

Washington Unemployed Workers Win Relief Food Fight

SEATTLE RELIEF COMMISSARY FAILS TO CUT MEAT RATIONS

Determination Of 200 Workers Brings The Best Meat Yet Given

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—When 103 unemployed workers, drawing relief from the Crow Hill Commissary, demanded their weekly rations of meat yesterday, the assistant commissary manager told them all the meat had been given out already. They asked him what he was going to do about it. He said he couldn't do anything because the manager, Dolan, was away.

The workers elected a committee who went right into the manager's office and phoned Colonel Bickford, county relief agent. They told Bickford he'd better send out the meat immediately unless he wanted the unemployed to walk off with the whole commissary. Bickford said he'd see that they got meat right away.

Two minutes later, Manager Dolan arrived. The workers surrounded him (by this time there were a couple of hundred). One of the committee said to him, "What are you going to do about these workers who haven't got meat?"

"I can't do anything," replied Dolan, "the allotment of meat has been used up."

"You're a liar," the workers yelled, "we've already got the meat coming. You could have gotten it for us if you wanted to."

About fifteen minutes later, the meat arrived. When the workers examined it, they found it was all bone and little meat. They threw it back over the counter to Dolan. For a few minutes, meat was flying in all directions. Then Dolan grabbed the phone and in a few minutes another truck load of meat arrived—good meat this time, choice roasts—the best meat ever given at the commissary.

The county is going to have a new job in the future trying to get the meat rations or hand out rotten meat at the Crown Hill Commissary.

Bucks Logs-Owes Boss Money

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—After working five days and two hours bucking logs near Aberdeen, Wash., a worker named Joe Dubrovich decided to quit. When he called for his time he was told that he owed the boss 78c. This worker bucked 67,010 ft. of timber at 11c per foot giving him credit of \$7.37.

But charges against him totaled \$8.15, including \$6.00 board, \$1.00 bed, \$1.00 hospital and 15 cents first aid.

Lumber is the key industry of the Northwest. Wonder what the other industries around here are like?

S. P. Reverses Mooney Stand

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—The Socialist Party is sending a delegate to the Mooney Mass Meeting Conference Dec. 10, thus repudiating the withdrawal of its representative Shapiro several weeks ago.

Arrested in Lodi for Asking Relief

LODI, Cal., Dec. 10.—Local charity leeches were so surprised when the eight families demanded that their children be given school lunches, clothes and shoes, they called the police. One worker was arrested. The charge was not asking for relief but "vagrancy!" It is the custom to intimidate workers here by treating them individually. The bosses have found it is easy to discourage workers by saying "We are investigating your case," or "You are not a resident." Mass action of the Lodi Unemployed Council has them worried badly.

Rolph Almost Does Something

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 4.—It almost happened: a Negro Judge to fill the vacancy on the municipal court bench created by the election of Judge William Palmer to the Superior Court.

Governor Rolph first thought it wise to have a Negro Judge for Negroes. Then he thought it over. No! That would mean Jim Crowism. So he abandoned his daring thought and today quotes Calvin Coolidge: "Let the people establish the precedent"—which of course leaves the impression that the people have something to say after all.

REGULAR GIVER TO CHEST TRIES TO GET RELIEF

Finally Gets Six Quarts of Milk in Two Weeks

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 13.—I was for about a year chief announcer of radio WSJS in Winston-Salem, N. C. The first of June, 1932, saw the wife and two kids and myself leaving for California. I was fired through one of the most damnable frame-ups, indirectly due to my refusal to donate to the Community Chest from my starvation wages.

Out here, I left a job as salesman of Red-E-Power Gasoline with the Palisades Oil and Refining Co., Ltd. in August. They beat me out of \$222.02 back salary. The State Labor Commission reviewed the case. Because they "could find no criminal intent on the part of the defendant company" they refused me a judgment. I was evicted from my house when rent time came around again.

Two weeks later I swallowed a lot of false pride and remembered that on several occasions I had been able to afford it and had given to the Community Chest in former years. I sought them out, this time giving them an opportunity to reciprocate.

You have never imagined such a round of professional buck-passing in all your life. From the first place I was sent to another where I was given a slip to take about eight blocks to still another and so on. I came to the conclusion that all they were trying to do was to disgust me and wear out my patience. They wanted to get rid of this bum.

Finally I ran out of places to be sent. As there was no alternative the last place promised help. So far I have received six quarts of milk since I was first promised help two weeks ago.

Returning Marchers Write of Bitter Struggle in Washington

These two letters, sent the Western Worker by Comrade Irene Robinson, S. F. delegate on the National Hunger March, and Jim Waters, worker-poet well known in the West, gave a vivid picture of the splendid spirit and organization which beat down all obstacles and successfully carried through to congress the relief demands of the sixteen million unemployed. Six State Hunger Marches will carry on the fight in the West.

The Hunger Camp, Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1932.

Dear Comrades: We are penned in, 4000 Hunger Marchers, in an isolated street just inside the Sacred City of Washington. On the left is a high yellow bank, to the right a great valley of railroad tracks. On the hill are machine-guns, and gas corps. The railroad yard is filled with armed police. At each end of the boulevard is a mass of armed police. They are everywhere. Against them is one of the greatest armies of men and women ever seen, an army of working class delegates of every color and race, in a fine militant mood. Organized in military formation, their discipline is the best I ever saw.

Now the air is rent with a great shout; it is a welcome for the delegation from the Pacific Northwest just arriving. There is no discontent among the marchers. We are one man against the enemy. We sing revolutionary songs, shout slogans, and march in great squads up and down the street. There is no water for blocks around, no toilets, no shelter from the cold nights. We slept in cars, on the ground and street last night. Food is scant, I had one drink of water in 24 hours, other had worse. But no one complains. I'm with Column 8, New York City. Our march was one great demonstration. We had our first fight in Wilmington, the Du Pont City. Police attacked, a church where part of the division was housed—mostly women—and seven

Help Our Class War Prisoners

The International Labor Defense is now conducting the annual drive for winter aid to political prisoners and their families.

The workers will utilize the Christmas and winter period to help the champions of the working class behind prison walls, and remind them that the fight for their release is being carried on by many thousands.

The following are the long term prisoners:

Tom Mooney—San Quentin, California. Framed after San Francisco Preparedness Day bombing, in 1916. Life.

Warren K. Billings. Folsom Prison, California. Framed with Mooney. Life.

Ray Becker, Bert Bland, John Lamb and Britt Smith—Washington State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Wash. Arrested in Centralia for self defense when soldiers charged I. W. W. Hall; 25 to 40 years.

John J. Cornelison—California State Prison, San Quentin. Framed in Shopmen's strike in 1922. Life.

Lawrence Emery—State Prison, San Quentin, California. Arrested during Imperial Valley strike. To be out February.

J. B. McNamara and M. A. Schmidt—Charged with dynamiting Los Angeles Times Building. Sentenced, 1915. Life.

Vicious Monterey Boss Beats Man for Selling W. W.

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 4.—Joe Taranto, member of the Unemployed Council, while selling Western Workers at the Fish Canneries in Monterey, was viciously and brutally attacked by Hovden's slave-driving superintendent Douglas. Douglas became infuriated when Taranto sold three papers and attacked him so brutally that the 14 remaining papers were made unreadable by his blood.

Workers employed at Hovden's sympathized with Taranto and said that the boss had no business treating him that way, and that they would like to have helped beat up the boss, but they were afraid they would lose their jobs.

My advice to these workers is to organize, or this fascist boss will give them the same treatment. Workers, organize in your Unemployed Council and throw off this tyranny!

S. F. CIGAR TRADE MARKED BY OPEN SHOP, LOW WAGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 5.—About 15 years ago the cigarmakers were 100% organized into the Cigarmakers International Union. The manufacturers then organized and declared for the open shop. The union failed to put up a revolutionary struggle.

Since then conditions have become worse. Wage cut has followed wage cut, and worse materials to work with make it impossible to earn a decent wage.

In my shop on Clay Street, it is all piece work, eight hour day. We speed up to the limit. Some make \$1.40 per day, others even less.

The boss hounds the workers continuously, and by always finding fault has the workers constantly in fear of losing their job.

WHITEWASH INVESTIGATION ON ASTORIA CO-OP BOMBING

Workers Put Dairy In Order And Service Is Resumed Despite Private Companies

ASTORIA, Dec. 16.—Immunity for bombers who destroy property and imperil human lives—persecution, terror and possible deportation attempts for workers who strive to better their conditions through constructive co-operative effort. This is the program of Astoria's district attorney, police, grand jury and self-styled "civil leaders," clearly revealed in the "investigation" of the bombing of the Youngs Bay Co-operative Dairy last week.

Forced by mass demands, coming in every mail from workers and farmers here and throughout the West, the prosecuting attorney and the grand jury began an "investigation." However, instead of calling in men known to have been involved in the bombing, militant farmers and workers are summoned. They are not asked about their affiliations and activities, and their citizenship. Two men are definitely known to the police department, who have been seen around the place, one a member of the board of directors of a competing dairy.

Mass meetings are being held, and leaflets exposing the role of the fakers are being circulated with

New Relief Slash in Tacoma, Wash.

TACOMA, Washington, Nov. 25.—Hundreds of workers on the relief lists are now forced to work in the parks for less groceries than they received before they had to work for it. Formerly a family of two received \$2.50 in groceries per week. For the work in the park for two days out of about twenty-five, an \$8.00 grocery order is given, which must serve them for food during the entire period. Those who were not put to work in the parks are asked to be content with a slash in the already entirely inadequate grocery order. And what about shoes, rent, gas, light, medicine, clothes, and the many other needs of human beings? The Tacoma bosses will have to answer this question favorably in the near future, when the working class of Tacoma makes its wishes known in a militant and united demonstration.

—E. M.

SUNNYVALE JOBLESS DEFY CITY COUNCIL ON WATER SHUT-OFF

Chief Reamer Fails To Break Solidarity Of Workers

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Dec. 12.—Although the Unemployed Council is only a week old, it has made its power felt today in holding a mass meeting from which 125 people all marched to the City Hall to demand from Reamer, the Chief of Police and head the City Relief, that the water bills of 35 people be paid by the relief organization.

Reamer refused to listen to the committee elected to talk to him, and he told one member that she had no right to be there as she wasn't a resident. He shouted to them to come back individually if they wanted anything.

The workers refused to act individually and called a mass meeting.

Reamer walked into the meeting and tried to smooth things over in a silky voice. But the workers would not be fooled and decided at the meeting there would be no water shut-offs on December 12 despite the action of the City Council and the Chief of Police.

Last week 85 unemployed men and women marched to the City Hall to demand adequate relief for 20 families. Reamer promised it. Four days later Mrs. Drew of the County Charities came to investigate a few of the families. One comrade was arrested for telling her that she should try to move a little faster. The food given to the different families was very unbalanced—one family getting 16 cans of milk, dried fruit, and sack of salt. This takes place in a city near which a five million dollar hangar for Zeppelins is being built.

Join the Unemployed Council. Demand that the money being spent for war preparations be turned over to the unemployed. We don't want war. We want food.

Marshall Not To Be Deported Until Feb.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—The I. L. D. District 14 was successful in obtaining an extension for Jeff Marshall, ordered deported to England December 15th 1932, until February 1933. Marshall who is very active in Long Beach, is an I. L. D. section organizer. His extension is regarded as a significant I. L. D. achievement.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Brazil Joining Leticia War

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, December 12.—The Brazilian government has dispatched 2,000 more troops to the Leticia area in order to "preserve Brazil's neutrality." The Brazilian destroyer "Florino" is reported to have sunk the Peruvian gunboat "Napo," although the two countries are not at war.

Japan Moves Into Jehol

MUKDEN, Manchuria, December 13.—Having driven the insurgent forces, under Su Pin Wen out of Manchuria and annexed Barg (part of Mongolia), Japanese attacks are now being directed against the Chinese volunteer forces in Jehol province to the south. This is a move to annex that province also to Manchuria.

S. U. Did Not Hand Insurgents to Japan

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., December 12.—Reports that the Soviet government has handed over Su Pin Wen and 40 officers to Japan were denied here. Su Pin Wen was granted permission to travel through Russia to Geneva where he wants to present his case before the League Council.

The majority of his 3,000 troops driven by the Japanese into Siberia, will remain there and take to factory and farm work.

Fierce Battle In Chaco

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, December 12.—The fiercest battle since the Gran Chaco war started is raging now, around Fort Saavedra, which has been besieged by the Paraguayans for over a month. Bolivia is reporting having 6,500 troops defending the fort. Hundreds of casualties are reported daily.

Fascist Secretary Expelled

ROME, Italy, December 12.—Further disintegration in the ranks of the Fascist Party comes to light with the expulsion of Augusto Turati, secretary of the party for 5 years. Mussolini declared that Turati wrote "scandalous" letters.

Japan Opposed to Soviet-China Peace

TOKYO, Japan, December 13.—A government spokesman declared here in relation to the announcement that diplomatic relations have been resumed between China and the Soviet Union, that "this is most disturbing to the peace of the world and that Japan stands squarely against it."

Cuban Teachers To Strike

HAVANA, Cuba, December 10.—In an attempt to prevent the strike of teachers who have not been paid in from six to eight months, leaders have been arrested. Immediate discharge is threatened those who do not return to the schools.

Jobless Increase In England

LONDON, England, December 10.—The number of jobless here increased by 52,000 during the last month. This brings the total number of Unemployed to 2,799,000, the largest in England's history.

Drive To Illegalize Greek Communists

ATHENS, Greece, December 12.—Following the shooting upon the striking bakers, and killing one, by the Athens police, the Communist newspapers have been confiscated and editors arrested. It is further planned to arrest the Communist deputies who are charged with leading the strike.

Polish Communists Fight Pogroms

LWOW, Poland, December 12.—Jewish terror still continues, and is assuming new forms. Tear bombs have been thrown into a Jewish owned Cinema theatre.

The Polish-Jewish daily Chwila has been suppressed for printing a proposal made to the Polish Sejm by a Jewish club.

The Central Committee of the Polish Communist Party has issued a statement calling upon workers to fight the pogroms which are planned by the Bourgeois government in an effort to prevent the unity of the opposition to the government.

Nazis Falling Out

BERLIN, Germany, December 9.—The blow dealt to the Hitlerites, through the loss of two million votes in the recent election, was reflected today through the resignation of Gregor Strasser as general manager of the Party and from his seat in the Reichstag. At the same time Gottfried Feder, chairman of the Party National Economic Committee asked Hitler for a long leave of absence.

Great importance is attached to these developments as indicating the rapid disintegration of the Nazi Party.

MEXICAN WORKERS BROUGHT OVER BY AGENTS, ARRESTED

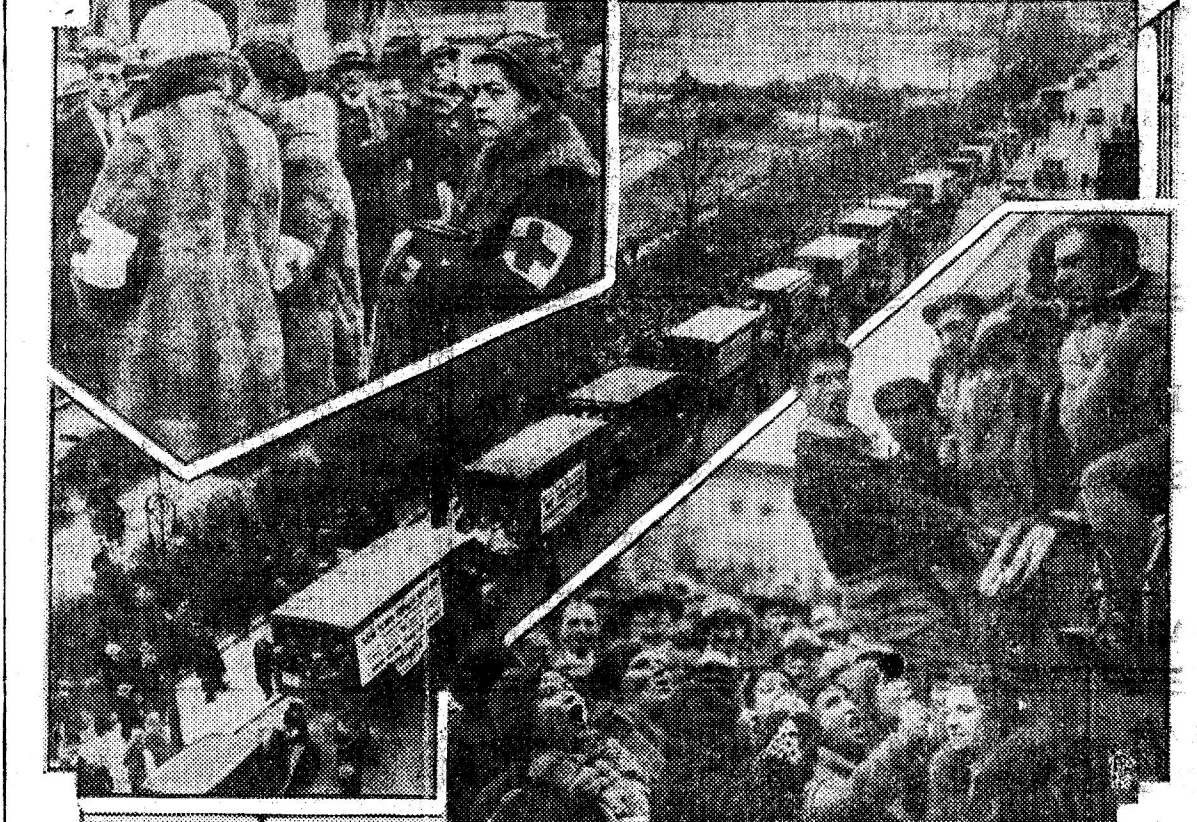
SANTA ANA, Calif., Dec. 4.—A committee of the International Labor Defense, investigating a report of arrest of 200 Mexican workers including his ragged shirt and patched trousers, uncovered important facts concerning "slave labor" and illegal arrests.

Two hundred Mexican workers were arrested, held for investigation. The S. A. is now without means and the editor of the Evening Press exception of five "illegal entrants" sadly bewails the fact in a front-page editorial. He sounds a trumpet for a "aid for this fine organization."

The arrests were made on the street as the Mexican workers were about to depart for the fields in trucks. The authorities were investigating to make the raid and arrest, according to a number of accounts, by Americanized Mexicans whose jobs were taken from them when the labor agent here contacted with these two hundred Mexican workers who were brought across the border as part of the campaign to reduce the workers' wages to competition.

It has been the practice of the authorities to stop the workers on the streets, and to enter their homes without search warrants, deportation drive.

They had a Community Chest drive here, too. The funds have not been seen or heard from since. The S. A. is now without means and the editor of the Evening Press exception of five "illegal entrants" sadly bewails the fact in a front-page editorial. He sounds a trumpet for a "aid for this fine organization."



Upper Right—Aid given by Workers International Relief. Lower Left—New York contingent singing. Center—View of the camp.

police went to the hospital. Twenty-three comrades were arrested. They gassed the place and locked the comrades inside. They stood their ground to a man and came through singing The International. Christ, it was a murderous situation. For hours it looked as though a machine-gun would be turned loose. But the way the comrades fought put fear in the policemen's hearts, and made the Washington police ready to compromise.

We are waiting for word to go forward. The leaders are trying to find a hall for a conference. We are all dying for sleep. The Hunger Marchers will go through. . . (JIM WATERS).

Dear Comrades: Police prevented our getting a hall. After march to Capitol building, we held our conference here in open in the camp. Comrade Reynolds is chairman. Each Column elected a vice-chairman. Telegram from Comrade Foster given tremendous cheer. Police throw stones down on us from hillside. Stopped by our committee. Through organization delegates stand firm and unflinching in face of all police terror. Reports from woman delegate, Comrade Burlack from N. Y.; an ex-soldier; colored worker from Pittsburgh; marine worker; worker from Chicago; Ana Williams, Negro worker from North Carolina; Amter from New York and Comrade Benjamin, National Secretary Unemployed Councils. Resolutions of demands endorsed. Support of United Farmers League Conference and Bonus Conference pledged. Report of Committee to Senate

tremendous victory scored. Masses were stirred from one end of country to the other, and shown that Wall Street Congress is not for workers. THIS CONGRESS OF DELEGATES MEETING IN OPEN IS THE CONGRESS OF WORKERS FOR WORKERS.

All delegates returning with definite tasks—each one is now an organizer of Unemployed Councils!

On Way Home, Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 9.

About noon, Dec. 7, the bulls of Washington gave us the bum's rush out of town. In Virginia state police forced by marchers to gas some cars so they could move on. Weather bitter—rain, snow, sleet.

Many cars stranded along highway as occupants forced to abandon them at gun point by police, WHO CONFISCATE CARS. Several beaten up by cops on highway.

Some of marchers remained behind to continue fight for Bonus.

S. F. delegates all okay, though most have severe colds. Worst weather and roads still ahead of us. Big mass meeting here in Pittsburg tonight. All stood silent with clenched fist for those who have given their lives in this march.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 13.—Being evicted from shelter home, committee went to mayor demanding gas and oil. Refused; told to walk or hop a freight. Local comrades get three small halls, homes, to shelter marchers.

Dec. 14.—Comrade Renny came in at 4 a. m. with funds to get us to Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, 10:30 p. m.—Cars in bad shape but arrived alright despite bad weather. Comrades arranged swill chicken feed and beds. Will move on as quickly as possible as we are bending every effort to get back in time for the many western State Hunger Marches. We have a great deal to tell to the mobilization meetings of workers for these marches.

IRENE ROBINSON, S. F., Cal. 2.



Skidroad: "You see that big Paokard. Well, that's the one I'm going to be riding in after the revolution."

Worker: "Yeh? And do you see that big Mack? That's the one I'm going to be riding in during and after the revolution."

The Berkeley Council asks: The Unemployed, in distress, Besought the Community Chest.

"Vacaville" is Spanish for "cowtown." But the place is overrun right now with one Buck and 200 bulls.

Two hundred rum law violators will get paroles from Rolph, who, with workers, demands jobs before paroles are given.

W. G. of Carmel wants to know if it is correct, in class war, to hold two members of the capitalist class as ransom for Mooney and Billings.

Eddie Tolan, sprint champion of the world, looked at the embossed resolution expressing Detroit's pride in him, and smiled wryly.

And Mayor Murphy smiled widely, and the press photographers shot it, and the wide, wide world hears of the generosity of Mayor Murphy—the same Murphy whose thugs shot down those who were not world-known athletes.

This from Roumania should interest the farmers: BUCHAREST, Nov. 15.—A tax officer who entered a village to warn farmers they must pay up their arrears or have their goods distrained.

The Southern Pacific "Headlight" tells of speed-up in the yards. One assembling crew was driven so fast they put the locomotive drivewheels on wrong—and the engine ran backward.

Newly-elect: "And so I've come back to Washington to carve out an honest political career for myself."

Old-timer: "Well, young fellow, you won't have no competition."

GALLAGHER EXPOSES DOAK'S ANTI-LABOR DEPORTATION DRIVE

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 11.—Leo Gallagher, famous I. L. D. attorney, lectured at the Open Forum on "Deportations."

He took his most convincing data from the transcript records of the Immigration Department, showing that the immigration officials and police perjure themselves in order to manufacture evidence to deport militant workers.

Eight of the Japanese and one Hindu worker for whom the I. L. D. obtained voluntary departure to U. S. S. R., were on the platform with Gallagher and three of them spoke, verifying Gallagher's statements.

FRESNO U. C. WINS FOOD AND LODGINGS FOR HUNGER MARCH

Supervisors Grant Demands Despite "Discouragement" Effort.

FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 16.—Failing to side-track the demands of the Fresno Unemployed Council, the County Supervisors, City Council, and lesser commissions agreed to provide food and lodgings for the 150 Southern California delegates.

"ADVICE" TO JOBLESS

"For your own benefit" said Commissioner Sharp, "I think these marches are foolish. You are going to Sacramento, but when you get there, what is going to happen? Nothing. You'll be in the same place you are now."

Finance Commissioner Glass admits he hasn't seen the proposed Unemployment Insurance Bill, but "knows" it won't help.

OPEN HEARINGS HELP

"Mr. Ledbetter, head of the County Welfare, lies when he says 'no one in Fresno is refused relief,'"

UNITED FRONT CONFERENCE

To further strengthen the fight for immediate relief and Unemployment Insurance, the Unemployed Council has sent out a call for a county-wide United Front Hunger Conference Tuesday, December 20.

The response from the farming communities to date is excellent. Farm delegates will be in the march and truck and food donations are already pledged.

FEINGOLD, GIVEN 100 DAYS, APPEALS; RHYNE CONVICTED

"I'd Give You Six Months," Judge Tells TUUL Head

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Jeremiah Feingold, local secretary of the Trade Union Unity League, found guilty of having, with the Unemployed Council, resisted the eviction and illegal seizure of furniture of Martin Blank.

Judge Fritz, in passing sentence, said "If the jury had not recommended leniency, I would have given you 6 months in jail."

Other workers, arrested at the Blank eviction will be tried January 4 in the same terroristic atmosphere of bulls packing Judge Fritz's court.

AGED WORKER CONVICTED

One of a delegation of thirty from the Unemployed Council who on November 18 demonstrated at the Associated Charities, Oscar Rhyne was today convicted of having demanded relief for Mrs. Ritchie, whose groceries had been cut off three weeks and who lay ill in bed beside her sick baby.

There was no question as to the facts, except as to whether two policemen or four beat and ruptured the aged Rhyne in making the arrest. Since an operation was necessary, the manhandling was admitted.

The workers are on trial not for any crime, as Deputy Prosecutor McMahan said, in his plea to the jury of landlords and retired business men, but because they went to the charities and demanded relief in a body. Judge Fritz declared that the plight of Mrs. Ritchie was of no concern to the court, that the only thing bourgeois justice was interested in was whether the men had demanded relief.

California's Fake Jobless Insurance Bill

By JAMES BRANCH

Gov. Rolph's Commission Proposes Scheme To Combat The Fight For Real Unemployment Insurance

Governor Rolph's State Unemployment Commission after nearly two years of so called investigation, has finally produced its recommendations. As might be expected from a commission appointed by capitalist politician, and composed of an arch-bishop, two lawyers and a social welfare parasite, these recommendations are designed to give as little relief as possible to the unemployed, and to safeguard the profits of the large industrial and agricultural corporations in the state.

The commission crystallizes its findings into five main proposals:

1. A measure to appropriate \$20,000,000 for emergency relief for a two-year period from the date the law becomes effective. This to be used in the form of loans to counties and municipalities, and be administered by a board consisting of the following state officials: Director of Finance, Attorney General, State Controller, and the directors of the Social Welfare and Industrial Relations Departments.
2. A system of unemployment, reserves and compensation.
3. The spreading of all available work, (Stagger system).
4. So-called "Advance Planning of Public Works."
5. Transformation of the present unemployment commission into a State Economic Council.

\$14.00 A YEAR FOR EACH

Let us analyze these proposals one by one. According to the figures of the Unemployment Commission there are at present over six hundred and eighty thousand persons totally unemployed in California. The appropriation of this miserably small sum for a two-year period, means approximately \$14.00 to feed and house each unemployed worker per year. Could anything

more clearly show the cynicism with which capitalist politicians treat starving workers. The board which is to direct this program of slow starvation for the unemployed naturally has no representatives of the unemployed upon it.

The recommendation for unemployment reserves and compensation which the commission has incorporated into a bill to be presented to the coming session of the legislature is as reactionary as the rest of the proposals. In the first place, it completely eliminates all agricultural and part time workers from sharing in its supposed benefits. It victimizes even those workers who come under its provisions forcing those now employed to bear seven-tenths of the burden. It limits the period of compensation to only ten weeks in any one year and even if enacted at the coming session would not take effect until 1934, while no payments would be made until 1935.

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The other proposals for the establishment of a state economic council and "advanced planning of public works" are directly fascist proposals. Planning and economic control under the present capitalist system in California can only mean control in the interest of the bosses. In other words, more efficient and systematic "planned" exploitation of the workers and small farmers.

The reactionary and vicious nature of all these recommendations, however, does not lie in the proposals themselves but rather in the complete evasion of all the pressing problems now facing the workers and small farmers of California. The commission attempts to fasten the domination of the large California banks and corporations still more firmly upon the backs of the majority of the population and to whip into line those now employed in preparation for the further lowering of the standard of living of the workers and small farmers. Not one word is said against the wholesale policy of evictions, gas, water and electric light shutoffs, due to the inability of the unemployed to pay these bills, of the large utility and land corporations in the state.

Nothing about the discrimination because of race, nationality, age or sex now being practiced by the official charity organizations. Nothing about the growing use of terror against workers organizations; absolutely nothing about the pauperization of hundreds of thousands of small farmers throughout the state and the loss of their holdings through inability to meet tax and mortgage payments.

However, the workers and small farmers of California have no intention of entrusting their fate to Rolph or any of his commissions. The growing wave of support throughout the state for the hunger march to Sacramento on January 10 is proof of this. In contrast to the attempts of the Rolph administration to evade the problem of relief and to fool them by such demagogic proposals, the State Hunger March Committee will present to the legislature the demands of the unemployed and the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill. The provisional demands of the State Hunger March Committee have already been printed in the Western Worker. The primary one being "the appropriation of sufficient funds out of the state budget to give every unemployed worker and impoverished farmer \$50 and \$10 for each dependent for immediate cash winter relief."

All workers and farmers organizations, whether union, fraternal or otherwise should see that the proposals of the State Hunger March Committee are taken up and delegations sent to the various hunger march conferences. The legislature can be forced to grant these demands, but it will take a great mobilization of militancy to do it.

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WHERE TO GO

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE FOR WESTERN WORKER—Enjoy yourself while supporting your newspaper. Saturday, Dec. 24, 8:00 p. m., 530 Valencia St. Bring your family, neighbors and friends.

COMRADES! If you can donate some articles for prizes for the Western Worker New Year's Eve Birthday Jubilee, SEND THEM IN RIGHT AWAY!

RECEPTION AND BIG DINNER—1223 Fillmore Street, Sunday afternoon, December 25, 2:00 to wide children's Christmas Day delegation to Gov. Rolph. Come greet the pioneers. Admission Free. W. I. R. and Youth Committees.

ATTENTION! VETS! FIRST ANNUAL FROLIC—1223 Fillmore, S. F., Dec. 24, 2 P. M. to midnight. Entertainment, Homemade Eats, DANCING, Admission 25c. Unemployed with Council card 5c. Benefit Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 7:00 P. M. Send-Off to State Hunger Marchers and Personal Report by National Hunger Marchers. Entertainment, Dancing, Eats, Admission 25c, Unemployed Card 5c. 1223 Fillmore St., San Francisco.

TURKEY DINNER—Friday, Dec 16, 6:00 P. M. Dinner will be 35c Entertainment, Singing, Music, etc. 45 Ord Court (near 17th and Market). Given by Western Worker Booster in Eureka District

Cal. Election Fraud Exposed

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ive organizations in every significant town throughout this territory, and leadership of Unemployed Councils totalling many hundreds of members, will easily see through the fraud.

WHAT?—NO WATSON-VILLE VOTES?

After the manner in which the Watsonville workers battled police and fire hose two weeks ago, no one will seriously believe that no Communist votes were cast there.

Solano County gave nothing. This is the county where Vacaville is located. We are falsely given credit for organizing a "Red Army" there, for leading the strike (and the latter correctly so), but in the entire county we were not given one vote.

The counties above are only some of the outstanding cases where the Party has active organizations and show most clearly the fraudulent character of Capitalist Democracy. The many cases of stealing reported by workers from all parts of the state are far too numerous to be detailed in the limited space.

CRUDE FRAUD

Furthermore, the fraud was carried through so crudely as to be transparent. In answer to the Party Election Campaign Committee questionnaire, all the County Clerks replied. They replied even before the count was made, and without any ceremony, most of them gave the figure as zero.

But some actually reported something. San Mateo reported 26, but in the final results nothing was given. San Bernardino reported 18, but these were thrown out in the total. Santa Cruz reported 9, but these were left out later.

As the Orange County Clerk intimated to the committee, we are lucky we got two votes they credited us with. It would have, of course, been much clearer had all the Communist votes been thrown out. But the essence of capitalist democracy is in the few they allow, to give an impression that there is really a democracy, that workers participate in electing the government.

The California election results have given the clearest example of what one of the main aims of the Communist Party in the election was, to expose the fraudulent character of Capitalist Democracy.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN LESSON

There are many lessons to be gained from the election campaign, which should be carefully analyzed, and discussed through the Western Worker. Altho the Party has come out with far greater influence, and stronger organizationally, as a result of the election campaign, many of our weaknesses have also been very clearly revealed. These should be brought out by the comrades of the sections.

One of the facts that we should not ignore is the Socialist Party vote. We have often underestimated the influence of the Socialist Party because it has practically no organization in most parts. The 63,000 votes the S. P. received represent a great danger. While most of them came from petty bourgeois and other middle class elements, undoubtedly many came from workers and small farmers as well. Of course a great part of that came to them because many workers chose what they thought to be the "lesser evil" because the Communist Party was kept off the ballot. The Capitalist newspapers saw to

Vacaville Meeting Held by W.E.S.L.

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enough men to protect the speaker, but was told by the delegation that the meeting will be held regardless.

The meeting was however moved to the depot.

Comrades Lambert, McDonald, McKendrick and McKay, ruthlessly exposed the terror policy of the ranchers, and the pitiful \$1.25 per day they offer to the workers. The deputies and legionnaires who at first displayed their guns and clubs prominently, making various threats to scare the speakers, were completely overwhelmed by the determination and courage of the W. E. S. L. delegates. While at the outset many workers were hesitant to join the meeting, soon more than 500 came from all sides, and towards the end of the meeting enthusiastic applause greeted the remarks of the speakers. Even many of the deputy sheriffs had their heads in shame. The meeting was a splendid demonstration of the strikers of the support they are receiving from other workers.

The International Labor Defense has obtained the release of all arrested strikers, including De Bingham for whom a \$5,000.00 bond or \$10,000 property bond is demanded. All necessary steps being taken to furnish legal defense and to arouse workers organizations throughout the for the defense of these com.

Oregon Hunger March to Salt

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with a send-off demonstration a parade in Portland on January. They will be joined by workers from towns on the road and stop overnight at Oregon City, another town to be announced.

Those unable to make the trip or living farther from the City will travel in auto and truck-avans. All marchers should bring their own blankets. Food will be arranged by the State and Hunger March Committees.

This March should arouse workers of the many small in Oregon, should show the fact who are desperate because of prices, tax sales, and foreclosures that they must organize for their own defense.

The fact remains that an agitic struggle will have to be ried on to expose the demands of the S. P. This will have conducted chiefly through a U Front with the S. P. supporting various issues, such as the for Mooney, relief, against Criminal Syndicalism, etc. A further result that is clearly evident is the fact while we are able to thousands in many struggles, as the Hunger Marches, we do not have the freedom, etc., we do phasize to the workers. Communist Party is the lesser evil" because the Communist Party was kept off the ballot. The Capitalist newspapers saw to

Fresno Votes Thrown Out

FRESNO, Calif. — A committee appeared before the Fresno county clerk, Barnwell, to find out how many write-ins for Foster and Ford were cast in Fresno.

Barnwell at first "did not know" for what office they were running but when told he stated that "there were a few but not knowing for what office they were running the ballots were discarded."

The committee demanded to know the exact vote. Barnwell replied that if they wanted to know they would have to look through 247 books. The committee asked if the other political parties had to go through the same process, but that made little difference to this boss henchman.

The committee will not let the matter rest, but will return with a large number of workers and look over the books. A mass meeting is being called in Courthouse Square to expose the election fraud to the Fresno workers.

Jobless Denied Smoke

MONTEREY, Calif., Dec. 10.—Relief workers on the scab labor jobs on the roads report that the boss came around and told them that jobless have no right to smoke.

He was smoking a big cigar at the time. These relief workers get 2 days a week and are paid \$2 per day in grocery orders (soap-wrappers). They work side by side with workers paid \$4.00 (cut from \$5.00).

Irish Worker To Be Deported For Militant Speech

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 14.—Pat Burke, Irish worker, was arrested here today after making a militant speech, and held by the authorities for deportation. He will be tried at Ventura on Dec. 16th 1932. The I. L. D. is defending Burke through its attorney Leo Gallagher.

First Western Worker Birthday New Year's Eve.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR GIFT?

DID YOU CONTRIBUTE YOUR SHARE TO GUARANTEE ITS EXISTENCE FOR 1933?

\$45,000.00 Is Needed

We are still Far, Far Behind. The New Year is beginning next week and last year's fund is exhausted. The biggest gun fired in the drive will be New Year's Eve Birthday Celebrations!

Every city will have one. They will be the grandest affairs of the year.

Upon Them Depends the Bulk of the Fund To Be Raised. Don't Miss Them!

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FIRST BIRTHDAY JUBILEE

New Year's Eve—1223 Fillmore St.

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Play: "Merry Xmas Revolution" (Written by Ronald Cooley)

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Editorial Column

THE FIRST YEAR—A SPLENDID BEGINNING!

With this issue we complete our first year's publication of the WESTERN WORKER.

The WESTERN WORKER has done itself proud. Tens of thousands of workers and poor farmers know that the very first issue, last January became one of the chief organizers of the State Hunger Marchers in California. Then followed the successful fight against the Long Beach prosecution. Almost immediately after came the struggle against the thieving raisin pool in Fresno County which would have put the farmers at the complete mercy of the banks. The raisin pool was licked. More than by any other means, the ballot box fraud resulting in the elimination of the Communist Party from the ballot by the Rolph machine aided by the "Socialist Party" was exposed by the WESTERN WORKER. The jobless County Hunger Marchers all knew that only the WESTERN WORKER, of all newspapers fought for their demands and especially exposed the self-help fakery.

The WESTERN WORKER played its part in the fight for the 90 Chinese seamen, the exposure of munition shipments to Japan and in innumerable smaller struggles of the workers to better their conditions.

And who will doubt that the Mooney campaign and the fight against bosses' terror has been developed to the extent it is now is largely through the continual drive of this militant working class and poor farmers newspaper. We need only call attention to the role of the WESTERN WORKER played in the organization of the fight to free the Scottsboro boys, the election campaign, and the National Hunger March of the unemployed and veterans. In all of these campaigns our paper gave splendid support to the leadership of the DAILY WORKER and the Communist Party.

WESTERN WORKER NOW CHIEF WEAPON

Even at this moment the Vacaville strikers, the unemployed of 6 states, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, California, Utah and Colorado, who are preparing Hunger Marches to the State Legislatures, and the workers and farmers entering the drive to repeal the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law all look to the WESTERN WORKER for help and guidance to carry their campaigns through to a successful conclusion.

Our Communist Party has found in its western organ a splendid spokesman and recruiting agent. California is the state of most severe terror. The brutal kidnappings and assaults with the connivance of the police in Long Beach, Jackson and Vacaville, the abolition of all rights of free speech and assemblage in Los Angeles and Imperial Valley, the Mooney-Billings Case, the widespread deportations are all evidence of this fact.

During 1932, because of the educational work carried on by the WESTERN WORKER, the Party membership increased in District 13 alone, including California, Arizona and Nevada, and one of the largest increases is precisely in Southern California, two and one half times. Enough workers responded to the call for support to make it possible to begin publishing as a weekly instead of a bi-monthly on October 18, 1932, instead of January 1, '33, about two and half months ahead of schedule.

WILL LACKS SUPPORT OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

But despite the splendid record made during the first year of publication there are yet many difficulties which have not been overcome. Chief among these is the lack of support to the paper from Washington, Oregon and Colorado districts. In the last period there was a slight improvement in the amount of news sent in from Washington. But news correspondence from other states and from all states of the West, is yet comparatively

possibly the greatest shortcoming lies in the very response to the campaign to raise \$4500.00 for the Guarantee Fund. What was accomplished in 1932 is only a first step towards what can really be done in 1933. The proper support is given the drive by the militant organizations of toilers and the individuals. But unless we drive for the Guarantee Fund is successful, we will be unable to carry our program through.

There will be jubilee birthday parties on New Year's eve in most cities of the West to celebrate the first anniversary of publication. Attend them! But why not send a direct birthday present to the Guarantee Fund? Make it as much as you can, but don't hesitate to send in a small amount if you can't afford more.

Make 1933 historic in the advance of the revolutionary movement! And one measure towards doing that BUILD THE WESTERN WORKER!

ISCO, OAKLAND WORKERS SCHOOLS START JANUARY 2

Classes Offered In All Subjects Of Importance To Workers Movement. Registration Begins Now.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The session of the Workers' School, which convenes early in January, offers an attractive program of very instructive courses. The school is being organized on a broader basis than heretofore. It is opening in new headquarters which are adequately equipped to take care of a record enrollment.

Frederick Odhner, Cora Reed, Minnie Carson and others. Registration for classes begins immediately; students should sign up for their courses at 1164 Market Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco.

Oakland School

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 19.—The Workers' School, at 727 Washington Street, is beginning its Spring Term January 2nd, 1933. Twelve lessons in each of the eight courses—"Fundamentals of Communism," "Political Economy," "Leninist Principles of Organization," etc., will be given. Registration fee for employed, \$1.00; for unemployed, 25c. All are evening classes. The school board is anxious to establish an "extension division" in the outlying towns of the East Bay. Whenever ten or more students living in the same locality register for the same course, a class in that course will be established right there.

Rolph: "Merry Christmas!"

By T. Jones



International Events and Western Workers

Capitalism Entangled in War Debt Question, American Hypocrisy on Russian Debts, "Socialists" Try To Solve Capitalism's Problems, Communists Have Only Solution.

If you are usually afraid of statistics, don't let the lengthy figures in this column scare you. They are really very simple. They are about the war debts! Did you ever hear a liar try to explain something away. Invariably he gets himself so mixed up that no one, not even himself, can make head or tail of what he is saying. That's the position the capitalists are in. The lie they are trying to tell is that the war debt question is solvable under capitalism. It's like a Gordian knot; the only way to untie it is to cut it with a sword. You and I who have to borrow 5c for carfare now and then will have difficulty understanding how much money is involved in these war debts. In order to give you a small idea remember this fact—in the entire world there is only 11 Billion dollars in gold. Got that figure fixed in your mind? Now remember that the United States and France alone have more than two thirds of this, or little over 7 Billion dollars. All the rest of the world has less than 4 Billion. Now comes the war debts!

OWE 11 BILLION TO U. S.

To the United States alone European countries owe 11 Billions out of which France owes 3 1/2 Billions. Get it? There are 4 Billion dollars in the entire world outside of U. S. and France, but European countries excepting France owe 7 1/2 Billions in war debt alone.

Maybe you think that's all there is in debts? Not at all! War debts are only a small part of what is owed the United States. In addition to 11 Billions in war debts there is 18 Billions advanced in loans after the war and 12 Billions in goods that were sold and not paid for, a total of 41 Billion dollars owed the United States.

Now you haven't forgotten that only 4 Billion dollars to pay this with in the entire world outside of France and the United States.

REFUSE TO PAY

A minor part of this money was really loaned in cash. About 75% of it was in goods shipped to Europe for cash to be paid later. It is this cash that is now not going to be paid. Many months ago in this

column we said the war debts were liquidated because capitalism was rapidly going bankrupt and could not pay. Now France, Belgium, and three other countries have already defaulted and it is safe to say that unless the Wall Street government in Washington makes the empty gesture of cancelling the debts, there will be defaults by all countries when the next payment is due.

Now here's the funny part. The United States wanted to overthrow the Soviet Union. For this she advanced millions of dollars to the counter revolutionary white guards. When the white guards and the foreign capitalist interventionists were thoroughly trounced by the Red Army our Wall Street government had the gall to demand that the Soviet government pay back the money which was borrowed by the counter-revolutionary forces. When the U. S. S. R. justly refused the administration decided not to recognize the Soviet Union. These European countries borrowed money to keep their own bankrupt capitalist systems running. Now they can't pay back. We wonder will the U. S. break relations? Hardly! But you can see how hypocritical is the pretense of the U. S. when it says it won't recognize the Soviet Union because of unpaid debts.

But don't think that the figures listed above are all there is to the problem. You remember that there are only 11 Billion dollars in the whole world? Well, the amount of debts listed above are only what is due the U. S. government. But other governments have a lot of money due them. Let's take the five principal capitalist countries and show you how gold stock increased and how debts increased between 1913 and 1930:

1913	
Gold Stock.....	8,239,500,000
National Debts.....	43,000,000,000
1930	
Gold Stock.....	10,907,399,000
National Debts.....	150,000,000,000

Capitalism was already bankrupt in 1913. You can see from the above. But it is hopelessly entangled in a blind alley of debts in 1930. The gold stock increased by about 20% and the debts by over 300%.

"SOCIALISTS" STEP FORWARD

Well, the doubting Thomases, will say, "they will pay it off in trade!" But what capitalist wants to let goods into his country. In fact the only reason we had a sort of prosperity in the years 1923 to 1928 was because we were shipping goods out. It is true that it was all on credit. But then the U. S. had plenty of cash left-over from its war profits to carry on at home and although its assets were all accounts receivable (which now being charged to bad debts) yet there was an appearance of a thriving capitalism. Now the bottom has fallen out and no one except the Communists have a solution. "Hold on there" say the doubting Thomases, the liberal and "Socialists" "have a solution. Cancel the debts. That's just the point—why should the Wall Street government cancel the debts? Capitalists and capitalism is not built on "comradeliness"—it is built on the principle of profit and exploitation. In return for cancelling debts they want markets, trade advantages, etc. You remember Al Smith's proposal to cancel the debts? He said, "we will cancel a per centage of the debts in proportion to the amount of goods the other countries buy from us for cash" But what do the other countries want American goods for? They have too much of their own.

SOVIET WORLD ONLY SOLUTION

It is for this reason that five countries, including France, tell the United States to go to hell so far as debts are concerned. Soon all the rest will do the same. Of course this aggravates the danger of world war. There is still the old line-up, U. S., Italy and Germany against Britain, France and Japan. By making England take a different course on debts than France, the U. S. hope to split them up and be in a more favorable position for war. All these maneuvers show how close a world war is.

The basic fact is that capitalism is bankrupt. When a business goes bankrupt it "goes under the hammer." Capitalism being bankrupt, must go under the hammer and sickle. But it won't go voluntarily. And that's where the revolutionary organizations come in. They are the sword that will cut the Gordian knot. A huge organization of revolutionary workers and farmers only can solve the problem by overthrowing capitalism and establishing a workers and farmers government.

—S. A. D.

Rolph's Letter to Hunger Marchers Answered

In That Letter You Said:

Your demand (c): That the camps in the Sierras for unemployed workers be abolished.

My answer is That the reason for this demand is that at those camps the unemployed are required to work in order to earn their maintenance.

The Facts:

This insolence is meant to cover up your contemptible evasion. Isn't it a fact that the per capita cost of these camps including construction expenses, equipment, salaries, and transportation as well as maintenance for the unemployed is only 55 cents per day. You, having lived off the fat of the land, can't imagine what suffering this fact alone brings. Isn't it so, that these men work under armed guard the same as prisoners? Isn't it so that legitimate workers at \$4.00 and \$5.00 per day are fired and replaced by this forced labor at a few cents a day? And isn't it so that these same camps are prison labor barracks in many parts of the state when the unemployed aren't confined there? And isn't so that private corporations have asked the committee in charge to farm this labor out to them because it was so tremendously profitable? Aren't all these things so? We have the word of Mr. S. Rexford Black, your appointee, that they are!

The "Western Worker" has repeatedly proven that these funds are collected under fraudulent claims, and that almost all of it goes to capitalist propaganda and anti-labor organizations. Such fraud is a violation of your own created laws and even legally it is your duty to act.

Your demand (d): That all Community Chest funds raised under the pretense of relief for the unemployed and given to other organizations be refunded immediately and distributed among the unemployed.

My answer is: That the governor does not control those funds, and, if he did, that would not be the way to utilize them.

Your demand (e): That all funds to relieve the situation of the unemployed be raised by a graduating tax on all incomes over \$3,000.

My answer is: Of course this cannot be done this winter if it were desirable to do it. It is only another way of demanding that those who work maintain those who do not work.

Your demand (f): That measure be taken to establish a permanent system of unemployment insurance for workers which will guarantee either work or full wages to every worker and the funds for this insurance be derived from a graduating tax upon all incomes over \$3,000, from profits and from turning over of all state funds now spent for military purposes to the proposed insurance fund.

My answer is: This demand should be addressed to the majority of voters of California; to the Congress of the United States; to the State Legislature; also amend the Constitution of the United States which provides for a state militia. Not to the governor, who can do nothing about it even if it were desirable to do anything.

You further ask me why I do not call the State Legislature in Special Session. My answer is: Before any measures could be put into effect the period of the great emergency will have passed, winter will have gone and summer will have opened before it would be possible to translate any legislation into actual relief for the people who need it. While the Congress and our Legislature might be debating over some of the laws that you suggest, I am and have been taking steps to get men at work.

We are not surprised that you write as you do. Only in the Soviet Union is the government in the interest of the toilers. Only when Communists are elected to government posts do they in their capacity as officials take a stand to fight for the workers and poor farmers. We know that you won't solve the situation. Only the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers and farmers government can do that.

Now the Legislature meets without any special call from you. We are sending 1,000 delegates to them to demand relief. We know that the Legislature represents the same boss class interests as you do, but we hope that they be sufficiently impressed with the militant demands of new tens of thousands of unemployed to give some measure of relief. These delegates will be in Sacramento on January 10th. Maybe you will be there and explain your letter and its evasions and false promises. The representatives of the "Western Worker" will be glad to report anything that you may have to say. But we urge you to listen carefully and take heed of the demands of the masses.

In that earnest, we are,
EDITORIAL BOARD WESTERN WORKER.

NOTE:—On January 11, 1932, Governor Rolph addressed a letter to 536 Hunger March delegates who gathered in San Francisco to demand relief and unemployment insurance. This letter was stolen by the Los Angeles Red Squad during the Long Beach raid following the Hunger March. The police at first denied having it, but forced to the wall, they acknowledged possession but have refused to return it. Only on November 9, did the State Hunger March Committee finally succeed in getting a copy of the letter from Governor Rolph's secretary. In view of the coming Hunger March the chief points in the Governor's letter and the reply of the WESTERN WORKER Editorial Board should prove of great interest.

TO THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA:

Almost a year has passed since you last honored 900,000 unemployed of California by even noticing them. Because of your numerous festivities with your brother millionaires of this state and because of your dazzling and undoubtedly exciting activities with the Hollywood actresses you may have forgotten the occasion. It was on January 11, 1932, in San Francisco. At that, maybe you didn't forget at all. Especially since you squirmed and evaded, pretending to have other appointments for weeks before you finally appeared.

Maybe you also remember that before you even had a chance to hear any of the delegates you telegraphed the Unemployed Councils of California rejecting their demand! And when the 536 delegates finally arrived in San Francisco, after having been hounded, attacked and arrested by your agents in many of the counties through which they passed how did you meet them? Do you remember how you had hundreds of police at hand to enforce your decision that the Hunger Marchers should not be heard? And do you also remember that you refused to confer with them but instead made a speech over the radio villifying these representatives of the 60,000 people who elected them to petition you?

And do you remember how you whined because the Hunger Marchers wouldn't stop in the police trap you set for them in front of the State Building where they would have to listen to your insults and then be dispersed by the police? And yet you have the affront to call yourself the "governor of the people!" And maybe you also remember the insolent letter you wrote the State Convention of the Unemployed? You would probably like to forget! But we list below some of the insinuations and dishonest promises you made just to show you and all the workers and farmers of California and of the nation how false they have been proven less than one year after you wrote them:

In That Letter You Said:

You have assembled here to urge relief from the distressing situation that rests not only upon yourself but upon so many of the worthy people of our country.

Your demand (a): The appropriation of sufficient funds out of the State budget to give every unemployed worker \$150, for cash relief for the winter.

My answer is: There is no money available for such purposes.

Your demand (b): That all evictions, gas and electric shut-offs due to non-payment of bills by unemployed workers be prohibited.

My answer to your demand simply means that others will pay the rent, gas, water and electric light bills of those unemployed.

The Facts:

We disregard this cheap insult.

That's not true. How is it that you were able to get enough money (at least 62 million dollars already) to build two military bridges across the San Francisco harbor, and how is it that useless departments in State Government, kept so that you can give fat jobs to your friends, cost the people over 50 million dollars to build Roman baths, ride around in airplanes and hold huge and costly banquets at which your political horse trading takes place.

The city informs us that you, yourself, despite all your money, have run up a year's water bill of about \$200. Where is there an ordinary poor man who is allowed to do that? You and your friends who have millions which you get through exploiting the people can afford to pay on time and don't—you don't have your water shut off. But poor, sick and starving people with small children have their water shut off if they fall two or three months behind.

The workers who are victims of evictions, gas and electric shut-offs have made everything in this state which you and your fellow capitalists now hold and deny us. You would simply be repaying part of what you got by exploitation.