community Chest of Portland gets over three-quarters of a million dollars from workers. But not for relief of unemployed workers. Exactly the contrary. The Portland Community Chest turns over the money to thirty-eight agencies that use it against the working-class.

Any starving worker who has tried to pry loose 5c worth of crumbs from these "relief" agencies will testify that Community Chest claims are thinly disguised horse-dish.

The amazing thing is that the Community Chest of Portland in their own leaflet, "Social Work is The Balance Wheel..." admits they are to put down the struggles of the workers to get real relief. They say:

"Every agency in the Chest membership has been fighting its own battles against the by-products of unemployment, mental bitterness and discontent, increased delinquency and lawlessness among boys and girls, lower standards of living, lower standards of health, restlessness and uncertainty as to the future, which threatens the whole community."

There is no question what this says. The agencies are for the purpose to dope the workers with hot air so they will starve off quietly.

To prove this we need only go further into their own leaflet. Of the thirty-eight Agencies, getting a total of \$787,296, only one can be said to be a direct relief agency, the Public Welfare Bureau. This Agency gets but \$54,986, or 7c out of each dollar.

But this outfit is for direct relief only in the way the bosses look at it. This means salaries and graft. As they put it, "personal service in distribution of food, fuel and clothing." An army of "visitors," social experts, secretaries and sub-secretaries, etc., must get paid out of the 7c before the unemployed are entitled to their crumbs.

## Y. M. and Y. W. get \$115,000; Religious Organizations Get Bulk of Funds; Unemployed Get Pennies

Where does the rest of the money, 93c out of each dollar, go?

### SEVENTEEN CHURCHES GET \$170,289

Church organizations that have discovered it is good business to racketeer in "charity," such as the Catholic Charitable Societies, and other well-known fraud schemes like the Salvation Army, get \$170,289.

To say that these outfits give away nothing to the jobless would be incorrect. Better, they give away nothing to the jobless unless they make a neat profit on the transaction for themselves and for the capitalist system of mass misery and unemployment.

Let us consider them. Catholic Charitable Societies are to get \$44,066. This is divided up

among two types of institutions, homes for the aged and infirm, such as the Jeanne d'Arc Home, and forced labor orphanages, such as the St. Mary's Home for Boys and the St. Rose Industrial School. These homes for the aged are richly financed by dying Catholic bosses who see the need for buying their way into heaven by turning over part of a life-time of spoils robbed from the workers. The homes for boys are inevitably connected with forced labor farms where free child labor and cheap (usually donated) food makes it possible to make a profit farming though other farmers are losing their shirts.

The Federation of Jewish Societies top the Catholics in looting the Community Chest. They get \$53,786. Their various "societies" however, differ only in name from

the Catholics. Their intent is identical: to keep the workers from organizing together for militant struggles.

## SECOND HAND BUSINESS TOO

The Salvation Army and their lesser rivals in the second hand furniture, old rags, bottles and bones business, the Volunteers of America and the Good Will Industries, get paid together \$74,737. Besides this they get tens of thousands of dollars from the sale of chopped wood, repaired furniture, painted up junk, etc., which represents the work of "men who are down but not yet out"—men who can still be exploited, for a miserable bowl of soup and a louse infested bed. O, Yes, these three little rivals are also religious!

There are four freak Agencies feeding at the Portland trough: Children's Farm Home of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, getting \$9,000 to help them exploit homeless kids up to 18 years of

# Charity Officials Call Cops to Beat Unemployed Comm.

# FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

## 18 ARRESTED WHILE FIGHTING EVICTION AT S. F. CHARITIES

Office Flunkies Put in Riot Call When Committee of 50 Appears

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Police thugs beat half a dozen workers, and an eight-year-old girl, and arrested eighteen here Friday when a committee of 50 men and women, under the leadership of the Fillmore Unemployed Council demanded relief for Mrs. Richey and her six children, living at 1153 Turk Street.

The Richeys had been refused aid again and again, and the charities were trying to deport them to Santa Rosa, where she lived nine months ago and where there was no assurance of work or relief. They were found in a weak condition from starvation by a committee from the Unemployed Council. Mrs. Richey was unable to walk the short distance to the charities with the committee.

The committee was headed by Comrade Rhine, who explained the purpose of the visit. Without warning police empowered flunkies set upon him while others phoned the Bush street station and a riot squad responded. Without warning the brutes with clubs, and, it is reported, pistol butts, set upon the men, women and children.

The workers were not cowed by this brutality. One young worker stood upon a chair and, as others defended him against stool pigeons and cops, he told how the Richey family were found starving, and exposed the charity racketeers.

Those not beaten down or under arrest stood their ground and did not give up the fight until ample food, cash, medical aid and rent for the family had been provided. Mrs. Richey was assured by the heads of the charities that she would not be "overlooked" again, but she "should stay away from those radicals, because they are dangerous."

All arrested are out on bail and the hearings are set for Wednesday, November 23, when all workers should appear in Judge Fritts' court in protest of their illegal arrest and brutal treatment.

## BRIEFS...

### To Be Evicted at 75

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 16.—Mary Brown, age 75, faces eviction from her own home by the Guarantee Mortgage Company because she can no longer find work and meet her payments. After 25 years of drudgery and hard work to save pennies, she now faces either the State Poor Farm for the aged or homeless, starvation on the streets of sunny California. This is the fate of small home owners under capitalism.

### Three Meals a Day Is Considered Fair Wage in Sebastopol

SEBASTOPOL, Calif., Nov. 18.—Single workers on at least seven ranches here are paid a "wage" of three meals a day. Nothing else. Workers with families to support get \$c per hour. Imagine supporting a family on \$c an hour in the winter season when the rain will not permit full time work. For these handsome wages we must plough or prune apple trees.

### Going Red, Says Stump Rancher

ROCHESTER, Wash., Nov. 14.—We had thirteen votes cast in the November 8th election for the Communist candidate for Governor, Fred Walker in this precinct out of 50 votes. The Liberty and Democratic Parties got the most. Hoover received but two votes. Four Years ago, Hoover got them all.

This shows discontent, and some intelligent discontent. People are slowly getting more brains than saw dust in their upstairs! Four years from now I hope we will have Soviet American with still more brains.

### 250 Attend Tacoma Nov. 7 Celebration

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 11.—250 workers attended the Soviet Anniversary Celebration here. A fine program was carried through. The workers endorsed the Hunger March.

## Yakima Bosses Get Swell Idea for Cheap Job

YAKIMA, Wash., Nov. 18.—The Yakima Daily Republic, explains a plan of forced labor here. The fact is revealed that each head of a family will earn the great sum of thirty-one and two-thirds cents per day.

The article follows:  
475 MEN WILL BE AT WORK ON POOL  
Unemployment Relief Project Is Worked Out in Detail by Club and Officials

Construction of the huge \$9000 swimming pool in Lions park and preliminary development of the new city park site near the Washington Junior High School, will give employment to 475 family heads for a period of 30 days this winter, says C. E. Crowover, city engineer, who announced plans for the pool at the Lions club luncheon yesterday. Men employed on the project will receive tickets for food, fuel and clothing available at the unemployed citizens' commissary.

### COST KEPT DOWN

While the cost of the pool, which will be the largest in central Washington, is estimated at \$9000, the actual cost will be about \$4500, since half of the total expenditure would ordinarily go for labor. The \$4500 to be used for purchase of cement, steel and other materials for the pool, will be paid equally by the Lions club and by the city park department. This agreement was made several months ago when the Lions club donated the new park site near the Washington school to the city. Crowover reports.

## Bergesen Prepares to Rob Pittsburg Workers of \$10,000

PITTSBURG, Calif., Nov. 4.—Stanley Bergesen, chairman of the finance committee of the local relief organization, is busy chiseling the pay checks of the workers of Pittsburg for a \$10,000 relief fund. 600 persons in this small city are totally unemployed and in need of relief.

Most of the rest of the workers need relief too, but can't get it because they are working a few days each week or every other week. Yet these part-time workers are expected to put up the \$10,000.

One example of the situation is in the steel mill, where three successive wage cuts have been made. 35% of the workers' wages have been cut off. In the sheet mill they work three days a week—or less; the tin mill works five days a week, the rolling mill every other week. And these part-time workers are "asked" to share what's left of their wages with the unemployed workers.

What per cent of their salaries are the bosses giving to this fund? The Steel Mill bosses show their big-heartedness by selling their coal from the company mines in Utah to the workers in the steel mill at \$12 a ton. A dealer, buying coal from the mine, pays about \$5 a ton, so the "big-hearted bosses" are making a profit on their coal.

## Santa Clara Block Committees

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Nov. 10.—The first block committee was organized here three weeks ago. Now there are eight. Fifty members attended the Mooney Mass Meeting in San Francisco last Sunday. We are all busy now gathering clothes, food and money for the National Hunger March.

## Competing Soup-Lines in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—There is plenty of misery in this city of roses. Hooversville are changing their names to Rooseveltvilles. The old Hooversvilles still stand, and new Rooseveltvilles are being opened.

On Holiday Avenue there are two soup-lines, one next to the river, and the other one block East. There is competition even in this racket. One of the Missions is trying to hypnotize the poor stiff with song and music. For two nights in succession before the elections they sang: "I am on the Sunny Side" over and over again for an hour! The links in charge of this racket were strong for Hoover, and they seem to get fat from the racket. The songs are more tragic now the election is over. But if I am not mistaken the racket will be going on as long as the workers stand for it, so it is time to wake up.

## SICK BOY REFUSED CARE BECAUSE OF FOREIGN FATHER

Fresno Welfare Burocrat Proves Self a Tool of Bosses

SANGER, Calif., Nov. 20.—On October 31, I bought one of your papers, and read how the Communist Party fights for the poor farmers and workers. I was surprised because I did not hear about it before.

I bought a farm of 40 acres in this district, and I am now convinced I have to give the place up. I have a large family, a wife and seven children.

Now I want to tell you how the capitalists treated me.

A short time ago my boy got sick. I took him to the General Hospital at Fresno because I could not afford to pay a private doctor. They sent me to the County Supervisors who in turn sent me to the public welfare director, Mr. Ledbetter, who saw me after a long delay.

He asked me where I was from, where the boy was from, etc. When I told him I was not a citizen, but the boy was born in Fresno he said, "It is alright with the boy, but we have no use for you."

He refused to take the boy in the hospital. He is still sick, and can't go to school. That is why I turned Communist.

## Jobless Mobilize for Showdown in Santa Clara, Cal.

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Nov. 15.—On Pierce Street, a man with five children to care for has gone to San Jose twelve times for relief, and been turned down every time. On Alhambra Street a man supporting his aged parents and his five children has been turned down cold by the Community Chest.

A man with seven children had his automobile taken away and sold for \$20 to pay a milk bill for that amount. Now the children get no milk.

On November 7, fifty families went to the City Hall in Santa Clara for relief. They were sent to San Jose where they were told nothing could be done for them as too many other families had to be taken care of.

We know from experience that the Community Chest funds don't get to the unemployed. But we are on the right track to get relief when we join and build block committees. Soon we will be strong enough to take if the bosses will not give us relief! JOIN A BLOCK COMMITTEE. MOBILIZE!

—Worker Correspondent.

# Filipino Peasants in Struggle Against U. S. Imperialism

NOTE:—The Communist Party Districts on the West Coast are charged with the task of establishing patronage over the revolutionary movement of the Philippine Islands and help them in every way possible to carry on the struggle against American imperialism. The Western Worker will endeavor to publish much more material in the future on the struggles of the Filipino workers and peasants.—Editor.

By PAUL LEVIN

In the last few months there have been a number of facts which go to show that the patience and endurance of the poor peasants of the Philippine Islands, especially in Luzon, are at an end. These peasants are realizing that the only course open to them in order to escape death from starvation is to fight against the semi-feudal exploitation of the landlords and American imperialism. From May to July last there were continual strikes of tenants in Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Bulacan and other provinces, in Luzon. All branches of Philippine economy, without exception, have been seriously affected by the capitalist world crisis, and the situation is deteriorating from day to day. The disastrous drop in prices of agricultural products has deprived the peasants of almost their entire income. The prices of sugar, cocoa-nut oil, copra, hemp and rice, which are the main products of the islands, have dropped to one fourth of the 1919 level, whilst ground rent and interest on loans have increased twofold. On top of all this, enormous tax burdens have been imposed on the toiling masses. Under the pretext of combating "Soviet dumping" and protecting home industry, customs duties have been increased which have resulted in a rise in the prices of articles of daily use, and further customs measures are contemplated. This

## CONTEST

All Worker Correspondents Are In It THE BEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORKER CORRESPONDENCE PAGE OF EACH ISSUE WILL BE NAMED AND A PRIZE GIVEN.

THE PRIZE WILL BE A 50c BOOK OR THE EQUIVALENT IN ANY WORKING CLASS PAMPHLETS NAMED.

THE CONTEST WILL GO ON INDEFINITELY. WE WANT TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE THIS PAGE AS THE VOICE OF THE WORKERS AND POOR FARMERS. KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING, AND YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK:

- (1) Keep each letter below 300 words.
- (2) Have it in by Wednesday morning of each week.
- (3) Write plainly so we can read them.
- (4) Stick to facts and state where you get them.
- (5) Deal with the struggles of the Workers and Poor farmers.
- (6) Sign the name you want published (but your name and address separately).

COME ON COMRADES! LET'S PUT REAL LIFE INTO THIS PAGE!

## TRIES TO EVICT SAN JOSE FAMILY LATE AT NIGHT

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 21.—Steve Cardinelli, an Italian worker, was burned to death in an accident, leaving a wife and five children. They had bought a home at 979 Vine Street, with a lifetime's savings. They could not keep up the payments, because of the crisis.

Shortly after Cardinelli's death, the greedy owner of the house sent people very late at night to the house, woke up Mrs. Cardinelli and the children, and ordered them out of the house immediately. Neighbors who were awakened by the excitement protested so strongly that the family was not thrown out that night. A few days later they were compelled to move to 1274 Palm Street.

Only a powerful Unemployed Council can prevent such persecution of the workers and force the bosses to allow jobless workers a roof over their heads.

## Unemployed Council in Soquel, Calif.

SOQUEL, Calif., Nov. 20.—Santa Cruz County is the third richest in California, yet there are families in Soquel and other towns who are starving and need clothes. The unemployed workers go to the Red Cross and other relief organizations, and all we get is insults and promises.

And jobs are so scarce you can't buy one.

I am an unemployed worker and an ex-soldier. I am an organizer of the Unemployed Council of Soquel. The only way we can have our rights is to organize and fight for them. All workers agreeing should write to me, H. B. Thompson, P. O. Soquel, Calif.

—W. G. P.

## Monterey Jobless Force Ney Otis to Withdraw Threats

MONTEREY, Calif., Nov. 18.—A committee from the Unemployed Council called on Ney Otis, head of the County Relief, to check up on a story that implied that anyone belonging to the Unemployed Council would not be given relief.

Miss Banker, bureaucratic assistant of Otis, had told a family to get out of the Council or relief would be cut off. She also threatened machine guns would be used if necessary to put down any mass action of the jobless.

A few days later, Otis announced in the "Herald" that he would be glad to give relief to the unemployed council members.

Though they will threaten and try to intimidate us we know they fear the Unemployed Council. As long as we are strongly organized they don't dare cut off relief. Join the Unemployed Council.

## Fallon, Nev. News

FALLON, Nev., Nov. 21.—Wages on large ranches for farm hands have been chopped to \$15 per month, figuring board and all. A few road contractors have resumed work suspended when the banks closed.

A movement for a moratorium on taxes started recently, has been turned down by the higher ups as impossible. However, many here will not be able to pay any taxes. Officials fear a tax strike which is being advocated by the United Farmers League.

Local prospectors have signed a petition for demanding a prospectors' school taught by mining school professors—as if in some way more knowledge might stabilize a dying system.

—W. G. P.

## NEGRO, WHITE JOIN TO SMASH RELIEF DISCRIMINATION

San Mateo Unemployed Council Leading Fight

SAN MATEO, Calif., Nov. 22.—To break down relief discrimination, an Unemployed Council committee went to the Relief Committee's headquarters with over thirty Negro workers on November 9.

The Relief Committee had pretended ignorance a week before when charged by the Unemployed Council with discrimination.

One family of four was refused relief, according to an investigator because they were growing vegetables. In reality the "vegetables" were a patch of cabbage plants six inches high. This family had nothing to eat in the house when the Unemployed Council representative called. There was no gas or lights and the children were crying.

As a result of the demonstration emergency relief was given out. One woman who had registered for work over nine months was given a job the next day.

Following the successful demonstration, an enthusiastic meeting was held at the U. C. headquarters. One woman got up and said "Thank God for the Unemployed Council!" The truth is, she should thank her fellow-workers for sticking together until the bosses were forced to give relief.

## Forget Taxes, says Watsonville Farmer

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Nov. 14.—In my neighborhood farmhouses are old. One neighbor said, "I dread to think of winter; the roof leaks like a sieve."

I asked why not buy the shingles for \$40 or \$50. He said he had to pay the taxes, and he would have to borrow to do that.

This strikes me as wrong. Taxes go to support an army of well-fed chair warmers who certainly do not have to put up with any leaky roofs. Why does a farmer who works twelve to fourteen hours a day have to put up with a leaky roof just to keep the tax leeches comfortable and happy?

If we farmers took our neighbors half as seriously as we do the tax collectors, we could organize a little and put an end to tax collecting! One of the points in the program of the United Farmers League is no tax collection from the impoverished farmers to the extent of tax strikes and mass fights against evictions. This sounds good around here.

—N. H.

## Comrade Alilluieva Dead

MOSCOW, Nov. 11.—More than 100,000 workers participated in the funeral of Nadiezda Alilluieva, wife of Comrade Stalin. Comrades Stalin, Molotov and other members of the Central Committee headed the funeral cortege which was a mile long. Comrade Stalin's children, a boy and girl, also followed behind the red hearse.

Comrade Alilluieva was 32 years old. She was a staunch Bolshevik since her early youth, and was an expert in the production of artificial silk.

## Hitler Dictatorship Looms

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 18.—Von Papen, dictator of Germany, resigned and as is now apparent left the position open to Hitler, who is in Berlin negotiating with Hindenburg to make the arrangements.

In the meantime the most important bourgeois interests, in fear of the great red rise are endorsing Hitler for Chancellor.

The Reinish-Westphalen Gazette, speaking for the heavy industry groups, endorses Hitler for president.

## Iceland No Exception

REYKYAVIK, Iceland, Nov. 10.—Many workers and about 20 policemen were injured when workers under Communist leadership demonstrated against the town Council's refusal to extend public work to aid the Unemployed.

## 1,000 Paraguaians Killed in Battle

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Nov. 16.—Military officials here claim that more than 1,000 Paraguaians were killed or wounded during the unsuccessful assault on Fort Saavedra in the Gran Chaco. This was the fiercest battle since the war started.

## 12,000 Guard Prince

BELFAST, North Ireland, Nov. 16.—More than 12,000 guards had to be provided to protect the Prince of Wales when he visited Belfast on the occasion when the New Parliament building was dedicated here.

## Anti-Soviet Plot Exposed

LONDON, England, Nov. 16.—The London Correspondent of the "Izvestia" official paper of the Soviet Government, exposed the plot being hatched by the British Intelligence Service for forging documents to "prove" that Stalin is engineering hunger marches on London. The fact is revealed that orders have been placed with agents in Riga who have always been engaged in the manufacture of such false papers.

## Reduce Office Workers in U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Nov. 13.—Between 25,000 and 30,000 office workers will be shifted to collective farms and factories throughout the Soviet Union, as a result of the campaign started by the Soviet Government.

The aim is to reduce the clutter of office workers in government bureaus, and to fight against bureaucracy. The result will also mean reduction of office expenses and that factories short of labor will be supplied.

## Jobless Increase in Checho-Slovakia

PRAGUE, Checho-Slovakia.—Unemployment according to the Social Welfare Bureau has increased to 800,000. This however includes of those registered which is considerably less than the real figure which is above a million.

(The total population of Checho-Slovakia is 12,000,000).

## Ecuador Joining War

QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 17.—All male Ecuadorians between the age of 20 and 25 were ordered by a presidential decree to be registered for military service. Congress is considering joining forces with Columbia against Peru on the war over Leticia.

## Shoot Down Workers in Switzerland

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 15.—Troops fired on a demonstration of Communist and Socialist workers outside the hall where the Fascist "Union National" was holding a meeting, killing 12 and wounding more than 70.

While the leaders of the Socialist Party are content with mere phrasology about the martyrs, the Communist Party called a protest strike, throughout Switzerland. The Federal government has ordered troops against the strikers. Troops have been stationed in the workers quarters, of the large cities, and many arrests are being made.

## Impossible Work Offered Cripple in San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif., Nov. 21.—The head of the Relief Committee often refuses work to people who need it. But recently a worker with one leg cut off was offered work digging a ditch. Of course he could not do the work so no relief is given him. Such cynicism of these "charity" agent must be answered blow for blow. Join the Unemployed Council of San Mateo.

## Spokane Election Official Destroys Communist Ballots

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 14.—"I am a staunch Republican, and I shall take home all Communist and Socialist votes to start a fire in my stove these cool mornings." These were the words I heard from one of two women in charge of the polls in the little frame church on East 29th and Frey Sts. in the Lincoln Heights section of the city, at the close of voting November 8.

This is a workers section, and these two plous women who counted the votes are working-class women. But they refuse to see the Communist Party as theirs, whereas the other parties belong to their oppressors.

I believe that this is a typical example of how Communist votes are stolen all over the county. It shows we will never free ourselves thru the ballot box.

—R. S.

## C. P. Third in San Jose, Cal. Says Worcorr

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 19.—I checked up on four voting precincts and by subtracting recorded votes from the total cast found that the Communist Party though far behind the two capitalist parties, was easily in third place.

For instance, at the Fire House at 17th and Santa Clara, the "Socialists" who were nominally in third place got 4 votes, whereas the Communist write-in campaign got eleven—almost three times as much.

Roosevelt fooled the workers, because he called for a "new deal." Well, we know that capitalism is nothing but a gigantic poker game. What fooled the workers was that Roosevelt, though he called for a new deal, did not call for a new deal!

We workers must realize that Roosevelt will deal off the bottom of the same old marked deck as Hoover did, continuing to deal the workers out of their jobs and their right to live. While the A. F. of L. bureaucrats and the Socialist Party are now passing signals back and forth under the old worn out capitalist platform in an effort to keep the small business men from discovering that the Deck was both stacked and marked against them before the game started. The devil of it is you can't see what is going on in a poker game until you lose your wad and become a spectator.

The Communists have the only new Deck left. So get ready, workers, and be prepared to clear off the table so we will be able to start a new Deal with a new Deck!

# Seeing Red

The Klan, who "will not tolerate Communism," so they say, rode again on November 14 in Frisco under the nightgown of the "American Centurians." Centurians is a \$2 word for hundred-per-centers, but the 15,000 seat auditorium which a week before rang with cheers for Communism, was not even 1% full. Of the 130 present 33% were Communists. So the poor old Klan, who traded their white horse for a peddler's cart, admitted that maybe there was a lot of distress in the country and called it a job. The greatest distress was theirs—in that misguided workers will no longer buy 50c nightgowns at \$10 each.

But in vicious South of California, at Long Beach, a gang of ruffians attacked the family of a Spanish War veteran, broke the legs and shoulders of some of those present. Since a son of Georgia has been elected president, they feel free to bring out the Georgia method of Peace Officers hiding under the Klan's disguise to vent their spleen.

Hoover is rumored as future head of Stanford University. Perhaps teaching a class for young imperialists on "Exploiting Workers at Home and Abroad," or "How I Made An Alloy Of The Gold Standard."

Here's a sweet way the 12th Federal District bulletin juggles words to make wholesale wage-cutters seem like employment is increasing. "Both total wages paid and average earnings," it states, "declined more than did the number of employees."

The "Needle Worker," in its Oct. Nov. issue calls for aid to a strike thus: "Help Free The Heroic South River From Jail!" We've heard of the Revolutionary Wave, and the Upsurge, but we didn't know we were a river yet.

The Soviet Union delegates proposal that workers organizations be represented at the Geneva Disarmament Conference was violently opposed by capitalist nations who realize that the uneducated working class thinks disarmament means disarmament.

Tourists to Moscow wall at the unadorned wedding and divorce offices. Perhaps it is that unattractive office that keeps their divorce rate lower than anywhere else in the world. Or it might be the incomprehensible simple fact that it is because they live happy lives.

This one is old, but it is still good. Over the door of the Moscow marriage office is the slogan: "Workers of the World, Unite." And over the divorce office, "You Have Nothing to Lose But Your Chains."

After the hard, extra work of counting the thousands of Communist Write-in votes in California, the Socialist flunkies won't be so anxious to keep us off the ballot next time.

**INTIMATE PROBLEMS OF THE BOURGEOISIE**  
"I saw daughter kissing the milkman this morning," complained Mrs. Recently Rich.  
"Imagine!" cried her husband. "Wasting time on him when we owe the landlord fifty dollars!"

**PROBLEM IN CAPITALIST ECONOMY**  
A poor woman farmer at Marina, California, who had been buying canned milk for her family, needed a cow. A neighbor who could no longer feed his cow, sold it to her for the amount she spent weekly on canned milk. Now the woman cannot afford to buy hay, but having a surplus of carrots, feeds the cow on them. And there are many who, no doubt, need carrots and have hay they cannot sell. While bossy eats human food, humans who need vegetables cannot eat hay.

We're still open to contributions, comrades.

## Stockton Workers School Opens

STOCKTON, Calif., Nov. 21.—Fourteen students have joined the course in Fundamentals of Communism held every Monday night, 8 p.m., at the Workers School, 214 S. California Street. Plans include new classes in Principles of Organization and in Political Economy. These are circuit classes, the instructor teaching in Lodi Wednesday nights, as well. Interested workers can register at the California Restaurant in Lodi for attendance. Open Forums are held every Sunday night at the Workers Center in Stockton.

# Call for Defense of Philippine C. P. Leaders

## Supreme Court Rejects Appeal, Banishes Outstanding Leaders; Jail to Many

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—With the rejection by the Supreme Court of the appeal of the sentences imposed upon the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippine Islands, the American Section of the Anti-Imperialist League and the International Labor Defense have decided for a joint defense campaign.

It is planned to arouse a wide campaign especially on the west coast, to send protests to the governor of the Islands and demand the right for the Philippine Communist Party to exist legally.

The sentences banish the outstanding leaders from the most important provinces for a period of eight years. Cresanto Evangelista, outstanding leader of the Communist Party, and others were given a sentence of one year in prison in addition. The carrying out of these sentences threatens the Philippine Communist Party with the loss of its leadership.

The persecution of the Philippine Communists has been especially intensified during the last period because it was winning the support of the wide masses of the workers and peasants, particularly through the leadership of peasant strikes.

The Philippine Section of the American Anti-Imperialist League at 1223 Fillmore Street is calling upon the Filipino workers along the west coast to act immediately in this situation, and initiate the arrangement of meetings and form defense clubs. Workers organizations are called upon to send cables of protest to the governor demanding the release of the workers leaders.

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## Militant Farmers Prepare to Fight Farm Foreclosures

YAKIMA, Wash., Nov. 16.—At a meeting of 250 farmers in the Sumas-Nooksack high school on November 7 the questions of organizing to save their life's earnings were discussed.

The principal speaker was Archie Young of Mt. Vernon, Washington, who is the secretary of the Provisional Farmers Relief Conference in this state.

This group elected Jake Komen, a young farmer of Sumas, to go to Washington, D. C., to attend the National Farmers Relief Conference. Other delegates were selected to go to the State Conference, in Seattle.

During the past three weeks these farmers have formed seven committees of action to resist foreclosure and sheriff sales. These committees consist of from seven to fifteen members. The mass meeting was called and advertised through the committees of action.

V. HAINES.

## Columns from 30 States on Way to Farm Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—The six columns of farmers marching here for the Farmers' National Relief Conference to be held December 6 and 7 and to make demands on Congress for cash relief, no evictions and a moratorium on debts, "will not be interfered with unless they attempt to parade," Chief of Police Maj. Brown, told Lem Harris, Farmers' Executive Secretary last week.

Delegations from more than 30 states are already on the way. The conference will not only present demands but will also take up the steps that must follow in case they are not granted.

## Jobless Council of Monterey Gets Action from City

MONTEREY, Calif., Nov. 16.—A Committee of Comrades, O. A. Florey, George Seel, Mrs. Angelina Campos and Mrs. Mary Campos went to City Manager Dorton and Mayor Sandholt of Monterey to demand trucks, oil and gas for the Unemployed Council to collect fruit and vegetables from the farmers for the Unemployed Monday, November 14. The Mayor and the City Manager not only promised city and county trucks, gas and oil but will give free dental work to the unemployed.

The local committee of 15 which is supposed to distribute relief to the peninsula formerly refused to help the Unemployed Council with gas and oil, now has announced to the Unemployed Council Committee through Chairman Frisbee that the Committee of 15 will furnish gas and oil to the Unemployed Council to the extent of the distance to San Joaquin Valley and back. The Salvation Army has also promised another committee from the Council the use of a truck minus gasoline. Several truckloads have been secured and distributed. (tomatoes, vegetables, etc.)

Foam Street Block Committee meeting from which Block the Council's delegate to the Hunger March (Ramon Ramos) was sent, met on Tuesday Night, November 15. Aid for the family of the departed Hunger marcher was discussed. A Committee was appointed to secure milk from the county relief for three babies in the Delegate's family who up to the present have not received any aid from the milk fund.

—M. Child.

## MOONEY OLYMPIC RUNNERS TOURING CALIFORNIA TOWNS

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 20.—Starting from Fresno on November 16th and covering over 30 cities, two Tom Mooney Olympic Runners are touring California.

The meetings are under the auspices of the Young Communist League and the International Labor Defense. The object of the tour is to protest against the sentencing of the 6 Olympic runners to nine months in jail, whose case is coming up before the Appellate Court soon.

The tour includes the showing of the film showing the Olympic Mooney Demonstration.

The following is the schedule of the Northern tour:

Eureka, 23; Fort Bragg, 24; Petaluma, Cotati, 25th; Oakland 26th; San Jose, 27th; Salinas, 28th; Monterey, 29th; Watsonville, 30th; Santa Cruz, Dec. 1st; San Francisco, Dec. 2nd, and Sacramento, Dec. 3rd.

The Southern tour will be announced later.

## L. A. Youth Win Concessions in Relief Fight

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 15.—Thirteen young workers representing the Youth Committee of the Unemployed Council appeared before the Los Angeles County Relief Association Oct. 22, demanding immediate attention to seven cases.

As a result a young worker who had been ordered to leave home if his family were to receive aid, was told he could remain home and aid would not be stopped.

The other six were referred to a flop-house known as "Brother Tom's Mission." However, when they arrived at the Mission they were refused help.

The following Monday, three of the six were provided for at the insistence of a follow-up delegation.

—E. D.

Zuolaga, Spanish painter, will do Mellon's portrait. In oil with aluminum frame, no doubt.

# A Soviet Collective Farm Divides Its Income

An interesting picture of the way in which collective farms actually work is given by a report in the Soviet Press of a collective farm named "Successes of Stalin," located in the Middle Volga Region.

The collective farm, comprising 234 families, has just completed the distribution of its income for the current year, after fulfilling the year's program of grain deliveries by August 15. A total of 227 tons of grain was sold to the government out of a total grain crop of 619 tons.

The gross income of the farm for the year, estimated on the basis of the official prices for agricultural products, is close to 95,000 rubles. In addition to 235 tons of rye, 337 tons of wheat, 26 tons of oats and 19 tons of millet, the farm produces 66 tons of potatoes, 18 tons of sunflower seed and 1,600 tons of hay and straw.

After selling to the government the set quantity of agricultural products, the farm proceeded to collect a seed supply to be used for next year's sowing. Selected seed is used for this purpose. In addition, a supply of grain was collected for the feeding of the horses, sheep and hogs owned by the collective.

Before the crop was distributed among the members, some grain was also set aside to supply those peasants who have left to work in the cities, under agreements signed

**Is Your Organization in the Drive for the \$4500 Guarantee Fund?**

**The Fund Must Be Raised by Jan. 21st.**

It is to ensure the existence of the Western Worker for 1933.

It is to establish a print shop for the Western Worker.

Have you made all arrangements for the the First Birthday of the Western Worker on New Years Eve?

Hurry up there is no time to be lost if it is to be the grandest affair of the year.

**Next Week we will begin publishing the results of the financial drive to date. Make sure your organization is represented on the list.**

## Build the Western Worker LOOK ON THE WRAPPER!

If Number 26 is marked on the wrapper of the Western Worker, it means that your subscription has expired and you must renew it.

Don't miss a single issue, insure that it will continue coming mail in the renewal immediately!

This letter from Klamath Falls, Oregon, speaks for itself:

Dear Comrades:

Please send me more papers. I am sending \$2.00. I want to sell them on the street.

I am trying to build up a big circulation. And I think I am good for three hundred a week up here. I don't want credit. I am putting all my money in the Western Worker Weekly. I am always open to advice.

Your last issue went like hot cakes. I sold out in 10 minutes after I hit Main Street. Sorry I did not have more, just think of it, sold out only on one street. So hop them along, Big Shot, as I am a Hot Shot up here.

As ever yours, etc.

This is the spirit that will build the paper, comrades, so keep hot....and your example should fire up some of the other towns.

Bend, Oregon, presents an entirely different picture. The Western Worker agent went East on the Hunger March and nobody was appointed to take his place, resulting in a plea that the bundle order of 125 now be cut down. On the contrary, the news of the Hunger March printed in the Western Worker, and which Oregon capitalists sheets will not carry, should stimulate sales.

Workers crossing on the San Francisco Southern Pacific and Marin Ferries can now buy the Western Worker at the S. F. Ferry newsstands.

## Elections Results

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In Pima county the Communist candidate for tax commissioner received 2,419, for Supreme Court 776, all the other candidates averaged over 100, but Foster is given only 50 votes.

In Maricopa county Communist candidates for tax commissioner gets 6,699, for Supreme Court 1,509, Foster is given only 95.

Norman Thomas' vote is 2,608. There was a total of 118,260 votes cast.

## MENDOCINO COUNTY

FORT BRAGG, Nov. 14.—The only reports so far of Communist write-ins are: Casper 9, Noyo 8, Pudding Creek 11, Ranch 5.

The vote in the seven Fort Bragg precincts have not been made public yet, although here the vote is no doubt considerably heavier.

## Tacoma Workers Farmers Elect 3 For Hunger March

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 18.—As a result of various conferences of unemployed workers held in Tacoma, three delegates from this section of the country will go with the Hunger Marchers. These were Comrades Ulich and Ellison, members of the Unemployed Council. The third delegate, Comrade Bjornson, was elected by the United Farmer's League of the Parkland Branch. It has also been decided to ask the To cal Longshoreman's Union to send a delegate, or to help support the ones already elected. Permission has been granted by the I. L. A. for an Unemployed Council speaker to speak to the Longshoremen Saturday.

## SCOTTSBORO ATTY. TRYING TO GET BOYS RELEASED ON BONDS

General Chamlee Sends Congratulations to I. L. D.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The following comment on the partial victory of the International Labor Defense in obtaining a new trial for the Scottsboro boys has been received from General George W. Chamlee, of Chattanooga, who has been closely associated with the case from the very beginning, and is now in process of obtaining the freedom of the boys on bonds pending trial:

"Congratulations to the I. L. D. on the new trial for the Scottsboro boys.

"The parents of these boys, as well as the boys themselves, are greatly rejoicing in this victory in the Supreme Court of the United States. This is the greatest fight the I. L. D. has ever made and brought to a successful conclusion, and whatever the future may hold and whatever may be the final outcome in future trials, this trial will stand as a monument to the I. L. D. in asking for an impartial hearing and legal representation in trials. Hastily and with best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,  
G. W. Chamlee."

## Klan Raids Home, Beats Workers

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Dave Miller was treated for severe scalp laceration, his son, Sam, suffered a broken shoulder and Carl Kirchner, a San Pedro worker, was severely beaten up, tied with a rope and thrown into one of the Klansmen's cars. He was released when police, summoned by neighbors arrested 16 of the raiders.

Bearing handbills proclaiming "Communism Will Not Be Tolerated—The Ku Klux Klan Rides Again," the gang placed a "fiery cross," emblem of the anti-working class Klan, on the lawn of the residence and proceeded to rush the house. Although the workers sought to defend themselves they were powerless in face of the guns of the Klan gangsters. Clubs and rubber hose swung brutally against the workers.

Included in those injured in the attack by the Klan were Novena Goodwin, Miller's daughter and Mildred Watson.

Among those arrested, were four peace officers from Orange County, with permits to carry weapons. They were immediately released. Only four of those arrested are held.

One of the raiders admitted that an official of the Long Beach police department assured the men that the raiders would not be hindered.

## No Jobless Relief in Portland Chest

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less they organize and demand they be thrown open to all. Otherwise the cops will protect the bosses' properties.

Add to the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. three other Agencies of a strike-breaking nature, the Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and the Girl Scouts, none of which give relief, and the total received by these five reaches \$143,850.

**GRANDMA'S KITCHEN.**  
All "skid road" workers know Grandma's Kitchen. Here well paid stool pigeons supervise the work of everybody who is forced to come for slim soup. This neat little business is so pleasant to the Portland bosses that they award the joint with \$13,000 from the Chest funds!

Outside of subsidizing with \$42,822, a few hospitalists, where dying workers are asked to wait their turn for hours, this covers the story of the Portland Community Chest.

What can we as workers do about this monstrous graft cleverly designed by the bosses to supervise our starvation? We must build fighting workers organizations to destroy this hideous fraud and the capitalist system of mass starvation that sanctions it. Expose the Community Chest to workers. Organize them into the Unemployed Councils.

## 4 Workers-Farmers Delegates Leave from Astoria, Ore.

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 12.—Two Clatsop County farmers left today to attend the United Farmers League Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., December 7-10. A mass meeting of Astoria unemployed workers and fishermen elected two workers to represent them in Washington, D. C. with the Hunger March.

—O. R.

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# WHERE TO GO

**SAN FRANCISCO NOTICE**  
WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS are asked to keep New Years Eve open. The First Anniversary of the Western Worker will be celebrated on that evening. Preparations are being made to make it the Grandest Affair of the Year.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26, 8:00 P. M.—WESTERN WORKER & DAILY WORKER Entertainment and Dance.** Given by Lettish Society of S. F. at Finnish Hall, 20 Flint Street, S. F. Admission 35c. Good Music, Refreshments.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
ALL COMRADES and organizations are requested to keep December 17th open when the International Labor Defense is arranging an Entertainment and Dance for the Benefit of the Winter Relief Fund for Political Prisoners.

**DINNER and DANCE for Benefit of the Western Worker.** Sunday, November 27, 8:00 P. M. Finnish Workers Hall, 20 Flint Street. Admission for Dance and Dinner 25 cents.

## Column 2 Caravan Reinforced with Delegates on Way

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was refused assistance by the mayor, the unemployed turned to and collected cash and food, and made all arrangements for shelter, a big meal, and a mass meeting at which ten Utah delegates will join Coast Column 2 on its arrival from Wells, Nev. The advance committee, Comrades Tracy and Ehrenberg, were assured sufficient gas and oil to get the caravan to the next stop, Rock Springs, Colorado, with a surplus over to help on the 300 miles of bad road to Cheyenne.

At Wells, Nevada, the mayor agreed to supply shelter and cooperate in whatever way he could. Tracy reports.

**BIG SENDOFFS IN BAY CITIES**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—San Francisco's send-off meeting, Nov. 13, where more than one thousand workers contributed clothing and more than \$400 to the eighteen veteran and unemployed delegates, followed by a meeting of five hundred more at the Embarcadero, was only typical of receptions all along the line. On the Oakland side of the bay, another thousand workers greeted the caravan, and six Alameda County delegates joined the marchers. Some thirty Oakland cops were present, but their attempts at provocation failed and, unable to find excuse to break up the march, they confined themselves to seeing it get out of Oakland. Eleven organizations of Alameda County have pledged themselves to see their men get there and back.

**250 WORKERS AT STOCKTON**  
STOCKTON—At Stockton another meeting drew the support of 250 workers at Hunter Square. After a meal at the Workers Center, the caravan started on with two more delegates. These comrades, however, were supplied with funds but no car, so at Sacramento they hopped a freight. "Beat you to Washington," they called out as they left. One delegate also went from Lodi.

**SACRAMENTO**  
At Sacramento 1000 at the Plaza greeted the caravan and approved five official delegates who joined. One also joined from Vacaville.

At the Plaza, Sacramento, three more who determined "to go along, too, and help the fight," were cheered by the workers.

**RENO**  
RENO, Nev., Nov. 17.—After a night's rest the five cars and twenty-six delegates got under way again, and though delayed by motor trouble made Reno, Nevada, that night. Here insufficient advance arrangements did not dampen their spirits and the caravan took possession of an empty building for the night. A committee who called on the mayor for aid were referred to Commissioner Klouse. But while they were on their way there the mayor called up Klouse telling him to "beat it," which he did. Undaunted by this incident, the march started for Winnemucca, and farmers along the line, many of them faced with foreclosure, came out and seeing their purpose and slogans, waved battered old hats and calloused hands in approval.

At Fernley, Nevada, a farmer delegate joined.

## San Mateo Jobless Fight for Relief

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out. This Reynolds and the workers refused to do, but remained throughout the Committee meeting. The chairman of the Relief Committee then addressed the workers with honeyed words and soft soap, and ended by declaring that Mass Action would not be tolerated, that (the workers) would have to come and put their cases up to the Committee through the regular channels. Reynolds then demanded that each workers case be taken up one at a time, this the Committee refused to do and adjourned the meeting.

The following day, November 17, Reynolds again went before the Committee with a case of a family that were in destitute circumstances, 7 children and the mother pregnant, the father has been unemployed for six months and denied relief. The 7 children ill in bed. The doctor in attendance went with Reynolds and testified that the children were starving and undernourished. The Packers then promised that they would "investigate" but, could promise no relief before 5 days. Reynolds protested this action and one member of the Committee threatened him with arrest. Reynolds refused to take "No" and threatened Mass Action. He then brought the mother before the packers, after which he received food and clothes for the family.

—Louise Kipp.

## Laguna Honda Home Inmates Poisoned

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charity apparatus, which keeps each of the workers in great fear to talk. The same is true of the inmates, who fear to lose this only "home."

Workers throughout the city especially those working for groceries and at soup lines are stirred by the incident. The leftovers at the home are sent to the soup lines.

**"SAME FOOD FOR OTHERS"**  
The same food that is served at the home is also served for lunch to the workers who go there to work for groceries. Sandwiches are made there of meat pastes and sent on jobs where the Unemployed work for groceries. Workers often complain that these "small" terribly and are unfit to be eaten.

The Unemployed Council is organizing the workers on the charity jobs to demand an investigation and for cash relief so that the workers will not have to accept the Charity slop.

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## Editorial Column

### THE "SOCIALIST" PARTY PRESS IS STRANGELY SILENT.

The "socialist" party and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People press is strangely silent on the Scottsboro decision. After all the miles of newspaper space devoted to undermining the Communist campaign to stop the Scottsboro murders by "proving" that we "were hanging the boys by our tactics" it seems that they owe their readers an apology or at least an explanation. But they give neither. It's a measure of their character. It goes without saying that the decision of the Supreme Court ordering a new trial is a great victory for the workers and farmers, no matter what their color may be.

All the wisecracks who opposed the Communist tactics of relying on mass militancy rather than legal trickery to win our cases ought to pause a moment over these significant facts.

In the last seventeen years there have been six big cases of class victimization which are outstanding. These are: (1) the Mooney-Billings case, (2) the Sacco-Vanzetti case, (3) the Centralia case, (4) the Michigan raids case, (5) the Gastonia case and (6) the Scottsboro case. The Michigan case was fought along militant lines and altho the prosecution is still pending it is significant that after eleven years not one of the defendants has gone to prison. The Scottsboro decision was fought along militant lines and altho we are not yet out of the woods, at least we have won a new trial and temporarily stayed the attempted execution. The outcome of the Gastonia case was made uncertain by the non-surrender of the defendants. But the Mooney-Billings case which until the end of 1930 was fought along strictly legal and string-pulling lines finds both victims still in prison altho the frame-up has long ago blown up. And only in the past two years has the movement to free Mooney become a real mass movement and now with increased struggle begins to show some hope of re-opening it and forcing their freedom. The Sacco-Vanzetti case also was handled along strictly legal lines, the defense committee under "socialist" party and anarchist influence even made sharp attacks on the Communists for developing "trouble," which meant arousing the masses. The tragic murder of these two working class martyrs was made easier by those tactics. The Centralia case also was fought along strictly legal lines. The boys are still in jail.

The reduction of the sentences in other cases such as the Foster-Minor-Amter case in New York, the Imperial Valley case in California, the collapse of the Long Beach prosecution, etc., were all due to the mass pressure against the prosecution, aroused by the I. L. D. and C. P., limited tho that was. The opportunists always give long winded and complicated legal explanations for these outcomes after the fact. But these same elements also made predictions before the fact and where they influence the course followed in the handling of the cases the outcome was a disaster for the masses. Not legalities, or court room trickery by "famous" lawyers who "can pull the strings" but honest straightforward fighting working class militancy can save our comrades from the capitalist hangmen and dungeons.

In the Scottsboro case the fight is really only over the first hurdle. The biggest fight is now beginning. A careful reading of the Supreme Court decision reveals that they do not in any way declare the boys innocent but only that they were not convicted by "due process of law." Remember that "by due process of law" in bosses' courts thousands have already been victimized and it is not impossible that in the new trial the Scottsboro boys will be again convicted. But this can be made impossible by a new wave of struggle. In the West the conviction of our comrades in Denver who fought against jim-crowing Negroes in swimming pools, the fight now starting in San Francisco against the police who announce that they "know how to put the Niggers in their place" and the struggle which must be increased against discrimination, jim-crow and other terrorism everywhere must be made one battle with the movement to finally free the Scottsboro boys.

Don't trust in capitalist legalities—mobilize the masses to force the freedom of our class heroes!

Join the International Labor Defense—the shield of the working class!

Fight to free Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro boys and all class war prisoners!

### THE NEXT STEP AGAINST HUNGER

The state legislatures will be meeting soon. The California legislature meets January 10.

The National Hunger Marchers are on their way. The best way we could support them is to organize State Hunger Marches. The great support to and achievements of the march of last January ought to be an inspiration to this year's job.

The State Fight Hunger committees should get on the job. The County Hunger March committees must organize to support the State Fight Hunger Committee. The WESTERN WORKER will print the plans for the marches as fast as they are decided upon! Watch for information! But don't wait! Mobilize the local forces now!

### HAS THE WEST A PROLETARIAN FICTION WRITER?

For many months the WESTERN WORKER has been asking for short stories in the setting of the life of the workers, poor farmers, soldiers, sailors or similar matters of interest to the masses. To date very few manuscripts have been submitted.

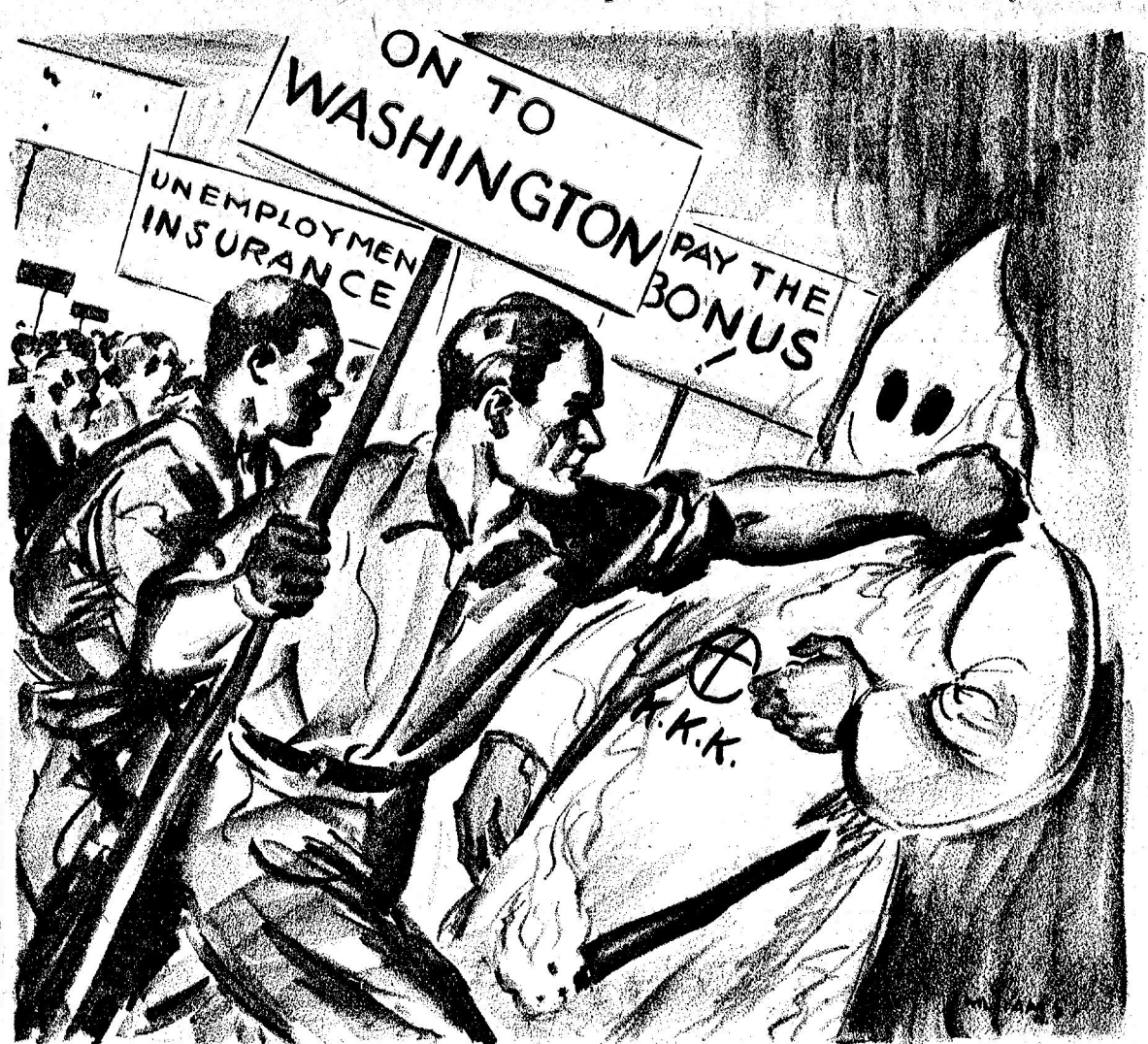
What's the matter? Have the realities of the class struggle drained us of imagination? From the lives and works of Zola, Hugo, Dickens and more recently of Gorki, Dreiser, Anderson, etc., we drew the conclusion that the war for the emancipation of the exploited was the richest source of material for creative writers.

Maybe we are wrong. We hope not. If the West could produce Bret Harte and Jack London when the workers and farmers experienced less why not a larger and better crop of writers now that we are maturing? The working class poets and song writers are beginning to arouse themselves—Let the short story writers wake up.

At any rate manuscripts are welcome.

### "Onward Men! All Hell Can't Stop Us..."

—By Williams



### Recruiting Members for the Communist Party

#### REPORT ON RECRUITING July 4 to November 7

SECTION	Total				
	Quota	Recruited	Employed	Unempl'd	Trans. Agricul.
San Francisco	125	115	25	90	18
Los Angeles	125	90	13	77	3
East Bay	90	79	13	66	1
Sacramento	40	94	8	86	10
Santa Clara-Pajaro Valley	50	61	6	55	20
Fresno	15	14	11	3	1
Petaluma	5	1	1	..	..
Eureka	10	2	2	..	..
Arizona	30	25	3	22	2
Nevada	10	30	5	25	5
At Large	..	3	..	3	..
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>23</b>

By LOUISE TODD

Below is a report on the recruiting of new members into the Communist Party of District No. 13 from July 4—the date of our District Convention—to November 7th, when the drive for 500 new members ended. Recruiting workers into the ranks of the revolutionary movement should become the daily task of the members of our Party, and from the experiences gained during this drive, we should learn how to win and keep new members.

The concentration industries in California are marine-transportation, and agriculture. Our objectives were 25% of the new members from these industries, and 50% workers employed on farms, in factories, ships, etc. We have only recruited 63 workers from the concentration industries out of a total of 456. Also, we have recruited very few employed workers, which proves that we are not directing our efforts toward the factories and fields where workers are still employed, suffering from wage-cuts, stagger plan, etc. Our recruiting has been accidental—not planned according to strategic sections of the working class and the important industries.

Furthermore, our efforts to help the new recruits become active Communists have been very poor. New members classes are handled in a very careless manner. New members are not encouraged to participate in all activities. The fact that the inner life of our units is often a decisive factor in keeping new members is not taken into consideration by many of our Units, and consequently, members are lost because of the inefficient, bureaucrat-

ic, sectarian methods of work applied in many of our units. All these things have created a tremendous turn-over of our membership, and while the recruiting has been fairly good—in quantity—attendance and dues payments do not show any appreciative increase and in some sections even a decided falling off. The Sacramento, San Jose, Arizona and Nevada sections must particularly check up on the fluctuation of their membership.

#### INVITE DISCUSSION

In order to help the entire Party, the basic units and the Section and District Committees, to correct these fundamental ailments in our recruiting, as well as many others not listed here, we ask our members and sympathizers to participate in our discussions on this subject, thru letters to this column on your experiences in recruiting, and telling how you joined the Party, etc.

The District Committee of the Party proposes the holding of functionaries conferences and weekend classes, where problems of organization will be discussed. These are being planned for the San Francisco-Bay cities area, for Los Angeles and Arizona Sections.

After a thorough study of the figures in the report given above, together with dues reports, check-up on new members reports, etc., each Unit Bureau and Section Committee should take immediate steps to strengthen the units, by pointing out the responsibility in their own territories, and how to develop leadership there. We must become thoroughly acquainted with the workers who live right where we do, who work in the same places where we do, take up their problems—

which are our problems also—and become the leaders of the workers by initiating struggles for their immediate needs.

#### INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS PROPERLY

The District Committee is also preparing a letter to be given to each new member, which is aimed to help the new member understand the responsibility of Party members, and just what is expected of him. With a clear understanding, and a comradely approach from the older members in his unit, a new member will have no difficulty, nor will he become discouraged.

Each Unit and Section is to elect membership committees, whose function will be to interview the new members, check-up on the attendance and activities of the recruits after they have been accepted into the Party, follow up those who are dropping out, find out why, and try to keep them in the Party.

New members classes should be established everywhere; outlines for these classes can be secured from the District Agit-Prop Department. When one class is completed, a new one should immediately be started, so that we constantly have a new members class in session to take care of the new members coming in.

#### FOLLOW CONTACTS

During our campaigns, we reach many workers, but very seldom do we make lasting contacts out of them. We are now entering an intensive campaign for the "Western Worker." In the course of our house-to-house work we have a splendid opportunity to clinch some of these contacts, and whenever possible, the comrade who made the original contact should follow it up, keeping constantly in mind that while this contact is now only a reader of the "Western Worker," he is a potential Party Member!

There are plans for a State Hunger March on the State Legislature in January. Out of the movement for Unemployment Insurance, and Relief, we can develop a tremendous response to the Communist program, which means More Members for Our Party! We want to build a real mass Party in District No. 13. If we apply practically the line of the District Convention Resolution and the proposals made above, we will build our Party!

### Frank H. Buck Brings Prosperity

By BEBEL ALONZO

For many years Frank H. Buck, now Congressman-elect on the Democratic ticket, together with the large landowners and banks of Vacaville, his home town, had always decided just how many hours and just how much wages his workers were to receive. The result was that it wasn't long before Vacaville was noted as the cheap scab town of northern California. During the fruit seasons and at all times when there was work in Vacaville the workers would give it a wide berth. Even in so called good times the ranch hands in Vacaville worked ten hours for the maximum of \$3.00.

The Frank H. Buck Co. of Vacaville is also a fruit shipping concern and here is where Frank also took his slice off the small farmer who would buy shooks for boxes, paper, etc., and ship thru Frank's

company. Frank has a special rate on the railroads to ship the fruit to the eastern markets, but Mr. Small Farmer always paid the full rate. Mr. Buck also charged Mr. Small Farmer 7% commission for selling his fruit in the east at auction. Mr. Small Farmer has to accept the reports of sales that Frank offers him and like it. Frank was always on the safe side in other words he not only exploited the worker but also the small farmer. This was the condition in Vacaville to just a few months prior to the election campaign.

Frank was running for Congress on the Democratic ticket and he had to win. The standard wage in Vacaville was \$1.25 for eight hours, so Mr. Buck did not have his customary meeting with the other landowners, that is (the workers did not know) but he, paid \$1.40 for eight hours and told the workers that if they voted for him he would pay them \$2.25. The work-

ers fell for this. Many voted for him. Buck was elected on the 8th of November. On the 10th he got together with the large farmers of Vacaville as usual and told the workers that beginning November 14th he would set the wage standard of Vacaville at \$1.25 and raise them one hour work.

One thing Frank didn't know about. Some young workers from Sacramento had established a Union in Vacaville this last summer. This Union was the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and when this wage cut was announced the union called a strike, everybody responded, now Mr. Frank H. Buck and the other farmers are meeting the rank and file committees of the strikers. The strikers demand \$1.50 for eight hours work. The funniest part is that these landowners can't even find scabs and as the days pass the strike spreads. It looks as if the workers will get their demands.

## International Events and Western Workers

### Old Arguments Against Socialism; New Examples of It; the Soviet Union Glorifies Manual Labor; German Communists Go Forward; U. S. Labor Can Learn From Their Experiences and Go Forward Faster

When we were younger and the Russian Revolution had not yet taken place a favorite argument against a Socialist society ran like this:

Socialist is beautiful but if everyone has the same opportunity then everyone will want to be a professional and no one will want to do the real manual work. Why should anyone want to work in a factory when they could be in a nice clean school room and teach or in a doctor's office where life is easy. We always had a hard time with this question because it was abstract. But because of our basic faith in Socialism we stuck it out.

While many other people were watching to see how many new gadgets were being produced under the five-year plan we were impatiently awaiting some information to throw light on this subject. Now we have it. It seems that it turned out exactly the opposite from what our plagues claimed. There is a shortage of labor in the Soviet Union generally, but those available are anxious to work in factories and very few are willing to make the sacrifice and become teachers or doctors. We quote from the Literary Digest, issue of November 19:

The serious shortage of candidates for many professions worries the Soviet Government in Russia. In Russia proper not counting some of the affiliated Republics, it is estimated that in the current year the hospitals lack 18,000 doctors, and the schools 25,000 teachers.

Also it is reported that there are not enough librarians, economists, bookkeepers, and trained workers in the co-operative shops. The main factor in this shortage, writes the Moscow correspondent of the London Observer, is the unwillingness of young people to enter such professions as medicine teaching.

Industry is said to attract a disproportionately large share of the graduates of the Soviet higher schools, and the engineering schools and courses are overcrowded, while the medical and pedagogical institutions have many vacant places. The explanation is partly that there has been so much glorification of the manual worker and of the factory that the typical Young Communist looks with disdain on the idea of entering a profession that is not directly connected with industrial production.

It will probably be difficult for a bourgeois to imagine how anything can influence the activity of man except the question of getting rich, and that as quickly as possible. But it looks as if the above quotation from Literary Digest justifies our early faith in Socialism. It took a long time to get this answer, but now we are relieved, our doubts destroyed and our confidence restored. Now that we are out of our sweat bring on your questions, we will take on all comers.

The significance of the Communist victory in the German elections November 6 was lost in the meager reports of the capitalist news agencies.

The total vote fell off by about two million people. This alone has great significance because despite the heat of the campaign it shows indifference to the elections, a reflection of loss of faith by considerable numbers of people in the value of the ballot. The increased tendency to dictatorial measures by the capitalist rulers is without doubt responsible for this. But of even greater significance is the fact that of the major parties, the Communist alone despite the fall off in vote show an increase (which is of considerable size) and the capitalist parties show a decrease, of considerable size. Here are the figures:

	July 1932	Nov., 1932	Votes Gain	Seats Gain
Fascists	13,732,779	11,713,785	-2,018,994	-35
Social-Democrats	7,951,245	7,237,894	-713,351	-12
Communists	5,278,094	5,974,209	+696,115	+11

For several years the masses pretended to pole around the two extreme parties—the most openly most aggressive pro-capitalism

Fascists and the militantly working class Communists. The Fascists with their demagogic promises of a "new" capitalism

without usury, hunger and Jews, misled many workers. These elections, and the elections which took place in July of this year shows a general tendency of all groups towards the Communist Party.

Many will draw the conclusion from the above facts in the U. S. we must first have the "socialists" in power, and have the masses disillusioned in them; then have the Fascists in power and have the masses disillusioned in them and then there will be a rise of the Communist Party.

Such an idea, unfortunately quite prevalent, especially among middle class sympathizers of the Communist Party, is pure drivel.

There is nothing fatalistic or magic in the process which is bringing the great mass of German workers into the Communist Party. It took hard work, Leninistic tactics, reduction in the number of mistakes committed, and a powerful Party organization to do the trick. If we accept the theory of our fatalists then the process of betrayal will be endless for there will always be new quacks to mislead the masses to Capitalism. We will be relegated to the role of a political old woman who sits around and groans over the aches and pains of dying capitalism. Such a role is not for us. We must NOW be dynamic in our drive to discredit the falsely styled "socialist" party and rising fascist parties—discredit them in the bud—and bring the masses to Communism. All history has shown that the American people have been able to span history much faster than the Europeans because we were able to learn from their history which is much older than ours. So it must now be. The American toilers have dragged long enough far behind the onward march of the European workers. With vigor, revolutionary energy, militant struggle and sound organization of Communist groups in the shops, mines, ships, transportation, farms, etc., we need not go through the protracted misery of "socialist" and fascist regimes but can cut short the process and finally catch up to the advanced position that European workers have had in history as compared to ours.

So join the Communist Party and help make this come true.

S. A. D.



**THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER SPEAKS**—By George Jarrboe. B. C. Hagglund, Publisher, Holt, Minnesota.

By HENRY GEORGE WEISS  
This fourth pamphlet of poems sponsored by The Rebel Poet is at once a subject of praise and censure. "The Unknown Soldier Speaks" has been republished in an important Russian anthology and is undoubtedly a powerful poem. So, too, are "The Bells of Lee," "The Loos and Out of It All," "From a

Ditch Before Amiens: 1918." But one wonders why the author of so many splendid poems had to include such lines as "Auntie dear is rooting here, may she give the earthworms cheer." Such juvenile cleverness has no place in a book of revolutionary poems. One feels it was flung in to fill out the pages. However, the booklet (price 25c) is worth buying, for the half dozen poems included are distinctly worth while. This reviewer cannot refrain from quoting "The Unknown Soldier Speaks."

"You highlights of the social register,  
You top-hatted selection of diplomacy,  
You officers but faintly repressing sneers,  
And you, President, of raucous voice and harveyized heart.  
I speak not to you,  
But to the infantrymen,  
The men with rifles,  
The men here on sufferance,  
The men who fought the wars,  
Whose comrades rot from Anzac to the Murmansk floe,  
The men of my class.

Comrades, cherish me, love me, hold me, above these here,  
For I am symbol of all to you most dear,  
The father bent with years, toiling for a crust,  
The green-gilled mother long years in merciful dust,  
The brother on the truck,  
The sister on the street,  
My comrades of the muck,  
Of merciless iron sleet,  
In your class love,  
Hold me above  
That gridiron flag halfway to the peak,  
For I am in your hearts and shall forever speak:

O infantrymen, study to take your part  
With valor and dispatch,  
When tocsin rings,  
And the factory spews forth its old runts,  
And the mines send up their hunchbacks,  
And trucks groan with cartridges,  
For the street girls with rifles,  
Then you will lead  
The armies of your class  
Down bloody avenues to a stainless future,  
And top hats,  
Presidents, diplomats,  
Shall be lucky to find graves,  
Mean ones,  
Formerly deemed worthy only of slaves."

But one thing is significant, the working class can only expect more starvation, more wage cuts, and more misery from the democrats.

The democrats and the republicans are the same. Only the Communist Party stands for the workers and small farmers.

**"AMERICAN JITTERS,"** by Edmond Wilson.

"American Jitters," a collection of contributions to the New Republic by Edmond Wilson, is valuable chiefly as indicating the radicalization trend of an American intellectual.

He describes the American scene more or less in terms of class struggle, which he grasps intuitively rather than from the point of view of one who has experienced it. It is exasperating to hear the partly-reformed liberals cry "Lo... we are going left!" and smugly strut in the spotlight, imagining that they have eclipsed those leaders of the class struggle whose lifelong efforts have made it possible for these esthetes to become partly aware of the fact that there is a class struggle, that capitalism is dying—in fact, is beginning to, putrefy.

Wilson attempts to be so objective and upright in his account of the Scottsboro horror that he falls over backward into downright misstatement by implication. One acquainted with the facts, might imagine that these Negro boys-victims of the most atrocious frame-ups in history, are possibly guilty of the crime with which they are charged. He does not write of the significance of this case—the brazen attempt to split the white from the black workers. He remains "objective."

His description of the automobile industries in the Detroit district is excellent reporting. The portrait of Henry Ford is vigorous and emotional, and no doubt true. It fills the reader with sickening horror that such a capitalist monster and his precious son Edsel were absolute masters of hundreds of thousands of worker. To be bullied, starved, and murdered. Ford is revealed to be, outside of his cunning and industrial skill, a jackass, a well-rounded dunce. The Peace Ship, his judgments on history, etc., are evidence.

Read this book if you can borrow it, but don't pay five cents a day for its rental.

—A. W.