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## SINCLAIR ACCEPTS EPIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

### Socialists Support Farmer-Labor Party Resolution

#### Resolution Referred to Incoming EC

National E. C. Backed In "Progressive Vs. Old Guard" Fight

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 2.—Approximately 75 delegates, meeting here Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, in the Socialist Party annual state convention, endorsed without discussion a resolution in favor of an all-inclusive Farmer-Labor Party, referring the matter to the incoming State Executive Committee for consideration at its first meeting.

A letter to the convention from the Communist Party asking consideration of joint action in favor of such a party, although tabled at first, was brought out by action of the committee on relations with other groups and likewise referred to the new S. E. C.

Deliberations were mostly concerned with inner-party matters, with support of the National Executive Committee in the "Progressive versus Old Guard" controversy finally being voted.

A program of action in trade union work was the subject of discussion, the sentiment being in favor of a definite plan of action of a progressive nature in line with groups now under fire by reactionaries.

**RESOLUTION**  
The resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party states in effect that such a party must have mass support much greater than that at present rallied behind either the Socialist or Communist parties, and must not be dominated by either party.

The resolution in referring to the Communist Party states that the Socialist Party goes on record as opposed to the exclusion of any working class economic or political organization.

The new State Executive Committee is expected to meet shortly, to elect officials and plan party activity in light of convention recommendations.

#### Arta Scores in NLRB Decision Against Mackay

5 WORKERS ORDERED REHIRED BY COMPANY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The American Radio Telegraphers' Association won a victory against the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company of California, when the National Labor Relations Board in Washington ordered the company to reinstate the five union men who were discharged during a brief strike last October.

Mackay was ordered to reemploy the men and "stop interfering with the rights of its workers for self-organization."

One of the highlights of this case was the testimony of a company stool-pigeon who stated that he had walked from Chicago to Washington to testify on behalf of the "company's fairness."

The five men were fired when the company forced the employees to sign a yellow dog contract, which was later declared illegal by the government.

The ARTA is a charter member of the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation and is also a member of the newly formed Communications Council, which comprises the Newspaper Guild and the Commercial Telegraphists' Union.

HE KNOWS!



"War is a racket for big business," says Gen. Smedley Butler (above), longtime head of the Marine Expeditionary Forces for Wall Street. He is now one of the most vigorous opponents of war in America today. He knows from bitter experience the profit making greed which masquerades under the mask of patriotism.

#### Tugboat Owners Defuse to Lift 6-Week Lockout

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The three-months-old lock-out of a hundred bargemen and the engineers and mates of the Crowley and the Bay Cities Tug and Barge Companies remains unchanged as the employers arbitrarily refuse any and all attempts at negotiations.

At their last meeting the Bargemen of Local 38-101 voted to return to work under the current agreement until it expires in September.

The mates and engineers are demanding an eight-hour day. Crowley Company practically controls the Bay Cities outfit and also owns the Red Stack Tug Company. It is this latter company operating full time that enables Crowley to lay up the other craft.

Efforts are being made by the Bargemen to organize the crews of the Red Stack company and take them into the union. Some of them belong to the Ferryboatmen's Union, but no effort is being made by that union to organize all the men.

#### MORE PICTURES, MORE NEWS, BETTER WESTERN WORKER, IF \$7500 DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

In order to guarantee that \$7500 will be raised to improve and enlarge the Western Worker and to give an opportunity to the lagging Sections to fulfill their quota, the drive has been extended from March 14th to April 1st.

Special recognition must be given to the sections which have oversubscribed their quotas in less than two-thirds of the allotted time. The sections over the top are: SACRAMENTO, SONOMA, SAN BERNADINO, SAN MATEO, MERCED, SAN DIEGO, and SANTA BARBARA. We know that it took real hard work for the comrades in these smaller sections to raise their quotas.

**IMPROVED PAPER**  
The example set by these sections, which had to work under many difficult conditions, must become an inspiration for the three large sections, San Francisco, Los Angeles and East Bay, which are falling behind in the drive, to increase their activity and guarantee the fulfillment of their quotas by April 1st. All sections should realize that the more we raise over \$7500, the more improvements will we be able to have in the Western Worker. An eight-page paper, more features, more pictures, better make-up will result from the success of the financial drive.

**SPEED COLLECTIONS**  
A close check-up of the collection lists passed out to individuals should be made in all sections and all available funds on hand sent in to the Drive Committee. Communist Party units and sub-sections should hold house parties in the next few weeks, mass organizations visited for collections, and individuals contacted for larger contributions.

**SET MASS SUPPORT**  
Our campaign so far has only reached the ranks of our closest mass organizations. In the month remaining we should bring the Western Workers drive into all our workers' mass organizations including the trade unions. Contact every friend of the workers' press for a contribution to the Western Worker.

**\$7500 BY APRIL 1ST.**  
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#### KANJU KATO ELECTED TO JAPAN DIET

TRADE UNIONIST BACKED BY PROGRESSIVE PARTIES Is Blow to Fascists

UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST PARTY TAKES ACTIVE PART IN ELECTION

TOKYO, Feb. 24.—Kanju Kato, chairman of the Japanese Trade Union National Council and who recently toured the United States in the interests of friendship between the American and Japanese masses, has been elected to the Imperial Japanese Diet.

Kato was elected from the fifth district in Tokyo with a record-smashing vote of 53,000. He ran on a trade union ticket and was supported by the progressive group in the Shakai Taishu-to (Social Masses Party). Seventeen others were elected on the Shakai Taishu-to ticket. The Shakai Taishu-to is the only legal workers' political party.

**PROGRESSIVE LEADER**  
Kanju Kato long has been a leader in the struggle for rank and file control of Japanese trade unions. His election is clear indication of the radicalization of the Japanese masses in their fight against the fascist-military cliques. Indications of the temper of the Japanese voters is given in the fact that only one open fascist, a writer, was reported elected to the Imperial Diet.

The illegal Communist Party of Japan is reported to have carried on a vigorous campaign supporting the candidates of the progressive groups.

The election of Kato came as a shock to the ruling class of Japan, which tried with all the power at its command to defeat this trade unionist who is beloved of the Japanese masses. (See Page Two for further details of the Japanese elections.)

#### FASCIST POWERS JOIN HANDS; ALL NATIONS PREPARING WAR

Internal Unrest and Colonial Revolts Shake Empire

War on Soviets Seen As Desperate Hope Of Capitalism

FRANCE.—The Chamber of Deputies is still locked in dispute over ratification of the Franco-Soviet mutual defense pact. Showdown conflict between the mighty strength of the People's Front (united Communists, Socialists and liberals) and the Fascist-Royalist forces of French capitalism looms with the coming elections. Independence revolts touched off by the Italy-Ethiopia war are sweeping all French colonies.

**FASCIST BLOC**  
GERMANY.—Negotiations for an anti-Communist alliance between Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland, and Japan are nearing completion. This same alliance is being poised as a threat to discourage ratification of the Franco-Soviet pact by France.

**ITALY CRISIS**  
ROME.—Pressed by rising unrest within Italy and reaction to the disastrous failure of the Ethiopian conquest, Mussolini is hastening to reach accord with Germany. Invasion of the Soviet Union and suppression of the rising tide of Communism in Central Europe, presents the hope of distraction and imperialist loot and a means of saving face from the failure in Africa. It likewise appears to Il Duce as a more practical out than to plunge into general war with other European powers.

**DEFENSE READY**  
MOSCOW.—Alarmed by the spectacle of disorderly, depression-mad fascist nations mobilizing huge armies and uniting for a frankly proclaimed attack on the U. S. S. R., Soviet authorities are rapidly strengthening defenses and preparing for eventualities. Increased hostilities by Japanese troops on the border of the Mongolian People's Republic are viewed as more serious than a mere demonstration to discourage the Franco-Soviet peace pact.

**UNITED FRONT**  
SPAIN.—The united People's Front scored a sweeping victory in elections. The new government released 30,000 political prisoners who were carried home on (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

#### Danbury Farmer-Labor Party Is Set for Voting

SOCIALIST PARTY NAMES SAME ELECTION SLATE

DANBURY, Conn.—(FP)—Danbury's Farmer-Labor Party, its ticket selected, is getting up steam for city elections on March 30.

With prominent local unionists, many of them connected with the Central Labor Union, on the slate for aldermanic and council seats, electioneering will start shortly. The city's Socialist Party is supporting the farmer-labor candidates, and will nominate the same slate, it is believed.

The party's platform calls for higher taxes for the utilities, and proposes to reduce the budget by cutting interest rates to local bankers. A special session of the legislature to pass a state income tax and curb the actions of strike-breakers and militia is also asked.

#### 'We Will Not Yield an Inch of Soviet Soil'



The Workers and Farmers' Government stands ready for defense. An estimated 13 million trained soldiers and 1,300,000 now under arms; that is the strength of the Soviet Union's army. The troops pictured above are the new infantry of the air. Armed with automatic rifles and light machine guns, they can be dropped in parachute by the thousands in back of enemy lines. A force of 3000 were recently dropped from the clouds in practice maneuvers.

#### SPANISH REBEL WINS FREEDOM THRU AMNESTY

SOCIALISTS, COMMUNISTS JOYOUS AS ELECTION VICTORY ASSURED

MADRID, Feb. 24.—Luis Companys, leader of the Catalan uprising and Gonzalez-Pena, leader of the revolutionary 1934 revolt in Oviedo were free men today.

They gained freedom through a general amnesty granted by the government of Manuel Azana. Socialists and Communists continued to celebrate the smashing victory of the People's Bloc in the recent elections. At Oviedo joyful prisoners, now free, marched through the streets shouting:

"Down with Gil Robles! (Pro-fascist Right-Wing leader). Down with fascism! Long live Russia!"

**PEOPLE ACT**  
Mass action on the part of the people forced President Zamora to take definite action on the total amnesty bill although he had wavered even after election results had become known.

The extent of the left wing victory was emphasized by publication late last week of returns for 376 of 473 seats in the Cortes. The People's Bloc won 216 seats, the right wing 123, and the center 37.

Workers, jubilant over the election victory and averted to political lay in granting freedom to political prisoners—a major plank in the left wing election platform—stormed many jails demanding release of the inmates. Fascists headquarters were stormed as well as those of the rightists.

Marital law, at a late hour yesterday, was still in effect in Murcia, Alicante and Tenerife. A general strike was called in Malaga in protest against the death of one demonstrator.

Communist Party Units! Arrange house parties to raise funds for the Western Worker!

#### Sailors Demand National ISU Vote on Charter Act

NEW CONSTITUTION WOULD ALSO BE REFERRED TO MEMBERSHIP FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—A definite step towards the fight to regain their charter was taken by the membership at the headquarters' branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific regular Monday night meeting when following the report of A. V. Quittenton, Convention delegates, a resolution was adopted demanding of the International Seamen's Union Executive Board that a national referendum vote of every local, branch and district of the International on the two main decisions of the Convention, namely the amendments to the constitution and the revocation of the Sailors' charter, be instituted at once.

The resolution which was introduced by Quittenton, newly elected assistant secretary, demands that copies be sent to the I. S. U. executive board, the top A. F. of L., the San Francisco Labor Council, and to the California, Oregon and Washington State Federations of Labor.

Another resolution adopted by the membership reaffirmed their opposition to any efforts to form or become a part of an independent union outside of the I. S. U. or the A. F. of L. and also calls

#### LAVAL OUT; COMMUNIST IN SENATE

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Senate seat of former Premier Laval, forced to resign by the pressure of the People's Front, was won today by a Communist, Jean Calamamus. Also a Communist member of the Senate is Marcel Cachin, leader of the Communist Party of France.

#### SUPPORT FOR PROGRESSIVE MOVE SLATED

STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE OF PRO-LABOR GROUPS BACKED UNANIMOUSLY

Will Meet May 10th

40 MEMBERS OF PRIMARY ELECTION SLATE ARE NAMED BY CAUCUS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—With Upton Sinclair returning to head the EPIC presidential primary slate, the Third EPIC Convention today reaffirmed its positive stand for production for use.

Sinclair will be presidential nominee, but delegates, if elected in May, will switch votes to Roosevelt on second ballot at the National Democratic Convention.

Of tremendous interest to all progressives is the unanimous decision of the Convention to call a state-wide conference of all pro-labor, progressive and liberal organizations on May 10th next "to discuss further political action."

#### SINCLAIR'S TELEGRAM

Sinclair accepted nomination by telegram, but late in the afternoon appeared to speak to the convention. His telegram reads:

"To the Epic Convention:  
"I have explained to you my inability, due to ill health, to assume any more political burdens. This is no misfortune to you, because we have capable and devoted young men in our EPIC movement, who are fully competent to carry our plan to victory. The trouble appears to be, they are afflicted with modesty, which is not practical in politics. They need to have leadership thrust upon them.

#### LOYALTY TO EPIC

"Yesterday the Board of Directors of the End Poverty League sent me a unanimous telegram, asking me to lend you my name as a candidate for President, assuring me that they will back my 'principles and technique to the limit.' These 'principles and technique' have been fully set forth in the book, 'We People of America, And How We Ended Poverty,' and so your board fully understands what it has offered to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

#### THREE UNIONS ON STRIKE IN CHULA VISTA

PICKET LINES FORMED AT H. P. GARIN COMPANY

CHULA VISTA, Calif., Feb. 24.—Agricultural workers here walked out on strike against the H. P. Garin Co. when Superintendent Myers refused to meet demands for union recognition, 30 cents per hour pay, minimum of four hours' work per day, and a 60 cent union preference.

The walkout was called jointly by three unions, the Union of Mexican Laborers, the Filipino Labor Union and the American Industrial Workers' Unions of America.

February 17th, the first day of the strike, about fifty workers turned out on the picket lines, but withdrew on account of rain. Picketing was resumed Feb. 19th with the aid of sympathetic unemployed organizations.

Scabs imported from Arizona and Oklahoma, and also several CCC boys worked under police protection. The scabs were armed and many times threatened the pickets with pistols and other weapons.

Last word received was that Mr. Myers had sent word that he was willing to meet with representatives of the three unions.



# SAN JOSE LABOR COUNCIL ENTERS FIGHT AGAINST JOE CASEY

## ASK 'DICTATOR' TO EXPLAIN SAN DIEGO ACTIVITY

### GREEN'S STAND AGAINST INDUSTRIAL UNIONS RAPPED

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 20.—An attempt of reactionary Secretary Fred Volkner of the San Jose Building Trades and Central Labor Council to table a letter from thirty-three San Diego unions was defeated here tonight when the Council voted to request Joe Casey to appear and explain his actions in San Diego. The letter, signed by thirty-three of San Diego's forty unions, explained clearly Casey's unconstitutional action in dissolving the San Diego Federated Trades Council immediately after progressive leadership had been elected. It called upon all councils to protest Casey's action to William Green and demand the immediate cessation of union busting tactics of Casey.

Fred Volkner, delegate from the Plumber's local and secretary of the council, always a good machine man, told the boys what a fine lad Joe Casey was and attempted to discredit the protest of 85 per cent of San Diego's unions with the remark that "Joe Casey would not be so foolish as to violate the constitution of the A. F. of L."

After progressive delegates had pointed out that the letter was signed by the vast majority of San Diego unions the council voted to ask Joe Casey to appear or send a representative and to invite a representative of the 33 protesting unions to appear to present their evidence to the council.

A letter from William Green, condemning the activities of the Committee for Industrial Unionism and raising the absurd charge of "dualism" met a similar fate when it was decided to have the issue of Industrial Unionism debated before the council in the near future, with speakers presenting both the worn out craft union policy of Green and the progressive policy of the Committee for Industrial Unionism.

Green's letter was aptly nailed by a delegate from the Brewery Workers' Union when he stated that Green himself was a member of an industrial union, the United Mine Workers of America, and that should the large industrial unions within the A. F. of L. withdraw there would be but an insignificant handful of feeble craft unions left to represent "organized labor."

## STRIKERS HOLD UNITY DESPITE SELL-OUT MOVE

### VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOILERMAKERS WANTS TO "NEGOTIATE"

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Latest maneuver on the part of international officials to sell striking shipyard workers and machinists down the river came last week from Davis, international vice president of the Boilermakers' Union.

Although very few boilermakers actually are employed in the shipyards and machine shops, in comparison to machinists and other workers, Davis is working every angle known to reactionary A. F. of L. officials in an attempt to force all strikers back to work.

He proposes to settle with the employers—the Union Iron Works and other firms—and hopes to dictate these employers' terms to the workers involved. He has been prevented from doing so mainly by Local 68 of the Machinists' Union of San Francisco. The membership of this union refuses to return to work until its just demands are granted.

### RAPS FEDERATION

Davis, at a recent meeting of the Boilermakers' Union, through implication attempted to put over the idea that they would string along—"for a price." He also, again indirectly, took a crack at the Maritime Federation by stating that the "employers wanted nothing to do with any union which is in any way connected with the Federation Council here."

## Sailors' Union Court Hearing Delayed Again

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The fight of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific against the funds restraining injunction obtained by the International was postponed two weeks by Superior Judge I. L. Harris, at the request of the union.

The postponement was granted to allow Aaron Sapero, the Sailors' attorney, time to return from New York.

Meanwhile the union is carrying on financially through current dues being paid by the membership under an emergency committee set-up.

The Emergency Committee consists of all the duly elected officers who were recently elected after a coast-wide referendum ballot which was conducted for the entire month of December.

## S.F. Labor Council Backs Nation-wide Mooney Campaign

### VANDELEUR ORDERS SUP DELEGATES UNSEATED BY LETTER

Proceedings of the S. F. Central Labor Council.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The San Francisco Central Labor Council endorsed a program of nation-wide mass meetings to renew the fight for the freedom of Tom Mooney and to acquaint the public with the truth about the 1917 Preparedness Day Bombing frame-up. The first mass meeting will be held at the local Exposition Auditorium on a date to be announced soon.

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific was informed of the unseating of their delegates "in accordance with the decision of the A. F. of L." in a letter which arrived at the Union at 6 o'clock on Friday evening.

The letter was signed by Ed. Vandeleur and Council Secretary O'Connell.

### VANDELEUR KILLS COMMITTEE

Harry Bridges in his report on the I.L.A. situation described the attempts of the waterfront employers to restore the speed-up system which was in effect along the docks prior to the 1934 strike. He also demanded to know if the Committee to investigate the status of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific had been set up as demanded at a previous meeting.

Ed. Vandeleur stated that the matter is "a State Federation problem and not one for the Council." This arbitrary ruling by Vandeleur was declared by progressives to be a deliberate move to kill the investigation, which received nearly unanimous support of the Labor Council at the meeting two weeks ago.

### EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Vandeleur's request for a fifty dollar per month "expense" account, which was the center of a long discussion last week, was sliced to twenty-five dollars per month. He was also ordered to itemize any additional expenditures.

## ARIZONA UNION RAPS DODGE OF BIG SHIPPERS

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 20.—Paul Aldridge, secretary of the Arizona Vegetable Packers' Union, attended a recent meeting of the Phoenix Central Labor Council and told of the progress made by his union in the Yuma district.

The secretary deplored the movement of the Imperial Valley shippers to have the vegetable industry classified as "agricultural." He stated that this is nothing more than a bold attempt to keep from complying with the provisions of the new security act and the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill.

The vegetable packers are a directly affiliated union and thus do not exercise the "privileges" of the international unions. All packers must transfer into the local union in the city in which they work, instead of depositing a card as is the custom of other unions.

## I.S.U. SPONSORED NAT'L COUNCIL IS DENOUNCED

### LOCAL FEDERATION BODY DEMANDS ALL CRAFTS BE AFFILIATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The proposed national maritime labor council which is being pushed by the charter-pulling officials of the International Seamen's Union does not conform to the A. F. of L. set-up in other industries, inasmuch as it does not include all organizations in the marine transport industry.

This was one of the main arguments offered against the proposed "council" at the regular meeting of the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation District Council No. 1.

SHOULD BE DEMOCRATIC President Harry Bridges pointed out further that the National Maritime Labor Council makes no provision for democratic control. It makes no provision for district or local organization. Bridges declared if such a council is established it should be democratic and the Pacific Coast Federation should become the western division.

The following resolution introduced at the District Council by the Scalers' Union, I.L.A. Local 38-100, voices the attitude of the local Council to a national maritime labor council:

"Whereas; Such a council would prove fatal to the present set-up of our maritime unions after a successful fight to maintain solidarity between the seafaring crafts and the shoreside unions, and

### ALL CRAFTS NECESSARY

"Whereas; We feel and believe that there should be a national federation of all maritime unions, to be run and operated democratically and not by a group who have in the past proven themselves not to be for the rank and file and apparently and definitely are interested solely in carrying out the wishes and the dictates of the shipowners,

"Therefore be it resolved; This membership go on record unanimously, that we are in favor of and will work and bend every effort to form a national maritime federation comprising all groups either directly or indirectly connected with shoreside or seafaring crafts founded as our Federation is composed, and with the thought in mind that an injury to one is an injury to all."

## Giant Anti-War Protest Set By Student Union

### SECOND PLACE GOES TO COMMUNIST IN POLL AT N. Y. COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(FP)—Anti-war strikes in April conducted by the American Student Union are expected to be the most impressive yet held at American colleges. Particular action is being pushed to free the class rooms from the Hearst-inspired loyalty oaths rushed through many legislatures in recent months.

At Tufts College in Massachusetts, students through their weekly paper are calling for the repeal of the Dorgan Act requiring pledges of absolute fealty to the flag and constitution. Two eminent members of the faculty resigned rather than take the oath.

At swank Williams College, members of the local branch of the American Ass'n of University Professors have issued the same call.

President James Conant of Harvard for the second time has spurned a travelling fellowship offered by a press agent, representing Adolf Hitler.

At Vassar, fashionable women's college, professors have called for the repeal of the Ives Bill, Empire State loyalty measure.

Members of the student council of the College of the City of New York have backed the alumni association in demanding the resignation of President F. Robinson, reactionary foe of the anti-fascist movement on the campus.

## Central Committee Sets Date of Convention Ahead to June 12th to Aid in Farmer-Labor Party Work

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party has decided to postpone the Ninth Party Convention, scheduled for March 8-12, to June 12th.

During the past few weeks it has become a serious practical question for many districts which are already participating in the building of local and state Farmer-Labor parties, that the postponement of the convention to the same time as the Nominating Conventions will strengthen their work and improve the prospects of the National Farmer-Labor Convention.

Northwest districts, at the same time, have been suffering from un-

usually heavy snows and have expressed the need for more time to reach their outlying sections.

Meanwhile, the convention of the Party, in convening at the later date will have some additional advantage since it will take place at a time when the possibilities of an independent Farmer-Labor convention will be clearer.

The Central Committee is sending to the Party committees information regarding organizational problems involved in the change the dates. The Central Committee calls upon all party members to place in the very center of their work, the intensification of the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party.

## Sinclair Accepts Presidential Nomination for "First Ballot" Only; Epic Primary Slate Picked

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do. I take this telegram as affirmation of the board's full loyalty to EPIC, and am happy to receive this affirmation, because of my firm conviction that EPIC offers our country the best course in our present crisis.

### CANNOT REFUSE

"Under the California law a slate of delegates to the national convention must be pledged to some candidate for President, otherwise the delegation cannot be voted for as a block. It is only by being voted for as a block they stand any chance of winning. In such an emergency I cannot refuse the use of my name as your EPIC candidate; for you, by your loyalty, have helped to maintain my name in its meaning. I will be your candidate, upon the understanding that if our slate wins, the delegation will vote for me on the first ballot, and after that will shift their votes to President Roosevelt.

### SCORES REACTIONARIES

"I wish to make it plain that this involves no disloyalty to the president. He has been badly advised about California affairs. His agents have kept reactionary politicians in control of the party machinery here, men who have been trading with the corrupt Merriam crowd. The situation as to unemployment is desperate in this state; the alleged return of prosperity has not helped the peo-

ple in the slightest degree; the victims of relief are slowly starving, and the Merriam politicians will do nothing for them.

### THUNDERCLAP

"The need for production for use for the unemployed was never more urgent. The purpose of our EPIC movement, and of our independent EPIC slate, is to give the enlightened Democrats of this state an opportunity to make their demands heard, in spite of the intrigue of political manipulators. Our demands are going to be heard, not merely in California, but in the whole country, including Washington, D. C. EPIC demands will sound like a thunderclap next May."

A full EPIC presidential slate of 40 delegates to the national convention, comprising two from each congressional district, was chosen by caucus.

### C. S. STAND PRAISED

A telegram from the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, congratulating the EPIC stand against the Criminal Syndicalism Law and calling attention to next Friday's mass meeting against this anti-labor law at the EPIC Auditorium, was well received by the delegates.

A collection to defray expenses of delegates to the Philadelphia convention—netted \$166.48.

Approximately 500 delegates were present.

## SAILORS TABLE LETTER FROM WILLIAM GREEN

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and see if the issues at question cannot be settled harmoniously.

A telegram from Wm. Green demanding that the Sailors' Union of the Pacific live up to the constitution and principles of I. S. U. and the A. F. of L. was tabled. It was pointed out to the membership that apparently Green and the I. S. U. executive board have their wires crossed inasmuch as the I. S. U. maintains that the Sailors are no longer members of the International or the A. F. of L. The local Labor Council also takes the stand of the I. S. U. in refusing to seat the Sailors' delegates, showing clearly that there is something fishy about the entire maneuvering of the reactionaries in the Labor Council and the I. S. U.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The rumor that the local agents of the International Seamen's Union were to issue "I. S. U. Membership" books on Monday morning failed to materialize with the whereabouts of Ivan Hunter, the Convention "elected" vice president, unknown.

Hunter was supposed to appear on the West Coast on behalf of the reactionary chartering I. S. U. executive board, to "reorganize the Sailors' Union of the Pacific."

Shipping is still being conducted normally from the Sailors' Union of the Pacific hall and the shipowners in collaboration with the I. S. U. officials are maintaining a waiting policy to determine their next step in the ultimate aim of smashing the Pa-

## I.L.A. LEADER IS THREATENED BY CRANK LETTER

### WOOLF GETS DEATH NOTE FOR ORGANIZING THE CANNERY WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The cannery workers have been promised a charter by State A. F. of L. Organizer Casey, provided "San Francisco Labor Council will sanction it."

This promise was wrung from Casey by George Woolf, president of the I. L. A. Scalers' Union, 38-100 who has been instrumental in organizing the cannery workers.

Over a hundred of them attended the first meeting which was held on Sunday at the Shalers' Hall.

"If you don't stop organizing the Alaska Cannery workers we're going to kill you." So read a dime-thriller death threat received by George Woolf, president of the Scalers' Union, I.L.A., Local 38 100 who along with Don Hagen a member of the same union, have been aiding the 2000 cannery workers to organize.

In a vein strangely reminiscent of the "death threat" alleged to have been received by Captain Sanborn, editor of the Industrial Association—sponsored fascist organ "American Citizen," the note received by Woolf is signed with the inevitable skull and crossbones.

Although the threat to kill Woolf and Hagen bears the characteristics of a crank note, it is by no means considered as such by rank and file maritime workers, who have followed the violence-inciting tactics of the vigilante "American Citizen."

The organizing of the 2000 cannery workers represents a serious threat to the yearly blood-wringing profits garnered by the Alaska packers at the expense of the workers who venture north every year for the few months employment under conditions that border on sheer coldblooded murder.

Woolf had written to Joe Casey, A. F. of L. organizer requesting a charter for the cannery workers Casey, who has his hands full attempting to establish a reactionary dictatorship over the rank and file San Diego Trades Council, replied that he had "never heard of Woolf, didn't know him and wouldn't give out any charters."

The cannery workers are, however, fighting to gain a charter and Woolf has gone to San Diego to seek out Casey to force him to grant it.

### BULLETIN

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25.—(By Wire).—Six thousand delegates representing thirty-five hundred unions or five hundred thousand workers today voted formation of national confederation of Mexican workers Stop Officers elected to National Executive Committee all progressives Stop Vicente Lombardo Toledano elected secretary general.

## HOUSE PASSES NEW DEAL AAA SUBSTITUTION

### AS USUAL MEASURE WILL PENALIZE SMALL MAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The House of Representatives, on Feb. 21, passed the New Deal's \$500,000,000 substitute AAA measure. The bill already had received the Senate's ok.

The danger of the new measure being declared "unconstitutional" by the Supreme Court was avoided when no provision was made for taxation to raise the required expenditure. A separate measure will deal with this phase of the legislation.

The bill, ostensibly based on soil conservation, will remove approximately 30,000,000 acres from production and will work hardest against the small and middle farmer while continuing to aid the wealthy farmer.

Taxation probably will be along the line of a new process tax which in turn will raise the cost of necessities to the consumer.

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## Jamboree Starts At 5 P. M.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Western Worker Jamboree, which will be held Sunday, March 1st, at 121 Haight st., and was scheduled to commence at noon, will actually start at 5 p. m. Holders of tickets should note this change of time.

Full Restaurant service will be available from 5 p. m. on. A splendid program of entertainment has been arranged, including dances, dramatic skits, instrumental music, tableaux and recitations. There will be an excellent orchestra and plenty of time will be allowed for dancing.

This will be one of the principal affairs arranged for the benefit of the Western Worker financial drive and all of our readers in the Bay region are urged to attend and bring their friends.

## Japan Elections Show Masses Are Against Fascism

### POVERTY STRICKEN JAPANESE WORKERS VOTE AGAINST MILITARY

TOKYO, Feb. 21.—Rather disconcerting to the ruling class and the government of Japan must have been the outcome of the February 20 general election.

Contrary to reports in the daily capitalist press this election was not merely a struggle between the various reactionary and semi-fascist military cliques. At this time the elements within the country opposed to imperialist adventures in China and to fascism at home played a prominent part.

The election of the well-known progressive trade unionist, Kanju Kato, was a decided victory for these anti-imperialist, anti-fascist elements. Seventeen other progressives were elected on the Shakai Taishu-ticket, the only legal workers' ticket allowed. Following is a summary of final election returns:

### RESULTS

Minsei-to (Government party), 205 Diet members; Showa-kai (Government) 20 Diet members; Kokum-domei (Government), 15; Seiyu-kai (Opposition), 170; Social Masses Party, 18; Local Masses, 9; Independent, 25; total, 465.

The progressive bloc within the Social Masses Party supported Kanju Kato. This party is the counter-part of the Social Democratic parties of Europe. Although some of the leaders of this party are closely allied with the military clique, the progressive group formed a broad united front with the trade unions, farmers' unions and others. The united front, in order to insure election, nominated only 24 candidates throughout Japan. Twenty-three in all, including those of the Local Masses Group, were elected. Twelve of these candidates received the highest votes in their district.

The open fascists, though not participating directly in the elections, were in the main represented by the Seiyu-kai Party which was formed by the extreme right of the Conservatives in a break-away from the Minsei-to, the old Conservative Party.

### THE POOR

Against the military, conservative and pro-fascist groups were what are known in Japan as "the organizations and parties of the poor." There is a strong tendency within these groups to get together in a genuine fight against the danger of military dictatorship. Organizationally they are still weak but their possibilities, as shown by the election returns, are great.

Factors contributing to their favorable position include: 1) a sharp fall in the prestige of the military cliques; 2) a spreading mass discontent with the burden of war costs; 3) the fact that as a direct result of government policy, the whole of north-east Japan is suffering from famine.

At the same time the number of workers passing from the category of "permanent workers" into the category of "temporary workers" is growing—and the "temporaries" get only half the wages paid the "permanents."

## CONGRESS COLD ON ANTI-LABOR SEDITION BILL

### TYDINGS-MCCORMICK AND KRAMER MEASURES ABOUT DEAD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—At least two of the Hearst-inspired anti-labor bills, congressmen admitted last week, are dead.

They are the Tydings-McCormick "military disaffection" bill and the Kramer "anti-sedition" bill. Senator Tydings withdrew support from his measure when Secretary of War Dern indicated it was not wanted by the Army.

The Kramer Bill won a favorable report from House Judiciary Committee by but one vote. Rep. Maury Maverick (D., Tex.) led the attack against the measures. Last week he declared:

"Unless Congress goes absolutely crazy these two bills are dead for this session."

### LIBERALS ROUSED

"These measures have roused American liberals as have few measures in the past. I know of only a handful of organizations still demanding their passage. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the Hearst newspapers and the Navy League chiefly.

"The fact that the bills got as far as they did should warn us of the danger to civil liberties, particularly from military gangsterism."

There are, however, at least twelve more deportation and sedition bills pending, any of which Congress conceivable might pass. All friends of democratic liberty should write their congressmen demanding that these bills also be killed.

## Fascist Powers Prepare for War

(Continued from Page 1) the shoulders of their friends. Wealthy people are reported fleeing the country.

### BRITAIN MOBILIZES

LONDON.—Mobilizing troops and war ships in the Mediterranean to discourage Italian belligerence has already cost the British government \$35,000,000. A war preparations program involving costs of a billion and a half dollars has been drafted and will come up for approval in March.

Threat to British capitalist interests comes from Germany, Italy, and Japan. Prime goal of present British diplomacy is reported as the diversion of the belligerence of these powers toward the borders of the Soviet Union. This would effectively remove them as a menace to British imperialism, but would not solve the problem of colonial revolt which is shaking the very foundation of the empire.

### AMERICA INCLUDED

WASHINGTON.—Unprecedented peace-time armaments appropriations have been voted by Congress and neutrality legislation effectively curtailed. President Roosevelt has called a conference of South American powers for the veiled purpose of discussing plans for the suppression of people's revolts which threaten American investments and to strengthen the position of Wall Street against competing British interests. The State Department has openly proclaimed intentions of the U. S. Government to defend American capitalist investments in China by armed force if required.

Responsibility of the U. S. Government for continuation of Italy's war in Africa was definitely established when the League of Nations virtually abandoned the projected oil embargo for the reason that America would not guarantee cooperation.

JAPAN.—The soft, emboldened voice of Japanese imperialism continues to pour rhetorical anagrams in response to inquiries on the subject of the Mongolian border raids. In the field of practical action her plans go forward with more decisiveness. Impending completion of the Germany-Italy-Austria-Poland alliance in Europe which would assure aggression by these powers simultaneously with Japan's projected invasion of the U. S. S. R. has encouraged her to enact a series of sharp, provocative raids on the Mongolian People's Republic and to proceed with heavy mobilizations along the border.



## PAROLE THREAT REPUDIATED BY O GALLAGHER

ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT THREATS CAME FROM PROVOCATEURS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Malicious rumors to the effect that threatening and intimidating letters are being sent to the state parole board demanding freedom of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, last week caused Attorney Leo Gallagher to take the matter up with the board.

Representing the International Labor Defense and acting as attorney for the prisoners, Gallagher visited Frank C. Sykes, chairman of the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles and requested an understanding on the subject. Gallagher stated clearly that a vigorous campaign of letters from individuals and organizations urging the parole board to set minimum sentences for the eight young people unjustly imprisoned for union activities was being carried out both by the I. L. D. and the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act. He pointed out, however, that these letters were not intimidation in any sense of the word, but were normal and legal means by which the people of the state address the government officers which are designed to serve them.

**SEEK TO DISCREDIT**  
Gallagher declared that if there are any threatening letters among them they are written by provocateurs seeking to discredit the defense movement. He stated that if Sykes would turn any such letters over to the defense movement, they would be glad to investigate their sources and take proper steps to protest such action.

Sykes assured Gallagher that he did not regard these threatening letters as expressions of either the prisoners or the defense movement, but that he believed them to be the work of irresponsible cranks. He rejected Gallagher's proposal that their senders be traced.

**WORSE THAN CRANKS**  
Gallagher strongly urged more investigation, pointing out that not cranks but deliberate, malicious provocateurs were responsible for these threats.

The California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act repudiates these fraudulent "threat" letters, but urges all organizations and persons to continue and increase the campaign of letters to the parole board urging that a minimum sentence be fixed for the C. S. prisoners. Write to Frank C. Sykes, chairman, State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Kohl Bldg., San Francisco.

### HEARING DATE

The law requires that one calendar year must expire before the parole board can consider setting a minimum sentence in the cases of prisoners serving one to ten years or more. The C. S. prisoners were sentenced to one to fourteen years. Their cases will come up for consideration late in April or early in May.

Post cards addressed to the parole board, sample resolutions, and other freedom campaign material may be obtained from the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West 2nd street, Room 326, Los Angeles, or the California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act, 68 Haight street, San Francisco.

## War Department Gets WPA Workers At Scab Pay Rates

LOS ANGELES.—WPA workers have been drafted from regular relief jobs to work for Area 2, U. S. Engineering Department on War Department projects. These workers, scheduled to receive \$85 a month in the various skilled categories, such as mechanics, truck drivers, etc., are actually getting only the unskilled "security" rate of \$55 a month.

Head Engineer Holmes is one of the principals in foisting this measure onto the men.

## Forced Army Drill Is 'It' in Student Vote

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—By a large vote students of the University of California here turned thumbs down on compulsory military training. Similar action was taken by students at the University of California at Berkeley recently.

## The Giant Power of the People!



Workers of Paris reading a bill poster calling them to a United Front demonstration. The People's Front in France has gained such power that it can control the policies of government. It is the great bulwark of the masses against war and fascism. The united front Farmer-Labor Party must be the People's Front of America.

## EXPELLED FROM WORKERS' CLUB WITH "DECREE"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—Thomis Barbera, Italian worker, has been expelled from the Italian Democratic Club by arbitrary decree, it became known here today.

The "notice of expulsion" followed the exposure by Barbera of plans of the Italian Consul, Ettore d'Arrighi to induce local Italian-American workers, most of them citizens of this country, to go to Ethiopia to participate in Fascist Italy's war of aggression. D'Arrighi promised the workers their fare to and from Ethiopia, and \$5 daily wages.

"This is just a 'promise,'" Barbera told the workers in the club. "There is no medical provision whatsoever for the safety of the workers. The consul is just providing a ruse to lure us to the dangers of the Ethiopian war."

At this point the Italian consul arose to tell Barbera, "you are no longer a member of this club because you are a Communist."

As a result of d'Arrighi's action, 14 workers turned in their resignations as club members.

## Movie Crowd Buys Western Workers; Spurs Hearst Rag

PALO ALTO, Calif., Feb. 15.—That people are more interested in true world events than in sordid divorces of the idle rich was strongly evinced by a Western Worker salesman.

He took his stand beside the Hearst and Chronicle boys to

## LEASE OK'D AS SPORTS CENTER GETS UNDER WAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Plans for the establishment of a sports center for the maritime workers became an actuality with the signing of the lease for the building at 32 Clay street.

Sponsored by District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, the proposed Union Recreational Center has met with considerable enthusiasm by the maritime workers who have found "uptown" Y. M. C. A.s not exactly hospitable to them.

The sports center will have facilities for boxing, basket ball and other athletics. Showers and lockers will be available for members. A reading room and study room will also be a part of the center.

Affairs will be held once a month and scamen returning from voyages will find a clean, wholesome, and invigorating atmosphere in which to congregate.

A small membership fee will be charged to maintain the center which will be strictly a non-profit making establishment.

A dance will be held on Feb. 29th at Druids Hall. All the proceeds will go towards the purchase of the necessary equipment and expenses incurred in opening the center.

meet the crowd pouring out of a theater. Crying the headlines of that issue, "Italian Troops Desert By the Thousands," while the capitalist news venders shout a movie colony divorce, the Western Worker salesman succeeded in outselling them all.

## LATIN AMERICA CONFERENCE IS AGAINST LABOR

SUPPRESSION OF REVOLT AND BRITISH RIVALRY AIM OF NEW PARTY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In a series of personal letters, President Roosevelt has called the heads of twenty Latin American republics to an extraordinary conference in Buenos Aires at a date as yet unannounced.

Newspapers obligingly withheld all mention of the incident until the letters had time to reach their goals. This too is "extraordinary."

When the story was published, editors recited a few vague allusions to "closer cooperation for world peace" and let it go at that. A suspicious self-consciousness has attended every detail of the maneuver. Elaborate precautions have been taken to belie the emergency character of the conference.

### A MAJOR ISSUE

This is one of the most vital steps in the American government's new decisive imperialist policy and it needs very little probing beneath the surface to uncover the desperate facts which underlie it.

During the past year, revolutions, uprisings, strikes and demonstrations have swept the whole of Latin America on an increasing scale. Powerful united front movements of the people have come into being and are exerting tremendous pressure on the governments. Trade unions have grown in strength.

This struggle of the Latin American people evolves into a struggle against British and American capital which dominate the whole scene of Latin American industry and commerce. And it may be viewed as an extension of the colonial revolts which have likewise swept the world during the past year.

IMPERIALIST RIVALRY  
In the midst of this growing people's revolt, there is sharp conflict and bitter rivalry between America and Britain.

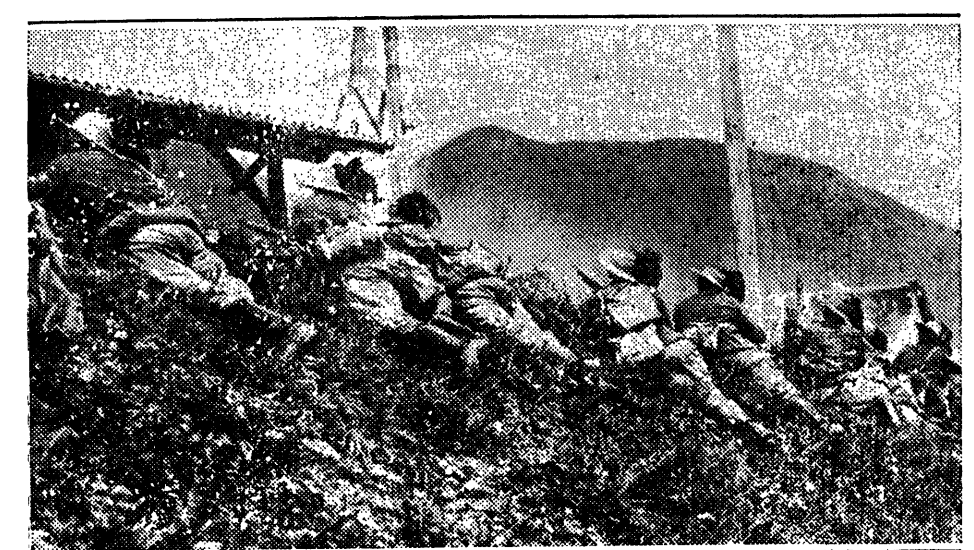
This rivalry evolves into a struggle for power between the League of Nations and the Pan-American Union.

The hand of British capitalism fits into the glove of the League of Nations, to which body nearly all of the Latin American Republics are affiliated.

The Pan-American Union is the agency through which American capitalism works its will. This body also embraces practically all of the Latin American republics.

# Henry Ford Owns 3,700,000 Acres In Brazil; Pays 12 Cents Per Day Wage

THE BLOODY HAND OF WALL STREET PROFIT



These troops of Dictator Vargas of Brazil are no more than hired killers in the employ of British and American capital. They are seen here charging the barracks of soldiers and officers who threw their strength with the cause of the people in the recent uprising.

### BRITAIN GAINING

During the past few years the prestige of the Pan-American Union has steadily declined whilst the power of the League of Nations has steadily increased. In plain words, British imperialism has been getting the better of American imperialism.

Britain has also succeeded in placing her own representatives within the Pan-American union so thoroughly as to virtually control that body and has even raised the question of affiliating it to the League of Nations, a move that would leave American capitalism out in the cold.

### LABOR SUPPRESSION

Most significant is the fact that the recent Pan-American conference at Montevideo sought to establish a Pan-American Labor Institute with headquarters at Buenos Aires (the place selected by Roosevelt for the present extraordinary conference). The openly proclaimed purpose of the "Institute" was to coordinate the task of suppressing labor troubles in all the Latin American republics.

Again, at last month's labor conference in Santiago, the delegate from Uruguay urged immediate steps toward forming this suppression agency. The project was killed, however, by the British representatives who dominated the conference.

### RIVAL FASCISTS

The motive in preventing this anti-labor program was not sympathy for labor on the part of Britain. It was the desire to bring the task of labor suppression under full control of the League of Nations.

It is in immediate response to this incident that Roosevelt has called the present conference. It is a conference aimed first against Latin American labor and secondly against British capital. It is a conference to map a co-ordinated program of fascist suppression for Latin America, and it is a conference to decide who shall dominate and control the fascist engine of terror.

Observers believe that American capitalism will have no smooth road with the conference. They believe that British influence will first seek to prevent its being held, and secondly try to control it by seeing that pro-British delegates are sent from as many republics as possible.

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## HEARST FACES GUILD STRIKE IN WISCONSIN

WALK-OUT GAINS STATE-WIDE SUPPORT

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Feb. 23.—The American Newspaper Guild has called a strike against the "Wisconsin News", Hearst-owned newspaper of this city.

Braving sub zero weather, 25 staff workers walked out when the "News" management refused demands for a signed contract. A picket line was set up. Seven others, including four non-union workers, remained at work.

In a last minute attempt to halt the strike, John Black, local Hearst publisher offered wage increases of from \$1.65 to \$10 per week.

Hundreds of resolutions, telephone calls and letters containing pledges of support flowed into the Milwaukee Guild office. Full moral support has been pledged the strikers by the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council, representing 60,000 trade unionists.

Through President Henry Ohl, Jr., the Wisconsin Federation of Labor has offered its help as has the executive board of the State Teachers' Federation.

## Uprising Was Against Wall Street and Great Britain

By Harold Coy  
NEW YORK, FP—Memories of the bloody violence needd to quell the recent popular rebellion in Brazil are leading half-a dozen jittery South Americans to raise the red scare.

Back of it all lies ever-swelling resentment on the part of Latin American peoples against the stranglehold of Wall street and British Imperialism on their native lands.

### THE REAL RULERS

New angles of the story are being told in New York these days by Brazilian exiles fleeing the terror of President Getulio Vargas, who for five years has been systematically destroying labor organizations, political opposition and democratic rights in a country of far vaster expanse than the United States.

But Vargas is not just a Brazilian dictator oppressing other Brazilians, these refugees say. He is operating for the account of Wall Street, with half billion dollars invested in Brazil and for British empire-builders who lay claim to nearly a billion and a half in loans, public utilities and natural resources. He is operating for Electric Bond & Shares, Standard Oil of New Jersey, the Texaco Corporation, U. S. Steel, American Smelting and Armour & Company—and for Henry Ford with 3,700,000 acres on the Tapajos river, where lavish Ford wages of around 12 cents a day are paid Indian and Negro laborers.

### TRADE UNIONS

Vargas came to power in 1930, and has dealt with a bloody hand to all who opposed his lieutenant. Those who escaped to New York tell of his disregard of the Brazilian Constitution, of his outlawing of all trade unions except those attached to his ministry of labor, of his driving underground the main party of the opposition, the National Liberation Alliances. On the same day he declared the alliance illegal, he gave permission to the Integralistas, a Fascist group connected with the German Nazis, to hold a congress.

The popular revolt of December, 1935, was the logical fruit of Vargas' dictatorial policies and of the resentment of a proud people at seeing the wealth and resources of their country passing into foreign hands. It was crushed in blood; 4,000 of its leaders including some of Brazil's outstanding writers and scientists, are in prison and may soon face the firing squad; Wall Street, London and Getulio Vargas still rule.

### THE ISSUES

But say the refugees, the Brazilian people have not forgotten the issues for which they struggled under the banner of the National Liberation Alliance: 1. disbandment of the Fascist Integralistas; 2. nationalization of foreign enterprises and banks; 3. an 8-hour working day, with one day's rest in seven; 4. equal pay for men and women doing the same work; 5. minimum wage law; 6. unemployment insurance and old age pensions; 7. people's committees to see that social legislation is enforced. A joint Committee for Brazil is being set up at 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, with Maria Lopez as secretary.

## RUMANIAN POLL DEFEATS NAZIS

LEFTISTS CONTROL SEEN AS VICTORY SPREADS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 19.—The Leftist National Party scored a heavy victory over the Rumanian Nazi Party in two by-elections in the districts of Mehedintzi and Hunedoara.

A number of workers were injured in street fights with armed Nazi and police.

The sharp returns on these two elections definitely increase the chances of a radical ministry taking over the reins of the government.

King Carol, who was on a trip to see a famous gland rejuvenator in Italy—and also confer with Mussolini—was hurriedly summoned to return to Rumania by the Nazis who see their power slipping fast.

# "PRAY MUCH FOR ME, FOR HERE I AM IN HELL"

Correspondence From Soldiers On the Ethiopian Front To Their Families

"War Benefits Only a Few Speculators"

An Account Sent Directly Out Of War-Torn Italy By a Young Communist



That is what an Italian soldier wrote home from the African front. Half starved, wracked by disease, their ranks torn to ribbons by the unceasing raids of the Ethiopian defenders, these soldiers are beginning to realize the extent of the fraud that has been worked on them. Above, a regiment of Bersaglieri, the pride of the Italian army, in action on a hillside.

(This article was written directly from Italy. Owing to the time it took to reach us, much has elapsed since the events it covers. The situation now is a great deal more crucial.)

**By Camen.**  
The Mussolini government has devoted great attention to educating the youth in the spirit of militarism. The overwhelming majority of young Italians are drawn into the fascist organizations, and in connection with the insane adventure in Africa in particular the fascists have sought to influence the youth in every way.

The war was represented to the youth as a "walk-over" for the soldiers, as a simple operation of colonial police, as an international sports contest, as an easy way out of the crisis.

### ONE SHORT WEEK

In July one of my friends travelled from Genoa to Rome in a train conveying volunteers, an "elite troop" of fascist youth, all full of plans:

"In a week we shall be in Addis Ababa"—"There is plenty to be done there—we shall get work there"—"The war lessens unemployment." These were the main topics of the conversations.

The University students organized special groups to work up enthusiasm at the departure of troops.

### MANY LONG MONTHS

But presently the situation changed. And as soon as it was realized that the war was going to drag on for a long time, that the cost of living was rising, that the soldiers were dying in Africa even before the war commenced, then popular feeling changed too.

One of my friends described a departure of troops from Turin in August. In order that there might be a great patriotic demonstration, the first contingent had to march through all the main streets. Alongside with each soldier there marched a young fascist (who was not obliged to depart with the troops!). This was supposed to symbolize the unity of the whole Italian people. It was a very sorry procession; the soldiers wept pitifully, and were dragged along by the militia. The effect upon the population was such that from this time onwards the troops have been sent off quietly and by night.

The incidents which occurred in Parma, Milan, etc., when troops were leaving, are generally known,

as is also the fact that there has been wholesale refusal to enlist "voluntarily."

### LETTERS FROM HELL

The letters written home from the soldiers in Eritrea and Somaliland, in spite of the censorship which they have to pass, have rapidly cooled the enthusiasm of the youth. It is significant in this respect that all telegrams sent at reduced prices from Africa to Italy have to end with the words: "I am alright" or "everything is alright." It is known that the fascist government decided to send the sick and wounded to the Dodecanese Islands in order to prevent the effect their return to Italy

would have on their relations. But the letters of the sick reach the relations more quickly, and are more credible than the victorious reports of the General Staff.

A comrade described to me the effect made by the return of a soldier in September, in his native town and its neighborhood. In one month this man had lost all his teeth through disease in Africa. Innumerable letters contain appeals showing how the desire for adventure and youthful enthusiasm have given place to despair: "Dear parents, pray for me, and burn the candle to Our Lady. Pray for me, for here I am in hell."



# K. of C. Patrol Looks for a 'Showdown' with Reds

## L. A. OUTFIT RECRUITS AMONG YOUTH; RECEIVE TRAINING IN STREET FIGHTING

By Roy T. Layton.

Los Angeles wouldn't be Los Angeles if it stopped making all kinds of a fool of itself before the gaze of a half-expectant world. Not content with "Red" Hynes of the police squad, Aimee Semple McPherson of Angelus Temple, Martin Luther Thomas of Social Crusader fame, and a multitude of other characters, besides social, religious, political and economic movements galore, it has produced as a possible climax.

Joseph Scott and the Knights of Columbus Patrol.

Scott is a local attorney, who, in his younger days, posed as a friend of labor but who in recent years has been disposed to use a meat ax in his onslaughts upon the sons and daughters of toil.

This worthy, tiring of the more or less ineffective educational processes that have been directed toward the elimination of social, political and economic radicalism from Los Angeles, has decided upon direct action as the means that will do the job. He avers that the police "red squad" is too political to accomplish much. He is afraid that the so-called vigilantes will weaken when put to the test. He is frankly suspicious of Martin Luther Thomas and his Social Crusade.

### THOSE AGITATORS

Communism and atheism must be routed and driven from the community, he declares, before it will be possible for citizens of economic value to enjoy sound sleep. Radical agitators, he says, must be handled as agitators should be handled, if responsible citizens of the city, state and nation expect ever to regain that peace which passeth understanding.

Wherefore, the Knights of Columbus Patrol!

For some time attorney Scott has headed a group of men and women that is sponsoring this Patrol. So far, 400 young men have been organized into semi-military organization, the numerical strength of which will be increased as rapidly as faithful recruits can be found. Regular military drills are held at stated intervals. Combat classes have frequent sessions in which military tactics and the art of street fighting are taught. Recently a demonstration was held in "the largest auditorium in the city which was attended by the socially elite and the Chamber of Commerce crowd.

### TOUGH GUYS!

Many members of the Hollywood Hussars, now defunct, are reported as having joined Scott's new military movement. It is known that the Hussars yearned to shed the blood of the working class, especially the blood that flows in the veins of the Communist fraction, but they were prevented from indulging this sport by virtue of the fact that the said Communist fraction wouldn't be bothered with a fight. They will not be disappointed in the new organization, for Scott has announced that the time for a showdown with the Communists has come.

Boys over Boy Scout age are the kind of recruits now being enlisted in the Knights of Columbus Patrol. In a formal statement, Attorney Scott says:

"We seek boys over Boy Scout age. We must teach them personal fortitude, self-sacrifice and good healthy interests if they are to become real men and leaders in the community and in the nation. We are making our youngsters soft by pampering them; by not hardening them for the problems they must inevitably meet, chief of which is the job of combating the growth of Communism and subversive activities."

### L. A. "DISASTER PLAN"

Dr. John Schwamm, a high officer in the Patrol, declares that "the organization is merely in its infancy. During 1936 he says he expects to see 100,000 members of the Patrol in Los Angeles alone, all of whom will be organized along military lines, and that by the end of the year the Knights of Columbus Patrol will be the biggest factor in the State of California.

Los Angeles authorities have recently adopted what is known as a Disaster Emergency Act, the ostensible purpose of which is to mobilize citizens at points where a disaster has occurred, the real purpose, however, being to hurl officers and armed vigilantes against mobs of starving people that may try to make their impoverished condition known.

The spearhead of attack against such demonstrations will be the Knights of Columbus Patrol, according to its sponsors.

Heading into Los Angeles are large numbers of Catholic dignitaries who have fled from the wrath of an outraged Mexican populace. These dignitaries are constantly conspiring and carrying on a propaganda, the object of which is the overthrow of the present Mexican government and the establishment of a regime that will return them to their former places in the Mexican Catholic Church.

Most interested in these conspiracies and propaganda is the Knights of Columbus Patrol. Everything that can be done to embroil the United States government in a tangle with the Mexican government over this religious controversy is being done.

Attorney Joseph Scott, head of the Knights of Columbus Patrol, is also one of the highest laymen dignitaries in the Los Angeles Catholic Hierarchy, having been accorded the highest honors which the Pope could bestow some years ago, while in Rome. His influence in local Catholic circles unquestionably is immense.

### AGAINST FREE SPEECH

In addition to his outright anti-Communist activities, Scott is now busying himself in an attempt to persuade or blackmail the Los Angeles City Council into withdrawing the Old Plaza, at North Main and Los Angeles Streets, from the zone set aside for free speech. This is really the only place in the city where the suppressed sections of the population are privileged to assemble and express themselves. If Scott has his way, the Old Plaza will be closed to all discussion.

Obviously, Communists, as well as Socialists, Epics and Utopians, are alarmed at the growth of the Knights of Columbus Patrol. If this semi-military organization—later to be armed with military equipment—is allowed to grow and carry out its announced program, truly a dreadful state of affairs will come to pass in Los Angeles and in California.

## Peasant Farms SLAVE LABOR A Swell "Plan"

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Putting unemployed workers on part-time farms, tax free and not larger than five acres, was offered as a solution for the problem of cheap agricultural labor this week.

Harry E. Drobish, chief of labor projects under the Resettlement Administration is author of the plan. He told it to the state-wide agricultural committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce, meeting in the swanky Sir Francis Drake Hotel here.

Two other plans were offered. One would "seek to have persons on relief voluntarily leave relief rolls and aid in seasonal farm tasks." The other would establish a fund to "defray transportation costs of the workers to and from farm areas."

The Drobish plan met with most favor. Chamber of Commerce members, it is assumed, were quick to see the possibilities of a plan that would, with one swoop, take care of thousands of unemployed workers, keep them in one place slaving for the necessities of life and provide an unlimited storehouse of cheap labor.

Besides, the plan of putting relief workers on the farms at slave wages was tried in 1935. It didn't work because relief workers refused to leave their homes and families to be bound out to wealthy growers—even at the point of a gun.

Have you donated to the \$7,500 Western Worker Sustaining Fund? Do it today.

## Why the Western WORKER GROWS

### LETTERS FROM MANY READERS

A Sacramento worker receiving small wages and who is ill has so far donated \$15.00 to the Western Worker sustaining fund.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Comrade Editor:

Having read the War Chest appeal, I am sending two thin dimes; it's not much, but it's the best I can scrape up.

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H. L. B.

Sacramento, Sonoma, San Bernardino, San Mateo, Merced, San Diego, and Santa Barbara Sections have gone over the top in the Western Worker drive! Which section will be next?

Sacramento Section has taken away the lead from San Bernardino Section in their competitions for the mimeograph machine. Sacramento and San Bernardino Sections watch out for Contra Costa Section. They're creeping up on you!

San Mateo Section is just a few points behind Sonoma Section, which held the lead in this group for over five weeks, and Santa Barbara Section has become a real factor in the competition by also raising its quota 100 per cent.

Lindsay, Calif.

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Dear Sirs:

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Yours truly,

J. B.

Western Worker:

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Comradely yours,

M. K., Sacramento.

## FEDERATION TO BE FORMED ON GULF IN MARCH

### MARINE UNIONS SEEKING SOLIDARITY

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—The second convention, leading to the formation of the Maritime Federation of the Gulf Coast will open here at 10 a. m. on March 3.

The initial convention was held in Houston, Tex., on Jan. 6 and 7. At that time a proposed constitution was drawn up and approved. The second convention will elect officers of the Federation and complete the task of organization on the Gulf Coast.

It was the unanimous opinion of all delegates to the Houston convention that due to the very unsettled situation confronting both longshoremen and seamen it is urged that the unity of all maritime crafts be established as quickly as possible through the organization of a Maritime Federation of the Gulf Coast.

The second convention call stresses the fact that it is not the purpose of the Gulf Federation to split any other maritime union or to set up a dual organization.

Calls were mailed to the International Longshoremen's Association, the International Seamen's Union, the Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association, the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and the American Radio Telegraphers' Association.

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## STUDENT UNION BRANCH FORMED AT CALIFORNIA

### NEW ORGANIZATION GETS WIDE BACKING

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 18.—The new University of California Chapter of the American Student Union, at its initial organization meeting here recently, signed up more members than the past membership of the National Student League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy combined.

A broad provisional committee was set up, composed of representatives of every point of view on the campus, from liberal to Communist.

In spite of the fact that the leading spokesman for the A.S.U. at the last meeting of the students' council was the president of the Phi Beta Kappa and that it received the backing of the Daily Californian, the A.S.U. failed to get permission to meet on the university campus.

The A.S.U. was formed at the recent national convention of college students held at Columbus, Ohio. Both the National Student League and the League for Industrial Democracy were dissolved officially in favor of the A.S.U.

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## LIBERTY LEAGUE UNDER WAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

### "Big Money" Rallies to Save the Constitution From Everybody

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—The Liberty League is organizing on the West Coast with headquarters in this city.

To the accompaniment of high sounding words, references to "individual" liberty and "initiative," America's foremost, potential fascist group is roping in the wealthy and near wealthy of this area.

John D. Raskob, address Empire State Building, New York City, has written his letter to potential Liberty Leaguers. Says Mr. Raskob in part:

"Beginning life as a poor boy blessed with splendid health... It was my good fortune to be born a citizen of the United States of America—a country whose government is founded on a constitution which respects the rights of persons and property as fundamental to every successful form of government."

But Mr. Raskob actually gets down to business in the final paragraph of his two-page letter, in which he declares:

"I hope you will not think me presumptuous in calling on you and your friends to unite with

others in issuing a clarion call to all liberty loving citizens to join the American Liberty League, National Press Building, Washington, D. C., which is doing everything possible to root out the vicious radical element that threatens the destruction of our government."

A group of 50 prominent local business men has been appointed to work in cooperation with the national advisory council of the Liberty League. Names of members of this group was given in the daily newspapers.

They say there are no class lines in America, nor a class struggle. Nevertheless, the gentlemen of the Liberty League are on a definite side of the fence San Franciscans who are working with the League include:

Leland D. Adams of the Leslie Salt Company; Thomas A. Allen of Munson and Allen, attorneys; Fred W. Boole, insurance man; Edward H. Clark Jr., of the American Trust Company; Mark L. Gerstle of the Alaska Commercial Company; Walter S. Johnson, attorney for the American Box Corporation.

There are fifty names and not one of them is the name of a worker.

These are the men who are going to "save the Constitution." These are the men who are interested in profit, in exploitation, in high salaries and the stock market. These are the type of men who, led by the DuPonts, the Raskobs, the Jouett Shouses, intend to rule the country through fascist methods. The New Deal increased their profits an hundred fold. Now they are through with the New Deal. They would scrap the Constitution quicker than a snap of the finger, if the Constitution stood in their way. Right now they think they can use the Constitution as a means to an end.

That end is fascist control of the country by monopoly capital. A fighting Farmer-Labor Party, organized locally and nationally, dedicated to the struggle against war and fascism and for a better way of living for the common people, will be able to defeat the Liberty Leaguers. But it must be a Farmer-Labor Party in which all are united.

## SRA Staff Picked From Relatives of Boss in East Bay

### WIFE OF MERCHANT HAS HER OWN RULES—TO HECK WITH STATE

By a Worker Correspondent  
OAKLAND—The SRA office continues to operate with a few social workers hand-picked by Mrs. Silver, personnel manager of the social service department. She states that the workers selected for the permanent staff are those who have the best qualifications. They certainly have the qualifications which best suit Mrs. Silver.

Those selected to remain include the wife of an Oakland City official and a Mrs. Nathan, who is Mrs. Silver's sister. The only social worker retained in one East bay district is the only child of a banker official. Her cousin also was kept on. She commutes from a comfortable home in Marin County to hold down her position on the SRA staff in Alameda County. Incidentally one of the SERA stenographers is a Miss Natian, Mrs. Silver's sister-in-law.

### WHAT GOOD IS A RULE?

The state ruling is that two members of a family cannot be employed on an SRA staff anywhere in California, even if they live in separate households. Mrs. Silver laid off one social worker because her step father had an SRA position. She did not explain why her own sister is not being laid off.

Mrs. Silver also told one social worker that she was being laid off because "her walk was too independent."

Mrs. Silver, herself, is the wife of the proprietor of Silver's Clothing Store, 422-11th street, Oakland, who advertises blatantly over the radio that he sells \$30 suit for \$20, on time. One man who bought a suit at Silver's on \$1 a week payments, lost his job, and by the time he got another one he was three days late in making a payment. Silver attached his wages during those three days; and, according to their contract, charged him an extra \$15 for making one payment late.

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## LEFT TURN TO LABOR BALL OK IN LOS ANGELES

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"Midwinter Labor Frolic—Dance to Gus Arnheim's band," etc., etc. Right beneath this billboard is another sign, which reads:

"Left Turn OK!"

The Western Worker agrees with and supports the principles underlying both signs.

Scheduled to be exceptionally successful and to raise considerable funds toward lifting the mortgage on the Los Angeles Labor Temple, the "Midwinter Labor Frolic" will be held at the Shrine Auditorium on the night of Feb. 25th, anniversary of the Central Labor Council.

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## The Communist Party Of Italy

A cablegram has been received from the Communist Party of Italy expressing its thanks to the brother American Party for its fine act of solidarity in initiating a campaign to raise \$5000 for the Italian Communist Party.

"The Communist Party of Italy, the preeminent anti-fascist force in Italy, greets its brother Party of America and the masses of workers who are participating in the campaign of support.

"Money collected will be a great help and incentive for the continued struggle against fascism and war. Thanks to all supporters of our hard struggle.

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"Political Bureau,  
"Communist Party of Italy."

Send your contributions for the fighting Communist Party of Italy to the Sponsoring Committee, P. O. Box 87, Station D, New York City. A. Blake, treasurer.

## The United Front In Spain

The United Front of Communists, Socialists and Syndicalists in Spain has virtually seized power through its victory in the elections. Capitalist newspapers are now proclaiming that if this democratic government representing the majority of Spain seeks to carry out reforms to alter the capitalist system, the factory owners, financiers and huge landowners will resist by force of arms.

This establishes very clearly on whose shoulders the guilt of "force and violence" rests. There is no question but that the reactionary powers in Spain will oppose the will of the people with every weapon of treachery and violence it can lay hands to. And there is no question but that this violence will have to be suppressed by force.

This is the clearest example that could be wished to illustrate the Communist Party contention that an entirely peaceful transition from capitalism to Socialism cannot be achieved. Not because the Communists would not prefer the peaceful dissolution of capitalism and the peaceful rise of the new order. But because capitalist rulers, armed to the teeth, will not yield to the vote of the majority.

What gains the working class wins at the polls it must be prepared to defend in the streets.

Democracy is meaningless if the people of a nation are not organized in such a manner that they can make use of this democracy to direct the policies of government in their own interests.

Today in America, the powers of capitalism

## "THE RIGHT TO REVOLUTIONIZE"—LINCOLN

"Any people anywhere being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right—a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which the whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people that can may revolutionize, and make their own of so

## Are Soviet Women Happy? Strong and Tchernavin Debate

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—"Are Women in Soviet Russia Happier?"

This important topic will be debated here at Trinity Auditorium on the night of March 6th, under auspices of the Modern Forum, with the opposing debaters Madame Tatiana Tchernavin, author of the libelous "Escape From the Soviets," and Anna Louise Strong, distinguished Soviet citizen now and formerly an American citizen.

A packed house is expected for this debate at the auditorium, which is located at Ninth street and Grand ave.

## N. Y. CONSULATES OF WAR-DOG NATIONS PICKETED

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Consulates of three war-provoking nations, Germany, Japan and Italy, were picketed by thousands of workers here today following a call for mass picketing issued by the Communist Party. Notable was the presence of many Negro and Italian workers.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SNUBS HEIDELBERG

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Oxford University will not send a delegate to the Heidelberg anniversary celebrations, it was announced today by the Hebdomadal Council, leading university body.

Nazi Germany is unpopular with Oxford students, and such rebuffs as the above mirror general opinion.

are organized. They control the machinery of election and direct the government to serve their interests.

But the people of America are not organized and have virtually no power to represent their interests.

The formation of a strong united front Farmer-Labor Party will be the creation of a medium through which the people can exert their will. It will mean the creation of a People's Front such as exists in France, Spain, Mexico and many of the Pan-American republics.

In Spain, before the creation of the united front, the power of the people was split into fragments. It consisted of Communists, Socialists, Syndicalists and many small groups. The united front welded all these divided organizations into a single unit of power, united on a common program to which each group could agree regardless of other differences.

This same situation prevails in America. The united front Farmer-Labor Party must realize the strength of the whole working class and liberal population. Without organization there is no democracy.

## Sailors Must Fight For Their Charter

The membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific has thus far shown excellent solidarity in standing firm behind their elected leaders and in fighting for the return of their charter, which was revoked by the hand-picked majority at the International Seamen's Union convention.

The support they have received from the other West Coast maritime unions, from the East Coast rank and file, and from organized labor generally, is due to the fact that the Sailors' Union declared its intention to fight to remain in the I. S. U. and the A. F. of L., and avoided any steps in the direction of an independent union.

But if the membership will not continue to fight determinedly to remain in the A. F. of L., there is grave danger that the employers and Scharenberg will try to create a split in the Sailors' Union and in the Maritime Federation. An indication of this is the recent report that the I. S. U. officials will attempt to open a new union hall. If the sailors wish to see their unity strengthened, and get the continued support of the labor movement, they must prevent any steps which would lead to the Sailors' Union breaking away from the I. S. U. and the A. F. of L.

Unfortunately, there are some members and officials of the Sailors' Union that do not see the danger of an independent union, and favor such a course. They refuse to see that if the union gives up its fight to remain in the American Federation of Labor, the reactionary officials of the I. S. U., together with the ship-owners, will use this to try and split the ranks of the seamen as well as the whole Maritime Federation.

The Sailors' Union must conduct an energetic fight for the return of the I. S. U. charter by all possible means, and enlist the support of the East Coast sailors, the Maritime Federation, and the entire labor movement. Only in this way can they be sure of maintaining the ranks of the West Coast seamen solid against the attacks of the I. S. U. officials, and win the mass support of the other trade unions.

## A Solution?

There is only one conclusion that can be arrived at from the articles on Communism in the universities which are being published in the Hearst papers. That is that the professors in the class rooms cannot compete with the "agitators" on the edge of the campus. The "agitators" surely must be their superiors in logic and coherence.

The apparent solution would be to install the "agitators" in the class rooms and put the professors out on the soap boxes.

much of the territory as they inhabit. More than this, a majority of any portion of such people may revolutionize, putting down a minority, intermingled with or near about them, who may oppose this movement. Such minority was precisely the case of the Tories of our own revolution. It is a quality of revolution not to go by old lines or old laws, but to break up both and make new ones.—Abraham Lincoln—Speech in House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., January 12, 1848.

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The above map indicates the giant munitions firms of Europe, all interlocked and controlled by the same financial clique. Similar financial ties bind the armaments factories of America to this same international of death. No matter who fights who or who wins or loses, it is money in the pockets of every capitalist government including that of the United States. Despite the fact that the Senate Munitions investigation revealed corruption on such a scale that the committee declared it dared not openly proclaim many of the facts it uncovered, the U. S. government has boosted armaments by an unprecedented appropriation, squelched effective neutrality legislation, and turned down every proposition for the control and restraint of armaments manufacture.

## Farmer-Labor Must Get Out of The Propaganda Stage

\* \* \* \* \* SUCH A PARTY MUST ENTER THE FALL ELECTIONS \* \* \* \* \*

### DISCUSSION ARTICLE

By Jack Johnstone

The November plenary session of the Central Committee of our Party raised as the chief political task confronting the American Workers today, the building of a Farmer-Labor Party as the only way in which the working people of the country can seriously undertake to improve their intolerable conditions—and to ward off the growing menace of capitalist reaction and war."

In California the forces of reaction are particularly aggressive. The vigilante-fascist attacks in Santa Rosa, Eureka, Jackson; the anti-labor legislation—the criminal syndicalist law; the "Disaster Preparedness" ordinance; the growing anti-Semitic propaganda by the fascist groupings; and the present openly planned shipowners vigilante attack directed against the trade union movement. With the Maritime Unions the first point of attack. The domination of the State Apparatus by the Hearst-Liberty League-Republican machine, made possible by the refusal of Roosevelt to give an official endorsement of the official Epic democratic ticket, and by the sabotage of the McAdoo-Creel democrats in the last State elections, makes the organization of a Farmer-Labor Party in California of first importance.

### PROPAGANDA STAGE

Nevertheless, the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party in California, in the main, is still in its propaganda stage. True, there was a United Front ticket in the local elections last Fall, committees for the promotion of a Farmer-Labor Party are functioning in a few main cities, but no local Farmer-Labor Party has been organized as a result of these activities.

In the discussion and preparation for the Party convention the cause of this weakness should be given majority attention, in every unit, fraction, and higher Party committee. That is why, with such a favorable situation and in spite of the growing number of trade unions, mass organizations that have gone on record by endorsing resolutions for a Farmer-Labor Party, a number of whom participated in United Front tickets last Fall, the actual organization of a local Farmer-Labor Party does not take place. We should check on what extent the resolution and tasks for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party of the Central Committee and District have been carried out. We must take immediate steps to push forward the organizing of an initiating committee for the organization of a Farmer-Labor Party in the trade unions and mass organizations.

Why NO RESULTS?

It is safe to say that in all discussions in Party meetings the building of a broad anti-fascist, anti-war Farmer-Labor Party found unanimous consent. But how can we explain this unanimity with the lack of results? Unions, mass organizations, workers clubs, etc., adopt resolutions in favor of a Farmer-Labor Party, and there it seemingly ends, with no further steps taken to put the resolution into practice.

The cause of this sometimes is the lack of experience, of not knowing what steps to take. However, this weakness is only organizational. But there is lack of understanding on how to meet the demagoguery of the boosters of Roosevelt, especially in the trade unions. We see many sincere supporters of the Farmer-Labor Party who are under the spell of this demagogic propaganda—"that a Farmer-Labor Party would help to defeat Roosevelt and elect a Hearst-Liberty League-Republican administration," "That in such a case, Roosevelt is more preferable and the lesser evil"; "That the time is not ripe for a Farmer-Labor Party, in 1940 it may be possible." This, of course, adds to the difficulties, requires a much better, more persistent and more practical approach to the task of organizing local Farmer-Labor Party movements.

### PARTY REACTION

The reaction to this, within the Party, although not widespread, is in some instances to retreat before this added difficulty. "The time is too short to overcome this demagogic illusion being raised by the Roosevelt boosters and be able at the same time to organize a Farmer-Labor Party for the 1936 elections." Such an approach, if not immediately overcome, is bound to materially hinder the organization of local Farmer-Labor parties, and objectively plays into the hands of the Liberty League.

How do we answer this demagoguery? The question that the workers who really favor a Farmer-Labor Party want answered is, "Will the organizing of a Farmer-Labor Party increase the possibilities of a Hearst-Liberty League-Republican administration being elected?" It is true that a Farmer-Labor Party will be built at the expense of both capitalist parties. That is the reason for the organizing of a Farmer-Labor Party to get the workers and farmers into a party of their own. In 1932, Roosevelt drew heavy support from the Republican Party. In a number of places he almost wiped them out. Today the situation is much different—the tide has turned against Roosevelt.

### BACK AND FORTH

Switching back and forth from the Republican to Democratic, and from the Democratic to the

Republican Party has been the Tweedle De De and Tweedle De Dum of American politics. In 1920 the Tweedle De De was towards the Republican Party,—in 1932 the Tweedle De Dum was towards the Democratic Party. Today, masses of workers and farmers and liberals are beginning to see more clearly the meaning of this capitalistic two-ringed circus of political mannikins. A great many of those who swung to Roosevelt under the glittering promises of the New Deal have been disillusioned. They demand something different. In this state of confusion these discontented masses can fall victims to the well-organized propaganda of the Liberty League.

### ROOSEVELT WEAKENS

If Roosevelt is defeated by a Republican, it will be because he has retreated before every attack of his opponents, because his path is strewn with broken promises, and the masses of suffering people seeking a change are shown no other way out other than the "Tweedle De De of Wall Street's two ringed political circus, and primarily because there will be no strong effective Farmer-Labor Party to rally these moving masses to the left. The only effective way to defeat the attack against American liberties, led by the Hearst Liberty League aggregation of fascists, is by the building of a powerful Farmer-Labor Party. It is possible to elect, this year, quite a number of Farmer-Labor Congressmen and State Assemblymen throughout the country. Especially is this true in California.

The broad character of the Epic and Townsend movements, both of which permeate the trade unions and other mass organizations of farmers and workers, creates a special situation in California, particularly favorable to the organizing of local Farmer-Labor parties. Here, especially within the EPIC movement is a powerful revolt within the Democratic party with a strong tendency for independent political action on a State scale; a powerful opposition against Roosevelt, towards support of Roosevelt for President as the lesser evil! A great majority of the EPICS are aware of and have not forgotten how they were double-crossed; and how the EPIC official democratic slate for the last State election, headed by Sinclair for Governor, was defeated by the McAdoo-Creel State Democratic machine, and by the refusal of Roosevelt to give the candidates his official endorsement, the result of which was the election of the Hearst-Liberty League-Republican slate.

(Continued next issue)  
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# Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

An hour of pacing up and down in the drab, station-like waiting room of San Quentin penitentiary.

Other people who have come to see friends, sons or husbands, come in quietly and sit down glumly. Their manner is that of relatives sitting in an undertaker's parlor waiting to see a body.

People coming out of the adjoining "Reception Room" look neither to right nor to left nor where they are going. They usually make a bee-line for the door, guided by instinct rather than consciousness.

It is a hard thing to see a friend or son caught in that iron monster—to talk with him for a few brief minutes, then see it swallow him again—to go away and leave him stuck in it.

The atmosphere of the place, with its oak benches and severe woodwork, was strongly suggestive of a schoolroom. It needed only an American flag on the wall to complete the illusion.

And as I sat there, my mind went back to my own grammar school days. We used to march in and salute the flag every morning. "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

It was no mere recitation. We believed what we said and meant what we pledged with all our hearts. We were proud of our country and ready to die for it.

Every Fourth of July we wore little celluloid badges with a picture of the flag and the slogan: "Thank God I am an American."

We were taught the ideals of Americanism; fair play, justice, honesty, courage. And we believed in these ideals and were proud of our country because we believed, as we were taught, that these ideals ruled America.

Pat Chambers, the prisoner I was waiting to see, went through this same mill. And he clung to those ideals even when he saw them turned to cheap mockery and dragged in the mud. He clung to them and fought for them and that is why he is in prison today.

The waiting room of San Quentin was a curious place for such a reverie.

I wondered what my old school teachers, who taught such pride in America, would think if they knew their pupil had grown up to sit in this room waiting to see a friend and comrade who was serving a term in the penitentiary because he had taken the ideals they taught him seriously?

I wondered if they still would proclaim pride in America in the face of the fact that wealthy bankers and financiers could have a man sent to prison for organizing a union and asking decent wages and conditions for his fellow workers? And not merely one man, but a score or more in this very prison, not to mention the untold numbers in prisons throughout the country.

It was courage and honesty they wanted, eh? Pat Chambers gave them both and they didn't like it any too well. It was going to cost them money. It meant payment of decent wages.

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opened fire on the unarmed workers, killing two and wounding a score. No vigilante was hurt. No vigilante was jailed.

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There was no evidence of any conspiracy. But he was a Communist and believed in the socialization of the means of production.

Pat Chambers told the jury at the Sacramento trial:

"Go to the agricultural fields and see for yourselves how miserable the conditions of life are there. You will see children with the terrible imprint of hunger on their faces.

"I swore to fight against all power to browbeat the poor. I swore above all that these children would not go hungry."

And here I was waiting for them to call Pat up out of the depths of their cold steel hell. And the children are still hungry. And the "browbeating organizations" are still ruling and riding, high and foaming at the mouth with vigilantism.

But Pat's comrades are carrying on the fight outside. And we'll yet see the day when Pat and all the other C. S. prisoners, and you and I can really be proud of America.

They can jail Pat. But they can't jail the principles he was working for.

The voice of the guard echoed through the waiting room announcing: "Pat Chambers." I rose and walked toward the "Reception Room."

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## PWU CELEBRATE LINCOLN'S DAY IN RELIEF GAIN

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The PWU forced the following concessions from the military officials:

1. Reduction from 130 to 120 working hours a month.
2. Back pay for "rated" men from \$55 to \$85 a month.
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4. Firing of a boss on a project for race discrimination.
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PSYCHIATRIST OUTLINES PUBLIC HEALTH PLANS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Recently returned from Russia, Dr. Frankwood Williams, noted psychiatrist, reports an increase in mental health and sanity there, which he believes result from individual fulfillment in a socialized environment.

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4. Facilities for the care of the health of children up to school age; for the supervision of health of children through school years, the responsible attention to their needs for full biological development. No mere search for lice

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5. Complete protection for all workers, particularly those working in industries hazardous to health.

"It is uncivilized," says Dr. Frankwood, "not to put to work ALL the knowledge we have of general hygiene; of the prevention and aid of blindness, or cancer; of the allergies, or of endocrine disease. We have this knowledge and these facilities. We must make them available to all."

6. Every one ill shall have PROMPT medical attention. Every one in the community shall have the right to diagnosis before treatment; to adequate hospital procedure and nursing care. And to convalescent care.

For a sound health program, undertaken by a responsible state-architects, engineers, housing experts, and nutritional experts, would be concerned together. Dr. Frankwood believes that the time has come when these may take an active, rather than a passive and merely permissive role, in the social whole.

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Table with columns: City, Recruited, Quota. Lists cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles, East Bay, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Fresno, Porterville, Stockton, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Monterey, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Sonoma, Nevada, Arizona, San Jose, Sacramento, Tulare, Merced.

TOTAL ..... 396 500 With only one week left before the end of the drive, there are still 104 new recruits to be gained before the quota will be reached.

Stockton Section, with a membership about one-fourth the size of Sacramento, has overfulfilled its quota, while Sacramento has only achieved three recruits out of a quota of 12. What is your answer to this, Sacramento comrades? Are you going to allow Stockton to surpass you, or are you going to get your contacts together and approach them to join the Party? You should approach especially, trade union workers, as you are particularly active in trade union work.

East Bay Section, which has challenged the San Francisco Section to socialist competition in recruiting, has already recruited 53 new members, which is three over the quota of 50, while San Francisco still has 36 members to recruit, out of a quota of 100. Are you asleep, San Francisco? Hundreds of workers are waiting to be asked to join the Party during this drive. Keep up the good work, Oakland, and show the other Sections how to recruit.

Sonoma Section, about the same size as Monterey, has only one more recruit to get out of a quota of 8, while Monterey Section has not brought a single member into the Party since the beginning of the drive.

TRIPLED QUOTA San Mateo Section has already almost tripled its quota, while Contra Costa has still five more members to go. Don't keep your contacts out of the Party any longer, Contra Costa, but sign them up before the end of the drive.

In San Diego Section, where we have splendid opportunities, especially among the trade unionists, recruiting is not going very fast. There are still eight members to be recruited in this Section in order to fulfill the quota. Speed up, San Diego, comrades.

Los Angeles has still 22 new members to go to fulfill their quota. We are sure that with a little effort, the task will be accomplished.

Tulare, Monterey, and Eureka are the poorest sections in the District as regards recruiting. None of these sections have recruited a member since the drive started.

What has happened to the challenge issued by the organizer of the Sonoma Section, to the effect that he challenges all other sections in recruiting? Are our section organizers afraid to accept this challenge? So far there have been no answers from our section organizers.

All those sections lagging behind must immediately increase their recruiting tempo. The quotas can and will be achieved with a little systematic effort. Get busy on your contacts. Don't let a single day go past without doing contact work, and we will make our quota by March 1st.

FORWARD TO 3000 DUES-PAYING MEMBERS BY MARCH 1ST.

Read the Central Committee's appeal on Recruiting by each member. The San Francisco Section has fulfilled its quota 66 per cent.

To make 100 per cent by March 1st, it is necessary to secure 34 more new members for the Party. The standing by sub-sections are: Downtown, Waterfront, and now Mission is running up to third place.



"What right has he to refuse to do his war dance for my garden party?" "He says he belongs to the League Against War and Fascism." "Indeed! Then we'll report him to the authorities and have him sent back to India."

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WELCOME CRITICISM

San Francisco, Calif., February 21, 1936. Editor, Western Worker:

I talk with workers and intellectuals all over the city . . . and almost without exception, although they like the Western Worker, they have criticism to offer. Here are some of them picked up lately:

1. One tired worker complained that stories carried on Page 1, should be continued on the last page instead of Page 2—in order that it be unnecessary to fumble and fold the paper to finish the stories before changing street cars or falling asleep.

2. A professional worker (who happens to be a top-notch in her line) criticized as "silly" some of the inconsistencies and exaggerations of the Western Worker. She pointed out several in the special tabloid supplement of February 10—including such seemingly peevish criticism as the fact that on Page 4 is the statement that "after reading this paper you know Communists have nothing to conceal," while on the final page is this statement: "This is the inescapable conclusion from direct information obtained by this Sunday Worker from sources which cannot be quoted."

Now I hope you won't laugh this off, for both these people are intelligent, quite sincere and quite sympathetic.

Comradely Yours, J. J.

Editor's Note: We are always glad to get criticisms from the readers of the Western Worker. We are working toward fewer continued stories on Page 1 and in the future we promise there will not be more than two or three the most. It is true the Communists have nothing to hide. We want everyone to know about Communism. But often we receive valuable news, from sources which might be denied us in the future were they to be revealed. We are merely protecting the individual.

WHAT'S THE UNION'S STAND ON THIS?

Editor, Western Worker:

A dozen people on a downtown street corner crowded onto a Market street car to get in out of the heaviest rainfall San Francisco has seen in twelve years; but found, when they got onto the car, that they still needed their umbrellas. The roof of the car leaked in a score of places.

A woman passenger, vainly attempting to find a dry seat, complained to the conductor. "They're not spending any money on these cars now," he answered her, "They're putting all their money into one-man street cars."

"They're doing that to make us take the one-man cars and like it," another passenger said.

POPEYE vs MICKEY

Huntington Park, Cal., February 21, 1936. Editor Western Worker:

"Is Mickey Mouse a better American than Popeye?" was the question in a school debate at the Huntington Park High School recently.

In the decision Mickey Mouse came the closest because the manners and habits of Popeye are of foreign sentiment, being written and released through a British syndicate.

Such a debate is too ridiculous to warrant consideration when there are instructive and constructive questions to debate. The negative contended Popeye was the best American because he had started a campaign to get unhealthy children to eat spinach. This also is ridiculous because a large number of unhealthy children are children of the unemployed, suffering from malnutrition and not lacking spinach only.

It is appalling to find that the school board as well as the faculty would allow such a foolish question to be debated, for Mickey Mouse and Popeye are both void of intelligent, human emotions and are comical only in their crudeness and awkwardness.

Editors Note: The bad feature of this debate is not so much the characters discussed as it is the fact that high school children are encouraged in false patriotism which glorifies the American to the detriment of another race. Mickey Mouse is enjoyed by millions in this country as well as in the Soviet Union. Popeye also is extremely popular. They must have human appeal or they would not be so widely read.

NO WHITEWASH

NEW YORK.—(FP)—The banking house of Morgan, other financiers and munitions men will receive no whitewash from the Senate munitions investigating committee when its report is handed in about March 15, Sen. Gerald P. Nye told 3000 cheering New Yorkers. He denied reports in the New York Times that the Morgan inquiry had ended with a promise to the banker that his wartime affairs would receive a clean bill of health.

Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

REVOLT ON THE CAMPUS, by James Wechsler, New York Covici-Friede; \$3.00

Review by Howard Lowe. James Wechsler, who has succeeded Reed Harris as editor of the Columbia Spectator, has made a surprisingly complete and fairly objective study of the ever increasing interest of university students in radical activities of one sort or another. Mr. Wechsler gives much attention to the students' strike against war, which took place on April 12th of last year. It is to be remembered that Mr. Hearst's papers advocated the firing squad for people who had initiated this strike. Even the apparently tranquil atmosphere of Santa Clara was upset no end by this perfidy. A student editor who had merely asserted the self-evident fact that "students had nothing to gain from war" was accused of affronting the sanctities and subsequently expelled from the university.

At this time pacifism was tied up with communism, and communism was attached to the professors as their particular property. This was due in no small measure to word that the managing editors of all Hearst papers had received notice to the effect that "the old man wants us to get the professors." I don't think it can be denied that Mr. Hearst left no stone unturned in his zeal to "frame" many of the outstanding men of intellect in the social sciences. When this failed, he encouraged vigilantism, which made its greatest headway in California. In this he was seconded by many persons of high position in academic circles. The President of San Jose Teachers College, obviously wrought up over the spread of leftist activity on his campus, issued this statement: "If you know members of the group, please feel quite free to take them to the edge of the campus and drop them off."

The utilization of force without consideration has been the essence of this vigilantism. This force has been exercised mainly by members of the R. O. T. C., of Fraternity Row, and of the Athletic Associations. Vigilantism is aimed especially against the Jew: as a new and ominous wave of anti-semitism sweeps the country. This is due, at least in large part, to fascist propaganda, which attempts to place the Jew in the role of disturber of the existing order. Again Mr. Hearst is responsible for much of this. His papers are flooded with contributions of prominent fascists.

"Revolt on the Campus" is an admirable report of student activities these last thirty years, and it is particularly valuable for its picture of the current temper of the students. The facts Mr. Wechsler presents in this book serve as a terrific indictment of a hypocritical educational system, which while professing liberalism, is subservient to any organized pressure group powerful enough to make its will felt.

UNIQUE ART Exhibit Planned IN BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 21.—A unique art exhibit, in which all of the pictures on display will be given away as door prizes, will be held March 7, at 8 p. m. at the Y.W.C.A. Cottage on the University of California campus here. Preceding the drawing, Professor S. C. Pepper will speak on "Contemporary Art." Proceeds of the affair will go to help the East Bay Theater Union produce the powerful Negro play, "Stevodore."

The East Bay Theater Union is a direct outgrowth of the production of "Peace on Earth" last year in Berkeley. Its aim is to produce plays of social content directed at the great mass of the working people.

Works of art to be given away were donated by distinguished artists of the Bay region and include oil and tempera paintings, drawings, block prints, sculpture, and metal work. A group showing was held from Feb. 17 to 25 at Paul Elder's, and is now at the Sather Gate Book Shop in Berkeley. Tickets to the exhibit and lecture on March 7th may be purchased at the galleries or at the door.

Communist Party Units! Arrange house parties to raise funds for the Western Worker!

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

HERNIA Long Beach, Calif. Dear Comrade:

I have had a right inguinal hernia for the last four years. For a time I wore a truss and took corrective exercises, but after apparently making no headway gave it up. On the advice of a number of medicos, I discarded the truss, with the idea of having an operation as soon as finances would permit. The hernia has enlarged slightly.

Recently I have been told by a medical friend that treatment for hernia by the use of Sylosol, a G. D. Searle & Co. product, is both successful and inexpensive. Please advise me as to the merits of the Sylosol treatment. Comradely yours, J. M.

ANSWER:—The treatment of hernia with injections of various fluids into the sac is now a well-established mode of treatment. However, the type of hernia to be treated in this way should be determined in each case, also, the type of fluid to be injected. The above fluid may be recommended for certain cases, but there are many others just as good on the market. In the cases that the doctor believes will respond to the injection treatment, the patient ordinarily makes quite a saving, as he has no hospital bill and the doctor's fee is usually smaller than for an operation.

VITAMIN A. A few years back, vitamins were all the rage and when conversation lagged on the weather and Helen's new baby, one could always bring up the subject of this or that vitamin without feeling

an icy stare on one's neck. There was a good reason for this and the subject is more important than ever, even though it isn't talked about so much. We shall write a series of short articles on each vitamin, starting with "A."

If your child, or your neighbor's child, is stunted in his growth, underdeveloped, and always getting sick from infectious diseases, and then develops an eye disturbance, he very possibly does not get enough of the foods containing Vitamin A. The eye disease usually consists of the loss of ability to produce tears. This leads to unusual dryness of the outer surface of the eye, which in turn paves the way for infection of this surface, the cornea, with different types of germs. The cornea is destroyed and the child is blinded for life.

The treatment and prevention are eating large quantities of foods containing this valuable substance. The best are fresh butter, cream, milk, and cod liver oil. Next in value come egg-yolk, liver, kidney, and the leafy portions of green vegetables. Good also are all vegetables that are yellow in color, such as carrots or squash; not however, yellow with age such as one gets on many "surplus food" relief orders. Ordinary cooking does not destroy this vitamin.

To prevent the illness described above, each child should have at least a quart of fresh milk daily and frequent helpings of the other food-stuffs named. If these are not forthcoming on the starvation budgets found in some places, the local unemployed organizations must make demands for sufficient budgets.

WE WOMEN WORKERS

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS

How often do you read the papers with a running mental comment,—outraged, bitter or cynical,—on every item? Elizabeth L., a regular shock-brigade when it comes to correspondence for this column, analyzes a few capitalist press releases.

"I'm broke—what of my baby?" Because she could not answer this question a young mother recently left her three-weeks-old baby on the steps of St. Joseph's Home for the Deaf and Dumb in Oakland. And were those responsible for this young woman's poverty, the rulers of California, punished? Was the relief agency that had neglected her and her child, called to account? Oh, no, my dear, what are you thinking of! The young mother was put in jail!

By a generous arrangement the child was taken to the Ladies' Relief Home and the mother released from jail.

"Let me stay till Monday," she said. "I haven't any place to go."

And now to show you for what noble purpose young women such as this mother are permitted to suffer, let's quote from Dean Louise Jones of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. Hereafter, according to the orders of the lady dean, all co-eds are to have Sunday breakfast in bed, because "in rounding out a girl's social education, breakfast in bed is positively essential to any real development of social ideals." The social ideals under capitalism being, of course, idleness, comfort, at the expense of others' hard work, luxury at the expense of others' misery.

I MAKE TIRES, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD THEM ON MY OLD CAR

WORKING HOURS NICE AND SHORT—TOO SHORT

Editor, Western Worker: I make your tires. That is, I make them for those of you who have the price. Not by myself, of course. I work in a tire factory where hundreds of workers contribute to the construction of these commodities.

It's a nice plant. The working conditions are good and the hours are short; much too short to make a sizeable check. However, I'm eating—light. That's why I'm here. I hate tires; I want to write, but I can't digest carbon paper. I'm lucky. I have only myself to feed. I'm not worrying about that. I'm thinking about a woman that works with me. She has three children. Last week's check ran only \$10.56. I had a hard time making it myself, this week I'm just wondering what those

"What Have You Learned" was chosen as the keynote for the graduation ceremonies of a San Francisco high school. We wonder why it was decided to have the high school graduates look back four years instead of considering the world into which they are graduating? And what have YOU learned in the last four years?

How many new economics have you learned. What inferior food, poorer quality clothing, cheaper recreation, shabbier home, have you become accustomed to? How many illusions—of the impartiality of courts, the democracy of government, the future security of your family—have you lost?

Few of us may be graduating from high school this year. But the last few years have taught us plenty, whether we are handed a diploma or not.

"I'm hoping that I soon shall be able to find another job, where I won't have to be ashamed of being married." With a mother to support and a husband who must support his parents, the girl who said this cannot have a home of her own. And her employer has decreed that she shall not marry if she is to keep her job. This ruling is right in line with the fascist tendencies of America's day—capitalism. Shades of chattel slavery, where husband and wife were torn apart at the selling block!

The same people who are responsible for the crime against this young woman and her working class sisters, are the very ones to yell to high heaven about "the sanctity of the home."

MOVIE REVIEWS

By Kartar Dillon

STRUGGLES OF THE PAST SHOW RESEMBLANCE TO PRESENT

Review of "Tale of Two Cities."

By Kartar Dillon. Charles Dickens' book, "Tale of Two Cities" is truly one of the greatest in the history of literature. It has been accepted as a textbook in most American schools, therefore it will undoubtedly draw enormous audiences as a moving picture show. It is well that the mass of people are interested, for although Hollywood has put its undeniable stamp—(or rather—smear) upon it, still, "Tale of Two Cities" is a marvelous picture.

PARALLELS

Intelligent audiences cannot fail to see the similarity between the French Revolution and the trend of the present revolutionary movement throughout the world. Thinking people cannot fail to see that the same causes for the French Revolution—the wretched poverty, hunger, nakedness, oppression, and greed of the ruling class—are the causes for the oncoming revolutions in all capitalist countries.

There are many excellent scenes in which the wretchedness of the masses is depicted with forceful artistry: the starving people drinking spilt wine from the cobblestones of the street; the people chewing on bones meant for the dogs of the noblemen. The scenes of police brutality and of pompous, well-dressed effeminate noblemen indulging in callous inhuman treatment of the masses can easily find their duplication in our governments today, (with the exception of Soviet Russia).

FINE SCENES

The storming of the Bastille by the enraged, starving peasants is

a scene that will live forever in the memory of those who see it. The bravery of the people in the face of cannons, the solidarity expressed by the soldiers in joining the ranks of the civilians is as stirring and real as the victory and comradeship of the Russian workers and soldiers, as stirring and real as the struggles and victories of the working class all over the world.

Some of the characters are exceptionally well-cast. Ronald Colman is excellent as the drunkard and roustabout, Sidney Carton. His ability as an actor cannot be too highly praised. The characterization of Madame Defarge is also splendidly done.

Just when you are beginning to think that the directors really have an understanding of human nature and economics, you are suddenly shocked to see them turn the masses into a mob of greedy, depraved beasts. One can expect the masses to be filled with hatred and demanding revenge on those who have tortured them, but one is not prepared to see the organized, principled people suddenly transform into a mob of blood-thirsty fools. It is easy to see that out of fascist-controlled Hollywood nothing can come truthful and untampered.

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

East Bay Outstrips San Francisco in Recruiting

RECRUITING FROM JAN. 1ST TO FEB. 21ST, INCLUSIVE

Table with columns: City, Recruited, Quota. Includes San Francisco, Los Angeles, East Bay, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Fresno, Porterville, Stockton, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Monterey, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Sonoma, Nevada, Arizona, San Jose, Sacramento, Tulare, Merced.

TOTAL ..... 396 500 With only one week left before the end of the drive, there are still 104 new recruits to be gained before the quota will be reached.

Stockton Section, with a membership about one-fourth the size of Sacramento, has overfulfilled its quota, while Sacramento has only achieved three recruits out of a quota of 12. What is your answer to this, Sacramento comrades? Are you going to allow Stockton to surpass you, or are you going to get your contacts together and approach them to join the Party? You should approach especially, trade union workers, as you are particularly active in trade union work.

East Bay Section, which has challenged the San Francisco Section to socialist competition in recruiting, has already recruited 53 new members, which is three over the quota of 50, while San Francisco still has 36 members to recruit, out of a quota of 100. Are you asleep, San Francisco? Hundreds of workers are waiting to be asked to join the Party during this drive. Keep up the good work, Oakland, and show the other Sections how to recruit.

Sonoma Section, about the same size as Monterey, has only one more recruit to get out of a quota of 8, while Monterey Section has not brought a single member into the Party since the beginning of the drive.

San Mateo Section has already almost tripled its quota, while Contra Costa has still five more members to go. Don't keep your contacts out of the Party any longer, Contra Costa, but sign them up before the end of the drive.

In San Diego Section, where we have splendid opportunities, especially among the trade unionists, recruiting is not going very fast. There are still eight members to be recruited in this Section in order to fulfill the quota. Speed up, San Diego, comrades.

Los Angeles has still 22 new members to go to fulfill their quota. We are sure that with a little effort, the task will be accomplished.

Tulare, Monterey, and Eureka are the poorest sections in the District as regards recruiting. None of these sections have recruited a member since the drive started.

What has happened to the challenge issued by the organizer of the Sonoma Section, to the effect that he challenges all other sections in recruiting? Are our section organizers afraid to accept this challenge? So far there have been no answers from our section organizers.

All those sections lagging behind must immediately increase their recruiting tempo. The quotas can and will be achieved with a little systematic effort. Get busy on your contacts. Don't let a single day go past without doing contact work, and we will make our quota by March 1st.

FORWARD TO 3000 DUES-PAYING MEMBERS BY MARCH 1ST.

Read the Central Committee's appeal on Recruiting by each member. The San Francisco Section has fulfilled its quota 66 per cent.

To make 100 per cent by March 1st, it is necessary to secure 34 more new members for the Party. The standing by sub-sections are: Downtown, Waterfront, and now Mission is running up to third place.



"What right has he to refuse to do his war dance for my garden party?" "He says he belongs to the League Against War and Fascism." "Indeed! Then we'll report him to the authorities and have him sent back to India."

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WELCOME CRITICISM

San Francisco, Calif., February 21, 1936. Editor, Western Worker:

I talk with workers and intellectuals all over the city... and almost without exception, although they like the Western Worker, they have criticism to offer. Here are some of them picked up lately:

1. One tired worker complained that stories carried on Page 1, should be continued on the last page instead of Page 2—in order that it be unnecessary to fumble and fold the paper to finish the stories before changing street cars or falling asleep.

2. A professional worker (who happens to be a top-notch in her line) criticized as "silly" some of the inconsistencies and exaggerations of the Western Worker. She pointed out several in the special tabloid supplement of February 10—including such seemingly picayunish criticism as the fact that on Page 4 is the statement that "after reading this paper you know Communists have nothing to conceal," while on the final page is this statement: "This is the inescapable conclusion from direct information obtained by the Sunday Worker from sources which cannot be quoted."

Now I hope you won't laugh this off, for both these people are intelligent, quite sincere and quite sympathetic.

Comradely Yours, J. J.

Editor's Note: We are always glad to get criticisms from the readers of the Western Worker. We are working toward fewer continued stories on Page 1 and in the future we promise there will not be more than two or three the most. It is true the Communists have nothing to hide. We want everyone to know about Communism. But often we receive valuable news, from sources which might be denied us in the future were they to be revealed. We are merely protecting the individual.

WHAT'S THE UNION'S STAND ON THIS?

Editor, Western Worker: A dozen people on a downtown street corner crowded onto a Market street car to get in out of the heaviest rainfall San Francisco has seen in twelve years; but found, when they got onto the car, that they still needed their umbrellas. The roof of the car leaked in a score of places.

A woman passenger, vainly attempting to find a dry seat, complained to the conductor. "They're not spending any money on these cars now," he answered her, "They're putting all their money into one-man street cars."

"They're doing that to make us take the one-man cars and like it," another passenger said.

Books-Pamphlets IN REVIEW

REVOLT ON THE CAMPUS, by James Wechsler, New York Covici-Friede; \$3.00

Review by Howard Lowe. James Wechsler, who has succeeded Reed Harris as editor of the Columbia Spectator, has made a surprisingly complete and fairly objective study of the ever increasing interest of university students in radical activities of one sort or another. Mr. Wechsler gives much attention to the students' strike against war, which took place on April 12th of last year. It is to be remembered that Mr. Hearst's papers advocated the firing squad for people who had initiated this strike. Even the apparently tranquil atmosphere of Santa Clara was upset not only by this perfidy. A student editor who had merely asserted the self-evident fact that "students had nothing to gain from war" was accused of affronting the sanctities and subsequently expelled from the university.

At this time pacifism was tied up with communism, and communism was attached to the professors as their particular property. This was due in no small measure to word that the managing editors of all Hearst papers had received notice to the effect that "the old man wants us to get the professors." I don't think it can be denied that Mr. Hearst left no stone unturned in his zeal to "frame" many of the outstanding men of intellect in the social sciences. When this failed, he encouraged vigilantism, which made its greatest headway in California. In this he was seconded by many persons of high position in academic circles. The President of San Jose Teachers College, obviously wrought up over the spread of leftist activity on his campus, issued this statement: "If you know members of the group, please feel free to take them to the edge of the campus and drop them off."

The utilization of force without consideration has been the essence of this vigilantism. This force has been exercised mainly by members of the R. O. T. C., of Fraternity Row, and of the Athletic Associations. Vigilantism is aimed especially against the Jew: as a new and ominous wave of anti-semitism sweeps the country. This is due, at least in large part, to fascist propaganda, which attempts to place the Jew in the role of disturber of the existing order. Again Mr. Hearst is responsible for much of this. His papers are flooded with contributions of prominent fascists.

"Revolt on the Campus" is an admirable report of student activities these last thirty years, and it is particularly valuable for its picture of the current temper of the students. The facts Mr. Wechsler presents in this book serve as a terrific indictment of a hypocritical educational system, which while professing liberalism, is subservient to any organized pressure group powerful enough to make its will felt.

UNIQUE ART Exhibit Planned IN BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 24.—A unique art exhibit, in which all of the pictures on display will be given away as door prizes, will be held March 7, at 8 p. m. at the Y.W.C.A. Cottage on the University of California campus here. Preceding the drawing, Professor S. C. Pepper will speak on "Contemporary Art." Proceeds of the affair will go to help the East Bay Theater Union produce the powerful Negro play, "Stevadore."

The East Bay Theater Union is a direct outgrowth of the production of "Peace on Earth" last year in Berkeley. Its aim is to produce plays of social content directed at the great mass of the working people.

Works of art to be given away were donated by distinguished artists of the Bay region and include oil and tempera paintings, drawings, block prints, sculpture, and metal work. A group showing was held from Feb. 17 to 25 at Paul Elder's, and is now at the Sather Gate Book Shop in Berkeley. Tickets to the exhibit and lecture on March 7th may be purchased at the galleries or at the door.

Communist Party Units! Arrange house parties to raise funds for the Western Worker!

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

HERNIA Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Comrade: I have had a right inguinal hernia for the last four years. For a time I wore a truss and took corrective exercises, but after apparently making no headway gave it up. On the advice of a number of medicos, I discarded the truss, with the idea of having an operation as soon as finances would permit. The hernia has enlarged slightly.

Recently I have been told by a medical friend that treatment for hernia by the use of Sylosol, a G. D. Searle & Co. product, is both successful and inexpensive. Please advise me as to the merits of the Sylosol treatment. Comradely yours, J. M.

ANSWER:—The treatment of hernia with injections of various fluids into the sac is now a well-established mode of treatment. However, the type of hernia to be treated in this way should be determined in each case, also, the type of fluid to be injected. The above fluid may be recommended for certain cases, but there are many others just as good on the market. In the cases that the doctor believes will respond to the injection treatment, the patient ordinarily makes quite a saving, as he has no hospital bill and the doctor's fee is usually smaller than for an operation.

VITAMIN A. A few years back, vitamins were all the rage and when conversation lagged on the weather and Helen's new baby, one could always bring up the subject of this or that vitamin without feeling

WE WOMEN WORKERS CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

FOOTNOTES TO THE NEWS How often do you read the papers with a running mental comment,—outraged, bitter or cynical,—on every item? Elizabeth L., a regular shock-brigadier when it comes to correspondence for this column, analyzes a few capitalist press releases.

"I'm broke—what of my baby?" Because she could not answer this question a young mother recently left her three-weeks-old baby on the steps of St. Joseph's Home for the Deaf and Dumb in Oakland. And were those responsible for this young woman's poverty, the rulers of California, punished? Was the relief agency that had neglected her and her child, called to account? Oh, no, my dear, what are you thinking of! The young mother was put in jail!

By a generous arrangement the child was taken to the Ladies' Relief Home and the mother released from jail. "Let me stay till Monday," she said. "I haven't any place to go."

And now to show you for what noble purpose young women such as this mother are permitted to suffer, let's quote from Dean Louise Jones of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. Hereafter, according to the orders of the lady dean, all co-eds are to have Sunday breakfast in bed, because "in rounding out a girl's social education, breakfast in bed is positively essential to any real development of social ideals." The social ideals under capitalism being, of course, idleness, comfort, at the expense of others' hard work, luxury at the expense of others' misery.

I MAKE TIRES, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD THEM ON MY OLD CAR

WORKING HOURS NICE AND SHORT—TOO SHORT

Editor, Western Worker: I make your tires. That is, I make them for those of you who have the price. Not by myself, of course. I work in a tire factory where hundreds of workers contribute to the construction of these commodities.

It's a nice plant. The working conditions are good and the hours are short; much too short to make a sizeable check. However, I'm eating—light. That's why I'm here. I hate tires; I want to write, but I can't digest carbon paper. I'm lucky. I have only myself to feed. I'm not worrying about that.

I'm thinking about a woman that works with me. She has three children. Last week's check ran only \$10.56. I had a hard time making it myself, this week I'm just wondering what those

kids are eating. And that other girl whose husband is bedridden. I hope he isn't so ill as to need a doctor or medicine, because the landlord still comes around to collect regularly; at least nine does.

I'm lucky, though—I suppose. Even if I did have to leave junior college this year because I couldn't afford to buy the required books. I guess I have no right to expect both food and an education.

I was out of work a day this week. I had a flat tire and couldn't get it fixed in time to get to work. I need new tires on my nine-year-old car, badly, for safety as well as convenience. But they are expensive. I haven't the money to buy them. Hell no! I only make the things. An Outsider,

MOVIE REVIEWS

By Kartar Dillon

STRUGGLES OF THE PAST SHOW RESEMBLANCE TO PRESENT

Review of "Tale of Two Cities."

By Kartar Dillon. Charles Dickens' book, "Tale of Two Cities" is truly one of the greatest in the history of literature. It has been accepted as a textbook in most American schools, therefore it will undoubtedly draw enormous audiences as a moving picture show. It is well that the mass of people are interested, for although Hollywood has put its undeniable stamp—(or rather—smear) upon it, still, "Tale of Two Cities" is a marvelous picture.

PARALLELS

Intelligent audiences cannot fail to see the similarity between the French Revolution and the trend of the present revolutionary movement throughout the world. Thinking people cannot fail to see that the same causes for the French Revolution—the wretched poverty, hunger, nakedness, oppression, and greed of the ruling class—are the causes for the oncoming revolutions in all capitalist countries.

There are many excellent scenes in which the wretchedness of the masses is depicted with forceful artistry: the starving people drinking spilt wine from the cobblestones of the street; the people chewing on bones meant for the dogs of the noblemen. The scenes of police brutality and of pompous, er-dressed effeminate noblemen indulging in callous inhuman treatment of the masses can easily find their duplication in our governments today (with the exception of Soviet Russia).

FINE SCENES

The storming of the Bastille by the enraged, starving peasants is

a scene that will live forever in the memory of those who see it. The bravery of the people in the face of cannons, the solidarity expressed by the soldiers in joining the ranks of the civilians is as stirring and real as the victory and comradeship of the Russian workers and soldiers, as stirring and real as the struggles and victories of the working class all over the world.

Some of the characters are exceptionally well-cast. Ronald Colman is excellent as the drunkard and roustabout, Sidney Carton. His ability as an actor cannot be too highly praised. The characterization of Madame Dufarge is also splendidly done.

Just when you are beginning to think that the directors really have an understanding of human nature and economics, you are suddenly shocked to see them turn the masses into a mob of greedy, depraved beasts. One can expect the masses to be filled with hatred and demanding revenge on those who have tortured them, but one is not prepared to see the organized, principled people suddenly transform into a mob of blood-thirsty fools. It is easy to see that out of fascist-controlled Hollywood nothing can come truthful and untampered.

The working class will see through the farce that is the result of Hollywood's fear that the masses may understand too much from the French Revolution. It will see how suffering and sorrow and hardships naturally accompany a revolution, but it will also see how, when properly organized, it can build socialism, just as the Russian workers have done.