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MARINE STRIKERS DEBATE WITH SHIPOWNERS

Need To Prevent A.F. of L. Split from Spreading is Serious

REUNITING OF LABOR MOVE-MENT NEEDED

Reinstatement of C.I.O. Unions and A.F.L. Referendum on Industrial Unionism Should Be Demand

(Statement of Central Committee, Communist Party, U.S.A.)

The Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor, by its endorsement of the Executive Council's illegal suspension of the unions affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, has greatly deepened the already serious split in the American trade union movement. This action by the convention in no sense represents the will of the great mass of the membership of the A.F.L., who in recent months in many international unions, state federations, local central bodies, local unions, etc., voted overwhelmingly against the suspension of the C.I.O. unions and for trade union unity. The Tampa splitting decision is the work of the clique of reactionary trade union leadwho dominated and controlled the convention.

The current efforts of Green, Woll and Frey to cloak their splitting policy in pleas for unity do not in any sense modify their direct responsibility for the present split situation. After barring the more than 1,000,000 C.I.O. members from representation at Tampa, in direct violation of the A.F.L. constitution, these leaders now hypocritically talk of committees and conferences to reestablish unity—but all on the basis of liquidation of the C.I.O., the abandonment of the drive to organize the unorganized in the basic industries and the knifing of industrial unions. Such pesetas a day, of which they pay A.F.L. Executive Council for naproposals are wrecking proposals which endanger the unity and the future growth of the trade union movement

The split in the trade union movement is a grave threat. Never was there a better opportunity than the present for the workers to strengthen their labor organizations and to achieve their industrial and political demands. The defeat of the Landon reactionary forces in the election has given the workers a new sense of confidence and power. They want to go forward on all

st be healed so that the workers will not be hamstrung and gains jeopardized that could easily be won in the coming months by a unified and militant trade union movement. The division in the A.F.L. serves the interests of the employers and gives encouragement to every reactionary in the United States.

fronts. For this they require unity. Therefore, the present split

The Cause of the Split

The responsibility for the menacing disunity in the ranks of organized labor lies squarely at the door of the reactionary leadership of the Executive Council of the A.F.L.—Green Frey, Hutcheson, Wharton, Woll, etc... It is the final result of many years of (Cont. on P. 8, Col. 1)

A MESSAGE TO CALIF. UNIONISTS

From WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

(Famous Trade Union Leader, National Chairman of the Saturday and Sunday, December Communist Party, U. S. A.)

The growing trade union movement in California, and splendid maritime union movement on the West Coast ence: I readily see that the blame for the threatened split in the organized labor movement rests squarely on the shoulders of the die-hard reactionary officials of the stripe of Green, Woll, Frey, Wharton, Dan Tobin,

They have always gone out of tion of support to King, Conner their way to try to stamp out and Ramsay, etc. any expressions on the part of the A.F.L. rank and file which have been in any way progressive and which have corresponded to the burning needs of the American working class.

Not to mention those reactionary measures forced through at Tampa which affected the entire trade union movement immediately (C.I.O. suspension, killing of Labor Party resolutions, refusal to aid the Spanish people.
.) California trade unionists

will see the reactionary character of these splitters in some of their acts at Tampa which particularly struck a blow at the

Among the latter were burying the resolutions for an in-

coast, the burying of the resolu-

California workers stand foremost among those who are vitally affected by any movement for organization of the unorganized. So long as the 250,000 Califor-

nia agricultural workers remain of California's oil workers are Commerce, the Industrial Associations the Merchants and Manufacturers, the Waterfront Employers Association and the rest of the open shop organizations and those who stand for vigilantism will retain their ar-

rogant position.

GOVT. FORGES.

Spanish Militia Rout 6000 Fascists, Kill 1000

MADRID - After two air bombings which cost the lives of many non-combatants, women and children, in Madrid, Fasist bombers were repulsed on their third attempt to bomb the when government planes drove them off, shooting two huge planes of foreign manufactre crashing to earth.

On the ground, the Fascists another severe beating when they attempted to attack workers' militia positions in the University City and Usera sectors with three columns, estimated at 6000 men.

Approximately 1000 Fascist troopers were killed in the rout administered by the government

Catalonian Army Created BARCELONA-The first Catalonian army in hundreds of years was created by decree of the government of Catalonia, providing for 20 regiments whose soldiers are to receive four wo and one-half pesetas for

Families of soldiers are to receive six pesetas a day. The government also announced it would soon issue its first money in Catalonia in more han 300 years.

an eye-witness reported here, international charter. They landed from a large, new markings, he said.

SAN FRANCISCO. - Organized labor was getting behind the State Conference Against War and Fascism, to be held here at Conner Denies Any the Building Trades Temple, Guerrero and 14th Sts., next 12th and 13th, last week as preparations went forward. The following A.F.L. organiza-

tions are supporting the confer-

Unions Support Manitime Federation of the Pacific, District Council No. 2; American Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Govern-Railway and Steamship Clerks, Judge Frank M. Ogden. International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Joint Board; Marine Firemen, Oilers and disavowed the Watertenders; Alaska Cannery which Conner is said to have Workers' Union, Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Central sure from the District Attorney's cal No. 30; Cloakbakers' No.

Feeding the Maritime Pickets



SCENE IN SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE KITCHEN

AFL Convention and Agriculture

The Tampa Convention of the A.F.L. referred all resolutions petitioning for an international charter for the Agricultural and Cannery Workers to the Executive Council. Resolutions to this effect had been endorsed by several state Federation of Labor Conventions, including New Jersey and California.

This action of the Convention may have stopped action by the tional organization until the from past records nothing can be expected from the Executive Council

The resolution from the California State Federation of Labor also petitioned for a State Charter, pending the issuance of an GIBRALTAR - Italian Fascist international charter. This also olack shirts numbering 2500 has been referred to the Execulanded at Algeiras, Spain, to live Council, and will meet the join the Spanish Fascist forces, same fate as the demand for the

The agricultural workers in ship, which carried no flags or California can only renew the drive more intensively, in their respective areas, by applying for federal charters. Moves are already being made to work towards the setting up of a State Council of Agricultural and Cannery Workers. Resolutions to this effect have already been adopted by the Agricultural Locals in Sacramento and Stock-(Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

Guilt in Frameup

eer George Alberts on the S.S. Point Lobos last March 22, were read into the record at the Friday and Saturday sessions of ment Employees, Brotherhood of the trial before Superior Court

The statements denied any complicity in the killing, and "confession" signed after two days of pres-Labor Council of Alameda office while cooped up under unorganized, so long as the bulk County, Waiters' Union Lo- guard in a Berkeley hotel. Herbert Resner, attorney for Conner, bor the object of every sincere unorganized, the Chambers of 8, I.L.G.W.U.; Cutters Union No. is seeking to keep this forced labor leader and labor organiza-213, I.L.G.W.U.; Dressmakers "confession" from being made a tion has been to increase the (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 7) part of the trial record.

DESERVE YOUR

You who are reading the Western Worker for the first time. Do you agree that it deserves to continue and improve its cov- French dockers began working erage of news on the labor and the American ships at Havre progressive movement? Although this is a special issue

with increased circulation, it is a fair sample of the Western Worker's 104 issues per year. We would like to tell you now that it is supported by those who read it. The large advertise IS POSTPONED ers do not want it. But the workers started it and kept it going for five years with steady im-

expenses, including improve-A drive for \$12,000 is going on, part of which will go to the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, national organs of the Com-

provements. Now they are rais-

If you like the Western Worker, help us sustain and improve OAKLAND.—Two statements it. Send a contribution, as much of Frank J. Conner, one of the as you think you can afford, to defendants in the framed trial the Western and Daily Worker lifying the dangerous features of the killing of Chief Engin-Committee, 121 Haight St., San the Act. Francisco.

(See page 5 of this issue for further details.)

Tunnel Workers Show Unity Need

By BOB GRAY Since the days of Molly Mcguires and the Knights of La-

One of Largest I.L.A. Locals in East Goes on Strike

BOSTON-The three Internaional Longshoremen's Locals nere which have refused to pay attention to Intl. President Ryan's orders to work ships struck by the sea-going crafts are 799, 300 and 805.

Local 800 is one of the biggest longshoremen's locals along the Atlantic Coast. The three locals struck rather than load scab-manned ships.

HOUSTON, Tex. - Enraged over the shooting of Johnny Kane, 35-year-old striking seanan, by a reactionary I.S.U. of

of the Marine Firemen, and his assistant, named Hopkins, were among those whom the seamer vent after.

NEW / YORK—The striking seamen here were heartened by the open letters to Joseph P. Pacific Coast I.L.A. District Executive Board, attacking Ryan's scabbery. French seamen aboard the "Champlain" were shocked at Ryan's action in ordering I.L.A. men not to work the French ship because of the French longshoremen's solidarity with the striking American seamen. after a splendid show of solid-

COPELAND ACT

WASHINGTON. — The Copeland Act, with its blacklisting ing money for the next year's continuous discharge book and other objectionable features, will not go into effect as scheduled on Dec. 25.

Mass pressure not only from maritime but also from nonmaritime unions has forced Secretary of Commerce Roper to postpone application of the Act for at least 90 days.

This will give the unions a chance to seek amendments nulthe Act.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific was informed of the postponement by Secretary of Labor Perkins over long-distance

Tom Mooney's 53rd Birthday-20 Years Behind the Bars

SAN FRANCISCO. - Tom Mooney observed his 53rd birthday on Tuesday, in San Francisco County Jail. Twenty of those 53 years

be done? And we answer, that sues, which mean the very life

REVOLT GROWS BIG SF PUBLIC MASS MEET; **PEDRO MARCH**

Outlook for Pact With Steam Schooner Owners Hopeful, With Eastern and

Thomas G. Plant, for the shipowners coast committee, has nowith Harry Bridges.

ime strikers would get no permit to march last Saturday.

Approximately 25,000 striking maritime workers, their

★Market Street from the Embar-

Go To Public For

Stoppage of Ship

Subsidies LOS ANGELES-Maritime union strike leaders have begun a concerted drive to have federal jubsidies cut off from the ship- gest obstacle to the settlement owners until the just and basic lemands of the unions are met. The campaign will be carried nto all unions and to the en-

ire public. Business men of Southern California will be asked to send telegrams to President Roosevelt urging holding up of subsidies.

Nearly 3000 strikers met ir Wilmington Bowl last week at huge mass meeting. At least 73 vessels are tied up

Hope For Steam Schooner Pact

With resumption of negotiations between the Masters, Mateand Pilots and the steam schoon er (coastwise) operators seen as a probability at any moment George Charlot, president of the Masters, said, "I look for the differences to be straightened out before the end of the weekwe are quite optimistic."

Coastwise operators met with the American Radio Telegraphers Association It is considered that agree-

ment by all the unions with the steam schooner operators would unions. Henry Schmidt will lead to agreement between the speak for the Maritime Federa-26 Eastern and foreign lines, tion. Angelo Herndon will be on isolating the big four-Matson, the platform. American-Hawaiian, Dollar, and Swayne and Hoyt, who have in the way of peace.

In a letter to the San Francisco "Chronicle," Thomas G. Plant, spokesman for the "big four," repeated the demand for arbitration of fundamental is- ter American than many ship-

Plant was forced to go back that he would see the ships

the basic union demands. The result of the unions' pub-

Foreign Lines Following Suit

tified the strike committee in San Francisco that Roger D. Lapham, president of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co., will appear at the Tuesday public meeting to debate the strike issues

SAN FRANCISCO—Chief of Police Quinn said the mari-The strikers marched.

nanners telling the public why they strike, paraded up

cadero to Civic Center Saturday, This was part of a series of strikers' demonstrations up and down the Coast-which included a parade in Oakland, and big mass meetings in Seattle, Aber-

deen, Tacoma, Portland, Astoria, and San Pedro. The parade was two hours in progress. Crowds in the shopoing district overflowed the sidewalks, narrowing the lane

of march. Banners and slogans throughout the length of the parade told how the "Big Three," the Dollar, Matson and American-Hawaiian companies, are the big-

I.L.A. World War veterans marched near the head of the parade, immediately behind the opening contingent which caried the banner of the Bay Area District Council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast. Children and their mothers carired banners contrasting their needs to those of the shipping

companies. Some of the banners and huge noblie placards read:

'The Big Three Bloc'k Peace." "Free the Modesto Boys." "Boycott Standard Oil."

Literature distributed by the narchers told the public how he shipping subsidies are ma-lipulated. A float depicted the Copeland bill as a rope around a sailor's neck. A coffin depicted the shipowners' attitude toward safety at sea.

And everywhere the thousands who lined Market Street were informed of the mass meeting scheduled Tuesday night in Civc Auditorium where the shipowners have been invited to send a speaker to let the pubic compare their position with hat to be presented by the un-

Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast District I.L.A. president, will be the principal speaker for the

After 7500 strikers and their friends marched through downbeen the main stumbling blocks town Oakland, they heard Harry Bridges at a mass meeting in Oakland Auditorium. William Spooner, secretary of the Alameda Labor Council, introduced Bridges as "a damned sight bet-

owners I know.' Bridges said "there will be no arbitration because there is on his statement a few days ago nothing to arbitrate, because what the shipowners want to artied up two years before meeting bitrate was in effect the right to have a union.

He showed the attempt to licity campaign to the publicare frame King Ramsay and Conner as part of the shipowners attack.

Open Letter to Communist Voters and Western Worker Readers You have given us your sup-ciples, because you realize that of enrolling 3000 new Commu-effect. You ask, how can this

port! You read our press and they represent you. Perhaps you nists by January 21st. 1000 of vitally interested in the organ- meetings and applaud our speak-

attack on the East Coast seamen's strike, which involves the

the organization of the unormen's strike, which involves the

the organization of the unormen's strike, which involves the organization of the unorwith our program and our prin- membership drive, with the goal of the people must be put into

California labor therefore is our literature. You come to our even call yourself a Communist, this number have already come the common action of all pro- of the unions. We see the value of the help into our ranks since the beginization of the unorganized along ers. More than 25,000 people like that you have given. We need hing of the election campaign. you showed a keen understand you today, more urgently than There is a big job to be done ternational charter in agricul- trial unionism. It is also vitally ing of the real issues at stake in ever before. We want you to in California. In November our ture; the reactionary and stupid concerned with unity in the latthe recent elections, when you become a member of our Party, people registered at the polls

gressive groups, of every democratically minded man and woman, expressed through a people's movement is the only force strong enough to guarantee the liberties which are so dear to

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TUNNEL WORKERS LOCAL OF MINE, MILL, SMELTER UNION SHOW BURNING NEED OF UNITY

Reviewing Jurisdictional Fight on Them by Building Trades Council, They Show How Reactionaries Divide Workers

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scale of wages and to improve protest that followed this acthe living conditions of all work- tion.

If its delegates came to Tampa

The Jurisdiction Fight

The present trouble on the

Broadway Low Level Tunnel is

only the culmination of a series

of attempted raids and usurping

Many months ago in the early

part of 1936, the bids for the

Waldo Tunnel in Marin County

were advertised. Local 53 was

only a young local, having been

formed by the miners who were

working on the Broadway Tun-

nel to organize the Broadway

Local 53 had set up a wage scale and as Local 53 belonged

to the State Federation of La-

bor the logical way to presen

So a committee waited on Ed.

Vandeleur and left the wage

scale with him to be presented

Weeks later, imagine the sur-

prise of Local 53 when in check-

ing up on the Waldo job their

committee found that the Con-

tractor or the Contractors As-

ties to give the wage scale to.

The committee from Local 53

Vandeleur's office did find the

Negotiations for the job were

almost over when a Mr. Joe

Marshall of the Hodcarriers and

Common Laborers of America

Tom Connelly had agreed to

pay the miners 82 cents an hour

Rather than start a jurisdic-

And from that day on to the

Local 53 organized the Broad

Well so much for that.

negotiations for the job.

came into the picture.

to the proper parties.

State Federation.

in November, 1935.

tion of Labor.

The thought of self, the indi- the C.I.O. would take the cenvidual ambition was thrust aside ter of the stage and when the and all united in banding them-smoke of the battle had cleared selves together against the com-laway there would be nothing non enemy. left but the C.I.O. So the only So it is in the organized labor thing to do would be to keep

movement today. As long as the C.I.O. delegates away from the unions stand shoulder to Tampa. And keep them away shoulder and fight, the employ- from Tampa they did. er has to concede to all the just demands. But if the employer can find greedy or unscrupulous men who have in some way gained the confidence of the rank and file it is no trouble to of the jurisdiction of Local 53. start disruption and fights within the Unions, thereby making the Unions forget the real purpose of banding themselves together, the fight against the employer for better living conditions and higher wages.

The jurisdictional dispute between the reactionaries of the Building Trades Dept. of the A. F.L. headed in this Bay Region by Mr. Tyrell of the Hodcarriers and Common Laborers of America, and Frank A. Lawrence of the Hoisting Engineers against the Tunnel, Aqueduct and Subway Workers' Union Local No. 53 of the I.U.M.M. and S.W., is the most outstanding example of supposedly union leaders heading a movement to wreck another bona fide labor

A Bona Fide Organization

The Tunnel, Aqueduct and Subway Workers Union Local No. 53, is a local union of the I.U.M.M. and S.W., which was formed from the Western Federation of Miners in 1916. The W. F. of Miners was formed in 1893 and affiliated with the A. F.L. in 1903. The I.U.M.M. and S.W. is a sister organization to the U.M.W. of A. The I.U.M.M. and S. W., has jurisdiction over the Metaliferous mines, mille, smelters, tunnels, aqueducts, open pits, open cuts and all work in and around the above mentioned jobs.

The I.U.M.M. & S.W. is an industrial union, meaning a union that takes all the workers on a job into one union, comparable to the Maritime Federation of

The C.I.O. proposes to organ- and with the interest of all laize all the unorganized in the bor at heart agreed to furnish large industries like Steel, Rub- men for the Contractor for 7 ber and Automobile into one cents an hour less. gaining more strength than if tional fight at that time, Local they were organized under the 53 agreed to let the job start for old craft system. The craft un- 82 cents an hour and let the ions may still be needed in some two Internationals fight out the of the building trades but the jurisdictional fight. craft system never was able to organize any large industry be- present it has been a series of cause there was no union in attempted steals of the jurisdicwhich to put the men who had tion of the International to which no trade in the strictest sense of Local 53 belongs.

the word. A man may be skilled in his work in such a way as to be althe unorganized men to join most invaluable to his employer some union, the union in which and yet have no trade he could they belonged. follow in another factory except the one in which he was work-

The A.F.L. Convention

A great deal has been written about the A.F.L. Convention, held this year in Tampafi and the actions of the executive board in suspending the C.I.O. When the C.I.O. started to organize the mass production workers into large unions and these same large unions were automatically taken into the A. F.L., these reactionary leaders began to worry and began to see the hand writing on the wall, that if this organizational Laborers of America rounded up campaign was to continue that they would soon be in the minority. All the prestige and the 53 picket line. spoils system they had built up was being taken from them.

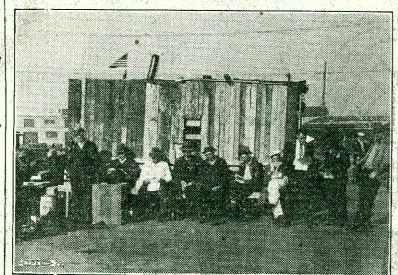
by the rank and file and had no the keymen on the tunnel rebusiness agent to tell them to fused to work with the 8 scabs go to work for whatever wage that crossed the picket line. scale he signed for them.

They made their own wage scale and made the boss pay that failed. The only course left open wage scale to all the workers. The reactionaries said some-

thing must be done about the C.I.O. for if it was not stopped all the machinery they had built up would be taken away from them.

It could not wait until the convention at Tampa in November, that would be too late, already the tail was wagging the tent with having torn down all dog. Everywhere union men the gains made in over a year were talking of this C.I.O. If by another Union have now atthis were to continue, goodbye all soft jobs and chances to sell

the workers out at a profit. The executive board usurped the authority given to the convention and suspended the ten C.I.O. Internationals. The exSolid Against Shipowners



HOLDING OUT STRONG in the sixth week of the maritime strike are the 37,000 maritime workers of the Pacific Coast. Photo above shows a shack pickets have built themselves along the San Francisco waterfront.

AN OPEN LETTER TO READERS

(Continued From Page One)

Landon has been defeated, yes. Party is partly yours. But his backers, Hearst, the American Liberty League and the people's enemies of Wall St., have not given up. Now they will leave no stone unturned to put their anti-labor program into effect through the Roosevelt ad-

program, effective December 15, indicate that Roosevelt feels the pressure of the industrialists, that the wage scale to the contractor and the Contractors' Association was through the State Federathousands into the streets to face a jobless winter.

is dawning upon the American people that only through their own political action, through a Farmer-Labor Party movement, can they really secure those the lead in fighting the vicious ernment action to control the 0001/2, which reads, "injury to things for which they cast their ers, through Labor's Non-Partisan sociation had never been given the wage scale left with the of the trade unions are behind shipowners, and for economic it. But the strongest assurance Vandeleur said that he was that such a movement will grow, unable to find the proper parand through its united strength defeat the Hearsts and the Liberty Leaguers, is the existence of a powerful Communist Party. within an hour after leaving You can see that a strong Communist Party, working unceasproper parties. They went to see Tom Connelly and began ingly for security, for a united trade union movement, for lib- Browder-Ford Membership

of California. And the respon- Party.

sibility for such a Communist

Your work will be more effective when it is a part of the organized work of our Party. You will be better able to protect the interests of your family or your fellow-workers. Your life will be enriched by association with thousands of other The serious cuts in the WPA Party members, sharing your problems, and helping you work out the solutions. You will be making a valuable contribution despite his glowing promises, he is now throwing hundreds of fornia by showing them the way to a Farmer-Labor Party that will defeat reaction. You will be More and more the knowledge putting into effect the principles its members are now petitionin which you believe.

The working people in our that is powerful enough to take League is also asking for govcriminal syndicalism law, the votes. Progressive labor lead- anti-picketing ordinances, the vigilantism of the industrialists and League, are actively working the Chambers of Commerce, and toward this. The rank and file the union-smashing drive of the improvements for the worker,

the small farmer and middleclass and professional people. We ask you, a proven friend of the Communist Party, to become an active worker for proto take your place with us propriated for distribution. become a recruit during the

advantage to the common people member of the Communist

THE COMMUNIST PARTY, 121 Haight Street,

when along came Joe Marshall San Francisco. 224 South Spring Street, Room 409,

......(Mark "X") I want to join

.I want more information about

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Local 53 established a wage scale of \$1.10 an hour for miners on the Broadway Tunnel. When the work was about to start again on the Broadway Tunnel after being shut down for nearly six months, the Hodcarriers and Common Laborers Local 304 forced the new contractor behind their picket line to sign an agreement for them to furnish the men at 75 cents an hour, a

the men at 75 cents an hour, cut cut of 35 cents an hour. Local 53 put a picket line on the Broadway Tunnel and the business agents of Local 304 of the Hodcarriers and Common a bunch of scabs and under police protection crossed the Local

But the crossing of the picket line did not do Local 304 any These new unions were run good as the Superintendent and

The job at present is stalemated after negotiations have to the contractor is to declare the job open shop and all the gains made in organizing the Broadway Tunnel have been lost because these Labor Leaders labor movement have a decision another union.

The same reactionary group from the Building Trades Coun-wish to make their local a procil of Alameda County, not contacked from another angle—the heart. Quarries of Contra Costa and Marin Counties.

fact that they belong to the disruption, present a united ecutive board probably looked A.F.L. and claiming that Local 53 front to the employer, standing dishonest method to accomplish "Thus, dictatorial power is the change in policy by having bor. Some of those now in con- initial work that has already for some criticism but nothing does not belong to the A.F.L. shoulder to shoulder as union like the deluge of letters of and so is not a bona fide organ- brothers.

way Tunnel 100% and forced Force Rescinding of WPA Discharges

SAN FRANCISCO-A rescinding order against the recent discharges of WPA workers in San Francisco was won by a mass delegation of 350 workers who called on the San Francisco WPA headquarters Saturday. The delegation spoke in the

and the American Federation of Government Employees. Lawson and Wakefield, in

name of the Workers' Alliance

charge of the San Francisco office, promised that those discharged would be reinstated with the right to make up time lost and that all workers discharged in the future would be given three days' notice.

What Pressure Did Under pressure from the delegation, a telegram was sent to WPA headquarters in Washington, over the signature of Frank Y. McLaughlin, state WPA di-

rector, calling for the immediate

The rank and file of all the tried to steal the jurisdiction of to make-do they wish to consuch reactionaries or do they gressive union that has no place

Building Trades are using threats that is for all labor to pull to- serves that authority to regular union can be 'kicked out' for any

cessation of layoffs and sufficient appropriation to give all unemployed work on the WPA. The telegram was sent by Mc-Laughlin's assistant Wadsworth. to whom the delegation went after presenting its demand for the reinstatements.

At the same time the delegation sent its own demand, for

Howard (of the Typo Union)

said after the A.F.L. convention:

dustrial unionism in mass produc-

matter of who is right or who

is wrong.

"The issue which has split the

SAN RAFAEL.-A new trial more work and a stoppage of two Modesto defendants convictlayoffs, in a separate telegram ed on a framed-up charge of up as a result of the 1935 tanker

SO. CALIF. MOTHERS IN RELEF FIGH **COTTON LANDS**

L. A. Mothers In A Divide 31 Plantations WPA "Sit-Down" Strike

(Mexican Labor News Dispatch)

MEXICO CITY-President Lazaro Cardenas is fulfilling his promise to partition the great plantations of the cotton-growing Laguna region among the landless agricultural workers who conducted the general strike of last summer.

To date, 31 big estates have

PEASANTS OF

MEXICO GIVEN

Among 2190 Heads

Of Families

een divided. A total of 38,000 acres have been distributed to 2190 heads of families, and the work of surveying and allocating further land grants is being energeticaly pushed under direction of Gabino Vazquez, head of the Agrarian Department.

As a result of last summer's strike and of the government program developed to satisfy the demands of the Laguna peasants, the entire region has been galvanized into new forms of ac-

Women Learn to Organize Women of the region, too, are wakening from their traditionapathy and are beginning to learn the lessons of organiza-

ion and cooperation. A Women's League has been formed to which President Cardenas has personally made a gift of a sewing machine, and ing Vazquez for permission to work at their husbands' sides in State need a Communist Party the newly acquired fields. The prices of articles of prime ne-

> New Schools New schools are also being bened in the region.

Vazquez inaugurated several La Laguna, and many more are being planned in conjunction national Lapor Defense. with the ejidos, or cooperative farming communities, which will be carved out of the lands ex-

The Government Bank of Ejidal Credit is cooperating actively in the entire program, procilities, the services of account-

instruct the peasants in modern care or the women. methods of cultivation. agricultural implements and machinery arrived at the city of tended to stay inside the W.P.A. Anti-War Meet

Torreon, heart of La Laguna, for offices. distribution among the peasants of the new ejidos.

Herndon Speaks in S.F. on Wed. Night

SAN FRANCISCO. - Angelo Herndon, young Negro unem- booth were used as substitutes ployed leader sentenced to a wnen the W.P.A. officials and Georgia chain gang for 18-20 police locked the lavatories. years under the ancient "slave insurrection" law, will speak at and we were forced to sit all meet at 3.30 p.m. to discuss unat Irish-American Hall, 454 said Mrs. Calanan. Valencia, near 16th.

Prominent trade union and Ne-

New Trial Is Denied Buyle and Rodgers

has been denied for Alphonse Buyle and John Rodgers, the

By GEORGE SCHAFFER

LOS ANGELES-Facing actual want because of their discharge from Works Progress Administration sewing projects, 19 militant mothers with four chilaren, entered the W.P.A. headquarters at 12th and Santee' streets here last Saturday at 1 p. m., sat down and retused to eave until demands for reinstatement were granted.

While the mothers, members of the Mothers' Committee of the Workers' Alliance, engaged clean up their dirty camps. in the "sit in" strike inside the ouilding, a 24-hour picket line of 100 workers bearing placards mand Jobs," paraded before W. P.A. officials in a "death march."

Arter 30 hours of the "sit in" strike, 14 mothers remained inside the W.P.A. headquarters. Iwo of the women, Mrs. Charotte Boynton and Mrs. Myrtle Calahan, were arrested and three leit because of their weakened condition.

Frame-Up Charges

W.P.A. orricials and the inamous Los Angeles "ked Squad" refused to allow memoers of the workers' Alliance to pass food through the doors to the mothers. Some sandwiches were thrown to the women when the doors were opened to admit W. P.A. employees.

Charged with "outraging public morais" under Penai Code person, property, public healtn or decency," Mis. Charlotte Boynton and Mrs. Myrtle Calanew schaals during his stay in leased after bail of \$5000 each nad been posted by the Inter-

Demanding to see Col. Donald H. Connolly, head of the W.F.A., when they entered the building, the mothers were told that Con- war "in case of necessity to fulnolly was in New Mexico.

ants and of farm experts to was up to the SERA to take the U.S.S.R., and was amended

Recently, several carloads of upon her release that the moth- nations. agricultural implements and ers were in high spirits and in-

"Police are intimidating the mothers in an attempt to get them to leave," Mrs. Calahan reported. "They even locked all ine lavatories and denied us arinking water."

According to Mrs. Calahan, milk bottles and the telephone

Chairs were taken from us mass meeting Wednesday, Dec. night on the concrete tloor,"

All workers are urged to support this fight of me mothers ities, gro leaders will be among the for W.P.A. reinstatement and Fascism, women's, and youth. to join the 24-hour picket line in

> Denial was made by Superior bation and the case was continued to Dec. 18.

Standard Oil pushed the frame-

SF-Bay Area Mooney SANDICOL Committee Set Up

with a decision of the State Federation of Labor Convention, delegates from labor councils and locals on both sides of the Bay on Sunday met and set up a San Francisco-Bay Area Com-mittee for the Freedom of Moo-

ney and Billings.

Jack Shelley, Labor Council vice-president, was elected chairman; C. M. Morris, Carpenters 483, vice-chairman; Herbert Resner, attorney, secretary,

Stockton Strikers Win Wage Gains

STOCKTON.—The strike of the Stockton celery workers has forced the Growers-Shippers to grant concessions of 5c an hour for all their workers and to

Frank Lyons, under questioning by a Government man was forced to admit that the strike reading "Our Children Snall Not was responsible for these im-Starve," and "2000 Mothers De- provements. At first, Lyons attempted to credit these improvements to the kindness of the Growers-Shippers.

Although the strikers have not been able to win outright recognition of their union from the Growers-Shippers they had made important gains in their drive to organize all agricultural workers in the Stockton

Since the strike was declared over 1700 workers have made application to the union.

Soviets Celebrate **New Constitution**

MOSCOW .- Two million workers paraded through Red Square here last Sunday in celebration rear. He declared that he could of the unanimous adoption of the identify one of them. new Soviet Constitution last Satnan were removed from W.P.A. urday by the All-Union Congress offices to Lincoln Heights Jail of Soviets. Celebrations were by police. They were later re held throughout the Soviet Un-

> Forty-three amendments were made to the draft constitution submitted to the congress.

One amendment empowered the Soviet government to declare fill international obligations aris-Major Lee F. Dinon, W.P.A. ing out of mutual assistance superintendent, deciared he did pacts." The original draft pronot have any work orders to vided for declaration of war in give the mothers. He said it event of an armed attack against to strengthen the mutual assist-Mrs. Myrtle Calanan declared ance pacts with France and other

(Cont. from Page 1) 101, I.L.G.W.U.; Ship Scalers Union, I.L.A., No. 38-100; and American Radio Telegraphers Association.

The conference will convene at 10 a.m. next Saturday, with a general assembly at 2 p.m. A Trade Union Commission' will ion problems in relation to war and Fascism. Other commissions include church, national minorprofessionals, war and

Sunday will conclude commis sion meetings, with commission reports, area meetings and final reports following.

Judge Butler. Derense attorneys sive organizations are urged to contact the American League Against War and Fascism, 320 Market St., Rm. 227, telephone Douglas 9545, for further information concerning election of delegates to the conference.

pated labor trouble this winter. All unions and other progres AFL Convention And Agriculture

(Continued From Page One) ton and by the Stockton C.L.C.

Such a Council will more effectively be able to give leadership and support to the various strikes that take place in the agricultural industry. This move can be stimulated by following the example of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Cou which has already set up agricultural organizing committee which will have for its purpose the building of Federal agricultural and cannery workers locals in their area. This Committee has already expressed its willingness to cooperate with similar committees set up by other central bodies with the view of having a State Council of Agricultural Workers estab-

Demands are already being made upon the State Federation of Labor to carry out the intent which was adopted at the last vention in Sacramento.

This resolution called for an millions of workers and extend- an additional one-cent per capiing to them the benefits of or- ta to be used for this purpose. ganization for collective bar- The Executive Council is now Approval of the executive gaining is of far greater import- in a position to finence the work tion legal. Seeking to accomplish the American Federation of La- izers who will follow up the indirectly that which cannot be placed in the hands of the counties approve such an accomplished directly. In this cil; the constitution goes out of unjustifiable arrogation of pow-

Charles Howard on the Illegal Action of the Executive Council of the AFL In a statement discussing the case, the executive council usurp- the window; and regardless of er is not honest in a democratic

Illegal Action "By that illegal action dele- of the executive council.

lion and a quarter members.

not the question of whether in- qualified there was no question purpose. An amendment to the follow its recommendations. At but that the illegal action of the constitution could definitely no time during its existence has lished. tion industries is the best form executive council would be sus- clothe the council with the the federation attempted to exeror organization. And it is not a tained. "This action establishes a precedent which reverses the funda-"The real issue is whether or mental policy that has governed having the convention adopt such centralized power could create not the executive council of the the federation from the time an amendment.

American Federation of Labor is it was organized. All the sophisfor the parasites and the business to be government by the consti- try in the world will not dis- belief the executive council exagents who have not the whole tution. Nowhere in that doculabor movement at large at ment is authority delegated to "If the executive council can international unions, they will the desire of a group inspired among the unorganized workers." the executive council to suspend suspend an international union establish that policy by an hon- by sellf interest. The welfare of of the State, and provided for A decision must be made; an international union for any to meet an alleged emergency est method so that every interthere is only one way for the cause whatever. On the contrary, and define what constitutes such national union will understand e representatives of the labor movement to progress and the constitution expressly re an emergency an international the liability of affiliation. of the men losing their jobs and gether, make these reactionary conventions and provides a two-reason and upon any pretext council's unwarranted and ille-ance that is the question of who of the various new federal los making a great play out of the leaders stop this campaign of thirds majority roll-call vote. that pleases a majority of the gal action does not make that ac- shall or who shall not control cals, and to maintain state organ-"It is generally accepted as a executive council.

is at the mercy of any combina- policies are adopted. tion that can control a majority

"If they are sincere in their dissilution.

dispute over the Committee for ed the power to suspend interna- years of affiliation and invest- organization. The seeds of des-Industrial Organization Pres. tional unions representing a mil- ment, every international union truction are sown when such "The American Federation of

Labor has been a voluntary ortrade union movement into what gates representing one-third of "If the executive council de-is certain to become two deter- the federation's membership sired authority to suspend inter- fivence depended upon the willmined groups, is not the guilt were excluded from the con- national unions, there was an ingness of the members of interor innocence of the C.I.O. It is vention. With the opposition dis- honest way to accomplish that national unions to accept and power. With 12,000 opposition cise such authority as in this votes not present, those in con- case. It has always been recogtrol would have no difficulty in nized that to adopt a policy of of the per capita resolution schisms and ultimately lead to State Federation of Labor Con-

"It appears the federation has

By Organized Labor MAS I MAN Nashlund "Shooting" On Road Was a Phoney Stunt

SAN DIEGO—Carl Nashlund,

strike breaker and foreman of

trucks during the Salinas lettuce

strike, was fond guilty of per-petrating a hoax and sentenced to six months in jail.

Early Tuesday morning, No-

vember 17, Nashlund telephoned the sheriff's office of Imperial

county that five shots had bee

fired at him from a black sedar

and named "certain radical strike leaders" who had threat-

ened to get him. The shooting,

according to him, occurred near

Whitewater while he was on his

A road blockade immediately

placed in operation by Sheriff

Robert W. Ware revealed, how-

ever, that no sedan answering

Nashlund's description, entered

While the sheriff and his of-

ficers were watching for the se-

dan near Truckhaven, Nashlund

stopped to talk to them and told

an exciting tale of his experi-

A Lot of Fakery

foil his "would-be assassins," he

slumped over on the wheel as if

he had been hit and let his

coupe careen to the side of the

speeded on in the direction of

El Centro. The shots, he claim-

ed, missed him by only a few

inches. The sedan, he said, was

occupied by three men, two in

the front seat and one in the

Investigating officers said the

shots were fired from an auto-

matic pistol. Two bullet holes

appeared above the door on the

left side and three shots pierced

the interior of the coupe above

Nashlund said that he had

left his gun in Salinas and would

call at the Sheriff's office that

same day to borrow one. He

also mentioned a hotel where he

could not be found at the hotel

ning, however, Nashlund and a

woman companion were in a

Main street liquor establish-

ment. Here he dropped a 32

calibre pistol. His companion

picked it up, but operators of

the place took it from her. The

washlund and the woman were

taken to the El Centro police

station where both were booked

After a grilling Wednesday

morning, Nashlund confessed to

Sheriff Ware and T. M. Sharp,

chief criminal investigator, that

his story of the shooting was

only a publicity hoax. He ad-

coupe from his own gun because

he thought the resulting pub-

licity would help to provide him

with employment in Imperial

and Yuma valleys during antici-

mitted firing the shots into

on a charge of drunkenness.

police were summoned

About nine o'clock in the eve-

He was not seen by the

cers throughout the day

the right hand door.

would be registered.

Meanwhile the sedan

After the shots were fired, to

way to El Carro.

the valley.

A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

THE FIRES OF THE PICKET CAMPS GLEAN ALONG THE GULF COAST'S WATERFRONT--FLA. TO TEXAS

Men on Gulf Want Rank and File Controlled Unions; They're Spreading Organization of the Unorganized Workers

NEW ORLEANS-5,000 seamen, longshoremen and other maritime workers in Gulf ports have already joined the national walkout of maritime workers. On nearly every waterfront from Florida to Texas, seamen and longshoremen are picketing the docks. 50 per cent of the Gulf's shipping

has been paralzyed, as this is

written, in one of the most mili-

tant maritime strikes seen in the

On the Line

The strike on the Gulf was

called to support the general

maritime strike of the Maritime

Unions of the Pacific Coast. And

it is already turning into a double

barrelled shot against phoney

by the reactionary officials of

The men on the Gulf want un-

tive, and it looks as though it

ers of the country will demand

Their Own Demands

The men on the Gulf want rank

and file controlled maritime un-

ions. In the elections now going

on in branches of the I.S.U., old

line officials are not only resort-

ing to the tactics of beef squads,

but are cooperating with ship-

owners, chambers of commerce,

and the police to drive progres-

sive union men out of town, and

he great maritime struggie

The ranks of the longshoremen

in several ports are split. The

charters of progressive unions

which joined the Maritime Feder-

ation of the Gulf were jerked

by J. P. Ryan, president of the

Int'l. Longshoremen's Asociation.

unity to oppose the bosses, to

win better working conditions.

In spite of the daily arrests

of raids upon boarding houses,

the marine workers of the South

Can't Stop 'Em

dinances, and arrests, their vir-

tual suspension of civil liberties

in every seaport of the Gulf

can't prevent the already organ-

ized maritime workers from or-

ganizing the unorganized in their

industry. In New Orleans, the

first meeting of the Mississippi

start a union. It will be the team-

HOUSTON, Tex.-A frameup

is in process against Lester C.

Lord, a rank and file seamen's

strike leader. He was indicted on

a charge of "robbery by assault"

in connection with the beating

Simms claimed he and another

In both New Orleans and Mo-

the strikers.

national wage agreements.

of the union's membership.

TELLS WHO IS FOE OF PEACE

Stack, of Firemen, Shows Plant One Of Those In Way

SEATTLE—"No strike settlement can be made as long as T. G. Plant represents the Wat- the I.S.U. over the condemnation erfront Employers' Association in San Francisco!"

With this statement, Walter Stack, recently returned from the Bay City where he was Marine Firemen's union representative on the Pacific Coast policy committee of the Maritime federation, summed up his observances of negotiations in which the unions sought a settlement of the strike

"Plant has definitely stated that the shipowners will not make the slightest compromise in their stand," he continued. "That's why Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady has been unable to bring about any definite negotiations.

nothis case, it's not as if the argument were over something new. The chief stumbling block right now is the question of the hiring halls. In 1934, the federal government gave us the control of those halls because the shipowners weren't operating them fairly.

Now the shipowners want to revert to the old pre-1934 condihalls, so that a man who is active in the union can be blacklisted in every port on the

At present, the shipowners are using a policy of "passive resistance," by which they hope to break down the morale of the Maritime federation, Stack said. eir object," he stated, "is to

p ships tied up and make no effort to operate them, so that the pickets will get tired of quiet picket duty. This policy, federation leaders say, has failed completely so far and strikers' morale is 100 per cent perfect.

"As it is no," Stack concluded, "the shipowners are trying to raise a false issue. Their claim is that they own and opcrate ships and should have the right to employ whom they please.

"However, they overlook the fact that their ships are operated by government moneyactual subsidies paid out of the taxpayer's public pocket—and that the government pays these subsidies so that the shipowners can pay decent wages and maintain decent working standardsand the hiring halls are part of these standards."

utizens Organize To Aid East Coast Seamen's Strike

NEW YORK.—Organization of the Citizens Committee to Aid Striking Seamen, with offices at nounced. An appeal was made to River bargemen was held to "all friends of labor" to communicate with the committee or sters next, in Mobile and in send contributions of funds, food other ports. or clothing immediately.

The announcement reported over 25,000 seamen on strike in Frameup Against Atlantic and Gulf ports and urged public support "to help Gulf Coast Sea Strike Leader

them win." Victory for the strikers, the statement said, "will only improve their conditions it will mean a great advance for all working people in every sphere of endeavor," and also bring "greater safety for crew and passengers alike.'

OREGON TEXTILE STRIKE PORTLAND - A strike by and robbing of a cook named United Textile Workers Union Simms of the tanker Maeco. Local 2435 has closed down entirely the local plant of the seaman were kidnapped Foundation Worsted Company. | beaten by five men.

Food for the Maritime Strikers

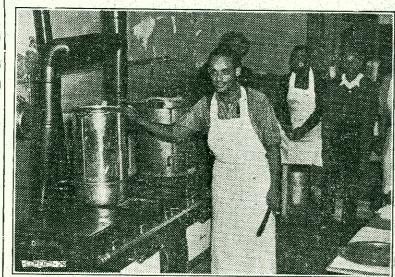


PHOTO SHOWS a scene in the strike relief kitchen on San Francisco's waterfront. Funds are needed to feed the strikers and families, and all progressive organizations should help.

Night and day, the fires of their picket camps gleam on the waterfront. As hundreds of men are arrested for "vagrancy," "loitering", and under the Alabama Strikers Rring Strikers Bring anti-picketing law, even greater numbers are registering for strike duty, joining the picket Gase to Public

By a Maritime Striker

A century of unjust treatment from the hands of the American shipowners has taught the contracts with shipowners signed maritime worker to rely only upon himself and his fellow seamen. As far back as we can remember there has been no effort to better our conditions except ion hiring halfs too. They want that won by our own hard strug-

their unions to be strong, pro-Even with the NRA, with its gressive, fighting organizations meagre aid to the working man, that have gained so much for the maritime workers on the it did not apply to us. Like the West Coast. They want better share croppers of the South or wages, the same as those paid the agricultural worker in Calion the West Coast. They want fornia, the owners have seen to improved working conditions. If it that we benefitted by nothing the strike on the Atlantic and which was designed to help the Gulf ports becomes 80% effecrest of the people.

"Do It Ourselves" will, the 100,000 maritime work-Now when we want something done we go out and do it ourselves. When the local press lies about the circumstances in this strike, when the radio dramatizes the conditions of the "starving Alaskans" and the "famine stricken Hawaiians," we start

our own publicity campaign. We print and distribute hundreds of thousands of pamphlets, publish our own newspaper, buy time on the air. We present our side of ing. this strike to the people of California and America.

especially to break the spirit of No one wants this strike over with more than the strikers The unity that was forged in themselves. That is why we are so eager to get our cause before 1934 on the West Coast is anthe people. We know we are other thing that the maritime men in the Gulf are fighting for.

Pickets old men who are working their last years, with no insurance for their old age except the "generosity" of organized charity, are now on the streets distributing pamphlets which tell the truth about this strike. These men want this trouble over with because their days of bile, where the longshoremen are labor are growing fewer as a in two different organizations, the settlement is delayed. They know rank and file of the membership that if we loose their days of has gone out to unify their ranks work for the steamship compan, on the picket line, for 100% ies are already finished.

Not Afraid We have invited representatives from the shipowners to on the waterfront, in the face come out from behind closed doors and meet with us in open saloons, and all places frequented debate before the public. But by waterfront workers, in spite they refuse. We know that it is of prohibition of picketing in only we strikers who can afford Mobile, New Orleans, and Gal- to take our case to the people, veston, and in the face of police and that is why we are not raids upon strike headquarters, afraid.

When the shippers, through their newspapers, speak of the public suffering from this strike "They've put more than 250 we ask them just who the pubseamen and longshoremen in the lic is. We know that it is the can, including the leaders of the working people who constitutes strike in almost every port," a the public, and when the workseaman in the New Orleans ers fully understand the issues strike headquarters on Chartres involved in this strike that they Street declared. "But they can't will rally to our support today stop the ships from coming out," as they have always done in the

And all their anti-picketing or- past. The people along the west coast will never stand idly by and permit the big corporations to smash our unions. They will not be fooled, let their own organizations and families suffer. Because if this strike is lost it will not only be we maritime workers who suffer, but the whole labor movement as well.

When this strike was forced upon us the shipowners thought they could win by creating disthis has failed. We know that as long as we remain united that we can not loose.

But to rely upon ourselves strong though we may be, is not enough to bring this strike to an immediate and satisfactory conclusion. We need the help of the people, and that is why we are now appealing to them to disregard the local press and read the workers of California and what we have to say. Our par- throughout America to use a ades, talks over the radio and more effective means. Like the hundreds of thousands of leaf- rank, and file seamen on the lets will solve the problem, we east coast who have struck in Mexico City, Mexico hope. But if this should fail to sympathy with us, we know that bring the shipowners to terms millions of other workers are

1000 POUNDS

Strikers in S.F.

(Maritime News Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO - Here's

ood for thought! Its put out by the Maritime

ng maritime workers. A typical day sees 800 to 1,000 pounds of meat, 1,000 loaves of bread, 75 gallons of milk, four to five sacks of potatoes, four o five crates of assorted vegetables; 50 pounds of coffee and 150 pounds of sugar, fed to the in an entire year.

And the pickets aren't forgoten as they maintain their vigil hroughout the night.

Twice during the dark hours coffee wagon leaves on its rounds—at 8 p. m., and 2 a. m. Coffee and sandwiches are the menu.

In one day 5,054 meals were Yes, the strike continues as long as the men eat and they are eat-

Aids Marine Strike

ENSENADA, Mexico.-So that American maritime strikers may feel assured, it must be made clear that the CROM-the old Regional Confederation of Labor, is the organization which is willing to help load struck American ships. This outfit is thoroughly discredited, being down to 10.000 members.

The Mexican Confederation of

The so-called Stevedores Unon of Ensenada, which issued a circular that Grace Line ships rones, followers of Calles, Fascists, expelled from Mexico because they were fascist terror-

The militant Confederation of Workers received the following wire from the San Pedro Maritime Federation Council:

Nov. 18, 1936. General Secretary Confederation of Workers of Mexico Motolinia 19

Mexico City, and A. Carrilo Rosales 26

Reply Fraternally.

Mexico City, Mexico Unfair American ships bound for American West Coast ports discharging passengers and cargo at Ensenada and possibly other West Coast Mexican ports Stop Ask your assistance to enlist cooperation Mexican workers to refuse to work these ships

C. H. JORDAN, Secretary Southern California Council Maritime Federation Pacific Coast. To which the Confederation

C. H. Jordan, Sec'y Southern Calif. Council Maritime Federation Pacific Coast

Telegrams Carillo and myself

received Have wired instructions

we shall be forced to call upon prepared to do the same.

I.L.A. EXECUTIVE BOARD IN OPEN LETTER TO JOSEPH P. RYAN BLASTS LATTER'S TREACHERY

"Nauseating to the ILA Membership to See ILA Men Under Your Orders Working Ships Struck by ILA"

Joseph P. Ryan, 265 W. 14th St., New York City, N. Y. Dear Sir and Brother:

Prior to the 1934 strike and in the two years that have elapsed since then the International Longshoremen's Association on the Pacific Coast has earned the reputation of being true

trade-unionists The present strike in which the I.L.A., Pacific Coast District, is involved as a whole came about because of a desire of certain ship operators to destroy that which the I.L.A., Pacific Coast District, was responsible for building up, namely :trade-union solidarity between the various unions engaged in the maritime trans-

portation industry. Prior to the strike, at a conference held in New York between representatives of the I.L.A. from the Atlantic, Gulf Pacific and Great Lakes District, support of the West Coast I.L.A. in the event they were forced to strike was pledged.

It is, therefore, regrettable and nauseating to the members of Fed to Maritime the I.L.A., Pacific Coast District, and to those labor unions that are part of the organized labor movement of the West Coast, to now see I.L.A. men, under your orders, in some Eastern and Gulf Ports working ships that have been struck by the I.L.A. and maritime unions on Pacific and Atlantic Coasts... This is strikebreak-

You use as an excuse for your role of shipowners' agent and Federation's relief kitchen at 84 strikebreaker, that some seven or eight inter-coastal steamship Embarcadero here to the strik- lines with head offices in New York agreed to grant the demands of the I.L.A., Pacific Coast District... You believe this is sufficient excuse to employ gangsters and thugs, to attack the picket lines of seamen who are on strike against miserable conditions and wages; striking seamen whose present wages for a full month is less than sums you many times spend for expenses in one day. Your salary of \$1250.00 per month is more than a seaman earns

Furthermore, you would also ask that the officers and membership of the I.L.A., Pacific Coast District, descend to the same deplorable level, inasmuch as it is your request that the I.L.A., Pacific Coast District, should accept an agreement with those companies that are willing to concede to our demands, return to gitimate labor movement. work despite the fact that many thousands of maritime workers, fighting for a just cause, remain on strike. You further believe ed radiance of his publication. that this is as it should be, and that we, as members of the In- given wide distribution, and preternational Longshoremen's Association, an organization that served, those in charge reported. There were 948 breakfasts, ploy the same tactics that you, as International President, are 1,585 lunches and 2,571 dinners. now responsible for on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts; namely:

crashing through picket lines of bonafide striking union men with thugs and gangsters, and actually acting as strike breakers, thus earning the contempt of employers and workers alike. If the Pacific Coast District had followed such a policy in

If the Pacific Coast District had followed such a policy in 1934 no I.L.A. organization worthy of the name of a labor union would exist here today.

The I.L.A., Pacific Coast District, through its officers, therefore once again directs an urgent request for you to correct this terrible situation and desist from such strike-breaking activities. As an important component part of our international organization, such actions cannot help but reflect on us and we feel stigmatized

We demand, in essence, that you order members of our International organization on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts not to work the ships of any company that the Pacific Coast District has officially declared a strike against.

We also feel, as part of an International union that is primarily supposed to be motivated and guided by trade-union principles, the entire organization should recognize the first basic prinmilitant trade union organization, ciple of trade-unionism, i. e., not to act as strike breakers against with over 500,000 members, has other orders closely allied to us, and who are fighting a splendid pledged and will keep its pledge battle of democratic unionism and for just demands, as are the to boycott struck American present maritime workers of the American Merchant Marine.

We are addressing this open letter to you for the purpose of making clear the opinions and desires of the International Longshoremen's Association, Pacific Coast District. We intend, further, to see that copies of this letter receive all possible publicity will be loaded, is part of the black reactionary CROM. The throughout the labor movement, through the channels of the CROM leaders are men like Mo- press and, of course, through every local of our International or-

It is our certain knowledge that your attitude and actions coupled with the attitude and actions of the international officers of the International Seamen's Union constitute the employers' greatest weapon against us and that they are able, because of the opinion that it is now necesthese things, to refuse to speedily conclude the strike.

To the end that this situation be corrected, this letter is written. Failing such correction, the Pacific Coast District membership and its officers will make it clear to the public, to the workers, and to the entire trade union movement, that the Pacific union not only want to get rid Coast District is not a party to such betrayals of trade-union principles and solidarity. We close by hoping you will see the seriousnes of the situation and the irreparable damage your collusion with our enemies, the shipowners, will do.

> INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSN. PACIFIC COAST DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

HARRY BRIDGES, President.

that American ships bound your Steamer Talamanca United Fruit ports be prevented to discharge Company was able discharge sidered: passengers cargo Mexican West passengers mail baggage En-

TOLEDANO Jordan thanked the Confederaion in these words:

Nov. 20, 1936. Vincente Lombardo Toledano General Secretary of Workers of Mexico Motolinia 19

We wish to express great ap- arrived here to carry food and strike because the strikers would preciation your efforts behalf medical supplies to the Spanish then lose part of the present Maritime Striking Unions Stop people.

Coast Confederation Mexican senada after she proceeded to of the workers employed in wat Workers has declared boycott sea threw cargo overboard re- erfront and sea-going crafts are against such boats Please inform portedly returned Panama where organized into the A.F.L. Splitus of specific instances of unfair now strikebound Stop Santa ting away a section of the mari-American ships so our coopera- Elena Grace Line operating New time workers from the A.F.L. tion can be more effective fra- York San Francisco arrives En- would postpone indefinitely any senada next few days reportedly hope of achieving unity between VINCENTE LOMBRADO to discharge passengers mail all crafts. baggage possibly cargo evading our strike blockade by doing so. JORDAN, Secretary

District Council No. 4 Maritime Federation

AID FOR SPAIN NEW YORK. — The Spanish freighter Mar Cantabrico has

Strike Notes of San Pedro

SAN PEDRO.—A special meet ng of Local 38-119 was sched to be held Monday night with International Organizer E "Dutch" Dietrich of San Francisco in attendance.

The meeting was expected to institute a serious drive to or ganize the Warehousemen of the Los Angeles Harbor area.

At the I.L.A. picket committee meeting November 28th a motion was passed instructing all I.L.A. picket captains to record the time each man reports for duty.

The Relief Committee of the San Pedro Joint Central Strike Committee announced that oronly on Mondays, Wednesdays,

Fridays and Saturdays. On account of the time required to fill the orders the committee further announced that those received Monday will be filled the following Wednesday; those received Wednesday will be filled Saturday; those received on Friday and Saturday will be filled the following Tuesday.

(Maritime News Service)

NEW ORLEANS.-Col. Henry Sanborn, red-baiting California racketeer, who appears wherever union men rise to proclaim their rights has been imported by the New Orleans Steamship Association for duty here.

Preceeding him here were thousands of copies of his "The American Citizen," published in San Rafael, across from San Francisco. The papers are distributed with great secrecy during the early morning hours.

This publication has just one purpose-to besmirch every le-Sanborn arrived in the reflect-

pared to launch a campaign of villification against the striking strike with cash. maritime workers.

ng the recent lettuce strike, after tee. This plan calls for every he set himself up as a "coordin- union in the county to support ator" in charge of all law en- the maritime strike at the rate orcement agencies, he wandered of 25 cents per member per about for several weeks before week. \$250 was sent at once. ne call came for him to use his

Among the publications exposgiven wide circulation by mari- ebrate and support the financial time groups.

MEN N GUL

White and Negro ILA Locals In Vanguard Of Struggle

NEW ORLEANS-Two locals of the International Longshoremen's Association, one colored and the other white, are in the vanguard of the fight here for decent conditions for maritime workers.

Joseph Spencer, president of Local 231, the colored workers, ders for groceries will be taken and Terrence Darcy, president only on Mondays, Wednesdays, of Local 1226, the whites, are fighting shoulder to shoulder for their rights as American work-

Because of their militant fight for their men ,both have earned the deep hatred of the shipowners, the best badge for leader-

ship, union men say. These unions not only have to fight the shipowners, but company unions, set up after their organizations were outlawed,

they charge.
On the West Coast negroes are allied with their white brothers in the same causes as the maritime strike is prosecuted there.

There is no distinction because of race, creed or color, and all are in the same union. In New York, aid of the colored people in Harlem was promised the strikers. These igns show clearly the trend of

the times in uniting colored and

white in a move for their com-

Strike Aided By Oil Workers

LONG BEACH.-Local 128 of the Oil Workers' Union stepped into the lead in this vicinity when it supported the maritime With an attendance of about He made his usual "scare 500 in answer to a special call, peeches," but soon another pub- the local adopted the request of lication was on the streets ex- its officers that it comply with the plan of the Los Angeles Run out of Salinas, Calif., dur- County Labor Defense Commit-

ANNIVERSARY New Year's Eve is the fifth ng him and his activities was anniversary of the Western the "Voice of the Federation," Worker. Arrange a party to cel-

Keep the I.S.U. Intact, Forward to Strong Gulf Federation, C.P. States

TO ALL STRIKERS:

TO THE LONGSHOREMEN: The next ten days are the most decisive for the winning of the trike. If the strikers maintain the same unity and discipline and fighting spirit that has prevailed since the strike started victory will be sure.

There is one serious danger that confronts the strikers that threatens the unity of the seamen. Many good union men ers. among the strikers have formed sary to organize a new seamen's union, splitting off from the A.F.L. and attempting to get a charter from the C.I.O. Those who advocate forming a new of the old strike-breaking officials but also want to abolish the I.S.U. The Communist Party. whose membership is composed of workers in all unions and industries, believe that the organization of a new union under present conditions would be contrary to the best interests of the seamen, the maritime workers of all crafts, and of the American labor movement as a whole. These facts should be con-

1. The overwhelming majority

2. There would be two seamen's unions in existence, the chartered by the A.F.L., will be I.S.U. and the new union. After the organization of a new union will help the I.L.A. men of the the present unity among the seamen on all coasts would be Maritime Federation of the Pa-

3. The organization of a new union would weaken the present trade union support which they

4. The organization of a new union would not make it any easier for the strikers to reach an agreement with the ship owners because there is already a negotiating committee in New York composed of representatives from all ports and empowered by a majority of the strikers to sign a temporary agreement subject to ratification by the strik-

5. The C.I.O. will not charter any new union in the maritime industry since the whole policy of the C.I.O. is directed toward organizing the unorganized in mass production industries and against setting up new unions in industries already largely organized. The C.I.O. is against union splitting and is for trade union unity on a national and international scale. Green and Company, who are fighting the C.I.O., are the only union split-

6. If the strikers hold their ranks intact, as we believe you of getting rid of the strikebreaking officials of the I.S.U. in the new elections that are to be held soon. If the most progressive section of the seamen policy of quitting the I.S.U., then all hope of getting rid of the phony officials would be lost.

Longshoremen, support the seamen and the licensed officers. They are your union brothers, and if you support them now, a national Maritime Federation. established—a Federation which Gulf in the same way as the cific has helped the longshore-

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men out there.

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Reactionaries Did Not Speak for AFL Rank and File at Tampa

HAVING further widened the danger of a split in the organized labor movement, by maintaining the suspension of the C.I.O. unions, and having arrogated unto itself such autocratic powers as the right to suspend or expel any unions it desires to, the A.F.L. Executive Council ended the 56th annual A.F.L. convention in Tampa with the reelection of William Green as President for his 13th term.

With the C.I.O. unions absent, the reactionary executive council held one long field day, the main sport of which consisted in killing every really burning demand of the organized labor movement.

The resolutions committee found that "nothing had changed" since last year to warrant approval of the Labor Party resolutions. Nevertheless, organized labor goes right on to build a Labor Party-in New York, the American Labor Party; in other localities, such as Connecticut, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, combining with small farmers and other oppressed sections of the people for Farmer-Labor Parties.

The reactionaries at the convention prevented any action of support to the Spanish trade unions in the fight against Fascism, but Labor's Chest for Spain, inaugurated by trade union leaders, raised its quota for \$100,000, and its work is being carried on by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The reactionaries gave the I.S.U. officials all the time they wanted to put through a resolution condemning the East Coast maritime strike as "outlaw," while denying the striking seamen a chance to speak. But nevertheless over 25,000 seamen are on strike in the East and Gulf Coast ports, over 80 per cent of all the seamen; there steamship companies are being forced to make agreements with the East Coast strike com-

The reactionaries at the convention buried the resolutions for an international charter in agriculture, but nevertheless several state federations-including those of New Jersey and California, are on record for such

So it can be seen that on outstanding issues the reactionaries like Green, Woll, Frey, Tobin, Hutcheson, etc., do not speak for the rank and file of organized labor.

The rank and file, between now and the 1937 A.F.L. convention, to be held in Denver, will have plenty to say on all these questions—unity of organized labor; industrial unionism; organization of the unorganized; the Labor Party; the fight against Fascism; autonomy for the city centrals, locals and federal unions.

Support Anti-War Conference

THE Army and Navy have completed their budget requirements for the fiscal year 1937-1938, and it is known that the combined requests will total over a billion dollars-probably a higher handout to the munitions makers than that for the current

The Army and Navy both are embarking upon a program of increasing their strength and efficiency during the coming year; the Army will recruit thousands and thoroughly mechanize its forces; the Navy is building up to the point where they can proudly say: "We are second to none."

So-while President Roosevelt talks about peace to our Latin-American neighbors-the armaments race rolls merrily along in preparation for the next world slaughter.

Both the Army and Navy are laying emphasis upon the militarization of the Pacific Coast. A \$12,000,000.00 naval base is being planned for Oakland; increase in enlisted strength will be concentrated on the Pacific Coast; Hawaii is to be turned into a fortress.

It is with these developments in mind that, ord. we point to the extreme importance of the California State Conference Against War and Fascism to be held in San Francisco December 12 and 13.

No matter how many declarations of neutrality the United States makes, or how many speeches elucidate the "good neighbor" policy, these millions being spent for the Army and Navy are being spent for war; any other major power-can remain isolated Commission.

when war breaks out. It is a matter now of world peace and of fighting for world peace; the peace of the world is indivisible! our slogan is "Keep America Out of War by Keeping War Out of the World!"

The California State Conference Against War and Fascism can be a powerful weapon in the hands of the people to mobilize the peace-loving masses of California for effective action against the danger of war and the menace of Fascism, as part of the worldwide movement of anti-war, anti-fascist

Such a movement is the chief guarantee of defeating the plans of the war-maddened Fascist powers, since it unites, on the basis of a minimum program, all anti-Fascist forces.

The Communist Party therefore wholeheartedly endorses this Conference, being organized by the American League Against War and Fascism.

We urge all progressive organizations to elect delegates-and especially the trade unions, who are the bulwark of any effective anti-Fascist, anti-war movement.

Stop the WPA Cut!

DECEMBER 15th is a day anticipated with dread by thousands of California workers employed on W.P.A. projects. On that day sweeping cuts will begin on the projects; hundreds of workers will be thrown out of jobs to face hunger for themselves and their dependents.

Is this the fruition of Roosevelt's preelection promises that federal projects will not be curtailed except as private industry re-absorbs those on the project? Is this the carrying out of that part of his campaign platform which spoke of the necessity for social security? Is this the interpretation of the President's utterances, prior to November 3rd, that he is against balancing the budget at the expense of the unemployed?

We do not know whether this order to cut hundreds off the payroll coming from the office of Public Works Administrator Hopkins, was given with or without the knowledge of President Roosevelt. But we certainly expect the President to act quickly on the protests coming in from Central Labor Councils, locals of the American Federation of Government Employees, the Newspaper Guild, the Workers' Alliance, and other organizations, to stop this order from being out the specific consent of Bill put into effect.

Sufficient pressure from working class organizations will result in the safeguarding of the jobs of those thousands of Californians threatened with their loss. And unless that pressure is applied, unless the vigilance of in view of the fact that Califorthe working class is never allowed to relax, the most reactionary elements in Americathe Liberty League, Wall Street gang-will the old party politicians in acsucceed in putting their relief-cutting, wageslashing program across.

Strikers and Relief

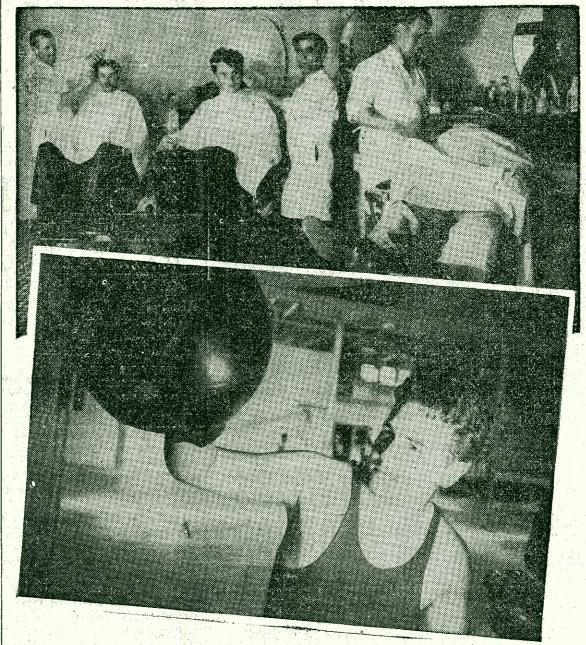
THE California State Chamber of Commerce is behind a campaign to force the State Relief Administration openly to adopt a policy of refusing to give relief of any kind to striking workers. The Northern Special Farm Labor Committee has passed a resolution to the effect that the state discontinue to feed those who leave employment voluntarily, and now large-scale employers throughout the state are getting behind this campaign.

This movement got under way recently because of the Salinas strike- and gained momentum with the beginning of the maritime strike. Heretofore, pressure brought on the State Relief Administration by the employers has been brought "informally," as they call it—that is, talking to Relief Administrator Pomeroy behind locked doors. They did not want to push their case before the Relief Commission, since they admittedly wanted to escape being put on rec-

But now the State Chamber of Commerce officials are preparing openly and officially to place their demand before the Relief Com-

While maritime strikers are now being given relief, the unions must be on the alert to mobilize their forces to defeat the starvation demand of the employers, if and when they go through with their intentions to lay Labor Party sentiment, to begin of independent political action the time is past when the United States—or the matter openly before the State Relief to make the union membership by organized labor or labor's own occasions aided strikers financial- junctions against unions, etc.

Maritime Union Members Have Achieved Many Gains



ONE OF THE GREAT achievements of the maritime unions as a result of their gains in the 1934 strike was the building of the San Francisco Maritime Center, at 32 Clay Street, scenes from which are shown above.

Bringing A Farmer-Labor Sentiment into the Unions

When the Publicity Committee of International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-79, recently submitted its report on the possibilities of a Farmer-Labor Party, it more than merely broke the ice for California unions on this important ques-

those most progressive members in the trade unions of Califor-nia, for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party based mainly on the trade unions.

The ILA report should result in a great stimulation of work in the unions toward building a Farmer-Labor Party in Califor-

In view of the fact that organized labor for the first time, in the recent presidential election campaign, discarded, even with-Green, the idea that the unions have no place in politics, in view of the strong showing (300,000) votes) made by the American Labor Party in New York, an outgrowth of the Labor | Non-Partisan League in New York, nia workers, now engaged in a had ample opportunity to see tion against the unions, and in view of the existence of the CIO with its tremendous progressive effect on the entire trade union movement, the opportunity to go forward toward building a Farmer-Labor Party is better now than it ever has been.

The conditions are present in sentiments and action in the

How do progressive trade unionists, who want to see the Farmer-Labor movement grow. go about working to achieve Farmer-Labor Party sentiment and action in their unions?

Let's first imagine ourselves in a union local, where nothing has as yet been done, or even discussed, regarding a Farmer-Labor Party.

Let's even start from scratch. little aware of the necessity for a Farmer-Labor Party.

The first fact to remember is this, that there is no need to for a Farmer-Labor Party that succomb to the "red scare," in some of the chief supporters of the Farmer-Labor Party move-Armstrong or Gorman "Reds." Building the Sentiment

The first step in the union is introduced—one easy to pass to begin to bring about Farmer- that the local endorses the idea Farmer-Labor Party. naming any specific party.

This should be done by intro- In such a resolution it can be ducing such literature as Gor- pointed out that labor went in man's pamphlet on the Labor for this to a large extent in the Party. To those members closest recent elections, so it is nothing and best known to the Farmer- startling. Labor Party adherent in the local, the pamphlet should be given Party the part played by the protest from Josn P. Davis, exdirectly, with the request that Democratic and Republican poli- ecutive secretary of the National the union member read it care- ticians toward labor should be Negro Congress against open infully, at his leisure, asking that brought out-preferably through sults allowed to be hurled at the It paved the way for all of he give you his opinion of it some recent local examples-

The pamphlet should also, in of police in a strike, use of state McMullen, white city attorney of reactionary leadership of unions any way possible, be gotten in the hands of the other union nembers.

After a few weeks have passed, and the members have gotten a chance to read the pamphlet, some of the members should be sked personally what they think dividual discussions will follow. should not be regarded as an end groes. Inevitably some of those who in itself, and work for the Lahave come to agree with the this ideas in the pamphlet.

and a considerable portion of the Labor Party. the union local's membership will have become at least Farmer-Labor Party conscious.

Now, after a few weeks, some fast-spreading strike wave have of the union members have been convinced of the correctness of the ideas expressed in Gorman's pamphlet. It is then time to begin considering the introduction of a resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party in the local.

Types of Resolutions It is best to get one of the members who has become convinced as a result of the pamphlet to introduce the resoluthe trade unions; it remains for tion, and others who have been Farmer-Labor Party adherents convinced in a similar way to to use the right methods for de- second it and speak for it. This veloping Farmer-Labor Party develops the initiative of these other union members in fighting for the Farmer-Labor Party.

Problems are likely to arise when the time is ripe for a resolution to be introduced. First, the best of those progressive members who have read the pamphlet should be con-

sulted, to find out what type of Farmer-Labor Party resolution should be introduced at the particular time. One thing is certain, that as soon as the local has become Farmer-Labor conand imagine that the rest of the scious, no time should be lost in union members are as yet very introducing some kind of resolution, to keep the question alive.

It may be that the sentiment

the resolution can come out enregard to the Farmer-Labor dorsing a National Farmer-Labor Party. It is only necessary to Party, as well as state, county mention to the union members and local Farmer-Labor parties. But if on talking it over with other progressives, it is thought ment—Sidney Hillman, David that the membership isn't quite Dubinsky, Andrew Armstrong of ready to pass such a resolution, the Printing Pressmen in New then a more modified one can be York; Francis P. Gorman, vice- brought in-perhaps calling for president of the United Textile only state and local Farmer-La-Workers Union. Not even the bor Parties. If even this is as Daughters of the Revolution call yet a bit further than the members are ready to go, then a

has developed to such an extent all trade union members. In some unions, syndicalist ele-

> er-Labor Party. These, in the main, sincere members, may say that the farm-

cannot unite with them.

the farmers have on numerous labor judges will not issue inconscious of the need for a men in office, without as yet ly and with food, even in the maritime strike, as on the Gulf the state is always the enemy of of a Farmer-Labor Party.

In all resolutions on the Labor when he has read the pamphlet. some injunction by a judge, use highway patrol in a strike, etc.

If a milder resolution is passed, then this should be regarded as a step toward putting the local on record at a later date for a stronger resolution.

When a resolution endorsing have read the pamphlet will bor Party should not stop with

A motion can soon after be Congress Executive stated: By such individual discussions made to set up a committee on between the union members, the the Farmer-Labor Party, to con- protests the silence of the Ex- bar in some internationals affiliground-work will have been laid, tact other locals on record for ecutive Council of the National ated with the A.F.L.; (2) ap

Farmer-Labor Party resolution, gro people and to Negro dele demnation of the rape of Ethic should send such a committee to visit locals which have not passed such a resolution, and arge them to pass it.

The committee should urge the formation of similar committees in other locals which have endorsed the Labor Party, and after having had informal meetings with them work for the formation of a broader committee in the locality for the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party. (Say the formation of a Labor Non-Partisan League.)

What arguments are likely to be met with from honest trade union members, against labor participating independently politics?

One, from more conservative members, is that labor should continue to pursue the old policy of "reward your friends, punish your enemies," meaning to endorse Republican or Democratic candidates if they promise to

be "friends of labor. The answer to this can best be made in shape of facts on the records of politicians the unions have endorsed in the particular locality or state.

To prove labor's strength play a successful independent political role, the success of the American Labor Party, in polling 300,000 votes and electing candidates in New York should be mentioned. The big part labor played in electing Roosevelt and defeating the Hearst - Liberty Leaguer Landon is apparent to

ments will come forward with 'left" arguments against a Farm-

ers' are traditional enemies of electing labor's own men to of- gue will be a permanent organlabor, that they are part of the fice, for then labor is assured of ization, and will be ready for minimum resolution should be capitalist class, and that labor men in office who will not al- any political realignment—mean-To which the answer is that to be used against unionists; Progressives should be in the

California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,

AS WE SEE IT

Syndicalists in Spain

THE INCLUSION of representatives of the anarchist-syndicalists in the Cabinet of the Spanish People's Front Government shows that the civil war is teaching the syndicalist workers a lesson in politics.

Believing in "industrial action" as opposed to "political action," and advocating premature measures such as confiscating and nationalizing all industries, the anarcho-syndicalists seriously hampered the People's Front in the early stages of the civil war.

Their opposition to centralized organization and discipline weakened the struggle of the people's militia against the trained mercenary troops of the Fascists.

But they are learning. And their participation in the government although they were traditionally opposed to political action and any form of government, is proof of how fast they are learning. The support of the anarcho-syndicalists, alongside Socialists, Communists, Left Republicans, Basque and Catalonian nationalists, in the government, strengthens the People's Front

Better Late Than Never

and assure it final victory over General Franco.

The Socialist Party has finally made up its mind. After permitting the Trotskyites in its ranks to slander and attack the Spanish People's Front which is fighting on the barricades, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party finally decided, very grudgingly, to support the campaign in this country of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

But Norman Thomas cannot refrain from taking a dig at the People's Front. This in spite of the fact that his French and Spanish Socialist comrades are fighting in the front ranks of the People's Front, together with the Communists, against Fascism,

And regarding an American People's Front, Thomas now grudgingly has to take note that there is a Farmer-Labor Party movement developing in America. He refused to admit it during the election campaign, and derided the Communist Party for making the fight for the Farmer-Labor Party its chief objective. But the disastrous outcome of the elections for the Socialists, which wiped out 80 per cent of their vote, may have started Norman Thomas to thinking.

NEW YORK-The Executive Council of the American Federa- skin is oppressed.' tion of Labor received a strong Negro People from the floor of the A.F.L. convention by A. E.

the epithet "darkey" in McMul- splendid resolutions had been in half of the Mayor of Tampa and delegate to the Convention from he Farmer-Labor Party has to Pepper's telling salacious and the Brotherhood of Sleeping C of Gorman's ideas. Inevitably in- been passed in the local, this uncomplimentary jokes about Ne-

> Wiring William Green, Presi- these resolutions had been killed dent of the American Federation in committee. of Labor, the National Negro

"The National Negro Congress Federation of Labor in the face pointment by A.F.L. The local after passing the of open insults made to the Ne Negro organizers; (3) the McMullen, representing the Maysulting anti-Negro jokes in a ers within the ranks of organby the Convention of the Ameri-

can Federation of Labor." Davis declared "such insults are Restaurant Employees Internatypical of the reactionary lead-tional Union were killed by the ership of Green, Matthew Woll, Committee."

John P. Frey and others of that clique who have stifled every attempt to accomplish the organization of millions of unorganized Negro and white workers in industry, agriculture and domestic service. Fortunately for Negro workes and all workers, there is developing in the American labor movement among nundreds of thousands of white workers the realization that 'labor in a white skin cannot be free as long as labor in a black

Fights for Unity

Realizing this the National Negro Congress will continue its fight to organize Negro workers into trade unions with w workers, while at the same fighting tooth and nail against Tampa, Florida, and United which try to split workers by States Senator Claude Pepper of race, by craft and in other ways.

The Congress executive point-Davis objected to the use of ed to the fact that although len's speech of welcome on be- troduced by A. Philip Randolph Porters and also President of the National Negro Congress

"Resolutions by Brother Ran-

dolph," said Davis, "calling for (1) an abolition of the color gates to the Convention by A. E. pia by Fascist Italy; (4) support of a Farmer-Labor Party; (5 or of Tampa and by Senator rescinding of the suspension order Pepper. The Labor movement against the Committee for Incannot afford the luxury of in- dustrial Organization; (6) Defense of Angelo Herndon and the time when every honest and de- Scottsboro Boys; (7) support for cent labor leader ought to be Anti-Lynching Legislation-were working for unity of all work- all bottled up in the committee on resolutions of which reactionized labor. We ask a public re- ary Matthew Woll was chairman, pudiation of the jokes contained In addition, resolutions of simin the speeches of these two men lar nature on anti-lynching legislation and discrimination against Negro workers, introduced by Commenting on the incident, the delegates from the Hotel and

where they have been bringing the working-class. In discussing food supplies to the striking sea- with syndicalists, a copy of the

It should be pointed out that handy weapon, for it proves the the farmers have conducted hero- the state as such is not the e ic battles against their oppressors in recent years—the fights only the capitalist state, for the against farm mortgage foreclo- Soviet constitution will show in sures, the big farm "holiday" black and white that a working strikes, the extremely militant class state is not an enemy of milk strikes, etc.

It can thus easily be pointed out that the farmers and labor are oppressed by the same exploiting interests.

California examples of farmer solidarity with labor are easily against vigilantism, etc.

may say that labor's economic struggles are weakened if the gues must not be overlooked. Out unions become active in the of one of them, as has been political field.

low the police or national guard ing a Labor Party.

new Soviet constitution is my of the working-class, but the working-class.

But of course a Farmer-Labor government is not a Soviet government, and it can easily be shown that a government apparatus with men in office who are rank and file trade unionists and found-Granges in Sonoma and farmers elected by trade unionother counties passing resolutions ists and farmers will put a stop to the viciously oppressive meas-Syndicalist union members ures against unions

The Labor Non-Partisan Lea said, grew the American Labor It can be convincingly shown Party in New York. The nations that on the contrary labor executive committee of the La strengthens itself in its economic bor Non-Partisan League recentstruggles-such as strikes-by ly met and stated that the Lea-

existing Labor Non-Partisan Leagues, to steer them toward be Syndicalists will argue that coming weapons for the forging

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Frisco Fog Breeds Sinusitus Which

Can Be Easily Cured

San Francisco, Nov. 27.

DEAR DOCTOR: All my life I have had a mucous drip into my throat, which is very annoying. Most of my friends seem to have the same sort of catarrh. Is there any cure for this?

ANSWER-Such catarrh is one of the home products of San Francisco and is caused mainly by our lovely foggy weather. Nearly everyone in our nonetoo-fair city has this disagreeable affliction more or less.

It is a system which denotes an infection of the nasal passages or the sinuses, which are large cavities adjoining the nose. Such infection is not only disagreeable in itself, but can quite seriously endanger the health through constantly feeding germs into the blood stream. These germs then settle in other parts of the body and cause any number of other diseases.

There are many methods of treating such sinus infections. By far the most? effective in most cases is a certain sys- Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

tem of spray treatments. This will dry up completely at least 85 per cent of all such catarrhs and will greatly benefit the rest. Because the sinuses are constantly draining mucous onto the lining of the nose, there is a chronic inflamation of this lining. Namara, No. 20034; Patsy Ciam-Because it is inflamed and swollen, it swells shut the openings brelli, No. 19889. into the sinuses. The sinuses cannot drain properly, become worse and thus a vicious circle is established. The treatment breaks this vicious circle.

The nose is first thoroughly sprayed with ephedrine, which shrinks the lining of the nose and opens wide all of the passageways. Then these crevices are sprayed with a disinfectant solution, which kills the germs. The lining of the nose heals, the sinuses can drain properly, and they also heal.

Lasting Constipation Should Not Be Treated With Laxatives and Physics

DEAR DOCTOR BISSELL: What kind of cascara should one take? Sometimes my heart goes fast and thumps. I am a ter Project, in a mass meetfrightened and nervous at these times. ANSWER-Laxatives such as cascara and physics should be night Nov. 23rd, took steps to-

taken only on the orders of a doctor over any length of time. Their occasional use can do no harm, but if a person is frequently constipated, this should be treated with other means, which I have described in previous articles. Fluid extract of cascala may be used in doses of 15 drops.

The symptoms that you mention may be of serious importance. You should join the Workers' Alliance and come to see me at my San Francisco office. We will see that you obtain the proper service at the clinic for these symptoms and the other question mentioned in your letter. I ...ake no charge for this service to members.

Women on the March

By MARJORIE CRANE

That Good Housekeeping Seal

"Gentlemen: I thought it would interest you to know that I have stopped using Pet Milk because it carries the Hearst Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

"I am sure that your milk is as good as any other bring, but I hate the fraud involved in this institution—a fraud constantly revealed by the findings of the American Medical Association, Consumers Union, and other reliable authorities."

TS YOUR child's teacher a member of the American Federation d of Teachers? It would be a good thing to find out. After all, she has a good deal to do with molding your child's attitude, and it would be a satisfaction to know that she has an understanding of the labor movement.

Teaching has been called "the timid profession," and teachers long under pressure by arrogant school boards and supervisors are hesitant about joining a trade union for fear of being fired for "incompetence" or "insubordination" when they do so. If you could help them to feel that the children's parents are with them in their struggle for independence and protective organization, that you and your fellow trade unionists will fight any attempt to victimize them for trade union activity, you would be doing a fine thing for the trade union movement, and for your

In spite of pressure from above, the teachers are coming into the Federation, and the convention reports are very encouraging. With your help, the Teachers' Union can look forward to a time when, as in France, teachers will be ninety per cent organized.

THE TRICK about making corn bread is to overcome the raw taste of the corn meal, and that is done in the following foolproof recipe. Several hours before, or the evening before you want to bake the bread, pour a cupful of boiling water over a cup and a half of corn meal and a piece of butter or other shortening the size of an egg. Then when you want to bake it, add three teaspoons of baking powder mixed with a tablespoon of Hopkins, head of the Works flour, a tablespoon of sugar, and a heaping teaspoon of salt. Then add a cup of milk, and two or three eggs well beaten. You can use sour milk by adding a half teaspoon of soda to it and omitting one of the teaspoons of baking powder. Pour the batter into a buttered iron skillet or a baking pan and bake till it sets and ers in full meeting vigorously begins to brown-about forty-five minutes.

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American Newspaper Guild.

-Pres. Heywood Broun of the

Tranfiguration

"Not for nothing have the sons

Remarks: Sage and any 12-year-old to be informed that he continues to toil not be-Otherwise

"You still have Germany," said Adolph Hitler, in a message to hungry Germans.

"The present order must be judged by its fruits and its of the Hamiltonians become on the San Francisco projects works. First, in the economic pseudo-Jeffesonians. The sons realm: want in the midst of who inherited the benefits of test to Washington from the local plenty, natural resources, and in- federalist development became of the American Federation of surance. Second, in politics and strict constructionists and advo- Government employees and the government: the subservience vates of states' rights, because Freelance Unit of the Northern trickery of parties and lobbies." -Prof. Charles A. Timm, University of Texas.

"It will be small comfort to Norman Thomas.

I.L.D. Urges You To Write to **Labor Prisoners**

Write to our working class political prisoners! This appeal has again been sent out by the International Labor Defense in the interest of seventeen working class victims confined in San Quentin, Folsom and Tehachapi prisons. All of those on the list were sentenced for their activities on behalf of the working class. Seven of them are serving as a result of the Modesto frameup engineered by the Standard Oil Com-

Here is the list: Tehachapi Prison: Nora Conklin, No. 5716, Caroline Decker, No. 57617; Louise Todd, No.

San Quentin: J. J. Cornelison, No. 37287; Jack Crane, No. 57605; M. A. Schmidt, No. 30704 (convicted with McNamara in the L.A. Times case); Martin Wilson, No. 57591; Pat Chambers, No. 57589; John Rodger, No. 58036; John Burrows, No. 58030; Henry Silva, No. 58033; Victor Johnson, No. 58032; Robert Fitzgerald, No. 58031; John Souza, No. 58035 Reuel Stanfield, No. 58034.

Folsom Prison: Warren K Billings, No. 37287; J. B. Mc-

Federal Theater Workers in L.A. Organize

LOS ANGELES. - Awakening to the need for organization, some ing held in the Mayan Theater wards forming an industrial organizational setup.

The organization is to include , electricians, playwrites, stage hands, stage carpenters, ushers, and all others below the rank of supervisors who are connected with the Theater project.

Plan of Action form from the following propo- ject's policies.

1. That all employees on the Federal Theater Project below

rank of supervisor.
3. Organization to work for solution of economic problems

and the furtherence of artistic

Representative Committee

5. To propose a provisional group of 18, eleven active and sure you of our wholehearted alternate, representative of all workers of projects to draw up and administration of the Fedconstitution and by-laws to be submitted at a future mass

All the proposals were passed including the last, which resulted in a committee being formed from the floor, and which met after the general session to discuss future plans.

Bay Area Writers Fight to Continue Federal Projects

"No Cuts-Work for All," was the slogan that answered the announcement of James Hopper Federal Writers' Project official that 26 would be lopped off the Writers' and Historical Survey Projects in Oakland.

Immediately after the announcement the project workers and the local Union of Professional Workers dispatched the following telegram to Harry L. Progress Administration in Wash-

"Word received that local Federal Writers' Project is to be cut thirty-seven per cent. Workprotest any cut in personnel. In face of threatened unemployment and want we shall resist this assault upon our standard of living with its concomitant insecurity and demoralization of the workers. We demand immediate rescinding of the order to

that he would sacrifice the souls cut the staff. Please wire reply." The union made further plans to appeal to the Central Labor Council and the labor movement generally.

Similar announcements of cuts were met with telegrams of promost of the great corporations in California Newspaper Guild, who which they are interested are planned also to appeal to the lamightier than the states." - bor movement including the San Francisco Labor Council.

Support the Workers' Press!

First Tabulation of Funds in Next Western Worker

So far in the drive for the Workers' Press in California it has been all planning and no money reported. Next issue we will begin the tabulation of the funds that have

been received at state headquarters! See that your section or county apparatus gets in the Western Worker. A free adver- idea" after the preposterous Hit-

front rank and stays there! One section has announced that it already has 20 per cent details are sent to us. of its quota raised. Will this section lead the column or will for three working class publi- possible to say of the present some other section or county cations, all of which have to be generation that Germany's "creacome to the front in the mean- supported by their readers. They time? There are some who have are the Daily Worker, Sunday not even reported their plans Worker and the Western Workfor the drive, and these are er. All funds collected should said, the creative artist will only urged to do so at once.

the sections and counties are Street, San Francisco. working on large-scale bazaars If you have not been reached licised widely including the pon:

tisement will be run in the ler racial theories. Western Worker, provided the Remember that the drive is

be sent to the Western Worker Now is the time when most of Drive Manager, 121 Haight Goebbels wants to see to it that

or other affairs. But many small by one of the local committees, parties are being held. All these sent your donation direct to the held aloft the ideal of returnparties and affairs should be pub- drive committee, using this cou-

WESTERN WORKER. 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

I want to see the workers' press continue to live and ...as a contribution to grow. I enclose \$ the combined annual drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker.

Name Street and No. City and State

Theater Workers Protest Coercion

Miller urges them to sign own dismissal I was standing in the front of 162 Third Street in the City of

By T. J. STEWARD

LOS ANCELES-New charges were flung at J. Howard Miller, western director of the Federal Theater projects, here December 3 when a group of militant workers objected to being coerced Outline for organization took into signing a petition to President Roosevelt lauding the pro-

The workers charge that the the the rank of supervisor should organize into a non-partisan, non-political, cooperative group.

2. Membership to be open to all workers of project below ler's policies, they feared re- petition which will please them." prisals.

Purpose Thinly Disguised The message, which officials intend to mail to the President,

bers of the Los Angeles Federal Theater project, extend to you the season's greetings and asapproval of the present policies eral project and solicit your support for its continuance.'

Incensed at what they term a subterfuge and charging that workers are being compelled to sign the petition, a committee of 12 wired Marvin McIntyre, secretary to President Roosevelt, Ready to Strike For protesting against its further cir-

The Blacklist One theater worker pointed out that numbered sheets are being distributed by supervisors for the signatures so that "an easy checkup of those who would not sign is possible."

will take effect about December ready to walk out.

petition is being circulated under 15, one project worker neatly the guise of Christmas greetings summed up the situation when

Complaints to Grow These complaints follow a

ers sending protests to Washington-demanding an investigation of the district director.

meeting for December 14 for the 4th street near Shipley. purpose of combatting the impending lay-offs and for representation in the project administration.

Japan Longshoremen Wage Increase

MOJI, Japan.—In order to win 15 percent increase in wages, democratic rights of democratic 1500

here loading coal are ready to fair wages and conditions for strike if necessary. So far the contract boss has

In reference to Miller's an- refused to grant the increase. The nouncement that a 20 per cent men presented an ultimatum, fol- proceeded to assault me, with slash in the project's personnel lowing a strike vote, and are the assistance of Officer Torres. slash in the project's personnel lowing a strike vote, and are

Lives Saved by Safety Nets

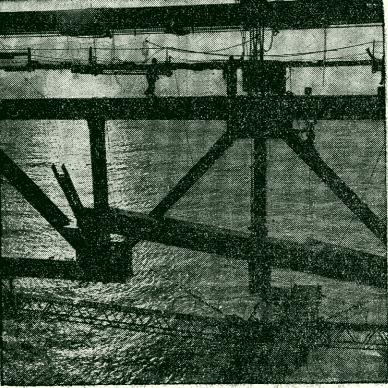


PHOTO SHOWS a section of the Golden Gate Bridge going up between San Francisco and Marin County. Safety nets installed on this job saved the lives of many workers; on the recently completed San Francisco-Oakland Bridge 22 lives were lost before safety nets were installed after labor protest.

Griticism of Art And Literature Banned by Nazis

BERLIN.-Latest of the Nazi acts of repression was announced here Nov. 27 with the complete suppression of all literary moion picture, musical and theatricriticism. Hereafter, only "contemplation" and "description" will be allowed.

The announcement was made by Paul Joseph Goebbels, Nazi minister of propaganda, and follows logically from previous re-strictions which force German authors to reflect the "national

Goebbels made the reasons clear enough by saying that half a century hence it will be imtive artists" and "real geniuses" were "pestered and martyred by critical gadflies." Henceforth, he have the state to worry about. no one will importune them to worry about reality.

In the same speech Goebbels ing to the earlier system of "patronage" in art, when the creative artist had to depend on pleasing wealthy individuals.

Voices of Labor

S.F. Police Give **Classic Defense** Of Human Rights

San Francisco. TO the Public of San Francisco, of California and of the United States:

At about the hour of 1:30 p. m., Friday, November 27, 1936, San Francisco, Calif., talking to another working man, when Police Officer George Dyer of the San Francisco Police Department approached me and interrogated

Witnesses will verify that I spoke with due courtesy and the man whom I was talking to at the time can and will testify to the fact that I conducted myself in a most peaceful and courteous manner and that I was not under the influence of liquor or other element.

No Stated Reason In no way was I molesting any citizen or conducting myself in

an unlawful manner. refused to tell me for what reason. I asked that I be allowed when the injunction matter is Dietrich the part of a monk to communicate with an attorney, but was refused the right One of the groups, headed by officers who happened to be at! Joan Storm, has called a mass the police receiving station on act in "One in a Million" will be

Officer G. Dyer struck me twice on the right side of my and study. . . Frank Conroy head and Officer S. Torres plexus when I asked that I be

allowed an attorney. Perfectly Legal

Just before Dyer struck me he removed my cap from my head and found some political literature explaining the Communist Party attitude on the longshoremen employed peoples to labor and receive their labors. Upon finding these pamphlets which are legal in every respect Officer Dyer then Later I was removed to the City Prison without the formality of being charged with a breach of the law. In the Bertillion room of 'the

City Prison three members of the police force beat me unmercifully for more than forty minutes. They twisted my arms, bent my fingers back, put their thumbs in my eyes, held my nose and twisted it, slugged me blacked my right eye, cauliflowered my right ear, smeared ink over my face and clothes, and struck me many times in the head and body. Internal Injuries

I have been examined by a physician and he informs me that I am suffering from internal injuries as a result of the treatment. The guardians of law and order also kicked me in the testicles when they had floored me from one of their assaults.

a second held my left arm in a procedure. similar fashion, while the third The two officers who held me also struck me many times. Refused Fingerprinting

printed or photographed. I did good for one year and a month

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE RUBAIYAT OF FUTURE STRUGGLE (Apologies to Edward Fitzerald and Omar Khayyam.)

SEVENTH INSTALMENT

Men hungered. We provided things to eat. Whatever men desired, we gave complete. No task too huge, too delicate, too hard, But what our boundless energy could meet.

Indeed, no task at all-trifling or grand,

Has ever been performed but by our hand; No progress ever moved beyond what our Strong hands could do or brains could understand. And having labored well, and having wrought

Abundance; has our labor gone for naught? For here, amidst the wonders of our hand, Man flounders in mad chaos-sick, distraught. Ah, this, like other tasks, is labor's fate;

To claim and take command of life's estate; To comb out chaos, regulate, bring order; To own as well as labor and create.

And this great task, no worker can evade; The last cruel, fiery tempering of the blade; The final goal of centuries of travail, To liberate the world that labor made.

This much is sure; the old world of decay must die, and all its greed be swept away. And out of courage, sacrifice and pain, A bright new Soviet world will greet the day. THE END.

HOLLYWOOD RESUME: A Publicity Writer Tells How It's Done

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD-Russell Birdwell, publicity chief for David Selznick Productions, is reported to have written a book about motion picture publicity. Interesting subject. Any field which influences public opinion is of importance to everyone. But we suggest that Birdwell give his book the title of Making News

out of Nothing. That's what *most movie publicity amounts letter from Barcelona. Delight-Screwiest ad we ever read is

Hills residents: If tropical fighting fish with red under-fin appears out of your water faucet, please notify Mr. B. at Repub-lic 0252." The phone number

is that of Selznick International Spanish "New Gulliver" Clasa Film Co. has acquired

Latin-American rights to the Soviet New Gulliver and will dub hip-swaying, in the screen verit with Spanish dialogue. . . sion of Personal Appearance. Bette Davis, still pouting at Good entertainment of the you-Warner Bros., and still kept from know-what kind. working by a restraining injunc-Officer Dyer arrested me and tion, has signed for a second

cleared up. . . The Marx Brothers wi to do so by Officer Dyer, Badge tour of one-night stands through No. 1123; Officer S. Torres, the south and southwest when Badge No. 735, and the other they finish "A Day at the Races" . . Sonja Henie's fancy skating the ape-man.

Ishown in slow-motion, for those who want to go to the movies plays President McKinley, with struck me twice in the solar Sidney Blackmer as Theodore man-rich girl story with new Roosevelt, in Fox's "Private Enemy." The private enemy will be Victor McLaglen.

Good news is the fact that the Hollywood American Legion stadium, where the movie stars en- the children he has engineered joy weekly prize fights, has let into the world to one reunion down the color line which up and straightens out their probuntil now had excluded all Ne- lems. gro boxers from fighting there. Two Negro boxers who previously appeared there had been and a Mexican.

allow Henry Armstrong, local fire and the ensuing trial. It Negro flash, into the ring, and gives a rather vivid idea of the also because the stadium man-stupid, bungling brutality of agers have long realized that the pro-labor temper of Hollywood ple of Germany. stars would not tolerate the discrimination much longer. . . Herbert Marshall, who has a sense of humor, says that that picture of his should be billed thus: "Girl's Dormitory" with Herbert Marshall (pronounced tion is a bit hard to follow in Simone Simon).

Stander's Let-Down

Though we like dogs, in their place, we submit this obituary, with Lotte Loebinger in the part which appeared in local papers, as a new low in something: Brownie-8-year-old Dashshund itself very much with the perowned by Carole Lombard, sonal histories of its characters; Cremated at Los Angeles Pet but keeps pretty closely to its Cemetery, Oct. 5." And there are point-a wholesale indictment of rickety babies who get buried Nazism and a tribute to the n potters' field.

note: Lionel Stander got a fan ing it.-R. W.

not at any time strike any of term of service. I was given no opportunity to the officers and did not use any defend myself. One guardian improper or provocative lantwisted behind my back, while my hands for the fingerprinting

American citizen, having served your honesty and integrity as a in the military services of the citizen. The reason they took this ac- U.S. and having been honorably tion is still a mystery to me. I discharged therefrom with charmerely refused to make a state- acter rating of excellent for a ment, sign any papers, be finger- three-year term and a rating of

ed, he imagined the Spanish people had already heard of the this which appeared in Holly-several moving speeches he has wood trade papers: "To Beverly made in their behalf. But, when he got it translated, it was simply a request for an autograph from a fan who had liked him in

several films. Films at a Glance GO WEST, YOUNG MAN: Slipping through the Hays office once again, Mae West makes her bow, with a good deal of

GARDEN OF ALLAH: In color like a 5c postcard, Charles film in England, to be made Boyer plays opposite Marlene

> torn between heavenly vows and TARZAN ESCAPES: Melodrama in the jungle has gone stale. Johnny Weismuller as

LOVE ON THE RUN: You should run to see this. It's funnier than Libeled Lady. Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone in a newspaper-

laugh situations. REUNION: Follow-up on "The Country Doctor" to further capitalize on the Dionne quints The country doctor invites all

DER KAMPF

motion picture "Der Kampf" at the Grand Internaadvertised as a San Blas Indian tional theater in Los Angeles is an exposure of Nazi terrorism Bars have been let down to in connection with the Reichstag the Nazi fight against the peo-

The film was made in Russia by German refugees from The Terror, and the dialogue is in German with English subtitles. It is well cast, well produced, and very well filmed. The ac-

spots but the story is so simple that this is no great drawback. The acting is good throughout, of the Mother doing the best. The picture does not concern

consummate courage of the mil-Closing on a more humorous lions of Germans who are fight-

With a life of conscientious, honest toil and denial as a reof the law held my right arm guage. I merely refused to open ward for my efforts I can see no reason for the guardians of law and order taking this procedure I have no criminal record. I against me... If they will treat spent most of his time trying to have never been arrested or con- one working man or citizen in fingerprint me and slugging me. victed for any criminal offense this manner they certainly will whatsoever. I am a native born not stop at you, regardless of

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FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY CHALLENGES PREMIER BLUM TO DEBATE SPANISH POLICY

Letter Points Out Obvious Difference of Opinion On Spanish Question Between Government and French Masses

PARIS-While Premier Blum fiddled around with the idea of a three-way pact between France, Great Britain and the United States against the Fascist threat to European peace, the Communist Party of the Paris district brought matters back to earth in a letter challenging Blum and ★Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos to

debate the Spanish civil war **MEXICO LABOR** HITS FASCISTS

planned campaign of strikes and boycotts against all Spaniards announced there would be no my own Spain, children of your in Mexico who sympathize with general strike in that industry, or make contributions to the when the government promised

public feeling in Mexico.

which has upheld the right of ests of world peace and French

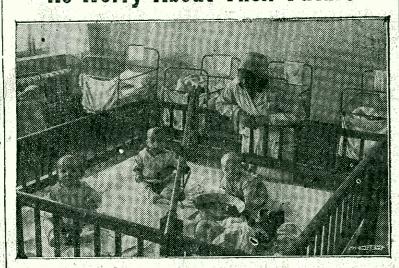
The CTM's campaign will be General Strike in Fascists; such action will be folures of the strike and boycott.

the campaign.

National Salvation

sistance against Japan.

No Worry About Their Future



THE SOVIET UNION is a republic of the workers and farmers and the children of the workers and farmers need never worry about their children's future. Every educational opportunity is open to the yong without cost-indeed, in the higher schools and colleges the students are paid regular wages. Photo shows Soviet babies playing in a factory nursery in Ural-Wagonstroi, huge car-building enterprise.

"La Pasionaria"

MADRID.-Ruben Ruiz (Ibarruri), son of Dolores Ibarruri, or "La Pasionaria," member of the Central Committee of the Spanish Communist Party, wrote the following letter to the So-Blum also came under fire for viet Union:

"Comrades and Brothers, Children of the Great Socialist

"I am sending you the brotherly greetings of the children of own age, who are bravely helping their parents and brothers to fight for the liberty and happiness of the Spanish people.

"Happy Soviet children! You are today celebrating the new U. S. Won't Enter Pact anniversary of the Great Revo-Possibility that the United lution which gave you such States might enter such a three-| splendid life, such a beautiful children.

You are listening to the thunder of festival orchestras-while we, the Spanish children, hear deport "undesirable aliens," to off" policy, regardless of the ef- the thunder of cannonade and those Spaniards whose propa- fects of such a course in Eu- the whistle of bullets. But we are not frightened by it, we Blum has persisted in the dis- know that our fathers and moastrous "non-intervention" policy ers have sworn to conquer the The Mexican government's po- on the Spanish civil war, play- enemy, to destroy Fascism, and sition in the Spanish situation is ing directly into the hands of to obliterate it from the face of the Spanish Fascists, Nazi Ger-many and Fascist Italy, and "We are very deeply gratefu

> working contrary to the interyour aid given to the women and children of Spain. Thanks to you for all of it!

"May the traitor generals who want to do with Spain what the Fascists have done with Ethiopia, know that they will not suc-

certain of it. I congratulate you

Stamps Issued to Support Spanish Refugee Fund

NEW YORK-A stamp to help The industrywide strike, if Spanish refugees, fleeing from 1,200 match workers already on the American Committee for tional headquarters of the Northstrike in Duluth and Belfonte, Protection of Foreign Born, to who are demanding contract raise funds for Spanish anti-Fas- used to buy clothing, food and police and 700 of the strikers. with the match companies which cist families who have been fortions of the National Salvation will give them wage increases, ced to flee their homeland and to the Spanish people. seniority rights and union recog- see krefuge in France.

nition. Approximately 4,000 The stamps sell at 10 cents match workers hold member- each and can be obtained in any ship in federal unions, the ma- quantity from the Spanish Re-Avenue, New York City.

Peasants in the Spanish Revolution

Fascists Will Not | 500,000 Paraded In Pass, Says Son of Funeral of Famed Spain Syndicalist

BARCELONA.—A half-million men, women and children march- ered. ed in mourning at the funeral here of Buenaventura Durruti, of Madrid.

the coffin, which was born on trol of industry by workers, nathe shoulders of militiamen.

'Big Three" of recent years, of which the only survivor is Juan Garcia, now Spanish Minister of Justice. The third Syndicalist leader, Francisco Ascaso, was shot dead at Durruti's side on July 20th while the Fascist rebellion was being put down in Barcelona.

Durruti was 40 years old.

Azana Thanks L.A For Aid to Spain

LOS ANGELES. - Greetings and thanks to Los Angeles for its contribution donated at the "The Fascists will not pass! huge mass meeting held here "And you, children of the hap- November 17th, have been piest land of the world, may be cabled by the Spanish govern- But thus far the Kuo upon your holiday and greet Leitner, secretary of the North out to Japanese imperialism, has Spanish Democracy.

The cable read: "In the name

of President Azana congratulations and thanks for your mag nificent act of solidarity." tinez, personal secretary to Aza- Textile Mills It was signed by Santoz Mar-

The committee here has forwarded over \$7000 to the naern American Committee to be medical supplies to be shipped

BIG STORES STRUCK PHILADELPHIA. - Five major department stores have been

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, IS NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNE IN CANTON, CHINA

Although Short-Lived, Canton Commune Was Important Contribution to the Revolution in China

Next Friday, December 11th, will mark the ninth anniversary of the historic Canton Commune, a high point in the revolutionary struggle of the Chinese people to free themselves from foreign oppression and from the oppression of ment of Spain. the Chinese capitalists and landowners.

of Fascism. Seeks

United Front

auditorium during the first of a

series of lectures sponsored by

the Youth Committee of the

Hollywood Anti-Nazi League,

"Fascism is the die-hard stand

of the great industrialists who

still think the old markets can

"Red Herring"

trail and to cloud the real is-

He explained that the crisis

direct result of contradictions

within capitalist society—namely

Capitalism Causes War

industrialists of each respective

country seek to alleviate this by

having foreign markets for their

goods, but as the world is only

so large, they conflict with one

In analyzing the individual

under the present system, he

stated, "people are made to fit

machines, not machines to fit

"Remake the World"

ploitation, and racial oppression,

ers may buy back the goods they

Dr. Browne called for a United

Front, telling the Anti-Nazi

League that their front was but

a sector of the entire movement

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"To do away with war, ex-

another, culminating in war.

This condition, he continued, is

than they are paid in return.

be won," he stated.

Sunday night, November 29th.

After working with the Communist Party of China in the capitalist-democratic revolutionary movement, the Koumintang NOTED AUTHOR had, in the last half of 1927, surrendered to foreign capitalsurrendered to foreign capitalism and turned to persecution of the Communist Party.

Heroic Communards

On December 11, 1927, the and set up Soviets, only to be crushed after three days by the Kuomintang generals aided by British and other foreign military assistance. Six thousand workers were brutally slaught-

Cantonese Communards The did not have sufficient prepara-Anarcho-Syndicalist leader and tion, but the Canton Commune chief of the Durruti Column, who contributed much to the revowas killed fighting in defense lutionary movement of China, short-lived though it was.

President Luis Companys of The Soviet government set up Catalonia, other members of the proclaimed its revolutionary pol-Catalan government, and Soviet icy, which included the eight-Consul General Vladimir Anto- hour day for workers, increase noff-Ovseenko, walked behind of wages, social insurance, contionalization of large enterprises Durruti was the first Anarcho and banks, confiscation of other Syndicalist leader to see the property of the rich and its disnecessity of participating in the tribution among the needy, and Popular Front Government, and confiscation of land of the to use the government to organ- wealthy. It also proclaimed ize the fight against the Fascists, complete freedom of assembly He was one of the Syndicalist and speech for the toiling

Red Army Born

Two months after suppression of the Canton Commune, Soviets that the workers produce more were set up in the Hi-lo-fung district in the same province and lasted three years. With the several thousands of labeled "overproduction." The

armed workers and soldiers who succeeded in breaking through from Canton, the first Chinese Red Army unit was formed. Today some 80,000,000 Chinese eople are living in Red China,

countless times against the Kuomintang armies seeking to crush

Seeks Unity Against Japan Today Soviet China calls upon the Chinese people to unite including the Kuomintang-in a war of national defense against we must do away with the eco-Japanese aggression in China. nomic cause," he said. "We must intang remake the world so that workment, announced by Aurel J. has continued its role of selling American Committee to Aid refused to unite the Chinese people in a war of liberation.

18,000 Strike At 5 Japanese-Owned

SHANGHAI, China,-Strike of 18,000 workers in five Japaneseowned textile mills took a new turn following a clash between The strike began as a resul

of dismissal of 43 workers in one mill. Workers in other mills struck in sympathy, or began a "go-slow" movement and were locked out by the management. All of the mills are closed and are being picketed.

Japanese marines sent into the district were withdrawn at request of mill owners, who feared their presence might incite riot ng, due to the strength of anti Japanese sentiment among the textile workers. International Settlement police have been called

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Farmers' Holiday **Protests to Back Up Spain People**

MINNEAPOLIS. - Standing People, the National Farmers Holiday Association sent to the German Ambassador and the Italian Ambassador at Washington, D.C., the following telegram:

The National Farmers' Holi day Association strongly protests the action of your government in giving official recognition to the fascist Spanish general Franco, as the official govern-

We regard this action as a disavowal of the right of the try to have a government of a right is one most precious to the American people.

By this action of your gov-

ernment you endorse a military nsurrection of a minority of the Spanish people and are thereby aiding the forces of oppression, on December 11, 1921, the workers of Canton seized power Bares Economic Base autocracy and despotism, and attacking the people of the world. We call upon you as an official representative of the German government to withdraw recognition of the fascist insur-LOS ANGELES .- Tearing the rection and to continue recognimask off Fascism, Dr. Lewis tion of the democratically elected Browne, noted author and lecgovernment of the Spanish peoturer, spoke before some 600 people crammed into the narrow confines of the Writers' Club

National Farmers Holiday Assn John Bosch, President. Dale Kramer, Secretary.

Chief of Police Baker Challenges HOUSTON STRIKE NEWS

halt picketing by "any maritime the Fascists. group" in the city, regardless of ts affiliation with the American "Jew oppression is merely an Federation of Labor, was decreed opportunistic move, done to by T. F. Baker, chief of police, draw the red herring across the Saturday .- (Port Arthur News, Sunday, November 21st.)

This is a direct challenge to local labor. Will the Trades which caused the reign of fas- and Labor Council permit Chief cism to be instituted was a Baker to take such a bold stand?

MEXICO ARMY STANDS FIRM

Reactionaries Unable To Turn Soldiers Against Govt.

MEXICO CITY-Attempts of reactionaries, the church hierarchy and Fascists to stir up the army against the Mexican people and the Cardenas government, have failed completely. Raising the cry that the gov-

ernment was "denuding" Mexico majority of the people of a coun- of its arms to ship them to help "foreign" country (Spain), their own choosing. This historic the reactionaries did their worst. Last May, the Communist Party of Mexico first called for the people to fraternize publicly with the army. The rank and file, and most of the officers of the army, are from the poorest

peasantry and working class. Early in November the government arranged a meeting of solidarity between the soldiers, workers and peasants-held in the magnificent Theater of Belles Artes-where all pledged unbreakable solidarity.

Mexico's army is solidly behind President Cardenas in carrying out the momentous tasks of land distribution, helping organize the peasants, fostering unification of the working class, as well as in helping Spain and world peace. In Mexico, as in France and

Spain, the program of the People's Front advances the inter-Expanding his police order to ests of the people and confounds

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question before the French mass-Stating there was an "obvious difference of opinion on the Spanish question between the overnment and the masses," the etter proposed Blum and Delbos meet with a Communist and "representative of another CTM to Boycott and a party of the People's Front fa-Strike Fascist vorable to raising the blockade against the Spanish government" Outfits in open debate at the Palais des French Masses for Spain Aid (Mexican Labor News Dispatch) Huge mass meetings have re-MEXICO CITY-Many Spanpeatedly raised the demand of lards and Spanish commercial "arms to Spain" to aid the Pophouses here, who have been ular Front Government of Spain openly sympathizing with the feat off the Fascist attacks. Spanish Fascists' rebellion, are being attacked by organized laproposing compulsory arbitration of strikes, for which the Social-The Confederation of Mexican ist Premier succeeded in gaining Workers (CTM) has resolved a cabinet approval. The metal workers' unions

Spanish Fascists. Regardless of the result of passed by Parliament to metalpetitions independently submit- lurgical industries by Decemted to the government by the ber 6th. CTM, the campaign will be car-

Asks Deportation of Fascists The CTM has asked the government to apply Article 33 of was considered very unlikely. the Constitution, under which the President is empowered to ganda in favor of the rebels has done much to arouse dangerous

the legally constituted Spanish security. government under international law to purchase arms and am- in effect, a blockade against the munition, and the identity of legal government of Spain, while aims and composition of the two the Fascist nations have violated governments has been frequent- the pact to back the Fascist ly affirmed by Mexican offi- rebels.

and demonstrations in front of commercial establishments proved to be working for the Spanish Looms in U.S. lowed up by the extreme meas-

Spanish workers employed by strike in the match industry reactionary firms are cooperat-loomed as all federal unions afing actively with the CTM in

TUIYUAN, China.-New sec-

Chinese Organize for called, will be in support of the Fascists, has been issued by

Association are being organized in Shansi Province to expose national traitors, bring about national liberation of the Chinese

people, and work for armed re- jority of which are centered in fugee Fund, Room 1409, 100 Fifth struck by the American Federa-

the majority of the army, con-

of soldiers represents the price

the republican parties, the So-

cialists and the Anarchists are

paying for their neglect of peas-

ant demands for many years,

However, there are tremendous

grounds for the active participa-

tion of the Spanish peasants in

Like Calif. Field Workers

are two million agricultural

workers. Although in many of

the northern districts they are

still under the influence of the

landlords and the clericals, the

agricultural workers, even in the

most backward provinces, are

an element of revolutionary fer-

This big strata of the agricul-

In the Spanish villages there

ies of the people.

the revolution.

Specific Features of Spanish Situation By M. ERCOLI (Third Installment) How do matters stand with the peasants? It is known that

role of the working class in this public. peasants, were dragged along by the officers, and during the first alliance. days of the rising found themmillion peasants consist mostly selves in the camp of the enemof poor peasants, mercilessly ex-And the fact that the Fascist turies, and passionately expectofficers were able to draw to their side relatively large groups

Study and Discuss These Articles

This is the third of a series of six articles on the Spanish revolution by a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, reprinted for the use of study groups, classes and Communist Party units.

Questions on any point or phase in these articles are welcome, and will be answer ed on this page. Succeeding installments will

be on the petty bourgeoisie, or middle-class; capitalist class and the People's Front, in retural working class in Spain lation to the Spanish revoluopens up wide possibilities for tion. the workers' organizations to in- *

solidating the alliance of the working class with the peasants fluence of the church, undoubtsisting mainly of the sons of and strengthening the leading edly sympathize with the re that Galicia is the only district

to enforce the 40-hour week bill

way pact as proposed by Blum

U. S. policy in relation to Eu-

rope has always been a "hands

many and Fascist Italy, and

"Non-intervention" has meant

BARBERTON, - A general

filiated with the National Match

Council of America prepared to

Match Industry

take a strike vote.

ropean politics.

ing land and liberty from the revolution.

the peasant masses, These masses of peasants, lib- rarian Party with a program of

And although the military have taken up the armed strug-Moreover, the remaining three units of the People's Militial gle against the rebels and are contain compact groups of peas- now organizing a guerilla strug-

> as yet caused little trouble to characteristic that in the Catalothe Fascist rebels by their ac- nian villages, where this organtions. But their entrance into the active struggle is inevitable. The millions of the peasant reserves are getting into motion and they will soon say their decisive word.

> Spanish peasants lived outside out compensation of all the land political life. A distinguishing of the landlords, the church and feature of Spain is the fact that the Spanish peasants entered the of the peasants, was the revolution without having their party of the working class, the national party. Galician Peasants Fight

drawing them into the active erated from the servitude of mo-struggle against the local feudal struggle against Faseism, con- narchist prejudices, gradually privileges known as "foros." This freeing themselves from the in- party fell to pieces in 1934-35. But it is interesting to note

where the peasants en masse

ants, nevertheless the millions gle at the rear of the reactionploited and oppressed for cen-turies, and passionately expect- entered the active struggle The Catalonian organization of against the Fascist rebels. With share-croppers and tenant farmthe exception of Galicia, there ers, the so-called "Rabassaires," is not yet a wide guerilla move- has also some of the distinguishing features of a political party In the rear the peasants have of the peasants. And it is also

> have had no success. Only C.P. Aided Peasants The only party which fearless ly defended both the immediate demands of the peasants and the For long years the illiterate demand for the confiscation withthe monasteries for the benefit

ization is influential, the Fascists

The only attempt to form a to carry with it the broad masspeasant party was made in Ga-les of peasants. licia by the priest Basilio Alver- (To be continued in three more ez, who formed the Galician Ag- installments.)

Communist Party. Unfortunately,

it was not yet sufficiently strong

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Employers Cheated Workers Out of Piece

Work Rates; Only Alternative Was

For Workers to Call Strike

By a Textile Worker

fair to the worker, is the basis upon which the pay is de-

termined in these bag shops, which are on strike here now.

In order to get piece work

pay, you have to make it stead-

Cheated of Rating

Employers Always Chiseling

of wages being reduced, piece

the week's vacation with pay

Bag work is seasonal. There-

fore, during the busy season,

apprentices' wages, but when

the lay-off comes, many old

Old Workers Laid Off

Then during slack times, we

work only part time and, again,

it is the old workers who are

given the most time off in or-

Indeed, the wage scale is a

very clever scheme. Men and

women are hired at 27 cents an

hour. At the end of three

are penalized by two

more further lay-off.

sew at reduced rates.

times.

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New Year's Eve

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To illustrate other practices,

SAN FRANCISCO-Piece work, which is decidedly un-

LABOR AND **POLITICS**

By John Broman

Assemblyman William Moseley Jones, of Los Angeles, is supposed to be an Epic; at least, he was Epic-endorsed when elected in 1934 and when reelected in 1936.

Therefore, it's surprising and alarming to progressives in California to hear him referred to as a candidate for speaker of sary of your birthday, Novemthe Assembly as "Senator Mc-Adoo's choice."

Naturally, it would be a good thing to have a progressive speaker of the next State Assembly, but such reports as the which, incidentally,

en't denied by Jones-cause ne to wonder if Jones isn't going to the right pretty fast and if he is remaining a progressive. Nobody can have any illusions about McAdoo being a "progressive." An oil millionaire, Mc-Adoo represents the wealthy, privileged people of California, and praise or approval from him no recommendation for anybody to the workers, small farmers and middle class people.

Can't Afford Tarring . . .

In the last legislature, Jones was floor-leader for the Epic assemblymen, but in the Epic conventions of this year, he appeared to be going with the right-wing of the Epics led by State Senator Culbert L. Olson.

It is to be hoped that the reports that Jones is "McAdoo's man" are false, and also that Jones issues a public statement against such reports.

Progressives can't afford to let themselves get tarred with the brush of reaction.

S.F. Police Graft Probe . . . Edwin N. Atherton, ex-"G-Man" and chief police graft investigator in San Francisco, would have us believe he's disillusioned with his job and with the people.

there is "public apathy."

be surprised if Atherton complains because there isn't any Santa Claus. That is the extent of the beef he is raising.

Is Atherton Childish? . . .

How could Atherton expect public officials to co- men had an unusual run of bad fatte, or for that matter for Juck. One boat came in with the overwhelming majority of only 29 salmon. the officials really to cooperate in uncovering the graft in San

Is he so childish as to believe give him any information that anyway if we did have a good will incriminate themselves? run." graft goes up much, much higher than the lower police officers thus far indicted, much higher even than the police captains suspended. And another thing—the big-

wigs of business and finance in San Francisco aren't going to let these officials, whom they put into office, do any talking fear the bigwigs themselves ould be unmasked.

And Atherton complains o

"public apathy." How can he expect the work-

No Real Investigation . . .

ing people and middle class people of San Francisco to raise any enthusiasm about the kind of graft investigation he is conducting? These people know that this graft investigation has never been what the capitalist newspapers and the capitalists call out of hand," that it's been directed toward having a few scapegoats so that graft can con-

And Atherton admits graft is

continuing.

What the majority of these working people don't understand yet, but will in the near future, is that a real, thorough-going graft investigation can be conducted in San Francisco, and at that kind of an investigation

ill be conducted when a Labor Party government replaces the Mayor Rossi machine.

Sunnyvale, Mountain View Spanish People Aid Spanish Govt.

By a Worker Correspondent

MOUNTAIN VIEW. — The Spanish people of Sunnyvale and ing together for the cause of democracy in Spain. From the following it will be seen that the results have been very favorable. On October 19th, a motion pic-

ure was shown in Sunnyvale, hich netted 184.23. A house-toouse collection brought in \$215.40—total \$399.63.

On November 3rd, a motion picture was shown in Mountair View. This brought in 448.10. This same evening a handmade bedspread was donated and raf-fled, which brought in \$102—total \$550.10.

This money was sent to Spain via France.

Birthday Tribute To Gallagher

LOS ANGELES.—Leo Galla-

gher, famed labor lawyer for the International Labor Defense, received the following letter of congratulation on his birthday last month from Tom Mooney, in County Jail No. 1, San Francisco: Dear Comrade Gallagher:

My warmest comradely greetings to you on the 50th anniverber 7th.

I have never forgotten the splendid services you have rendered in my case and in the various working-class causes which take up your entire time. May your birthdays in the future be numerous and all of them happy in the thought of splendid. magnificent services well rendered in the cause of the common good of the only force in society worth working for; those the toilers.

You are their staunch champion and defender, and words of praise cannot be sung too loud and long in behalf of you.

Regrets Plot Against Gallagher May I at this time express my sincere regret at the attempt of must eventually go on the block. In your persecution, you are and loved by your co-workers.

Again from the depths of a grateful heart go my warmest comradely greetings and profound, heartfelt, thankful appreciation for your many and continued splendid services to ourselves and the cause for the

Fraternally yours, TOM MOONEY, 31921.

Employers Fail to ficials in the city government haven't cooperated, and that there is "multi-series". At this rate, nobody should Alaska Canners

By an Alaska Canner (Continued from previous issues) BRISTOL BAY, Alaska.-For the next three days the fisher-

At the landing the fishermen were asked their luck, to which they replied: "What difference does it make-you fellows that these officials are going to wouldn't be able to pack them

That's what it amounts to, for the cannery to see for themselves that local the cannery to see for themselves.

Area manager found nime drunk on the job.

Area managers have been just what delayed the canning. break down, they went away not the responsibility of the men.

> that this had been a move to When the company insisted that the cannery workers were at fault, the fishermen offered to leave a few men behind when they went out again. These men were to help the cannery workers put up the pack, but the company refused this offer of help on the part of the fisher-

From that time on it was hard to convince the fishermen that ve were no good.

Bad luck still dogged the fish ermen, till rumors began to go the rounds that the company was going to send us home if the run did not change. Bosses Lies Spiked

On the 2nd of July they brot in a catch that was destined to Riverside Wealthy be the biggest of the season. We went to work at 3 a.m. and worked till midnight, while the men at the canning tables and at the lye tanks worked till 1 and 2 a.m., respectively. Even the machines had a tough run.

We had a run of more than 400.000 cans, which settled once and for all the question as to whether the men could put out

the work or not. More rumors to the effect that charcoal and nails were being put in the cans, and that some men were tearing down the piles of stacked cans—all of which had no foundations.

I can say one thing for the ones responsible for all these lies and rumors and that is, that if nothing came of these rumors and lies, it surely wasn't Mountain View have been work- their fault. They tried hard it's not how you spread it—the enough, but somehow they just trick is to make it STICK. could not make it stick. Which

Tom Mooney Pays FOOD COMMODITY DIVISION OF WPA SLASHES WAGES OF WORKERS IN "NEW SET-UP"

Workers Must Do Same Work As Before For Less Pay; Only Political Favorites Given "Breaks"

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES-On November 28th, a new set-up took place in the food commodity division of W.P.A. which caused various workers to be laid off and others to receive cuts in their pay.

cently.

Starting at that time the com- * is, some commissaries will remain open two days a week while others will remain open three days a week.

And here comes the rub. Those workers retained will take cuts workers retained will take cuts workers wages. The \$85 workwho create the world's work, in their wages. The \$85 workers will receive \$65 per month and the \$65 workers will receive \$55 per month-doing the same work and putting in the same number of hours as before.

Here let me cite you an illustration. The man who has been the reactionary forces in Los in charge of the clothing divis-Angeles to disbar you for state- ion at Com. No. 1 is being transments alleged to you during the ferred to rotate at Com. No. 2 recent political campaign? This for two days a week and Com. is to be expected. Every true No. 4 for three days a week. fighter in behalf of the workers He will do the same type of work and put in the same number of hours as before. He honored and respected, admired formerly drew \$85 per month. He will now draw \$65.

He is being replaced at Com. No 1 which will remain open five days a week, by a former manager of Com. No. 2, who will have the title of assistant manager at Com. No. 1, and will do the work of the former clothing clerk, for which the assistant manager will receive \$100

per month. All of these things are taking place while the cost of living is advancing and contrary to the former W.P.A. wage scale which has never been changed by the officials from Washington.

which have not been carried out by Commander Richards head of the Commodity Division. No manager was to be employed on the W.P.A. set-up of the food division unless he had been certified for relief. In cases where those whom

certified, case numbers were instance where one such person was finally dismissed because

eliminated and a new set-up department, a round trip of After watching the machinery made. Zone supervisors have replaced the area managers. satisfied that the delays were They are political favorites who have been working for quite Some of them then realized some time and only one of these new zone supervisors is a formsplit the unity of the unions. er relief client. One is an appointee of Ham Cotton, Have these political workers received any cut in salaries? That, we have not heard of as yet, and

we doubt it. And last, but not least, the following are the rations for persons calling at the commissaries the week of November 28th to December 4th inclusive: One person in family will re-

ceive for his monthly ration: About five pounds of vegetables (beets, carrots, turnips). Two pounds of cooking prunes very poor quality).

One pound of soap powder how can he eat that?),

Like Blockade Against Jobless

By a Worker Correspondent RIVERSIDE. — The local Kiwanis Club, composed of the better-off business men, bankers and that type, went on record here unanimously for the Hitlerlike move of Sheriff Carl Rayburn in the latter's efforts "to protect the county against the entry of undesirable transients."

"Undesirable transients" is interpreted as being anybody who is out of work and broke. If the wealthy people can't make pro-fit out of workers, they haven't got any use for them.

remands me of the old saw that (To be continued.)

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SAN DIEGO. - The Workers'

A project of professionals known as the "Prevention of

Juvenile Delinquency Project" has the record of being the first

of San Diego when an experienced musician, who was requested by the head of the Musician's Project, was at once shunted off to a janitor's job by the WPA Professional Office. It looked hopeless until the Alliance took it up, and before

for the Musician's Project. The victory brought admiration and respect to the Workers' Al-Further acts of discrimination sicians who previously had callare direct violations of orders ed it "a worthless organization," several since stating, "If every he should have. unemployed musician in the county joined the Alliance, every musician would be working at

his profession."

Win in Escondido they wished to remain were not of the Workers Alliance in the other Musicians Project. manufactured so that they could Band was engaged to play in keep their jobs. I know of one San Bernardino, nearly 100 miles north, but they were afforded no was certified in this manner and transportation or money for gasoline. Men were also being called the Area Manager found him one by one to San Diego for medical examinations and appointments with the adjustment

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HENRY FORD (Left) who expects to put out 1,300,000 cars next year, and President Thomas P. Henry of the American Automobile Assn., discuss prospects for the industry. Auto magnates look forward to lots of prosperity in 1937, but they hate to share any of it with employees. However, United Automobile Workers' Union organization campaign is proceeding well and the auto workers will have something to say about wages and conditions.

Alliance has made many signal Browder and Ford victories here in the last month in organizing the professional Polled 97 Votes workers, and the Alliance has In Butte County won many victories for them re-

By a Worker Correspondent OROVILLE. - The final Butte County election results showed 97 votes for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, our Communist presidential candidates. The Socialist candidate, Norman Thomas, polled 130 votes.

Roosevelt received 10,490 votes to 5103 for Landon. Vernon Dennis Healy, our

Communist candidate for Congress in the 1st District, received 156 votes. of gasoline. On the second case

they won their demand that the men come into San Diego together, thus saving themselves a one morning had passed, they large amount in money. had the man's assignment slip On another Musician's Project

here, the head of the project threatened to publicly thrash a musician, who was a member of liance from even those few mu- the Workers' Alliance, because he did not play as many stanzas as the leader silently thought The musician who was threat-

ened took the case up with his superiors till he reached the head of the WPA Administration here, and as a result he was put in Another victory was won by the leader's place and the browmusicians who were members beating one transferred to an-

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Pro-Fascists See "Red Spots"

By a Worker Correspondent

BRAWLEY.-All the reaction-

Here and There":

"Soviet Plane?

the sky some of these bright fall days and see a Red plane flying work rates were drastically cut; over Brawley, do not become alarmed for it will not be part was taken away, the same with of Soviet government air force, the five minutes' rest period and but Gene Anderson, president of the Christmas dinner and the \$5 the Brawley Chamber of Com- present. None of these things merce, in his new monoplane. have been restored even though Anderson is mighty proud of the they are making better these bright red 'ship of the air.'" "Communist? . . . Nay.

Profiteer Sweats "The name of George Mauer new people have to be hired at appears on the sample ballots being received by Brawley and workers go because they dare making \$2.67 more a week than Imperial County voters as an elector for the Communist can-

Maurer, of Brawley and Westmorland district, stormed into our office this morning to tell us he wasn't that George Mauer. We knew that before but we let George get steamed up just der to keep the pay roll down. the same. And boy—can Mauer der to keep the pay roll down.

If you can't come in when they get peeved when he wants to?" hese reactionaries are plenty send for you immediately, you scared because they know that someday there is going to be a reckoning for their treatment of the agricultural workers of this valley, when these workers get 100 percent unionized, so now they're trying to raise the "red months, they are raised to 30 scare" in advance. These wealthy cents, and at the end of six growers and bankers want to months, to 33 1-3 cents. The keep their ill-gotten gains at the men, after seven years or more expense of the working people. are raised to about \$18 per week

Imperial Valley

aries and pro-Fascists in the Imperial Valley seem to have red spots before their eyes all the time.

The Brawley News recently printed the following two paragraphs in a column headed Snapshots of Comment Heard

"If you happen to look into

didate, Earl Browder, George apprentices.

The women have reached their ily for one week. (Nothing over maximum when they get 33 1-3 \$2.66 which is State Minimum cents an hour, provided they do wage, is considered riece work. not slave on piece work and sometimes then make a little If by chance you are taken more. There is no raise for of fthat particular job or an them except in the un-American entirely different type of bag is and un-union system of piece to be sewed, then you lose your work. Such practices are inpiece work rate for that entire deed like the sweat shop system in the east. In other words, you have Our reasons for walking out

worked, perhaps, three or four in the Bemis shop three weeks days and made some piece work, ago, in connection with above, but on the fifth day circumstan- were because we were doing ces that are beyond your control "scab" work from Ames & Haroccur, then you lose what you ris of Portland who are on and because they have slaved all week to make. strike, Furthermore, the workers' brought in girls who had quit output is not judged by the at the end of the season and number of bags she sews, but told them they were needed, by the stitches. It sometimes because all the orders had to takes from one to two bags to be out that Friday.

Very evidently they meant to constitute the required stitches, depending upon the size of the lock us out as such activity is unusual in the slack season.

The workers, therefore, were given no alternative but to walk the power machines in the cot- out. We aren't looking for ton department are slower than trouble. In fact, we have tried those in the burlap department, to avoid this thing since the so naturally the C. D. rates are general strike of 1934 when the slightly higher. Thus when a company hired "scabs" to carry cotton order has to be rushed, on the work, and threatened to part is given to the B. D. to have the orders filled in the east if the employees did not During the depression, instead come back to work.

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The WESTERN WORKER in this issue brings to trade unionists the significance of what went on at the 56th annual convention of the A.F.L., recently concluded in Tampa, Florida. This is an issue which sends out a clarion call for unity of the labor movement. Such a paper needs and deserves the support of all trade unionists. Aid the \$12,000 financial drive of the Western Worker. See elsewhere in this issue for details.

LABOR FACES SERIOUS NEED TO REUNITE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, HALTING SPLIT

Reinstatement of 10 CIO Unions, and AFL Referendum on Industrial Unionism Should Be Demand

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ultra-reactionary policies by these mis-leaders of labor; the climax of the persistent attempt of the reactionary A.F.L. leadership to choke out every semblance of progress in the American trade union movement.

For many years the dominant leaders in the Executive Council have made war against all efforts of the progressive and revolutionary forces within the union to give the trade union movement an effective industrial and political policy. These officials have ruthlessly suppressed trade union democracy, condoned rule by gangsters and racketeers, callously sold out and broke strikes, maintained alliance with employers and corrupt politicians, paid themselves enormous salaries at the expense of underpaid workers, and been inveterate enemies of the workers organizing themselves politically into a Farmer-Labor Party.

The A.F.L. reactionary top leaders have always refused to organize the unorganized masses in the great trustified industries because they fear the new leadership and militant policies that are bound to arise from the successful organization of these workers. And when organization campaigns in the mass production industries have developed in spile of the A.F.L. leaders, these time-serving bureaucrats have shamelessly sabotaged and defeated them.

Organizing the Unorganized

The dominant A.F.L. leaders for thirty years have also resisted with every weapon at their disposal the long struggle of the left wing and progressive elements in the labor movement to reorganize the antiquated craft unions upon an industrial basis. They have striven desperately to maintain their horse and buggy system of craft unionism in the face of the mechanization, specialization rationalization and trustification of industry that render craft unionism obsolete and make industrial unionism imperative for the mass of the workers. Consequently, the trade unions only contain a fraction of the organizable workers in industry.

Under the pressure of the great strike struggles and organization campaigns of the early Roosevelt period and the growth of a strong industrial union bloc of unions led by John L. Lewis, paigns. The majority of the craft union members are opposed to president of the U.M.W.A., the 1934 A.F.L. convention in San Francisco was compelled to adopt a resolution at least partly cil splitters. supporting the policy of organizing the workers in the mass production industries on the basis of industrial unionism. But the reactionary A.F.L. leaders never considered this resolution as more than a gesture, a "scrap of paper" concession forced from them in the midst of the prevailing labor upheaval. The Executive Council majority had no intentions of putting this resolution into effect, and they have not done so. On the contrary, they have deliberately sabotaged it and have been a constant barrier dums to be initiated in individual craft unions. against the development of industrial unionism and trade union organization in the mass production industries. This reactionary ducted by the C.I.O. in the steel, textile, auto, rubber, needle and attitude was quite in line with the traditional policy of the misleaders of labor in the A.F.L.

But under the surging demands of the great masses for organization, the progressive unions in the A.F.L. refused to allow the basic question of organizing the huge armies of the unorganized to be sidetracked and ditched in this manner. They set up the Committee for Industrial Organization and undertook to give life to the San Francisco resolution by actually organizing the workers in the mass production industries upon an industrial union basis. Every progressive element in the labor movement, as well as great masses of the unorganized, greeted enthusiastically the formation of the C.I.O. At long last there was the prospect of some serious organizing work being done.

But all this was high treason in the eyes of the reactionary moguls of the A.F.L. Executive Council. Alarmed that the demand for industrial unionism, after a full generation of struggle for it by the left and progressive elements had finally reached the point where it could no longer be squelched by the customary sabotaging measures used by the Executive Council following the San Francisco convention, they decided to root out the industrial tendency from the ranks of the Federation at one fell blow, even though they crippled the whole labor movement by doing so. Accordingly, the Executive Council, in flagrant violation of the constitution of the A.F.L. and the whole tradition of the American trade union movement, and under cover of hypocritical pretense of majority rule, proceeded in a high-handed manner to expel the C.I.O. unions comprising one-third of the entire trade hood legislative committees, Irabor's Non-Partisan League, farmunion movement. With over a million progressive unionists oust- ers' organizations, State Farmer-Labor Parties, etc., on the basis ed, they were then able to control the Tampa convention and to of a common legislative program. Special efforts should be made continue their work of disruption by confirming the exclusion of to unite the local unions of the C.I.O. and A.F.L. with the Socialthe C.I.O. unions. Every reactionary element in the United ist and Communist Parties and other workers' organizations into States rejoices at this autocratic and criminal action against the city and state Farmer-Labor Parties, with the objective of a solidarity and welfare of the working class, and all progressives national Farmer-Labor Party. are outraged by it.

Prevent the Split from Spreading

Every progressive force in the working class must cooperate to re-establish trade union unity. And while this struggle goes ahead, manifestly the most urgent task confronting the workers in the present critical situation is to prevent the split from spreading further. As yet the split is confined to the top committees of the labor movement, and what must be done at once is to prevent it from spreading down into the lower organs of the trade union movement and thus dividing the workers' unions into two warring camps. To this end, the following propositions are

(1) Pending the re-establishment of unity within the A.F.L., the Committee for Industrial Organization should retain its present form as a committee to carry on organizing work in the mass production industries. The cause of unity can be best served by for unity by adopting resolutions in every trade union body, dethe continued unity and solidarity of action of all unions now in the C.I.O. The Committee form of the C.I.O. is one that enables it to continue its work of organization with the maximum effectiveness, as the craft unions have only negligible forces in the mass production industries, while at the same time this form prevents trfial unionism! he reactionaries from extending the split in the labor moveent into the unions and industries generally. While carrying on s organizing work, the C.I.O. should do so on the basis of the

A Message of Splitting the A.F.L.



HOLDS FORTH at the 56th annual A.F.L. convention in Tampa, delivering a blasting attack on the C.I.O. unions and on the organization of the unorganized. Progressives in A.F.L. must swing into action to prevent Green's splitting tactics from crippling the labor movement.

principles of trade union unity and with the aim of bringing about a united and powerful A.F.L. based on industrial unionism.

(2) There must be no splitting off of local unions or groups from international unions affiliated either to the A.F.L. or to the C.I.O. Where the question of affiliation to either the C.I.O. or the A.F.L. develops, the principles of majority rule must prevail. unity nationally in the respective craft and industrial unions must be maintained. Every effort should be exerted to prevent sections of the international unions from splitting off and thereby bringing about a state of confusion and internecine warfare in the respective trades and industries.

(3) There should be no unseating of the C.I.O. nion delegates in the Central Labor Unions, State Federations, etc. Rank and file delegates of the trade unions should prevent any attempt on the part of the A.F.L. leadership to force the C.I.O. unions out of the central bodies by refusing to obey such instructions. On the other hand, there should be no voluntary withdrawal of C. I.O. union delegates from the A.F.L. City Central and State

Re-Establish Trade Union Unity

While putting into effect the emergency measures to prevent he spreading and deepening of the split between the A.F.L. and C.I.O., the following general proposals should be aggressively urthered in order to bring about the re-establishment of trade union unity within the A.F.L.

(1) The initiation of a widespread campaign among the local unions and other organizations affiliated to the A.F.L. for resolutions and other actions condemning the suspension of the C.I.O. unions, and demanding their reinstatement in the A.F.L. with full rights, and the continuation of their present organization cam-

the suspension and must be mobilized against the Executive Coun-(2) A demand for the continuation of negotiations between

the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. for re-establishment of unity upon the basis of organizing the mass production industries into industrial unions within the A.F.L.

(3) A demand that the whole question of industrial unionism be submitted for decision to a general referendum vote of the rank and file of the A.F.L. and C.I.O. unions. Similar referen-

(4) Intensification of the organization campaigns now being conother industries. The success of these campaigns is of the most in America recognize yourself ple." profound importance to the unity and general welfare of the trade union movement.

(5) Efforts to mobilize the local unions of the A.F.L. craft unions, to support the organization campaigns now being carried on by C.I.O. unions, and also for these A.F.L. unions to begin act ive organization work in their own respective jurisdictions.

(6) An agreement between the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the metal trades of the A.F.L. on the basis of the A. A. organizing all the steel workers into one industrial union, and the Federated Metal Trades organizing the workers among the auxiliary metal industries in the steel areas.

(7) The raising of the question of industrial unionism in all the A.F.L. and railroad unions in those forms constituting the next practical steps to industrial solidarity in the given industries, Mich as a general national agreement for all railroad trades, agreements expiring on the same date in the building trades, federation of the marine trades amalgamation of the metal trades, etc., all these joint action developments looking toward the eventual reorganization of the craft unions on an industrial union basis.

(8) The launching of a systematic campaign in the craft unions for the democratization of these organizations, the elimination of racketeers and gangsters, and the development of a new progressive leadership and policy.

(9) Efforts to establish the political unity of the various sections of the trade union movement by linking together or setting up of a working co-operation between the A.F.L. and Brother-

The Communist Party holds that the foregoing general line of policy represents the best and most practical route to the res- last spring, without the consent toration of trade union unity, the organization of the workers in the mass production industries, and to the eventual reorganization of the A.F.L. upon an industrial union basis, and the development of progressive leadership and policies in the trade union movement.

The Communist Party urges all progressive forces in the trade union movement to take the necessary steps to prevent the further splitting of the A.F.L. and to re-establish trade union unity. Millions of workers in their local unions and in the unorganized industries must by their unbreakable solidarity prevent the split that the reactionary A.F.L. leaders are attempting to unions who have contracts with carry through at the top. The Communist Party pledges all its the firm and failing agreement efforts to work for the unity of the American trade union move- among the unions concerned the ment. It calls upon all progressives to carry forward the fight matter refers to the executive manding the lifting of suspensions and support for the steel organizing campaign.

Defeat the Executive Council splitters! For a united American Federation of Labor based on indus-

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman. EARL BROWDER. Secretary.

Resolution Shows Boss Use of Govt.

Here's one of the typical Labor Party resolutions introduced at the Tampa A.F.L. convention, but killed by the reactionaries. It was introduced by Delegate A. P. Bower, Federated Trades Council, Reading, Pa. It tells just why labor should back a Labor

Whereas, the great mass of people of our country are suffering because of insecurity and poverty in these days when potential plenty offers comfort and happiness to all, and

Whereas, The Republican and Democratic parties who have ruled our country for the past many years have failed to solve the unemployment problem and to better the conditions of the average worker, and

Whereas, The need for unity of the working class on the political field is sorely needed as can be seen by the control of the police and military powers, the courts and the law making bodies by the banking and manufacturing interests through these old parties:

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Federated Trades Council in Special Meeting held on Monday, Oct. 26, 1936, strongly urge that the American Federation of Labor at their convention beginning in Tampa, Florida, on Nov. 16, 1936, go on record and lay plans for Independent Labor Political Action through a labor party on a National scale,

For Release Of McNamara

of the Communist Party, USA, and famous trade union leader, has wired to J. B. McNamara preme Court as an institution but in private industry we have to labor's oldest. and Matt Schmidt, labor's oldest prisoners, congratulating them because of resolutions passed by the American Federation of Laoor Convention demanding their

Foster's wire to McNamara fol-

"Congratulations upon the Fedyour release from the penitentiary. Every intelligent worker and Matt Schmidt as two of ers ever produced by the work- mass movement of workers until

Howard Tells of the Spider and the Fly

"When I was a child I learned the story of the spider and the fly at my mother's knee,' he said. "We will not walk into a trap."

to maintain the C.I.O. suspension, Howard stated:

of Labor is not endangered from without, but it is endangered from within by this action of the council.

Pressure Necessary The Liberty League

The reactionary members of he A.F.L. Executive Council were the leaders in the fight to "Wild Bill" Hutcheson, president prevent the convention from go- of the United Brotherhood of ng on record as supporting a Carpenters, to the resolution constitutional amendment which calling for a 30-hour week, would curb the unwarranted which passed at the Tampa powers taken on by the U.S. Supreme Court.

by decision after decision of the by legislation. Hutcheson, who Supreme Court, killing the NRA led the pro-Landon forces in the because it contained at least A.F.L., and who wants the C.I.O. some concessions to labor. The unions expelled, said: court killed minimum wage laws; killed the railroad pension law, and made other de- can through some future Concisions too numerous to men-

William Z. Foster, chairman Chauncey Weaver, arch-reaction- taken away by law. It is all that would be of service to labor should establish the shorter work when it was impaled on the day by our economic strength." protruding hook of some obnoxious legislation.

WASHINGTON. — Asked why the C.I.O. insists that the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions be lifted as a condition to a conference with the A.F.L Executive Council, Charles P Howard, President of the In ternational Typographical Un ion and C.I.O. secretary said:

On the convention decision

"The American Federation

On Top Council

Organized labor has been hit the 30-hour week be fought for

Yet such a reactionary as

the bravest and most loyal fight- must be supported by a great

"NOTHING HAS CHANGED," SAID OLD FOGIES IN TAMPA, KILLING RESOLUTIONS FOR LABOR PARTY

But Organized Labor Thinks Differently and Goes Right Ahead, As In American Labor Party of New York

"Nothing has changed since the 1936 A.F.L. annual

So said the Resolutions Committee, which was headed by such old fogies as John P. Frey and Matthew Woll, in recommending that numerous resolutions introduced at the

Hutcheson Acts For

WASHINGTON-Just how re-

The resolution demanded that

"If the Federal Government

can establish a six-hour day it

gress enact an eight or ten-hour

"What we get by law can be

Hutcheson, who didn't believe

American Liberty League.

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actionary some A.F.L. Execu-

tive Council members can be is

convention.

day," he argued.

★Tampa 1936 convention calling for a national Farmer-Labor

Party be killed. "Nothing has changed." That's the typical attitude of the reactionary, who still lives in the norse and buggy days of the

last century. The American Labor Party in New York, which was formed by such A.F.L. leaders as Sidney Hillman, David Dubinsky, Andrew Armstrong of the Pressmen's Union, and by the Labor Non-Partisan League, thinks differently.

While the reactionary elements at the Tampa convention were killing the Labor Party resolutions, this is what organized labor was doing in New

The State Executive Committee of the American Labor Party, at a well attended meeting in the Hotel Claridge, launched a new campaign with objectives to be realized in

1937, 1938 and 1940. The first step was to elect a committee of seven to draft a constitution, by-laws and plan organization. The committee consists of Luigi Antonini, Andrew R. Armstrong, Dorothy Bellanca, Louis Hollander, Isidore Nagler, Alex. Rose ard Louis Waldman. All these prominent trade unionists

cept Waldman. For Progressive Laws

The same committee was inin calling for conventions of his structed to prepare a plan for "Darrell Sams, delegate of the international, until he finally study of problems and public Central Labor Union of Indiana, had to this year, and who has advocacy of progressive meas-Pa., led the debate for those sold out many a strike, sud- ures connected with social and who favored amendments to the denly calls for "economic ac- labor legislation at Washington Federal Constitution and assert- tion," just as a blind to cover and at Albany, with municipal ed that the Supreme Court was up his opposition to the 30-hour questions which should be taken "opposed to the will of the peo- week on behalf of the Fascist up in the 1937 city campaign, and with the convention for revising the state constitution which is to be held in pursuance of the referendum carried at the recent election.

"It is a settled fact that the American Labor Party is on the political scene of New York State to stay. We played? important part in the last elec tion; we will play a larger part next year and in the years to come. The vote cast under the emblem of the American Labor Party is a mandate from organized trade unionists allied with the liberal and progressive forces of the state, that they want their own party, know the need of it, and will throw their full

support behind it. "The American Labor Party polled close to 300,000 votes. In a few short months of campaigning it became the third party in the state. We are not going to waste a moment from now on. So far as we are concerned, the 1937 campaign is beginning this week. We feel confident that we will multiply our vote next vear and become a dominant

200,000 Affiliated More than 200,000 wage work

lers are indirectly affiliated through the act of their unions union to "scab" on another "le- the A.L.P. There are also nearwhile the other union had none. their individual initiative applied for and been granted inunions opposed vigorously the dividual membership and who pay dues of 50 cents a year. certain extent, and every effort is being made to increase the numbers of both.

> As quickly as possible after election day the administrative committee reduced to a necessary minimum the staff of paid employees, both at central headquarters and in the various counties and districts.

An informal and concrete di cussion which was held after the committee of seven had been chosen indicates that in the new party's activities until after the primaries in 1938, control will of the affiliated trade unions, ship will also have a voice in framing the party's policies.

Unions Must Protest Czaristic Powers Taken by AFL Executive Council, and For Rights of City Central Bodies as Well as For Rights of the Federal Unions

A.F.L. had a field day at the making the executive council Detroit Federation of Labor, op-Tampa Convention, a field day and federation president the posed the amendment, saying it of taking onto itself powers court of final judgment, the lib- would hamper the work of city which give the reactionaries erty of the city central labor central bodies in seeking to be czaristic powers, and curbing the bodies would be restricted, boy- of service to local unions. powers of city central bodies, cotts would be too slow to be The proposal, according to Mr and also of federal unions.

rganized labor must fight. Czaristic Powers

Incorporated in the report of the council for its guidance. The addition to suspension the council may punish unions it finds these resolutions. guilty of disobedience "in any other way."

The Executive Council had illegally voted itself this power of any convention. Under these illegal powers the CIO unions were suspended. Now with the CIO unions absent at Tampa the convention, a la Hitler, merely had these illegal powers "confirmed.'

An amendment to the constitution providing that before a city central body can place a have an agreement among the meeting. council, was adopted.

Curbing Liberty

Boycott proposals will have edural steps; beginning with the local union, continuing through had time to intercede and inthe central labor body, the national unions, the executive council of the federation and the federation president himself.

The Executive Council of the its defeat on the ground that by who is also president of the effective and that if applied un- Martel, would restrict the liberty Against this dangerous action der executive council sanction, of the central labor bodies, would

the resolutions committee was to the executive council in a con- for such boycotts on the federarule provides that the council federal unions to submit their ity. may suspend unions for a breach resolutions to the secretary of of the laws and constitution of the federation thirty days before Workers Union opposed the force in the political life of the federation or for breach of any the anual convention. The exorder of the executive council. In ecutive council, it was provided, central labor unions placed firms will report to the convention on

> to reduce the number of "radical would make it possible for one in becoming component units of resolutions which emanate from the federal unions. Delegates gally" because it had a contract ly 60,000 persons who have on from any affiliate have been permitted to offer resolutions up to the second day of the conven-

curb the freedom of central labor unions and State federations.

"unfair employer" stated that a month. no central labor union would be ion until the national union had the minority."

Communist Party, U. S. A. Foes of the amendment urged | national Typographical Union, tained.

would place the federation open delay the possibility of placing to damage suits.

delay the possibility of placing a boycott on "unfair" firms and Increased power also was voted would place the responsibility approval of the rule adopted by stitutional amendment which, in tion, which, he said, had always one of its effects, will compel sought to avoid such responsibil-

> on the "unfair" list they always acted after careful deliberation, This amendment was designed and adding that the amendment

amendment that limited their The amendment also tends to privileges in the introduction of These two groups overlap to a resolutions. Irving Meyers of the Technical and Research Workers These organizations will be per- of Chicago said that the 900 Fedmitted to present only those re- eral unions with 83,000 members solutions which have been adopt- paid \$224,000 dues to the federaed by their conventions instead tion annually, while the 110 nafirm on the unfair list it must of, as at present, by any regular tional and international unions with about 3,000,000 members The constitutional amendment paid \$230,000 annually. The governing procedure to be fol- former pay 35 cents a member lowed in placing a boycott on an a month and the latter one cent

> Arthur Osman of the New permitted to originate a boycott York Wholesale Dry Goods Unagainst a firm having contract ion attacked the proposal "be-

made to reach an understand pay 50 per cent of the federa-Frank Martel of the Inter- to an equal voice," he main-

Mira Komroff of the Hotel amendment, declaring that when

The delegates of Federal labor

"The 3 per cent of federation

to be routed through certain pro- with any local or national un- cause it will stifle the voice of set-up, which will control the vestigate and efforts had been members in the Federal unions be securely lodged in the hands tion's revenue and are entitled but that the individual member-