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STATE SABOTAGES C. S. REPEAL CAMPAIGN

Millions Marching in International Working Class Show of Strength

World Demonstrations on 300,000 IN First of May Oppose War JERSEY ARE

ITALIAN ARMY WADES IN BLOOD AND MUD TO EMPTY VICTORY

The First of May dawns on a world shaken by crisis, alarmed by the imminence of war, and restless with the spirit of revolt.

French workers are massing to celebrate their gains in the April 26th elections and rally their forces for greater victories in the May 3rd balloting. The Paris demonstration is scheduled as one of the most dynamic in history. The forces of reaction, panic stricken by the prospects of a working class victory at the polls are waging one of the most feverish and hysterical propaganda campaigns in recent years in a last-minute effort to stem the tide of popular revolt.

L. A. Committee Calls

For Withdrawal

LOS ANGELES, April 28 .-

Bill, now before Congress, twenty

The telegram was signed by

Jean Arthur, Irving Berlin, Char-

les Butterworth, Alan Campbell,

Marc Connelly, Florence Eld-

ridge, John Ford, Moss Hart,

nally Johnson, Arthur Kober,

Fredric March, Groucho Marx,

Frank Morgan, Edwin Justice

Mayer, Dudley Nichols, Clifford

Odets, Dorothy Parker, Samson

Raphaelson, Morrie Ryskind,

Viola Brothers Shore, and Mar-

Text of the telegram follows:

press, and free assembly, and,

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.

-Two mass meetings will

celebrate May Day here, one

at Sokol Hall, 739 Page st.

and one at Fugazi Hall, 678

Green st. Both meetings be-

A parade up Market street

is scheduled in the morning.

Workers should mobilize at

Market and Embarcadero be-

tween 10 and 11:30 a. m., at

which time the march will be-

gin. It will proceed up Mar-

ket street to Civic Center

where an open air demon-

stration will be held at noon.

gin at 8 p. m.

Kramer Bill.

ian Spitzer.

1798, and

In Italy, fascist powers are . prepared to suppress all popr demonstrations with mili-

g force. Il Duce's robber legions, knee deep in a morass of mud and blood on the plains of Ethiopia, are reported within 60 miles of Addis Abbaba. They are achieving a victory of no strategic value and at a cost that threatens to swamp the Italian nation in economic disaster. Unrest within Italy has grown to a giant, smouldering force that strikes fear in the heart of the fascist rulers.

SPANISH VICTORY

Spanish labor will greet May sent a telegram to Congressmar Day with a nation-wide 24-hour strike to celebrate the election victory of the United People's bill.

Germany will see the supressions of working class demonstrations and the substitution of military parades and war hysteria. The Nazis, instead of ruling May Day off the calendar as a holiday have sought to take it over as a day of kow-towing to the "God" Hitler.

In Poland, the workers' demonstration will be lakes of seething revolt surrounded by police and military. May Day celebrations have not been outlawed, but have been confined to definite areas which will be completely hemmed in by the armed forces of the state.

BRITISH PRETENCE

Great Britain, on the eve of May Day, threw another blazing masses by appropriating the staggering sum of more than ten miltion pounds (\$51,500,000) for naval construction. The traditional British pretence of liberality voices no Hyde Park demonstrations which grow more alarming to the ruling class each year. However, the area will be surrounded by heavy mobilizations of police and every government against any real threat aspect of a non-governmental af- to its security, fair will be present.

AUSTRIA PARADES

Fascist Austria follows the lead of Germany in attempting to convert May Day into a demonstration of war hysteria. Military parades and high mass are being arranged by the government. All sand new settlers are arriving this

ession of the workers them- year in Biro-Bidjan, Jewish, aues will be suppressed by ma- tonomous district in the Soviet chine gun squads touring the Far East. streets in trucks. The Communist Party has distributed hundreds of thousands of leaflets and plans "lightning" street demonstrations which will last a few minutes and then disappear to evade police violence.

In the Soviet Union, where the workers and the government are one and the same power, May Day will be commemorated by demonstrations of popular enthus. iasm such as could not be rallied in any other country of the world. In the rest of the world, May Days are mile-stones in the march

ward the establishment of Som. In the U.S. S. R., where alism has already been achieved. May Days are milestones in the march of Socialist progress toward a Communist Society.

For higher wages, against the

high cost of living! Build the mighty United Front of the working class on May 1st.

DENIED AID

Legislature Adjourns Without Providing Relief Money

TRENTON, N. J., April 30.-Three hundred thousand New Jersey jobless workers and their families literally were told they need no longer look to the state to feed them and the legislature here today washed its hands of the relief problem.

At the same time, 100 unemployed were ordered out of the state assembly building to which they had laid seige since a week ago last Tuesday. They demanded the legislature appropriate money to feed them and the thousands which they represent.

Because a majority of the legislators are seeking renomination Denouncing the Kramer Sedition in the approaching elections and were afraid of the effect new taxes, authors, actors, and directors in if okehed by them, might have the motion picture industry today upon voters, they refused to grant the demands of the hungry of the Charles W. Kramer asking him to state.

withdraw his sponsorship of the Practically all municipalities in New Jersey have stated their in Announcement of the telegram

was made by Superior Judge Les- employed without assistance from ter W. Roth, heading the Los An- the state. The legislature formed geles Committee to Defeat the a small administrative board to handle relief matters but at the same time gave it no funds with which to work and by its action automatically d'smissed a staff of 3000 regular administrative workers.

COLORADO FASCISM

C. Johnson to call off the border gations, is to prove it. blockade against the entry of workers from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The blockade had the complete approval of the big beet sugar interests, who are "Whereas: there is a bill pendassured of a plentyful supply of ing before Congress, Kramer Bill torch into the dry tinder of the H. R. 6427, which is an invasion cheap, hunger-driven labor through wholesale WPA lay-offs within of the right of free speech, free Colorado. The beet sugar inter-"Whereas, the United States has ests had no need this time for had no such peace-time sedition additional labor usually recruited law penalizing any language since from other states, hence the blockofficial opposition to the gigantic the discredited Sedition Act of ade. Already 47,312 applicants are registered at the free employment offices, with lay-offs continuing.

"Whereas, the present conspiracy Governor Johnson got the idea statutes adequately protect the of curbing the rights of ordinary American citizens to travel through their own country from the recent "Therefore, we the undersigned stunt of Los Angeles police chief, condemn this or any other bill Davis. Guardsmen patrolled the proposing to strike at American borders, and some of them, disfreedom of speech, and urge you guised as workers, crossed over to publicly withdraw your support." into New Mexico to act as spies. At the Colorado-New Mexico border not only freight-riders and MOSCOW .- (FP) .- Ten thouhitch hikers were turned back, but passengers were removed from to push this investigation. Old autos and trains and turned south-

ward at the point of guns. TRENTON, N. J., April 29.-As the New Jersey legislaturewith its finger on the political First of May pulse of the state-met to "seek demands full exposure. food and clothing" for the state's rapidly increasing jobless army, Meetings and reports come in that unemployed in Pennsylvania, Kansas and Il-Mass Parade

linois were planning demonstra-Legislative procedure thus far has followed a regular routine of meet, caucus, meet and caucus. Primary elections are scheduled for May 19 and legislators seek to

avoid action until after that event. Meanwhile the jobless, who laid seige to the state capitol more than a week ago, still continued to watch their elected "representatives" in action but were becoming increasingly furious at the studied

Approximately 300,000 were thrown off relief when state funds large camps nearby. became exhausted and landlords threatened immediate eviction

GREETINGS FROM TOM MOONEY

Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco, Calif.

Warmest militant Trade Union Greeting of Proletarian Solidarity to the class conscious workers on this fiftieth anniversary of International Labor Day from this tomb of the living dead where we have been buried alive for the past 20 years because of our militant loyalty and devotion to the TOILERS.

Don't forget those brave soldiers of the working class who have fallen on the industrial battle-fields or taken prisoners in the class war.

Long live International Labor Day, the symbol of proletarian solidarity throughout the world. TOM MOONEY and WARREN K. BILLINGS.

POLICE PROBE IS NOT PUSHED

Legal Entanglements Blamed in Halt

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.-Knowing San Franciscans are wondering who threw the monkey wrench into the machinery of the present "police graft investigation" now under way in this city.

To date no one seems to d that many of "San Francisco's DENVER, Colo.-Protests from finest" are taking a bit of change within the state as well as from on the side now and then. The other states have forced Gov. Ed. difficulty, as in all such investi-

> The grand jury has refused to authorize money for a transcript of testimony during hearings.

Meanwhile Southern District Police Captain Hoertkorn says he doesn't know how much money he has. He says his wife handles the financial matters for t he family. Hoertkorn knows so little about his financial status that, according to his own testimony, he allowed \$7000 in cash to lie untouched in a trunk for 15 years.

Mrs. Thomas G. Hoertkorn is slated to testify before the grand Angeles Red Squad. jury regarding her husband's

The present delay in pushing the investigation is but the latest in a series of difficulties which have beset the probe and prevented its opening over a long period

Even District Attorney Brady has shown no little unwillingness time residents of San Francisco, who have seen many "investigations" come and go, are sure this one will simmer off into nothingness, unless an enroused citizenry

Striking Field **Workers Attacked**

SACRAMENTO .- A strike of 250 pea pickers at Clarksburg was attacked Wednesday by Sheriff Monroe of Yale County, who led a squad of armed officers and ejected three strike leaders and 40

men and women encamped on the Al Souza ranch. The strikers are demanding an increase from 20 to 25 cents a hamper. The officials admitted that they feared the strike would spread to three other

RED SQUAD IS N.Y. Sailors Winning PETITION IS SENT AGAINST

Sixteen Armed Police Patrol Venice District

LOS ANGELES, April 29 .into the Venice celery fields.

lines have been attacked twice by the Los Angeles police, field workers are preparing to reorganize their picket lines.

Strikers are virtually prisoners in the strike area. Their attempts to leave are met with interference by spolice. Workers' cars have been forced into telephone poles by police cars. Three autos have been wrecked in this manner.

RELEASED

The five strikers arrested Sunday were released yesterday with- a dual local. out charges being filed against

who was struck Sunday by a tear gar bomb, is in a very serious condition. He was blinded by the gas and it was necessary for his fellow workers to lead him back to the strike headquarters. He was also clubbed by police.

of age, badly clubbed by police Sunday, is in a serious condition.

SEEK SETTLEMENT

It is reported several individual ranchers are willing to meet the demands of the field workers but due to the pressure of the Japanese Growers' Association they are still nesitant to sign contracts.

The Public Works and Unemployed Union is cooperating with the agricultural workers. All workers, trade unions and sympathizers are asked to send funds for strike relief to the Mexican Confederation of Unions, 128 N. Main st., Los Angeles, Calif.

The International Labor Deense is calling upon all workers' organizations, liberals, to protest to the Mayor and the City Council this latest outrage of the Los

ACLU TO FORCE TEST OF CALIF. FLAG SALUTING

SACRAMENTO, April 30.-A petition for a writ of mandate to test the constitutionality of compulsory flag saluting in California schools was filed in the Sacramento Superior Court by the Northern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union through Attorney Wayne M. Colins, Tuesday.

An alternative writ of mandate ssued by Superior Judge Peter Fields orders the Sacramento School Board, Superintendent Ch. C. Hughes, and other school officials made respondents in the action, to allow 9-year-old Charlotte Gabrielli to re-enter school without saluting the flag.

She was suspended last October for refusing to give the flag salute. The latter petition, which affirms the child's loyalty, declares that compulsory flag saluting vio-bers of the Fish Cannery Work lates her religious beliefs because, ers' Union of San Pedro, "no to adherents of "Jehovah's Witnesses," a religious group of which of "disturbing the peace." she is a member, "flag saluting

is a form of idolatry." Attempts to secure her reinstate-Keep America out of war by ment through school authorities grounds of error in refusing to the Los Angeles Central Labor of joining with the Alameda County

AGREEMENT MAY END WALKOUT

NEW YORK CITY.-An agreement is reported between officials of the International Seamen's Union and the rank and file strike committee led by Joseph Curran, which is expected to end the walkout on East Coast ships begun March 29. Some 4000 seamen have

An agreement provides for the Lewis and Morris, district I. L. dropping of the I. S. U. officials' A. officials, found that the rank suit to restrain the strike commit- and file sentiment snowed strong ural workers from picketing the ficials with the shipowners (which shoremen. ranches where they are on strike, does not grant the wage increases, Captain William - F. Hynes, chief evertime pay and conditions simcause of strike activities.

MOBILE

MOBILE, Ala.-Four ships are tied up here because the engine room crews are refusing to furnish steam for longshoremen to work cargo until the charter of Local 1284 of the I. L. A. is restored by the international officials. Ryan withdrew the local's charter due to its militancy in a strike and proceeded to organize plying crews through the union

SEATTLE

iam Green advising the Seattle ened" him outside the Supreme Labor Council to support the in- Court building. ternational I. L. A. officials against the militant leadership of the San at the trial by calling the strik-Erancisco I. I. A. local was filed. ing seamen "mutineers."

tee from continuing its activities; support for Bridges on Tuesday a referendum within 45 days on when they attacked the militant To prevent the striking agriculthe contract signed by the of- leader of the San Francisco long-NEW YORK CITY, Testimony

of the Los Angeles Red Squad, ilar to West Coast conditions in the trial of the International today sent 16 picked squad mem- which the seamen desire); a Seamen's Union top officials suit bers, armed with sawed-off shot pledge of no disciplinary action for an injunction against the milguns, tear gas bombs and clubs, by the officials against the strike-litant rank and file leadership of ers; and I. S. U. support of mem- the East Coast strike was halted Despite the fact that their picket bers discharged or blacklisted be- when Justice William Harmon Black assumed the role of mediator between the top officials and the rank and file. The suggestion that Justice

Black act as mediator was made by Hyman N. Glickstein, attorney for the strike committee, and was accepted by Grange and the other reactionary officials of the East Coast I. S. U. Grange, who has announced his intention to break any strike of the seamen by suptried yesterday to start a frame up against the rank and file offi cials, outstanding among whom i Joseph Curran, by charging that SEATTLE .- A wire from Will- some of the seamen had "threat-

He backed up the shipowners

Another worker, about 60 years APPEALS 1-WAN ARRAIGN UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 .-Permission to appeal the one-man tempt of the shipowners and their street car case to the United States Court of Appeals was won by the

CAR RULING

city in Judge Harold Louderback's urer of the Marine Firemen, and ourt here today. filed a long list of errors aimed phy continued when Judge I. L. at invalidating the injunction originally granted by Judge Louderback which, in opposition to a charges.

Street Railway practical permission to operate one-man cars. Louderback had ruled a city operate each street car in the city

two-thirds vote of the San Fran-

cisco people, granted the Market

rom St. Louis. Intention of the out the plot. company, it is understood, is to

ATTACK TEACHERS

cars of the one-man variety.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (FP) -Five nundred Memphis school teachers have been warned by the Board

SAN FRANCISCO. -The atcourts to turn a reported plot to "get" Earl King, secretary-treas-

A. M. Murphy, his assistant, into City Attorney John J. O'Toole a frameup against King and Mur-Harris arraigned the two militant as a spur to our efforts. We must union officials in "criminal libel" A fireman named Neill reported

to King and Murphy that Ivan Hunter, reactionary secretarytreasurer of the International Sea- made at Bryan's insistence that men's Union gave him \$500 to the word "proscribe" be changed ordinance requiring two men to murder King and Murphy. The to "prescribe" in the title of the courts quickly dismissed charges C. S. Act, which was done. against Hunter, despite the testi-The Market Street Company, it mony of a policeman that, disreported, has brought a new guised as a gunman, he had conounch of street cars into the city ferred with Hunter on carrying

The case was put over to Friday, convert these ancient relics into when King and Murphy will enter

NEW JOBLESS LOCAL

FAIRFIELD, Calif., April 24.-A unit of the Public Works and Unemployed Union was formed of Education that they must dis- here tonight with 64 members solve their American Federation signing up at the first meeting. of Teachers local or lose their It will work with the assistance Beatrice Kinkead from the National of the Vallejo Local.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS WIN IN **COURT BATTLE AT LOS ANGELES**

LOS ANGELES, April 28-Workers won a smashing victor here today for the right to orga nize, strike and picket when a jur found five Mexican women, mem guilty" on the framed up charges

Found "guilty" by a jury last month, the case was annealed by of Labor, whose charter was pul-Attorney J. Allan Frankel on led by Secretary J. W. Buzzell of ing Friday night on the question (Continued on Page 2, Column 2) keeping war out of the world! thus far have proved unavailing permit evidence showing that a Council, acting for William Green (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

trike was in existence at the time f the alleged offense. The apellate department of the superior ourt reversed the conviction and he workers were granted a new The five women workers were

members of the original Fish annery Workers' Union affiliated with the American Federation

BY ONE WORD

Spelling Mistake Is Made on Advice of Deputy Attorney

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29,-What amounts to practical sabotage of the referendum campaign, to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, on the part of the office of State Attorney General U. S. Webb, was revealed today by the state offices of the repeal campaign committee, when it was forced to call in all referendum petitions so far issued.

Due to an error in one word, made at the suggestion of Deputy Attorney General Darwin Bryan, 3000 petitions already issued must be withdrawn and new petitions ssued to conform with the advice of the Legislative Counsel's office Sacramento.

All individual and organizations who have been circulating petitions are urged to hold them until the new ones are ready, and then visit each voter who has already signed on the old petitions for the purpose of

getting them to sign again. When this has been done, the State Conference For Repeal of the C. S. Act asks that the old petitions be brought in or mailed to 68 Haight Street, San Francisco, or to the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West Second Street, Room 326, Los An-

NOT DISHEARTENED

"This error by the Attorney General's office, be it intentional or unintentional, is naturally a blow to our campaign," said Herbert Nugent, secretary of the State Conference.

"But instead of becoming disheartened by this temporary setback, we must and will let it act resolve to get 240,000 signatures by June 10th, which will act as 240,000 blows against fascist trends and reaction in California."

The error in the petitions was

Subsequently a letter from Fred B. Wood, State Legislative Counsel, established that the correct word is "proscribe," and warned . . the use of a word having practically the opposite meaning of the correct word in the title of the act proposed to be repealed, may conceivably be held to be misleading and result in vitiating the petition."

FOOL OR LIAR?

Bryan had originally insisted, on April 16th last, to a committee composed of Nugent and Mrs. Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, that "there is no such word as proscribe."

The official title of the C. S. Law is: "An act defining criminal syndicalism and sabotage, proscribing certain acts and methods in connection therewith and in pursuance thereof and providing penalties and punishment therefor."

Despite this temporary setback, the work for the repeal of this anti-labor statute is going on at a great pace.

The Central Labor Council of Alameda County voted last Monday night to sponsor a radio program for the repeal campaign. The Contra Costa County Central Labor Council is reported to be vot-

Menace to Labor Seen in Universal Fingerprinting

(Continued from Page 1)

when rent checks were stopped.

legislators, declared:

journed until May 11.

Four children and many women

Academic Freedom

A Splendid Theory,

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.-

Academic freedom is a "splendid

theory" to C. Harold Caulfield,

president of the Board of Educa-

"There is no need to require

publication that covertly sneers at

and insidiously saps at the foun-

dations of our form of govern

ment," said Gaulfield snappishly.

"Academic freedom is a splendid

theory, if by it you mean the free-

night by an agreement between

volved.

stand for no "propaganda."

OAKLAND A. F. OF L. COUNCIL TAKES Bosses Voted Out ACTION AGAINST MOVE

OAKLAND, April 28.-Some time ago the Alameda County Cenfral Labor Council went on record as opposing the fingerprinting drive now being pushed by the Fascist elements. At last night's meeting several delegates complained that the labor movement was giving far too little attention to this important fascist move. A motion was passed directing the secretary to write a letter to all affiliated union locals, as well as to the various East Bay city councils, informing them of the attitude of the Council on this matter. The resolution also urged the workers to start a more vigorous campaign against fingerprinting.

One delegate declared, "It is far ! better that they may not be able to identify a dead man than to JERSEY JOBLESS brand our labor leaders for the ed out that this was just the first. step toward issuing passports that workers will have to carry from town to town, and requiring everyone to report to the chief of police every time he stops in a new New Jersey Workers' Alliance and town, just as the workers are forced to do in the fascist countries of Europe.

The Oakland California Towel Co. has been placed on the "We do not patronize list" by both the laundry drivers and the Laundry Workers' Unions. A picket line will be thrown around the plant All union members are requested to refuse to use towels from this firm which supplies many barber snops, meat markets, restaurants, as ger protest. well as offices and stores.

The Filling Station Employes Union announced they will cele- with food and clothing. The Board brate May First by starting on of Aldermen, meanwhile, has adthat date to picket all unorganized stations.

It was voted to ask Harry Brid- are included in the protesting ges to address the Council on group, whatever date he may choose.

The Cooks and Waiters' Union presented a resolution stating that they are starting an active picketing campaign against unfair restaurants and asking the cooperation of all other unions in not crossing picket lines either to purchase meals or deliver goods. The executive committee was instructed to call all other affected un- tion, who thundered to members ions into conference so as to co- of the Mutual Business Club at a ordinate the campaign and make luncheon yesterday that he would it most effective.

The High Explosive Workers' Union recently organized in the high school children to read and Dupont Powder plant announced | digest The New Republic or any the signing of an agreement wherein they received a raise in wages amounting to \$50 per month and other concessions.

The official delegate from the Alameda County Central Labor Council to the Anti-Criminal Syn- dom to teach academic or esdicalism Conference in Sacra- sentially school subjects." mento made a very fine and rather detailed report. He announced that the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council was desirous of cooperating with this council in putting on a radio campaign for the repeal of the C. S. law and that the two councils share the expense equally. A motion was passed that such arrangements be started at once.

A. F. L. FIGURES SHOW 12,184,000 STILL JOBLESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.-A. F. of L. figures on unemployment just released show that little or no progress has been made in re-employment for the first three months of 1936. The figures place the number of industrial workers "without normal work" at 12,184,-000 in March.

"William Green, president of the A. F. of L., stated that failure to make progress in re-employment was due in part to lengthening of hours." More than a million possible jobs have been eliminated by lengthening work hours since the termination of the NRA," Green stated.

Even if business could reach a level sonsiderably above normal, at least 6,000,000 would be permamently unemployed, Green said.

Committee Halts Sailor Deportation

NEW YORK, April 29.-As a result of action by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Raimundo Estrada native of Puerto Rico, has been released from Ellis Island, and all charges against him dropped by inmigration authorities.

The committee started a campaign and in three weeks secured fact that "poverty was unknown" until an old lady intruded and Estrada's release, forcing the im- that she forsook the crown, gave broke the ice by accident. It remigration authorities to recognize his Puerto Rican birth certificate and a Seaman's Certificate of the to American oil interests. This murmuring their enthusiasm for Department of Commerce certi- was the "Magic Brew," presented "Private Hicks." fying that Estrada is an American by the Occasional Players. It endcitizen.

Of Lathers' Union At L. A. Meeting

LOS ANGELES. April 29.-Bosses out" was the decision of he lathers' group of the Allied Building Crafts, Inc." at its regular meeting here recently. The Allied comprises lathers, plasterers and hod-carriers' organization on an industrial basis and is an ndependent union.

Heretofore many contractors have attended meetings with the journeymen. Now they are forming an organization of their own.

A definite raise in wages has been announced to take effect May 15. At that time wages for John Spain Jr., secretary of the wood lathing will be \$4 per 1000 and outside men will get \$1 an leader of the jobless group, in hour. The present scale is \$3 per yielding the assembly floor to the 1000 for wood and between \$ and \$6 per day for outside men. "We may stay here years and FIVE-DAY WEEK

The new scale will call for 40-hour, five-day week with time ST LOUIS, April 29.-Failure and one-half for overtime and of aldermen to provide relief double time on Saturday and Sunbrought more than 40 unemployed men, women and children to the day. All work aside from wood lathe is considered outside work.

city hall here yesterday in a hun-This scale was adopted at a meeting a month ago with the They are determined to wait further proviso that after June 15 until the city dads provide them wood lathe would be \$5 per 1000. Later the motion was reconsid-

At a joint meeting of the lathers' board of directors with the contractors last week the latter agreed to waive their rights to a 30-day notice and accept the scale as specified in the original motion. After a heated discussion at Says School Head the lathers' meeting the report of the directors was accepted unanimously.

Members were asked by Fred Hunter, business agent, to turn in a steward's report from each job. Most of the jobs are 100 per cent Allied Building Crafts lathers but reports that a few employed men without cards are on the jobs makes it necessary to check each job. The business agent very strongly emphasized the necessity for making the industry 100 per cent closed shop.

Favor 6-Hour Day

WASHINGTON .- A poll taken by the American Institute of Public Opinion discloses that 76 per cent of those answering the poll favor a shorter work week as a means of reducing unemploy-SAN PEDRO, April 29.-Strike ment. Eighty-four percent said if of 500 men of the tuna fishing hours are reduced, weekly wages fleet, was reported ended here to should not be decreased. Chairman Connery of the House

the union and the companies in Labor Committee, a Democrat, has revealed that the 30-hour Bil The strike had kept 40 cutters is being held up in Congress by of the tuna fishing fleet idle in the President Roosevelt's failure to harbor for more than two weeks, support it.

"Private Hicks" Gets Most Applause in North California Drama Tourney

NEW THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS INDUSTRIAL STRIKE PLAY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Out of four one-act plays presented last night in the third annual drama tournament of the Northern California Drama Association, the majority of applause from the audience went to "Private Hicks," by Albert Maltz, the left-wing play presented by the New Theater Group.

program, "Hunger," presented by amidst a sea of groans. the Mummers, told of an unem- The third play was "Private tunes would change if the hus- man who refused to shoot at unband would only pray to God. The armed strikers. It's vitality and husband was doubtful, but fell importance hit the listless audi-

It received a listless slapping of disinterested applause.

GIDDY OPTIMISM

The second play told of a princess of an imaginary European drive against organized labor! things in America." There were a later date.

The first play on last night's about two hand slaps of applause

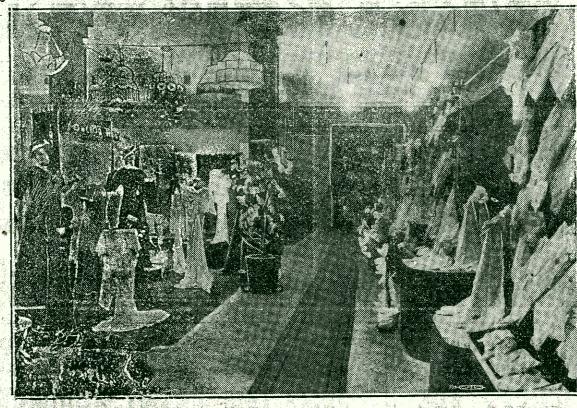
ployed family starving to death. Hicks." It dramatized the reac-The wife was certain their for tions of a young National Guardsinto a doze during which he ence as a complete surprise. They dreamed that hunger, in the shape straightened in their chairs and of the devil, entered the room and listened in rapt silence. At the wrestled with him. Awakening conclusion they replied with unanifrom the dream, he woved he mous, vigorous applause that strainwould pray to God and have op- ed for a curtain call and was only silenced by the appearance of the master of ceremonies.

PATTY CAKE, PATTY CAKE

The fourth play, "Three's Not a Crowd," was presented by the Edna Riese Players. It portrayed kingdom who came to America a young couple in love who were and became so fascinated by the too bashful to tell each other so the country to the people as a ceived a brief ripple of applause republic, and sold all the oil fields and the audience crowded out

The tournament, being held at ed up with the whole cast on the the Women's City Club, will constage singing Yankee Doodle and tinue for several days. Awards of Unity to smash the open-shop declaring, "This is how we do the judges will be announced at

HIGHER STANDARD OF CLOTHING FOR U.S.S.R.



Now that the basic industries have been established and food shortages overcome by collective crops, the Soviet workers are turning their attention to the production of comfort and luxury goods. Above is the Spring fashion show in Moscow's Central Department Store. This is not a private profit concern but a huge commissary owned and managed by the workers. Best and most popular designs will be turned out in mass

The Work of Vigilantes in San Pedro



In the early hours of the morning of April 15th, hoodlums broke through the glass door of the International Book Store in San Pedro and turned the place into a mass of wreckage.

The store was visited on the day before by

Inside Europe.

Why didn't the police interfere?

Hache, a member of the police Red Squad. He ONCE A STOOL PIGEON, | NEW ORLEANS, (FP) -The

crew of the Point Montara struck ALWAYS A RAT "Hitler entered political life as at New Orleans when difficulties tee is considering an exhibit of spy, a non-commissioned officer arose over their claim that they Nazi accomplishments for the n the post-war German army, de- were shipped at Mobile with the benefit of foreign tourists who at ailed as intelligence officer to at- promise of transportation or \$50 tend the games. end labor meetings."-John Gun- cash at their option, in case of her, European correspondent of troubles on the west coast. Long- And a torture chamber? And the Chicago Daily News, in his book, shoremen refused to work the bodies of thousands of workers,

midnight. The place was entered between 2 and 3 o'clock a.m. When the book store manager notified police of the vandalism, he was told, "you have no

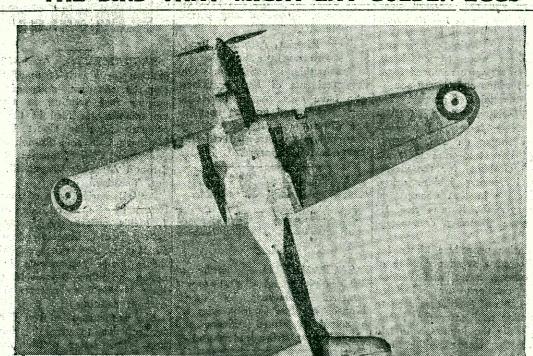
was seen again at the door of the store around

business opening a radical book store. AWAKEN THE DEAD

The German Olympics commit · A concentration camp, perhaps

liberals, Jews and Catholics?

THE BIRD THAT MIGHT LAY GOLDEN EGGS



One of the new high-powered bombers just completed for Britain's Royal Air Forces, which experts conclude to be one of the most effective death dealers ever devised. The threat of German belligerence is one of the greatest fears in England. And yet, it is to Great Britain that Hitler is looking for a

loan that would enable him to complete his war machine. If the British people have their way, he won't get it. If Britain's bankers have their way, he might. The whole future of Europe depends upon how well organized the people are to force their de-

MASS ACTION HALTS PASSAGE OF DISASTER ORDINANCE IN SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELF

Mobilization Rehearsal Planned for S. F. May 2nd

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.-Whipped to a standstill in their attempts to create a vigilante group legally under a "disaster ordinance," reactionary forces of San Francisco will attempt to set a preedent here tomorrow by a "disaster mobilization" under the "legal" auspices of the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, the police and fire denartments.

Police Chief Quinn offered his cooperation Wednesday by issuing orders to clear traffic from streets in and around police and fire stations, hospitals and the Veterans' War Memorial buildings, "to speed the concentration."

The mobilization will be started at noon tomorrow with two blasts from the Ferry Building siren, which will give repeated blasts at intervals until 2 p. m. Other sirens will also blast throughout the city. Police cars are to sound "the signal" as they cruise the city, and radio stations are to repeat it over the air.

The American Legion auxiliary will serve lunch "for those who desire it, after they have been registered in the mobilization."

The attempt to put over the "disaster ordinance" failed in the Board of Supervisors several

TABLED IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, April 28.-Militant opposition of workers vesanti-labor "major disaster" ordi er sentences than any other Crim

After bitterly attacking the proposed "major disaster" ordinance as a strikebreaking law to be fused to commit himself as to used against striking or demon- whether it would reconsider. The strating workers, Pat Calahan, cases of Lorene Norman, Carocounty organizer of the Public line Decker, and Nora Conkly Works and Unemployed Union, will come before the board some offered an amendment to the proposed ordinance which would pro- of Louise Todd, sentenced to 1 labor purposes.

ment it will have the support of also be brought before the board our organization," said Calahan. Rose Cherin of the Southern California Councils for Constituof the American Civil Liberties Union vigorously supported Cala-

han's amendment. 👍 "I have seen strikes broken with vagrancy laws and with Criminal Syndicalism laws," Grover Johnson of the International Labor Defense declared. I am confident that if 10,000 hungry workers were to march on the City Hall it would be interpreted as a "major disaster" and this ordinance would be used against the hungry peo-

"If you are sincere, how can you with a straight face vote Council's special committee against Calahan's amendment," Johnson continued.

The Board of Supervisors voted down the amendment to the ordinance which was later tabled by unanimous vote.

OPEN FORUM

LEGIONAIRE'S VIEWS

San Francisco, Calif., April 25, 1936.

Gentlemen: I would like to see your paper

unholy methods that are being Park.) used daily, so that the readers out the aid of propaganda set up as a smoke screen to hide real are a play by the Workers The

Ask your readers to clip out any items that tend to expose those 50 or 60 selected, cultured lounge-lizzards who are the mighty and allmighty owners of 147,000,-000 lives-by virtue of their control of industry and "legislative bodies" and the Supreme Court. Sincerely,

American Legion Man.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.-A storm of jeers and hisses from elderly spectators forced the adjournment of the Congressional inquiry into the Townsend organization. The moment Representative Clare Hoffman (Rep.) of Michigan, who is conducting the ing firms, where music arrainvestigation, walked in, he was booed by the Townsend Club members who crowded the room. At one point, Hoffman was forced to stop the questioning of began chanting, "Rot, rot, rot," readers by June.

Reveal Attempt To Sabotage C.S Repeal Campaign

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body in joint sponsorship of such

BOARD MEMBER DUCKS

The committee elected by the Sacramento C. S. Congress to present demands for release of the eight Sacramento victims of the law, reported last week that it was unable to see Governor Merriam, but that it put Banker Joseph Stephens, member of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, "on the spot" in the privileged sanctum of the Merchants National Bank of Sacramento.

Despite contrary evidence, Steph ens kept ducking the issue by statterday forced the Board of Super- ing that the men prisoners in visors to "table" indefinitely the San Quentin "have received lightinal Syndicalism case.'

Stephens admitted that the board can reconsider the cases, but retime in May, he said. The case hibit it from being used for anti- 14 years in Tenachapi Women's Prison, on a technical discrimina-"By adopting such an amend- tory point in the perjury law, may in May, Stephens said.

On Stephen's desk in the bank was a large pile of post cards, tional Rights and Clinton J. Taft bearing a picture of the three girl victims of the C. S. Law, Dute evidence of the growing car for release of these prisoners.

POSTPONE S. F. MOONEY MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.-Originally scheduled for May 15th in Civic Auditorium, the Mooney Mass Meeting has indefinitely postponed, it was announced here today by Hugo Ernst chairman of the Central Labor

Inability to get suitable and prominent speakers for the mass meeting is the reason for the postponement.

It was indicated that June 27th, the date Mooney and Warren K. Billings were arrested in the frameup following the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing, might be the date for the mass meeting.

All unions are to be notified of the postponement, and advised of the date when it is set, Ernst

Bay Area Picnic Plans Announced

SAN FRANCISCO.-The annual May Day picnic for San Francisco and all other Bay Area workpublish all the news that appears ers takes place on Sunday, May in the capitalist press that tends 10th, at Varsity Park Picnic Playto bring out the rotten, sinister, grounds (3 miles west of Menlo

A varied program has been arcan think along logical lines with ranged by the Picnic Committee; some of the highlights of w sports, ball-games, footraces, dance ing from 2 till 12 midnight.

There will be a special accordian orchestra provided for mass singing around the evening bonfire. A special attraction will be the national dishes prepared by the Armenians, Russians, Greek, Chinese and Italians.

Cars. and trucks will leave 121 Haight Street from 8:30 to 12 noon. Transportation round trip can be secured at only twenty-five cents

MUSIC FIRMS SETTLE

NEW YORK, (FP)-Thirty of Tin Pan Alley's 92 music pul and copyists struck for wage, h and recognition demands, have settled with Musicians' Local 802 of New York.

The Western Worker Circulaa witness when one old spectator tion Drive is now on. 2000 new

Republican Red-**Baiter Retires** From Elections

SANTA ROSA, April 28.-Officially endorsed Republican candi date for Congress, Col. Henry Sanborn, publisher of the vicious fascist newspaper, The American Citizen, announced his retirement from the elections at a meeting of Republicans in Ukiah last Sun-

day, it was learned here today. Universally scorned and despised by organized labor, Col. Sanborn was recently selected from a field of six or seven men and giver the Republican Party endorsement to oppose the incumbent; Con gressman Clarence F. Lea. Sanborn excused himself from

race by saying he was unable devote sufficient time to campaigning, since he would be absent from the state during most of the pre-election period, and would be "unable to conduct an aggressive campaign."

Townsendites in this district are reported to have made plans for entering a candidate against Lea, but no official endorsement has been made as yet.

Sanborn started publishing The American Citizen in San Rafael, making a career out of red-bait ing. Suddenly when the Waterfront Employers Association started its drive to smash the San Francisco maritime unions, this anti-labor sheet began to be is sued in tens of thousands of copies, without any statement as to where the financing was coming from.

Sanborn, in this newspaper, played the shipowners game by attacking in vicious manner the leadership of the maritime unions as mmunistic" and un-American," well as calling for fascist sup-

pression of the Communist Party.

Man Who 'Beat the Rap' to Run Again

LOS ANGELES, April 29. -Buron Fitts, long time "stooge' for Harry Chandler who is publisher of the reactionary, anti-labor Los Angeles Times, announced here yesterday that he will run for re-election as district attorney. Fitts has 'neld office since last December 5, 1928. e-time bigwig in the Ameri-

Legion, Fitts was Lieutenantgovernor under Governor C. C Young, before he became district attorney of Los Angeles County. He succeeded Asa Keyes, district attorney who was convicted and sent to San Quentin prison for malfeasance in public office, with Fitts acting as special prosecutor

In 1934 Fitts himself was in dicted in connection with his duties as district attorney, but "beat the rap." Attempts to remove him from office on the basis of the indictment also failed.

As a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1930, Fitts was badly beaten by the late Governor Rolph. In al! his campaigns, Fitts has always been supported by the Los Angeles Times, the long-time foe of organized labor.

Lewis Raps Flag Salute Measure

SCORES STATE IN "BABY PACIFIST" CASE

BARNARD, Vt.,-Commenting on the recent "baby pacifists" case, Sinclair Lewis, author of "It Can't Happen Here," declared that "If quarters and ask a guy if he the gangs behind the compulsory wants a Camel now. They were flag salute nonsense do not un- an awfully green group, but they derstand how they're advertising

Three young children at Northhampton, Mass., recently were ex- it won't be in them. pelled from the public schools and sentenced to reform school for refusing to salute the flag. Their parents are members of a reli-thing else besides strike. It is al-

Lewis charged that the patriotic organizations behind the flag dressed in the letter.) salute law are turning the flag into a symbol of fascism. "Does (Massachusetts) really regret that the embattled farmers of '76 a frame for a sign to put on the did not salute the British banner truck. They will probably try to which was then the lawful emblem of their government?" Lewis asked.

'tey are trying to turn that from the symbol of liberty into the symbol of tyranny, fascism and death," he continued. "I still can't quite believe that the American flag and the Swastika are one."

Let unity between Socialists and ty of all toilers!

STRIKE AGAINST HEARST PAPER DEVELOPS SOLIDARITY BETWEEN NEWS GUILD AND TRADE UNIONS

News From the Front In a Letter From Striker's Wife

INTRODUCTION

The following is a personal letter from the wife of one of the striking newspapermen of the Hearst Wisconsin News. The strike is being conducted by the American Newspaper Guild.

X- went to work for Hearst the first week in January. He didn't want to, but after all, we had some pressing bills and also had to cat. He was very disgruntled at the miserable salary, but finds out now

that if you can. I have been going around Milwankee in the sound truck. We mounted sound equipment on the Chevrolet roadster and told the city of Milwaukee about the strike. The equipment was donated by the Socialist Party.

LOUD SPEAKER

had, in that you could understand me for the greatest dis-

We have been on strike for six weeks, and the strain was too much for me or something or other. I went to pieces, but came to tonight. Just got up for a little nourishment and feel swell now; but I am not going down to the ine tomorrow for the cops scare ne to death. Next week I'll go down again and fight with the

We have been getting grand support from unions and liberal groups all over the country. The

unions here are doing swell. The publisher called the Executive Committee in to negotiate yesterday and talked all day, but they won't recognize the Guild as a bargaining unit. They will promise everything under the enlightened policies of this Ad-Hearst's Mr. Bittner was here, neighbors." but, of course, that didn't do any

BOYCOTT HEARST

The fight has quit being a fight against the "Wisconsin News" and is becoming a fight against Hearst and his \$227,-000,000. Several of the unions have put a ban on all Hearst

If you belong to any groups that would be interested and would care to send us some cash, why we would be more than glad to receive it. We need dough all the time. We have lots of moral support.

There are 22 strikers. 25 out of 29 Guild members went out. Three went back; two photographers and one office boy. The full staff numbered 33.

There is going to be a mass demonstration tomorrow and probably more arrests. If you are interest, I will send you another "Guild Striker" next week. I know that you have no love

NEW UNDERSTANDING

Not one of these strikers except X---- ever had any union affiliation before. All were very conservative; don't believe they had smoked a union made cigarette before in their lives. I dare you to come in the headsure have learned a lot in six sachusetts to the rest of the weeks. I don't know how they d, it is time the world told are going back to the News and write labor stories as they did before. They won't be able to;

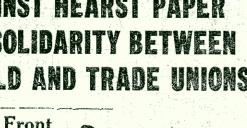
Of course Hearst doesn't want

I'm going to try to talk somegious group which objects to the most impossible. (A few remarks about the weather, the dog, and the last visit with the friend ad-

> I've been up long enough now Guess I'll go to bed, Xdown in the basement building put him off the street tomorrow, as they did last Saturday. The mess in front of the police station was a honey.

Goodnight,-

Note: The striking reporters are still out and fighting bravely. Contributors may address funds to the American Newspaper Guild bulwark against Socialism. It in-Communists blaze the way to uni- Strike Fund, 49 West 45th Street, volves the amalgamation of the





FUTURE STATUS OF PORTO RICO BEFORE SENATE

that he was one of the top-notchers at \$30,00 a week. Imagine WASHINGTON, April 30 .-Faced with a serious scandal re-Senate is now debating a proposition to grant the island a counterfeit "independence" similar to stalled, from the National Social- would be denied the normal rights ing almost resulted in a fight. of a State

San Juan, the capital, has the highest tuberculosis death rate on the two American continents. American relief agency figures show that 80 per cent of the working population is unemployed and destitute. Over half the land is owned by four Wall Street suger concerns. Wages on the plantations average 60 to 70 cents per day. About 60,000 needle workers earn approximately 1 cent per hour. Food prices are 20 per cent higher than in New York.

Ernest Gruening, chief of the division of territories at Washington, declared the independence bill to be: "consistent with the sun, but will not sign a contract ministration in relation to its

SUPREME COURT STILL DEBATES COAL MEASURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.-After cision on the constitutional status his close connection with General of the Guffey Coal Control Act, Calles, who aimed to overthrow one of the pet measures of the the progressive Cardenas govern- League for the Defense of Peace? Roosevelt "New Deal" administra- ment.

giving the miners some concesprovides for the throwing out of scores of thousands of soft coal miners through abandonment of 'unprofitable mines," and further strengthens trustification of the mining industry.

Fascist Tong War

Threatened in S.F. Foundation of Starvation and Misery been raised in China-town here as result of activities of a Chinese ascist organization, the "Blue

Wong Quon Dick, recently reurned from China with orders from Dictator Chiang Kai-shek to organize "Blue Shirts" units among the Chinese in America, is utilizing his tong affiliations to threaten progressive elements in China-town.

UNITED FRONT

The threat is particularly direct d against the rapidly growing Chinese People's Association for the Salvation of China. This united front people's movement was timulated by the recent visit of he famous Chinese General Fang hen Wu, defender of Shanghai and Harrar and former governor of Anhuei province.

The Chinese People's Association held a meeting on Sunday, garding the state of affairs in Por- April 26th, attended by more than to Rico under American rule, the a thousand. Over 200 members were recruited.

SIX COMPANY

The Association proposed to use that accorded the Phillipines. Such the Chinese Six Company (the a move would secure the domina- higher body of China-town) as its tion of American capital and, at offices. At a meeting of the Six the same time free the U. S. gov- Company, however, Wong Quon damned thing; best speaker they ernment from responsibilities re- Dick and his "Blue Shirt" followgarding unemployment and pover- ers appeared and forced a rejecty. American investors would be tion of the proposal. To accomtance. But Tuesday we went to able to exploit Porto Rico as plish this, Wong, as a represen-Chi and got a brand new V-8 thoroughly as if it were American truck with sound equipment interritory, but the island itself exerted tong powers and the meet-During the past month, the

Thinese Nationalist Daily (local Azana Interviewed By organ of the Kuomintang), under direct leadership of the "Blue Shirt" group has been waging a campaign of lies and slander about the united front and General Fang Chen Wu. As a result of this, many family organizations have declared official boycotts of the Yuen Tong, the Kong Jue Association, and others.

WILLIAM GREEN BACKS MEXICAN FASCIST GROUP

a two-weeks recess, the Supreme worked with fascist groups against not in the least interested in their

The fascists whom Calles and The Guffey Coal Act, although Morones backed were responsible Antonio Machado. for the recent bombing of a train sions as to the right to organize, in which many workers were killed, and for other acts of terror. One of the greatest demonstrations of organized labor in Mexico took place at the funeral of the victims of this fascist outrage. Many other huge demonstrations A similar measure for the tex- of organized labor for the united is therefore able to defend our tile industry, the Ellenbogen Bill, front and against Calles and Moro-common ideals. Fascism is the nes have taken place recently.

SPANISH PREMIER PRAISES SOVIET PEACE POLICY

UNEASY GIANTS OF SHELL SHOCKED BRITAIN

Ilya Ehrenborg In Madrid

MOSCOW- Manuel Azana Premier of Spain, in a sensational interview with the famous So-Net writer, Ilya Ehrenbourg, pubpaper. Among them are the Sue lished today in Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government, declares that he considers the Soviet Union the "guarantor of peace" and predicts the triumph of the People's Front and the doom of fascism in Spain.

British warships maneuvering in the

Mediterranean. Seizure of Lake Tana places

the hob-nailed boot of Italian Fascism

squarely on the petticoat of British Imperial-

ism. With potential revolts flaring in most

of her colonies, Britain can ill afford to come

to grips with Italy. Her diplomatic desire at

The complete text of the inerview follows:

NEW YORK CITY.—Lining up has the Spanish Government takwith the fascist elements of Mexico, William Green, president of the American Federation of La- U.S. S. R?

tacking the Cardenas government in Mexico which is backed by the demand for the establishment of nited front of all progressive or diplomatic relations with the U. Green issued his statement after conference with Luis N. Moroes former labor leader who do

S. S. R. During the next two weeks, an Ambassador of the Spanish Republic will be appointnes, former labor leader who de- ed to Moscow. I know that the serted the Mexican working class, "rights" will protest but I am

> Ehrenbourg: Are you a mem-Azana: Yes, I am, together with Alvarez Dea Vayo and the poet,

Ehrenbourg: How do you estimate the role of the U.S.S.R. in the matter of the defense of peace?

Azana: The U. S. S. R. is the guarantor of peace. Your country possesses military power and

THEY MARCHED OUT SINGING

present is to encourage Italy to unite with

Germany and seek loot in Central Europe

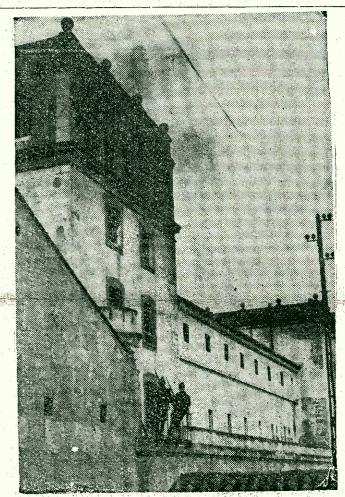
and the Ukraine, rather than in the direction

of Britain's holdings. Meanwhile, however,

the bulk of Britain's fleet has been concen-

trated in the Mediterranean for eventualities.

Poland Builds Giant War Machine on



When the People's United Front of Spain won its sweeping victory in the elections, thousands of political prisoners were released from Spanish dungeons and were carried home on the shoulders of their friends. The grim Valencia prison, pictured above, yielded its thousands of Socialists, Communists and Anarchists who marched out arm in arm to greet their triumphant comrades.

Ehrenbourg: Are you acquainted with Soviet art?

Azana: I particularly value the

the Soviet writers and your literature has enabled me to undnew Soviet music which I have erstand the soul of the Soviet revolution. I need not mention the great impression which Soviet films have made upon me. I egret today to say that I am acquainted with Stanislavsky and Meier hold (famous Soviet theater directors) only from books. 'SOCIALIZATION' I hope soon to be in Moscow. We must do everything in order OF CAPITAL to acquaint the Spanish people with Soviet culture and art.

> Ehrenbourg: How do you estimate the situation in Spain? Azana: Yesterday's events show

that the "rights" have not reconciled themselves. Certain elements socializes, as it were, the losses in the Civil Guards showed insubordination. Yesterday, the government took a number of urgent measures: the removal or replacement of Fascists who are among Entire Jewish villages lie in ruins, the commanding staff.

> and will not dare to raise their people smashed. heads. I believe that in the very near future, we will have an agra- Pittsburg Workers rian reform. We are preparing a bill which will allow us more stringent control over Spanish banks.

and the Communists are trusted allies. The enemies of the regime are only among the "rights." do not deny that we are confronted with many obstacles but I am convinced that the People's of a fellow worker discharged be-Front will triumph completely and cause he was a leader in their rethat Fascism is doomed.

"Wall Street wears a 'shimmy made out of the American flag." -Major General Smedley D. But-

ALLIANCE WITH GERMAN WAR **MACHINE**

By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN Federated Press.

WARSAW, (FP).-Poland has 3,000,000 registered unemployed plus three million Jews who are systematically being starved todeath, plus a famine of unprecedented severity. The Jews are starved and boycotted, and since January 1,000 have been badly injured and 119 killed.

Famines are an annual occurrence in Polesia, the largest province of the Polish republic, but this year starvation is accompanied by an epidemic of typhus and infana tile paralysis. Thousands of peasants are living on the cooked bark of trees and roots which women and children are permitted to gather in forests of the landed nobility.

ALL FUNDS TO WAR Poland's design for living is

that of war-mad central Europe. The wealth of nations, all their energy, all their efforts, social, economic and even biological, are wasted in the service of war and war preparations.

Criss-cross the continent and you near the highways of Europe reounding with the metallic step of heavily shod feet. Troops are marching in all directions. The nocturnal skys are blood-red with the reflection of belching steel ovens. Armament factories are working three shifts in every country. On the long journey across the continent I passed endless strings of flat-cars loaded with combat planes. Under green tarpaulins I saw the awkward bulk of crouching canons. In whatever direction I looked there were infantry columns plodding through the fields. Cateroillar artillery, field kitchens searchlights, anti-aircraft batteries, supply trucks, munition caissons, tanks, armored cars, weird, fantastic monsters of steel rumbled by. In the wake of the martial processions trailed long files of Red Cross am-

LONG BREADLINES

In Germany there are lineups in front of the food stores. Butter, lard, milk, meat, and potatoes are scarce. The fat is used in the manufacture of nitroglycerine and high explosives. "We can do without butter," says triple-chinned, obese, incendiary Gen. Goering, "but we cannot do without bombing planes."

The Brenner pass and the Gothardt tunnel are choked with trains pouring steel and coal into Italy. Coal for the troop and munitioncarrying fleets in the Mediterranean, coal and oil that cost Italy \$1,000,000 a day. But peasants are walking with their pockets turned inside out in the Sicilian and Calabrian provinces and the Sawdust Caesar in Rome callously announces: "We are going towards a general lowering of the standard of living in Europe. The day may heard here and in Paris. I know come when the Italian working class must content itself with one meal a day. Everyone of us must learn to make sacrifices. Everyone of us must learn to do with less."

GERMAN ALLIANCE

The Polish land Junkers openly advocate joining with Germany in a war of loot and rapine against the Soviet Union. The feudal land barons want to get their hands on the prosperous collective farms across the frontier and reduce the socialist peasants of the U.S.S.R. to the level of plantation slaves. To this end the miserable, des-

titute, hungry peasants of Poland are liberally dosed with Bolshevikmenace propaganda and with the old gag about the Jews working for the impoverishment of Poland. "Starve the Jews!" is the slogan of the Endeks, the Polish Fascists. their poor little snops have been The "rights" are frightened looted and the furniture of the

Seek Rehiring of Leader; May Strike

PITTSBURG, Calif., April 29. -Because the company refuses to arbitrate, 250 workers at the Redwood Manufacturing Co. plant here may vote to strike. Employees seek reinstatement

cent demand for wage increases. Monday night the workers had voted to arbitrate. Tuesday, J. W. Pearson, general manager, gave the company's "no arbitration"

is pending in Congress. Behind Il Duce's 'New Corporate Plan'

IMPERIALISM IN SOCIALISTIC DISGUISE

Announcement of Mussolini's New Corporate Plan" which in cluded dissolution of the parliament and the substitution of leading corporation heads, was hailed in the American capitalist press as a stride in the direction of Socialism and the abolition of capi-

Meanwhile, the Italian press described the plan to the masses as a half-way mark between Socialism and capitalism.

standards of living throughout a spirit of revolt. It was neces- tal. sary for Il Duce to make some pretense of concessions to the people and, at the same time to consolidate and fortify the position of capitalism. The "Corporate Plan" was an attempt of this

WAR MOBILIZATION

An examination of the facts reveals it as a step in the direction of reaction and a further the State. country's key industries (the war particular industries involved have bilities of certain industries are economy of the country."



industries in particular) into large long been a charge on the na Hardships of the African war units which are then partly ad- tional community. They are suband a general lowering of the ministered by the State, partly sidized industries whose losses controlled by it, but always with have been covered by the State Italy produced dissatisfaction and the collaboration of private capi- in order to protect the profits

There is little or no difference between this plan and the plan of the United States Govnation's industries in event of Further than this, it concen-

trates control of industry in the hands of the major monopolists, the real directors of the policy of PROFITS PROTECTED

of the large capitalists. In accomplishing this, the Fascist government drew upon the social insurance fund which is contributed ernment for coordination of the to by workers out of their wages. Unemployed in Italy receive

for the purposes of capital.

no further relief after they have been unemployed for 90 days. At the same time, the State appropriates their funds

LOSSES being officially charged to the State-to the Italian people-in order to secure the profits of the major capitalists. The plan

The Communist Party of Italy, in a manifesto illegally printed and distributed among the people declares: "The proclamation of the

COMMUNIST REPLY

of large scale industry.

Corporations is the proclamation of war. The corporation is the organized form of industrial mobilization and a form of organizing industry with a view to war." If the Ethiopian invasion were

not enough in itself to support this declaration, Mussolini himself, in his speech on the plan, confirmed it by saying: "This. plan proceeds from one assumption; that is the inevitability of the nation being called upon to endure ordeals by combat. In the present historic period, both The vital point in Mussolini's the fact of war and the fascist new corporative plan is the leg- doctrine are determined by the Another vital factor is that the islation of this robbery. The lia- attitude of the State toward the

The People's Front is stable

DON'T TREAD ON ME"

National Labor Board in Strong Plea for Industrial Spy Probe WHERE TO GO

INVESTIGATION SHOWS TACTICS OF BERGOFF USED BY EMPLOYER

WASHINGTON-(FP)-Adding new facts regarding the use of labor spies, summing up testimony already presented, and proving that espionage still continues, especially in steel mills, officials of the National Labor Relations Board made a powerful plea for a complete investigation of the violations of civil liberties in the closing hearings held by a Senate subcommittee on education and labor.

The subcommittee, headed by Senator Robert M. LaFollette (Prog., Wis.), held a preliminary BUSINESS OWNS inquiry on the LaFollette resolution for the appointment of Senatorial committee, equipped with subpena power and funds, to investigate violations of civil liberties. The full committee on education and labor is expected to approve the resolution and it will come before the Senate for final approval.

Heber Blankenhorn, Edwin S. Smith, and Richard B. Watts, of the National Labor Relations Board testified at the final hearing. They produced evidence to show that: BERGOFF TACTIC

During the recent strike of rubber workers in Akron, tactics outlined exactly in a book about the Pearl Bergoff strikebreaking agency, "I Break Strikes," were used by the company and strikebreaking agen-

The offices of the Federal Laboratories, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa., constitute "a sort of holding company. You can go in one office and hire strikebreakers, tear gas, labor spies, and a Liberty League 'attorney."

Following opening of the hearings at which the hiring of stool pigeons by espionage agencies was recounted in detail, meetings have been taking place in Pittsburgh and other steel towns in the effort to hire more spies.

U. S. STEEL Instead of disbanding their espionage agency as they have claimed, the U. S. Steel Corporation has merely moved the offices of its espionage agency from the 10th floor of the Carnegie Building in Pittsburgh to the offices of president of the H. C. Frick Coal

A concerted drive against the National Labor Relations Board is being conducted by Liberty League attorneys who also represent the miost notorious spy employing

Basic trouble is looming in the steel industry due to technological changes which will cause the wholesale discharge of men raising an acute problem of labor re-

SPEED UP

ittee that in the Aliquippa, Pa. 100 men turn out one-third more duction must be a cooperative ef- with." than a crew of 1300 or 1400 men turned out with the old machinery. In addition, the new crews are paid at rates half of the rates paid the former more skilled crews. This month the Jones and Laughlin Co. ordered a similar mill for its south Pittsburgh works.

Edwin S. Smith, member of the National Labor Relations Board was the last to testify. He warned of the serious attacks being made on democracy by so-called patriotic organizations. "To expose the conspiracy against democracy the people must know exactly what is happening to civil liberties in every fiield and there needs to b a thorough showing up of the selfish purposes of those who would oppress and delude innocent people for private gain," he

William Green Raps Proposed WPA Slash

NEW YORK-(FP)-Answering a query of Sec. James C. Quinn of the New York Central Trades & Labor Council, all the Communist literature we tatoes, third in tobacco, fourth in Pres. William Green of the American Federation of Labor has replied: "A vigorous protest has been made to the government against curtailing WPA acfivities until industry gives evi- deluded by the press into believ- doubt Russia has improved wonderdence of hiring the unemployed ing Communist leaders are all athe- fully in some of these lines.

"Similar protest has been made ists, anarchists, and a lawless, God by many organizations, and it is less people in general; that Rushoped a decision will be made in sia does not have a free press, that women are all forced to work

Present plans call for dismissal of 700,000 WPA employes throughout the U. S. The New etc.,). York central body has formed a WPA committee on behalf of 42,000 local workers threatened with lavoff.

we should have more articles tell- put out the best labor paper on ing of Russia's progress, especial- the face of the earth, and not do Votes were reported to have sold ly giving statistics? . . . em- a bit of good with it if the workfor a quarter apiece during recent Chicago elections.

Sending Al Capone to prison

Making of a Red

Asks Law Repeal

U.S. COLLEGES he rider repealed.

Last week Billy's class was studying modern history. They came to a story in the history book about the present Russian Government. The teacher had to omit 11 pages, but Billy Boehne

department member, who has just He came home that night brimcompleted a thorough study of ming with questions. Why couldn't the background of some 2500 they study about Russia? Why shouldn't they discuss Communism?"

enough. Billy wanted more.

Each congressman has been mailed a complimentary copy of Earl Browder's book, "What Is Communism?" Rep. Boehne took his home and now his son is reading it.

Boehne wants the "red rider" repealed-instanter!

Arizona Shipper Listed As Unfair

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Arizona State Federation of Labor, in a communication to all state federations of labor, city central bodies and local unions, advises Mc-Daniel and Sons, Inc., fruit and organized labor and the federation asks cooperation in fighting

unions and have signed agreements P. W. U. U. However, P. W. U. U.

and "Mary of Scotland." against it and holds that wages in rect the workers to the P. works of the Jones and Laughlin Mr. Nichols is especially proud of the industry are too high. The firm hall. steel company a new tin mill has the acclaim won by "The Informer" feels it should be permitted to recently been installed. With the because this picture exemplifies hire any kind of labor it sees fit

For unemployment, old-age and

wool, fourth in beet sugar, fifth

I got these statistics from my

"bud's" geography he uses at school

-latest copyright, 1930, so no

We quote only a part of A. A

B.'s letter. This is another sug-

ried out in the bigger, eight-page

Yours truly,

A. A. B.

DESPITE VAN NUYS VIGILANTES

Legionaire vigilantes, three carloads of Police Chief Davis' "storm pers were forstalled tonight in a up a protest mass meeting of San tee of 11 was elected to study this

Reviving the old war cry of their Ameri-

Called by the Public Works and within three or four weeks. Unemployed Unon, the meeting protested attempts by WPA and Los Angeles County Relief Aders into the agricultural fields to scab at extremely low wages.

The first move was made yes-In recent years the fruit and terday when the Women's clubvegetable workers of the West house, which had been contracted and West Coast have formed strong over a week ago, was denied the

meeting. However, three P. W. tions to the screen are "The Lost McDaniel and Sons refuses to U. U. members were posted in Blankenhorn told the subcom- Patrol," "Judge Priest," "The Arisign with the union, leads the fight front of the Women's Club to di-

INTIMIDATION

The third move was made by sirens screaming.

social insurance—for the Frazier- hall to try to intimidate workers in the form of rates based on inattending the meeting.

FAVOR LABOR PARTY

The people assembled were ananimous in their opinion that Farmer-Labor Party was the San Fernando Valley conference

NOTICE! SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.-The first regular eightpage Western Worker will be the issue dated Monday, May

11. It will appear with added news in all departments and additional features. Meanwhile, subscriptions received at the new sub rate

will be credited to that date. It isn't too late to send in your ideas of what should be contained in the enlarged Western Worker. Criticism and comment are welcome.

Of Labor's Rights

Ridder had declared that 20,000 would be

cut off relief payrolls. Ridder took one look

at this demonstration—then decided his pet

plan was all a big mistake.

STANDARD

PROJECT

NEW YORK, April 24-Survey of violations of free speech and assembly and undue interference with the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively, over the last ten years, is being prepared by the International Labor Defense for presentation to the Senate Committee now holding hearings on a resolution introduced by Senator La Follette for a Senate investigation of such violations.

"Many of the incidents have been reported in the local press, and some have received nationwide attention from time to time," stated Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the I. L. D.

HAIR RAISING

that this material is collected into one document. It presents a hair-raising picture of the most widespread attack on all constitutional guarantees, which should arouse the liberty-loving people the severest measures A.T.&T. Crookedness guard the traditional democratic Party, was revealed by a southern rights of our people."

> cutive committee will present this in the hire of the mill owners. present increase in such consti- traveling schedule. tutional guarantees.

For security, peace and free-

DRUG CLERKS AT THRIFTY STORES

MEN AND WOMEN FORCED TO WORK LONG HOURS AT SMALL SALARY

(By A Worker Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, April 30-The Thrifty Drug Stores of Los Angeles' are maintaining, in the face of unemployment, hours and wages which are definitely working against improved conditions.

The hours for women workers are 48 per week; for men workers they are 54 per week, plus overtime two nights a week without extra pay.

There is a hidden speed-up system by means of which contests are run in all stores by the bosses to increase sales. Small cash prizes are given to only a few workers who bring in the most sales while the firm's cash intake is increased by thousands of dol-

LOW PAY-HARD WORK

All the store help-in the kitchen, at the soda fountain and behind the sales counter-works under terrible strain from heavy duties for which they get as low as \$12 per week. Extra help gets as low as 25 cents an hour. Fountain workers are given two meals day but are hurried through he meals to make room for customers. They are asked not to smoke or read while eating because a customer may be waiting for their chair.

Clerks pay for laundering their smocks. The waiters have such long hours they are unable to take care of their personal laundry except by taking it to work and having the laundry call for it and deliver it there. But now that is refused them because the bosses think that too much of the store's time is wasted.

When workers are hired they are given a list of rules of "good behavior." They are asked not to converse with their fellow workers and not to discuss wages. On the other hand, they are expected to greet the customer with a smile. They are asked to vote against the chain-store tax.

Murder Plot Against Francis J. Gorman

WASHINGTON. -A plot to murder Francis J. Gorman, vicepresident of the United Textile of the United States to demand Workers Union and a leader in labor paper editor before the Sen-The I. L. D. is prepared to fur- ate's subcommittee investigating

Gorman was to have been mur-

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PLUMBERS WIN

Demonstrate May 1st! For the right of union members to ele

Ouestion, Answer Dep't In Demand HOW MANY SUBS

itics, policy, economics, etc. So many readers filled out the coupon we printed for suggestions, asking for such a question and answer department that we will certainly include it in the eight-page

NEW YORK CITY.-The Associated Press stands guilty of having "interfered with, restrained and coerced its employes in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in section 7 of the national labor relations act," is the finding of Dean Charles E. Clark of Yale Law School, trial examiner for the

HAVE YOU SOLD?

Only four weeks left for the sections to carry through their control tasks to June 1st in the circulation drive. Each section has a quota of subscriptions and in-But you can't please everybody. creased bundle orders to fulfill by One reader said: "Please don't that date. Altogether the Western Worker should have 2,000 new

SECTION AND UNIT DELIV ERING THE GOODS?

1,500 increase in bundle orders. In the very near future we will advance some plans whereby the circulation drive can be assisted Guilty of Coercion more concretely by the Western Worker. Meanwhile you should in the industry. be sending in suggestions on ways and means to get new readers Remember, selling subscriptions takes work. It means ringing doorbells and buttonholing your friends

> Send in letters on your experiences, successsful and otherwise, wage scale of \$1.25 an hou end in the sale of the Western Work- ing a strike called April 1.

can revolutionary ancestors, thousands of New York WPA workers recently turned out for the picket line after Administrator UNEMPLOYMENT MEET SUCCESSFUL Survey Violations

roopers," and Women's Club meman attempt to intimidate and break need of every worker. A commit-Fernando Valley WPA workers and question, investigate, and call a unemployed.

of telephone instruments to itself,

"This is the first time, however

WASHINGTON, D. C.—How a nish names of witnesses to a Sen- violations of civil liberties.

dom-build a Farmer-Labor Party. show in Venice this summer.

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> waste space with educational department as such. Everybody knows readers by June 1st. where and how to acquire Marxist-Leninist theory."

It's up to you to help us keep that column lively. Send us some

Associated Press

KINGMAN, Ariz, In a set of After listening to Col. McCorawsuits, Mohave County Attorney mick, publisher of the Liberty-Lea-Bollinger charged the Standard gue-loving Chicago Tribune, talk National Labor Relations Board. Oil Co. of California and five about freedom of the press, the

The finding was made in the leads the world in the production and maintain it don't attend to "maintaining a monoply in restraint Assn. re-elected a guy named Bar-dent of the American Newspaper ganize the newspaper editorial em-strike and organize! For the d Guild, who was discharged by the ployees.

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So reports Dr. Earl McGrath,

University of Buffalo education

Almost three-quarters of the

nessmen and financiers.

college trustees.

IN FORUM TALKS HOLLYWOOD, April 30.-The interest evidenced by many who attended the symposium on "American Theatre Today" and a reading by Fredric March, Florence Eldridge and John Cromwell of "Bury the Dead," Irwin Shaw's George F. Ruck, assistant to the anti-war play, assures us that, day by day, a sincere desire is evinced to become affiliated with the

work of Contemporary Theatre. In response to popular demand for more open discussion on the "Social Theatre" —Contemporary

3, Among Mr. Nichol's contribut pers.

Before this picture went before the cameras, the heads of the various departments-music, property art, etc.,-met with the director, Nuggett." writer and producer to discuss the picture as a single artistic unit. Result: the outstanding picture of

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lacies? Also, do you not believe very practical suggestion. We can

of platinum, is second in petro-selling and distributing it.

May we offer a suggestion which in cotton and in corn.

PAPA OBJECTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Somebody's face must be red! Because the District of Columpia's "red rider" forbids the teachng of anything about Soviet Russia, little Billy, small son of Rep. John W. Boehne of Indiana, wants

The elder Boehne does too.

went back and read them.

men who hold the nation's high-Papa Boehne did his best, as a er education strings are businessmen, bankers and lawyers who conservative Democrat, to explain have corporation ties. Ministers, the difference between Russia and who in 1860 formed 40 per cent America. But his best was not

of the trustees, now comprise only 7 per cent of the number, while educators make up only Violations of academic freedom, McGrath's report indicates,

VAN NUYS, Calif., April 24.-

vegetable packers, are unfair to ministration officials to force work-

Theatre presents with more than with hundreds of shippers cover- members secured the Production ordinary pride a series of Sunday ing working conditions and wages. for Use hall that same afternoon. Night Forums beginning 8:30 p. The Arizona Fruit and Vegetable The second move was made to mi. May 3 at 2905 Sunset Blvd. Workers' Union No. 19115 was night when the Women's club-Dudley Nichols, playwright and granted a charter three years ago house was turned over to Legion-R. K. O. scenario writer, will be and has had a constant fight on aires, who have a hall of their the speaker for Sunday night, May its hands against the open shop- own locally, for a "Citizenship"

new machinery a crew of 50 to his theory that an artistic pro- at any wage it can "get away Davis' "storm troopers." They huge monopoly like the American ate investigation committee, if

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came first to the Women's Club, Telephone and Telegraph Co., such is established. A representa- dered when he arrived in North Workers are advised that the three carloads of them, at 7:45 milks the public was revealed at tive of the I. L. D. national exe- Carolina some time ago, by thugs three brands of this unfair ship-p. m., in an attempt to intimidate a hearing before the Federal Comping firm are "Old Fort Yuma," the three P. W. U. U. members, munications Commission, which material to the Senate Committee, The plan missed fire when Gorman "Castle Dome" and "McDaniel and later drove up and down in showed that American Tel and Tel togther with oral testimony on the made a last minute change in his front of the P. F. U. hall with made huge profits from the sale Other police stood outside the for which consumers were charged

A Real Life Trage...

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

THE EXPECTANT MOTHER, lar. Loose, flowing garments

A woman who is to have a should be worn. A moderate

child should always be under the amount of exercise should be in-

care of a physician from the time dulged in. Walking is the only

she knows that she is pregnant. safe form of exercise, although

When this is done she will re- housework may be permitted, but

ceive instructions from him as to must not be carried to the point

for some reason or other, may the nipples are washed daily with

find it impossible to be under the rubbing alcohol it will toughen

care of a physician before child- them and there is less likelihood

birth. For such cases some rules of their becoming sore during

how to take care of herself, which of fatigue.

will fit her individual case.

below will be of value.

finement will be June 19th.

ages twice a day.

Many working class women,

Was the Basis for

Long trips must be avoided.

There should be a daily bath. If

This Short Story

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

THE FORTUNES OF WAR

Italy's tanks on African soil Are burning American gas and oil, And every bombing plane propeller Is churning profits for Rockefeller.

Every bullet in a soldier's chest Is another egg in Wall Street's nest. The steel in the sabres the Japanese rattle Was mined in Wyoming and shipped from Seattle.

American soldiers are masked like clowns For gas that was shipped from their own home towns And sold abroad on liberal terms By the profiteers of the chemical firms.

Mothers who hang up gold star flags Register gains for the money bags. Human skulls are the wares they sell, Weighed in gold on the scales of Hell.

Murder and terror and poison gas; An empty sleeve and a medal of brass. What insane God have you wrought to serve That feeds on human flesh and nerve?

Property rights and business conceits, While men go hungry in the city streets; Seventeen million unemployed and a nation Rots while they brag of civilization.

Is this our America? Rented fiats? Or the rooming houses where we hang our hats? Where is this America, land of the free? Private property's all we can see.

Buildings, factories, farms and trees; They hire and fire and rule as they please. Subtract what they own and nothing remains But the public parks and the sewer mains.

We grow their food; we scrub their floors; We build their houses; we fight their wars. Remove our labor and nothing remains But stuffed shirt snobs with festered brains.

Good Christ! America! Open your eyes. Get out of your houses and organize. How long will America's strength and brains Be bound like a giant in paper chains?

MAN MEDITATES ON NATURE

By L. Wells

was. A little burn. Didn't belong VATE PROPERTY, NO TRES head hurt and Margie had comto no one. Out of a job these last PASSING. And the big truck through the devilish mist to tak three years. Didn't have no trade. farms, growing vegetables. Acres him home and put him in bed.

this lousy earth. Seemed plenty of blue sky above Not for him.

him in, yeah. Blamed if he knew who the ground belonged to-it sure didn't belong to him.

Seemed plenty of food all around him, wherever he went, all over the country. Food that grew and food that was made. If you had was growing in the middle west; est machinery you ever hoped to

look at; a few guys tending it. Food, all right, Who the hell ate it all? Couldn't be the few big fellows who owned all that good big shots, not hungry guys. land. Wasn't the farmers-they

when he got around to California. in all his life. With signs stuck

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A little lowlife, that's what he up all over the orchards: PRIamped the country, tramped the and acres of green sprouting saw a lot. Wondered what things, all set in neat little rows where. Fact was, he'd forgotter the hell he was doing here on The whole of Southern Califor- to ask anybody. And he won nia, growing away furiously.

they belonged to this guy called eat. Hogs weren't fattened or cat-looking for jobs. God who was run by the church the slaughtered or cows milked or business to supply him with thing about it wasn't raining

another think coming brother. Take the fish in the sea, moun-she was going to be his wife,seen the way that wheat and corn tain trout or lake bass. Caught he'd picked her off a merry-goby large concerns for moneyed round. thousands and thousands of acres palates, ain't it the truth? Schools of it, all run by the newest, swell- of fish were too high-toned to run was watching the thing do its for guys like him. As for a juicy stuff, with the kids pretending they duck or a big hunk of a deer-were cowboys and the punks grab--bang, you needed a rifle and a bing at the brass ring while the

When a fellow lives 25 years he was ready to try a ride, he'd were starving to death. Wasn't the it's about time to take a look seen the girl with the long golden factory workers in the big cities around him. Get him straight, he bob get aboard and straddle the They were starving, too. Along wasn't doing no complaining. He black horse, with a mite of a kid walked on soil that seemed pretty in front of her. He'd watched her He'd never seen so many oranges FOR RENT or FOR SALE. Plenty it stopped, an old battle-axe of a clothes-in the store windows.

> because he liked flowers). But you looked like he did. If you were busting out of your clothes that could had! some posies. It she'd had enough he wobbled up it that way! I found it!"
>
> He rose from the bed as that could had! that could hardly hold together she made a motion he wasn't to her. "You expect me to believe any longer from old age. If you say anything. needed a shave so bad it wasn't even funny and your toes peeked out of what shoes were left. If you were so dirty you were ashamed-to touch a clean flower.

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Down in the Lamp Post Jungle - By Ronald R. Cooley -

It's bad enough to be out of a job and sick. But when you've a wife that you picked off the black horse on a merry-go-round, the situ-

wife can complicate matters for a man without

Now if it hadn't been for Margie he'd never gone out among the lamp posts and got rained on and come down sick. He'd have stayed in this dump of a room and let it rain and to hell with the rent. Surprising how many lamp posts there were in San Francisco. Millions of 'em. And it was funny he hadn't noticed it before.

ation is complicated. In fact, any kind of a

Not till his stomach began doing a rhumba, along in the afternoon, had it gradually dawned on him that there were an awful lot of lamp posts. Seemed like the more it rained and the hotter his head got the more lamp posts there were. They were no more than ten feet apart. It had been rather handy at first, gave him plenty to lean on. Regular jungle of lamp posts, with dirty rivulets amongst them that were supposed to be gutters but probably had crocodiles in 'em. And then a kind of malaria mist, or cloud of wet flour that you'd think was fog if it wasn't for the jungle of lamp posts with hundreds of people humping around among them with their hat pulled down to keep off that fog, or rain or was it really malariatyphopheumonia mist? It made him cough.

slope out to mud bottoms, but job they couldn't get relief. dropped suddenly to solid rock, And where the devil was she under the dirty water with cigar- looking for a job at this time ette butts floating on it. And it of night? She needn't think she seemed like every time he reached could ride her black horse in the for a lamp post and missed it he blundered into one of these filthy MY GOD! IF HE COULD GET creeks, and if he didn't watch out A JOB! he'd hit his feet hard on the bottom and hurt his knees. Funny it walked that way; cul-lop, cul-lop, would jar his knees.

And pretty soon the lamp posts were only four or five feet apart, and those wet, humpy people bumped him all the time and made his flaming head hurt like a hammer and anvil. Flaming head? It seemed like he'd been crowned with a slice of hell. And it kept raining and swishing around that jungle of lamp posts that were so close together he found himsel: climbing between them, till one of the drippy jungle men took his hand and helped him across a regular river of roaring, dirty

"Look out you don't slip int the gutter," the man said. He'c gone around with the man til things got between them and his And he hadn't found a job any

dered how many of the gray humpy shapes poking around it him, stars, moon and all that. But Food wasn't grown for him to the fog and the jungle had been

Maybe Margie could tell him Seemed plenty of good ground be he thought the big slaughter- It was dark; must be eight or nine underneath him. Good to bury ing houses in Chi and K. C. were o'clock. Margie had said somemeat. Ha! Or the fancy Rhode she thought she knew where she Island Reds and White Leghorns could get a job and for him to laid their oval pretty goodtasting stay in bed. You're dern tootin eggs to fill his stomach. You got he'd stay in bed, but she had no business being out so late; not it

> license. Fish and game were for contraption ground "Red Wing" out of its innards. About the time

good and pavement that was all go round and round, with the kid there. Lots of houses around laughing and her a-smiling. When dame came barging up, grabbed the kid, and gave the girl whattra la (and that was no kidding the girl sat astride her horse and never let on. When he thought to God!" she cried, "I didn't get

> As soon as the battle-axe wound up and took off with her youngster he pulled the girl down from the black horse and she helped him walk a pretty straight line to bust out crying.

So he offered her a drink, and they killed the bottle. It wasn't till his drunk was ended that he by suitcase. "Wife of mine riding ealized she was a whore. 'He'd asked her why she took a notion to give a perfectly strange kid a ride on a merry-go-round, but she never told him. He'd always wanted to know why she took to the streets, but was afraid to ask when he was sober. He got drunk and asked her, but could

he sobered up. So finally he'd married her. But, when he took her among his friends they all tried to make her, and he was always in a fight over her. Till one day he shot dirty money, and I'm getting out." his partner in the leg and they left the town and came to San home any more, not another Francisco. That was less than a penny."

not remember the answer when

And the damned streams didn't | year ago, so when he lost his

streets and stay married to him.

Arjob, arjob, arjob; a horse cul-lop; a-job, a-job, a-thump, athump, a-thump. That was no horse. It was somebody coming upstairs, a-thump, a-thump, athump. This damned old rooming house, anything could come ip those stairs. Maybe it was a ob, come from the jungle to drag um out in the dirty fog, and there the hell was Margie!

Something horrible a - thumped ke that. He rolled his flaming lead to one side and thrust his and under the furnace that passed or a pillow. But he hadn't had gun since he lost his job. The door opened and in came

Jargie. She was damp, and tired. Hello, honey," she dropped her imp hat on the table. "For the love of mike, did you get lost? Where's the job?" He

aised on an elbow and looked, uspiciously over her shoulder.

From her coat pocket she drew little roll of bills and spread them, dry, green and promising, on the table. "Look, dear, money." you get paid already?"

"I didn't work a lick for it," she said gaily, "I found it.

He looked at her with all pain gone from his head and his belly ached: and it wasn't because he was hungry, but because Margie had been riding that wooden black horse of hers in the lamp post jungle of San Francisco and came home with money to feed her broken man.

"You found it?" he said hoarsely, and made a strangled noise that frightened her.

"What is it?" She ran to take his head on her breast and reached for the aspirin, the only medicine she had been able to wheedle from the landlady.

"Don't!" He pushed at 'ner, and his hand was wet from her coat. She skinned out of it and began to cry with apprehension. "I'll get a doctor. There's money enough for a doctor."

"Where did you get the mon-

She might have fallen off the norse, she was so dazed. "Honest

He rose from the bed and struck

She whispered, "Won't you be lieve it?" "No!" She made no answer, so he

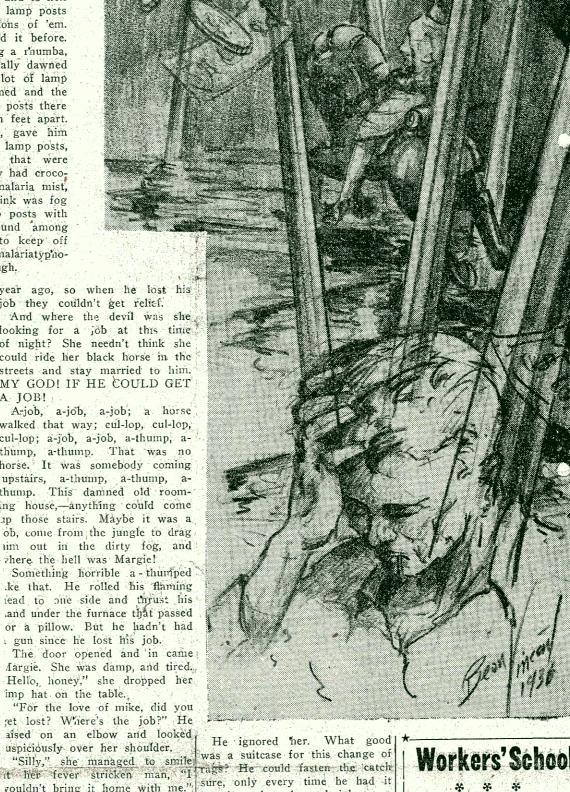
waggled his head, like a torch a taxi and got inside with him and probably, and went into the other room. "By God!" he cried, "I'm leaving!" He growled over their one, shab-

the streets, getting money to support me. I should use money like that. Dirty money." He shouted, "Dirty money! Do you hear?" She gathered up the money and

followed him into the other room, holding it as if her hand were a salver. "Honey, please listen," she pleaded, "I-I can't lose you. And you're sick. On, Jesus." He struck her again, and she

dropped to her knees and cried. The fire in his head was cooking his brains, most likely, but he could still think, by God. "It's

She begged him. "I won't bring



vouldn't bring it home with me." sure, only every time he had it in place that damned job came whistling like the wind and rattled the window panes till he couldn't hold his shaking fingers right. What was she doing anyhow? To streaming the beads of sweat. "Did hell with her; let her go back to ride a black horse that went round and round and brought her home

> with money. She was desperate. "I'll get rid of it." With shaking fingers she pyramided the little roll of bills and struck a match. Carefully she lowered her cupped hands, till the flame seized the corner of one and coyly licked across its neatly engraved surface. The little tepee of smoke and flame wavered slightly till nothing remained but ashes. She spread her hands, palms up, over her pitiful burnt offering.

"Look, dear, the money's gone" He turned. Whether it was fever or insanity she couldn't say but for the first time in her life she was afraid of him. She crouched out of his way as he went sweating and panting past her into the bedroom. He opened a window and looked out. Three floors below, a lamp post stood stiffly in the fog. The gutter at its base was

a surly stream of mud. He shook his head and blinked. bracing his widespread hands on the window ledge. Who the hell had wrapped him in hot cotton and stuffed him in a cave? Ho watched the light below him waver and swell to the size of a tub, round, glowing and cold. It squatted right under his nose and i smelled like fog. Dimly he heard Margie's beseeching voice. What the devil had he started to do anyhow? How did he get stuck so tight in this rabbit hole with the cold, wet-smelling balloon of light at his nose?

Margie's voice came to him faintly, but growing slowly nearer, as if she might be sliding through a telephone line "Listen, dearest. Honest to God! I really did find that money!" That was it! He was going to GET OUT!

Her screams brought the landlady, she brought the police, they brought an ambulance, and the newspapers brought the publicity They found her man, crushed and done, with his arms sprawled

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about the base of the lamp post.

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Do you know that 65 years ago. the national organization of Am erican labor, the National Labor Union, expressed itself against I would go home and sob. 'capitalist slavery" and for independent political action? Do you know that over 45 years

ago, when the A. F. of L. appeal ed to the International Socialist Congress in Paris to help the Am erican Federation of Labor with the strike movement for the cight hour day inaugurated for May First 1890, the International came to the aid of the American work ers by making this struggle ar international one?

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of hygiene and diet which I give nursing. Relations with husband must cease during last six weeks. The baby takes much calcium The best rule for determining the date of confinement is to from the blood stream, which causes the teeth to decay more count back three months from easily. They should receive spethe date of the beginning of the cial attention. last menstruation and add on ten days to this. For example: if

If the pregnant woman gets the date of the beginning of the certain symptoms, they may be last menstruation was September of more or less serious impor-9th, the expected date of con-tance and she should see the doctor about them. These symptoms The diet should be well bal- are: continual vomiting, or vomanced, except that less meat, fish, iting after the 5th month, stuband seasoned foods should be born constipation, frequent headeaten. Large quantities of fresh aches, swelling of the face, hands fiuits, fresh vegetables, water, or feet, rapid gain in weight, lessmilk, fresh eggs and whole wheat ened output of urine, disturbshould be taken, A certain amount ances of vision, shortness of of iodine is needed, so some form breath, frequent fainting spells, of sea-food should be eaten once any infection, fever, abdominal or twice a week. Cod liver oil pain, bleeding, watery discharge, should be taken in teaspoon dos- and absence of movements in the womb after they have been felt The bowels must be kept regu- for a time.

WOMEN ON THE MARCH

A LETTER AND POEM FROM G. S.

"It looks as though spring has struck the Western Worker, with Michael Quin's column and the children gone poetic, and so that we shouldn't be out of the running here's this, the product of a moment of acute rebellion. If anyone is looking for something sweet and soothing in the Woman's Column the day you publish this, he's going to be fooled.

Therefore Be It Resolved Too polite I'm through with this ladylike

stuff. From now on, I'm tough. Ever since I've been little I've

heard people say No NICE girl ever acts that

Nice girls don't swear, Or pull people's hair. And when they're abused And feel they're misused; They wither the foe with

haughty stare. So don't contradict. And always say "yes," And always be sweet, And wear a clean dress,

feet."

And it fell to my lot. To apply for a job, To some satisfied slob, And when he'd say no,

And wasn't that lovely for Morgan and Schwah? They could pillage, and rob And send to the wars, The husbands, the sons.

brother-in-laws Of fifty million lady-like gals: Too proud to complain, Tho their darlings be slain;

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Till they're spoken to, see?"

For "Girls mustn't speak

And it won't be a squeak,

For I speak with the voice of a

Who are stepping forward, as I

Oh, you chivalrous gentlemen,

I'm speaking now.

million more

starvers of babes,

do now.

We demand.

Do you hear?

meek;

But a roar.

Guaranteed docile, trained to be

And we aren't nice, And we're only ashamed of cowardice

We're bitter and loud, We prefer a crowd To soulful retirement - in a shroud.

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EDITORIALS

Unity the Main Question **At Maritime Conventions**

San Pedro, in the next few weeks, holds the center of attention for maritime labor not only on the Pacific Coast, but on all coasts. Two important conventions—that of the Pacific Coast District of the International Longshoremens. beginning May 5th, and that of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific beginning May 15th, will be held there. The main question at both conventions will be that of unity.

1. L. A. Local 38-79 of San Francisco won a great victory over the shipowners recently because of unity-because of the support of the longshoremen's locals, of the other maritime unions, and of other sections of organized labor, all over the Pacific Coast.

Phere were certain elements in some of the locals who had to be sharply put in their place by the membership when they attempted to take a stand against 38-79 and its militant officials in their recent lockout. There were also the Disthick I. L. A. officials, like Lewis and Morris, who were ready to be used by the shipowners in the attempt to smash maritime labor's gains by first taking the step of ousting the militant teadership of 38-79 and thus making local autonomy a thing of the past. These attempts to split the ranks of the longshoremen failed, and a large factor in that failure was the solidarity displayed by maritime labor. The question of strengthening the unity of the longshoremen and of all maritime labor will therefore be an important one in the I. L. A. convention.

How to proceed still further toward unity will loom as a main question at the Maritime Federation convention starting May 15th. Because of the uniting of the marine crafts, the Maritime Federation has faced the most bitter attacks of the shipowners and their press.

Reactionary maritime labor leaders like the international officials of the I. S. U. have gone to the length of expelling an organization like the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for being in the federation. Pressure has been strong on the part of the reactionaries to force organizations to leave the federation, but the desire for unity is so strong among the maritime workers that the organizations which withdrew are again rejoining.

But Hearst-like attacks on the militant leaders of the district councils of the federation by William Fischer, president of the Federation, have been repudiated by the membership in their votes of confidence to such militant leaders as Harry Bridges.

To proceed toward complete unity of maritime labor, the Federation convention will take up, among its most important problems: if

Simultaneous renewal of uniform agreements, with April 30th as a preferable date.

A National Maritime Federation, the demand for which is so great that even the reactionary international officials of the I. S. U. and I. L. A. have come out for the idea, with however the leadership of the same reactionaries who are now doing their best to throttle the militant rank and file movement within the I. S. U. and I. L. A. The Federation convention will work on the problem of a National Federation controlled by the rank and file.

Closer tie-up with the rest of organized labor. The support of organized labor in the lockout situation brought home the immeasurable importance of this question. The Federation con-Lention will take steps to bring about the closest connection of maritime labor with all sections of organized labor, through mutual aid in all future struggle against the employers,

And to insure the unity of the entire working class, together with the farmers and the hard-hit lower middle classes, not only in the fight for the immediate economic demands but also in the fight against fascism, which would erush all trade unions, and against war, which no worker wants, the necessity of swinging behind the Farmer-Labor Party, both on a national and local scale, will come up before the convention, as shown in the resolution adopted recently by the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen and also By District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, who, in endorsing the Farmer-Labor Party, stated:

"We urge the Maritime Federation to recommend to all maritime local unions in the different ports to initiate steps for the formation of local Dabor Parties or united labor platforms and tickets in the coming state and congressional

The Old Parties Show They're Not for Labor

Something happens every day in the week to prove to organized labor that it cannot rely on the Republican and Democratic Parties to obtain even a fraction of what the working class wants and should get.

One thing that organized labor, as well as the unemployed workers want, is the 30-hour week, without reduction in pay. Hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of workers have had the intention of voting for Franklin D. Roosevelt in November, because they had the idea that Roosevelt favored the shorter working week. Only

two weeks ago he urged the shorter working week in a speech in Baltimore. But Roosevelt didn't want to antagonize big business, so he assured the employers, in the same speech, that he was merely REQUESTING them to lower hours, but that he didn't intend to foster any legislation making shorter hours compulsory.

The very next day, Chairman Connery of the House Labor Committee, a Democrat, revealed that the failure of Roosevelt to support the 30hour week bill now in Congress was holding

Yet, John L. Lewis and other leading union officials, through the "Labor Non-Partisan Committee," are trying to swing organized labor behind Roosevelt in November.

A member of Roosevelt's cabinet, Secretary of Commerce Roper, has been the leader behind the move to crush the rank and file strike movevent of seamen on the Atlantic Coast, by charges of "mutiny."

That's the Democratic Party in action against organized labor. It's hardly necessary to point out the reactionary record of the Republican Party when it comes to labor. The working class of California is well aware of the antilabor record of Governor Merriam and all previous Republican governors of this state. Just a little recent reminder-the action of the Republican appointee, Wallace L. Ware, California railroad commissioner, in arbitrarily cutting short the attempt of the San Francisco Auto Mechanics' Union attorney to bring up the question of the 70 cents an hour wage scale at hearings on the Santa Fe's application for permission to operate a bus service between San Francisco and Southern California.

If such a hearing were being held before a Farmer-Labor Party commissioner, you can be sure that the question of a wage scale would be the main point. If there were a Farmer-Labor Party president and cabinet, you can be sure that instead of charging seamen who are fighting for a decent wage with "mutiny," the shipowners themselves would face some pretty stiff

And with a Farmer-Labor Congress, or even a sizeable Farmer-Labor Party representation in Congress, labor wouldn't have to wait long for a 30-hour week, without reduction in pay.

The news of one day alone tells us that the Hosiery Workers' Union convention has reaffirmed its stand for a national as well as local Farmer-Labor Party; that the automobile locals in South Bend have swung behind the Labor Party; that unions in Allentown, Pa., including the Central Labor Council were represented at a meeting for the promotion of such a party. The movement in the trade unions for a Farmer-Labor Party grows every day, like a snowball rolling down hill.

California organized labor has suffered enough from the old parties to see the necessity of becoming the main spring behind a Farmer-Labor Party in this state.

Hurdle Obstacles in C. S. Campaign!

Chortling to themselves, no doubt, are the reactionary forces of California over the technical handicap imposed on the State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, by the "advice" of Deputy Attorney General Darwin Bryan, from U. S. Webb's office.

Three thousand referendum petitions must be recalled because of one wrong letter, the using of the incorrect word "prescribe" instead of the correct word "proscribe" in describing the C. S. Act on the petitions.

This has placed an obstacle in the path of the repeal campaign, but it is a hurdle which the united front forces can take with the ease of a champion steeplechase horse if the reaction is quick, if this sabotage of the campaign acts as a spur to the hundreds of thousands of antifascists in California.

Every filled petition will be a blaw for the constitutional rights of the people of this state.

Two hundred and forty thousand signatures by June 10th is the goal of the broad united front of organizations. It is a goal that can easily be reached with the devoted effort of every organization, of every individual who recognizes the vital necessity to repeal this ant

If you have petitions with signatures already affixed, visit those persons who have already signed with the new corrected petitions.

OVER THE TOP WITH THE SIGNA-TURE CAMPAIGN BY JUNE 10TH!

THOUGHTS ABOUT LINDY

"With all of the great admiration which every American must feel for the aviator, it is impossible to forget that his prominence gave him an unusual opportunity to help in the cause to which his father (Charles Lindbergh, Sr.) gave all of his life," editorializes The Railway Clerk.

"Instead, where the father had been perhaps the outstanding antagonist of the growing power of the House of Morgan, the son identified himself with the group his father opposed. The American people fell the fullest sympathy for their famous exile, but many of us could wish that that exile had felt and shown a little more sympathy for the sufferings of the millions of

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Lenin, Editor and Builder of Workers' Press

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NO VULGARITY

Russian. He never permitted any

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He was always especially in-

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ports on our internal Russian life.

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A DECEPTION

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GANIZER OF THE BOLSHE- that I should like to communicate VIK PRESS. (From the Mo-them, at least partially, to my moirs of Vladimir Bonch-Brou- comrades and colleagues of the yevich, translated by V. &. V.) Comrade Lenin, while editing newspaper, always paid particular attention to the department of current events, correspondence, re- or he entrusted this reading only ports received from factories and to the most responsible comrades. other places; and also gave atten. He was always concerned: "Isn't tion to all forms of reportage gen- there anything untrue in the arerally. He always considered these departments among the most im- rent events?" And if the author portant because they reflected acual life-all the facts of struggle and growth of the Proletariat, all facts of the development and the

tualities of that period. . In the underground periodicals Iskra (Spark), in the Forward, the Proletariat, and others, he all if some time he found either a ways read over the correspondence and reports received from be ambiguous or misinterpreted. the same place, he always tried he very often added in parento combine them into broader ar- thesis the word or sentence ticles, sometimes adding to them in the foreign language from a theoretical explanation, often illustrating them with statistics, examples, quotations, etc.

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tire social and revolutionary ac-

RESPONSIBILITY

He always chose the most responsible, hard working, persistent, and conscientious comrades as co-workers on the paper, assigned to them the most responsible work, and very often checked up personally all that was done. These high demands which Lenin made for all forms of reportage meant that the periodicals edited by him contained very few mistakes; and our periodicals enjoyed, besides theoretical prestige, great authority for veracity, with the readers as well as other press ing periods of underground work,

Notwithstanding the fact that press organs of other political the most important reports. He press were always accepted every- of documentary proof on the basis terest to note Lenin's attitude ing articles. in his work in our first legal newspaper, New Life, which we published in St. Peterburg in 1905. tually done away with in 1907 by the same government.

FIRST LEGAL DAILY

Lenin had been completely ab sorbed in his work in the above newspaper. And this, our first legal daily, had become something in the nature of a general staff for the proletarian revolutionary work of that period. At that time, Lenin also took a most active part in the work of the Central Com- mir Ilyitch had literally picked mittee of our Party, in the leadership of the S. Petersburg Comthat period. In spite of the pressure of a great deal of work, he devoted much time to the actual organization of the newspaper, its administration, its editorial policy, and paid particular attention to the department of internal (Russian) current events. He read very carefully everything that came into the newspaper editorial office in connection with this department, considering that a proletarian legal press is one of the most important victories of the revolution of 1905.

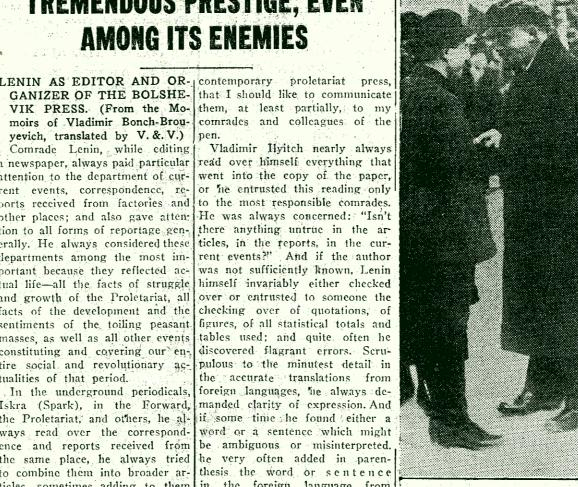
"We must be especially watchful in the use of this, one of the most important victories," said

Scrupulously exact truth; un impeachable precision: irrefutable figures; correct quotations-all these must always be in every report, even the briefest.

"It will be too bad," said he "if our newspapers will get the same reputation as the almanacs used to have. Remember the popular saying, 'all almanacs lie'."

LENIN THE EDITOR

I, the writer of these lines, who for over 40 years worked in newspapers as reporter, observer, columnist, and editor, was extremely fortunate in the fact that some part of my work took place under the leadership of such an incomparable editor as Lenin was. And the commandments which he laid down in the work of the periodicals, both legal and underground, are, in my opinion, **RED EDITOR**



V. I. Lenin, shown talking with a group of peasants in Moscow after the October Revolution.

thing be written in good correct and incorrectly handled. Vladimir Hyitch told him that he not only incorrectly, he always immediately misinformed Lenin personally, but offered to print a denial of it or he also fooled the editorial staff an explanation, but invariably years for men with over 3 years all these he mercilessly drove out of the newspaper Forward, our demanded the presentation of exof the newspapers as harmful and Party, the entire Proletariat of act facts and proof. In revolu-Russia, the Western European tionary periods the importance of ed as not having challenged in workers' press, the International, the printed word is especially any way the right of the cometc. It produced the effect that great. We must always remember this deception one may say, our Russian proverb, "a word is 000 men. The only question they He had a remarkably keen and would cover the entire world, developed sense for falsehood in therefore 'ne, this comrade, is de- cannot catch it." We must, there- the men whose jobs are to be serving of the strongest condem- fore, be especially strict with our threw out anything the least bit nation. And for a long time press in order never to exagger-Vladimir Ilyitch refused to talk ate or minimize things, but preto this comrade depriving him of sent the full truth which is alwhile living abroad, he always participation in the newspaper. ways worried about the internal with our printed word, ever removements bitterly opposed us in also instructed comrades living in affairs department and the in-membering that the proletariat

they came from, always checking reportorial activity especially. them on the spot and substantiaof 1905, when a revolutionary ting them with positive facts or of thought, integrity of principle, wave swept the country, and the testimony. He established at the our Bolshevik interpretation of This was when the revolutionary government of Nicholas the Sec- editorial office a special brigade all questions—such are the most of young comrades, enjoying his important basic points always general strike of the Proletariat petty reforms, he instructed many, personal confidences, who were brought into life by the genial forced the Czarist Government to at that time going into Russia for sent out to the factories and other editor of our best party newsits knees, compelling it to grant underground work, to positively spots for the checking over of papers. We have only to follow the correspondents' reports, pay- his example and ever remember terial decrees and local laws which ing for this work separately out the great importance of the were necessary for him in order of the fund available to the edi- printed word, this powerful weatorial office. The results was re- pon in the struggle for our promarkable.

> And you ought to have seen how happy he was when it was immediately discovered that three-fourths of the reports were incorrect, false, or total fiction, where quite often they were the result of personal enmity and unfounded slander.

found to be in reality,-lies at of the Criminal Syndicalism Act. keeping it buried. mittee, and the entire proletarian Southern Russia and described as every step. We would look good movement of our country. At the an everwitness a demonstration, if we had let this go into print same time, he wrote quite fre- It was later found out that much without checking. We would be retary of the union, reported the bottling up 31 anti-lynching bills quently on the vital questions of of that report was exaggerated the laughing stock, and deserved-decision.

ly, too. Our newspaper is the brige 6-Hour Day always be clean, correct, and should never misrepresent anything. Our newspaper, through its strict truthfulness and well disciplined policy of principle, must always be a high authority not only in the eyes of the Proletariat and all toilers, but even in the eyes of our worst enemies, down of negotiations between the Never should anybody be able railroad companies and labor in to accuse our newspaper of un- regard to consolidations of railtruthfulness. Our word must all road property finds railroad labor ways be honest and correct. Of restive at the prospect of the course, even we may be mistak- abolition of over 250,000 jobs en, may overlook something, may through the consolidations. sometimes print an untruthful report. In that case, we ourselves, terminals demands that a 6-hour must print a denial of same if day bill be introduced as a subsuch be presented to us, or cor-stitute for a dismissal wage rect ourselves as soon as we find those whom the railways and our mistake."

DOUBLY CAREFUL

Vladimir Hyitch wanted everything even in the outlying provincial districts to be checked over by especially appointed the railroad labor executives; is trustworthy people; and in events based on a one-year dismissal of special importance, he insisted on a direct re-checking from the by the Railway Clerks and the Unmain editorial office in St. Peters-

"Nothing will happen," said he, if we delay printing a report for two or three days. But when it will appear, we will print the exact truth, which will be more important than even the delay."

IN CASE OF ERROR And of course he was 100 per

that he was reproached with the fact that something was reported not a sparrow; if it flies out you, are raising is how much to pay ways powerful enough. We must In the New Life, he was al- always be especially careful too, principle, all facts reported in our Russia illegally, to obtain all sorts coming reports of correspondents, word must be truth itself. Such and always warned all comrades was the tremendous meaning where as truth and quoted as aut of which he either wrote himself, to be especially careful with these which Vladimir Ilyitch gave to the feports, wherever or whomever newspaper work generally and to

Truthfulness, exactitude clarity gram and principles.

Demand C. S. Repeal tion for an investigation of the SAN FRANCISCO, April 28. ers' Shopmen's Union of the Bay Senate committee on audit and

road unions in January, 1935. BOSSES' PROPOSAL The breakdown in present nego-

tiations came the other day, with the railroad magnates reported as cent right. If ever it happened willing to pay the dismissed workers half wages for four years (with allowances for senior dy), and the labor executives holong out for two-thirds wages for 20 seniority, and five years for other

The labor executives are reportpanies to abolish the jobs of 250,-

LABOR OPPOSITION

A number of labor officials, however, have encouraged the formation of united action committees to back the "unalterably opposed" position to mergers at the expense of jobs. The Railway Labor Executives' Association, however, as a body has repeatedly worked independently of such mobilization of strike power. Resolutions equests from Lodges that the

1500 general chairmen be convened and consulted in this emergency have likewise been ig-

Congressmen Block Anti-Lynching Acts

congressmen, representing the large landowners of the South, are blocking anti-lynch measures in Congress. Supporters of the Wagner-Costigan Anti-lynch bill are backing the Van Nuys resolu-1935 lynchings, but despite the Joining the organized labor front fact that the Senate judiciary comagainst reaction, the Bridge, Struc- mittee reported favorably on the tural and Ornamental Iron Work- resolution, and referred it to the Area, No. 472, has unanimously control, Chairman Byrnes of South "You see," said he, "what was adopted a resolution for repeal Carolina, head of the latter, is

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Why the Red-Baiting, William Fischer?

On April 20th, the Sailors' Union in Seattle suspended its regular order of business to hear the president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, William Fischer.

The Seattle Sailors, with great expectation, awaited Fischer's proposals on what action was to be taken in regard to ships diverted from San Francisco due to the lockout. They waited with grim concern to hear what help was needed by the San Francisco longshoremen, and how they could give Local 38-79 the maximum

They were disappointed. Instead of hearing what they wanted to hear, they heard Fischer deliver a vicious tirade against Communists in general, and against the militant secretaries of the four district councils in particular. Fischer went so far as to say that he was "investigating" the district secretary of the Northwest Federation, meaning that he wanted to "get the goods" on him as a "Communist."

Fischer took a slam at the maritime workers in Portland who gave Harry Bridges a unanimous vote of confidence, and stated that the vote was "engineered by three Communist secretaries."

He became rabid and stated further that all resolutions submitted at San Francisco were drafted by "Jewish Communist lawyers." He insulted the fighting membership of Local 38-79 by stating that "no rank and filer could draw up such resolutions." This was too raw, and a sailor arose at this point and challenged Fischer's red-baiting.

While the San Francisco longshoremen were heroically fighting the battle of all Pacific Coast maritime labor, Fischer went along with the slander of the shipowners and Hearst by stating that the San Francisco longshoremen had provoked the situation on the waterfront. By admitting that he was "investigating" a militant leader of the Federation, Fischer must have tickled Hearst and all vigilante elements silly, for this is the kind of dirty business that lies right up their alley. The fact is, Fischer's attacks on the militant maritime leaders met so completely with Hearst's approval that the Hearst press lost no time in gleefully quoting these at-

· Pick up any issue of the American Citizen, well known and despised by all maritime labor on the Coast as a shipowners' organ so important and needed for our - whose one dream is to see the maritime unions smashed. Do you

see anything different in the American Citizen from what was said by Fischer at the Seattle meeting of the Sailors?

At a time when resolutions of support to Local 38-79 were pouring in from trade unions from every part of the Coast, Fischer found it advisable not to express support for the embattled longshoremen, but to chime in with the red-baiting of Hearst and the shipowners. At a time when the Waterfront Employers' Association publicly and frankly announced that it was out to get rid of the militant leadership of 38-79, Fischer found it a good idea to slander those leaders.

Maritime Labor shows that it recognizes "red-baiting" as a method of smashing the maritime unions, every time a waterfront worker sees anyone with the nerve enough to peddle the American Citizen on the waterfront.

What maritime labor thinks when a maritime labor official adopts the methods of the American Citizen was expressed plainly in a resolution adopted by the Seattle branch of the Marine Firemen, which said, among other things:

"We request our president of the Federation devote his entire time to uniting our forces with other workers," and

"We protest Brother Fischer's attempts to create dissension within our ranks by using Hearstian red-baiting Communist-controlled alibis."

It is about time that William Fischer awoke to the fact that investigation of militant leaders and red-baiting is the business of Hearst and the shipowners, who aim to break the unions, and not the business of a maritime union official. It is about time that William Fischer realized that the maritime workers on the Pacific Coast will have no part of any kind of talk which in effect aims at splitting the ranks of the maritime unions. It would be a good idea for Fischer to realize that what the maritime workers want is the bringing about of the most complete unity of the maritime workers, and that they intend to take steps toward such complete unity at the I. L. A. Convention in San Pedro on May 5th and the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation Convention in San Pedro on May 15th.

The support that poured in to Local 38-79 from maritime labor up and down the Coast should have taught William Fischer a few