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ROLPH MANEUVER FAILS; STRIKE SOLID

S.F. Stevedores Forced to Return with No Gain

Workers Unanimous For More Intense Picketing, Spread Strike to North

Number Out Nearing 20,000; Federal Relief Offer if Workers Return, Rejected

Hundreds of dollars, many trucks of food have already reached the strikers, but far more is needed if the cotton strikers are to win. Rush Food! Money! Send thru the Workers International Relief, 1223 Fillmore street, San Francisco.

S. F. Workers Protest Nazi Terror Oct. 21

Huge Mass Meeting Held By Committee To Aid Victims of Fascism

(For sensational expose letter of Nazi plot see back page)

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—Two thousand workers gathered at the Plaza to protest against the fascist terror. Their indignation was especially aroused by the Nazi plot to inject syphilis into the Communists on trial, and the Nazi espionage system in the U. S.

The meeting was held by the Anti-Fascist United Front, including many organizations. Protest resolutions for the freedom of the four Communists on trial in Leipzig, and in solidarity with the cotton strikers were adopted. Speeches were in English, Spanish and German.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—Workers of this city will join next Saturday in protest against the beastliness of the Hitler fascist dictatorship, and particularly against the frame-up trials of the four Communist leaders now taking place in Leipzig.

The mass meeting at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Van Ness and Sutter street, 8 p. m., Oct. 21, is held by the Committee to Aid the Victims of German fascism, a committee of many workers organizations united in a struggle against the mass arrests which have put more than 60,000 German workers in fascist prisons, more than 500,000 in Concentration Camps, and to aid the widows and orphans of those murdered by the Nazi butchers.

Indignation of the workers has reached a high pitch with the exposure (printed on page 4 of this issue) of the Nazi plot to infect with syphilis the four Communist leaders framed-up on charges of burning the Reichstag, in an effort to "prove their guilt" and to ruin their lives, since the frame-up has become so thoroughly exposed.

Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party, will be the main speaker. Other items on the program include a play by the Workers Theatre, and songs by the German, Jewish and Finnish Chorus.

BENJAMIN JAILED IN GALLUP SPEAKING TO PICKETS

Mounted Troops Attack Mine Strikers, Trample Child

GALLUP, N. M., Oct. 12.—Herbert Benjamin, National Organizer of the Unemployed Councils, was arrested by militia today when he was addressing the picket lines of striking miners. The mounted guardsmen, charging into the picket line trampled severely a seven-year-old girl. Pickets were arrested and marched to the stockade where many strikers are being held.

The workers are trying to secure Benjamin's immediate release, so he can continue his schedule of meetings in other towns.

Despite the vicious martial law which the bosses are enforcing in an effort to break the strike, the eighth week of the struggle finds the miners still determined to win. Need of relief is becoming more and more serious and the National Miners Union, leading the strike, is asking all workers to help. Send food, and funds to 114 Maloney street, Gallup, N. M.

LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE IN S. F. TIED UP 5 SHIPS

I. L. A. Officials in A Desperate Effort To Prevent General Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—On Tuesday noon 500 longshoremen working on the Matson docks came out on strike, demanding the reinstatement of four members of the International Longshoremen's Association, who were fired. The firing of the workers carried through in the course of a month of the Matson company's union smashing drive, was used to maintain control through their "Blue Book," a company union.

The misleaders of the I. L. A. have agreed to place the demands before an arbitration board, headed by Judge Sloss of the Industrial Assn., well known as the worst anti-labor judge in the state, and a leading open shop advocate.

The five Matson ships delayed, were able to sail, only after fifty scabs were brought in under a heavy guard, and arrangements were even made for them to sleep at the pier.

Although the strike was against the will of the I. L. A. officials, they hastily jumped in, in order to prevent it becoming a starting point for a general strike on the entire waterfront to demand the recognition of the I. L. A. and smash the Blue Book. The strike was the result of the work of the rank and file group within the union, and the call issued by the militant longshoremen through the "Waterfront Worker" for full support to such actions as started by the Matson dock workers.

The A. F. of L. leaders in the city did everything possible to prevent a struggle for I. L. A. recognition. O'Connell, secretary of the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

RALLY FOR S. F. HUNGER MARCH ON OCTOBER 18

Workers Candidates, Two Boss Candidates Will Speak

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—On Wednesday, Oct. 18, there will be a great rally at Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia street, for the County Hunger March here, which will be on Oct. 30. Among the speakers will be the Workers candidates in the coming election, and Supervisors McSheehy and Peyser have also accepted the invitation to speak.

Another conference, to set final plans for the march, will take place on Oct. 22nd, 10 a. m., at Carpenters Hall. All workers organizations are asked to send three delegates each.

The march will start from the Mission Section at 16th and Howard. From the Fillmore Section at Jefferson Park, Downtown Section from 765 Howard street, Waterfront at the Embarcadero, and North Beach from Washington Square. All columns will meet at the City Hall, where a committee of 100 will be elected to present the demands to the Supervisors.

The demands include: Ten dollars per week cash relief, cash for all city relief work at union scales, no evictions, no gas, electric or water shut-offs, accident insurance on relief jobs, endorsement of unemployment insurance. To raise a Hunger March fund, a dance is arranged for Sunday evening, Oct. 22, at 1223 Fillmore street.

Boss Tricks Cannot Break Workers Ranks



Cotton strikers are unanimous! "Not an ounce for less than \$1.00 per hundred pounds."

Some More "Prosperity"

RICHMOND, Calif., Oct. 7.—Nearly 2000 industrial workers in Contra Costa County have been forced back on charity as a result of layoffs and the closing down of plants. Many others have been reduced to part-time jobs. 400 have been laid off at the Standard Oil refinery here in the past few days, 700 from the Ford assembly plant, 300 at the Selby smelter, and 250 at the Pacific Sanitary plant. The Selby and Pacific Sanitary plants are shut down. Added to this, single workers of the California and Hawaii sugar refinery, at Crockett, have been reduced to but 10 days' work a month.

L. A. JOBLESS BATTLE COPS AT WELFARE OFFICE

Refuse To Leave Office Unless Given Relief

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11.—Shortly after 1000 workers, led by the Relief Workers Protective Union, demonstrated at the East Jefferson avenue welfare office, the County Supervisors adopted a resolution that the 12,000 men cut off relief since the Griffith Park fire be put back to work.

Six thousand work orders were issued. This amount is intended to be split among the 12,000 men.

The demonstrators, facing immediate starvation for their families with the cut in effect, while the City Council and the County Supervisors passed the buck back and forth, declared they would not leave the Jefferson avenue office until they were put back to work, or given free rent and food. They began assembling at 8 a. m. At noon an elected committee of 15 went inside and made their demands. Attempts to eject them resulted in the rallying separating them from the office proper being broken down. The office flunkies hurriedly phoned police and nine squad cars of plain clothesmen, armed with teargas bombs rushed out, and arrested many.

Settlement Proposals of Strike Committee

To Governor Rolph, George Creel, NRA director, and the cotton strike arbitration board:

The Strike Committee, representing all striking workers in the cotton area of San Joaquin Valley, do again reiterate our real desire (in the name of the strikers) for a settlement of the cotton strike immediately.

In this connection, we submit the following proposals, which, after long and due deliberation—and in consultation with all locals of cotton strikers in the cotton areas of San Joaquin Valley—is considered by the Strike Committee and all strikers involved to be a necessary measure for the settlement of the cotton strike.

1. That the federal government, through its authorized agencies, immediately cancel all cotton contracts between farmer growers and finance corporations, cotton gins, or other agencies who are now financing cotton growers in the cotton areas of the San Joaquin Valley.

2. That, in conjunction with the cancellation of above mentioned contracts, the federal government through the proper agencies establish a minimum price for cotton to the farmer growers of not less than 12c a pound.

3. That a minimum scale of wages for all cotton pickers be established and set at not less than \$1.00 a hundred pounds of cotton picked.

4. That the cotton grower recognize the Cannery & Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union.

5. The immediate unconditional release of Pat Chambers (Chairman of Strike Committee), and all other strikers arrested in connection with the strike. That food and relief be immediately issued to all strikers until settlement of strike.

In connection with these above proposals—for an immediate settlement of the cotton strike, the Strike Committee, with the approval of all strike locals concerned, wish to make the following statement:

That the price for cotton of 7 1/2c to 8 1/4c forced on the growers, through contract by the finance corporations, cotton gins, etc., while at the same time the finance corporation sells cotton on the market at prevailing prices from day to day, represents an inadequate and miserable low price to the farmer growers for their cotton.

And that these same finance corporations, gins, etc., by forcing such a low price for cotton on the farmer growers, at the same time, in connection with these low prices, forces the farmer growers into the position of paying the cotton pickers the starvation wage of 60c a hundred pounds of cotton picked.

It is a well established fact that throughout the cotton season, pickers average approximately 200 pounds of cotton per 10-hour day at 60c per hundred for picking, a worker is left with the low wage of \$1.20. Further out of this miserable wage, the pickers are forced to buy their own picking sacks, costing as high as \$1.85 each. These sacks wear out and must be renewed, again at the expense of an average of four times during the season. Also the pickers clothes are cut from his back by the cotton stalks approximately once every two weeks. In the short cotton, all pickers must wear knee pads, furnished at their own expense. This is aside from traveling expenses—gas, oil, etc.—from job to job.

Therefore in reiterating our demands, including the wage of \$1.00 per hundred pounds, which with high and continually rising prices for all necessities, does not even guarantee a decent standard of living, we consider them an absolutely necessary at this time and certainly not excessive.

The responsibility for the extreme low price for cotton to farmer growers, miserable low wages to pickers—and for this strike—(Continued Page 3, Col. 4)

10,000 AT MASS FUNERAL OF L. A. FIRE VICTIMS

Relief Workers Protective Union Leads Protest Against Murder

BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 15.—The first of mass trials to establish the responsibility for the fire disaster took place here today, under the auspices of the Relief Workers Protective Union and the International Labor Defense, with two thousand present and hundreds unable to jam in.

The vote was unanimous that the City and County officials and the relief administration are guilty of criminal negligence and murder of the relief workers. The slanderous effort to implicate the Communists was shattered. Dozens of witnesses testified, and only lack of time prevented many others from doing so.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 10.—10,000 workers demonstrated today at the Plaza in memory of the scores of relief workers who were ordered to their death by the flunkies of the bosses in the Griffith Park fire. The crowd, which came, not to mourn, but to protest against the mass murder, carried black banners reading, "In Memory of our Comrades and Fellow Workers Who Were Ordered to Their Death in Griffith Park."

During the demonstration, workers who had escaped the flames, reported many instances where workers had been threatened with jail and loss of jobs if they refused to fight the flames. The refusal of the county to give aid to the families of the murdered men was exposed, and it was reported that the county is now attempting to cremate the bodies, and trying to force the families to pay fifteen dollars for the ashes of their dead ones.

The best received speech of the meeting was that of Pettis Perry, militant Negro leader and speaker. The demonstration ended with a chorus of loud "Ayes," as Harry Rice, leader of Los Angeles Unemployed, announced the Hunger March of Nov. 7, and called for a vote on the demands.

7,000 NEEDLE WORKERS STRIKE IN LOS ANGELES

Workers Demand Recognition of Union

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—From five to seven thousand dress workers struck here Thursday, crippling virtually the entire industry. The strike is called by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. So flagrant was the violation of even the NRA minimum wage that the workers forced the Socialist Party-controlled leaders to agree to a strike.

Although the minimum is to be \$3 and \$4 per week. Members of the Needle Workers Industrial Union are among the most active for mass picketing. The police and Red Squad have been mobilized in full to prevent picketing.

At the strike meetings Socialist Party speakers predominate, some of them praising the NRA. The workers are determined to stick through, demanding recognition and not merely the minimum, but a living wage.

SPEAKS FROM HIS CELL



Pat Chambers, cotton strike leader, jailed on Criminal Syndicalism charges, held on \$10,000 bail.

VISALIA, Oct. 16.—Pat Chambers, leader of a San Joaquin Valley cotton pickers' strike, speaking from his cell, stated:

"No other political party has, by any action, shown it is for the worker."

"This fight of starving cotton pickers is a fight against starvation wages and for recognition of their union."

"The workers will not be misled by charges of Communism. In every strike, the charge of 'agitator' is made by those serving the interests of the bosses."

I am agitating against starvation wages.

"Communists are the only ones fighting in the interests of the worker."

A. F. OF L. LEADERS PREVENT UNITY OF LETTUCE WORKERS

Limit Struggle to Only Packers, Trimmers

BULLETIN

SALINAS, Oct. 16.—A big sell-out of the lettuce strikers was carried through by the fake leaders, in accepting temporary settlement until code is adopted, providing increase of only five cents, and no assurance that scabs will be fired. Vote was 813 to 325 for return. By the time the code is decided, the season will be over.

SALINAS, Calif., Oct. 14.—More than 2000 lettuce packers and trimmers went on strike here last Monday, demanding 75c an hour for packers, 50c an hour for trimmers and 60c an hour for general work in the sheds. Packers have been getting 60c, a cut from 80c put over last spring. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

Vote San Francisco Communist Ticket FOR SUPERVISOR

- Louise Todd
 - Jack Bishop
 - James Tracy
 - John Diaz
 - Ed Harris
- #### FOR TREASURER
- Neil Hickey

TULARE, Oct. 17.—A special meeting of the strike committee with representatives from all locals north of Arvin to Visalia met under heavy guard, reviewed the entire strike situation and decided that workers will remain on strike and for the intensification of picketing as the best strategy, while the arbitration board is considering the strike demands. The proposals for settlement by the strike committee were adopted unanimously. (See statement at bottom of this page.)

It was further decided to spread the strike to the northern area, to involve ten thousand more. Already many walked off fields in Madera and Fresno region, as number on strike is approaching the figure of 20,000. There will be a mass conference in that region next Thursday, when the season will get into swing.

The Mexican Consul, who is still attempting to break the ranks of the workers, is traveling from camp to camp, but is everywhere denounced by the workers as a scabherd. The government is having its highway patrolmen distribute leaflets in English and Spanish urging the workers to return.

The federal government offers the strikers relief if they return, but it was promptly rejected by the workers who say they would "Rather starve than go back for the miserable wage." Workers are tightening their belts, and relief is sorely needed. The government is threatening to evict the workers from the Corcoran camp, which now shelters 4000.

BAKERSFIELD, Oct. 16.—Six thousand strikers from Arvin, Wasco, Shafter, McFarland, Delano and Buttonwillow, took part in a meeting at the city hall to protest the murder of Pedro Subia and to demand the release of the arrested strikers. Then in a mile long parade they marched to the union hall, and later to the cemetery. They pledged unanimously to stay out till victory is won.

TULARE, Calif., Oct. 16.—Despite the murderous attack of cot- (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

WORKERS TO MARCH TO RATIFICATION MEET TUES. NIGHT

Big Election Rally At Calif. Hall; Trial of Todd Dropped

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Parades of workers from the Fillmore, Mission and North Beach districts will converge on California Hall, Polk and Turk street, for the mass meeting to ratify the Workers candidates nominated by the Communist Party.

The meeting, one of the high points in the election campaign, is expected to be the biggest rallies behind Workers candidates this city has seen, the City Election Committee reports. The candidates, Louise Todd, Edward Harris, John Diaz, Jack Bishop, James Tracy and Neil Hickey will speak. Sam Darcy will be chairman. Charges against Louise Todd were dismissed by Judge Pendergast Friday, as were those against G. Safranoff, a marine worker who tried to protect the candidate when she was arrested speaking on the waterfront two weeks ago. The two had demanded a jury trial.

L. A. FIRE VICTIMS "INDIGENTS" MAY GET NO INSURANCE

Communist Leadership Forces Relief Work For The 12,000 Thrown Out

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 10.—"The question as to liability hinges on a case now before the supreme court to determine whether relief workers are indigents or are working for wages." Thus the capitalist press treats the question of liability for the murders in the recent Griffith Park fire, and seeks thus to pave the way for a refusal on the part of the government to provide for the families of the dead workers. As if it matters whether or not the relief workers are classed as "indigents," or not! The dead workers who were murdered as a result of the criminal carelessness of county officials are DEAD, and their families must be provided for. The status of an unemployed worker (who is unemployed because he is of no use to the bosses) in the minds of the boss class politicians, is clearly shown in this quibbling about "liability."

Besides this hedging on the question of liability, instead of spending a little of their graft money for sprinkler systems in the parks, which would prevent similar disasters in the future, 12,000 workers were immediately fired from relief jobs. Due to mass pressure brought to bear under the direction of the Relief Workers Protective Union and the Communist Party, the workers were put back to work, but the safety precautions have not been improved in any way.

In the investigation now going on, only foremen are being called to testify. These bosses are attempting to whitewash themselves and their superiors. They are testifying that they did not force the workers into the flames, while these statements are belied by hundreds of workers who managed to escape the holocaust.

SOLIDARITY WITH STRIKERS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT STATE

San Francisco Workers March To Waterfront; 2000 in Oakland

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—In San Francisco 1000 workers demonstrated on the waterfront to protest the murder of three strikers and wounding of 30 others, while in Oakland 2000 gathered in Jefferson Park to add their voices denouncing the murders. A collection of \$30 was taken to be sent the strikers.

SACRAMENTO

While more than 100 workers were marching in a protest funeral procession through the streets, Friday, the committee of six strikers, elected from Pixley, Delaney and McFarland, with five more from the local I. L. D., went to Gov. Rolph with demands for the disarming of the vigilantes, immediate state relief, and other demands. The governor referred them to the "arbitration board." The delegation reported to 500 workers at the protest mass meeting in the park which followed the funeral march.

SAN DIEGO

At Newtown Park, Friday, 350 workers protested the San Joaquin murders, and 100 at a second mass meeting that night added their protest. At 3 a. m. Friday morning Stanley Hancock was arrested in the vicinity of the city's tallest flagpole, and charged with attempting to raise a 6 by 12 foot red flag, said to have been inscribed, "Newtown Park today, 4 p. m. Demand death sentences for murderers of three cotton strikers."

Long Beach Meet Protests Griffith Park Murders

LONG BEACH, Oct. 9.—Over 300 workers attended a mass meeting held in the American Legion Hall here on October 6, to protest against the brutal burning of county relief workers in Griffith Park. James Lacey and Herbert Benjamin were the principal speakers.

Unanimous resolutions were passed for the removal of Jensen (the baby starver), as head of the welfare board, and for a public funeral memorial for the slain workers.

Murphy of the Long Beach "Red Squad," and Goss, of the "Press-Telegram," which poses as a friend of the workers, put pressure to bear on the Legion to try to stop them from permitting the meeting in their hall. The meeting was under the auspices of the Relief

Evidence Shows Police, Growers Planned Pixley Massacre

Eyewitness Tells Judge, Police Refused To Disarm Growers

(By Our Special Correspondent)

An ever growing pile of testimony of eye witnesses of the massacre of unarmed strikers of Pixley conclusively proves that the murderers had the support of Judge Swanson, Sheriff Robert Hill and the police officers.

Dozens of affidavits by eye witness and participants that establish these facts are now in the possession of the strikers and their attorneys.

Piecing together the facts connected with the shooting, the following story is what actually happened.

For more than a week before the shooting the more reactionary farmers and the town hooligans had been arming themselves for this attack on the strikers. The workers had been making demand after demand that the farmers be disarmed. These were absolutely ignored.

Less than an hour before the shooting another insistent demand was made of Judge Swanson in the Pixley court house in the presence of Sheriff Robert Hill of Tulare County, that warrants be issued against the armed men. The judge in refusing the request said, "I am not issuing warrants either way."

JUDGE INFORMED

Even while these demands were being presented a worker rushed excitedly into the court house stating that a group of armed farmers were in the vicinity, and demanding that they be disarmed. Sheriff Hill requested two officers that were present to go out and investigate. In about 15 minutes they came back bringing in 17 men under arrest. These 17 were not farmers but strikers, including the worker who had just notified the judge and sheriff about the armed farmers. Judge Swanson, who had refused to issue warrants for the armed farmers held these workers on charges of "riotous" and set bail at \$1000 each.

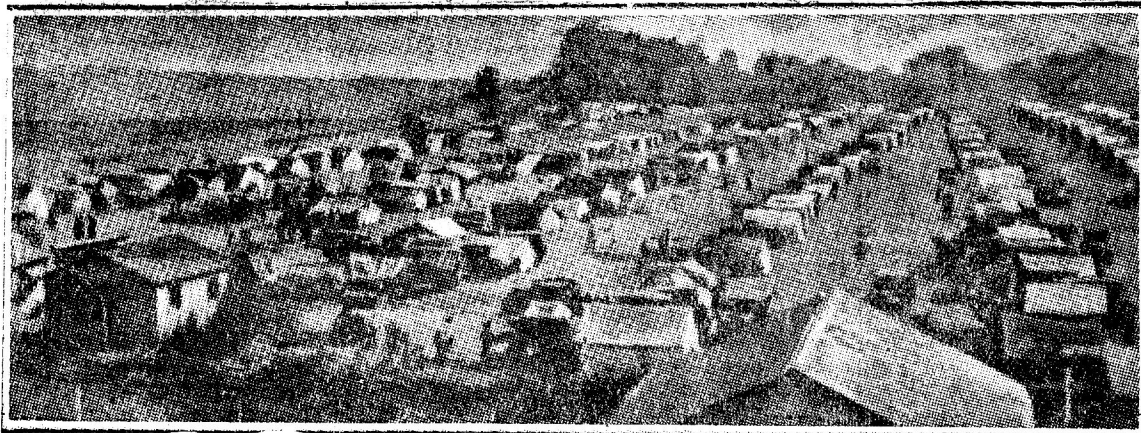
The workers asked the judge if he was not issuing warrants either way how could he explain the arresting of these workers. The judge said, "They are charged with a misdemeanor, but to arrest the farmers for carrying concealed weapons would be a felony charge." The workers pointed out that these were not concealed weapons but were being carried openly and they would not insist on a felony charge, but should be arrested for "disturbing the peace." The judge said he would consult the district attorney.

While this argument was in progress carload after carload of armed farmers passed by the court house. The arrested worker who shortly before had brought in the information about the armed farmers jumped up and pointed at the farmers and said, "There goes the bunch now." The judge and sheriff both looked and observed the procession. Therefore it is an indisputable fact that can be corroborated by the 18 workers who were in the court room that the armed farmers had arrived with the full knowledge of the judge and sheriff who did nothing about it.

At the same time a meeting of the strikers, addressed by Pat Chambers, was taking place almost across the street from the court house, about 100 feet away. The strike headquarters is on the same side of the street as the court house and about a half block away.

The armed vigilantes after passing the court house stopped on the same side of the street as the

SCENES FROM THE COTTON STRIKE FIELDS



Top—Corcoran tent colony where more than 4000 of the workers are concentrated, after having been evicted by growers throughout the region. Center—A cross section of the 15,000 strikers as shown from this mass meeting—Mexican, southern whites, and Negroes cemented together for the common fight. Bottom—Mexican worker shot in the face during Pixley massacre, his blood covering the ground around him.



meeting, opposite the strike headquarters. At this time two officers came into the court house and whispered something to Sheriff Hill. The sheriff went out for a moment, came back and whispered to the officers and they left the court house. He then went over and whispered to the judge who quietly disappeared from the scene.

In the meantime the strikers had concluded their meeting and crossed the street to enter their headquarters. Some of the workers had already entered when three Vigilantes who had been identified as Stark, Santen and Kruger, started to enter the workers hall with guns in their hands.

Their path was blocked by Hernandez the heroic Mexican worker who doubtless figured correctly that the vigilantes had come to carry out their threat to lynch Pat Chambers who had entered the hall. Hernandez was knocked on the head with the butt of a gun and as he fell forward a cowardly

vigilante fired into his stunned body. The Davila representative of the Mexican Consulate, acting in his official position, came forward with his hand raised in a peaceful gesture to prevent further violence. He was also knocked to the ground with a gun and like Hernandez had lead pumped into his body as he fell. Then the "brave vigilantes" from across the road poured a veritable hail of lead into the mass of unarmed workers.

POLICE STAYED AWAY

In the meantime the workers in the courtroom hearing the shooting demanded that the sheriff who was in the courtroom with two of his men with the shooting was refused to act. Sheriff Hill stated he did not have enough men to handle the situation and said he would send for help to Tulare 16 miles away! His officers went out as if to go to Tulare. In two or three minutes police officers began to arrive, indicating that they had been close to the scene during this whole procedure and had deliber-

ately stayed away!

With the arrival of the officers the sheriff triumphantly announced his men had returned with help.

In other words, according to the sheriff, his men had made the trip to Tulare and back, a distance of 32 miles, in about 3 minutes.

The police arrived after the shooting, with dead and wounded strikers lying on the highway. The police refused the use of their cars to convey the wounded strikers to the hospital with the flimsy pretext that they had to wait because the farmers might come back! Furthermore a physician who was present refused to give first aid.

After the shooting a number of farmers who had participated in it, started to drive away from behind a nearby warehouse where they had been hiding. Police were seen to stop the farmers' cars, take away some rifles, and then tell the farmers to go home.

An affidavit has also been secured which proves that a policeman was on hand when the far-

5000 At Bier of Martyrs Pledge To Fight Till Demands Are Won

(By Our Special Correspondent)

"To Whom It May Concern: This Poor Comrade Died That We Might Live For a Living Wage in the C. A. W. I. U. in Pixley."

Scrawled on pink wrapping paper with misspelled words, this slogan on a home-made banner, was carried proudly by the comrades of Hernandez and Davila in the funeral procession at Tulare.

Five thousand men, women and children paid their last respects to the dead workers. But they did more than that. They demonstrated their solidarity in the fight for the demands for which these Mexican workers were shot down in cold blood.

On foot and in rickety cars from a radius of 75 miles, Mexicans, Negroes, Americans, Americans from Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and California. Little children toddling along or carried in the arms of parents. Old women so feeble that they walked this mile to the cemetery leaning on the arms of younger comrades.

A priest officiated at the cemetery. He talked in Spanish of the "departed brother . . . resurrection—eternal peace."

He was followed by workers, one from each camp. Different talk. "Class struggle . . . fight for the union . . . capitalist murderers . . . workers solidarity . . . carry on the fight."

As the bodies of the two dead workers were lowered into the grave, their living comrades mounted the back of a truck to urge the workers on to continue the struggle. It was unanimously voted to fight to a finish.

The murder of Davila and Hernandez did not demoralize the strikers.

Nothing illustrated better the spirit of the workers at the bier of their dead comrades than the funeral oration by a young strike leader.

"In these 10 days, comrade, we have faced hunger and starvation. We have faced the brutality of the armed thugs and growers, we have lost four comrades in the battle! Today at this mass meeting we must raise a monument to our comrades, we must pledge ourselves to carry on the fight for which they died, the fight against starvation. We must not tolerate in our ranks stool pigeons who are attempting to get us quarrelling with one another. We must not fall for the betrayal methods of the Mexican Consul who represent the bosses of Mexico, who are controlled by the bosses of America, he does not represent the Mexican workers any more than the agents of the American bosses represent the American workers! There is only one agency which represents the workers—that is our fighting working class organization which has in its ranks all workers without discrimination as to race, color, sex or creed.

"Back to our local! All concentration on mass picket lines! The strike is ours! Organize ourselves for self-defense. But they cannot break our spirit or our strike! All power to the union!"

Men secured rifles at a cotton gin at Earlimart, from where they advanced on Pixley. The officer led the procession for a time, but left before it arrived on the scene of the massacre.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Nazis Quit League

GENEVA, Oct. 14.—Failing to get agreement of the disarmament conference for the right to arm, Germany withdrew from the League of Nations and the conference. Hitler immediately announced that the "question will be taken to the people" to get their backing for a policy of a strong imperialist Germany. While all the allied powers have for the time being united to prevent Germany from arming, England, which has always followed the line of winning German alliance, is taking a more conciliatory attitude.

Already leading European diplomats are declaring that the time for open diplomacy is passed, and secret agreements, such as existed prior to the last war, will again be in vogue, still further sharpening the war situation.

Cuban Government Growing Fascist

HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 11.—One of the leaders of the Cuban Young Communist League, Otero, was killed by a group of student gunmen. The Young Communist League is making tremendous progress, with new units in many factories. The murder was organized by the ABC group. The government has initiated an intense campaign against the Communist Party, especially endeavoring to incite the military against it. But recently when a leader of the Party was arrested he was promptly released on insistence from the marines in the barracks.

Austria Fascists Begin Drive On S. P.

VIENNA, Oct. 9.—Fifty thousand, listening to the speech of Karl Zeit, Socialist Mayor of Vienna, saw the police cut his speech through disconnecting the stadium loud speaker. He was ridiculing the Dollfus-Frey combination which has established a Fascist dictatorship in Austria. Only towards the end have leaflets been in evidence calling for resistance to the Fascist regime. The Socialist organ "Arbeiterzeitung" was confiscated. Dollfus is taking the same steps to suppress the Socialists who helped him hold power, that Hitler did.

Hawes-Cutting Bill Rejected

MANILA, Oct. 12.—The Philippine legislature rejected the Hawes-Cutting bill, which gives them partial independence within 14 years, but maintains a U. S. military dictatorship, and cuts them as a chief sugar market. The Philippine national misleaders are sending a commission to America, in the hope of getting an "independence" that although it will not limit the U. S. military dictatorship will maintain the islands as the chief sugar market.

Soviets Bare Japan Provocation

MOSCOW, USSR, Oct. 9.—The Soviet government has made public four documents proving the plot being hatched jointly by the Japanese and Manchukuo authorities, for gradually pushing out the Soviet management from the Chinese Eastern Railway. Part of the plan is to arrest six of the Soviet representatives, who are actually imprisoned now by the Manchukuo authorities. The plot is denounced as deliberate provocation for war.

Huge Gains in Soviet Production

MOSCOW, USSR, Oct. 8.—Latest statistics on production in the basic industries show a steady rise during the first year of the Second Five Year Plan. Six hundred and ninety-four locomotives were produced during the first three-quarters—95 above the corresponding period last year.

Coke was 51,718,000 or 14.8% above the corresponding period last year. Coal was 19.4% above. The steel output was 110% above the corresponding period in 1932. Output in the oil fields is 167.5% above last year's level. Copper production in Sept. was 24.4% and rolling mill production was 35.4% above Sept., 1932.

Algeria Natives Hold Their Own

MADRID, Spain, Oct. 3.—Two Americans, Wels Priest, George John Smith, have returned to Madrid after being barred by the French military from traveling in Algeria. They report that fighting between French troops and native tribes is heavier than ever before, and the casualties have been kept secret.

Despite stories that the natives have been subdued, the tribes have been holding their own against the Foreign Legion. Describing the misery of the French soldiers, they tell of one case when 800 were massacred by the tribesmen.

Arizona Jobless Hold Convention; 1,000 At Plaza

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 9.—The Second Annual State Convention of the unemployed assembled here today at 815 E. Jefferson street, was attended by 37 elected delegates of Unemployed Councils and groups from nine towns of the state. 150 fraternal delegates also attended, including one delegate from the Luna local of the Socialist Party.

Herbert Benjamin, national organizer of the Unemployed Councils, spoke to 1000 workers at the Plaza upon his arrival yesterday to attend the convention.

NO RELIEF FOR SINGLE

Single unemployed workers are being refused relief at the local R. F. C. offices here, being sent to the city's Unemployed Concentration Camp. This camp, originally for transients, has developed into a replica of fascist Hitler's concentration camps. At the local camp the workers are permitted three hours leave per day, if their behavior is good.

dores debemos de ser los amos. Esto significa que el partido Comunista debe levantarse fuerte. Que tu debes ingresar a sus filas. Organiza una unidad en cada pueblo, y en cada distrito de la region algodonera. Una fuerte organizacion significa vuestra mejor arma contra los patrones grandes y contra las maniobras del gobierno.

No se olviden que la union hace la fuerza y que la fuerza empleada en las cosas buenas es consuelo justicia y bienestar. La direccion del partido Comunista es en California. 37 Grove Street, San Francisco, California. Notifiquenos y le mandaremos una carta de solicitud.

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—Two Kaiser Workers.

A. F. OF L. HEADS SCAB ON BAY BRIDGE JOB; WORKERS ORGANIZING

Men Paid Short Checks By Kaiser Co.

OAKLAND, Oct. 9.—Mr. Burt Shoemack, president of Carpenters Local No. 892; R. Kott, treasurer of the local, and six carpenters from other locals went to work for H. J. Kaiser for \$5 for an 8-hour day. The scale of their organization calls for \$7.20 for 8 hours.

When some other A. F. of L. members brought this matter to the Central Labor Council, the Council called them up and fined the rank and file, who did not show up. \$10 plus \$10 for each day they worked. Shoemack and Kott put up a hardluck story, resigned their positions, and were not fined. Workers on the bridge job want a real union, but they won't pay \$25 to join an A. F. of L. union that can't keep its own president from scabbing.

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Cotton Strikers! Huelgistas Algodoneros!

Comrades! You are engaged in the most bitter struggle that has yet been waged in the agricultural fields. You are fighting for a wage that will at least keep you and your families above the starvation point.

The strike has demonstrated what a great power your united action is. The entire boss press and all tools at their command are stricken with horror at the splendid show of solidarity.

Two capitalist governments have united to smash the strike ranks. The government of the American bosses arms hundreds of deputies to murder strikers, while the government of the Mexican bosses sent its consul in order to fool you into going back to work at any price. They know that if they could break the solidarity between the white, Negro and Mexican workers then they could drive you back into the fields on a starvation wage.

What is it that was able to bring into the ranks of the workers that spirit of solidarity, and determination to fight? Who exposed all the tricks and maneuvers of the bosses? Who organizes the support for the strike among the workers in the other industries? Who publishes the only newspaper that fights for the needs of the strikers? IT IS THE COMMUNIST PARTY. IT IS THE ONLY PARTY OF THE WORKERS.

You can see that the members of the Communist Party are the most active in the struggle. That is why the main fire from the bosses is directed against it. They lead the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, which is your only protection against the exploiters.

During the strike many of the speakers have told you what the Communist Party stands for. They told you that just so long as we have the present capitalist system, workers will be subjected to starvation conditions, and the worst

Companeros trabajadores: Udes. estan comprometidos en una de las mas amargas luchas en la historia del estado de California, en los campos de la agricultura. Uds. estan en la lucha por el sueldo que a lo menos los mantenga arriba, de las bases de hambre. Udes. pueden ver lo que la fuerza de la organizacion significa. Uds. pueden ver que a traves de la prensa y todas las herramientas asalariadas de los amos horrososamen to quieren descargarse sobre la solidaridad de la huelga.

Dos gobiernos se han unido para aplastar la fuerza de la huelga el gobierno del imperialismo Americano y el los capitalista Mexicanos el gobierno Mexicano ha mandado a su consul para enganarnos que regresen al trabajo con un precio vergonzoso que a el no le sirve ni para cambiarse calzetines. El gobierno Americano ha armado a cientos de civiles para asesinar a Udes. y sus familias. Ellos saben que si pudieran romper la unidad entre Americanos, Mexicanos y negros trabajadores, entonces si pudieran empujarlos de vuelta al campo con un sueldo miserable.

De quien es la habilidad de trazar a las masas de trabajadores el espiritu de solidaridad y la determinacion de lucha? Quien es el que arrostra todas las canalladas y las Quien es el que va al frente recibiendo los primeros golpes de la huelga? Quien es el que manda auxilio para los huelguistas scando

brutality. Our fight now will only teach us how to eventually put an end to this miserable system altogether, so we can establish a social order in which children will not die of malnutrition, in which workers will not be clubbed, in which all shall have a guarantee of a happy livelihood. We, the workers, will be the masters. But that means that a strong Communist Party must be built up. That means that you should join its ranks. Build a unit in every town in the cotton district. A strong Party organization will be your greatest weapon against the big growers and their tools in the government.

The address of the Communist Party district office in California is at 37 Grove street, San Francisco. Notify us and we will send you all the applications you want.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., 37 Grove Street, San Francisco, Calif.

[] I want more information about the Party.

[] I want to join the Party.

Name.....
Address.....
City.....



"Sloppy Mary Jordan," the "White Angel," who made plenty in the relief business on the S. F. waterfront last winter, came rushing back from her pleasure cruise of the South Seas when word reached her that the men she left behind to work her big ranch at Pleasanton weren't such suckers, after all and had taken unto themselves everything that was not tied down. Funny how sore these holy rollers get when their pupils learn by example instead of by prayer.

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY: Carpenter wanted; one not broke; do repairs for room and board. —Want ad in S. F. Examiner.

In view of the fact that only 45 out of the 100 codes submitted have been accepted we wonder if "Hooley" Johnson is still as touchy about the NRA being called "ballyhoo."

BUY—AND MAKE A JOB! A month ago peach pickers at Wasco struck for 25c a crate—and got it. After four days the government bought the crop—and let it rot rather than pay the accepted 25c wage.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN: "We are going to see that relief is given quickly and on a basis of reasonable adequacy." —National Relief Administrator Hopkins.

An Oklahoma firm applying for incorporation gave its name as the "Blue Eagle Corp." The application was denied, on the ground that the use of the name might be misleading. And what else is the Blue Eagle for?

The S. F. supervisors' "cash relief" has become an I. O. U. It won't start for six months.

"The obvious way to avoid the poor nutrition so prevalent today is to eat more food," says Frisco's Health Dept. tonight, Dr. Geiger. Well, at that, its no funnier than the "Buy Now!" we heard about last month.

Signing the NRA card must have been a pleasure to Hoover. He did his part for the dictatorship, for four long years.

Every time a mailman sees a Blue Buzzer stamp on a letter he gets sore, wondering why the longer pay—shorter hours didn't get around to him.

Salinas Strike

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 7) and trimmers got 35c an hour. The strike, called by the Vegetable Packers Assn. A. F. of L., following a vote of 1000 of the membership Sunday night, is being conducted along "peaceful" lines, with no attempt to draw in the Filipino and Mexican field workers to aid in the struggle. Called with but a month of the season remaining, only a militant mass struggle can win for the strikers, but there has been no move in that direction. J. H. Dix, the strike affects more than 5000 workers in the Watsonville and Salinas area. The Vegetable

HELP WANTED ARE YOU OUT OF A JOB?

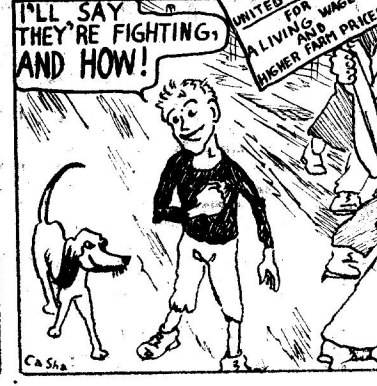
Apply to Western Worker office, 37 Grove St., and see Al Adams. You can make money selling Western and Daily Workers. Several stands are available. Several hours of work per day.

TWO BIG TASKS

DAILY WORKER MONEY WESTERN WORKER SUBSCRIPTIONS

The drive to insure the Daily Worker's appearance, and keep it at six pages must raise \$40,000 by NOVEMBER 7. Reports of California towns show less than 20% of the quota of \$1000 raised—\$183.95. And only three weeks left. If you read the telegram from the General Secretary of the Communist Party, Comrade Browder, printed last week, then you realize that the Daily faces suspension if the goal is not reached. Your job is to send your own contribution, see friends and get theirs. Circulate the collection lists, support the movie showings toured by Comrade Mac Harris. Arrange a party of your friends and raise funds. Do anything else that will raise funds and QUICKLY. Los Angeles Is Increasing the Western Worker Subs They Send in But—the other sections are hardly moving. Few as yet are taking advantage of the club offer—a sub free with every five sent in. Few organizations have really gotten on the job to win the very fine painting of Lenin. The many struggles that we are taking part in should be a spur for new subscribers. The workers on strike learn through their struggle what the Western Worker means to them. Use the blank below:

Jerry And His Homeless Hound



Longshoremen Strike In San Francisco

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) Central Labor Council, and member of the NRA board, voted that the Blue Book is not a company union and should be supported by the workers. The I. L. A. leaders merely admitted that "they cannot hold the workers back any longer." To prevent the workers from controlling they prevented the organization of a strike committee, nor did they organize any picketing. It was the left wing group within the I. L. A. that issued a special "Don't Scab" leaflet which was distributed at the employment agencies and the Fink Hall. The Downtown Unemployed Council likewise helped in keep many from scabbing. The Marine Workers Industrial Union succeeded in reaching the Matson seamen, and not one of them scabbed. The Matson workers having been betrayed by the I. L. A. officials, who worked hand in hand with the shipowners to prevent a general sympathy strike, will return to work Saturday morning. The Matson workers displayed an excellent solidarity, and although the main objective was not yet reached, the strike dealt a severe blow to the Blue Book Union. The strikers did not feel insulted by the charge of the scabber Peter Peterson, that they are Communists. On the contrary many of them listened with great interest to Jack Bishop, Communist candidate for Supervisor, who spoke at a big waterfront meeting this morning.

Stop Scabberding Among Negroes

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—To maintain the scabberding Blue Book Union, in preparation for the imminent general strike on the waterfront, shipowners are trying to mobilize Negro workers as a strikebreaking reserve. Thursday, their main tool, "Pat" Wilkinson, gathered a group of Negro workers to listen to a speech of a white shipowner's agent, who told them, "You stand by us and we'll stand by you."

On Saturday, Wilkinson told another group of about 23, in the basement at 6 Stark street, that it may be possible to arrange a five-year contract. But this time things did not go so smooth with "Fatty." A supporter of the TUUL, a Negro worker, rose to ask a question. Wilkinson, calling him a Communist, threatened to throw him out. But he stood his ground, explaining that the five-year contract story is only designed to fool the workers into being scabs, and that immediately after the strike they would all be thrown out. He said, "I want to see what a scab looks like. Anyone here that wants to scab stand up." Nobody stood up. "Then, he said, 'those that don't want to scab, follow me, and as one man they all went, leaving only the bewildered scabberder and his secretary."

The militant rank and file group within the I. L. A. is most active in preparing for the big struggle that must be united and include all workers, regardless of race or political affiliation.

The Struggle Against White Chauvinism

(Statement of District Committee, No. 13, C. P., U. S. A.)

All the "Hallelujah" shouting of the Roosevelt administration has failed to hide the fact that the capitalist system is dying. This is evident not only because its economic structure is deathly sick, but also because the masses are beginning to revolt. To save itself the bosses and their agents try to split the ranks of the workers especially by developing national hatreds, race prejudice, religious bitterness, etc. In Modesto, for example, there is an organization called the "NRA Workers and Farmers Union," which was established by the "Socialist" Party leader, Stitt Wilson. At one of its meetings speeches were made against the Filipino people. Having thus prepared the mind of the American workers by misleading speeches that "the Filipino people are taking our jobs" attacks by armed thugs began on defenseless Filipino workers who were run out of town. So, instead of fighting the bosses, the workers were fighting one another. Readers of the WESTERN WORKER are well aware of the Jordan case in Portland, the Espy case in San Francisco, and innumerable other cases where Negro people were framed and an attempt was made to work up a lynch sentiment so as to divide white and Negro and weaken the fight against the master class. The bosses have spread a fairy tale about the "superiority" of the white race. And many ignorant workers believed this. We haven't the space here to go into all the details to prove how false such an idea is. But many American workers have allowed the bosses to convince them that they are superior to Chinese, Japanese, Negro, Mexican and other people and because of that did not organize with all nationalities and races together against the common enemy, the rich owners of land and industry. As a result American workers are the least organized and generally underpaid and in starvation conditions while their masters reap a rich harvest in profits. But while these same

"SUPPORT COMMUNIST TICKET," SCOTTSBORO COMMITTEE CALLS

Scottsboro Action Committee, 2847 Broderick Street, San Francisco, Calif., October 11, 1933. Communist Party, District 13, San Francisco, Calif. Dear Comrades: The Scottsboro Action Committee of San Francisco was happy to receive your splendid letter and read it in its entirety to our committee last Friday night. The Scottsboro Action Committee condemns the letter you received, supposed to have been signed by our committee and the Ford Branch of the International Labor Defense. As a committee we are of the opinion that it is a forgery, written either by an opportunist or a disrupter. No member of the committee has any knowledge of its origin. Obviously the only action to take in open meeting was to repudiate it in every way. The Scottsboro Action Committee, particularly the Negro comrades, sincerely regret the fact that no Negro comrade was nominated as a candidate on the present ticket. However, we feel that we are somewhat to blame in our failure to be present at the meeting at which candidates were nominated. Since it is too late to correct this serious mistake, there is only one step to take: support the candidates on the Communist ticket and to put all our efforts to this end. The record of the Communist Party speaks for itself regarding the attitude it is taking toward the Negro. In our own city the case of Espy and in Scottsboro, Ala., the fight now being carried on for the defense of the nine Negro boys both show how the Communist Party proves its sincerity to the Negro, as it does to all exploited and oppressed peoples. The Scottsboro Action Committee heartily endorses the candidates on the Communist ticket and pledges its moral and financial support in the fight to win. F. L. WALLACE, Margaret M. Wilson, Secy.

Cotton Strike Spreads To North As Rolph Trick Fails

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 8) nra growers, and efforts of the NRA and Gov. Rolph to break the strike, the 15,000 striking cotton pickers of San Joaquin valley are 100% solid in their determination that "Not An Ounce of Cotton For Less Than \$1.00 per 100 pounds" shall be picked. As the crop began to ripen in Madera and Fresno Counties the workers there came out on strike. The \$10,000,000 crop is tied up completely. A great demonstration of the strikers' determination was given here Friday, when more than 5000 strikers accompanied the body of Dalorez Hernandez, murdered by growers at Pixley, and formed a procession to Tulare in a mass funeral. It was voted unanimously to continue the strike to a successful end. The capitalist papers at that very moment came out with big lying headlines that strikers are returning. The murders at Pixley occurred Tuesday when, following the arrest of 17 pickets at a ranch nearby, the strikers held a mass meeting and returned to their hall. 50 growers opened fire on them. Hernandez and D'Avila were killed there and fifteen wounded. At Arvin, the same day, police attacked the picket lines and fired 11 shots into Pete Subia, while they kept his comrades away with teargas.

\$5000 for strikers' relief for Tulare County, to be administered by a workers' committee, immediate cash relief for the families and widows of the killed and wounded strikers, and for disarmament of the growers or the right of the strikers to defend themselves. The Supervisors replied that they would do nothing for the strikers. The deputy sheriffs of King, Kern and Tulare Counties had openly called on the farmers to "take the law in their own hands" and to "run out the Communist agitators." But despite this the mass picket lines still continue and the workers were not intimidated. The strikers evicted have erected a tent colony at Corcoran, where 4000 are living. Here, with relief cut off, four babies have died of malnutrition, bringing the total of deaths to seven. The land was donated by a sympathetic farmer, and attempts to evict them on grounds of "unsanitary conditions" have failed. The strikers have thrown their own guard around the camp. The coroners inquest on the massacre, held in Tulare, indicates that the murderers will be white-washed. First, the autopsy surgeon brought in his report that the man had met his death from "Hemorrhage and some shock." I. L. D. Attorney A. L. Wirrin of Los Angeles, who is putting up a splendid fight in behalf of the strikers, protested vigorously against this whole procedure. After a half dozen witnesses at Wirrin's insistence positively identified the men who had committed the coldblooded murder, the hand-picked jury brought in a verdict of "death as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted by persons unknown." Falling completely to break the

FINNISH WORKERS IN CONFERENCE OCT. 22 AT PORTLAND, ORE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—The annual Pacific coast conference of Finnish workers organizations will be held in this city next Sunday, Oct. 22nd. Delegates from all Finnish groups will attend and a program outlined for strengthening the fight in the coming year for better conditions for the working class. Campaigns for support to the working class press, including the Western Worker and Daily Worker, as well as the Finnish language papers, will be one of the important points before the conference. The Finnish women's clubs will meet again on Monday, Oct. 23.

Strike Committee Proposals

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) must be placed rightfully upon the shoulders of the Finance Corporations, Cotton Ginners, etc. We, the Strike Committee, with the unanimous opinion of all strikers, declare that the Federal Government, on the basis of and by carrying out our just proposals submitted above, can and should settle this strike immediately. STRIKE COMMITTEE.

By Shane and Casimir

reds needs no repeating here. Suffice to say that our Party is convinced that without the defeat of all chauvinist tendencies no revolution is possible. These facts are not always clear and our comrades frequently underestimate their importance. This is evident in the current election campaign in San Francisco. A Mexican worker was put forward as a candidate on the Communist Party ticket. That was the first time this happened on any ticket. We are certain that Comrade Diaz's candidacy will be a great step towards cementing the unity of American and Mexican workers. But through various circumstances a Negro worker was not nominated. This is a departure from Communist Party principles and practice, and therefore was an error. Above all we must establish the unity of black and white toilers in the United States in the fight against our oppressors. This is one of the main problems of the working class revolution. Great progress has been made in this direction throughout the country, and in San Francisco as well. This growing unity between Negro and revolutionary white workers must be, and can be advanced. A Negro candidate on the Communist ticket would not only give the Negro people representation for the first time, but it would be a great educational factor for all workers helping to break national and racial prejudice. But though we erred in underestimating the question in choosing candidates in San Francisco, still both in San Francisco as well as throughout the country, our Communist Party alone, of all political organizations, has championed the cause of the Negro people. Toilers of all races and nationalities are joining our Party and rightly so. It is strengthening the struggle for political, social and economic equality. For these reasons, also, the Communist ticket and platform in San Francisco and all elections deserve the support of all workers of all races and nationalities. District Committee, No. 13, Communist Party, U. S. A.

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WHERE TO GO

REV. BEN WILSON, brother of Stitt Wilson, will lecture at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Sutter entrance, on Fri., Nov. 3rd, 8 p. m. on "My Experiences in U. S. S. R." Ben Wilson is an outstanding speaker, humorous and well-informed. Come and celebrate the 16th Anniversary of the Soviet Union with the F. S. U. OCTOBER CELEBRATION—Sat., Oct. 28. Play, speakers, fine eats, dancing. Free chance to R. C. A. superhydrodyne Portable Radio. Raffle tickets good for admission, 1223 Fillmore. Ausp. Financial Comm., Dist. 13.

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT will be held Nov. 18th at 3092 24th st., 8 p. m., by the Russian Branch of the I. L. D.

I. L. D. Election Meet The I. L. D. will hold a mass meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24th, at 1559 Fillmore, 8 p. m., to hear the candidates for Supervisors state their position on the following issues. Their position on Negro discrimination, and the right to strike and picket. All candidates have been invited to attend.

SAVE THIS DATE! Nov. 3-4-5 for the Big ICOR Bazaar, 1740 O'Farrell St. Good talents will provide daily entertainment. Restaurant; home cooked meals and short orders at hardtime prices. Speakers—dancing every night. Adm. FREE. Ausp. ICOR Branches of S. F.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE TO AID victims of German Fascism will be held at Scottish Rite Hall—Sat., Oct. 21st, 8 p. m. A musical program and play by the Workers Theatre will be presented. Sam Darcy will be the principle speaker.

CONCERT ENTERTAINMENT—Richmond Branch "Icor" of San Francisco. Sun., Oct. 22nd, 7 p. m. Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore st. Refreshments Free. Adm. 25c.

OAKLAND GRAND EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT. Friday, Oct. 20th, 8 p. m. Musical numbers, dancing, refreshments. Adm. 10c. Workers Center, 645 22nd St., Oakland. Ausp. Unemployed Councils.

Jack McDonald's Book Store LATEST BOOKS ON RUSSIA Also books and pamphlets for students of Communism. 65 Sixth Street - San Francisco. LOS ANGELES

International Labor Defense 7th Annual Concert Sun., Oct. 22, 1933, 8 p. m. Women's Council Hall, SURPRISE PROGRAM FISK O'HARA Famous Irish Tenor, and MAYNARD HOLMES Hollywood Actor and Vocalist BILL GHERE Master of Ceremonies Admission 25c

COMMUNIST GALA NITE Sat., Oct. 21, 8 p. m. SPANISH HALL 1402 Powell St. To endorse John Diaz, Communist candidate for North Beach for SUPERVISOR Dancing Refreshments Adm. Couple, 25c

LOS ANGELES WORKERS! COME TO THIS EXTRAORDINARY CONCERT Music—Entertainment—Drama—Good Food SUNDAY, Nov. 5th, 8 P. M., 214 LOMA DRIVE, L. A. Funds for the DAILY and WESTERN WORKER HELP RAISE \$1,000 FOR THE DAILY WORKER IN LOS ANGELES SEE THIS SOVIET MOVIE SHAME Directed by YUTKEVITCH "THE ROAD TO LIFE OF 1933" At the POMPEII THEATRE Market Street, near Golden Gate SAN FRANCISCO 4 DAYS—OCT. 24, 25, 26 and 27 Admission 15c-25c N. Y. Herald says: "Their best ten rolled in one." The first picture of the Second Five-Year Plan, and the first film to open the door to the romance of life and love in Soviet Russia. You will live, laugh and cry with the workers in this film of loves, hates, hopes and fears in the lives of the workers in the Soviet State.

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Editorial Column

BALLYHOO CAN'T STOP HUNGER MARCHES

Although eight months have passed since the "New Deal" was proclaimed, demonstrations and Hunger Marches for relief have not diminished but, on the contrary, are more numerous. It is very significant that 40,000, in the greatest demonstration Los Angeles ever saw, turned out in support of the Hunger March on Oct. 2.

More hunger marches are in preparation. One in San Francisco, on Oct. 20, and another one in Los Angeles for Nov. 7. At these marches City and County authorities are alarmed and cry that such a spectacle as a hunger march is not in keeping with the "return of prosperity" spirit. But NRA ballyhoo does not feed the hungry. These marches are arranged not because people merely want them.

Hunger marches and other relief struggles took place in L. A. before, but never yet was there such a mass participation. This is because the conditions for the jobless have become far worse. A half million are on relief in Los Angeles County. Relief work there, which is paid in cash, is reduced, in face of increasing prices. In San Francisco, the relief administration boasts of having reduced the relief roll, although admitting that more than 50,000 still depend on the boxes of stale groceries. This reduction is only because many families are ruthlessly cut off as part of the city's "economy drive."

The relief problem will become far more acute in the course of the next few weeks, as thousands will be returning from the fields and they will be immediately destitute. To this we must add the thousands being laid off, having been hired only because many employers really had confidence that the NRA would mark the beginning of a boom. Stocks have been increased to an unprecedented level, while for the workers, on top of starvation, is the bitter disappointment. In the industrial Contra Costa County alone, last week more than 2000 have been laid off.

All these facts should only force us to realize that unless the struggle for relief is intensified now, the unemployed will suffer more this winter than during any since the beginning of the crisis.

Those who read the article by Comrade Benjamin, National leader of the Unemployed Councils, printed in the last Western Worker, can see that the workers have made many advances since last winter towards a united struggle for Unemployment Insurance and immediate relief. Most of the rank and file in the self-help movements have come over to the program of militant action. The struggles must be on the basis of a united front embracing all these elements.

The hunger marches in San Francisco and Los Angeles show the other cities in the West the line that should be followed.

Mass struggles of the unemployed must prove that the workers are tired of prosperity ballyhoo, and want real relief!

A. F. OF L. LEADERS CONSPIRED TO SMASH UNIONS IN STUDIOS

Strike Was Deliberately Arranged Over Heads of Rank and File So As To Betray It

By A. F. "Complete open shop for all major studios in Hollywood is the present aim of the big companies." This quotation from the current edition of Variety, paper of theatrical interests, reveals plans of the producers both before the strike and now.

Variety frankly states that the plan to break up the unions in the studios had been hatched two months before the strike began. "Two months before the strike was called, producers are said to have had a tacit agreement to fight the IATSE (A. F. of L. locals) to a finish, regardless of cost, and to break the strength of the individual and combined locals," the article states.

This statement brings out clearly the growing suspicion among the rank and file studio-workers that the strike was a pre-arranged sell-out by A. F. of L. leaders, working with the producers. It proves definitely why the strike was called by the heads of the IATSE in Washington without first consulting the rank and file. Why, the workers ask, was there no restraint used upon Briggs and his sac International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local, another A. F. of L. organization? Why, they further ask, didn't Wm. Green, head of the A. F. of L. withdraw Briggs from the strike especially after the mass appeal to Green by the strikers?

Wm. Green is known to be extremely friendly with Pat Casey, tool of the producers and a professional strikebreaker.

TWO MILLION SPENT At least two million dollars was the amount the strike cost the producers. "But the producers would recoup many times this amount during the next few years through cuts in salaries and crews, besides breaking the domination of the unions for all time in the production field," says Variety further on. Of this huge amount spent to destroy the living standards of workers, how much went into the pockets of the A. F. of L. "misleaders?"

This attack on unions in Hollywood will not be confined to so-called labor groups alone. The producers are aiming blows at the Musicians local, the Screen Writers' Guild and the various actor organizations.

Variety's conclusion to the article should act as a practical suggestion to studio workers. "From now on," it says, "the producers are going to be in command of their studios—UNLESS EMPLOYEES REAR UP UNDER ONE BIG AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION FOR FORCING A STRINGENT CLOSED SHOP ON ALL COMPANIES." This suggestion should be acted upon at once by the studio workers, before they are reduced to the living standards of a Chinese coolie.

The workers in studios should realize that hereafter the producers can well rely on Roosevelt's government to support them in any move to break unions and lower wages. Doesn't the final settlement of the strike arranged by the NRA Labor Advisory Board conclusively prove this? The ruin facing studio workers today is due as much to the government as it is to the treachery of the Greens, Elliotts and Dempseys.

EVERETT, Wash., Oct. 11.—A brief walkout on the waterfront Oct. 5 resulted in a victory for the stevedores. Hiring here is done through the Fink Halls, with straw bosses being allowed to pick their own favorites for jobs. But when one of them came to the hall to get 24 men to replace six gangs who had just worked 30 hours steady despite the great number of men idle, 140 stevedores in the hall walked out in a body. The grievance committee demanded that this straw boss be fired and that a man of their own choosing do the hiring. After a meeting with Webber, head of the Employers Assn., the demands were granted, and the men went to work.

The International Longshoremen's Assn. has carried on an organizational drive in northwest ports and has most of the regular men signed up, charging \$5 initiation fee in Portland, for example, to keep out those who do not work regularly. But it is carrying thru the same policy of favoritism as the Fink Halls. A movement is now under way, initiated by the Marine Workers Industrial Union, for a rotary system of hiring under control of an elected committee of longshoremen.

Nazi Letter Exposes Frame-up Plot Against Communists

Two columns of German text from a letter titled "Freunde des Neuen Deutschland". The text discusses the activities of the "Friends of the New Germany" and mentions names like Walter Haag and Heinz Spanknobel. It includes a signature "W. Haag" and a title "Adjutant des Führers".

(A word for word translation of the secret letter from Walter Haag to the "Friends of New Germany" to Berlin, which is reproduced above) "FRIENDS OF THE NEW GERMANY" Telephone: GRamercy 5-1820 Address: EFDENDE Cable Address: EFDENDE, NEW YORK, 23 Lexington Ave., N. Y. National Office U.S.A. At the order of the head of the National Office, Heinz Spanknobel. Keep Absolutely Secret! September 23, 1933. Uschia Berlin Alexanderplatz 812 No. X. In reply to your letter of September 5th: The development of the special division cannot take place as rapidly as you desire, since conditions here are more difficult than you suppose. We are being watched and must be careful. Count Sauerma is out of the question for the proposed position, as he lacks experience. It is better to employ him for the Bunaste. Count Norman returned from Berlin, bringing his brother with him. Dr. Spanner asks energetically that the General Electric representatives in Germany be watched, as they intend to carry on espionage there. The General Electric stole his invention, and he is now going to take steps against them. As his brother in the Medical Center has done, a lot for us,—for instance, he has won two of the professors there for our cause,—we request that Dr. Spanner's business affairs be speeded up and given protection. Send us a young lady of good appearance, who is very reliable; it is best if her father and brothers are S. A. men (storm troopers). She should speak some English and Russian fluently and must take the place of our agent in the Amtorg. She should come over on the Europa or Bremen as a hairdresser, then we'll send another person back to Germany on the ship, thus evading the immigration authorities and avoid a check-up by Untermyer. I cannot find a place for Van Der Lubbe here; it is best if you throw him overboard into the ocean while en route to another country. I agree with you entirely that it would be good to give the damned Communists in Leipzig an injection of syphilis. Then it can be said that Communism comes from syphilis of the brain. Send us a new code; we believe that the old code can be read by Untermyer. Spanknobel has just entered the room and sends you his best wishes. He would like to have a physicist assigned by the Office for Exchange Students, to do a few little jobs for him. Therein is lazy and wants too much money, and what is more, he seems to be half a Jewish swine himself. The man betrays his own country and therefore we cannot trust him, despite all assurances. And the little Katja—that is how Count Sauerma calls 'Konstantin'—is a dumb and conceited girl, who is doing good work on the whole, but is always crying now; therefore I think she would be better taken care of over there. She could be used for Russian translations. Let us know how things stand with the Hitler book. We must distribute many of them free; we'll have considerable success with it. It is child's play to make good anti-Semites out of the Americans. Please work fast in the Spanner affair—lots of money for us depends on it. Heil Hitler! (Signed) W. HAAG, Adjutant of the National Leader. (SEAL) Friends of the New Germany. National Intelligence Office, U.S.A.

Plan Slow Death For German Communists On Trial—Will Execute Another Person in Place of Their Tool Van Der Lubbe—Spy Organization in U. S.—Backed By American Bankers—Challenge To U. S. Workers



Comrade Gallagher (center) shown with representatives of European workers at the International Anti-Fascist office in Amsterdam, enroute to Leipzig to help defend Torgler and comrades. Last week he was arrested for contempt of court, when he protested the ejection from the court of Demitroff, who so courageously is exposing the Nazi murderers.

The document above, came into the possession of the central organ of the Communist Party, the Daily Worker, and was made public in the Oct. 7th issue. It discloses the espionage activities of the German Nazis in the United States, how they are planning to get rid of their tool, Van Der Lubbe who confessed the firing of the Reichstag, and to carry through the frame-up against the four Communist leaders on trial, accused of the arson. The document reveals how the Hitler murders are planning to inject the deadly germ, Syphilis, into the Communist leaders. Another man is to hang in place of Van Der Lubbe, after he is condemned in the Nazi court. To make good the bargain with him Van Der Lubbe is to be taken abroad, but never to reach his destination. The letter marked, "absolutely secret" reveals that Hitler's agents in America also conduct their espionage work in the Soviet Trading organization, the Amtorg.

This damnable document, that Walter Haag, Hitler's in command in America, sends to his superior, tears the last veil from the hideous crimes being planned by the Nazis. In the manner of the worst criminals, Haag reveals the attitude towards their stool-pigeons and tools—"Throw him overboard." SLOW DEATH The proposal to inject syphilis into the courageous fighters who have turned the trial into an expose of the Nazis, that reaches every corner of the world, is condemning them to a most horrible slow death. They already realize that they cannot, with the mass protest from the entire world, condemn these men to the beheading block. These are the kind of criminals that the United States is harboring.

The American bankers want to support the regime represented by a "bulwark against Communism". But what is perhaps the best indication that the American Capitalists are in full accord with this horrible policy, is the complete silence that met the sensational expose of the Daily Worker. Not one word of comment, thus far. Yet this is not the first expose. For months facts have been revealed implicating the same scoundrel, Haag, in a propaganda apparatus. But the only kind of propaganda the U. S. government is interested in stamping out is that which calls upon the workers to fight their hunger policy—Communism. The reason for this is clear when we learn that Wall St. bankers have \$4,000,000,000 invested in Germany, through which they exploit the German workers. Recently, the Daily Worker revealed, Albert H. Wiggin, prominent banker and representative of the Rockefeller interests, in addressing a secret conference of leading bankers, stated: "The greatest danger is the overthrow of Hitler, since that would mean the sweep of Communism over Europe."

He went on to say that whatever newspapers attacked Hitler were unconsciously helping Bolshevism. He frankly proposed that more financial aid be given the Hitler cutthroats, and that a campaign be started to play down the Nazi atrocities in the American press. Wiggin recently took part in a European conference of British, French and German bankers, being especially interested in safeguarding Wall St's billions. ANSWER CHALLENGE! The Nazi plot is a challenge to the American workers. The U. S. capitalist interests are doing every thing possible to keep their Hitler in power. Will the workers of the U. S. permit the murderous plot to be carried through against our comrades? This challenge should be answered with a mass movement for driving the Nazi plotters out of the U. S. Every German consulate and embassy should be crowded with protesting delegations. Send telegrams and resolutions demanding the release of the four courageous Communists whose innocence is proven beyond a doubt, to every honest person. Collect funds, to help the thousands of victims of Hitler's terror! Get this letter into the hands of every worker, you know! Arouse them against the murderers!

The Community Chest Fraud Again

Only Ten of Hundred Groups Give Direct Relief

By EMMETT KIRBY "Shall These Be Forgotten?" the billboards and posters and newspapers are beginning to scream, as the annual Community Chest drive starts digging into the pockets of the workers and people with small incomes. The posters show an underfed boy holding a sick baby. But it is not the hungry the Chest "remembers." Instead, it is the big apparatus in the 100 organizations who yearly fatten on the misery of the unemployed. The goal this year for San Francisco is \$1,945,000. And 80% of that is used for fostering anti-labor organizations, for the terrific overhead of charity leeches, for a series of religious and freak societies and for five other bureaus to see that they don't cheat on each other! The goal is less than last year's \$2,500,000, though relief is needed more badly than ever. There are two reasons. Last year they couldn't get enough already wage-cut workers to give \$10, \$5 or even \$1 bills. And this year with the NRA ballyhoo of giving employment, relief has been slashed to give the appearance of returning prosperity, regardless of the facts—which are that some 14,000 families totalling more than 50,000 people are on relief and the number is increasing—last week by 327, the week before by 300.

THE CHARITIES The biggest hand in the Chest is that of the Associated Charities (Citizens' Agency). They grab \$432,860—more than a quarter of the total. Last year they took down \$521,257—but since Roosevelt "solved unemployment" they have ruthlessly slashed relief, telling the jobless to go find jobs that don't exist. They have not, however, cut their own overhead, as the 201 social "workers" on their payroll at salaries running up to \$315 a month and totalling \$47,000 proves. And besides these, relatives and political friends of Relief Czar Wollenberg, are more than one thousand political favorites, who formerly got \$40 a month and now have been raised to \$60 and \$80 a month. When the recent "investigation" by the Board of Supervisors began to bring to light the rotten food distributed—including 12-year-old canned goods—the heavy payroll, corruption and graft in the purchasing of supplies, the inquiry was quickly adjourned in view of the coming elections and the Com-

munity Chest Drive. Hundreds of workers were ready to testify to the corruption, police terrorism, and discrimination practised to keep as many off relief as possible. Next biggest pig at the trough is the Federated Jewish Charities, who take \$409,567. Of the seven organizations who "get their" through the Federated, only one gives direct relief. And this one, the Eureka Benevolent Society, is more benevolent to themselves than to the unemployed since they went off the cash relief basis and started a commissary. The single jobless who are not well dressed are shunted off to the soupline, and "floaters" are told to float on out of town. THE OTHER NINETY Of the 100 organizations begging for salaries for another year, only ten, by the most generous classification, can be included in those who give direct relief. The other 90 are Jesus and Jehovah peddlers, anti-labor organizations, businesses and freak groups. The Holy, whose slogan is "Charity First," include the Helpers of the Holy Souls, Affiliated Catholic Charities, Seamen's Church Institute (organized by the dead but not forgotten Robert Dollar instead of paying his marine workers decent wages), Catholic Ladies Aid Societies, Protestants, Episcopalists, Methodists and Hebrews. Only the Holy Rollers are left out. But look at this list, whose grab

Table listing contributions to the Community Chest: Boy Scouts \$49,330; Campfire Girls 8,602; Y. M. C. A. 172,986; Y. W. C. A. 95,598; Catholic Filipino Club 4,085; Columbia Park Boys Club 8,118; Y. M. and Y. W. H. A. 22,438; Y. M. I. Boys & Girls Clubs 11,835; Booker T. Washington Community Center 4,607; Total \$437,599.

MARCH FOR BREAD

By PAUL COLEMAN Today we march for bread. No blaring bands—Just workers voices shouting our demands. Where'er we look the scrawny eagles fly, On paper cards and flags against the sky. On buildings that we built with workers' hands, An eagle—no, a gaunt blue buzzard stands; With screams they try to fill our hearts with dread—"Turn back, ye slaves; there's No Relief Ahead!" But we who march heed not the buzzards' cries, But raise our angry voices to the skies. The buzzards' masters tremble as we pass, For fear our voices reach the working class. The demagogues' 'new deal,' and 'NRA' Are just a pair of bosses' ways to say: 'The workers must be crushed—they're turning red!' But be ye not misled; come! March for bread!

Movie Review

"SHAME," an AMKINO RELEASE. Shown at Pompei Theatre, San Francisco, Market, near Golden Gate, Oct. 24-25-26-27.

This picture, directed by Yutkevitch, famous Soviet director, is the first picture produced during the second five year plan, and the first to portray the romance in the lives of the workers in the Soviet state. Built around a plot involving the building of an important new factory, Yutkevitch weaves a romantic tale picturing the lives of his characters away from as well as in the factory. The chief characters are four engineers, two older men who have received their training before the revolution, and a young man and woman who have received their training since the revolution, all shock troopers, engaged in the task of building a new factory. Important work seems to always go wrong, and the younger pair, being rather inexperienced, and at a loss to find the trouble, finally interest one of the older ones to help them find the trouble. This old engineer (Gordin), who up till then had been the most backward and lethargic of the shock troop brigadiers, finally becomes interested because of the eager concern of the youngsters in their problem. He exposes the other older engineer as a saboteur who has been deliberately making errors in the plans. As a result of his new interest in socialist construction, Gordin becomes one of the most enthusiastic of the shock troop brigadiers, bringing his brigade from the rear up to the forefront. Around this, in itself an interesting plot, a simple story of the loves and hates, hopes and fears of the personal lives of the characters is portrayed in such a manner as to bring laughter to the hearts, and tears to the eyes of the audience.

COTTON STRIKE NOT OUR BUSINESS, SAY A. F. L. MISLEADERS

Police Chief Quinn Tells Them Only Communists Beaten in Cigar Strike SAN FRANCISCO—At the Oct. 12th meeting of the San Francisco Building Trades Council a motion was made to commend the "Daily News" for their "favorable" attitude to the A. F. of L. local of longshoremen now on strike against the Matson Steamship Co. The progressive delegates of the Council tried to amend the motion to include the cotton pickers and the grape pickers who are also on strike and are being murdered, beaten, evicted and denied food. This effort of the progressives precipitated quite a storm in the reactionary Council. The amendment was first ruled out of order, then adjournment was moved, and other technicalities resorted to, to keep the matter off the floor. It was finally put to a vote as an independent motion and defeated on the grounds that, as Delegate Dan Cavanaugh of the Sheet Metal Workers put it, "the Building Trades Council should not bother about Cigarmakers, cotton pickers and others who may be in trouble, but stick to its own business." How the matter of the longshoremen is business that concerns the building trades more than that of the cotton pickers was not explained. But the truth of the matter is that the cotton pickers are led by Communists. And so were the cigarmakers, although they are members of the A. F. of L. As Chief of Police Quinn, in answer to a protest of the Council against the beating of cigar strike pickets, stated, those that were clubbed were well known Communists. So the misunderstanding between the police chief and the A. F. of L. fat boys is cleared up. But the rank and file members in the A. F. of L. will not let this stop them from joining hands with all workers in struggle.

United Action Stops Worker's Arrest

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—The militancy of the workers at a meeting held at the Plaza last Sunday, prevented the arrest of a Negro worker, Edgar Robison, who was attacked by a police thug while listening to speakers of the ILD and CP. The action of the workers who violently protested against this attempt to enforce the administration's jim-crow policy, scared the cops from the scene, and the meeting continued.