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## ORGANIZED UNEMPLOYED WIN RELIEF FIGHT

### A Communist Speaker in Parliament A LESSON FOR ALL AMERICANS A New Voice in Britain's Politics

On November 17, the people of England elected a Communist to Parliament. This was a serious alarm among capitalist circles. For generations they had led the masses of Britain by the nose with patriotic slogans—led them into war and slaughter, poverty and misery.

But the election of the Communist leader William Gallacher to the House of Parliament was a danger signal. It meant that the masses had graduated from the long, hard college of experience—that they were prepared to exert their will and challenge the rulers.

On December 11, Gallacher made his first speech in Parliament. In the proud history of British oratory there is no oration as sound, sincere and powerful. It is not a masterpiece of oratory along the lines of traditional British politics. It is the voice of a brand new politics, totally unrelated to the past, alongside which the mouthings of England's traditional statesmen stand as empty eloquence—mere recitations of artifice.

When Gallacher's voice boomed out in the majestic halls of Parliament, the strength and awakened intelligence of the whole British working class echoed in his words. And the representatives of British capitalism stirred in their chairs. They were to the voice of a new dawn that spoke the doom of their own.

Lenin said that Communists must speak and act so, as to command the respect even of their enemies. Gallacher did just that. When he finished speaking, the capitalist representatives were visibly shaken. They were not altered in purpose or character. They were still the representatives of capital. Yet they were forced to voice recognition and admiration of this stranger among them.

We are re-printing the speech in full. It deserves full and careful reading. It is significant to America. With the growth of the united front and the Farmer-Labor Party movement, the question arises, what would real representatives of the people say in Congress?

Compare the words of Gallacher with the standardized mouthings of American capitalist politicians. Imagine for yourself a man in office speaking with as much sincerity, honesty and forcefulness on the deplorable condition of the United States.

#### GALLACHER'S SPEECH

Mr. Gallacher: As a new member, I have been given advice by many older members of the House, and I will endeavor to avail myself of it in so far as is consistent with what I am supposed to do as the representative of a great working class. I have been given advice by class constituency.

I have been advised that, on rising to address the House, one should make at least a reference to the preceding speaker. I am sorry that in this case I cannot accept that advice.

(The previous speaker was Lady Astor.)

I cannot tolerate such flippancy, coming, as I do, from a constituent where the medical officer last year could issue a report that 50 per cent of the children attending the schools were suffering from disease or

I have seen the harrowing effects of the most terrible poverty and suffering in the homes of the people, and I am not of the type that takes these things lightly.

In the King's speech are (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

### POLICE JAIL 5 WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES STRIKE

UNION MEMBERS CHARGED  
WITH "DISTURBING  
THE PEACE"

Released on \$50 Bail

BUZZELL AND EMPLOYERS  
IN ATTEMPT TO SMASH  
MILITANT GROUP

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 29.—Arrested Thursday by police cooperating with cannery owners to break up a militant strike, five women members of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union were out on bail of \$50 here today, after a writ of habeas corpus, brought in their behalf by Defense Attorney J. Allen Frankel, was dissolved by Superior Judge Ruben Schmidt.

Charges against the five workers are the time-worn ones of "disturbing the peace." The workers are Mrs. Jesus Diaz, 24; Mrs. Juanita Caracoza, 38; Mrs. Ruby Mendoza, 19; Mrs. Concha Contu, 20, and Mrs. Jesus Cervantes, 38.

A Cannery Workers' Defense Committee was just set up here yesterday, with headquarters at 226 West Sixth street, Room 9, San Pedro. Workers and other trade unions are urged to send funds to support the militant struggles of the cannery workers and to smash this "disturbing the peace" frame-up.

TRIAL JAN. 6

Trial of the five women has been set for January 6 in Los Angeles Municipal Court. Protests demanding their immediate release and freedom should be sent to Benj. Scheinman, calendar judge of the municipal court.

The Fish Cannery Workers' Union recently conducted a successful strike, but when its American Federation of Labor charter was removed a few weeks ago, canneries broke their signed agreements with the union and the workers were forced out on strike again. Protests demanding the immediate return of the charter to the union should be levelled at J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, who removed the charter on the "grounds" that Jack Moore, business manager of the local, "is a Communist."

The anti-union character of the charter-lifting is plainly seen in the breaking of the agreements by the canneries.

### CHURCH POLL IS STRONG AGAINST MILITARY DRILL

ONLY SIX PER CENT WILL  
BACK "ANY" U. S. WAR

By Federated Press.  
NEW YORK—An overwhelming vote in favor of a smaller army and navy, government control of the munitions industry and abolition of compulsory military training in schools and colleges features the latest returns of the plebiscite on war and peace conducted by the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches of America.

The poll, which has now passed the 150,000 mark, shows a strong trend of peace-mindedness in every section of the U. S. Only 6 per cent of the votes tabulated, or 8742 out of 150,487 persons voting, declared that they would support "any war which the U. S. government may declare." 15 per cent, or 20,909, said that they would support "no war which the U. S. government may declare." An additional 33 per cent, or 46,448, voted to support "only a war in which U. S. territory has been invaded."

### Britain Blocked By Labor; Chinese Students in Revolt

Japanese Action in Britain's Dilemma—Imperialist Envy and Indecision  
China Threatens  
Soviet Union

British Imperialism  
Halted By Voice  
Of Masses

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A temporary stalemate in international politics has followed collapse of the infamous Franco-British peace proposal. Britain, finding herself a house divided, is now treading water in the diplomatic field, uncertain as to what course to take next. British capitalists want a compromise with Italy in the Mediterranean so as to free Britain's hands to deal with the growing crisis in the Orient. British labor demands complete sanctions against Italy, cessation of the war, and hands off China.

Britain, at the moment, sees Italy walking off with Ethiopia, Japan walking off with China, and her own hands tied by internal conflict.

The new strength of labor opinion in England, which was expressed by the election of a Communist to Parliament, is the principal factor in this stalemate.

A series of secret conferences are now in session throughout Europe, preparatory to the re-

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### MACHINISTS SET FOR STRIKE ON SHIPYARD SHOPS

MARITIME UNIONS WILL  
SUPPORT SHOPMEN

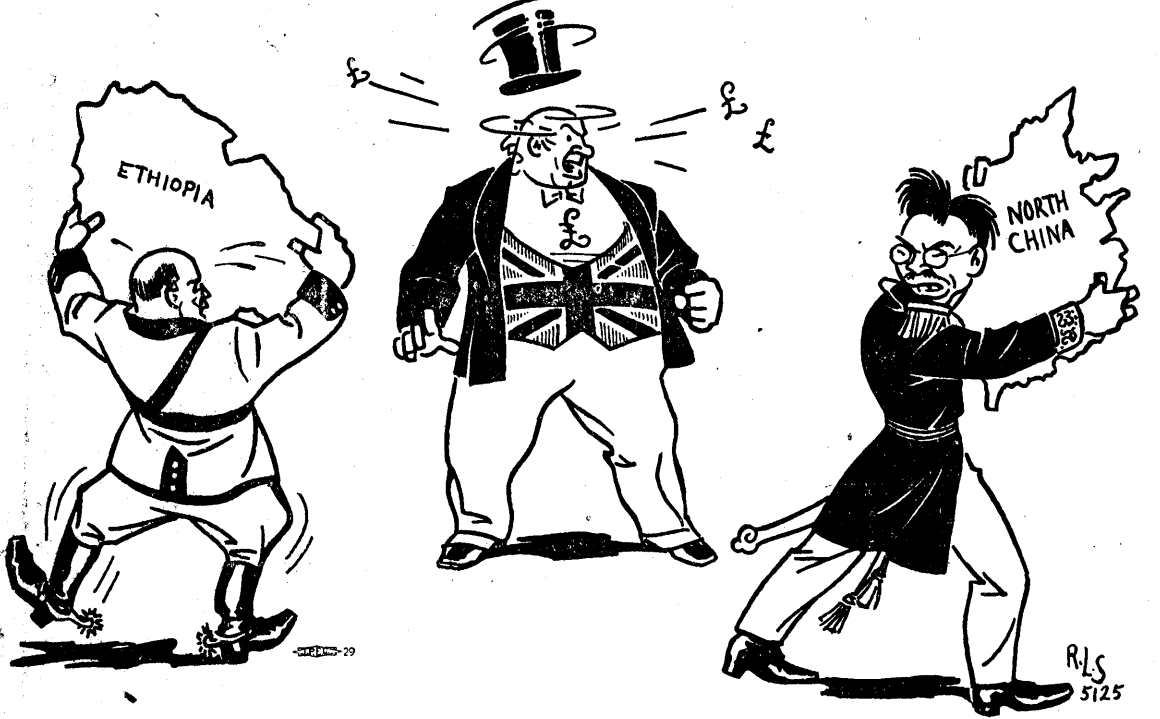
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Unless their demands are met, Local 68, of the Machinists' Union will strike in all shops along the waterfront, on Jan. 2.

Local 68, an affiliate of District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, has been assured of full cooperation and support in the event the strike takes place.

Already the membership of the Maritime Firemen's Union aboard the vessels have been notified of the impending strike. They have been instructed to render full support to the Machinists.

The workers are demanding a minimum of 90 cts. an hour and a 40-hour week. About 300 machinists work along the front.

Local 68 enjoys a full rank and file leadership as a result of the recent elections.



### RED-BAITING AN AMERICAN BIG BUSINESS

From the central office of the Sheman Corporation, engineers, at 22 East 40th street, New York City, there are threads of espionage that cover the nation, and in one year brought Sherman enough of an income to warrant his paying a tax to the Federal government of \$258,000. . . . As Thomas P. McGuire, vice-president of the organization, explains it:

"We send representatives into the plant where there is trouble and through us they endeavor to instruct the workers along constructive instead of destructive lines. They try to point out to them what the teaching of the radical agitator, bolshevik, socialist, or whatever you want to call them will bring them to."  
(Edward Levinson, in Harper's Magazine.)

### FARM PAYMENTS

Farmers' cash income from sales of farm products and government benefit payments in November was \$716,000,000, compared with \$856,000,000 in October and \$612,000,000 in November, 1934, according to the Agriculture Dept. in Washington.

### NEW WAGE SLASHES MAPPED BY WPA AND RELIEF HEADS

Carpenters Demand Prevailing Rates of Pay; Arizona Asks Security Funds

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Demand that the prevailing union wage be paid immediately on all city WPA projects was made on the City Council here yesterday by A. M. Hart, official of the local Carpenters' District Council.

The demand was filed following a ruling by Attorney General U. S. Webb and Arthur Johnson of the State Labor Department to the effect the state prevailing wage law applies to WPA projects.

Meanwhile WPA officials were planning further action leading toward reduction of relief and WPA wages. Concentration camps—forced labor camps—for all single men on relief in California, was the order here today as WPA Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin and the State Relief Commission announced forty or fifty such camps will be established throughout the state.

The men will receive a so-called "subsistence" and wages ranging from \$15 to \$25 per month.

### NO FARES

An order also has come down from WPA headquarters here discontinuing payment of transportation fares for WPA workers employed at the \$55 per month "security wage" on the Hyperion

Project No. 1529.

Pacific Gas and Electric, chief transportation firm here, will be the gainer. Special WPA Hyperion trains will be instituted and workers will be charged 25 cents per round trip.

Discrimination against Mexican workers also is being considered by the relief commission, it is reported. Budgets for these workers, many of whom have large families, may be cut to \$11 per month, it is indicated.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28. (FP)

—Arizona's first application to the federal government under the new social security program was mailed to Washington by Florence M. Warner, executive secretary of the Arizona State Board of Public Welfare.

Funds to aid the needy blind for the care of thousands of dependent children, for aid to crippled children and for child welfare activities in rural areas were sought in the application.

This state cannot be eligible for federal pension funds until the Arizona law relating to pensions is changed, so that no application under this section of the act has been made, Miss Warner said.

The amount sought from the federal government for the next quarter is \$100,000. Arizona must contribute during the same quarter \$120,000, this money to come from the state's luxury tax fund.

### CHILD WELFARE

The program for child welfare activities in rural areas is in its formative stage. It probably will be based on a study of child mortality rates and other data on young children obtained from the various counties, Miss Warner told the Federated Press correspondent today.

In order to take advantage of the federal funds for the next quarter, applications from the various states must reach Washington by January 1, and the staff of Miss Warner's office was rushed yesterday preparing the voluminous material needed for the application.

### L. A. JOBLESS DEFEAT CUT IN RELIEF BUDGET

PUBLIC WORKS UNION AT  
HEAD OF MILITANT  
STRUGGLE

Appropriation Voted

PWU COMMITTEE MEETS  
OFFICIALS AT THE BILTMORE  
HOTEL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Smashing defeat for the attempt to impose 7 to 17 per cent cuts on the starvation relief budgets of California workers, was dealt here yesterday by a militant committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, which forced the immediate appropriation of \$4,000,000 additional funds to care for the unemployed next month.

The appropriation, twice the size of previous appropriations, was voted here yesterday by the State Relief Commission, after the PWU forced a hearing on the situation in the palatial Biltmore Hotel, where the commission was meeting.

"I tell you, we will not tolerate a cut in the budget," Pat Callahan, of the PWU County Council, demanded. "We demand an increase of 25 per cent in the budgets."

"We protest the establishment by WPA of single-men concentration camps—Hitler camps—to produce cannon fodder if we get into war."

"We do not intend to take this insult sitting down, and we do not intend to starve quietly."

### POLICE TERROR

When the committee went to the Biltmore Hotel, yesterday afternoon, police tried to stop them and to terrorize the committee. However, the threat of additional mass pressure was so great that Pilling and Pomeroy, SERA executives, came down to the sidewalk and escorted the committee through the lines, disclaiming responsibility for calling the police.

Following the voting of the appropriation, several members of the relief commission began to "ret the 'willes'" as they thought of explaining their actions to the "big shots" of California.

Jack Roberts, of the State Controller's office, said that the additional money would have to be raised by getting it from the bankers, giving State's warrants as security.

"There is no assurance that the banks will provide this \$4,000,000 or any more money at all for us," he warned.

The increased influx of transient workers into California was denounced by Max Lewis, who said, "a condition has arisen that is dangerous to the wholesome life of the individual and of the country. Jungles and shantytowns are appearing."

Transient workers have been cut off relief by the Federal government.

The PWU committee, composed of 300 delegates from all of the organizations' locals, first went to the SERA office at 741 So. Flower, where it was given the run-around by Slane, complaint receiver. Learning that Pilling and Pomeroy were ensconced in the Biltmore, the delegation immediately voted to go to the hotel to present their demands.

Following the victory, which means that no relief cuts will be instituted for at least one month, the delegation went to the headquarters of Local No. 5 at 121½ So. Broadway, where a "pep rally" was held and further plans drawn up.

### BOYCOTT HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

### Disaster Achieves What Capitalism Cannot



When a devastating flood swept the neighborhood of Houston, Tex., the doors of bulging warehouses were swept open and the hundreds of unemployed got their first chance in years to avail themselves of some of America's stored up plenty. With nets and fishing poles, they lined the course of the flood and fished for commodities.





RIP TIDES By LeMae

Take a Rat's Word

"Hello, skipper, what's on your mind today?" the enquirer was the paunchy well dressed port superintendent. Luxuriously he rolled a big fat cigar in his mouth as he gazed at the tall rugged figure behind him.

speaker was a fireman who had just come up from his watch in the fireroom. "All you have to do is lean a slicebar up against them boilers too harsh, and it'll go right through."

Find Workers on WPA Used for War Projects

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Young workers on WPA projects are being drafted—no less!—for the United States States Engineering Department for labor on war projects.



"If the paleface doesn't like this country why doesn't he go back where he came from?"

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.
FAKE MEDICINES
LISTERINE—According to the very wild and woolly advertising of this product, it is supposed to kill cold germs in the nose and throat passages, sweeten the breath, and cure dandruff.

Bathub Salon Established in Highclass Home

Mrs. Adolph Berle, Jr., wife of the New York City Chamberlain, has just installed twin bathtubs. This is the first authentic case of twin bathtubs which has come to our attention.

WORKERS' PRESS PARTY PLANNED TO HELP PAPER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Planning to double its quota of \$17 for the Western Worker Drive, Unit A-6 of the Downtown Sub-section of the Communist Party will launch its campaign here on Sunday, Jan. 5.

CALCUTTA RIOT

Rioting between Moslems and Hindus during simultaneous observances of a Mohammedan religious festival and the jubilee celebration of the Indian National Congress resulted in two deaths and fifteen injuries last week.

RIOT IN JUGOSLAVIA

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia.—One dead and many injured were reported as a result of political rioting at Sebenico between followers of the Croat leader Vldadko Matchek and Yugoslav fascists.

THE SHIP THAT WENT TO WAR A Short Story By CARLE

War drums rolled,—rolled even from the throats of newboys: WAR! WAR DECLARED! U. S. DECLARES WAR!

lets he had escaped. But now it was just a question of how long... He wondered just what he was going to do about it. Strikes were one thing... government hysterics another!

HUNDREDS LED LIE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER! Again the message travel rapidly from tongue to tongue over the ship. It met the bulwark of stolidly impervious minds; broke over them like waves or an ocean rock and spread in thousand different directions.

across damp hair. It came away smeared red! One arm hung limp, dripping blood—dripping from five fingers. He looked around. He saw the officers cowed and cornered.

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CELEBRATE 14TH ANNIVERSARY of the Daily Worker at the annual banquet on Sunday, Jan. 19th, at the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring street. Stellar program. NOTE—NO OTHER AFFAIR ON THIS DATE!

HELP "HANG" HITLER DANCE at the Center Ball Room, 2706 Brooklyn ave., Saturday, Jan. 11. Auspices Y.C.L., East Side.

N.L.R.B. Att'y Wirin Irritates The Vigilantes VALLEY REACTIONARIES WORK UP LATHER

EL CENTRO, Calif., Dec. 24.—Because A. L. Wirin, attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, was active in litigations involving invasion of constitutional rights of underprivileged groups; freedom of speech and assembly; and is devoted to the cause of constitutional guarantees, and has had experience with labor problems, he has incurred the wrath of the fascists in Imperial Valley.



