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## Hung Jury in Pat Chambers' Trial

### CHAMBERS TOURS VALLEY FOR REPEAL OF SYNDICALISM LAW

To Arouse Workers Against Most Vicious Anti-Labor Weapon

VISALIA, Cal., Dec. 9.—The efforts of the prosecution to railroad Pat Chambers, leader of the recent San Joaquin Valley cotton strike, to San Quentin for twenty-eight years failed here Tuesday when a dead-locked jury was dismissed.

After four hours deliberation, half of the jury voted for Chambers' acquittal of Criminal Syndicalism charges though the prejudices of its members against strikes was clearly brought out during the trial.

### Dist. Atty. Plans a Whitewash for Pixley Killers

I. L. D. DEMANDS THAT 21 EYE-WITNESSES BE SUBPOENAED

**BULLETIN**  
TULARE, Cal., Dec. 11.—The trial of the ranchers held for murder of two cotton strikers at Pixley has been postponed from Dec. 12 until Jan. 9, the court hoping that the resentment against the murderers will die down in the interval and the white-wash be made easier.

TULARE, Cal., Dec. 9.—"The Death Penalty to the Murderers of Davilla and Hernandez!" This is the demand voiced by the workers of the San Joaquin Valley and the state mobilized by the International Labor Defense and the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, as eight of the ranchers who cold-bloodedly shot down strikers at Pixley face trial on Dec. 12 here.

A white-wash trial is indicated, as there has been no attempt by Dist. Atty. Haight to subpoena any of the twenty-one eye-witnesses whose names and addresses have been given to him by the C & AWIU and the International Labor Defense. Mr. Haight is the prosecutor who is trying to railroad Pat Chambers to 14 years in the penitentiary on framed-up Criminal Syndicalism charges. Though arrested for murder the ranchers were released on \$35,000 bail and permitted to bring their guns the same as before. For the short time they were held in jail they were accorded special privileges.

The union and the I. L. D. will bring the twenty-one witnesses, including some of those wounded in the attack, into the courtroom for the trial and backed by the workers inside and outside the court, will demand if necessary that they be heard.

### Deputize Growers to Smash Union in Citrus Field

SWEAR IN 125 BOSSES AS DEPUTIES IN RIVERSIDE; UNION ORGANIZING

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 6.—More than 125 citrus growers, packing-house officials and foremen were sworn in here yesterday as special deputies in an attempt to smash with terror the organization of the agricultural workers in the citrus fields.

The men, called together largely through D. S. Bell, chairman of the Riverside County Farm Bureau, met in the Elks Club where Dist. Atty. Redwine and Sheriff Rayburn, deputized them, and pledged their aid to the growers and packers to break any organization of the workers for better wages and conditions. The aim, as outlined at the meeting is the forming of a secret army to seize and drive out of the area any organizers of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

### 500 Imp. Valley Pea Pickers Win Strike in 2 Mrs.

MAKE 50% GAIN; LETTUCE CUTTING TO START SOON

BRAWLEY, Cal., Dec. 9.—500 pea-pickers won a two-hour strike on Tuesday, Dec. 5th at Calipatria, Cal. when they refused to pick peas for 1c a pound and asked 1 1/2c. They were out for only two hours before their demands were granted. The three ranches involved about 250 American, and 250 Mexican workers, who struck solidly.

The workers are organizing in the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and all over the Imperial Valley there is talk about the union. Many of the San Joaquin Valley workers are there.

### 43,000 Syndicalism Repeal Signatures Already Collected

HAVE UNTIL MAY FIRST TO GET 100,000 MORE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The State Committee for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, November, 1930, to submit the initiative measure, has received approximately 43,000 signatures on the repeal petitions obtained to date. This is about one-third of the required number.

Since the arrest and trial of Pat Chambers on charges of criminal syndicalism, however, the campaign against this law has been intensified.

The State Committee calls on all workers to rally for the defense and freedom of the cotton strikers, Chambers, and for a most energetic campaign for signatures on the repeal petitions.

The California Initiative Law requires signatures of 8% of the total vote cast for Governor in November, 1930, to submit the initiative measure. This means 110,811 signatures of qualified voters. When the State Committee launched the campaign, a goal was set for 150,000 signatures. The number was set higher to allow for about 25% of the signatures being rejected for various reasons. This means approximately 100,000 more signatures are needed.

According to the State Constitution, in order to bring the repeal before the voters in November 6, 1934, we have until the first of May, 1934 to file the signature petitions in very county, allowing the time for certifying and getting supplementary signatures.

### SAVE THEM! SEND PROTESTS NOW!!



Heywood Patterson (left) and Clarence Norris, two Scottsboro boys sentenced to die Feb. 2 in the electric chair. Only a tremendous working-class protest can save them.

### Appeal Scottsboro Case; Norris Sentenced to Die

Delay Pending Appeal Won; Protests Must Increase to Save Framed Boys

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 7.—International Labor Defense attorney Leibowitz yesterday won a delay of the trials of the five Scottsboro Negro boys yet to be re-tried. This followed the speed-up trials and convictions of Heywood Patterson and Clarence Norris.

Sentence was immediately passed and Feb. 2nd set as the date for execution in the electric chair at Kilby Prison, Alabama. Eager to rush through all the cases in an atmosphere where a fair trial was impossible, with himself acting legally as chief lawyer, Klansman Judge W. W. Callahan had ordered the case of Charley Weems to begin, while the jury was still out "deliberating" on Norris' trial.

When Weems was ordered into court, Leibowitz protested vigorously that the understanding had been that the remaining trials were to be delayed pending the appeal to the United States Supreme Court of Patterson's and Norris' cases. Prosecutor Atty.-Gen. Knight argued against this but Callahan was forced to abide by the previous agreement not to begin the trial until the appeal was granted.

Leibowitz then demanded that bond be set for Olen Montgomery and Willie Robertson. These two boys were granted re-trial in the Juvenile Court last year, and though the re-trials have not taken place, they are entitled to release on bail. Callahan refused to set bond. Leibowitz then announced he would take habeas corpus proceedings to force this action.

**Norris' Legal Lynching**  
The trial of Norris finished this morning when the jury brought in a verdict of "Guilty," carrying the sentence of death in the electric chair at Kilby Prison. It was as obviously legal lynching as Patterson's had been. Dr. Briggs who examined the prostitute, Victoria Price, and Ruby Bates, one hour and a half after the alleged "rape" for which the boys were framed, testified that there was no evidence of their being attacked.

The thing, however, which has caused grave concern among the leaders of the rank and file in repudiating the tactics of class-collaboration which have characterized the socialist leadership. In all five locals, a definite stand has been taken in favor of the United Front proposals of the Communist Party.

**Rank and File Aroused**  
Representatives of all five of these locals were present at the trial of State Secretary Ashe, and the rotten condition of the party which this trial revealed only increased the determination of these militants to oust all careerists from power in the S. P.

The rank and file, on their side, have not hesitated to muster their forces in the fight against the misleaders. After the conclusion of Ashe's mock trial, which resulted in his removal as secretary, a Rank and File Committee for Investigation and action was formed.

This act in itself shows how deep-rooted is the struggle within the Socialist Party and also the atmosphere which pervaded the trial of Ashe and the so-called lack of "party loyalty" which was evidenced at this spontaneous meeting. At one time, several speakers from the floor pointed out that the S. E. C. might read all members of the Rank and File Committee out of the party. The chairman put the question: "If the Socialist Party is the sort of party which will not tolerate a group whose intention is to determine the will of the rank-and-file workers and put that will into effect, does anybody in this meeting care whether or not he belongs to that kind of a party?" There was a unanimous answer of "NO!"

In other words, this group has very definitely gone on record as saying that it is interested primarily in a program of struggle, and if the Socialist Party is not also interested in such a program, they are not disturbed at the prospect of being read out of the party. The opportunist leaders, seeing the sentiment, fear even to lose time by trying to win support through revolutionary phrasemongering. They gave definite and clear-cut notice to the workers of California and the members of the S. P. that theirs is a bourgeois party, and that any worker who wants to get militant class-struggle action had better go elsewhere.

**Misleaders Allies to Bosses**  
By reading out of the party the locals which have announced themselves to be ready for

## S. F. Longshoremen Are Called to Stick for \$1 per Hr., 6-Hr. Day

### Hawaii Mass Flight Is Planned to Help "Big Navy" Drive

SWANSON URGES 96 MORE SHIPS FOR "NAVY SECOND TO NONE"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Following Secretary of the Navy Swanson's appeal for a big navy early in the week, the Navy Dept. through Admiral Johnson announced the mass flight of six big navy planes from this city to Pearl Harbor navy base in the Hawaiian Islands early in January. In addition to its military value in plans for imperialism in the Pacific, the flight will serve as the focus point in the propaganda campaign for a big navy. With workers all over the country demanding "All war funds for the unemployed", a great publicity drive is needed to put the scheme over.

For the 2400-mile flight, the same six planes and crew will be used which recently completed the secret mass flight from San Diego to the Canal Zone.

Swanson's report to Roosevelt requests the building of the navy to a "second to none" basis by Dec. 31, 1935. This includes more planes, to the total of 1000, replacement of many present battleships with the latest types and the building of 96 more ships with a total displacement of 157,280 tons. These would be in addition to the 32 new battleships now authorized under the \$238,000,000 "Public Works" appropriation. The Navy Department's appropriation for 1933 was \$454,024,000, and for 1934 \$403,950,224 will be spent.

In his report Swanson recommended as a hypocritical gesture that the 15% cut of pay of all naval men be restored, hoping by the statement to still the unrest among the enlisted men.

### Lynch Threat Sent Agricultural Union Office in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 10.—The Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union yesterday morning received a threatening letter from a group of men who would be lynched. The threat was written on a strike leaflet put out during the cherry strike last spring, and was unsigned. The envelope was postmarked "San Jose, Cal." and had a drawing pointing to a drawing of a man hanging from a gallows. Usually files of such leaflets as was used are to found only at the Union office or at police headquarters.

The official sanction that Gov. Rolph gave to the St. James Park lynching is official approval as well, to mob action organized by the bosses against the working class.

### I. L. A. OFFICIALS SUPPORT SHIPOWNERS' SPLIT TACTICS

Militant Stevedores Call for United Action in All Coast Ports

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—A raise of 10 cents, to 85 cents per hour for longshoremen on the San Francisco waterfront was announced today.

This was immediately followed by the calling of a membership meeting by the International Longshoremen Assn. for Wednesday evening Dec. 13.

### "Who Called Off Strike?" Leaflet of Butchers Asks

#### BETRAYER OF I. L. A. STRIKERS RUNS AWAY TO CHICAGO

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—At a meeting of the Amalgamated Butcher Workmen, (A. F. L.) Thursday night, rank and file members circulated a leaflet demanding a new leadership and presenting eight questions for the present "leadership" to answer as to the strike betrayal.

Hobart having left for Chicago as soon as the strike was "settled", Henderson of the International was on the spot. He refused to answer any of the questions but promised that a new election would take place as soon as Hobart returned.

The leaflet asked: "Who called off the strike, Why weren't the strikers consulted? Why did Hobart run away? Why was no strike relief provided?" Henderson had tried to lay the blame for calling off the strike onto the Labor Board, but a meeting with the Board forced by a rank and file committee had called off the strike themselves after a discussion with some packing-house owners in Vernon.

As a result of the betrayal, only forty out of nine hundred and seventy strikers were taken back. There being no written agreement, the bosses are refusing to fire any of their scabs.

### Order Extras of Anniversary Issue

Number 53 of the Western Worker, coming off the press a day after Christmas, will be the first six-page issue. It will also be the Special 2nd Anniversary Edition, and among other interesting features will include the development of the Party since the Western Worker started.

Order extra copies now. You will need them at the anniversary celebrations.

### Marine Workers, I.L.A. Members, Beat Boss Trick

UNITY OF LONGSHOREMEN, SEAMEN NECESSARY—M.W.I.U. POINTS OUT

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 4.—The recent attempt of the shipowners to cause a split between the longshoremen here by starting fighting of Marine Workers Industrial Union and Rank and File members of the International Longshoremen's Assn. One of their agents, a "Capt. Burns" was sent to the "Free Employment Agency," Washington St. to get men to work the ship at far less than the present shore scale. Truckers were offered 35c, cargo stackers 40c and winch-drivers 65c an hour.

Militant members of the two unions got together, set up a strike committee, and by 7 o'clock Monday morning had the situation well under control.

The attempt was evidently as much to test the reaction of the waterfront workers as to cause a split, for the ship the men were to be hired for was not in port. The agent, "Capt. Burns" could not be found, but the solidarity learned from the action was of great value, proving the seamen are ready to fight side by side with longshoremen for better conditions in the industry.

**Build Dock Committees**  
The maneuver will likely be repeated, the MWIU warns, and scabs hired within this united action continues. Members of the I. L. A. are urged immediately to build within their locals for building of rank-and-file dock committees, and for Federal Unemployment and Social Insurance. The latter will eliminate the possibility of bosses getting "starved out" workers to scab. The Marine Workers Industrial Union urges all seamen with them immediately and start building an apparatus against these attacks of the shipowners.

## Socialist Party Misleaders Expel Five Militant Locals

Socialist Party Member Exposes Efforts of Burecrats to Prevent Rank-and-File Control

By Socialist Party Member

The inner struggle within the Socialist Party of California is becoming sharp. Events of the past two weeks have definitely severed the connection between many of the rank-and-file of the party and its careerist misleaders. The actions of the misleaders themselves, have convinced the honest and class-conscious workers within the Socialist Party that the leaders are not merely incompetent and powerless—they are their class enemies.

The struggle with the Party is intensifying itself on both sides. The misleaders are preparing themselves to retain command of the party at the coming conventions, by moving to exclude all sincere working-class elements. Steps have already been taken to deprive locals Long Beach, Lynwood, and Southgate of their charters, and by giving north bay secretary Porter authority to deprive



National Convention of Jobless To Meet at Washington Jan. 13-15 Drive in Many States to Place Jobless Insurance Bill on Ballot

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Preparations for the National Convention Against Unemployment are going forward all over the country, as the workers from coast to coast are seeing that eight months of the NRA have not decreased unemployment.

The convention, called by the National Committee of the Unemployed Councils, will be held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 13 to 15, and the call issued to all unemployed organizations, labor unions, veteran, Negro, fraternal and other workers organizations.

Of the Western states' cities, Phoenix, Ariz. is the first to announce the sending of their delegates.

The convention will lay plans for struggle for: Unemployment and Social Insurance at the expense of the employers and the government. All war funds for the unemployed.

Immediate adequate cash relief for every unemployed worker. Against forced labor camps. Against evictions, and. Against Layoffs and Roosevelt's wage-cutting program.

Local and county conferences are being held in all parts of the country for the carrying through of delegates to the election of delegates to the convention and every effort is being made to make them broad united fronts of all workers.

Coupled with the preparations for the convention is the signature campaign for putting the Workers' Federal Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill on the ballot.

Of the many states where the campaign is under way, the Councils of Illinois are leading in this activity. Washington and Montana are the only Western states so far taking any steps to have it put on the ballot through the initiative law.

The signatures must be backed up with resolutions in favor of the Workers' Bill, the National Committee points out.

Mexican Consul Attempts to Bribe C&AWIU Members

TULARE, Cal., Dec. 8.—On Nov. 23rd, Bro. Mexican Consul of Fresno, sent to Porterville for an active Mexican youth member of the C. & A. W. I. U. This young comrade was put into a car, taken to Fresno, and questioned and lectured.

The Mexican youth refused to submit, so the consul tried to buy him off with promises of showing him "how to make lots of money, and drive a Cadillac."

These tactics, and the attempts to insinuate race-hatred into his argument, only proved to the Mexican comrade that a worker's real friends are not always those of his own nationality.

We welcome the appearance of "Lucha Obrera" very much, knowing it will be rendering a great service in bringing together the Spanish-speaking people in their fight for better living conditions.

The I. L. D. is fighting the case but is sadly in need of funds as a writ of habeas corpus will cost about \$20.00. We are organizing all of our forces to raise this amount and ask you to make an appeal through the "Lucha Obrera" to the Puerto Rican people in particular and the Spanish-speaking people in general to give whatever assistance they can either financially or otherwise.

Local, that he voted against the Board, but the minutes show otherwise and the members refused to believe him. Then followed quibbling over the minutes, creating such a mass of confusion that the matter was left for the next meeting.

At the last meeting of the San Francisco local, Holman seemed exceptionally democratic, obviously trying to regain prestige among the workers.

Outright swore before the

"We Have Plenty of Everything" - from USSR

FORMER SAN FRANCISCAN WRITES TO BROTHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The following is a letter sent from a former San Franciscan now in the Soviet Union to his brother:

"Dear Brother: "I greet you and all our relatives and friends, and suppose most of you want to know how we are getting along."

"At present we are getting along very well, since we joined a kolhoz (co-operative farm) two years ago. So now we have for our own use two fine cows, one heifer and three lambs and a vegetable garden."

"In the kolhoz I earned 400 work days and for each day I get 10 kilograms (24 lbs.) of the produce as my share. We have enough to last us for the next two years. We don't have to buy anything. As to clothing and shoes, that is already taken care of for us."

"As you know, several families from here did run away from Soviet Russia a few years ago. But now they all came back and joined the kolhoz, and they have the same benefit which we all have, and enjoy working collectively."

"Your brother, Bogdanov."

Citrus Growers are Gyp Artists, Worker Writes

LINDSAY, Cal., Dec. 7.—The citrus crop is nearly harvested in this section. Because of lack of organization of the workers the gyp contractors are every means to squeeze further profits at their expense.

One contractor, Kleinlehn, is sending the workers into a good field to start. Then he tells them that this fruit hasn't tested up to standard, and sends them into a poor field where they cannot possibly make a living wage.

With this gyp artist and the hoodlums he employs as field bosses, such outfits as the 'American Fruit Growers', who put out the 'Blue Goose' pack, are robbing the workers of even an existence.

Three of us workers who had worked for this robber, when put into a poor field, quit, and demanded pay from the field boss. We were told that we did not get it for several days. He refused to give us the address of the contractor, saying that he did not know it himself.

By putting up a loud protest, we were paid that evening.

CCC Camp Boys Organize 100 Pct.; Win All Demands

CCC Camp No. 1, Dec. 5th.—I am stationed in a CCC camp in one of California's redwood parks. In the morning we have roll-call in front of the barracks, and certain squads of men who have a long way to go take lunches of one ham sandwich, one cheese sandwich, and an apple.

It is impossible to work all day on this, so a few of the boys went around and told the other young workers to meet in the second barracks.

The word spread until all the boys in camp were at the meeting. We then signed a petition to the effect that we wanted hot lunches, and a period for smoking on the job. And we didn't want worms in the meat. We wanted a recreation hall, and no tax on cigarettes and tobacco, because the government does not have to pay any tax.

When we had the petition made out, we sent one of the boys to bring the commanding officer to the meeting. When he arrived we presented him with the petition. He then made a big speech on how he didn't think the boys would do such things. We told him we couldn't work on words, and that we would not work under his conditions.

We now have a recreation hall, hot lunches and a smoking period on the job. We still hold our meetings to better our conditions. It is our hope to organize a Young Communist League unit.

We also demanded and got medicine and a doctor in the camp after several boys came down with very bad cases of poison oak.

—Young worker correspondent.

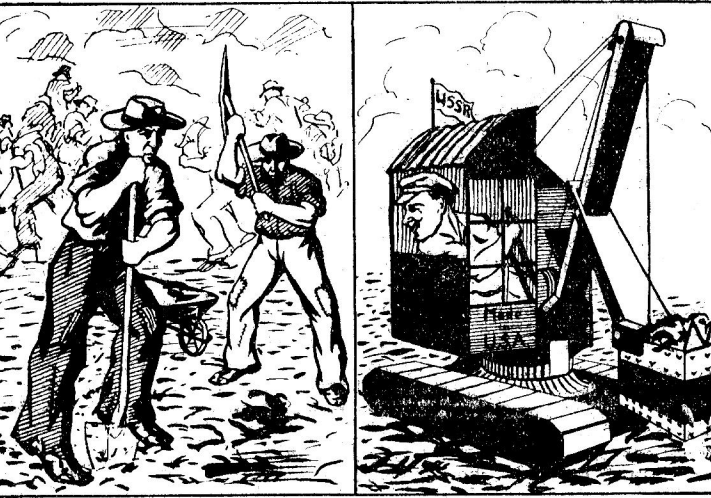
Comrade Katayama Taken To Grave



Comrade Stalin, and William Piek of the German Party, are in front carrying the bier of Comrade Sen Katayama, old Japanese Bolshevik leader and member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

Soviets, Then and Now

Here — and There



By Stephen Peacock

Squirming, twisting, turning, leaning backwards, crawling sideways, and falling flat on their faces, the capitalist press of the United States, in their desperate efforts to justify Russian recognition after sixteen years of lies and slander, made professional contortionists look like Egyptian mummies.

At first the Bolsheviks were pictured as wild-eyed, uncivilized, long-haired, be-whiskered Asiatic fanatics whose greatest pleasure it was to cut the throats of scientists; strangle poets; shoot artists; drown doctors; and hang vegetarians.

The leaders of the Revolution, particularly Lenin, were singled out for attack. In one day, Lenin, riding on his magic carpet, would travel over countless thousands of miles. The Morning Sewer would announce that Lenin had sold out to the Germans and was escaping across the Alps into Switzerland.

Lenin was arrested in the Caucasus by an army of 5000 Cossaks and by evening he was hiding in a samovar near the Bering Sea.

For sixteen years the above piffle was handed out as the truth about Russia. Russia was an "economic vacuum" where eggs were so scarce that they were kept in a vault in the Kremlin guarded by the terrible Cheka, and hamburger steaks were shown only in art galleries.

Women had been nationalized and could be purchased from any Soviet at three for a nickel. There were only thirteen soldiers in the red army who had to be made to fight by 10,000 Commissars. Everybody was forced to work by everybody else.

Statistics show that Stalin was assassinated 42,999 times and that the Soviet Government collapsed on not less than 1,269,111 occasions. The Bolsheviks not only defied the will of God but the Law of Gravitation.

The Five Year Plan was a pipe-dream, and besides, the peasants wouldn't stand for it because it didn't include enough manures and chocolate eclairs.

With the collapse of the N. R. A., the need for the Russian market and the Soviet Government having failed so

Patients Forced to Sleep in Halls of Modesto Hospital

WANT SMALL TAX-PAYERS TO BEAR BURDEN OF EXTENSION

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 5.—That the sick and injured are being turned away from the local county hospital because of lack of space has been charged here in the capitalist press.

The Modesto Bee, McClatchey-owned organ, is conducting a campaign for a local bond-issue to be voted upon here soon. The voters, most of them workers, are being asked to vote for more taxes in order that the bourgeoisie will not be forced to bear the expense of caring for those whom its regime has disabled and is starving.

Because there is no room to which the dying can be removed, the patients, many of them desperately ill, are forced to watch the death throes of others, which they themselves are fighting.

Patients are sleeping in halls while the exploited hired help is forced to sleep in ramshackle sheds surrounding the so-called "hospital". Although the normal capacity of the place is set at 100, over 200 patients are crowded in. An indigent ward outside the main building, with a capacity of eighteen, now houses over thirty.

Although the doctors themselves admit that when a woman gives birth to a child she should be permitted to stay at least ten days, this minimum has been cut to five in most cases. Children suffering from bone fractures are sent home when they should have hospital care. The same is true of surgical cases, officials admitted.

Rolph Protest Sent By San Diego Negro Women's Council

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 3.—The San Diego Negro Women's Council has sent the following letter of protest to Governor Rolph criticizing him severely for his advocacy of the San Jose lynching.

The Negro Women's Council wishes to express to you their disapproval of your condoning of lynching of the kidnapper-slayers of Brooke Hart.

"Lynching is a disease, and is contagious; and means to the human family just what hydrophobia means to animals. The outburst of those bloodthirsty human hounds quickly spread to two other states, Arkansas and Missouri.

"Your statement that the lynchings did a good job and that you would not punish the leaders was only food for those bloodthirsty human hounds, as water is to an animal affected with hydrophobia.

"You have also encouraged the youth of this state to disregard the respect for law and order, consequently you have proven yourself a failure as the highest executive of this state.

"Trusting that you see this matter in its proper light, as all good law-abiding citizens of the state do.

Negro Women's Council, 129-20th St., San Diego, Ella R. Hutson, Pres.

(A copy of the letter, sent to the "San Diego Union", was refused publication.)

(Editor's Note: We trust that the San Diego Negro Women's Council in calling down Rolph for his disregard of "law and order" will not lose sight of the fact that in Alabama with perfectly "legal" set up, the Scottsboro boys are framed to die, as have many other champions of the workers. The reasons some of the capitalist supporters are protesting the Rolph lynch policy is because he expressed it so openly.)

Drop Fake Charges Against Gordon So He Faces Deporters

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 9.—Bail for LeRoy Gordon arrested in October in Corcoran as one of the leaders of the cotton strike, has been reduced to \$500 cash through the efforts of the International Labor Defense, and he is expected to be out in a few days.

The fake charges against Gordon were dropped, and he is now held by the Immigration department for deportation. The bail was previously \$1000 cash.

Bob Rowland, charged with vagrancy for strike activity, was to have faced trial Dec. 5, but his case has been indefinitely postponed, as Gerald Catania, who is defending both these cases is busy in Hanford preparing for trials of strikers there.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

85 Killed in Spanish Outbreaks MADRID, Spain, Dec. 11.—More than eighty-five are reported to have already been killed as a result of the general strike which in some sections took on a revolutionary character.

The Syndicalist Railway Union decided to join the strike that followed closely upon the election results which resulted in substantial gains for the extreme reactionary elements in the government.

50 Pct. of Japanese Budget for War TOKYO—Nearly 50 per cent of the entire Japanese government budget for the 1934-1935 period is to be spent on the army and navy, the cabinet has decided.

Litvinoff Cold-Shoulders Nazis MOSCOW.—Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet commissar for foreign affairs is expected to arrive here this week from Berlin where he effectively demonstrated that the Soviet Union no longer considers the friendship of the bloody Nazi regime important.

Jail Terms for Nazi Foes Endless BERLIN.—Workers sentenced to prison for their struggles against the Hitler regime in Germany will not be released upon expiration of their sentence.

Women Get Filipino Vote MANILA.—Much pomp and ceremony attended today the signing by Governor-General Frank Murphy of the bill granting women of the Philippines the right to vote.

Second 5-Year-Plan to be Reviewed MOSCOW.—The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet government was summoned to convene on December 25 to approve the economic program for 1934, the second year of the Second 5-Year Plan, full report on which will be announced in January.

Storm-troopers on Par with Army BERLIN.—Further restrictions upon German workers becomes effective with the issuance of a decree making the Sturm troops an official organ of the German state, placing the Hitler troops on a parity with the army and police force.

China Generals War Sharpening HONGKONG.—While reports were heard of heavy concentration of troops of the newly formed Fukien government near Kwangtung border, the opposing Nanking and Canton governments bargained with each other over a proposed bill "for bandit suppression."

Japan Agents Extend Conquests MOSCOW.—Reports reaching here stated that the Japanese imperialists had begun a conquest of Western Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan. The report stated that the puppet prince, Abdul Kerim, had been selected by the Japanese to "rule" Chinese Turkestan and that he was said to be enroute from Tokyo to Turkestan.

French Socialists Help Imperialists PARIS.—The Chautemps cabinet was saved today by the "Socialists" who agreed to abstain from voting—thus permitting the French imperialists to put over a pay cut for government employes.

PORTLAND JOBLESS LEADERS ON TRIAL FOR 'BLOCKING SIDEWALK'

Original Charge Was "Riot"; Fear Expose of Relief Administration

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—Arrested during a militant demonstration of unemployed workers held on Nov. 29th, 15 workers are being tried on trumped-up charges of "blocking traffic and sidewalks" before Judge Tomlinson, local labor-hating jurist.

The demonstration, held before the Panama Building, housing local relief offices, was called by the Multnomah County Federation of the Unemployed. At the hour set, 600 workers gathered to protest against the discrimination practised on relief jobs.

Dirk De Jonge, Communist candidate for mayor in the last election was the first speaker. He read a letter sent to officers of the Federation one hour before the time of the demonstration, from Chief of Police Lawson, former army colonel and a former penitentiary warden, ordering them to call the demonstration off, or the leaders will be arrested.

Crowd Militant Asking the will of the crowd concerning the letter, the speaker got a thunderous vote to disregard it. As the speaker then warned the crowd against provocateurs, and against blocking the traffic, he was arrested.

Immediately Ted Boyington took the platform, and was arrested before he finished a sentence. Then Rev. Ros W. Anderson, president of the Federation, militant fighter for some months in the ranks of the unemployed, took the platform and succeeded in getting a committee elected to place the demands before the heads of the Relief agencies of the county.

Dick Lovelace followed him. After the committee of 15 left the crowd, several workers spoke from the platform, and were arrested. The total arrested during the demonstration was 12, including five war veterans. They were held on charges of disorderly conduct, with \$250 bail each.

1,000 Outside When the committee returned, after having been held under ar-

rest for some time, in the hopes that the demonstrating workers would disperse, they gave a resounding and rapidly swelling crowd of 1,000.

After the report, a committee of three was elected to demand the release of their comrades. Organizing into well-ordered military ranks, the 1,000 workers marched after the committee to the Police Chief's office, shouting their demand for the release of their comrades.

Lawson openly stated his purpose to smash the militancy of the unemployed in Portland. "I have seen thousands die in China of starvation," he said. He threatened, instead of meeting the demand, to increase the charges to "riot." "I am going to see who is running Portland," he shouted. He started in by arresting the committee of three.

Force Release However, the thundering of 1,000 voices outside made him change his mind, and he ordered the release of all the prisoners on their own recognizance.

Because there was no basis for the first charge, these workers are being tried on charges of "Blocking traffic and sidewalks". The frame-up nature of the trial is exposed by the fact that the prosecution is calling witnesses, all of whom are employees of real estate companies who rent offices to the local charities.





Well, repeal is here, and the main response is "Well, I think I'll buy a shot—when I can get two-bits."

And the navy and army will remain dry, according to official orders, except for those officers requesting it.

BRIGET SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"Brothers, the shipowners are voluntarily going to raise wages, because the cost of living is going up."

—Lee Holman, at a Frisco waterfront meeting.

The one rivalry between the California Chamber of Commerce and the Florida boosters they don't give much publicity to is their lynch gang statistics.

With great blame of publicity, the California Conserving Co. announces the giving of a \$10 bill to every salaried employee. Which, if true, would not be one per cent of what was sweated out of the cannery workers now faces when working for them this summer and fall.

Young Feller: "These winter styles get me. How long are girls wearing their skirts, anyway?"

Second Y. F.: "Oh, about three-four years."

Roosevelt's complaint that he can't do much in one year, is not without basis. Dr. Farrel of South Carolina University points out that England had such regulating of wages since a statute enacted in 1349. And it couldn't do anything in 584 years.

A Watsonville worker writes: Twenty-three hundred men registered for the 500 CWA jobs. "Are you married?" one man was asked.

"Yes."

"How many children?"

"Four."

"You're outta luck. We're not through with the 6's and 7's yet."

"Socialist" party big - shot Haldeman-Julius' wife, in suing for divorce, refuses to demand any part of his estate, only asking maintenance and \$125,000. In case you have forgotten, this is the same man who recently posed as a workingclass leader when running for governor of Kansas.

A Eureka comrade writes in about a suggestion of some cattle rancher that old bulls be killed and the meat fed to the unemployed. It wouldn't be any worse than the bull they're being fed now.

The independent state of Manchukuo has applied to Japan for 180,000 officers for its army, the United Press reports. What a surprise that must have been to Tokyo!

"I have not taken a drink since I have been Governor of California."

—Ginny Rolph.

Women Strictly Disciplined on 'Roosevelt Jobs'

CAN'T TALK, TERRORIZED BY FOREWOMAN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—The women workers on the CWA jobs located in the Daily News Building and the Hollenbeck Junior High School in Los Angeles are forced to pay 5c a week out of their checks for "electricity, water and janitor service" at the job. They either have to bring their own sewing machines or pay for the rental of machines; they must bring their own rags to sew on. If they come without rags they cannot work. They must bring their own towels and cups.

Six hundred women, working on the job in the Daily News Building in two five-hour shifts. During this time they are only allowed ten minutes to rest. They cannot leave the building. If they have brought something to eat, they can eat it, but they are forbidden to go to the meeting. White working they are not allowed to talk, and all day long the forewomen threaten them with firing for any little thing.

The women are discontented, but they are terrorized so that they are afraid to say anything.

In Hawthorne a woman was fired from the CWA job because, according to the forewoman, she was a "red". She said, "I am not a red, but since you accuse me of being one, I will go to them for help." The head of the Administration became so frightened that she came to Helen Hester, of the Hawthorne RWPU, with clothes and groceries, in the hope of preventing a demonstration.

Mrs. Hester and the RWPU organized a demonstration, however, of union members and other friends of the woman who had been fired.

Chas. Lewkowich, EXPERT SWISS WATCHMAKER, 26 years on trade, 5508 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, Cal., Hollywood 8417

Men Organize at San Jose Shelter; Win Improvement

COOK GETS HIT OVER THE HEAD, AND BETTER FOOD RESULTS

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 8.—The single unemployed here last week gave a REAL example for others to follow when they organized and won improvements in the government shelter. Each man is allowed 20c a day from the state and 20c from the Federal Government, where before their meals didn't amount to 3c worth each.

The conditions before their action were terrible. Every night 350 to 400 men came to sleep in the 280 beds—meaning that the surplus had to sleep on the cold concrete floor with no blankets or mattress covers. At 7:30 a. m. breakfast of mush, a little stale bread and chicken "coffee" was given. At 4:30 p. m. rotten stew, tea with prune juice for sweetening, and stale bread. For they had to work an hour on the Southern Pacific. An A-1 carpenter worked six hours a day for an extra meal and a bed, but no pay. All men without beds were kicked out into the cold at 3:30 p. m.

The committee of nine got 250 of the men to sign up to these demands:

Three square meals per day; proper sanitary conditions; clean bed sheets and blankets; union scale of wages on all relief work; and the right to organize.

The committee took the demands to Capt. Gover, but he was out and they were told they would get no supper ticket. So they held a public meeting in St. James Park, and then marched back to the shelter where Comrade Owens began speaking from on top of a table. The cook attempted to break it up with a pick handle, but he got beaten to unconsciousness, some tables broke and when the fight was over better grub is now given to everybody.

Call Meet in L. A. to Build W.I.R.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—The failure of Southern California to respond adequately to the appeals for relief from the San Joaquin Valley strike area during the cotton strike has brought sharply to the attention of the workers and sympathizers here the need for a strong W.I.R. in this section. Consequently they are calling a conference on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24, at Labor Unity Hall, 546 South Los Angeles St. of all workers and sympathizers and their organizations to plan a campaign for building and strengthening the Workers International Relief.

Why We Need \$5,000.00

Maybe you have wondered, "How was the figure of \$5,000.00 arrived at?"

No newspaper can pay its way out of its income from subscriptions and street sales. Capitalist papers run deficits of many tens of thousands of dollars weekly.

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Western Worker Army vs. Corporate Capital

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Instead of on advertising, we depend on the WESTERN WORKER ARMY.

the War Chest

Based on our experiences for 1932 and 1933, our auditors say the WESTERN WORKER will run a deficit of \$100.00 weekly for our 1934 twice per week 6-page paper. That makes \$5,000.00 for the year. But our deficit will be so small only if we also get 3,000 new subscribers.

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Workers Defense Wins Again in Bakersfield Trial

COTTON PICKER FREED; WAS DEFENDED BY I.L.D. ORGANIZER

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 8.—Another victory for working-class self-defense was won here Monday when a jury freed Geo. Merriweather of charges of battery.

Merriweather, a Negro worker, arrested Oct. 25 with two other cotton strikers was defended by Martin Wilson, International Labor Defense organizer here, against "riot" charges. Acquittals were won for all three defendants, but Merriweather was returned to jail and charged with "battery".

The first trial resulted in a hung jury, and Monday the case came up again. Judge Magee tried to prevent Wilson from defending Merriweather, demanding an attorney, but finally had to give in on this point.

Wilson quickly pulled the prosecution's case to bits and the jury brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty".

During the trial the courtroom was filled with workers, and during the recesses Western Workers were sold, as well as tickets to the movie "Soviets On Parade". Outside the I. L. D. kept a mass meeting going during the entire trial. When they shouted demands bothered the judge he sent out police to stop the meeting, but it quickly reassembled and stayed until the victory was won.

Two New Classes Are Open for L. A. Workers

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—The Los Angeles Section of the United Children's Committee will hold school for Young Pioneer leaders and prospective leaders during the Xmas vacation, in Sierra Madre. Sessions start on Monday, Dec. 18, and end Sunday, Dec. 24.

The course of study will include Fundamentals of Communism, Structure of the Workers Childrens Movement, History of the American Working Class, General Science, and Handicraft. Information can be obtained by writing the United Children's Committee of Los Angeles, 127 So. Broadway, Room 317.

The Workers Film and Foto League is now conducting classes in photography for workers on every Tuesday night at Labor Unity Hall, 546 So. Los Angeles St. These classes are open to all workers without charge.

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WHERE TO GO...

Organizations! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. New rates—7c a line, in advance!

SEE THE SCOTTSBORO TRIAL MOVIES at the Marine Workers Industrial Union Entertainment and Dance. Main speaker — Sam Darcy. Finnish Dance Orchestra. Sat., Dec. 16, 1223 Fillmore Street.

CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec. 24, 8:00 p. m. at 121 Haight St. The Workers Theatre will present "Heavenly Discourse" and "Merry Christmas, Revolution". Services on Religion and Xmas, followed by dancing and refreshments. Admission 25c.

WINTER AID CARNIVAL—Given by International Labor Defense—Saturday night, Dec. 23, 8 p. m. at 121 Haight St., near Octavia. Adm. 25c, unemployed Council cards 5c. Valuable door prizes. Be there!

JUBILEE MASS MEETING—"Soviet and the Far East", speaker, Bonchi Friedman, Asst. National Organizer of the Friends of the Soviet Union, California Hall, Polk & Turk sts., Friday, Dec. 15, 8 p. m. Adm. 25c, Unemployed card 5c.

DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT—Every Saturday night at the North Beach Workers Center, 1529 Powell St.

OPEN FORUMS—Sun., Dec. 17, 8 p. m.—FILLMORE — George Maurer—Report on Situation in Cuba, 1223 Fillmore St.

MISSION — James Branch—Result of the Nation-Wide Strike Wave. 3470 - 19th St.

DOWNTOWN — Neil Hickey—The Largest Trade Union Movement in the World and How It Works. 37 Grove St.

NORTH BEACH — Open Forum in Spanish. 1529 Powell St.

DAKLAND I. L. D. DINNER for Winter Aid to Political Prisoners, Sun., Dec. 17, 5 to 7 p. m., 645 22nd St. Oakland. Elaine Black, speaker. Auspices of Frank Little Branch I.L.D.

INSTALLATION — South Slavic Branch, International Workers Order, Oakland, Saturday, Dec. 16, 8:00 pm, 708 Peralta St. Admission 25 cents. Concert and dancing, speaker.

Gala Opening of Workers School in S. F. Headquarters SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—A Gala Opening of the Workers School and its new building will be held on Dec. 15th at 121 Haight street.

The affair will include in addition to an elaborate entertaining program, a series of speakers among which are Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party, Ella Winter, author of "Red Virtues", Langston Hughes, famous revolution-ary movement, and James Branch of the Workers School.

Dancing to the tunes of a lively orchestra will follow the program.

CORRECTION In the poem which appeared in the last issue, "A Song of Bread" by Carlotta, a typographical error in the fourth line appears unfortunately changing the sense of the stanza, which should be of bakers instead of bankers molding a mass of dough, the yeast within it being the revolutionary movement within the working class.

Correctly, the stanza reads: The yeast is in the dough — and the dough is rising, Seething and spreading in the pan of the world. And now comes the molding, the firm heavy molding, By big-shouldered bakers with strong shrewd hands.

Zlodi Bros. Dairy Lunch & Cafeteria 67 Fourth St., cor Jessie, S. F.

Los Angeles 10th ANNUAL CONCERT of the Freiheit Gesangs Verein Sunday — Dec. 17 — 8 p. m. GIBSON HALL, Figueroa Playhouse Bldg. 940 S. Figueroa St. Adm., At Door — 50c In advance — 35c

San Francisco BIG THREE - DAY BAZAAR!! for the Western Worker DECEMBER 30th — DECEMBER 31st — JANUARY 1st Fillmore Center 1223 Fillmore St. Admission for 3 days—50c. 25c each day Dancing — Play — Concert — 3-day Restaurant — Vaudeville The biggest affair of the year! Something popping every minute!

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Bingham to Expose War Aims in Sacto. Debate

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Donald Bingham, well known in the valley for his activity in the strikes of agricultural workers will debate against Wm. Milton of Sacramento Junior College, at the Workers Center Thursday evening, Dec. 14 on the subject of "Should We Be Patriotic?" Sacramento workers who attend will get from Comrade Bingham's argument a clear exposition of the present imperialist war aims of capitalism and the workers' part in war.

ARIZ. COTTON PICKERS VOTE FOR STRIKE

BUCKEYE, Ariz., Dec. 2.—Two hundred cotton pickers at a mass meeting called by the Buckeye and Romola District of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, Sunday decided to strike for \$1.00 per hundred pounds for picking short staple cotton, and for sustaining the demands gained before the recent truce. Of the 200, 160 voted—90 for strike and 70 against. The dissenting votes came mainly from growers and their "plants" in the meeting.

A committee of seven was elected to deliver the ultimatum to the growers, and to bring back the report by Tuesday night, and if the demands were not met, the workers decided to go out on strike on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

During the strike which tied up the fields in Buckeye Valley a month ago, 1500 cotton pickers came out on strike for nine days, and returned after winning some concessions.

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

Indignation Grows Against L.A. Straw Boss on CWA Jobs

RELIEF WORKERS PROTECTIVE UNION TO FIGHT ABUSES LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—After waiting for pay-checks which had already been delayed three days, more than one thousand men were forced to wait again by the pay-master at the CWA job in Griffith Park Wednesday night. Many of them had not received relief for many weeks, and their families were starving.

When the men loudly demanded their checks, the paymaster said, "I'm doing you fellows a favor, and if you don't keep quiet, I will take the checks home with me." They angrily warned him not to leave with the checks, and he dared not take them away.

For the last few days many of the park crews have refused to work until they got their pay, and Thursday workers from the park stayed at the pay window until they got their checks.

Among the paymasters were some of the politically-appointed foremen and straw-bosses who were responsible for driving relief workers to their death in the Griffith Park fire of Oct. 3.

To combat these abuses the Relief Workers Protective Union is organizing the workers on the jobs, demanding regular pay days and pay for the time lost during holidays, rain and sickness. Regular meetings of the union are held every Monday night, 7:30 p. m. at the headquarters, 741 Wall St.

S. F. Workers Start Basketball Team

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Utilizing the gymnasium at the Workers School building at 121 Haight st., the Workers Sports Club announces that a basketball team is being formed of players under 145 lbs. Practices will start about Dec. 15. All workers interested are asked to leave their names and addresses at the Workers' School, or the Western Worker office, addressed to E. Rabin.

Sacramento Western Worker DANCE . . . . and Entertainment . . . .

NEW YEAR'S EVE Dec. 31 — 8 p. m. Prizes! Refreshments! Fun!! Workers Center 912 1/2 - 8th St.

Western Worker Bazaar Asks for Articles

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Western Worker Bazaar Conference meets every Monday evening at 37 Grove St. with delegates from workers organizations and Communist Party units. Arrangements are being made for the biggest event of the year, during the three days, including a large variety of entertainment, Soviet movie, Workers Theatre plays, etc. The greatest stress is being laid on the collection of articles that could be sold at the booths, with the entire proceeds going to the \$5,000 Western Worker Fund.

Already a large number of workers organizations have pledged to set up booths. Any friends of the Western Worker who are able to collect or donate articles that could be sold at the bazaar should bring them to the office, or phone and someone will call for them.

MIRROR International Theatre

Vine St., at Hollywood Blvd. PRESENTS Russia's Finest Talking Film "The Patriots" Mat. 2.30 — First week 25c. Evening 7 & 9 pm — 45c-55c

Los Angeles Vets Organize Demand for C.W.A. Jobs

COMMITTEE PRESENTS CASE OF 15 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—A committee of forty rank and file veterans, under the leadership of the Workers Ex-servicemen's League, brought before the Co. Supervisors on the morning of Dec. 4, the cases of fifteen destitute ex-servicemen, demanding that they be placed in CWA jobs where they had been discriminated against in spite of the fact that they were, as war veterans, supposed to get preference. The Supervisors answered with the usual promise to "investigate".

Further action on the cases is to be taken up at a united front meeting of all veterans organizations called for Friday, Dec. 8 at 741 Wall St. Calls have been sent to 150 veterans organizations.

Some of the veterans were candidates for the Soldiers Home at Sawtelle. One of these, with a service-connected disability, was refused admission to the Sawtelle Hospital, and then was refused medical attention by the County on the grounds that he was entitled to care at the soldiers home. Another, Jacobs, demanding shelter from the Co. Welfare, had been given a false address—an office building.

Supervisor Quinn answered that he had no jurisdiction over Sawtelle. However, a year ago O'Boyle, a committee of veterans had come to him demanding shelter at Sawtelle, he had phoned Sawtelle and got places for over a thousand there before the committee left his office, and promised room for 350 more in a few weeks.—M. L.

Scottsboro Boys

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) of the two mis-trials must be the signal for the intensification of these protests every where, with mass meetings, resolutions and individual protests being sent at once to Pres. Roosevelt and Chief Justice Chas. E. Hughes at Washington, D. C., demanding the immediate and unconditional release of the boys.

Misleaders Expel Five S. P. Locals

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 7) should take seriously the task of approaching the leading rank-and-file in their area and pointing out to them in a comradely way, that the Communist party is the only political party in which they can find a revolutionary force, leading the workers to the overthrow of Capitalism.

It is important that Communist party members should not approach these Socialists in a patronizing or superior manner. These rank-and-file have demonstrated that they have a sincere desire to take an active part in the class struggle. They have definitely repudiated the misleadership of the Communist Party in the Union, considered the charges of deliberate disruption and provocation.

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If You Need a Dentist—go to . . . Dr. Leon Klein 1306 Fillmore St. Phone: WALNUT 5785 Reduction to Party members.

Los Angeles RWPU Ousts Disruptors

MEET HYNES' BOAST THAT HE WILL DISRUPT WITH STOOLPIGEONS LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Eight persons were expelled from the Relief Workers Protective Union by the unanimous vote of three hundred and fifty members of the union at the meeting Monday evening, Dec. 4.

The eight are H. White, Farrar, Driscoll, Black, Penny, Mrs. McCann and Allen. A committee of leading members of the Relief Workers Protective Union of Los Angeles, including members of the Communist Party in the Union, considered the charges of deliberate disruption and provocation.

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Editorial Column

Roosevelt's Hypocrisy on Lynching

After more than a week of silence since the San Jose lynching the President was finally "moved" by the storm of protests from all parts of the country.

"This new generation, for example, is not content with preaching against that vile form of collective murder—lynch law—which has broken out in our midst anew.

This statement from the president gave the liberals, the Roosevelt supporters, and the Scripps-Howard papers what they were looking for. Most such people, who have illusions that Roosevelt even despite his bad associates is "at heart" sincerely trying to "do something", are of course easily satisfied with soothing words such as will not disturb their sweet dreams.

Roosevelt admits that lynchings have increased during precisely the period since he took office. They are recorded to be already 44 for this year, the highest since 1922.

Lynching is a weapon in the hands of the bosses. They use it to oppress the Negro masses, and against the militant workers. It is when the workers fight against the unbearable living conditions, as in the cotton fields, that lynching of the leaders is advocated, or as in the Lodi grape strike when lynching was openly advocated by the local judge, Soikmore.

ROOSEVELT'S HYPOCRISY

But Roosevelt's hypocrisy is seen on the lynch question, more clearly than on any other. For, during the very moment that Roosevelt, in a manner that even made his audience of professionals envious, made his sanctimonious display, a lynch cord decided for a death sentence to the second of the Scottsboro boys, whom the whole world knows are innocent.

Roosevelt had nothing to say of such actions as the massacre of strikers at Piquette and Arvin by armed growers, for which the same lyncher of national reputation, Rolph, is responsible.

Roosevelt's remarks have no more meaning than his campaign promises. They are mere words to satisfy the mass protest. As far as the capitalists and landlords are concerned, they will proceed with lynching and murder as usual.

Only fools will see a distinction in the lynch method used at San Jose, Missouri and Maryland, and that which is being attempted through the courts of Alabama. The same ruling class is responsible for both.

Only the revolutionary movement, under the Communist Party's leadership, struggles against both legal and illegal lynchings. Only a united movement of Negro and white workers based on militant resistance to lynch rule, to demand death to all lynchers, and for equal rights for Negro, Mexican and Oriental people, will win.

The anti-lynch struggle must not be solely aimed at the Rolphs. It must likewise be directed against those who in words condemn it but in action encourage it.

Right now we must mobilize every ounce of energy to defend the Scottsboro boys, for if that frame-up is permitted to be carried through, it means a big victory for the lynchers.

The Western Worker Moves Forward

The January 1st issue of the Western Worker will be a six-page 2nd Anniversary issue, from then on it will continue in 6 pages.

But that will be only part of the big step that we want to make. As soon as we accomplish the present drive for \$5,000 and 3,000 new subs the Western Worker will appear twice each week.

The immediate increase to six pages, is only because of the enthusiastic support expressed by many organizations and through many letters from our readers. We are convinced that the additional circulation will compensate the increased cost.

The need for a bigger, more often Western Worker issue is being felt more all the time as the revolutionary movement grows. The paper is today a means of knitting together party units and other organizations in hundreds of points.

There is therefore every good reason for the most enthusiastic support for the New Years Eve celebrations and affairs, as these will be the first big shots in the campaign to fulfill the quota and bring closer the hour when the semi-weekly will appear.

Again we appeal to the readers to submit their constructive criticism of the paper, as from the many letters we received thus far, much will prove very helpful in making a far livelier fighting paper.

George Morris Tours California Cities

"Are We Heading Towards Recovery?" Will Be Subject; To Meet with Press Conferences

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—"Are We Heading Towards Recovery" will be the subject upon which George Morris, Editor of the Western Worker, will speak on his tour through the chief California centers. At the same time prior to each mass meeting a press conference will be held at which steps to carry through the drive for the semi-weekly paper will be decided upon.

The schedule for the first series of meetings is: Tuesday, Dec. 12... Sacramento Wednesday, Dec. 13... Stockton Thursday, Dec. 14... Modesto Friday, Dec. 15... Fresno Saturday, Dec. 16... Bakersfield Sunday, Dec. 17... Los Angeles 741 Wall St., 8 p. m. Monday, Dec. 18... Los Angeles Tuesday, Dec. 19... San Diego

All Western Worker agents, correspondents and others interested in writing for the Western Worker are invited to the press conferences. Those at the press conference will be asked to make constructive criticism such as will help improve the paper when it starts in six pages, and even-

DO YOU WANT THIS FOR CALIFORNIA?



The picture above shows the Pennsylvania state constabulary (more commonly known as cossacks) in action during the textile strike in Philadelphia. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has initiated a campaign to introduce this, into California, as they regard it more efficient than deputies and the highway patrol.

Re-Register as Communist - Now!

The 1934 elections in California will be for: Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Comptroller; Treasurer; Attorney-General; One U. S. Senator; 20 U. S. Congressmen; 80 State Assemblymen; 20 State Senators.

Drive for Communist Election Signatures and Sponsors Launched

The quota for signature collection was set far above the number required, so that even after the boss flunkies in the government cross off names for many ridiculous reasons there will still be enough to comply with the requirements.

The following quotas have been set by the State Campaign Committee:

Table with 2 columns: Sections and Signatures. Rows include San Francisco (5,000), Los Angeles (5,000), East Bay (2,000), Sacramento (2,000), Fresno (1,000), San Diego (1,000), Merced (1,000), Eureka (1,000), San Jose (1,000), Bakersfield (1,000), Monterey (1,000), Contra Costa (1,000), Tulare (1,000), Sonoma (500), and a TOTAL of 23,500.

Precautions Against Tricks

Fully aware of the hollowness of capitalist democracy, and that no efforts will be spared to keep it off the ballot, the Communist Party has taken careful precautions, and forced Registrar Collins of San Francisco to O. K. the petition form.

TOTAL 23,500

The above named sections cover all the counties in their territory.

Petitions will be out Dec. 15, and as quickly as they are delivered they should be circulated so that the quota set will be more than fulfilled. Instructions on the back of each petition should be carefully read, and complied with.

J. B. McNAMARA, LONGEST TIME-SERVER, HAILS COMMUNIST PARTY

By S. R.

The grey walls of San Quentin's grim fortress still retain a prisoner who, for 23 years, has stood staunchly in defense of the working class, comrade J. B. McNamara.

McNamara's eyes gleam anew at every reference to the U. S. S. R., at every mention of the Communist Party. "No matter what methods were used in the past to combat the monster, Capitalism," he said, "all today are less than sawdust, compared with the invincible, unmaneuverable, bound-to-be-victorious march of Communism. Communism, through Karl Marx, showed us why; Communism, through Lenin, showed us how. We, who have the privilege of marching forward under the banner of the Communist Party, know that the hour is fast arriving when Communism—the rule of the workers by the workers—will stand and hold as the law of intelligent conduct for the people of this earth."

But there is something else to be known. J. B. McNamara is a very sick man. That heart of Labor's uncompromising defender misses far too many beats as it pounds through the minutes and hours of the deadly grind of imprisonment.

When asked if he would like to get out, McNamara said, "The only way I'd be willing to get out would be to have my comrades come and take me out."

He is there in San Quentin, "J. B.", as he is affectionately called by all who know him; his number is 25314. Send him a good, comradely letter; say nothing about his condition—he would be the last to want such a thing mentioned. And, when you do this, remember, comrades: long before 1917 J. B. McNamara was paying in San Quentin prison for his undying confidence in the working class; and in all the 22 years he has paid for this he has never once asked anything for himself, only that the lives of others, particularly class-conscious prisoners, might be made less painful by a comradely act or two.



Movie Reviews..

"THE PATRIOTS" the Mejr-pomfilm, directed by Barnet, now playing at the Mirror Theater in Los Angeles, and soon to appear in San Francisco, resembles in theme Pabst's "Kameradschaft" — the fraternization of the "enemy" armies in 1914, on a basis of awakening class unity. This only means that "The Patriots" is a little less excellent than one of the most stirring, one of the finest revolutionary epics that has appeared on the screen.

The fraternization of the armies in "The Patriots" is perhaps the most spectacular moment in the picture. But for a worker, the high moment in the story is the defense of the German prisoner by the Russian shoemaker who has just heard of the death of his son at the front—the reason he gives is, in a sentence, the whole story of awakening class-consciousness. Equally stirring is the sound of the March of the Red Army that a homesick peasant hears as he holds the body of his soldier comrade, shot by one of Kerensky's officers for fraternizing with the Germans.

The language of pantomime at its subtlest, most moving, is brought out in the parading of the child Manka (played with extraordinary beauty by Elena Kuzmina), and the German lad, Mueller.

"THIS DAY AND AGE" starring Chas. Bickford, Richard Cromwell and a few more. The gist of this movie is: A group of racketeers offer the small shop-keeper the opportunity of getting "protection" by joining their gangster-controlled cleaning and dyeing

International Events and Western Workers

Shovels, Wheelbarrows vs. Great Advances

American Workers Mobilized for Useless Work While the Soviet Workers Go Forward Building Giant Plants and a New Society

At this time when the NRA is being pronounced by even the leading capitalist representatives to be a complete failure, with the small upward swing during the summer months than wiped out by the further drop; and when the chief slogan for a revival has become "Back to the Shovel, Pick, Axe and Wheelbarrow", it may be interesting to contrast the situation with developments in the Soviet Union.

It would take far more than one issue of the Western Worker to be able to list only the main achievements during the last period. We therefore take only a few of those reported during three weeks in November. This month the Central Committee of the Soviet Union meets, and will review the second Five Year Plan. We can state with certainty that the plan announced a year ago, which dazed many a big engineer or scientist, will be still further extended.

The Soviet Engineers Gortchakow and Kondratschik who are working for the Peoples Commissariat for Heavy Industry, have now completed their plans for the building of an electric power station driven by wind pressure. This new station will be opened in 1934 in the Crimea on the Heights of Hi-Petri and will have a capacity of 5,000 kilowatts. The energy produced will be extremely cheap, and the cost per kilowatt hour is reckoned to be one kopeck (1/2c).

Two huge bakeries have opened in the Ivanovo district on the 16th anniversary. They will daily produce 40 tons of bread each.

The Dneiprostroy combination of huge plants took another step towards completion when the steel plant "Saporosh-Stal" lit its first blast furnace.

The Electric power station Swirgress, is about to be opened.

On Nov. 7th the biggest garment factory in the Soviet Union opened in Baku. It will be working full pressure on January 1.

On the 1st of November the second section of the Moscow Ball-Bearing plant was opened. The first section of the plant started to work in March 1932 and since then the production figures were as follows: 1932— 2nd quarter... 94,000 pieces 3rd quarter... 320,000 " 4th quarter... 415,000 "

1933— 1st quarter... 804,000 " 2nd quarter... 1,000,000 " 3rd quarter... 1,429,000 "

This first ball-bearing plant in the Soviet Union began with production of only three types of bearings, and now produces 46 different types. It now supplies the needs of the entire tractor industry of the Soviet Union. At the moment the factory employs 15,000 workers.

The first kilometer of the Moscow subway has been completed. The construction of this first subway in the Soviet Union is especially difficult due to the presence of large number of subterranean waters, and some of the tunneling must be built under the underground streams.

The first section of the line is to be completed and ready by the 17th anniversary of the Soviet Union.

The powerful chemical combination in Bobruisk near Moscow is now ready to be opened up. The combination consists of a series of plants which use the coal of the Moscow district and extract chemically, artificial fertilizer, sulphuric acid, and new forms of building material, including glazed and ordinary bricks.

For 1934 it is calculated 125,000 tons of fertilizer will be produced, which will mean an increased harvest yield by 1,200,000 tons.

The combination occupies an area of about 25,000 acres, and the cost of only the first part of the combination is 320,000,000 rubles. A Socialist city in accordance with the best model plans for a population of 10,000 is part of the project.

The Peoples Commissariat of Heavy Industry have given their works the task of producing 13,000 railroad cars within the last quarter of 1933. This is equal to the total produced during the first three quarters of 1933.

On Oct. 31, the Central Council of the Soviet Association of Inventors, took place in Moscow, and summed up the results since the call of the Central Committee of the Communist Party for furthering mass interest in inventions, three years ago.

Comrade Kisselev announced the following figures:

Socialist - Led NRA Union Is As Bankrupt as NRA

DOWN TO 25 MEMBERS; ONCE CLAIMED 3000

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 5.—The plans to discontinue the employment office for the winter were discussed at a recent meeting of the Socialist-led NRA Farmers and Workers Union of this city. So badly in debt that it can no longer maintain the office, the so-called "union", reduced to a membership of 25 from a one-time total of over 300, voted to pay all dues and collections to the bills now outstanding.

The meeting was called by the secretary of the almost defunct organization as the president, R. B. Lillard, recently bolted when he was charged with misappropriation of the organization's funds.

During the time of the Lodi strike Lillard took a considerable amount of money from the treasury with which to make a trip to Lodi for the purpose of urging a policy of "non-violence" there, it is charged. The president recently decided he would call a meeting of his own but the members took the matter in their own hands and are now attempting to get the "union" out of the difficulties into which it was plunged by the mis-leading tactics of its so-called leaders.

Into their own "virtuous" hands, and the fact that this incitement of lynch spirit is likewise directed against workers and negroes proves again the vicious role this movies play. And as it is a mere coincidence that as the students ride the racketeer through town on a rail, they sing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah?" —R. C.

"The association of inventors of the Soviet Union has no less than 800,000 members at the present time and 55% of these are also members of the Communist Party and Young Communist League. From 1930 up until Oct. 1933, the members of the association brought forward a total of 1,693,000 proposals of which 517,000 were carried out. The economic gains brought about by these inventions are calculated at 477,842,000 rubles."

On Oct. 25th a wireless meeting of all the Ukrainian collective farmers took place with speeches and reports broadcast to the waiting audiences. Reports delivered from districts showed that the harvest yield was immense and the income for all collective farmers increased accordingly. For instance, in 1932 7.3 double hundredweights of rye were harvested per hectare while this year it was 10 double hundredweights. Last year the yield for winter wheat was 2.6 double hundredweights per hectare —this year it was 6.5. Reports showed that during the harvest from 96% to 100% of all capable of working were prompt at their place of work.

For the 16th anniversary the Caucasian districts reported huge success for the year. Mineral production for the first ten months of this year already exceeds the total production of last year. Grain delivery plans have been exceeded, and the plan for producing 700,000 cwt. of cotton, was surpassed by 200,000 cwt. The tobacco and tea deliveries have been successfully carried out.

The first section of the magnificent new Dubrow power station near Leningrad, has been completed. It has a capacity of 100,000 kilowatts and the entire equipment has been manufactured in Soviet plants.

During the 16th anniversary celebration at Stalingrad, the Stalingrad tractor plant workers proudly displayed their banner saying "We have made 85,000 tractors, by January 1st it will be 40,000."

On the eve of Nov. 7th, the grain collection plan was fulfilled by 93%, while last year at the same time it was only 67%. One-half million pools of grain over the amount collected at that time last year was already delivered.

Oct. 5th marked the high point in the Donbas coal production with 150,000 tons a day.

The Kharkow tractor plant which produced 100 tractors per day during 1932, reached a daily production of 145 and the cost per tractor was reduced by 31%.

Along with this extensive construction and development of science and technology, the standard of living of the workers and peasants, the increase in the number of cultural centers, schools, health resorts, and all things that help to make life more interesting. But more of this in a future issue of the Western Worker.

Pomona Socialists for United Front

279 East 2nd St., Pomona, Cal., Nov. 30, 1933. Communist Party, Dist. 13, San Francisco, Cal. Dear Comrades:

Some days ago I mailed you a letter in answer to your letter urging co-operation on the five points for a united front. The meeting I referred to when my letter was unanimously approved was a hurried one called to consider other matters and as all the members had previously arranged to attend another meeting the same evening, the committee of three were not appointed to meet your committee, but the question was asked whether your committee would be of local—Pomona—people. If so, I would be glad if you will appoint such a committee and inform me who they are and if you get our local to hold a meeting and elect a committee to meet with yours if possible.

You will be aware that our State Committee by a vote of 3 to 1 with 4 members absent, and one abstaining from voting, have rejected your five point program, but I personally do not think they expressed the sentiment of our Party as a whole. I will take this matter up also at our next meeting.

Fraternally yours, (Signed) Wm. R. Brunton, Secy, Pomona Local.

WANTED - A TYPEWRITER

The Communist Party badly needs a typewriter. Any one who can donate one will please get in touch with Louise Todd immediately. 37 Grove St., San Francisco.