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Fight For the Workers'
Unemployment and Social
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Answer Militia Threat By General Strike! Pedro Rank And File Committee Takes Control Communist Ticket Filed In Many Counties

Entire State Ticket On; Over 50 Already Reported Filed

San Francisco To Have Victory Banquet
On June 30; Funds Are Needed for
A Big Election Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—Scores of Communist candidates have already filed, as reports continue coming in from counties in California. This already includes the entire state ticket and candidates for the legislature from most of the important districts in the state.

Among the candidates are a large number of Negro workers, Spanish, and other representatives of the most oppressed workers in the state, who will be on the ballot for the first time in California's history.

The Campaign Committee points out that the filing of the candidates is not with the most vicious, anti-red drive the state ever saw, and can be answered only by a mass election campaign. The first job is the printing of hundreds of thousands of platforms. For this a fund is immediately needed, and could be raised at celebrations. In San Francisco such a celebration will be at the VICTORY BANQUET, on June 30 at 1223 Filmore Street, 8 P. M. The following is a partial list of candidates reported filed:

For Governor SAM DARCY

U. S. Senator JOHN E. WILLIAMS (PAT CHAMBERS)

Lieutenant Governor PETTIS PERRY

Secretary of State HAROLD ASHE

Controller ANITA WHITNEY

Treasurer ARCHIE BROWN

State Board of Equalization, 2nd District PETE GARCIA

Associate Justice Supreme Court No. 1 LEO GALLAGHER

SAN FRANCISCO

Congressman, 4th District—MINNIE CARSON

Congressman, 5th District—ALEXANDER NORAL

State Senator, 14th District—JACK OLSON

Assemblyman, 20th District—CARMELO BONACORSO

Assemblyman, 21st District—GUSTAV DAHLIN

Assemblyman, 22nd District—KARL HAMA

Assemblyman, 23rd District—EDWARD HARRIS

Assemblyman, 24th District—LEO LARAMEE

Assemblyman, 26th District—LEN GREER

LOS ANGELES

Congressman, 14th District—LAURE ROSS

Congressman, 13th District—JOSEPH GRAHAM

Congressman, 18th District—CLYDE CHAMPION

Supervisor, 1st District—HAROLD HENDRICKS

Supervisor, 2nd District—DOBBS

Assemblyman, 44th District—RUELAS

Assemblyman, 46th District—FRANK MARTIN

Assemblyman, 51st District—MOISA

Assemblyman, 52nd District—TORCHINSKY

Assemblyman, 61st District—OSBORNE

Assemblyman, 67th District—JOHN LEACH

Assemblyman, 69th District—TOM PATTERSON

Assemblyman, 70th District—FRANK KANE

Assemblyman, 71st District—MRS. ALLISON

OAKLAND

State Senator, 16th District—RUDOLPH C. LAMBERT

Sheriff—MILES G. HUMPHRIES

Supervisor, 3rd District—MATT HERZOG

Supervisor, 2nd District—ELWOOD JAMES

Assemblyman, 13th District—HINARO BEGA

Assemblyman, 14th District—RONALD COOLEY

Assemblyman, 16th District—LEON VANNIER

Assemblyman, 17th District—TURNER WILSON

Superintendent of Schools—MEYER LESON

Free Him!



Challenge To Debate Sent Mayor Rossi

PEDERSON, PATTERSON,
Defied As Workers

Take Strike In
Own Hands

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Mayor Rossi has given personal leadership in gathering all the forces he can to aid the American Legion in its drive against Communists scheduled for this week. Thus far the drive has been in the form of wide publicity to the business people and politicians taking leadership.

While the reason for the drive is given as the growing influence of the Communist teachings in schools, it is a matter of common knowledge that it is part of the same concentrated attempt including the state government, the S. F. Labor Council and the Chamber of Commerce to break the water-front strike.

Dutch Sznarsky, a longshoreman, was chairman. Among the speakers were Joe Dikey, Elmer Bruce, Vice President of the ILA local. They pledged support to rank and file control despite opposition of Peterson, reactionary official of the union. Other speakers included Jim Reamy of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, Pepper of the International Seamen's Union rank and file, and Ed Lange, a seaman, who spoke for the ILD. The workers roared approval to the denunciation of police brutality and the necessity to fight the legalistic tactics of the ILA lawyer, whose "defense" is filling the jails of San Pedro with the strikers.

The Communist Party will answer this drive with distribution of at least a quarter million pamphlets issued by the recent Communist Party convention, and tell in a popular manner who the Communists are. These leaflets can be ordered through the Western Worker.

Placing the mayor and the other leaders in the drive on the spot, the Communist Party is sending the following challenge and sent to Mayor Rossi:

"Mayor Angelo Rossi,
City Hall,
San Francisco, Calif.
Sir:

Both the newspapers of June 21st and this morning's press report, the preparations of a drive against Communism in San Francisco. You state the main object is to expose the falsity of Communism.

Since you appear to be so confident of the validity, you should be willing to put your beliefs before a public gathering letting the citizens of San Francisco judge the question. We therefore challenge either yourself, Mr. Malatesta, or any other American Legion spokesman, to meet a representative of the Communist Party.

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500 Strikers Beat Tacoma Bosses In

Try To Use Scabs

PICKETS TURN BACK TRUCKS
WITH WEAPONS, BEDS AND
FOOD FOR STRIKEBREAKERS

STOCKTON

State Senator—KARL MAYNARD

Superintendent of Schools—LELA SELF

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West Coast Cities.

Prepare Fight On

War On Fascism

UNITED FRONTS OF WORKERS
ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD
BIG DEMONSTRATIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—

To make Aug. 1st this year the biggest demonstration against imperialist war and fascism yet seen, the Communist Party has set up a Provisional Committee to meet tomorrow and draw up plans and issue a call to all unions and other working-class organizations to join in a big united front.

Plans call for a big mass meeting at Marshall Green, in the Civic Center, with mobilizations of workers parading from all districts in the city.

The first conference will be held Sunday, July 1st, at 121 Height St., to lay out details, which weekly conferences will be held to carry out preparations.

Particular stress will be laid on rallying unemployed and employed in all neighborhoods, workers in shops and industries, and especially the marine industry, to take active part in this struggle against war.

The August First demonstration will be held under the call

of the Communist Party all over

the world. While in every case

the American League Against

the War, the American League Against

the War

Arizona Unemployed Council Scores Big Relief Victory

Phoenix Jobless Force Charities To End Forced Labor; Win Food, Clothes, Milk, Fuel Etc.; End Discrimination

PHOENIX, June 20.—Solidarity, 500 unemployed in yesterday's demonstration under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils, succeeded in winning their demands against forced labor, against evictions and water shut-offs and race discrimination. They also demanded that fuel and clothing shall be supplied to those needing it, and also forced the relief agency to agree to a grant of \$10 a day if the child is under 3 years of age and a pint of milk daily if it is between 3 and 12 years of age.

Although the local press attempted to minimize the demonstration by saying that only 200 were present, and although police attempted to provoke the demonstrators, they had violated the workers' demands and won their demands.

Marine Strike Sure Felt in Hawaii Sailor Writes

SHIPMATE'S VOICE' CREATES BIG STAR ON WARPISH AT PEARL HARBOR

The letter from which the following excerpts are taken, was written by a navy sailor to a friend in one of the CCC camps, who asked "is it time to strike?"

Pearl Harbor, T. I., June 1934.

Dear [unclear]:

Yes, I heard about that longshoremen's strike. It is sure raising hell up here. You see the Hawaiian Islands demand a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour and the last month men is about three days late, men are only carrying 50 per cent capacity passengers. All the sugar and pineapple mills are closed down. The few ships are loaded up, immensely loaded, with their result that two ships have been held up waiting for [unclear] Miss Warner to give in.

Due to a supposed order from Washington, relief for single workers has been cut in half, from \$21 to \$10.50 a month. The Unemployed Council is starting a mass protest campaign against this cut, which will involve every single worker in the organization.

The big induction of the condition of the unemployed here, a widow with five children, with her rent unpaid for four months, and with a sick child, has had her water turned off to feed her entire family. It is impossible to buy enough food for a family to live on, let alone a man, let alone another food and clothing. In the meantime, Miss Warner, imported here from California, is receiving a salary said to be \$350 per month, and she took \$1800 out of the milk fund to buy herself an automobile.

Speakers at the demonstration were Comrade Nat, Comrade Clinton, organizer of the Unemployed Council of Temple, and Mexican comrades, Vincent and Romas.

Deported Indians Starve in Mexico

GADSEN, Ariz., June 13.—One hundred Indians from here last year, deported from here last year, are now on starvation diets consisting of nothing but mesquite beans and sloshed water, it was revealed by an Indian member of the Sonoran branch of the International Labor Defense who has just returned from visit to the United States.

Although these original Americans had roamed the southern parts of Arizona and California and the northern part of Mexico before the white man ever came, and have been instrumental in developing this valley, and although their right to freely come and go is denied them, this was not challenged until the fall of 1932, when they have been thus mercilessly thrown out of their country, families divided by the artificial border line, and many of them left to starve all because their labor was no longer needed for the sake of Wall Street profits.

The International Labor Defense, upon its formation, began to bring the border to those Indians, and also for the freedom of John Johnson, for fifteen years a class war prisoner in the Federal penitentiary and now in the hospital at Springfield, Mo.

—Worker Correspondent.

Santa Barbara ILD Reorganizes

SANTA BARBARA, June 16.—Last evening saw the reorganization of the Ella Reeve Bloor branch of the International Labor Defense, which had been organized by the original members, was unanimously elected as organizer. The group voted to keep in regular communication with Stanley Hancock, section organizer of the Communist Party in San Diego, now doing a six-month term in jail on a framed charge in El Centro, Imperial Valley.

Seattle Saw Mill Wins After Four Days of Striking

Appeal for Strikebreaking Fund

SLATTE CITIZENS' EMERGENCY STRIKE COMMITTEE

215 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 1934

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

TRADE UNION NOTES

L. A. Cleaners and Dyers To Take Strike Vote

NRA Board Rules Against Wilson Strikers

BUT RANK AND FILE FOIL STOOL PIGEONS

PITTSBURGH, Cal., June 16.—

The biggest street meeting

ever held in this town was called

tonight by a group of workers

in the Amalgamated Association

of upholsterers and drapers to

discuss 'Who Does Want the Union?'

The position of the striking longshoremen has been greatly strengthened by the

complete victory of the miners in the steel strike,

and the miners' demands are

now being met.

Los Angeles—Until now

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Market R. R. Contract Scheme For Higher Fares and One Man Cars

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Douglas and the executive board of Division 1004 of the International Railwaymen's Union, have called a strike against the president, W. H. Thompson. The recently secretary is Douglas, secretary Lee Carlton, and Paul England from Filmore Division vice-president.

P. J. O'Brien, second vice president of the International, offi-

cials, now here in place of his re-

decessor, W. H. Thompson.

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the men on their property. This was

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Executive Board of Division 1004

for hearing on the "Kahn

Plan".

This new contract which was

presented to him calls for the

eight hour day, \$6.00 a day,

65% straight runs, and the bal-

ance of the runs not to have

more than two breaks in them,

eight hours to be worked in

two ten hours, time and a half

for over time, and 15 minutes,

for which the men will be paid,

for making out accident reports

after the run is finished. Straight

time to be paid for traveling

time, 10 minutes to be allowed

platform men for reporting time,

time in the run, and thousand

of the contract to be no more

than three nor less than one

year.

We are asking for the same

conditions the Municipal Railway

men have, but Kahn advised us

he could not grant these requests

until it came to ask him for a

raise. This is how the profit shar-

ing plan was to come in—

we are after, and O'Brien

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Sammie get an increase in pay

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Agricultural Workers Strike Against Calling of Troops

THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO OPEN THE PORT

400 Hayward Cottagers on Strike In Solidarity

DEMAND TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT

CISCO

HAYWARD, Calif., July 7.— More than 400 agricultural workers from nine apricot ranches in this area have joined the strike called by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union in support of the maritime workers' struggle.

After the meeting, Thursday night, rallies were held on the waterfront, and a picket line went out yesterday morning and brought out 250 workers on our big ranches, who had been growing down to 400 strikers, with more coming out today. Main ranches affected are Jackson, Jackson, Dargan, Jackson and some of the drying sheds have come out.

News of the strike of stores in town closed as an expression of sympathy with the strikers.

At a mass meeting last night 300 workers from San Leandro, Castro, Russell City and other cities voted to join the strike.

Strike and relief committees

were elected and demands for withdrawal of troops from

National Guard members.

Many Militia Do Not Show Up to Avoid Going To Docks

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.— Tuesday at the San Francisco Armory the 159th Infantry National Guard got a swell talk about what a grand time they were going to have on the waterfront. Swell eats, speeches, and the like were going to be no trouble. "We might have a little trouble up there," said one of the speakers, "but everything's going to be no trouble." We were all told to be ready to go out on Thursday if the conference failed. However, they were going to take men that were qualified, "marksmen," no veterans.

Very few turned up, up for mobilization, as they had probably read in the papers about the strike. Guards being held in readiness.

The strike came as a spontaneous outburst of sympathy from the workers last week against the police massacre of workers at the cannery.

On the morning of July 5—

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San Jose Clearing of Rooseveltville Arouses Struggle

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 2.— Hearing of how the San Mateo Building Trades Industrial League fights against women workers, and for discrimination against women workers, have been beaten, and beaten again, by a mass meeting tonight.

Hunt Bros. canneries, Hunt up with all fruit cut off and the workers who were to be included in the strike to include them. A picket line around the cannery is on.

The union has appealed for funds to be sent at once to help the strikers. Gasoline for autos particularly needed. Send funds to Workers Center, 645-22nd St., Oakland, Calif.

Workers Stop Finger Printing at the Relief Office in Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif., July 5.— Stockton Relief Board, under finger-print Comrade Feingold, whose husband was just now taken into custody in the Stockton Police Department, stopped and stayed at the board meeting for one hour until the demand was gained.

The strike, which began two days ago, same thing was tried by the Relief Board and was stopped by the protest of Fred Brown.

Comrade Feingold's military attack, in this case attracted so much attention, it even hit the news papers, but they did nothing but talk.

The strike was forced to take this matter with the Phelan estate, and three families of six got released.

At the super-visors' meeting yesterday, Comrade Feingold, Jean Rant, and Priscilla, Jean Rant, took up the cause of the unemployed in District No. 2. Tomorrow steps are to be taken to organize an employed workers' defense committee.

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Editorial Column

Howard Sperry-Nick Coundourakis

Howard Sperry and Nick Coundourakis died at their homes. They fell in the struggle against fascism to the last. They were murdered at the hands of the Hitlerites and their government.

Sperry, a steel worker, was fortunate to return after saving the word "freedom," but he fell at the hands of the very enemies which he helped to save.

Coundourakis, or Bordeis, as he was more commonly known, was a member of the Communist Party, and of the Cooks Local No. 44. He was one of the most active workers in the Party. The strike found him in the front ranks. He was one of the call of the Communist Party for workers to support the strikers. And he certainly put up a good fight. On Memorial Day when Ross's police came to break the strike, he was soon back; he was one of those men severely injured. But he was soon back on the picket line. On "Bloody Thursday" from early morning he was already in the Rincon Hill battle. But they finally got him in the massacre in front of the L. A. Hall. Shot through the back.

Coundourakis was not a "nationally known" yet just from

New York" as the detective, Duella, told the press. Many workers know him as organizer of the Teamsters Branch of the International Labor Defense, and of the Greek Spartacus Club, and a member of the Longshoremen's Union.

It is to be very much regretted that in the leaflet issued by the militant arrangements committee of the strikers, a small foot note is given telling who Comrade Coundourakis (Bordeis) was. But nothing is said of him as a member of the Communist Party. In the leaflet he is a "victor" on the front. He was in strike activity every day. He knew that his duty as a Communist was to take part in all struggles of the working class.

He died so that families of longshoremen and seamen will have

the right to a decent living. Such retreat—fear to acknowledge

that a Communist died for the cause of the longshoremen—is

unthinkable.

The workers of California will never forget these two brave fighters. They gave their lives so that thousands of workers and their families may have the right to organize and live human

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Their devotion and sacrifice will stand out as an example to all. Their comrades throughout the world will mourn them.

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"IF LONGSHOREMEN WIN WE WILL WIN," SAYS L. A. HOISERY WORKER

Armed Scabs Attack Pickets; Strike Chairman Seriously Beaten

By SHEP MORSE

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 13.—Three sailors were beaten yesterday by a strikebreaker, William Harris, when he was sent up with Edward Swayer, chairman of the longshoremen's strikebreakers from Philadelphia who last Sunday night came into a striker's car when it was parked in front of his house.

The picket line has been doubled. Wives and husbands of the strikers have joined the pickets.

Bert Decker and Joe Sharsky, Socialist leaders of the leaders of the strike, have issued a ultimatum to influence the movement for a general strike built on solidarity with the marine workers.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 12.—After three and a half months of strikes by the port workers and strikers of the Mission Knit Hosiery Mills were granted this afternoon. The strikers, who include shirtwaist, monkey-wrenches, and guns of 74 armed strikers, thought the attack was fiercer than the one they had planned and met the police with the compulsion of the police, not out of fear.

The most severely wounded in the cowardly attack of the thugs was Captain John Evans of the Bed Squad, who had broken his left arm, and Gus Cusick, who was sloganized on the head.

"What do you think of the longshoremen's strike?" I asked, saying, "The strikers think that we too, will win."

Communist Candidate Exposes Utopians at Many Mass Meetings

PROTEST ATTACK OF 3-P

POLICE DEMAND TROOPS

WITHDRAWN OFF FRONT

STOCKTON, Calif., July 9.—More than twelve thousand workers last night to hear Roy Hudson, National Secretary of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, demand his call for a general strike in support of the striking maritime workers of the local ILA was present at the meeting, which was held at the Hotel Savoy.

"Right before the attack the plant was shut down, and the workers were told to go home.

"The police present did not attempt to stop the thugs, but instead stood by and watched.

The Communist striker said before he was taken away by the officer, "I was beaten by Officer [redacted]."

"Eight before the attack the plant was shut down, and the workers were told to go home.

"With the Communist Party taking charge of the plant, the time

when the strike was secured

was secured by the police out of the men and women pickets.

"The police present did not attempt to follow them, although they were stopped by the cops. The workers are professional strikebreakers from Carolina and Wisconsin.

"The strike has been in the hands of the National Labor Board for two months.

"The strike is now in the hands of the Communist Party, which is impossible for the Communists to do.

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Editorial Column

Green's Strikebreaking Role

During nine weeks of bitter struggle along the entire west coast, William Green, president of the AF of L was asleep. He made no effort to organize any relief collection for the marine strikers—the shock troops of American labor. He had nothing to say about the fact that the shipowners refused to even meet the scabmen.

But he woke up when talk for a general strike became stronger. He sent telegrams to all coast Labor Councils warning against the calling of a General Strike, because it is not in accord with the constitution of the AF of L to do so. That not even any support he given to such a strike. This is the telegram which was read at the last meeting of the S. F. Labor Council:

But as much as Vandeleur, Casey, Kidwell & Co. tried to hold off a strike, they were snowed under by the overwhelming vote in every union. At the very meeting where the telegram was read, UNIONS HAVING A MEMBERSHIP OF 10,000 IN ADDITION TO THOSE ON STRIKE, REPORTED A DECISION TO GO OUT ANYWAY. These reactionaries could not sweep back the tide. So they technically shifted responsibility for the calling of the General Strike to a conference of appointed representatives.

BUT DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD HAND THE CONDUCT OF THE STRIKE OVER TO THE PEOPLE ACTUALLY IN FAVOR OF IT? Not if you know our labor leaders. In fact the very ones who fought the strike most bitterly took command, and THEY STILL REMAIN UNDER GREEN'S ORDERS TO BREAK IT, AND NOT MAKE IT 100% EFFECTIVE.

This is Green's work. Contrast this to the work of the militant unions through the Trade Union Unity League and the Central Committee of the Communist Party. These have called upon their members in all Eastern and Gulf ports to organize a sympathetic strike, and not handle any scab cargo. These are conducting a nation-wide campaign for relief collection. It is through their efforts that the government authorities on the coast have been showered with a flood of protest against the scabbers.

WHY NO ARBITRATION?

One of the most remarkable features in the marine strike, is that for nine weeks the workers have been holding out determined not to fall for arbitration.

THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT IN ARBITRATION THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST THEM.

Many of the workers on strike still express confidence in President Roosevelt, but fight to the hilt against his Board deciding the fate of the strike demands. The fact is that the workers have learned through bitter experience that in virtually all cases an arbitration award may give workers a small concession while on all basic questions it is the bosses who are upheld. The workers are learning the simple lesson that there is no such thing as "a third disinterested party". Every person living is definitely associated either with the interests of the shipowners or the workers.

The first Roosevelt Commission, even on the first day of the strike, through its chairman, announced that if necessary, cargo will be moved with the aid of troops. Roosevelt discharged that Board because it was so thoroughly exposed before the workers.

BUT THE POLICY OF THAT BOARD IS IN FULL FORCE NOW.

The Board headed by Archbishop Hanna has also taken sides toward the shipowners, because of its insistence that everything be submitted to arbitration. Their entire effort has been to convince workers to give in. **THE GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE SHIOPWERS AGREEMENT TO TAKE ARBITRATION IS ONLY AN ACE IN THE HOLE.** They held that back so as to appear as if they too are giving a "concession".

Why should the workers submit to arbitration? Has not the Board already suggested that the June 16th agreement be accepted, and that the ILA and Shipowners alternate dispatchers in the hall? This has already been rejected by the men.

The fact is that the Roosevelt administration through the NRA and the recent-labor act has established an apparatus based on the conception that "labor's and capital's interest are in common", and could be "adjusted" through the channels being prescribed by the government. This in many cases proved a good scheme for disarming the workers—taking away the only weapon they have—the strike. In the meantime the corporations have been reaping the highest profits since 1930.

THIS IS REALLY THE PROGRAM OF THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION AND NO WORKERS COULD CONSISTENTLY FIGHT STARVATION AND STILL BACK THE "NEW DEAL".

Roosevelt is personally in touch with his Board here and he directs it in all its moves.

But the workers are seeing through this clever arrangement, and refuse to fall for it. The strike has taught them that the government is not a "disinterested" body, but is the police force in the hands of the employers. Among the many lessons for American labor from the great western strike, is to beware of the arbitration game.

STRIKERS! BEWARE! ROOSEVELT IS COMING HERE TO PERSONALLY PUT OVER ARBITRATION! DON'T LET HIM SUCCEED.

Challenge Legion

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to the advertisements in the daily papers of San Francisco under the heading of "American Legion." These advertisements appeared under date of July 5th and 7th and were signed by the Department and County Officials of the American Legion. These ads, which we assume were the official acts of our State and County Officials and paid by the Legion, were direct attacks on the Communist Party, which is a legally authorized political party in this State.

Ex-service men in our organizations, among them a number of the 1934-35% well-known politicians, have maintained numerous SOURCE OF FUNDS, little matters, industrial without

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apparently. Actually only \$35,000.6 to ad despite the claim of relief our remainder would be spent during June 20, 1935, covering the American period.

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San Pedro Prepares for Aug. 1st; First Conference July 22

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 11.—Workers in the harbor section are forming a separate conference to organize a united mass demonstration on August 1st against war and fascism and for unemployment relief and insurance.

The demonstration, and the evening indoor mass meeting to follow, will be organized at a conference Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m. at the Moose Hall, Sixth and Palos Verdes Sts., San Pedro.

Already nine organizations are part of the conference.

Finnish Workers Aid Marine Strike

At a meeting held at the Finnish Workers' Club, Wednesday, July 11th, at 1819-19th Street, \$400 dollars and fifty cents (\$40.50) which was turned over to the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, to carry on strike activity.

Not only was Roosevelt's opportunity missed, but the press, particularly that of July 7th, which was definitely anti-labor. The action, according to the press, was on the initiative of the Samuel Gompers post. Back of the action is the fact that at least four posts—the Gompers, Sunset, Golden Gate No. 40, and Zane Irwin posts—each passed individual resolutions, censuring the officials who signed the ad in the name of the Legion, repudiating the ad as anti-labor, and demanding to know of those who signed, the source of the funds for payment of the ad.

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M. W. I. U. Books, K. POLICE



Mass meeting called on New York docks by the Marine Workers Industrial Union when the S. S. Virginia came in. Longshoremen were urged not to touch her, but to support the West Coast strikers by tying up the Atlantic coast ports also.

TIMES CHANGE; PEOPLE CHANGE

By CARLITOS

It happened in the days when the K. K. K. was flourishing and the I. W. W. was petering out. There was a small railroad construction job near a Central California town. The workers struck. Among other things, they wanted a dollar a day more. Jackson, a wobbly, became the leader.

The strikers all had some money and they camped along the creek. Men, who unknowingly came to scab, joined them. Others were successfully discouraged. A number of times, deputy sheriffs swooped down upon the camp. They drove the strikers out and shot holes through their cooking utensils. The men always came back.

They arrested Jackson on a vagrancy charge and kept him in jail two days. He was released late in the evening and was ordered to leave the county.

He felt instinctively that something was wrong and he asked to remain in jail until morning. They threatened to kill him when they had left. Somebody suggested that they try to get a warrant for the two. It was laughed down on the ground that, without question, they would be able to supply ironclad alibis. Jackson was taken to Sacramento that morning and given medical care.

There isn't much more to be said about the strike, except that it was a partial victory. The men won better food and an increase of 50¢ a day.

The years rolled by and in 1934 came. Farmer Marshall was no longer well-to-do. The bank with

its interest, the state with its taxes, the railroad with its high rates and life-food brokers with their low prices, encroached upon everything he had. There remained a small parcel of land that was mortgaged. With every change in his economic status, had come a change in his ideas. The K. K. K. was a thing of the dim past. Every year of the crisis carried him farther and farther to the left. He finally joined the United Farmers League. The step was not an easy one. It was the reading of the Communist Bill for the farmers that clinched him. "That's exactly what we need," he said.

His local took up the question of helping the marine workers who were on strike in the ports. It was decided to collect food for them. Arrangements were made to have a truck come from San Francisco. The provisions were gathered in a shack on Marshall's place, he being right on the main highway.

The truck arrived about noon. There were four men in denim and khaki. They were greeted by a gaunting youngster. "You men fellows are sure putting up some fight. Drive over to that shack there and I'll get Dad,"

"Yes," Marshall agreed, "and lot of blood."

"And a lot of blood," countered Jackson.

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"Pretty hard to forget a thing like that," said Jackson.

"I feel terribly ashamed every time I think of it," Marshall said.

"Two or three times I was on the point of coming down here and putting a bullet through you."

"I guess you'd have been just as dead," declared Jackson.

There was another silence.

Then the farmer said earnestly: "I want you to shake hands with me, Jackson, and try to forgive me. I know it's hard, but things are different now, and all us poor people are fighting the same enemy. Times change and people change, too."

They stared at each other a moment and shook hands. Then they went to help the others load the truck.

General Barrows Enters Into Heaven -

By R. A. MORTON

"Major-General David T. Barrows, commander of the National Guard, arrived on the waterfront from his Berkeley home and consulted with Col. Mittelstaedt.

"Asked what the guard would do if strikers hurled rocks at the trucks across the Embarcadero deadline, both men smiled and replied:

"We're here to preserve order. Our men, however, will not stand for injury of any kind, even verbal."

S. F. News, July 6, 1934.

In other words, "We're here to observe the bosses' orders. Shoot to kill any striker who dares to fight for the right to live." The State could hardly have picked a man more familiar than General Barrows with the art of butchering the working-class, a man whose acquaintances are world famous for their terroristic suppression of workers. Major-General Barrows, now in command of the 2000 troops on the waterfront, numbers among his acquaintances such murderers as Hitler and Simeonoff, the infamous White Russian General who butchered so many Soviet Russian workers in Siberia. Barrows and Simeonoff were buddies during the American intervention in Siberia in 1919-1920.

and incidentally to return here to spread the gospel of the working-class murderer, Hitler.

General Barrows saw what he wanted to see—the ruthless suppression of the working class by a man like himself, a tool of the bosses. He saw, according to his report, no suppression of Jews, no atrocities committed by the Nazis. In fact he found Hitler's Germany a charming place. Naturally he wasn't interested in seeing the concentration torture camps for working-class leaders—that was tame stuff after his Siberian adventure.

NAZI PROPAGANDA.

A few months ago he returned, glowing with enthusiasm for the Hitler regime. Six months in Germany gave him the opportunity to speak with "authority" on German social conditions. He has lost no chance to strut before audiences around the Bay, shouting praises of Hitler and Germany as "a charming place. Naturally he wasn't interested in seeing the concentration torture camps for working-class leaders—that was tame stuff after his Siberian adventure.

DURING THE WAR.

But we are getting ahead of the story. In the world war, Barrows got himself a fat armchair job as Colonel. And when the United States sent an army along with those of Japan, England, and France, into Siberia to help the Russian White Army try to defeat the Bolsheviks.

Antagonism developed and he was demoted to his former position as head of the Political Science department, which specializes in justifying all of Capitalism's crimes.

"Comunism, I believe, has failed," he said. "The National Socialist totalitarian state, whatever else may be said against it, is better than proletarianism."

And in a recent address before the Western Women's Club he said of Hitler: "I believe him to be a modest man, intelligent, and capable of receiving the people's support." This statement seems sorely tested by recent events in Germany, but it aptly illustrates the fatuously intelligence of Barrows and his open admiration for a "man" equally as stupid and even more dangerous as a working-class enemy.

This is the man filling the highest position in the political science department at the University of California, the brazen factory whose president, Robert Sproul, has been doing some Real baiting of his own accord in front of the Rotary Club at Los Angeles. This is the egotistical stuffed-shirt who sings the praises of Hitler and pollutes the minds of students with imbecile lectures as steaming as the vomiting gas used against strikers.

FIGHTING WORKERS AGAIN.

And now he has been called upon once more to serve his bosses and to lick their boots, this time in the role he loves so well, a self-important militarist with powers of martial law to carry out the bosses' orders against the workers. It is immaterial to him whether he takes part in shooting down the workers of Soviet Russia or his own countrymen who happen to be workers on San Francisco's waterfront. Barrows is even greater than General Graves could stomach: Yet this same Simeonoff was on good terms with Barrows. It is reliably reported that Barrows helped to get Simeonoff a passport to this country after the victorious Army ran him and the Allies out of Siberia. Anyway we can be sure that Barrows received further instruction in the subtleties of murdering and torturing the working class from his professed White Russian friend and teacher.

When our hero arrived home, he publicly announced that all communists should be lined up against a wall and shot. Those are his sentiments today and explain his "shoot to kill" orders in the present strike. Recent speeches show he feels that any worker who strikes for a living wage and decent working conditions is a communist and should be shot at sight.

IN GERMANY.

After the 1920 red scare subsided, the bright star of General Barrows grew dim in his academic chair at the University. Fortunately for him, in Germany Hitler came to power. In looking over to the United States for this sun, General Barrows, with power to shoot to kill!, friend of Hitler and Simeonoff, how he must have swelled when he squeezed his fat head into a General's cap!

The stage is set. Solid picket lines along the waterfront, 2000 National Guardsmen in with bayonets, gas and machine guns "to preserve (boss) law and (boss) order". The bugle blows. As head of this army, General Barrows enters into Heaven.

S. P. MEMBERS! JOIN THE FIGHT

PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC

HONOLULU, T. H., July 9.—Hawaii, the boasted "Paradise of the Pacific", which Roosevelt soon will visit, is in reality a hell-hole of slavery.

When the islands were first settled by the white Christian capitalists and missionaries, the native population was 120,000. Now, there are not 20,000 left.

They are slaves, starved, tortured, worked to death, and sold into prostitution.

Today, the islands are ruled by the Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and Filipinos under indenture slavery. Some of the contracts were indented as low as \$3 a month. This form of indenture still exists.

Today, Filipinos sign indenture contracts with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association to work for three years with transportation paid to and from the Philippines for this sun. Documentary evidence proved these charges to be a deliberate frame-up, but a H. S. P. A. jury convicted Toak and he was sentenced to nine months in the county jail.

24% Profits Annually.

The degree of exploitation in Hawaii can be measured by the rate of profits given in the statistics of the Honolulu Stock Exchange for eight plantations with a total capitalization of \$32,250,000 with net average annual profits of \$7,290,000 for 16 consecutive years, a 24% annual rate of profit on the capital stock. Another example: compare the cost of sugar production in the semi-slave conditions of Louisiana—Louisiana: cost per pound of sugar, 0.041; Hawaii: cost per pound of sugar, 0.028. One familiar with living conditions on the plantations of the Southern States can imagine plantation conditions here with half the wages paid and the cost of living 50% higher. Barefoot, half-naked, under-nourished and herded in rattle shack mosquito-infested quarters is the lot of toilers of Hawaii. The widely proclaimed sympathy of the U. S. imperialists for oppressed nations can be estimated by profits robbery from the Hawaiian workers alone.

The United States Transport News says that "anxieties in the Hawaiian Islands have been created by the act which Gov. Poindexter, jumping-jack of the H. S. P. A., had enacted in Washington for the free importation of Filipinos to Hawaii to overcome the shortage of labor." At the same time Poindexter was conferring in Washington the Territorial Government was fearing the dismissal of 5000 F. D. R. A. workers because of the lack of funds. There are at least 5000 more unemployed in Hawaii who were barred from relief work because of lack of citizenship, etc.

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The organizational movement was further attacked by framing up E. A. Toak, who is the president of the Hawaiian Workers Association.

When he arrives in Hawaii, he finds the smallest chickens are \$1 each, rice instead