

INCREASE PROTEST AGAINST SCOTTSBORO LYNCH VERDICT!

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Oakland Votes Workers Ticket on April 18th; Strikes Start in California Agricultural Fields; Militant Labor Unites for Huge May 1 Parades

PEA PICKERS REFUSE TO WORK FOR 15¢ PER HOUR; MANY JOIN UNION

Strawberry Workers in Southern California Plan Strike; Large Mass Meeting At Decota

JAIL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN EFFORT TO STOP STRIKE

BULLETIN
NILES, Calif., April 9.—Seventy families are out on strike in Warm Springs demanding 22½ cents per hamper. The sheriff came into the camp immediately and gave the workers notice to vacate by Monday morning or be evicted by force.

NILES, Calif., April 7.—An active member of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, Comrade Aranda, a Mexican worker, was arrested at Warm Springs, Alameda County, near a camp of agricultural workers where he stayed.

Aranda was busy with a committee, to organize the pea pickers who refused to work for the 12c an hour offered, and in some cases as low as 10c. The workers were promised 22½c a basket, and now told to take 18c or get out.

Poses of landowners' deputies are after the organizers of the Agricultural Workers Union, in an effort to break the developing strike sentiment. The International Labor Defense immediately took up the case of Comrade Aranda. A delegation of workers, however, soon forced his release.

STRAWBERRY FIELDS ORGANIZE FOR STRIKE

STANTON, Calif., April 10.—Three hundred and fifty strawberry pickers from this vicinity held a conference yesterday and formed an Agricultural Workers Industrial Union with 54 joining at once. A Committee of Action was elected to present their demands to the bosses and the sentiment strongly favors a strike if the demands are refused. The next mass meeting to consider answer of the bosses is April 15.

Delegates included 28 Japanese from ten camps, and 32 Mexican delegates from seven camps.

Against the 15c offered by the bosses they are demanding 20c for all workers and free meals; 25c an hour for those who have to travel to and from the fields; weekly paydays, on Fridays, and the back pay which they have not yet gotten from last season.

Agricultural Union Organizer Jailed; Active in Pea Field

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 7.—Comrade Alberto Vegas, a Mexican worker, was arrested today while distributing Spanish leaflets in the pea fields outside San Jose. He was charged with vagrancy and bail fixed at \$100 cash. The sheriff refused to let anyone see him except an attorney.

The International Labor Defense immediately organized a committee which raised the bail and will obtain a lawyer.

Comrade Vegas is a militant member of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union. Spanish speaking workers in the pea fields are forced to work for as low as 10 cents an hour and many of them are now joining the union.

PICKERS STRIKE IN GUADALUPE PEA FIELDS

SA LOUIS OBISPO, Cal., April 7.—Pea pickers of Guadalupe and Nipomo districts struck today, demanding 30c an hour instead of the new cut offered of 15c. Previously the workers, mainly Mexican and Filipino, had presented demands, threatening that refusal meant the strike they have now begun. Attempts of armed deputies to intimidate them and drive them from their camps were beaten back.

EAST BAY WORKERS FIGHT WAGE CUT IN PEA FIELDS

HAYWARD, Calif., April 10.—A mass meeting of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union at Decota yesterday swelled the ranks of the union to 200, nearly doubling the former membership. Three hundred were present. The demands voted by the meeting are for 35c an hour for pea picking or 30c a hamper, instead of the cut wages offered of 15c an hour or 13c a hamper.

Determination is strong for a strike if the demands are not met, but the workers decided to go to work and organize each field before such action is taken.

During the meeting, in a vacant lot, a truckload of armed deputies drove up but seeing the size of the crowd contented themselves with asking what the workers would do to stop scabbing. No answer being given them, they left.

Cleaners and Dyers Win Shop Strike; More Plan Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The workers of the West Coast Cleaning plant conducted a successful strike, resulting in an eight-hour day, return of the 10% wage cut, recognition of the union, the scabs were fired, and there is to be no firing or discrimination against workers.

This victory had the effect of showing the workers in the other plants what could be accomplished if the workers stick together. The workers of the Independent, Bogans and the National plants have already held meetings and elected committees to present their demands to the bosses.

The reason the workers were able to force a settlement in 24 hours is because they followed a line of militant action, and from the start had committees to keep scabs out of the place. A shop committee was elected to see to it that the conditions won are lived up to.

Plan Hunger March

MONTEREY, Calif., April 10.—A County Hunger March is being planned for the near future by an Unemployed Council Permanent Committee with delegates from Seaside, Del Monte, Pacific Grove, New Monterey, Marina, Castroville, Carmel and this city.

Fighting For Living



Throughout California vegetable fields, workers are organizing against wages of 15c an hour and less. Top, one of camps in Sacramento Valley; lower, Mexican family in Salinas Valley Camp.

1000 LOS ANGELES WORKERS PROTEST HITLER TERROR

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—Over 1000 workers jammed the Music Arts Hall on April 2nd to voice their protest against the fascist terror in Germany. The protest meeting was called by the United Committee Against Hitler Terror which was formed at a conference of many organizations.

Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party, called for a united mass protest against the effort of Hitler and his Nazis to wipe out the militancy of the German working class.

Rabbi Herman Lissauer, liberal, told about the wave of anti-semitism sweeping Germany. Joe Eitor, Robert Whitaker and L. A. Rall also spoke.

COURT LYNCH TERROR FORCE SCOTTSBORO DEATH VERDICT

International Labor Defense Calls For Greater Mass Pressure As Others Go On Trial

DECATUR, Ala., April 9.—The International Labor Defense has issued an appeal for the greatest demonstrations yet. In the midst of the most tense lynch spirit, with mobs thirsting for the lives of the nine Scottsboro boys on trial, after being out 21 hours a verdict of guilty was brought in for Patterson, the first to be tried.

This was despite the star witness of the defense, Ruby Bates, having admitted giving perjury in the former trial, and that the Negro boys had nothing to do with either her or the other woman, Victoria Price.

Fiery crosses were burnt in many parts, preparing for lynching the boys in case a verdict of not guilty was brought in. The trial for Charlie Weems is set for April 17. Attorney of the I. L. D., Liebowitz, already announced that an appeal will be continued to the highest courts.

All cities in the West should take immediate steps for raising the mightiest voice against the brazen outrage, and for the safety of the defense attorneys and witnesses

OAKLAND TO HOLD TWO ELECTION MEETINGS

OAKLAND, April 7.—The high point in the Oakland election campaign will be reached when the two election rallies will take place, on the 14th and 15th of April.

On Friday, April 14, at 8:00 p. m., there will be a mass meeting, at the Lowell school, 14th and Market streets. The workers candidates will explain the platform. Admission will be free.

On Saturday, April 15th, at 8:00 p. m., there will be an election rally at the Workers Center, 22nd and Grove streets. There will also be an excellent entertainment, dancing, good orchestra and refreshments. Admission will be 20c.

Election Rally In Richmond

RICHMOND, April 7.—A mass meeting has been arranged by the United Front Election Conference for Friday, April 14, at Lincoln School, 10th and Macdonald. The workers candidates, Corwin Moore, William Prater and Violet Orr, who were endorsed by the conference, will speak, explaining the platform and program.

Much interest is being taken in this campaign and a large crowd of workers are planning to attend. The Richmond Taxpayers League is also taking an active part in the preparations for this meeting.

Berkeley Election Conference Apr. 14

BERKELEY, April 7.—The Berkeley Workers Election Committee has been formulating the workers demands carefully during the last two weeks, and the platform will be presented before the United Front Conference of all workers, unemployed, and small taxpayers organizations of Berkeley, on April 14, at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

There a discussion will take place, after which such amendments as will improve it will be decided on. Plans for intensifying the campaign for the time remaining will likewise be outlined.

3000 DELEGATES EXPECTED AT GREAT FREE MOONEY CONGRESS

West Coast Delegates Leave For Chicago April 17; Huge Civic Auditorium Ball April 26th

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—With only one week left until the departure of the West Coast delegates to the Great Free Mooney Congress at Chicago, organizations everywhere are busy electing delegates and collecting funds to finance them.

It is expected that there will be at least 3000 from all parts of the country to the great Congress, which will express the unity of the U. S. workers for forcing the release of Mooney in a finish fight. Reports at the office of the Mooney Molders Defense Committee indicate that united fronts similar to the one in San Francisco are taking deep root in the ranks of all types of workers, organization in scores of cities from coast to coast.

The West Coast delegation will leave on the morning of April 17. A White bus has been bought to take the bulk of the delegates across. A final report on the West Coast delegation will be given at the United Front Conference on April 16, at 141 Albin street, at (Continued on Page 3)

Conference Against Hitler Terror April 13

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The United Front Against Fascism, called by the German Cultural Federation which took place on April 5th, will again meet on Thursday, April 13th, at Equality Hall, 141 Albin street, 8:00 p. m., where final plans for a great protest against the Hitler terror will be outlined.

At the first conference there were representatives of 22 organizations including trade unions fraternal organizations and the Communist Party. The delegates unanimously decided for a great mass meeting to take place on April 23.

WORKERS PROTEST MATSUOKA WELCOMES BY DEMONSTRATIONS

Japanese Imperialist Agent's Mission Unity Against China, Soviet Union

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Protesting the celebrations to be accorded representatives of the butchers of the Chinese people in Manchuria, Jehol and Shanghai, in the persons of Yesuko Matsuoka and the officers of two Japanese naval training ships, demonstrations will be held during the presence of these imperialist agents in this city.

Tonight Matsuoka arrived and was greeted by officials. Tomorrow morning a delegation of 100, under the leadership of the Anti-Imperialist League, the Workers Ex-servicemen's League and the Unemployed Councils, will visit the mayor demanding no celebrations be held and that all war funds be given for unemployed relief.

Monday night when Matsuoka speaks at Dreamland Rink a demonstration will be held in Hamilton Square opposite, at Post and Steiner, at 7:30 p. m., augmented by groups from several street meetings held in advance. For this a special miniature edition of the Western Worker and the Japanese paper Rodo Shinbun in English and Japanese of 5000 copies will be issued.

Matsuoka's purpose in this visit to America, as demonstrated in (Continued on Page 3)

WORKER ACQUITTED; BEAT UP INSULTING WELFARE AGENT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—A victory was won by the workers here when Louis Evans won acquittal, in the Appeal Circuit court, after having been sentenced to 60 days in a police court on March 18.

The trial lasted two days, but acquittal really resulted from the mass protest aroused especially through the work of the I. L. D. boys have stared at the electric chair for the lies she told. But under cross examination she grew nervous, was less sure of the lurid (Continued on Page 3)

S. F. WORKERS PLAN GREATEST MAY 1ST IN CITY HISTORY

Cash Relief, Mooney, Scottsboro Boys Main Issues

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—At a May 1st conference representing 28 workers organizations jointly with representation from the Mooney United Front, plans were outlined for the greatest May 1st San Francisco has yet seen.

The chief slogans around which the demonstrations will rally will be Freedom for Tom Mooney, Free the Scottsboro boys, and cash pay for all relief work.

The workers will mobilize in various neighborhoods and march to the central mobilization point at 3rd and Howard. Then the workers will parade, headed by a band, up 3rd street to Market, up Market to the Civic Center, where the central demonstration will begin at 1:00 p. m.

A huge mass meeting in the evening is also planned, for which efforts are being made to obtain the Orpheum or the President theatres. A committee of workers will ask for the free use of the Civic Auditorium.

All details pertaining to the arrangements can be obtained at 530 Valencia street.

WASHINGTON STRIKE AGAINST FORCED LABOR SPREADS

State Unable to Enforce McDonald Bill

SEATTLE, April 3.—The strike against forced labor is broadening and has already won concessions in different parts of the state. Unemployed who returned from the march to Olympia are organizing the fight against the McDonald peonage bill in many localities.

Starting in southern King County, the strike has already resulted in doubling relief paid in Olympia, where the bosses fear similar action by the unemployed. In the Burien district of King County, shoes and fuel have been distributed for the first time, and several increases in relief were obtained.

In Renton, an attempt was made to break the strike by a trick meeting "to negotiate a settlement" into which a few unemployed were lured. After the meeting, which was packed with vigilantes, the local paper announced the strike was ended, but the few who went back to work next day, quit at once in spite of attempted intimidation.

Recognizing that forced labor strikes a death blow at wages, the Seattle Central Labor Union of the American Federation of Labor has voted to protest to the Relief Board. Men with jobs are being fired and unemployed workers are taking their places without pay.

Demands being formulated for presentation to the King County Welfare Board include the following:

For single men, \$2.50 per week; for families, \$3.50 plus \$1 additional for each child.

No forced labor; all work to be paid for at prevailing scale. No discrimination.

SPECIAL EAST BAY

WESTERN WORKER

ELECTION ISSUE

FULL WORKERS TICKET IN ALL EAST BAY CITIES!

Richmond Workers Candidates



On left, Violet Orr; right, W. J. Prater



RICHMOND CANDIDATES ELECTIONS APRIL 24th

CORWIN T. MOORE For City Councilman
W. J. PRATER For City Councilman
VIOLET M. ORR For City Councilman

RICHMOND JOBLESS COUNCIL STOPPED FORCED LABOR



Corwin Moore

With a City Council composed of workers, the unemployed of Richmond, numbering more than 2000, would have the full support of the city government in preventing relief cuts, forced labor, racial discrimination, evictions and gas, water and light shutoffs.

Take, for example, the question of forced labor. When, some months ago, the County Board of Supervisors endeavored to introduce it in Richmond and the county at large, did the incumbent City Council, fully aware that such a measure meant the virtual enslavement of the unemployed, object? The City Council did not. It, like the Board of Supervisors, serves only one class—the employing class.

Fortunately, however, the unemployed workers had a council of their own, the local Unemployed Council. When the Supervisors, through their hirelings at the local relief station, announced that heads of families on county relief would be compelled to work three days weekly on the city school grounds for the starvation rations allowed them, the Unemployed Council immediately went into action.

A meeting was held and it was unanimously decided to fight the measure. A strong delegation went to Martinez, the county seat, and voiced protest to the Supervisors. Seeing the determination of the workers, the Supervisors, through their mouthpiece, Supervisor Long, said it was "all a mistake" and that the unemployed would be required to work only three days every two weeks.

But the workers would not be soft-soaped. They refused to work without pay and to scab against the employed. A leaflet, calling for a mass meeting, was given city-wide circulation, and the relief station was picketed. A story was printed in the Western Worker. Despite police terror the mass meeting was held and it was further decided to hold a demonstration in front of the relief station.

The hornet's nest stirred up was too hot for the Supervisors, particularly for Supervisor Long, who lives in Richmond. Not caring to further arouse the workers, the forced labor measure died a-borning. The organized workers scored a complete victory.

Elect a Workers Council! Only a city government composed of workers will protect the interests of the majority, the workers. Only a Workers' Council will put a stop to graft and bring about the changes which must be made in the interest of the small home owners and the working class.

-CORWIN MOORE.

Jobless Council Meets At School

OAKLAND, April 7.—Beginning Friday, April 14, at 8 p. m., there will be regular meetings of the Unemployed Council at Franklin Boulevard, 9th avenue and Foothill boulevard. The 13th Avenue Unemployed Council has been organizing the workers in this neighborhood and is holding these meetings to enlarge the organization and to carry on the day to day work. All unemployed workers are urged to attend these Friday night meetings. The Millsmont Unemployed Council is holding meetings every Friday at 8 p. m. in the Burkhalter School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL IN RICHMOND HIDES GRAFT

RICHMOND, Calif., April 7.—"Czar" Helms, superintendent of schools, has been forced to let a few of the facts of his autocratic management get out to the members of the Richmond school districts.

On the million and a half dollars of insurance carried on the schools, \$15,000 a year is paid in premiums. More than one-third goes to H. A. Johnston, a "friend" of Helms.

Helms has hidden this graft by keeping all meetings of the school board closed.

This one exposure has increased the determination of the workers of Richmond and the other towns in the school districts to have open meetings of the school board.

This is one instance of the graft in Richmond. Another is the stench of the Parr Terminal, on which the city spends some \$160,000 a year and gets \$800 as its "half" of the income.

The workers of Richmond need representatives on the City Council who will help them expose and fight all of the graft in Richmond.

Vote for the workers candidates for the Richmond City Council.

LEAFLET LAW USED IN EFFORT TO STEM RICHMOND CAMPAIGN

RICHMOND, April 5.—Two workers were taken to the police station for passing leaflets announcing the United Front Election Conference. They were later released but were warned not to distribute any more leaflets.

Realizing the strong support which the workers candidates were getting for the coming city elections, the officials of this corporation-controlled town are attempting to stop the effectiveness of the campaign by dragging out an old handbill ordinance which had been broken several years ago by the Unemployed Councils. This ordinance prohibits the passing of hand-

BOSS CANDIDATES STAND FOR SLAVE CONDITIONS AT FORDS

Workers in Office Would Lead Fight Against Wage Cuts, Speed Up

RICHMOND.—At the present time the Ford plant in Richmond is working 2300 men on three shifts. In the days of "prosperity" Henry Ford got a reputation for high wages and speed-up. The high wages are gone to hell, but the speed-up system has been made even faster, so that the men are completely done in at the end of a day, when they work.

To guard the effectiveness of the speed-up system, Ford has a long list of rules which the men must obey, and a stool pigeon whom the workers have nick-named "Useless" is kept in the shop to spy out infractions of these rules.

One rule forces the workers to sit on the floor where they work to eat their lunch, and they are not allowed to lean against the nice painted walls. They are paid only for the time the belt runs. They will be on the job early in the morning; they work half an hour and the belt is stopped. They immediately punch the clock and sit and wait for the belt to start. Perhaps they wait till the close of the day to get in another half hour, and for the whole day they get paid for only one hour, the rest of the day being "dead time." They are not allowed to smoke during the

EAST BAY JOBLESS GROUPS UNITE TO FIGHT

Will Fight For Full Jaffa Budget

OAKLAND, April 10.—A United Action Conference of all unemployed organizations to be held Friday, April 21, was decided upon by a joint meeting of the Unemployed Councils of Alameda County, the Fifth Supervisorial District Unemployed Club and the East of the Lake Club—the three largest here. A committee with representatives from each was elected to issue the call and to all unemployed groups and labor unions and arrange mass meetings in all neighborhoods of the county.

All delegates were enthusiastic about these proposals of the Unemployed Councils. Particularly strong was the East of the Lake Club where mass pressure of the rank and file forced the resignation of their fake leader, Sousa, Friday.

The main demands to be fought for are: No relief cuts; for grocery orders to the full amount of the Jaffa budget; free light, gas, rent and water to all unemployed not given road work.

RICHMOND COUNCIL CANDIDATE PLEDGES TO LEAD IN FIGHT

Richmond, an industrial town of 20,000 people, with its shops and plants closed or running on low production schedules, has over half its stores and houses vacant. Since 1929 delinquents have increased from 4,532 to 14,000 in 1932, throwing more people into the ranks of the working class and the unemployed. Nominated by workers, I am pledged to fight for their demands for immediate reduction of taxes on small home owners, public exposure of City Council activities and all Community Chest funds to be administered by a committee of the workers, employed and unemployed.

A former tin mill worker and coal and copper miner, I have been a member of the working class since the age of eight. If elected, my aim would be whenever any new ordinance came up before the Council that did not serve the workers to expose it and lead in a demonstration against it and with the endorsements of the masses to fight down any and all moves that did not serve them. The workers organizations to which I am responsible fight against hunger—in the Council, I would be their spokesman.

-W. J. PRATER.

bill and the officials know that this is nearly the only way the workers have to get any written publicity. Their use of this ordinance at this time shows that we have them worried.

One worker was called down for eating his lunch outside the plant. His wife had brought his lunch to the gate and he asked permission to go and get it, but he forgot to ask permission to eat it outside.

A man lost a finger a few days ago because of the speed-up. He was riveting frames, and his hands began to slip on the riveting gun. Tired out he was unable to hold his grip, but the bosses were watching and he was afraid to let go. He hung on till his hand slipped under the gun and he lost a finger.

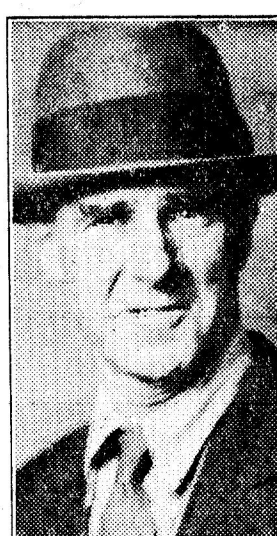
The workers who live in San Francisco had to wait nearly an hour for a ferry. When they came out of the plant they found the first ferry filled with new cars from the plant.

All these grievances will certainly demand a fight. But you know what you can expect from the present city administration, when you fight starvation, speed-ups and wage cuts. They muster the police, and every other government agency on the side of the bosses.

Therefore vote for the Workers candidates. Kick out the boss representatives from the City Council. This part of the fight against starvation wage cuts and speed-ups.

OAKLAND WORKERS VOTE APRIL 18; RICHMOND APR. 24, BERKELEY MAY 2 COMMUNIST PARTY BACKS TICKET

Leaders in Relief Fight



Left, Wm. L. Handy, workers candidate for mayor of Berkeley; right, Joe Studevant, choice for Councilman at Large in Oakland.

OAKLAND WORKERS CANDIDATE Election, April 18

JOSEPH STUDEVANT Councilman at Large
MRS. CONSTANCE MUGIANIS School Director No. 1
EVERETT E. WILDER School Director No. 2
MAMIE L. REED School Director No. 3
OTTO A. SCHWARTZ Councilman District No. 7
The candidacy of Peter J. Boscovich for Councilman is no longer endorsed by the Communist Party. He has been tried on charges of race prejudice, was given a hearing at an open meeting of two hundred white and Negro workers, was found guilty and expelled from the Party.

BERKELEY WORKERS CANDIDATES ELECTION MAY 2

W. L. HANDY For Mayor
SANNA NORTH For City Council
JOHN W. MAATTA For City Council
LOUIS J. GOLDBLATT For City Council
JOSEPH J. POSELL For City Council
J. ERNEST CARTER For School Director
HELEN I. ELDER For School Director

PLATFORM OF WORKERS TICKET

The Workers candidates in the Oakland City Election recognize that the workingclass is being driven into ever deeper misery through the boss class drive to "economize." The representatives of the boss class who are now in the City Council and on the school board are interested only in depriving the workers of the necessities of life to save the bosses' profits.

Therefore the Workers candidates have adopted the following platform, as a part of the struggle to force concessions from this same boss class, to save the standards of living of the workers.

Endorsed by the United Front Conference of workers, unemployed and small taxpayers, March 24th.

PLATFOR OF COUNCILMEN

- 1. No evictions. No gas, light or water shutoffs. Rent, gas and water for the unemployed and part time workers, to be paid by the city and county.
2. 5-day week; 6-hour day with no reduction in present daily wage.
3. No wage cuts. \$4.00 minimum wage for all city employees.
4. For a moratorium on all debts and exemption from taxes for small home owners and of personal properties of unemployed.
5. Sharply increased graduation of taxes of wealthier classes and on properties of over \$5000.
6. Excess of officials' salaries above \$3000 to be taken for unemployment relief.
7. Provide homes in the neighborhoods for homeless youth, at the expense of the city.
8. One month's vacation with pay for all city workers.
9. Abolition of anti-picketing and vagrancy ordinances.
10. Against police brutality. No civilian police.
11. Firemen prohibited from acting as police auxiliaries.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

- 1. Free lunches, transportation and supplies for workers children.
2. No dismissals or wage cuts for teachers.
3. No military training or capitalist war propaganda in the schools.
4. Free medical and dental clinics in the schools for workers children.
5. Funds now used for war preparations to be turned over for unemployment relief and education.
6. Unrestricted use of schools after hours, for workers meetings and classes.
7. More schools! Down with the portable shacks!
8. Maximum class to be 25 pupils.
9. No c'osing of schools.

GENERAL

- 1. Full economic political and social equality for Negroes. No segregation or discrimination against Negroes and foreign born.
2. Endorsement of unemployment and social insurance A. B. 1910.
3. Equal pay for equal work for women and young workers.
4. Abolition of child labor.
5. DEMAND freedom of Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro boys and all class-war prisoners.
6. Oppose any cuts in Veterans' allowances, for the immediate payment of the bonus.
7. For recognition and defense of the Soviet Union.
8. Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.
9. For a Workers and Farmers Government.

All Out! East Bay Red Election Days! FOR THE WORKERS CANDIDATES SATURDAY, APR. 15; SUNDAY, APR. 16

MOBILIZATION POINTS—

Workers Center, 22nd and Grove St., Oakland.
Workers Center, 313 Campbell St., West Oakland.
Unemployed Council Hall, 13th Ave. and East 14th St., Oakland.
Finnish Hall, 1819 Tenth St., Berkeley.
Workers Center, C and Barret Sts., Richmond.
Meyers Hall, 94th and E 14th St., East Oakland.

FOR HOUSE TO HOUSE WORK WITH LEAFLETS and WESTERN WORKER

WORKERS CANDIDATE CALLS FOR ANTI-JIM CROW FIGHT

Negro Candidate



J. Ernest Carter

BERKELEY—Jim Crow law is the law of prejudice. If the Negro's freedom is curtailed by perverse laws, the white man's liberty is restrained by the same perversity to the purpose of keeping them apart. The tide of unrest in a large laboring population smarting under oppressive laws, de-citizenized, discriminated against at every turn, while it forces upon another laboring class the work of assisting that oppression, places the Negro, an American citizen, in a shameful plight. A man who understands those laws which violate the first principles of natural justice is bound to strive by all honorable means to break down and defeat those laws. Among those honorable means is the sacred right of revolution. This sanctified the revolt of George Washington against the constituted authorities then existing. In our own locality it means, among other things, the wiping out of Jim Crow segregation in all spheres, and particularly in the public schools where the minds of white workers children are moulded against those of Negroes.

-J. E. CARTER.

Jobless Council Forces Charities to House Worker

OAKLAND, April 7.—R. M. Coppedge, 1042 7th avenue, has lived in an old woodshed all winter with his wife and two children. They don't walk on the floor barefooted, at night, because of the large snails and worms that crawl out of the cracks and over the floors. When it rains they set tubs and buckets on the bed and the floor to catch the streams that leak through the roof.

The 13th Avenue Unemployed Council has fought this case and forced the Charities to agree to rent a house for this family. Miss Arnold, the social worker, refused at first to do anything. "You've lived in that place all winter, why can't you stay through the summer?" she asked.

So far Coppedge has been unable to rent a house from anyone. The landlords won't accept the Charities' guarantee to pay one month's rent, because they know the Charities will keep the family in a house for three or four months and will pay only the one month.

Delegation Will Demand Decent Shoes For Kids

OAKLAND—The 13th Avenue Unemployed Council, with headquarters at 13th avenue and East 14th street, has begun organization of a strong committee to go to the Supervisors Tuesday, April 11, to demand shoes for school children. The Unemployed Council has looked over the supply furnished to the Franklin School and found the shoes to be cast off junk that would damage the children's feet. The principal of the Franklin School, when pressed for a statement, said he "would not want any one to wear them."

The Unemployed Council will take a delegation of children to the Supervisors and demand that new, sound shoes be given to all children needing them.

The boss candidates now in public office are strong for this collecting of old junk and garbage and distributing it under the name of "relief." Elect the workers candidates in the coming election and expose and fight the "junk-man" policies of the relief agencies.

-Worker Correspondent.

NOTICE! To All Workers in the EAST BAY! The Oakland Workers Center has moved from 727 Washington St., to 22nd and Grove St.

HANDY CALLS FOR MASS FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER IN BERKELEY

Workers Candidate For Mayor Tells How Boss County Tools Fool Workers

For the first time workers of Berkeley will have a chance to vote for a complete workers ticket. The attack of capitalism on the living standards of the working class is carried on in Berkeley, as elsewhere, largely through their tools in public office.

The city administration in Berkeley, as well as the county, is responsible for the welfare of the unemployed and destitute, in regard to food, clothing and shelter. Taken before the City Council, workers have been told nothing but sympathy could be given them. Single workers of Berkeley are cut off relief and told to go to the Rolph Forced Labor Camps. Many county road workers, who depend on this to pay their rent, gas, light and water have been cut off. This discontinuance is with the agreement of the City Councils of Oakland and Berkeley. But these same agents are alive to every chance to serve the Chamber of Commerce and

other big business interests. The fight of the small home owners against dispossession gets no help from these "public servants." The daily struggles of the unemployed under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils has met with success against their opposition—an opposition they will increase as the bosses increase their attack to suppress the workers. With mass action in the streets and at the polls the workers can force relief and fight back every attack on them.

The workers candidates, if elected, will serve no business interests. The welfare of the working class will be their only duty. The workers' mayor will have as his advisors the representatives of workers organizations and small home owners and will be responsible directly to the working class and to that class alone. Fight Hunger at the polls! Vote for your own class!

-W. M. HANDY.

FAKERS SUBSTITUTE BARTER RACKET FOR MILITANT STRUGGLE

Unemployed Councils Win Workers Away From Fakers

THE N. D. A. O. C., INC.

BERKELEY, April 1.—This outfit met in the residence of a Berkeley Socialist to form a local branch. The Natural Development Association of Calif., etc., is just a long winded way of saying barter. They have not yet "worked out a plan for stipulating the value of either labor or commodities, for barter purposes."

They evidently expect to work in harmony with the present possessors of massed wealth as they "wish to create and revive exchange of commodities" and "no attempt to fix the blame for the present chaos" is made. They seem to think that the poor farmer is going to be forever willing to swap the carrots and beans he has cultivated, for a hair cut and shave or maybe a volume of poetry. What the unemployed worker is to barter was not stated. They have on hand a lot of sympathy so perhaps the out-of-work could barter his old sox for that.

Ten per cent of all transactions go to the headquarters and if any two individuals decide to slip a deal through without headquarters being consulted, well, that wouldn't be nice. And the penalty if they're caught would no doubt be a slap on the wrist.

-Worker Correspondent.

The Case of Strong

For your information we wish to warn you of a certain Robert Strong of the East Bay Section. The charges are that he has collected funds from Party sympathizers, pretending that they were used for Party work. The following cases are definitely known to us: Collecting \$5.00 from a certain party.

50c from a jewelry store in Alameda. Failing to settle for Daily Worker Tag Day Cans entrusted to him by one of the Party members. Secured a typewriter, supposedly used for the Party work, and which he failed to turn over to the Party.

50c from a sympathizer in West Oakland under the pretense that the money was needed to bring salvaged food from farm dis-

OAKLAND, April 8.—A state conference of barter outfits is to be held in Oakland tomorrow. This section is chosen because the East Bay fakers have made a little bit of headway here with that racket, more than elsewhere. The first of these was one Rhodelhamel, who organized the U. X. A. to divide the workers in their fight for relief. Other fakers hibernating in the section smelled a few dollars for themselves and got up little groups, when along came a Buck from Los Angeles who got them all together into an Unemployed Relief Cooperative Council and whose purpose, aside from a living for an additional set of racketeers was to hide the true conditions of the jobless.

One of the greatest rackets going on at the present time is the scheme of working their members for the city and county and the ORGANIZATION collecting their pay and giving the worker points with which he may trade for any junk that they may have on hand.

One of the worst sights that one sees around their commissaries is the piles of food rotting because the members don't happen to have points enough to purchase this.

The East Bay Relief Home operated by Thompson is growing especially notorious of late and in spite of all Thompson's begging he is still a little too "raw" for the Supervisors to stomach. His specialty is taking in families not eligible for relief and putting them to work on the County Relief projects, after they have assigned him their ENTIRE PAY, which they never see.

The Unemployed Council, however, is winning the workers away from these gentlemen, and in two relief clubs the rank and file took control already. The workers soon learn that only a militant mass struggle brings results.

Although we have no further cases reported so far, we know that there are many more sympathizers whom he has worked on in the same fashion as above. Aside from that, he is going round demoralizing Party members and sympathizers with disruptive talk. We urge you to take action immediately so we may be able to openly expose him before the workers. In salvaged food from farm dis-

-District Disciplinary Comm.

East Bay Workers Organizations ALL OUT FOR BIG MAY 1ST PARADE AND INDOOR RALLY

Send Delegates to the May 1st. United Front Conference

Wednesday, April 19th, 8:00 P. M.

NEW WORKERS CENTER 22nd and Grove Streets

This conference will plan a great demonstration which will be an expression of unity of many different workers organizations, but united against wage cuts, starvation and war. MAKE SURE YOUR ORGANIZATION IS REPRESENTED



"Jews are thieves and must be suppressed," says Hitler, as he grabs their bank accounts.

Swanson urges building a big navy as unemployment relief. By the same token the manufacturers of teargas bombs to be used against hungry women unemployed are helping the jobless.

SOCIETY NOTE: Kate Felton, head of the S. F. Assassinating Charities, is attending the "Marxism" class of Austin Lewis, of the Socialist Tea Party. Under such tutelage she will be taught nothing disturbing.

They just planted a tree in San Jose in memory of the Santa Clara County in honor of the world war vets. Yes, the tree was already cut.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN: "Mr. Matsuoka is representing no one in the United States except himself." —Tokyo.

Well, beer's here—but where are all the jobs it was to bring?

"Beer for breakfast!" is the new sales slogan of the breweries, and will all those who had any breakfast this morning raise their hands?

A "bomb" scare was raised by the S. F. police last week, who alleged some unknown radical was planning to blow up Old Ironsides. The fake was exploded when no workers fell for it; they know it's the bulls and capitalists who are experts at busting up the Constitution.

Funny how these bomb scares and Akron sabotage yarns break and get a big play in the capitalist sheets just before the new Mooney trial, when the prosecution admits it has no evidence—and can only make a show by pumping up some anti-labor hysteria.

USELESS INFORMATION: Many of those who paid several dollars to sit in the rich hotels that served "Free Beer at Midnight," were so drunk from their accustomed moonshine they couldn't taste the new stuff.

"Give your consent to this great new watchword, 'work,' and rest assured that we shall defend the mandate the Nation has given us. We must be confident that we will rise once more, that the time of distress will end." No, this isn't Roosevelt. It's Hitler's speech on getting dictatorship, using the same phrases to mask the same repression of the workers.

The only business Hitler has revived has been corset making for Nazi army officers. The increased work for the doctors and hospitals don't count, for most of those beaten up are workers who can't pay.

UNITED ACTION WINS MORE PAY FOR PEA PICKERS

SAN JOSE, April 7.—Mexican pea pickers in a camp on Mt. Hamilton road today won their demand for 80 cents for a 65-pound sack as a result of the growing influence of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union throughout the district.

Yesterday the Mexican workers refused to go to work unless they knew what they were to be paid. The boss thereupon started out to find other workers, but he returned this morning and admitted he couldn't get any, and rehired the original workers and granted their demand.

Word that the C. and A. Union is organizing the workers and fighting for higher wages and better conditions has spread throughout the district, and workers are flocking into the union. Workers of the Mt. Hamilton district should sign up at the Jackson avenue local of the C. and A.

HELP SUPPORT THE WORKERS' PRESS Come to Gala Entertainment and Dance Given by WORKERS' CLUB Knights of Pythias Hall 8:00 P. M. 124 N. Townsend St., Belvedere Sat. Eve., Apr. 15, 1933 NOVELTY PROGRAM REFRESHMENTS GOOD MUSIC Admission 25 Cents Proceeds Daily Worker

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Guerilla Warfare in Manchuria

CHINCHOW, Manchuria, April 6.—Japanese were reported trapped in the walled town of Niangmiao, by 1600 Chinese "Long Swords." Reports state that the "Long Swords" are cooperating with 3000 guerilla troops mobilizing near Fushin, menacing the Tashan-Tunglia railway.

Big Red Vote in Wales

CADRIFF WALES, England, April 1.—The Communist candidate for parliament, Arthur Horner, came within 3000 votes of winning the election, receiving 11,200 votes. His opponent, a laborite, had the backing of the reformist South Wales Miners Union.

Nazis Suppress Shop Committees

BERLIN, Germany, April 1.—The Nazis have now taken steps to suppress elections for the shop councils. This step was already taken in Thuringia, and in Berlin some have been suppressed as that of the municipal employees. This step was taken when the Nazis saw that they cannot make any appreciable gain in the elections.

Krupp to Advise Hitler

BERLIN, Germany, April 7.—Lacking steps to establishing a dictatorship in the Federation of German Industries, close cooperation is being established between the great industrialists and especially those of the war industries, and Hitler.

German Socialists Quit International

BERLIN, April 1.—The German Social Democratic Party has withdrawn from the Second International. Since the founding of the International, the German Party was the guiding Party. The Party's representative on the International Bureau likewise published his resignation from that body.

This step makes it apparent that the German Social Fascists are preparing to openly declaring themselves nationalists, and therefore to support Hitler.

300,000 French Miners to Strike

PARIS, April 6.—Three hundred thousand coal miners and quarry men are expected to down tools today in a nationwide strike. The workers are demanding higher pensions and vacations with pay.

Irish Teachers to Strike

DUBLIN, Ireland, April 7.—The opening of the Dail on April 26th will be greeted by a one-day strike of 10,000 teachers, in protest to a cut of 6% being proposed by the DeValera government.

Norman Davis Proceeds to Berlin

PARIS, April 6.—Norman H. Davis, special representative of Roosevelt, will proceed to Berlin, where he will confer with Hindenburg and Hitler in connection with his mission aimed at creating a rift between the European powers, and particularly to obtain the alliance of Germany to American Imperialism. He has obtained agreement of a number of powers that Germany be allowed to increase her military forces.

Workers Ticket Filed in Santa Barbara

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., April 3.—There will be a workers ticket on the ballot for the coming local elections on May 2nd.

The candidacy of John H. Piny, for Mayor, and John F. Capa for the City Council, from the 6th Ward, was filed with the city clerk. Both are active leaders in the Unemployed Council and are endorsed by the Communist Party.

JORDAN ISSUES STATEMENT IN DEFENSE CALL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—In another call for Unity between Negro and white workers for his defense, Jordan, framed Negro worker now in the death cell, issued the following statement:

To the Negro Workers Everywhere: I am NOT a murderer and have killed no one for which to be hanged. I did not commit even a misdemeanor that I should be in the death cell. I am being robbed of my life through the deception of an unscrupulous few who make it their business to pin unsolvable crimes on some member of the minority—especially the workers of America and preferably a black one.

Because of the fact that I underwent more than 20 hours of grueling punishments, merciless beatings; and forced to sign seven different confessions (no two identical) at the point of guns, I am appealing to the Negro workers everywhere to merge with the white workers and put an end to this sort of thing. My trial possessed everything imaginable, except fairness. This case parallels the Scottsboro's in every way but the charges in the indictment.

Within 200 feet of the gallows and with constant knowledge of a sure death by the hangman's rope for a murder I am as innocent of as a new born baby, I am asking in all the faith I can possibly muster that my Negro brothers and sisters of the United States come together with the white workers and STOP the wholesale persecution of Negroes in general.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) THEODORE JORDAN.

Other speakers were Neil Brant, for the International Labor Defense; Virgil Rhetta, Negro candidate for the Board of Education on the workers ticket; Mrs. Bass of the California Eagle, and Edna Rosalyn Heard, Negro artist.

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OREGON VETS SET APRIL 22 FOR BONUS MARCH START; HOLD STATE VET ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE

Salem Post of the W. E. S. L. Grows to 128 Members, and Growing

PORTLAND, Ore., April 3.—Fifty delegates, elected from veteran organizations throughout the state, half of them from groups outside of Portland, met in a large conference at the Labor Temple here Sunday, April 2, and laid plans for a march on Washington, D. C. as part of the program under direction of the Veteran's National Liaison Committee at Washington.

Large delegations from Disabled American Veterans chapters, V. F. W. Posts and other organizations attended and wholeheartedly endorsed a program of active struggle against the starvation plans of the federal government.

Harry L. Gross, Portland attorney, addressed the conference, urging militancy on the part of the veterans, who are an inseparable part of the American working class. Richard Lovelace, Regional Organizer of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, issued a call for unity, discipline, and action. He was loudly applauded by the entire delegation and the 400 spectators.

Howard O. Hanes, who is a national executive committee member of the D. A. V. opened the conference, and told how the Legion leadership and V. F. W. vet-fakers had strenuously opposed the militancy of the veterans in calling the conference and uniting on a plan of action. W. J. Green, commander of the Eugene, Oregon chapter of the D. A. V. served as chairman of the conference. Green resigned as senior vice-commander of the State department, Disabled American Veterans, because of the treacherous betrayal by the state department of the rank and file disabled men.

Resolutions endorsing the march and protesting against the economy program of the Roosevelt plutocracy were adopted by the entire delegation, and an Oregon Veterans Liaison Committee was elected to carry on the struggle. Recruiting is under way for the march, with the deadline for starting set for April 22nd.

The work for the conference was not without great difficulty and opposition against it placed by the leaders of the veteran organization and its success is therefore all the more significant.

Richard Lovelace, elected secretary of the conference, has issued a statement pointing out that Albert Abel, member of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, and member of the United Spanish War veterans, deserted the cause of the fighting veterans movement, after having agreed to serve as chairman, during the arrangements for the conference, he disappeared only two minutes before it opened, and carried away with him material belonging to the conference.

He will be openly expelled and expelled from the W. E. S. L. —Vet correspondent.

TENTH ANNUAL WORKERS PICNIC SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1933 —AT— PENINSULA BEACH BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA Swimming, Dancing, Games, Racing Baseball Game at 2 p. m. REFRESHMENTS ENTERTAINMENT BARBEQUE BEGINS AT 8 A. M. Ticket in Advance 25c At the Gate 35c Unemployed with Card 5c DIRECTIONS: Cars and Trucks will leave from 37 Grove St. between 8 and 11 a. m. Fare 10c. Must Make Reservations in Advance. Or take Car No. 40 at 5th and Market Sts., and get off on Howard Ave. at Burlingame. Auspices: Workers' Picnic Committee

Negro Clergyman Greet Scottsboro Conference in L. A.

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LOS ANGELES, April 7.—Theodore Dreiser, famous American novelist, has endorsed Leo Gallagher for Judge of the Municipal Court, office No. 10, against the present incumbent, Thurmond Clarke.

Dreiser says, "I am glad to hear that you are running for Judge of the Municipal Court. It is only through the gaining of office by persons of your stature and courage that Los Angeles can ever hope to lose its national reputation for bigotry and feudalism."

Leo Gallagher is at present in San Francisco preparing the defense of Tom Mooney for whom he won a new trial on the remaining indictment. The case comes up the 26th of this month.

ASSEMBLYMEN SENT CHALLENGE TO VOTE ON MALONEY BILL

Resort to Trickery to Prevent Bill From Reaching Legislator

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—That the Maloney bill to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law was a maneuver in an effort to discourage and possibly stall the campaign for 150,000 signatures, necessary to place the question on the ballot, was clearly revealed in a letter from Percy G. West, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and one of those who voted for the bill.

The letter addressed to Benjamin Ellsberg, chairman of the Committee to Repeal of the C. S. Law, reads:

Dear Mr. Ellsberg: This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in regard to A. B. No. 181, by Maloney. This bill had a fair hearing before the committee, and the committee decided not to pass it out. Therefore as far as I am concerned the matter is closed AND NOTHING IS GOING TO COME FROM ENDEAVORING TO BRING IT UP AGAIN.

Sincerely yours, Signed, P. G. WEST.

The State C. S. Repeal Committee sent a letter to the Judiciary Committee, pointing out that a full quorum vote was not obtained at the previous hearing in the committee, and that although three members were absent the vote taken was considered final. The vote for the bill was 10 to 8 and only one more vote was necessary to recommend it to the assembly.

The State Committee for the Repeal of the C. S. Law is now taking steps to intensify the drive for signatures, showing that very little confidence can be put on the legislators, who are merely playing with the issue for demagogic purposes.

Mobs Force Death Verdict in Decatur

(Continued from Page 1) manufactured details of a knife held to her throat during the alleged attack. Faced with a miniature train, exact in detail to the one ridden on, she refused to answer questions. The 36 ft. train was introduced by the defense to disprove completely the testimony of two witnesses who testified to having overseen the alleged attack, but who were actually in such a position that it was impossible. And she lost her temper completely when the surprise defense witness spoke — Ruby Bates, the other prostitute whose lies framed the boys.

RUBY BATES

Missing since Feb. 28, fear was widespread that Ruby Bates was murdered, a victim of the venom of the white ruling class, since the publication of her letter repudiating her false charges. In New York two weeks ago, she was advised to tell the truth, and so came to Decatur.

On the stand her testimony contrasted sharply with that of Victoria Price. It was clear from her manner she was telling the truth. She not only denied being raped by the Negro boys but declared the Price woman was not touched either. She admitted the two girls had spent the night previous with Lester Carter and Jack Tiller in a hobo jungle and the night before that in Huntsville with the two white men. Carter had already testified, their evidence agreeing in detail. Boarding the freight at Chattanooga, the girls had continued in the same relations with the two whites.

Questioned as to why she had lied in the first place she admitted she had followed the advice of the Price woman and lied to save herself from going to jail. Her testimony blasted the capitalist frame-up "evidence" in all details.

The next step of the defense in the legal struggle will be the introduction of medical testimony proving the intercourse the girls had had could have occurred on the two nights previous, as Carter and Ruby Bates admitted. But the real fight is not in that court room—it is in the action of workers all over the world. To hold that open lynch spirit in check, it is necessary that everyone reading this take the fifteen minutes to write a letter, or send a wire to Gov. Miller, at Birmingham, Alabama, to Judge Horton at Decatur and to President Roosevelt, demanding immediate measures be taken to safeguard the International Labor Defense attorneys, Leibowitz and Brodsky, and the defense witness, particularly Bates and Carter, and immediate and unconditional release for the nine Negro boys whose lives depend not on the legal evidence of a prejudice court but on the action of every member of the working class, the liberals, and organizations—RIGHT NOW!

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WHERE TO GO

GALA MAY PICNIC—All day SUNDAY, APRIL 30, Royal Palms Picnic Grounds, San Pedro. Music, games, dancing, good food. Adm. 25c. Transportation 10c. Directions: Follow Pacific Ave. to Point Firmin. Follow signs. Trucks leave Workers Center, 2706 Brooklyn Ave., at 9 a. m. A. S. P. Picnic Comm.

CHILDREN'S CAMP ACTIVITIES, 1223 FILLMORE—Friday, April 14, 8 p. m. Parents of children in all revolutionary mass organizations should bring children for camp registration. Description of the camp, proposed leadership, camp program and other information at this time. Good program, eats, and family dance. Admission free. SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 15, 8 p. m. Workers vaudeville. Dinner at 6, dancing. Admission 25c. SUNDAY, APRIL 16—Afternoon special educational program and dinner, open forum at 8. Admission Free. Auspices Camp Com.

10th ANNUAL PICNIC AND BARBECUE at Nappadak Park, Cupertino. Dancing, games, good speakers. Sunday, May 7th. Auspices Yugoslav Workers Clubs of Watsonville, Mt. View, San Francisco, Oakland and Richmond. BENEFIT WESTERN WORKER.

ELECTION MASS MEETING—Friday, April 14, at 8 p. m., at Lowell School, 14th and Market sts., Oakland. Hear Workers' candidates explain their program. Admission Free.

WORKERS ELECTION RALLY Saturday, April 15, 8 p. m., at New Workers Center, 22nd and Grove sts. Excellent entertainment. Dancing, good orchestra. Refreshments. Admission 20c.

SPECIAL EDITIONS INCREASE

East Bay Cities know how to use the Western Worker for the election drive. They took an extra thousand of last issue and FIVE THOUSAND OF THIS SPECIAL EAST BAY ELECTION ISSUE. The results will be a much bigger mass support for the campaign, greater number of readers for the Western Worker, and a great increase in the membership of the fighting organizations on the East Bay. Fillmore is now preparing for such an issue of 5000. Every city or organization can have a special issue, with very little difficulty. If you want to know how just drop us a line.

SPECIAL OFFER

Are you taking advantage of the special offer? Six week trial subs to the Western Worker—only 25c. Subscribe all your friends. Subscribe all workers that come to our meetings. Don't miss any contact that you get. We are far behind in the drive but with the trial subs we can easily make up—provided all Western Worker readers will take advantage of this temporary offer. Send for blanks, with ten on each.

FILL OUT BLANK BELOW: Please send me the Western Worker for 6 weeks. Enclosed you will find 25c. NAME ADDRESS CITY

3000 To Be At Mooney Congress

(Continued from Page 1) 2:30 p. m., in the evening on that same day a sendoff affair will be given the delegates which will be in the same hall. For each of the delegates sent by any organization \$15 towards the expenses are to be furnished, the balance will be furnished by the proceeds from the Mooney Committees financial drive.

PORTLAND MASS MEETING Portland holds a huge mass meeting on April 14 at the Civic Auditorium, and will be addressed by John Mooney, Mooney's brother. From Los Angeles comes the report that a number of A. F. of L. locals have already elected delegates.

In the meantime from the entire country the mass demand that all evidence of the Mooney frame-up be allowed to come before the trial is so great that already the district attorney of San Francisco, Brady, was virtually compelled to admit that he will not succeed in having the charge against Mooney dismissed and will have to go through with a trial. When a delegation of A. F. of L. locals came before him last Wednesday, calling upon him not to place obstacles to the trial set, he for the first time was compelled to admit that the trial will take place, stating that his assistant, Murphy, will submit whatever evidence might "stand up," but will not ask for conviction, leaving it up to the court and jury. He went over the state's star witnesses and proved how each was already proven perjured, and cannot be used, and there is nothing left upon which to base prosecution.

In the meantime Attorney Walsh, chief attorney for Mooney, coming to San Francisco, on the 18th, issued a statement that if after the acquittal Rolph still persists in refusing a pardon the case will be brought before the U. S. Supreme Court on the basis that Mooney was denied his constitutional right. BIG MOONEY BALL

On the evening of the same day when the trial is to begin, April 26, there will be a great Mooney

Give Supervisors Till April 10 to Give Relief Answer

STOCKTON, Calif., April 4.—Demands for no cut in relief, better food orders, no discrimination against single or foreign workers, and against the barter plan were made to the San Joaquin Supervisors yesterday by a committee of 22 single and married workers, men and women, led by the Unemployed Councils of Stockton. Supervisors told the committee the county was broke and denied there was any starvation, but the committee informed the Board it had until April 10 to find ways and means to meet the demands. On that day a committee of 25, backed by all the workers in the County, will come back for an answer.

Reedley Western Worker Seller Gets Hung Jury

FRESNO, April 7.—The trial of A. Wihela, charged with vagrancy, because he was selling the Western Worker, resulted in a hung jury, ten for acquittal, and two for conviction. The case will now be most likely dismissed.

It was clearly brought out at the trial that the reason he was arrested was that he refused to stop selling the Western Worker. The state's prosecution was Besau, the gentleman who tried to start a fake Grape Growers Association, which the Western Worker exposed last fall. He ranted about the "terrible Russians who starve everybody to death." It was the same gentleman who complained to the police about the sale of the Western Worker, causing the arrest.

Ball at the great San Francisco Civic Auditorium, which, according to plans, should prove the greatest affair of its kind yet seen. The proceeds are necessary for the last big push to bring the fight to a finish. There everyone will lead a of the first day's round in the greatest court fight that ever took place.

Editorial Column

BACK THE HEROIC GERMAN WORKERS

The capitalist press for a long time has been trying to hide that the real struggle taking place in Germany is between the big capitalists united under Hitler's leadership and the growing united front of the German workers under the leadership of the Communist Party.

But now that Hitler took the official stamp off the anti-Jewish boycott everything is satisfactory to the Jewish bourgeoisie and protests from these sources are already cooling off. They are only confining their efforts to collecting funds supposedly for "help to only Jewish sufferers in Germany."

As far as the workers movement is concerned the boss press tries to give an impression that Hitler crushed it, and that it is no longer a matter for consideration.

That this is part of their lying campaign is now evident as more news reaches us from Germany. The Communist Party in a ringing manifesto calls upon the workers to strike against the Hitler regime, and points to strikes and demonstrations already taking place in Lubeck, Brunswick, Dresden, Stasfurt, Deisburg, Elmshorn, Harburg and many other parts.

But they must not be left to carry the fight themselves. The rise of Hitlerism in Germany is a challenge to the workers from fascism as a world power, and must be answered by a mighty international struggle.

The struggle against fascism must unite all sections of the working class. In San Francisco the United Front has already started with 22 organizations taking part. A large mass meeting is being planned, to which representatives of all shades have been invited.

GET YOUR ORGANIZATION TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE!

MAKE THIS INTO A GREAT MASS MOVEMENT!

SAN DIEGO ELECTION VICTORY AN EXAMPLE TO EAST BAY WORKERS

San Diego was the first of many cities in California to hold local elections this year. The fourteen hundred and seventeen votes cast for the Communist candidate, unquestionably indicate the tremendous growing support for the Party.

But of still greater significance is that this vote was won as a result of a struggle led by our candidate, Comrade Hancock. Also it was despite the terror instituted during the elections resulting in arrest of nine, for fighting a water shut-off, of whom seven were sentenced to from one to two years on the road gang.

The 1417 votes are already bringing results. The Board of Supervisors and the City Water Department agreed that there will be no more water shut-offs. They are alarmed at the increasing organization of the workers under Communist leadership, to fight starvation, and hope to stall it through demagogic gestures.

Especially is it important now to put every bit of energy behind the struggle for freedom of the seven comrades facing the road gang.

The San Diego election should indicate what could be developed in every one of the cities holding an election. There is a workers ticket in practically all instances.

The East Bay cities, with an election in Oakland on April 18, Berkeley on May 2, and Richmond on April 24, are in the midst of a struggle to raise relief to at least the minimum prescribed by the bosses own dieticians. There is no better way of doing it than piling up a great vote for the workers ticket, backed by United Fronts of many workers organizations and the Communist Party.

A huge vote for the workers candidates will compel the bosses to throw concessions to the workers, and therefore bring real gains. Thousands of workers know that all these candidates have been in the forefront of all the workers struggles against starvation and forced labor, and should not fall for campaign demagoguery of the bosses candidates.

ALL WORKERS! OUT ON THE THREE EAST BAY ELECTION DAYS! VOTE YOUR OWN TICKET!

THE PASSING OF THE IZVOSHCHIK

If Moscow was designed for speed, its aboriginal architects must have shuddered at the thought of a rubber-tired droshky plunging down a perelotok at 10 or 12 km. an hour!

Its vagrant alleys and by-streets, meandering gently off the main arteries of traffic, retain much of the quiet aloofness of the old Moscow rapidly fading into memories. Defiant autos and soon, shrieking subway trains, will usher new tempos into the city of the future.

Looking at its horse and auto statistics—there being 34,000 horses and 14,000 autos in Moscow—a traffic problem would seem to be long ago where in the remote tomorrow. But the city is being penalized by its forgotten builders.

Narrow alleys are bottle-necks for traffic; the lack of main streets, the comparatively small area under asphalt at present, the wheeled design of the city itself conspire to create a traffic congestion which does not seem to have a basis in statistics but is acute nevertheless.

The coming auto and subway also spells an end to the long rule of the izvoshchik, once the garrulous bewiskered monarch of Moscow's twisting streets. Honks and the odors of gasoline now swell the breeze of Myasitskaya, Gorki, Okhotni Ryad. The izvoshchik, perched on his flimsy cab, watches the march of progress with all odds stacked against him.

But the clan is passing. Of 6000 in 1927, but 1500 izvoshchiks drive their hacks about the city now. Over their heads like a Damoclean sword hangs the city's progress; the subway will complete the elimination of the species.

"The New Deal Is Here, Go to Work!"

By Kirby



Strikes Against Forced Labor Increase

By GEORGE MORRIS

Roosevelt's introduction of forced labor is not a new policy. It is only a further extension of the forced labor schemes and giving them a legal stamp on a national scale.

As a result of the crisis the "charity racket," which thrives on the basis of forced labor, has grown to become the greatest economic enterprise in every city in the United States. In fact the national, state and municipal governments find it increasingly necessary to extend this form, as budget difficulties multiply. In addition to serving as a means for driving the workers standards generally, to the lowest levels, and making "relief" cheap, it is a means through which the government treasury is relieved of a great expense that would ordinarily have to fall under its public works program.

However, along with this process grows the struggle against forced labor. While until recently it was confined to general protests and agitation, at present it is already assuming the form of a strike—a new kind of a strike—a strike against forced labor. A strike of unemployed may be as yet considered something exceptional, but indications already prove that it is fast being seized upon by workers in many parts of the country. In San Francisco, a 24-hour strike of all charity workers was called, to voice the demand for cash pay, against light, gas and water shutoffs, and against confiscation of auto licenses.

The strike is conducted by the Charity Workers Protective Union against San Francisco's biggest employer of labor—the Associated Charities, and carries all the characteristics of picketing, etc. In time we will witness longer strikes.

WASHINGTON STRIKE In the State of Washington the general strike against forced labor is now in the seventh week. The King County authorities have been forced to admit that of the 21,000 receiving relief only 2300 were actually forced to work.

FORCED LABOR EVERYWHERE In the state of Washington, the government is endeavoring to enforce a law that would force work for food vouchers. In San Francisco 19,000 family heads just work one week in every month for food baskets. In California over 40 fore-

Forced Labor Being Applied in Many Forms, In Cities, Camps and Agricultural Fields

ed labor camps with over 11,000 are in operation, the men getting only a miserable camp life in return, and no cash. In Colorado likewise the rule, "No work, no food vouchers," will be enforced. There it is planned to send the men to cleaning up the Platte river islands of debris, straightening the river beds, and such other as undernourished workers would appreciate.

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But perhaps the most brazen cases showing the scab herding fole of the Welfare Board everywhere are in the agricultural fields. During the entire winter the relief level was kept to the lowest possible pittance, as invariably the rate of wages depends on how little relief is given.

Everywhere relief has been practically discontinued, on the ground that there is work in the fields. The wages offered seldom exceed 15c per hour, and there are many cases of as low as 10c per hour being offered. In some cases as in Hayward contractors drive up to the Welfare office and ask for a number of hands. The Welfare fakes there simply called upon the necessary number of those families on the relief list, and instructed them to go as they are off the relief list.

But as is already evident here also the workers are awakening and strikes are beginning, and they are spreading to all parts. Already we have reports of strikes in Alameda County, Santa Clara, Los An-

ges County, and in San Luis Obispo, involving peas, truck gardeners and strawberries. These strikes are of special significance, coming in the early part of the season, and can prove the beginning of the greatest strike movement yet experienced in the California Agricultural fields.

This explains the viciousness of the bosses and their agents. They hope to nip the struggle in the bud. But they are no longer dealing with totally unorganized workers. In practically all these cases the strikes are initiated by the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union. While in many fields the union has small committees, in a number there is already a large organization as in Castroville, Gonzales, Warm Springs, Hayward, San Jose, Mt. View, etc. Unquestionably the Agricultural Union is faced with the greatest opportunity it yet had.

UNIONS AND JOBLESS MUST UNITE

From the above experiences it is clear that the struggle for relief cannot be separated from that of the existing trade union movement. But despite all these facts the trade union bureaucrats in the A. F. of L. persist in trying to prevent unity between the organized and the unemployed organizations. Their policy for unemployment relief is confined to such fake bills (Hornblower) as would at best aid some of the privileged workers still on jobs. They all follow their leader, William Green, who endorsed Roosevelt's forced labor camps.

Robert Fechner of the Machinists Union has been appointed head of the forced labor camps nationally. The members of the A. F. of L. must realize the danger facing the already very much lowered standards of the workers, and through a struggle within, force unity with the unemployed workers for a common front against the Roosevelt starvation program. Support strikes on all forced labor jobs and camps!

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INCORPORATE SAN JOSE "SELF HELP" ORGANIZATION

Move to Include Organization in Rolph's Forced Labor Scheme

SAN JOSE, March 29.—The latest step taken to finally turn over the Unemployed Relief Council, the local self help organization, into Rolph's forced labor system, was taken when one Attorney Lockwood, came before the membership and informed them that they are now "incorporated."

Lockwood, who is from the office of Louis O'Neil, local big politician, stated that the organization will be controlled by a board of nine paid people, and the old one would resign. Henceforth applications would be reviewed by the new board before accepted. It was likewise explained that now the organization being "legal" could ask the state for help.

A Rank and File Committee of Action has issued a warning to the membership pointing out that this is a move in preparation for the season in the canneries and fields, when under the guise of receiving help from the state the labor of the members will be contracted to compete with the already miserable wages of the agricultural workers. A fight against the new set of misleaders is called for.

Slave Contracts Made For Alaska Canneries

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Steaming for Ketchikan, Southeastern Alaska, the S. S. Arctic left port yesterday with 220 unorganized cannery hands for the salmon packing season. Worse than the fishermen and the "Beach Gang," the conditions of these men from the moment they sign up for the trip until they are paid off with practically nothing for their five months' work, is slavery of the most intolerable kind.

Mexicans, Filipinos, Chinese, and a few Hawaiians and Negroes, they are signed to a contract in Spanish which most of them can not read, because educated workers are not wanted by either the Alaska Packers or the Meyers Clothing Store which signs them up.

Most of them pay \$5 or \$10 for the job which calls for \$160 and found for the season. But before given the contract they must pay at least \$65 for a suit of clothes that sells elsewhere for \$12, that is to be given on their return, and about \$20 worth of shirts, shoddy blankets, dungarees, shaving gear, etc.—a minimum of \$90 must remain behind with the crimp, Meyers. Five dollars cash is advanced, of which \$4 goes to the gang boss Velasco, who will give the "deposit" back in gambling chips aboard ship, for use in the dice, poker and fautan games he runs.

Before boarding ship they were given two meals a day for five days

at a house on Pacific street and allowed 20c for tobacco, for which they are charged \$1.50. And if all this were not enough, they must pay a school tax ranging from \$2.50 to \$5 in Alaska. This leaves an amount not exceeding \$50 for the season.

But, because the contract reads "no gambling," these workers must gamble at the bosses' games. Personal terrorization and discrimination in the matter of jobs is the lot of those who refuse. And those who do, and win anything, can collect only part of it on their return, because their claim is illegal.

What of that remaining \$50 was not forced into being lost in gambling, is eaten up in the other grafts they are victimized with. Two meals a day of mush or rice, or dishwasher coffee, are insufficient aboard ship, and are purposely made worse by the cook who sells biscuits to those who will buy at 10c each, coffee and chocolate at 10c a cup, and fried eggs at 25c each. Never will the A. F. of L. union fishermen, steeped in race prejudice by their leaders, sneak them any food from aft, using the fact that the unsanitary conditions in their quarters have made it impossible for the cannery hands to be other than lousy, as an excuse.

In Alaska conditions are so intolerable that it was necessary to put into the contract, which not one in one hundred of them could

International Events and Western Workers

Trotzky Helps Roosevelt Build Up Confidence in Capitalism; Renegades and "Socialists" Agree With Trotzky; Concentration Means Wiping Out Many Small Capitalists and Savings of Millions

Trotzky has been writing for and speaking through the capitalist press quite regularly. His most recent contribution is the solemn declaration that out of the present crisis, especially in its financial aspects, the United States will enter upon a period of concentration and centralization, that will make it stronger than before and a most powerful pillar for world capitalism to lean on. No wonder the boss press, which so reviled him when he served the revolution featured these words on their front pages.

As a matter of fact—concentration and centralization of industry and banking is no sign of the strength of capitalism. It gives that appearance only on the surface. Below the surface, the basic rotting of the structure never stops. The process of concentration of

banking did not start, as even many good comrades think, with the closing of the banks on Roosevelt's notorious banking holiday. It even started long before the numerous bank crashes in the past several years. In fact it has been one of the chief phenomena of the entire period of the general post war crisis. Let us consider the decade beginning with 1921 and watch this process:

Table with columns: Year, No. of Banks, Total Liabilities, % of Liabilities Paid. Rows show data from 1921 to 1933, showing a significant decrease in banks and an increase in liabilities.

Thus the process of concentration and centralization of banking reduced the number of banks from 1921 to 1930 by about 8,000. And these fewer banks handled an even larger volume of business each year. Yet just when, according to Trotzky's assumption, the banks should have been strongest they began collapsing—so that even before Roosevelt closed all the banks, another 4,000 were eliminated.

Similarly the Lovestonites at one time hailed the formation of great trusts and monopolies as signs of the strength of the capitalist structure. And Norman Thomas carrying this logic to the ridiculous extreme predicted that capitalism had reached a state of organization where it could even eliminate all recurring crisis.

After careful consideration the Communist International has come to the conclusion that capitalism is definitely past the period when it could function with any degree of stability. Now is the time for all workers and farmers to prepare to strike death blows to the profit system and all the misery it has meant. It is not surprising that just at such a time Trotzky should appear with prophecies of a strong and recovered capitalism. But that should neither mislead us nor stay our energetic activity towards building our movement quickly in preparation for decisive struggles.

THE FORMATION OF THESE GREAT CAPITALIST STRUCTURES WERE NOT SIGNS OF THE EXPANSION OF CAPITALISM. WERE THAT SO THEN IT WOULD INDEED

JOBLESS SLAVES

By PAUL COLMAN

We plod beside the roads we made, and watch them pass us by— The cars of fat, sleep bourgeoisie . . . (cars built by you and I).

For roads are made, and cars are built, that such as these may ride, While we—the slaves—our masters force to walk the ditch beside.

We walk the streets where houses stand (we built them, stone by stone); As night comes on, we make our bed on a hard park bench . . . alone . . .

For family hearth and roof overhead are not for such as we Who toil and slave throughout our lives that all these things can be.

We raised the wheat . . . and munch the crumbs our bloated masters leave; Though with our hands we sowed the grain and reaped the yellow sheaves.

We picked the cotton and sheared the wool our masters sell for gold; Now winter is here, and in our rags we stand alone in the cold.

But we shall slave and starve no more, who've slaved and starved so long.

No more we'll chant the mournful dirge, but shout our battle song!

For we have found that we are one—that workers must unite; And side by side, with fists upraised, the working-class shall fight!

And we—the slaves—shall masters be, when comes the final clash Between a hundred million slaves and those who wield the lash!



That the Criminal Syndicalism law in practise "gives legal play to the violence of authority" and is "a weapon to an arbitrary officialdom intent upon persecuting members of minorities," as the San Francisco News guardedly phrases it, is apparent in every page of the pamphlet "Free Imperial Valley Prisoners—An appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court against Conviction of Criminal Syndicalism." In it the facts of the violence of capitalist authority are concretely brought out as the story of the Imperial Valley Struggle, first organizing the exploited agricultural workers there and, later, winning freedom for those arrested, is given.

Conventionally establishes that; (1) Conviction was a denial of free speech, press and assembly; (2) It was a violation of the right of workers to organize for economic and political reasons; (3) Conviction was an act against the workers as a class, with no basis in the evidence produced, and (4) a result of a general policy of repression and highhanded acts of violence and despotism against workers. The pamphlet sells for 5c with special rates in lots of 10 or more, making possible widespread distribution to help the campaign to abolish the vicious C. S. law. "Free Imperial Valley Prisoners" is available at I.L.D. offices and Workers Bookstores in California. —G. Maurer.