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ASSEMBLY BACKS HUGE RELIEF MEASURE

POLICE TERROR IS RAMPANT IN FIELD STRIKE

Two Workers Shot By Scab in Bean Fields, But Give Militant Answer To Terror

MASS MEETING

Sheriff Holds 40 Strikers on "Assault" Charges, But Frees Scabs

LOS ANGELES, May 28. — Police and thug terror against striking members of the Federation of Agriculture Workers' Unions, was to be vehemently protested here tonight at a mass meeting called by the Federation for the Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake street, following serious attacks on pickets, two of whom were severely wounded.

Jose Delgado, 28, and Miguel Tulido, 26, were shot and seriously wounded by a scab truck driver in the struck Palos Verdes bean area, near here, last Monday. Removed to a San Pedro hospital, the workers will recover, physicians said. Benard Lucero, 31, was injured Sunday night when a scab trucked him in the back with a

to attempt was made to arrest the truck driver who fired the shots, but police threatened "similar action" if workers continue to picket.

Militant answer was given back by Delgado, in a statement to a Western Worker reporter: "Bullets can never keep us from winning this strike!"

Twelve "Red Squad" radio cars were thrown into the area, and 20 pickets were arrested in connection with the fight between scabs and strikers that followed the shooting. The pickets were taken to Compton justice court, and after suffering under the brutal clubbing of the growers' thugs, were charged with "suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon." Bail was set at \$2500.

THUGS FREE

The thugs who provoked the fight, and who are guilty of the shooting and clubbing, are all at liberty.

In the struck Compton-Dominguez area, deputy sheriffs admittedly fired guns, but Inspector John Henry of the Sheriff's office, who was in command, claimed they only "shot into the air."

Sixteen or 18 deputies chased the strikers away from the field where they were causing a disturbance," said Henry. "Some of the Japanese growers got out their shotguns to help us and several of us shot into the air to stop fleeing strikers."

Eleven workers were injured, including those shot, in the field battle.

W. Velarde, leader of the striking union, is demanding that "an impartial committee of leading citizens be appointed by either the board of Supervisors or the City Council to investigate our charges."

Norris G. Stensland, sheriff's inspector, said 40 men were being held on charges of assault or assault with a deadly weapon and would be tried in Compton justice court. All are strikers, he said.

Strike leaders have described conditions in the Palos Verdes-Compton-Dominguez area as worse than those at the time of the Imperial Valley and San Joaquin Valley agricultural strikes.

FURUSETH REPORTED LOW

WASHINGTON—Andy Furu-seth, ancient international official of the I. S. U., is reported very low in a local hospital. He has been seriously ill for some time.

He Fills 'Em Up in a Hurry!



Five hundred signatures in five hours! This is the record of "Whitey" McLean, well-known leader of the Public Works and Unemployed Union in Los Angeles, and now a star circulator of initiative petitions for repeal of the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act. On crowded street corners, at mass meetings, and house-to-house, McLean is carrying the petitions and filling 'em up with signatures. How many petitions have YOU filled?

Belgian Communist Party Gains at Polls; Fascists in Dangerous Gains

SOCIALIST REFUSA OF UNITED FRONT LOSES THEM 3 STATES

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 26.—A rising threat of fascism was indicated here in the returns of last Sunday's elections. Extreme reactionaries gained heavy ground at the expense of both the Catholic and Socialist parties.

Although Communists tripled their influence in the Chamber, increasing their seats from three to nine, the Socialists lost three seats and held a total of 70. Even so, they will have a majority in the parliament since the Catholics, who were the previous majority, lost even more.

Emile Vandervelde, 70-year-old Socialist leader is slated to be the next premier. He was formerly president of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International.

FASCIST PARTY
The Rexist fascists, led by Leon Degrelle, former Catholic Youth leader, gained 21 seats. The Flemish Nationalists increased their representation from eight to 16. The Catholic Party lost 16 seats.

Official results follow:

	1932	1936
Socialist	73	70
Catholic	79	63
Liberal	24	23
Rexist		21
Flemish Nationalists	8	16
Communists	3	9

Total187 202

The Communist vote rose from 12,600 in 1932 to 84,780 in Sunday's ballot.

The real trend in the election is shown by the fact that all three government parties, Catholics, Socialists and Liberals, lost in seats. In March, 1935, the Belgian Labor Party (Socialist) headed by Vandervelde, joined with the Catholics and Liberals in a National Union government, with Paul Van Zee-land, Catholic, as Premier.

Although the election showed

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WIRE PROTEST TO BRUTALITY OF N. Y. POLICE

Maritime Convention Demands Halt of Attack Upon Striking East Coast Seamen

ARTA TO A.F.L.

Marine Firemen Will Ask for Award Changes Next September

BULLETIN
NEW YORK, May 29.—East Coast strikers will go back to work, with assurance of International Seamen's Union officials that there will be no discrimination, it was announced today, by Joseph Curran, strike chairman.

"We are going back to work to organize all the seamen for a big push in September," said Curran.

BULLETIN
SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 29.—The Maritime Federation convention yesterday tabled indefinitely a proposal to incorporate the Federation, after progressive delegates pointed out fatal effects in legal complications.

The Federation also voted to send two spokesmen to the Youth Day Peace Rally in Brookside Park, Pasadena, Saturday, over bitter opposition of reactionaries, including Cliff Thurston and Elmer Bruce, candidates for I. L. A. district president and secretary.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 27.—Brutal attacks and assaults by the New York police against the striking seamen, were strongly protested here yesterday by the convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, in a telegram to Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, of New York.

A special committee was elected for the defense of the eight Modesto boys, now in San Quentin prison on trumped-up charges of possessing dynamite. Aaron Sapiro is to act as attorney.

The American Radio Telegraphers' Union, A. F. of L., in the near future.

Delegate Andrew Vigen, representing the Alaska Fishermen's Union, arrived yesterday from San Francisco and was seated.

NATIONAL FEDERATION
Representing the Marine Firemen, Earl King reported his union 100 per cent organized on the Pacific Coast, and served notice on the convention that they intend to demand changes and improvements in their present award when it expires next September. The Marine Firemen have gone on record for organization of a National Maritime Federation, and uniform agreements and wage scale, he said.

Upon receiving a telegram from San Francisco reporting the strike victory of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, Local 20195, the convention passed a vote of appreciation to the Negotiations Committee and to George Woolfe, president of Ship Scalers 38-100, San Francisco, for their efforts in winning the agreement.

CREDITS SEAMEN
Fraternal Delegate Blake, representing British Columbia longshoremen, reported they were slowly getting back on the job after the 1935 strike, and were getting much cooperation from American seamen who refuse to work with non-union men. He reported the I. L. A. had given charters to his locals in New Westminister, B. C., as well as Vancouver, B. C.

H. A. Farmer, fraternal delegate for the San Pedro Industrial Union of Shipyard Workers, reported the Matson Navigation Company was obstructing organiza-

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2 Delegates Go To Farmer-Labor National Meeting

LOS ANGELES, May 27. —Official observers to the Farmer-Labor Party Conference at Chicago on May 30 and 31st were elected by the Continuations Committee of the Council for Political Action here last night.

Edward McLarty, Sr., chairman of the Continuations Committee and Ernest Dawson, Epic member of the Committee, were elected as the delegates.

On their return they will report to a mass meeting, date of which will be announced later.

The Chicago conference is being called by the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota. The Continuations Committee will also wire greetings to the convention.

C. P. PLEDGES AGRICULTURAL MEET SUPPORT

Sponsoring Committee of June Conference at Stockton Gets Letter from Calif. District

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Supported officially and to be participated in by the State Federation of Labor, the California Conference of Agricultural Workers is to convene in Stockton, Calif., on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, with the purpose of taking organizational steps among California's tens of thousands of agricultural workers.

Trade unions, central labor bodies, independent agricultural unions, and the organized unemployed are being asked to participate by the sponsoring committee for the conference.

COMMUNIST SUPPORT
Wholehearted support of the conference and of the drive to organize the field workers, was voiced by the California District Committee of the Communist Party in a letter addressed to the Sponsoring Committee, California Conference of Agricultural Workers, as follows:

"Dear Sirs and Brothers:

"The California District Committee of the Communist Party wishes to express its wholehearted support to the California Conference of Agricultural Workers called for June 6 and 7 in Stockton, and will urge its members and sympathizers in the trade unions throughout the state and especially in the agricultural fields to work for its success and for an organizational campaign among the agricultural workers to bring them into the American Federation of Labor and fight to improve their conditions."

"In view of the role that Communists have played in the past few years in the organization of agricultural workers, for which many of them have been railroaded to prison under the Criminal Syndicalist Law, we believe that the Sponsoring Committee, which includes representatives of organized labor, farmers, unemployed, Socialists and liberals, should include a representative of the Communist Party, who could undoubtedly contribute to the successful building of the conference, and to the organization of the agricultural workers."

The sponsoring committee includes Norman H. Thomas, honorary chairman; Israel Feinberg, international vice president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, of Los Angeles, chairman; Hugo Ernst, international vice president of the Culinary

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Communist Candidates Enter Primaries To Continue Fight for Farmer-Labor Party

(Statement by Communist Party U. S. A., Calif. District.)

The Communist Party has been actively working for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California, in order to unite all the workers, farmers, and opponents of war and fascism in the fight for jobs, security, and peace, and against the forces of reaction. Communists have fought to win the trade unions, the Socialists, the Epics, and Townsendites to a policy of independent political action with the aim of entering a Farmer-Labor Party or Farmer-Labor ticket in the coming state and Congressional elections, and to become a part of the movement throughout the country for the building of a National Farmer-Labor Party.

NOT YET READY

But while the sentiment is rapidly on the increase for such a policy of independent political action, the movement has not yet reached sufficient mass proportions in California to make it possible for a Farmer-Labor Party to be organized in time for the August primary elections. The Socialist Party leaders have given lip-service to the idea of a Farmer-Labor party but have rejected all proposals of joint action by Socialists and Communists in that direction.

The Epic leaders have led their followers into a futile blind alley by preaching faith in Roosevelt and the Democratic Party, and are attempting to hold back the leftward trend of their membership who are more and more moving in the direction of independent political action, although still under the illusion that Roosevelt is the "lesser evil." The A. F. of L. officials, Vandeleur, Buzzell and Co., still are able to hold the majority of the unions in line for the disastrous "non-partisan" policy of supporting capitalist parties and candidates.

The progressive elements in the unions have not taken a sufficiently bold and aggressive stand to challenge this policy and have not actively fought to lead the movement for the promotion of a Farmer-Labor party in the trade unions.

"DIVERSION" MOVEMENT

It is the absence of a Farmer-Labor party that has made it possible for the Democratic Party to divert the anti-fascist, anti-reactionary sentiment against the Hearst-Liberty League-Republican combination into support for Roosevelt and the Democratic Party. The hundred thousand votes for the Epic slate in the May 5th primaries was a defeat for the Sinclair policy.

But a hundred thousand votes for a Farmer-Labor Party candidate in California would represent a big victory for the anti-fascist forces of the labor movement, exert powerful pressure on the State and Federal government to give concessions to the workers, and lay the basis for a victory over the Merriam administration in 1938.

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party or Farmer-Labor ticket, the Communist Party is entering its own candidates in the August primaries for the State Assembly and Congress, and will continue the fight for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. It will challenge the Epic and Socialist candidates to state their position on the demands raised in the Communist election platform and if they will join in a united front for the winning of these demands. It will challenge them to actively work for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party and making this one of the main issues in the election campaign.

If any Epic candidate who runs on a united front platform wins the August primary nomination on the Democratic ticket, the attitude of the Communist Party toward supporting such a candidate in the final elections will depend on his role in actively working for the promotion of a Farmer-Labor Party.

FOR UNITED FRONT

The Communist candidates will enter the August primaries in order to fight for the demands in our election platform, and for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California. A vote for Communist candidates is a vote for the united front against fascist reaction, war, and for jobs and security. In order to file Communist candidates by the last filing date, June 20th, we must have a mass Communist registration. We must have an election campaign fund. All workers and farmers are urged to register Communist; no matter how you are registered now, you can re-register Communist until July 16th.

Register Communist! Vote Communist! Join the Communist Party! For the building of a Farmer-Labor Party and the united people's front against hunger, war, and reaction!

JOBLESS WIN LEGISLATIVE CONCESSIONS

Assembly Resolution Calls on Congress to Adopt the Marcanonio Bill

SMALL RELIEF

The Other Important Motions Forced Through By Unemployed

SACRAMENTO, May 27. — Obeying Governor Merriam's call for the inadequate appropriation of \$2,500,000 for unemployment relief until the new fiscal year begins July 1st, the State Legislature adjourned its special session here yesterday, but not before the Assembly was forced to adopt three progressive resolutions demanded by the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations and the Coordinating Committee for American Living Standards.

The most important resolution, introduced by Epic Assemblyman John Pelletier of Los Angeles, memorialized Congress to pass the Marcanonio Relief and Works Standards Bill.

The Governor was called on in another resolution introduced by Assemblyman Richie of San Diego, to make room on the State Relief Commission for the appointment of two representatives from the State Federation, and the third resolution demanded that the State Relief Commission restore the former SERA budget No. 4, which would give a 25 per cent increase to unemployed on direct relief.

ON SCABBERDING

A resolution introduced by Epic Assemblyman Lee Geyer, of Los Angeles, calling on the relief commission to discontinue cutting workers off relief who refuse to work in the agricultural fields for less than the WPA wage, was lost by a close ye-and-no vote. This resolution was bitterly fought by assemblyman Phillips, of Riverside County, who frankly admitted that he was speaking for the vigilante growers of Imperial Valley.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to pass the Frazier-Lundeen Social Insurance Bill, failed even of introduction into the Assembly because all assemblymen pleaded they were too busy with their own bills and resolutions.

The delegation from the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations consisted of 20 unemployed workers, headed by Alex Noral, state organizer. Accompanying this delegation, was also a group from the Los Angeles Coordinating Committee for the American Living Standards, headed by John Wenk, president of the Utopian Society of America.

The \$2,500,000 appropriation was taken from a \$24,000,000 bond issue, which was to cover relief expenditures for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1st, indicating that the next regular session of the Legislature in January, 1937, will be faced with the problem of raising additional funds for relief. More than \$15,500,000 will have been spent on relief in California during the six months period ending June 30th next.

FOR TOWNSEND BILL

The Assembly also adopted a resolution memorializing Congress to pass the Townsend old-age revolving pension plan, and a resolution indicating reactionary developments by authorizing a survey "with a view to coordinate relief to make available seasonal agricultural labor."

A measure "liberalizing" the old-age pension payments in the state from a present average of \$23 a month to \$35 a month minimum, was adopted by the legislature.

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PLEDGE COMPLETE ORGANIZATION OF L.A. GARMENT INDUSTRY

NEW PICKETING POLICY IN L. A. GETS RESULTS

Labor Council Reactionaries Can't Make Up Their Minds On Getting Into Action Against Unfair Firms

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—Mass picketing of the Eastern Columbia Outfitting Company by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council has already brought results, a delegate reported at the Council meeting last Friday night.

Through their attorneys, the Eastern Company asked the Council not to picket their store again this Saturday, pending outcome of a meeting between union officials and the company.

The Council placed the Eastern on the unfair list at the request of the Furniture Workers who declared that the Company had made many promises not to buy scab products but never kept them.

The council reactionaries became involved in a heated controversy with rank and file delegates when the question of placing several firms on the unfair list and of picketing other firms that are unfair to organized labor came up last night.

President Sherman "was in favor of" and "was not in favor of" the question of picketing and of placing on the unfair list firms that had not answered letters sent out by the Council.

Delegates Gillette and Blair were in favor of cutting the "red" tape and getting into action.

"Was it a bluff or did we really mean it?" Blair, delegate from the Screen Actors, Guild, asked the chair, referring to the mass picketing policy adopted by the Council.

The controversy ended in the Los Angeles Furniture Company and the Overall Company being placed on the unfair list.

Local 399 of the Studio Drivers' Union sent a donation of \$50 for the strike fund of the Millmen Local 884.

STOOL PIGEON'S WORK OF GOV'T AIDES EXPOSED

Information on Victor Barron Turned Over to Brazil Police

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—United States Government officials did wide-spread stool pigeon service for the fascist Brazilian Government in connection with the brutal murder of Victor Barron, young American citizen, it was learned here today by the International Labor Defense.

Mrs. Edna Hill, of Oakland, mother of the murdered boy, told her attorney, Leo Gallagher of the I. L. D., that in addition to "stooling" done by Postmaster William H. McCarthy of San Francisco and Postmaster Ford Samuel of Alameda, federal officials also conducted investigations in Oregon for the purpose of furnishing stool-pigeon information to the Brazilian fascists concerning young Barron.

QUIZZED MOTHER

Samuel and McCarthy quizzed Mrs. Hill concerning the whereabouts of the boy's father, Harrison George, how long the boy had been in South America, whether he was a Communist etc.

All of this stoolpigeon work was done AFTER Barron's arrest on January 28th and BEFORE his brutal torture-murder by Brazilian police on March 5th, of this year!

The "informing" role of federal officials was exclusively exposed in the Western Worker in its issue of Monday, May 18th, last.

Gallagher has repeatedly demanded of the U. S. State Department that Mrs. Hill be granted permission to examine their records of the case, but without avail.

Workers are urged to send protests to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in Washington, D. C. FREE THEM!

Two other workers are now in the toils of the Brazilian fascists—Luis Prestes, idolized hero of the toiling masses of Brazil and member of the executive committee of the Communist International; and Arthur Ewart, political

Communist Letter To Socialists Is Promptly Tabled

Clarence Senior, Secretary of S. P. Hurries Action Before Cleveland Convention

CLEVELAND, O., May 27.—The Socialist Party convention went on record for a Farmer-Labor Party by a vote of 109 to 64 here yesterday.

A majority resolution was adopted which declared the Farmer-Labor Party to be "an inevitable stage in the development of American Labor's political consciousness."

It called for qualified participation in local Labor Parties, but opposed Labor tickets.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 26.—A letter from the Communist Party of the U. S. A., suggesting negotiations for joint political action was tabled without discussion by the national convention of the Socialist Party here yesterday.

The letter, which was in the form of a greeting, was read, along with other communications, by Clarence Senior, executive secretary of the Socialist Party, Senior read it in a hum-drum, deprecating voice.

Maynard Krueger, of Chicago, immediately jumped up, declared: "The Socialist Party wants Socialism through the Socialist Party and not Communism through the Communist Party," and made a motion to table the letter.

The letter specifically proposed: "the establishment of systematic joint consultations," between the two parties, and "that such joint consultations take place in connection with our joint policies in the forthcoming national, state and local elections, in the furthering of our efforts to build the Farmer-Labor Party and in exploring the possibilities of a joint Socialist-Communist presidential campaign."

The Communist Party was anxious that no discussion of the letter take place on the floor, "since there is considerable sentiment for united action with the Communist Party among the delegates," reflecting a larger sentiment among the rank and file Socialists.

The platform drafted by the resolutions committee contains eight main planks:

(1) Public ownership of key industries.

(2) Adoption of the Farmers' and Workers' Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, which would give Congress broad control over agriculture and industry.

(3) A slum clearance program, old-age and health pensions and other social legislation programs.

(4) Thirty-hour week, minimum wage, abolition of the injunction in labor disputes, prohibition of company unions, company spying and private guards, prohibition of use of police or troops in labor disputes.

(5) Government aid for farm financing, shifting of taxes on farm property to taxes on incomes, inheritance and excess profits.

(6) Increase in inheritance and income taxes on high levels, reorganization of the entire tax system on the ability to pay and a constitutional amendment permitting taxation of government securities.

(7) Abolition of all laws interfering with right of free speech and free assembly, repeal of the espionage laws, enforcement of constitutional guarantees of equality of Negroes and enforcement of drastic anti-lynching laws.

(8) Curtailment of armaments, elimination of compulsory military training in schools, non-interference in Latin America, abandonment of imperialistic adventures, relinquishment of extra-territorial privileges in China, continuation of friendly relations with the Soviet Union, development of world peace societies.

Reactionary "Old Guard" elements bolted the Socialist Party when the convention refused to recognize their delegates and have formed a new party called the Social-Democratic Federation.

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Unions Release Two Ships at San Pedro

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Carrying steel for the Golden Gate bridge, two ships, the Excelsior and Exilona, were released at San Pedro yesterday, it was reported here today. They had been held up by demands for West Coast wages from the engineers and mates, but local reports did not state whether the demands were won or not.

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Ferry Workers to Continue Demands

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—The Key System has offered that jobs on their San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge trains will be filled "wherever possible from the ranks of ferryboatmen," but the Ferryboatmen's Union will continue to demand a dismissal wage, it was stated here yesterday by Sam Kagel, labor consultant.

"The Key System is the only organization that has made such an offer," said Kagel.

"But what are to become of the men employed by the Southern Pacific and the Southern Pacific Golden Gate ferries? Besides, a few jobs on the trains can't assimilate all the workers."

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Workers are urged to write the Brazilian Ambassador in Washington, and to telephone protests to the San Francisco Brazilian consulate at Douglas 3187, demanding their release.

Soviet Citizens, One-Time Nomads, Educate Themselves



Even in isolated Soviet Oirotia, in a mountain-bound corner of the western Siberian territory, hunters and trappers are being given educational training by the workers' government. Here are some of the men, once illiterate nomads, reading and studying in the new library of their fur trading station.

Carmel Is Agog, Aflutter and Upset

LEGIONAIRES DOING THEIR STUFF

Red-Baiters Oust Girl Scout Leader

CARMEL, Calif.—This little town is seething with a very unaccustomed sentiment—resentment and indignation at the antics of the American Legion! First, the revelations of the Western Worker, that a spy and stool pigeon had been at work with dictaphones for over six months, has aroused the citizenry who believed those kind of tactics were used only under dictatorships and not under "American democracy."

Youth Schedules May 30 Activity

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Tomorrow, May 30th, will be Anti-War Day as well as Memorial Day for youth of the Bay region, who will celebrate with a boat ride to Paradise Cove for a picnic-barbecue.

Sports, dancing, and anti-war plays are on the program for the outing, which is sponsored by the American Youth Congress. Admission and round trip will be 50 cents. Boats leave at 9 a.m. from Pier 14 in San Francisco and at the foot of Broadway in Oakland.

Further information is available at the Youth Congress office, 268 Market street, Room 119, San Francisco, or at the East Bay Council, 3445 Derby street, Oakland.

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C. I. O. DEMANDS ACTION, STEEL HEADS WARNED

Industrial Union Forces Will Organize Men If Green And Tighe Stall Much Longer

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President William Green is taking some bad falls in his attempts to hurdle the industrial unionism issue, according to latest reports on the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Most sensational was the move made by C. I. O. representatives recently in private conferences with pro-Green executives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

A virtual ultimatum was laid down to Mike Tighe and Company, that if they continued to stall, following the union convention's stand for an industrial union, organizational drive, the C. I. O. would go ahead with its proposed \$500,000 organizational campaign anyway.

The Amalgamated's recent convention in Canonsburg, Pa., was all but unanimous for industrial unionism and for an organizational drive along these lines by a joint committee of such contributing international unions as would agree to waive all jurisdictional claims in the steel industry and would accept jurisdiction of the Amalgamated.

Confident of the support of the big mass of steel workers, the C. I. O. was preparing to move in for action, while Tighe and Secretary "Shorty" Leonard were having feverish conferences with Green, it was reported. If Tighe and Leonard oppose industrial organization, it is probable that they are on the toboggan out of union leadership.

Another C. I. O. drive to organize the automobile workers was also reported imminent.

BELGIAN PARTY GAINS 3 SEATS

(Continued from Page 1) that the Van Zeeland government was thoroughly discredited, the Socialists did not gain what the bourgeois parties lost because they supported reactionary measures put forth by the National Union Cabinet.

The only province where the Socialist Party gained in votes was in Limburg province, which was also the only province where Socialists and Communists put up a joint ticket.

The Communist gains are attributed to the united front campaign. The Communists proposed a united working class front to replace the Socialist coalition with bourgeois politicians. When this was rejected by the Socialist leaders, the Communists ran independent candidates wherever they stood a good chance of election, but threw their support to the Socialists wherever a Communist victory was not probable.

The Rexistists polled a total of 177,919 votes. In Liege province, they received 55,588 votes.

The new "Realist" Party, headed by an Antwerp business man named Janssens, campaigned on a platform which promised doubling of all salaries and payment to all newly-weds of \$850. But they won no seats.

Degrelle, leader of the Rexistists, stated after elections: "Never mind the number of seats obtained. This is only the beginning." His followers paraded the streets shouting, "Rex has won!" (More Foreign News on Page 5.)

C. P. PLEDGES

(Continued from Page 1) Workers' Union, of San Francisco; and Walter Cowan, vice president of the State Federation of Labor.

Speakers include Edward D. Van deleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor; G. G. Fauci, editor of the Italian newspaper Coltura Popolare; and Ward Rogers, organizer of the Tenant Farmers' Union of Arkansas.

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PIN REMOVED

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—Removal of a pin from her right lung, where it became lodged three weeks ago when she sneezed, left Mrs. Marie Pischotta, 22, housewife, in perfect health here today. Doctors were forced to build a "bi-plane fluoroscope" to keep an eye on the pin while they grappled for it.

De end the Soviet Union against the attack of Hitler and Mussolini, Japan and Poland.

Mandolin Club Affair Put Off Until June 6

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Offering apologies to those who bought tickets for the Mandolin Club announces postponement of the affair until June 6 on account of the Youth Dance.

Tickets will be good for the postponed dance, to be held Saturday night, June 6, at the Workers' Center Auditorium, 2706 Brooklyn ave.

JOBLES WIN

(Continued From Page 1) However, all aged persons must be citizens of California with state residence of five years and no other means of support, in order to receive any pension whatsoever.

Attempt by the Epic bloc in the Legislature to write in a minimum \$15 weekly unemployment relief budget was quickly voted down by the strongly reactionary section of assemblymen and senators.

Another bill adopted extended the installment plan of paying de-

Wire Workers Hold Out for Demands in East Bay Strike

Company Bluff of Closing Down Plant Fails to Disturb Picket Lines

OAKLAND, May 25.—The strike of the L. A. Young Wire Spring workers on High street here, which started on Monday, May 18th, was still going strong last Saturday.

After a hard struggle they had won recognition of the new union, but were denied the abolition of piece-work, which is now their chief demand.

Their captain told a Western Worker correspondent that the picket line was solid and strong enough to keep out all scabs. The company had tried to bluff them into going back to work by telling them that the plant would be closed down entirely and even had the light, heat, and water cut off, but when they saw this did not weaken the line, it was opened again.

Then the Chevrolet took up the cudgels against the strikers, by threatening to send their big order for auto seat springs back to the Eastern Young Company. This threat, if carried out, would leave the workers with only part time and odd jobs for a year, but they are beginning to treat this as a bluff likewise.

Sympathetic unions have donated \$400 for living expenses during the strike.

UNION CHARTER JERKED BY A.F.L.

Green Attacks Butte Miners in Anti-Industrial Union Struggle

BUTTE, Mont., May 29.—Industrial unionism's stronghold here, through the Butte Miners' Union, was threatened last week when Paul Smith, personal representative of William Green, announced that the charter of the Silver Bow County Trades and Labor Council has been revoked.

Announcement of Smith's letter informing the council of the charter lifting, first appeared in the Butte company press.

The controversy, which has been raging in the council for some time, is over seating of delegates from a chartered local of the International Operating Engineers, while the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union has chartered a local of engineers here which claims jurisdiction over the engineers of Butte.

The operating Engineers have a group of 20 or 30 engineers from the city proper, while the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union local of engineers has about 300 who are employed on the hill in the mines.

Paul Smith, of Denver, refers to Section 8, Article 11 of the A. F. L. Constitution as the rule applying to the revocation and further cites Section 17, Article 13 for guidance for the council regarding their books, papers and funds.

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LEGION EFFORT FAILS AGAINST BAR APPLICANT

(Continued from Page 1) following day.

Legion red-baiters are now demanding that Frederick Jordan McConnell, rate engineer and Stanford graduate, be denied citizenship on grounds that he has openly advocated repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and has marched in May Day parades.

HEARING JUNE 1

McConnell was born in Australia but has lived most of his life in America. Hearing on the Legion's charges against him will be held before Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure on June 1.

Organizations and individuals should address protests to this judge (addressed to the Post Office Bldg., San Francisco), pointing out that McConnell's activities were strictly within the rights of all Americans and are not grounds for denying him citizenship.

REGISTER COMMUNIST TO BUILD UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!

RESOURCES OF ILGWU TO BACK BIG CAMPAIGN

Dubinsky Delays Expected Call For Support of Roosevelt In Presidential Campaign At Executive Board Meet

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—though he recently resigned from the Socialist Party to beat political drums for Roosevelt, David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, failed to do the expected and did not ask the General Executive Board of the international to support the President's re-election, as the board wound up local sessions of its quarterly meeting at the Biltmore Hotel here today.

However, the May Day and political policies, as well as resolutions, are to be given special consideration when the board resumes deliberations in San Francisco on Friday.

The membership of the I. L. G. W. U., consisting of over 350,000, is on record for a Farmer-Labor Party.

In his report to the board on conditions in the industry, Dubinsky announced that 84 strikers are now in progress throughout the country at the present time in the cotton and silk trades.

J. A. I. S. SECOND

Due to the number of "runaway" shops from eastern centers, Los Angeles, because of its "open shop" reputation has become the second largest needle trades manufacturing city in the United States.

A determined effort will be made to organize the entire ladies garment industry in Los Angeles, Dubinsky revealed, and he pledged the resources of the international, which is reported to have a treasury of several million dollars, to that purpose.

More than half a day devoted a discussion of overtime, resulted in the decision that no overtime was to be permitted on either the East or West Coast, other than by approval of the board and the I. L. G. W. U. president, and this is emergency only where shortage of labor exists.

ANTI-FASCIST DRIVE

It was unanimously decided to pledge \$50,000 in continuation of the anti-fascist campaign. It was also announced that two strikes are now in progress in New York as the result of intolerable fascist tendencies on the part of the bosses.

An appropriation of \$75,000 was made for an educational program, for which all instructors in the various classes are to be chosen from the rank and file. A \$15,000 donation likewise was made for an I. L. G. W. U. library at a local sanatorium.

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WIRE PROTEST

(Continued From Page 1) tional efforts, recently giving the workers turkeys and 10 cents a four increase in pay, in an effort to discourage organization. They stated they are greatly indebted to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for assistance.

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ASK WORKERS TO GIVE AID TO CAMPAIGN

Communist Elections Drive Needs \$500 By June 20th on \$4000 Budget

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29. — "If the Communist Party is to launch successfully its 1936 election campaign, the State Campaign Committee must receive donations of at least \$500 by June 20th," stated George Maurer, state campaign manager, here today in replying to the urgent call for funds. The \$500 is part of the \$4,000 budget needed to carry the Communist campaign through in the 1936 elections.

All funds should be sent immediately to Anita Whitney, treasurer for the State Campaign Committee, at 121 Haight street, San Francisco. All contributions will be listed and accredited in the Western Worker.

All anti-fascists, all who favor building of the Farmer-Labor Party are urged to contribute to the fund and to support morally the Party that fights hardest for the Farmer-Labor Party. The State Campaign Committee urgently calls upon all trade unionists, unemployed agricultural workers, small farmers, professionals and intellectuals to donate funds to this campaign. Organizations are also asked to contribute.

"Which organization and which individual will be the first to lend immediate and concrete aid by mailing in a donation?" asks the Campaign Committee.

California Labor Notes

LOS ANGELES.—Typographical delegates to the Central Labor Council reported a strike on at the Compton Printing Company on West Washington boulevard. Twelve men are reported out on strike, because of the hiring of a non-union foreman.

Delegate Shown of the Painters District Council reported that a grievance between Groman's Painters and Painters' 1348 had been settled to the full satisfaction of the union. The painters will repair the mortuary.

The Culinary Workers' Union reported that Katie Kohn's Cafe on Spring street had been placed on their unfair list and asked the Council to do likewise.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hugo Ernst, international vice-president of the Culinary Workers Union, has turned in Petition No. 3953 to the State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, with the names of many trade unionists affixed.

RICHMOND.—Skaggs Stores are scheduled to be put on the unfair lists unless they can show reasons why they should not be, since they have been cited to appear before the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council as being unfair to organized labor.

Another report to the council is that Bruner's Furniture Store is the only store that is handling union-made furniture in Contra Costa County.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Five Bay District Delegates are on their way to attend the first convention in six years of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, to be held in Memphis, Tenn., beginning June 8th. The delegation is headed by Milton S. Maxwell, president of the California butchers' organization, and international vice-president of the Amalgamated, and Joseph Y. Henderson, general organizer for this area. Jack Donnelly represents San Mateo Local 516, and Charles Kilpack and W. G. Smith represent San Francisco Local 115.

MODESTO.—Resumption of the quarterly meetings of the San Joaquin Valley Union Labor Conference, which was abandoned about a year ago due to unemployment conditions and the financial straits of the affiliated unions at that time, is indicated here in a poll of some 60 odd unions. Secretary of the Conference, H. T. Pitner, reported that only one union was opposed to the resumption of the meetings and that probably a meeting would be called in the near future.

REGISTER COMMUNIST AS BLOW AGAINST REACTION!

Mother Pickets Struck Factory Of Her Own Son

LOS ANGELES, May 25. — "He is not my son when it comes to political and economic battles of the workers. I made a mistake when I gave birth to him." Such was the statement of militant Mary Ostrow, mother of the owner of the struck Valley Bedding Co., who appeared on the picket lines of her son's plant yesterday in the ten weeks' old fight against the firm by the International Upholsterers' Union, Local 15. Mrs. Ostrow was one of the most militant pickets at the plant and in response to the cheers of the strikers shouted: "Whenever you want me I'll be with you."

C. S. CAMPAIGN 'GOES OVER' IN OAKLAND AREA

Father Divine Churches Give Response; East Bay Stimulates New Activity

OAKLAND, May 28.—Reports indicating that the campaign to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act is beginning to go over with a bang in this area, were made here last Sunday night at the meeting of the East Bay Conference to Repeal the C. S. Act.

Approximately 500 petitions are recorded in the Conference office at 532 16th street, Room 410-F, Oakland, and are now being circulated for signatures, in addition to other petitions sent from the State Conference office in San Francisco direct to the circulators.

99 PER CENT Carpenter's Union, Local 36, reported that all members of the local except one have signed the petitions. Mr. Lindholm is to ask the union for a donation at its next meeting.

Three petitions are being circulated now by Father Divine churches, which have asked for a speaker to explain the C. S. Act. If the explanation is satisfactory, it was reported, all eight Father Divine churches will have the complete membership committee sign the petitions.

In Contra Costa County, workers at the C. and H. Sugar Company plants are circulating eight petitions, and the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union has filled five petitions so far. Pittsburg had 250 signatures, 10 days ago and was going strong.

VALLEJO ACTIVE Twelve petitions are being circulated in Vallejo, and the chairman of the petition committee there has been asked to speak before unions, with 100 per cent response thus far. Laborers and Hodcarriers Union has endorsed the petition drive. Setting itself a quota of 1000 signatures for the town, Vallejo reports an incomplete return of 585 signatures so far.

The Berkeley Committee has taken out 75 petitions, of which the Teachers' Union is circulating 15. The committee divided into a group of house-to-house canvass, a group for churches, and a group for tables on the street. Tables were on the street at the University of California gates.

One worker who sets himself a quota of 1000 signatures, and has 5 petitions filled already. Another worker, who commutes daily to San Francisco, gets signatures on the train coming home from work. Eight petitions are being circulated in Hayward, and three are known to be full.

The publicity committee is taking steps to get time on the air to bring labor speakers on the C. S. repeal campaign before the public.

L. Martin was elected regional organizer by acclamation.

INTIMIDATION

EL MONTE, Cal., May 26.—When 50 berry-pickers attempted to leave the fields and join the ranks of the strikers at Hicks Camp here, Japanese growers, armed with clubs and encouraged by the police "Red Squad," drove the workers back into the fields and forced them to resume picking. Five workers were arrested and held on charges of "assault and battery" without bail. More than 300 workers are on strike in the El Monte fields.

After you have read your copy of the Western Worker, pass it on.

METAL MINERS MOVE TOWARD LABOR TICKET

Local Sets Up Committee to Cooperate With Other Unions in United Platform

CARQUINEZ, Cal., May 26.—Formation of a United Labor Ticket and Platform was endorsed by the Carquinez Local 51, of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, here at its meeting last Friday night.

The local voted in the resolution to set up a committee to cooperate with similar committees of other unions to work toward formation of a United Labor Ticket. The complete resolution follows:

"Whereas: The bankers, industrial associations, and the chambers of commerce and their agents in the government of the state and nation, are striving to crush wages and destroy unionism and take away the constitutional and civil rights of the workers; and "Whereas: These forces are doing their utmost to destroy organized labor and weaken the growing solidarity of the workers; and "Whereas: In nearly all of the great struggles of union labor an exploited small farmer they find themselves opposed by the armed forces of the city and state governments, the police and National Guard, called out by representatives of the Republic and Democratic machines, and have been amply demonstrated, the Republican and Democratic Parties are controlled by Wall Street and the banking interests of the country; and

"Whereas we can oust the agent of the employers from the government set-up only through the instrument of independent political action based on organized labor and supported by the exploited small farmers and people generally; and "Whereas: The strong support for a united labor party at the recent A. F. of L. Convention including six international Union and of which our International was a part, and since then many state federations of labor and many central labor councils have gone on record for the United Labor Party, and therefore be it

"Resolved: that this organization, the Carquinez Local 51 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers go on record endorsing the formation of a United Labor Platform and Ticket and be it further

"Resolved: That we set up a committee to cooperate with similar committees of other unions to work toward the formation of this United Labor Platform and Ticket and that we send letters to all unions in Contra Costa County asking them to go on record for a United Labor Platform and Ticket, and be it further

"Resolved: That we send a copy of this resolution to the Central Labor Council urging them to go on record for a United Labor Platform and Ticket, and to take steps for the formation of local United Labor Platforms and Tickets in the coming state and congressional election."

THREE OF A KIND "Hearst takes orders from Hittler," "Landon takes orders from Hearst," "Shades of the Liberty League, "If I can tell who's the worst!"

Communist Runs For Congress in Ninth District

FRESNO, May 28.—A Communist Party candidate, running on a working class platform, will oppose the Republican Democratic incumbent, B. W. Gearhart, for Congress in the 9th District, it was announced here today by the Communist Campaign Committee in this District.

The 9th Congressional District includes Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus counties. The Campaign Committee urges all workers and toiling farmers in these counties to register Communist now to insure a working class candidate in the November elections.

At a meeting of Communist Party Sections here last Sunday, the election platform was discussed and candidates proposed. Final announcement of the candidate for Congress will be made in the near future.

Communist Speaks To Democrats on Election Issues

Harold Ashe Cites Necessity For Farmer-Labor Party

LOS ANGELES, May 28. — Stressing unemployment, degradation, misery and starvation as it exists in the United States after nearly four years under Roosevelt, Harold Ashe, Candidate for Congress on the Communist ticket, addressed the Hollywood Democratic Forum 4655 1/2 Hollywood Blvd., last Sunday night. His subject was "The principal issues of the Communist Party in 1936."

Ashe branded the Republican and Democratic parties as the "james twins of American politics. "Although they have but one blood stream they possess two faces," he declared.

"Where is the forgotten man of 72 for whom so much was done? In the last four years millions of these forgotten men have been turned into the streets. The answer has been unemployment, degradation, misery and starvation on every hand. This has been the 'New Deal' for the masses of the people."

Speaking at length on the necessity of a Farmer-Labor Party, he declared: "Unless we find a common front, we are doomed to ground under the heel of Fascism. Then we shall not be allowed even to discuss our programmatic issues. There is no alternative. We must unite. Otherwise we shall be devoured by the dangers that beset us."

He emphasized the need of taking over the idle factories for the benefit of idle workers, not to take their pay in commodities but to receive union wages with 30-hour week. This, he said, as one of the principal issues of united political action.

Ashe pointed out that the party in power was always the most reactionary. He told how the Democratic party in the deep south had sanctioned the terrorism against the sharecroppers and tenant farmers. In the North, he said, the Republicans resorted to the same trick. Seventeen Democratic governors called out troops to break strikes while seven Republican governors were equally guilty.

"In the platform of the 1936 campaign we insist upon adequate unemployment insurance, not the inadequate kind which the present administration has given us," Ashe concluded. "Besides jobs for everyone we insist on adequate old age (pensions)—not paid by a sales tax on the poor and not paid by taxes on the workers—but paid out of the profits of the rich."

Dr. William A. Prosser, ex-socialist and now an Epic, was chairman of the Forum. An overflow crowd attended. A delegate was elected from Assembly District 5 to the conference for united political action to be called at a later date.

Dubinsky Here to Lead ILGWU Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Led by David Dubinsky, vice-president of the A. F. of L., and resident of the international union, the International Executive Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will arrive here tomorrow morning at 7:30 to continue its quarterly session. The board has been meeting in Los Angeles.

A delegation of local trade union leaders will meet the board at the Ferry Bldg. The public is invited to a mass meeting to be held tomorrow night 7:30 p.m. at the I. L. G. W. U. Hall at 149 Mason street, on the fourth floor. Speakers will include Dubinsky, who recently withdrew from the Socialist Party to campaign for Roosevelt; Luigi Antonini, international vice-president, who will speak in English and Italian; and Rose Pesotta, only woman to act as international vice-president.

A banquet will be held Saturday night at 6:30 at the Whitcomb Hotel, 8th and Market sts., with "international entertainment" by girls in the local I. L. G. W. U., along with Mexican, Russian, Italian and Jewish lines. The banquet is \$1.50 a plate.

San Francisco.—A Provision Trades Council is being formed, composed of all unions whose membership handles food. Hugo Ernst, leader of Waiters' Local 30, is temporary chairman of the group.

Sailors Seek Rank And File Editors To Control 'Voice'

San Francisco, May 27.—At one of the largest membership meetings in several weeks, the Headquarters Branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific (Emergency Committee) voted further instructions to their delegates now attending the second annual convention of the Maritime Federation, most important of which was the demand of the members that their representatives at the Convention support the resolution calling for a rank-and-file editorial board to formulate the policies of the Voice of the Federation, official organ of the Federation.

The membership with over 400 in attendance, repudiated the stand of two of their delegates to the local District Council who had voted against this rank and file resolution (in the Council) when it was introduced by the American Radio Telegraphers' Association prior to the convention.

The delegates were also instructed to ask the convention to endorse the Union Recreation Center, which is to be opened on June 1st and which already has the endorsement of the recent I. L. A. District Convention.

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WARRANTS OUT AGAINST BLACK LEGION RIDERS

DETROIT, Mich., May 28.—Demand for a wide-spread federal investigation of the terrorist Black Legion was growing among workers throughout the country, as 25 new warrants were issued here for the arrest of vigilantes who horse-whipped workers refusing to join them and killed others.

Evidence was being marshaled to prove that what the police called the "suicide" of George Marchuk was another of the murders perpetrated by the terrorists of the Black Legion.

ORGANIZER SLAIN

Known as an extremely active member of the old Auto Workers' Union, and an organizer of the Unemployment Councils, Marchuk was found dead in Lincoln Park on December 22, 1933, with a .32 calibre bullet in his brain.

Charges of explosive force were hurled into the scene by Hearst's Detroit Times, which published a photo of a Black Legion application card, purported to have been signed by Duncan C. McCrear, Wayne County prosecutor, who is conducting the present investigation.

Twelve more men are being sought by authorities on the charge they aided in the slaying of Charles A. Poole, WPA worker, for whose death 13 men are already charged with murder. John Doe warrants have been issued for the 12.

At Jackson, Mich., a grand jury has issued warrants for arrest of 25 men accused of kidnaping and flogging Harley Smith, who was forced to join the Black Legion and beaten when he failed to attend one of its meetings.

PUBLIC PRESSURE

Warrants will be issued for the arrest of every known member of the Legion who has been active in the series of floggings and suspected additional murders by the band, as evidence is disclosed, authorities said. Under growing public pressure, investigators are turning attention to a whole series of suspicious deaths of labor organizers and recent bombings of halls of working class organizations, for which the fascist organization is believed responsible. McCrear stated yesterday: "I know definitely that the Legion is now operating in 15 to 18 states. I know that it is very active in New York and Chicago."

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Local police and sheriff's officers stated that they have received no indication that the Black Legion's activities had extended into Southern California.

HOOVER SAID ENOUGH LOS ANGELES, May 22.—"I've said enough on that point," said Herbert Hoover, ex-president of the United States, when asked yesterday to comment further upon his announcement he is not a candidate for the republican nomination for president.

Register Communist Now to Fight For This Working Class Platform!

(EDITORIAL)

Giving the toilers of California new incentives to register for the Party that fights for them, the Communist Party has announced for discussion its State Election Platform. The State Campaign Committee invites workers to read the proposed planks, to study them, and to send in their opinions and proposals to the Western Worker before the election platform is finally adopted.

The Communist Party and our candidates will fight for the adoption of measures by the State Legislature and by Congress, as it fights unceasingly for the economic and political welfare of the toiling masses, as based upon the following proposed planks:

1. Enactment of a state bill for unemployment, old age and social insurance along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress, in place of the present Unemployment Reserves Act, which taxes the workers and does not insure the unemployed.

2. Defense of labor and civil rights. For the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and all other anti-labor legislation. For the protection of labor's right to organize, strike and collective bargaining and for the outlawing of company unions. For the passage of a state law outlawing vigilante terrorism and providing drastic punishment for same. Prohibition of the use of armed forces or imported thugs as strikebreakers. Against any form of discrimination; for equal rights for the Negro people, and for Filipinos, Chinese, Japanese and Mexicans in California.

3. For the repeal of the sales tax. For the revision of the state income tax law to relieve small incomes and increase the tax on high incomes. For the exemption of taxes for the working farmer and the small homeowner. For increased taxation of public utility corporations.

4. For a minimum wage law guaranteeing a decent standard of living to industrial and agricultural workers. For the six-hour day and five-day week, without reduction in weekly earnings.

5. The state and federal government to open idle factories to supply jobs to the unemployed and start slum-clearance, low-rent housing, irrigation and reclamation projects. All public work and relief projects to pay the prevailing union wage scale.

6. Drastic reduction of public utility rates and cancellation of franchises of corporations that refuse to do so. Prohibition of the use of one-man street cars. No public power projects to be turned over to private corporations.

THIS IS YOUR PLATFORM! READ IT AND SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS! REGISTER COMMUNIST AND FIGHT FOR IT!

MASS MEETINGS PLANNED TO FORCE COMPLETE PROBE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT GRAFT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Civic organizations this week were reported planning mass meetings to put pressure on the powers that be, forcing a more complete investigation of police graft than hitherto has been accomplished.

San Francisco citizens are becoming more enraged as each day brings its startling revelations of policemen with six-figure fortunes but drawing salaries of less than \$50 per week.

Graft and more graft has riddled the San Francisco Police Department for more years than the city's oldest citizen can remember. San Francisco has been comparatively free of gangsters simply because the cop on the beat usually performs the functions of a Chicago gunman.

GANGSTERS' JOBS If gangsters come to San Francisco they are "vacationing" and they usually hide out in North Beach where Mayor Angelo Rossi got his start in the florist game. But they don't chisel on police graft.

In Chicago and New York the gangsters collect their graft from the storekeepers, the prostitutes and the brothels. In San Francisco this duty is performed by the city's "finest."

That's why cops with six figure incomes can exist in San Francisco. No one has yet come forward with an explanation of just why this particular "investigation" was launched. But no one, on the other hand, doubts for a minute that the "higher-ups" are involved in some manner.

The present week finds at least two coppers awaiting to fortunes exceeding \$100,000. Others, possibly with bank accounts equally as extensive, have refused to testify. In the eyes of the man in the street this is the same as an admission of guilt.

In San Francisco an ordinarily alert man could hardly walk a block in the less "exclusive" sec-

tions without finding a house of prostitution. These places exist because the cop on the beat allows them to exist. Within two or three blocks of the Hall of Justice on Kearny street there are scores of houses of prostitution.

UNIFORMED THUGS The cops who collect the monthly "pay-off" from these places are the same cops who club workers in the streets and shoot down pickets on the waterfront. They are the same cops who scratch election stickers and May Day stickers off telephone poles.

They are the same cops who get drunk, on and off duty, but are never disciplined. Sometimes, it is alleged, they even stoop to burglary.

But they acquire bank accounts far in excess of what they possibly could accumulate on the comparatively small incomes they receive as policemen.

To think that this graft goes on without the knowledge of the higher officials of the police department and the city's administration is ridiculous.

The fact that these wealthy cops to a man, failed to pay income taxes on their fortunes is admission enough that the money did not come from legitimate sources.

The fact that the "investigation" progresses so slowly with so few definite results indicates someone ranking higher than a captain is considerably interested in preventing the probe from "going too far."

That's why San Franciscans are up in arms. Mass meetings may result. From these mass meetings might well come the demand for a complete investigation and possibly dismissal of the entire police commission.

MOSCOW.—Success in getting a clear X-ray photograph of the lymphatic vessels of a living person, is reported by Soviet scientists. This gives promise of a new way of diagnosing disease affecting the lymphatic system.

COMMUNISTS IN ELECTION RACE IN L. A.

Name Seven More Candidates To Run for Assembly On Communist Ticket

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Further announcements of candidates to run under the Communist Party banner in the 1936 elections were made here today.

Since previous announcement in the Western Worker, other candidates selected by the Communist Party include James Ayres for Assembly in the 46th District, opposing Ralph W. Evans, Democratic incumbent.

EX-SOCIALIST RUNS

Herbert Elstein, who ran on the Socialist ticket in 1934 in the 52nd Assembly District, will enter the race this year in the same district under the Communist Party banner, opposing Ben Rosenthal, Epic Democratic incumbent.

Albert Heitness, former Epic leader in the 54th Assembly District will run for assembly in that district on the Communist ticket, opposing Wilbur F. Gilbert, Epic Democratic incumbent.

In Hollywood, Republican reactionary stronghold, Cliff Leekrone, will oppose Thomas J. Cunningham, incumbent in the 56th; Emil Freed will oppose Kent H. Redwine, arch Red-baiter in the State Assembly from the 57th District, and Dorothy Zadow, youthful candidate, will oppose Frank J. Waters in the 58th District.

JOBLESS LEADER

Thomas Cooney, militant unemployed leader in the Compton-Southgate area, will be the Communist choice against A. Franklin Glover in the 69th Assembly District.

Candidates previously announced include: John Leech, Section organizer, for Congress in the 17th District against the incumbent, Charles J. Colden, Democrat; Harold J. Ashe, 1934 candidate for Secretary of State, for Congress in the 14th District against the incumbent, Thomas F. Ford, Democrat; and Emma Cutler, militant strike leader who was active in the Imperial Valley lettuce strike and the San Joaquin Valley cotton pickers strike, to oppose Congressman Charles Kramer, reactionary Democrat in the 13th District.

San Jones, militant unemployed leader, will be the Communist endorsed candidate for Supervisor against the reactionary incumbent, Gordon L. McDonough in the 2nd district, while the equally reactionary supervisor from the 4th district, Leland Ford, will be opposed by Brinkley, carrying the Communist Party endorsement.

Grover Johnson, defender of scores of working class prisoners throughout the state, and associate defense counsel in the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial, will run for district attorney against Buron Fitts. Leo Gallagher, chief defense counsel in the C. S. case at Sacramento, and world renowned and beloved as a defender of workers' rights, will go into the fight against Judge Arthur Crum, reactionary labor-hating judge, with the Communist Party endorsement.

Corneilson Spends Birthday in Prison

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, May 29.—Convicted on a murder frame-up during the shipmen's strike on the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1923, John Corneilson, staunch fighter for the working class, will celebrate a birthday here next Thursday, June 4th.

Workers are urged by the International Labor Defense to send Corneilson telegrams, and letters of congratulation and solidarity for his birthday.

Corneilson is due for a life parole next January, the stiffest parole sentence ever handed out by the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles. This means that he will not be permitted to go out of the county to which he is paroled, will not be allowed to drive a car, to see motion pictures to change jobs without the board's permission or to associate with "bad company."

Workers are urged to write the parole board, demanding that Corneilson be given an immediate and unconditional release, instead of this discriminatory and vicious parole under the degrading conditions set, because he fought for the rights of the working class.

Agricultural Workers Must Be Organized Into A Fighting Union

Vitally important to the tens of thousands of horribly exploited agricultural workers in the state, is the California Conference of Agricultural Workers, which is to convene at Stockton, June 6th and 7th. Suffering in extreme poverty among disgracefully inadequate living and working conditions, the field workers are looking to this conference to accomplish definite results toward organizing them in militant unions to win decent American living standards.

These workers have fought for higher wage conditions before, many times successfully, and they know that they must oppose the most vicious and most reactionary forces of capitalism in California, if they are to win any genuine improvement.

They know that only their militant solidarity, throughout the length and breadth of the state, can win them a decent wage standard and can win abolition of the present unsanitary and miserable living quarters they are forced to endure.

Unfortunately, the Sponsoring Committee of the Conference indicates in a press release that it does not want the agricultural workers to be organized into such militant, rank and file controlled unions that will be able to enforce their demands on the reactionary growers and their vigilante terrorists. A press release dated May 25th last, reads: "... the Conference, which seeks to eliminate unnecessary strikes and to force the right of collective bargaining as a means of improving the conditions of the agricultural workers of this state."

Can the Sponsoring Committee point to a single agricultural strike in the history of California which was "unnecessary?" Can the Sponsoring Committee point to any enforcement of the right of collective bargaining, by any other means than the strike and the militant solidarity of the agricultural workers?

Also, who are the "civic and governmental organizations" who are being invited to attend the Conference? And what role will be played by such invited persons as Jonathan Garst, regional head of the Federal Resettlement Administration; Dr. W. T. Ham, head of the Labor Relations Department of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Mrs. Dorothy McWilliams, of the State Federation of Women's Clubs? The latter represents an organization that goes in for red-baiting in a big way!

The struggling agricultural workers of California can have nothing in common with such government officials, who can perform no role other than betrayal of the interests of the workers to the reactionary growers. They must certainly reject any collaboration whatsoever with such officials, who will sell them out as all federal labor "mediators" have sold out all strikers.

The California Conference of Agricultural Workers must become of, by and for the field toilers, with the closest cooperation and aid of the American Federation of Labor. It must organize the workers into the A. F. of L., in a militant, fighting union that will not give way before the attacks of the reactionary growers, and that will not allow itself to be betrayed by federal or state officials.

Demand Dissolution of The Subversive Committee

The activities of the "subversive" committee of the American Legion has reached unparalleled heights of anti-democratic viciousness. The most re-

cent attempt to deny constitutional rights in the interests of wealthy agriculturalists and industrialists and their representatives on the Board of Regents of the University of California, is the "subversive" committee's blatant attempt to force the bar association to prevent Aubrey Grossman's admission to legal practice, on grounds that he was active as a student against compulsory R. O. T. C. and fought consistently for students' rights.

Fortunately, the immediate outcry raised by prominent individuals, liberals, progressives and radicals, against this fascist policy of denying any and all civil rights to opponents of the 100 per cent vicious American Legion war-breeding practice, caused the charges to be lamely pressed and finally dropped.

The medieval heresy-hunters of the "subversive" committee are making even their own misguided adherents a trifle nauseous with their childish spying antics and dud exposes. But they exude venom that is dangerous to liberty; they must be stopped. Members of the American Legion, especially trade unionists who see the real purpose of labor suppression behind the spurious "patriotism" of the committee, must make their voices heard in Legion circles, demanding the abolition of the committee. Likewise, all trade unions, central labor bodies, and progressive organizations should go on record demanding dissolution of the committee at once.

Greetings to the Chicago Conference

The Chicago conference called by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party will meet this week-end, May 30-31, bringing together individuals representing the healthiest progressive trends in trade unions, unemployed organizations, progressive and left-wing political parties and independent groups.

Though the launching of a presidential Farmer-Labor Party campaign is out of the question, the conference will draw closer together those groups ready to begin actively building state and local Farmer-Labor parties or independent united front groups that will grow automatically into Farmer-Labor parties.

It is only some 16 months ago that the idea of a Farmer-Labor Party was launched. In the meanwhile it has been discussed in every important labor and progressive gathering, including national, state and local conferences and conventions throughout the country, and definite movements of greater or lesser scope have developed in 37 states. Hundreds of trade unions have endorsed it, though conservative officials have retarded the movement wherever possible.

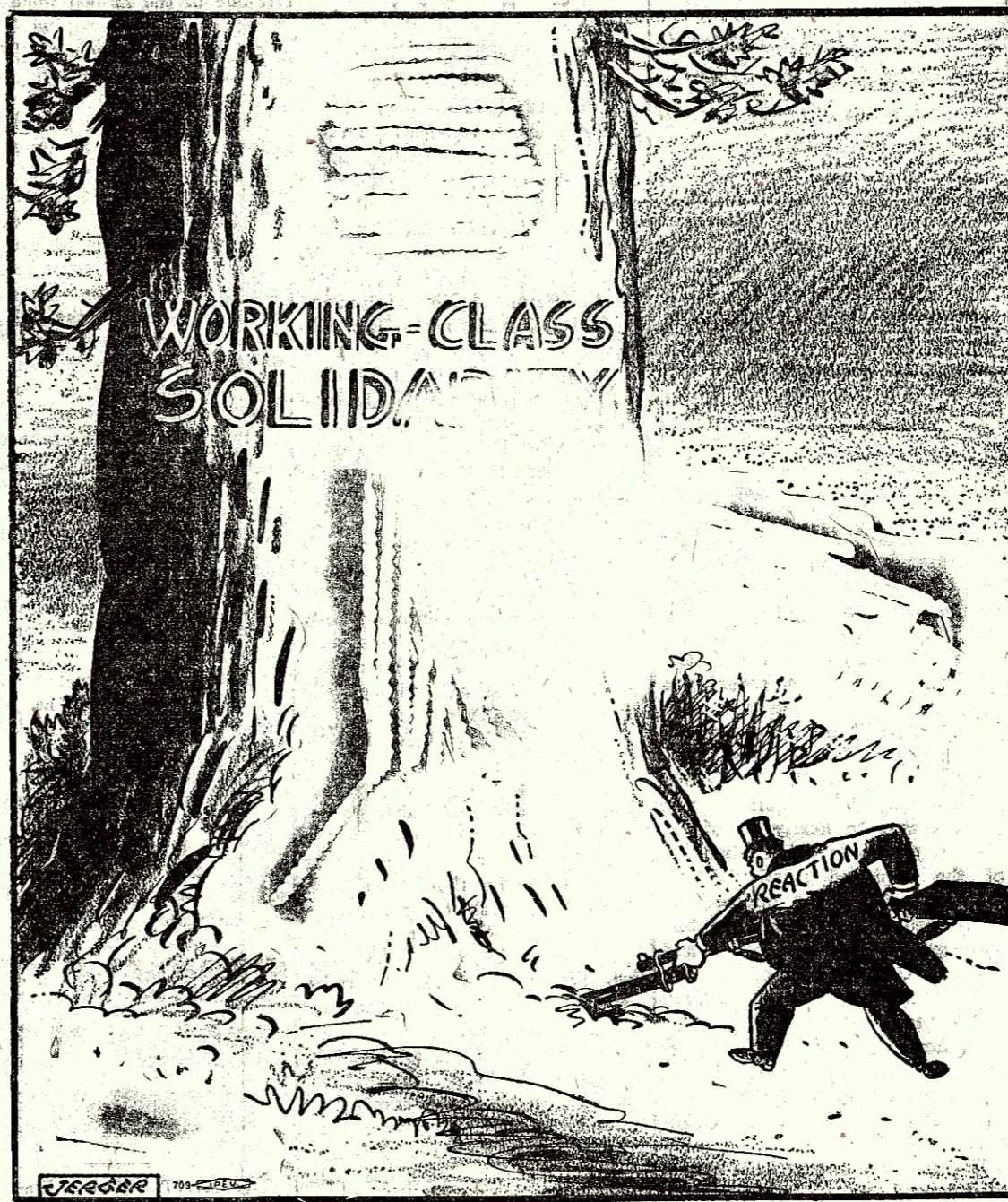
The state Farmer-Labor parties will alone develop the drive for Congressional representation that will guarantee a militant fight for progressive political and economic rights—against Hearst-Liberty League reactionaries and the empty gestures of Roosevelt!

Toward progressive political unity of workers, farmers, professionals on a local, state and national scale. Greetings to the May 30-31 Chicago Conference.

Great Britain is formulating a plan whereby "educational orders" will be given to manufacturers who do not produce munitions or war supplies, so that they will have "machinery and trained workmen available to convert their plant rapidly in time of war."

Carnegie Steel Co. made profits of 57.9 per cent, 43.7 per cent and 42.4 per cent on three typical Navy contracts between 1930 and 1934.

The Liberty League Goes Into Action



Role of Communist Party in Coming Presidential Election Campaign

PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY EARL BROWDER, MAY 19
General Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Communist Party approaches the election campaign with the opinion that in the United States, as in Europe, there is a danger of reaction with a strong trend towards fascism. We see the center of this development on the largest political scale in the United States taking place around the Republican Party. We see gathering around the Republican Party a bloc of the extreme reactionary elements in the country, including those of the Democratic Party. We consider the Liberty League one of the most important expressions of this tendency helping to prepare the grounds for a large-scale defection of voters from Roosevelt to the Republican candidates, while the Democratic wing of the Liberty League itself maintains organizational positions within the Democratic Party.

The outstanding symbol of the reactionary character of the combination around the Republican Party is Hearst. Usually a Democrat, Hearst is this year a force in choosing the Republican standard-bearers. No one can be in any doubt as to the character of Hearst as representing those forces moving towards fascism in America. Hearst is the sponsor of the outstanding Republican candidate for the presidency, Landon. We say that the main enemy of the people in America today is this Republican-Liberty League-Hearst combination. We place as the center of our work in the election campaign the need for combatting this bloc and defeating its plans.

INNER-PARTY CONFLICT

This raises the question of our estimate of Roosevelt. In distinction from the Republican nomination, where regardless of who the candidate is, there will be political identity between the aims of his supporters and himself, there is not the same identity between Roosevelt and the Democratic Party. That is because whole sections of the Democratic Party, especially amongst

the leaders, while organizationally together with the Roosevelt administration, are actually in sympathy with the Liberty League opposition and are helping the Republicans. We consider that more than ever before, the Democratic Party is an artificial combination of conflicting interests on a sectional scale, as well as of conflicting groups nationally.

It is held together by the fear that the breaking up of the federation in the Democratic Party would drop them out of the ruling combination that would take its place. The role of Roosevelt in this set-up is that of a sort of link which holds together these conflicting forces, creating a field in which these contradictory influences work out some momentary equilibrium. The relation of Roosevelt towards the Republican Party and its allies is one of attempting to maintain a center position between them and the masses of people. This is the explanation of Roosevelt's vacillating course, attempting to maintain contact with the masses, and at the same time yielding to the policies of the Liberty League-Republican-Hearst combination and moving in his policies towards the Right.

ROOSEVELT AND REACTION

We consider that the relief situation today illustrates the role of Roosevelt, that his course towards the sharp reduction of relief, reduction of relief standards, throwing of relief responsibility onto the localities, typifies his role which is to try to stand as the representative of the masses while yielding to the reactionaries within and outside his own party. Our opinion is that only the large-scale independent political organization of the workers, farmers, and impoverished middle classes in a Farmer-Labor Party gives any hope of defeating reaction in these elections.

It has become clear that the Farmer-Labor movement is not yet strong enough to have a presidential ticket in the field. This means that the Com-

munist Party will name its own presidential candidate while striving by all means to reach an agreement with the Socialist Party for joint action in the elections and joint discussions of all problems up to and including the question of conflicting interests on a sectional scale, as well as of conflicting groups nationally.

LABOR PARTY NECESSARY

While we have abandoned the hope of a Farmer-Labor presidential ticket, we consider that the national and local organization of the Farmer-Labor Party is more necessary than ever. We think that the coming conference in Chicago called by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party which excludes the question of a presidential ticket, does provide the means whereby the Farmer-Labor Party can be organized on a national scale with the setting up of an organization, platform and tickets in the Congressional and State elections.

We will support such a move in this conference in Chicago. We think that the question of a presidential ticket makes it possible for all those Farmer-Labor forces, especially the trade unions, which are supporting Roosevelt to simultaneously take part in building the Farmer-Labor Party locally, state and nationally and to concentrate on the fight for Farmer-Labor Congressmen. For this purpose, we are prepared to collaborate organizationally and politically, with those who are on the national ticket, committed to the support of Roosevelt.

ATTITUDE ON ROOSEVELT

Some people have interpreted our policy towards the Farmer-Labor Convention as meaning that we support Roosevelt. This is not correct. We do not in any way commit ourselves to Roosevelt. Our position towards Roos-

FACTS AND FIGURES

Trying to keep up with the mighty progress of the Soviet Union is a big task, but here are some of the latest achievements of the workers' fatherland:

Moscow's beautiful subway carried 1,100,000 passengers on May 1st and 2nd. More than 3,000 cities in the Soviet Union are connected with Moscow by telephone.

Soviet canning plants, practically a new industry, turned out 11,000,000 cans of crabmeat last year. The quality was so good that the Japanese product, which formerly monopolized the market, got severe jolt.

One hundred and fifty nurses of the Soviet Red Cross have just begun training for parachute jumping, under the direction of the aviation department.

Five thousand tourists will come to the Soviet Union this year on 12 ocean liners. The first day a new and ritzy hat store opened in Moscow, customers bought up 75,000 rubles worth of men's and women's hats. On the basis of American exchange, sales amounted to \$15,000.

Four Arctic expeditions are already on their way and 42 more will get going during the year, according to the All-Union Arctic Institute. About 390 persons will be involved in the expeditions.

No less than 3,104 confectionery stands will sell ice cream in the Don Basin, famous coal mining center, this summer.

During excavation work in Leningrad, Tajikistan, recently a clay vessel was found in the walls of an ancient fortress. It contained 21 coins dating back to the second half of the thirteenth century.

Fourteen Soviet steamers, carrying more than 90,000 tons of freight, sailed for the United States from Black Sea and Azov Sea ports during the past four months.

Thirteen million doses of Vitamin C, said to be an excellent scurvy preventative, will be produced in 1936 by the Vitamin Factory in Shchelkovo, near Moscow.

An intestinal tumor weighing more than 20 pounds was recently removed from a 67-year-old collective farmer. The operation was performed by a deft surgeon named Shervashidze in the Central Hospital of Sukhum, "Soviet Florida."

An archeological expedition recently returned from Tiflis, bringing news of discovery of bones of a human skull and other parts of a skeleton of primitive man of the later paleolithic period. The find was in a cave in the Kutais region of the Caucasus. Their finds were flint, bone and horn weapons and broken and burnt bones of wild animals that were hunted by primitive man.

"Rose of Crimea," a Soviet perfume, delighted the Parisians, according to P. S. Shenchuzhina, director of a commission to study the perfume industry abroad, who has just returned to the U. S. S. R.

evelt is clear. We do not cancel a word of our criticism of Roosevelt. We have not taken any responsibility for Roosevelt. We do not now take any responsibility and in the future we will not take any responsibility for Roosevelt. But that does not mean we will break off united front relations with the trade unions or any other organization because they go with Roosevelt. I think this gives you the central points, the orientating points that determine all questions with regard to the Communist Party approach to the election campaign.

NOTE: Since Earl Browder gave this interview to the press, the Socialist Party, in convention, has rejected the Communist Party proposal for joint action in the elections on a nation-wide scale. This does not prohibit state and local agreements on the basis of support of Farmer-Labor Party or united front independent programs. At all events, while emerging with Communist Party candidates and with a full Communist program, an essential part of the Party campaign will be the building of united front activity wherever possible, urging the Socialists to recognize the main dangers and their sources, and to fight for the achievement of close unity of action as our Communist and Socialist comrades have done in France and Spain in the fight against hunger, fascism and war. Details of the program and tactics of the campaign and presidential candidates will be decided upon at the forthcoming Communist Party National Convention, which will be climaxed by an enlarged nominating convention.

Reign of Terror Raging in Brazil

LATEST REPORT ON CRISIS

By the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People

NEW YORK, May 28.—The National Liberation Alliance, a broad, all-embracing organization which includes the majority of trade unions, peasants, workers, intellectuals, middle-class groups, as well as the Socialist Party, Communist Party, the Tenentistas (party of the lower military officers), was formed in Brazil early in 1935. Its militant, anti-imperialist and antifascist program enlisted the enthusiastic support of vast sections of the Brazilian people.

The Brazilian people have been struggling for years against hunger, exploitation and oppression and they recognize foreign imperialists as largely responsible for their intolerable and desperate condition.

17,000 ARRESTED In spite of their heroic struggle the forces of reaction were too great. The revolt was crushed and 17,000 Brazilians arrested. Of these, countless have since been murdered, many have mysteriously disappeared, while those who are still alive face death—or torture worse than death.

Shortly after the suppression of the revolt, the country was declared to be under martial law. When martial law failed to give the Vargas regime the stability it needed, a state of war was declared. Senator Chermont, who exposed in parliament the brutal crimes and tortures of the police against political prisoners, was himself arrested, as were four members of the chamber of deputies.

"LEY MONSTRO" Meanwhile the work of suppressing the trade unions continues under the provision of the "Ley Monstro" (monstrous law) of last April, 1935. On March 31, 1936, the Seamen's Union had its charter revoked by the minister of labor, its office closed by the police and its leaders arrested.

At present, all labor unions, under presidential decree, must furnish lists of active and inactive members with their addresses, which lists are used by police agents to ferret out all progressive elements. Once the police eliminate all militant leaders and progressives, the way is open to destroy the entire trade union organization.

FASCIST MEASURES Pedro Ernesto, mayor of Rio de Janeiro, has been arrested and a fascist appointed provisional mayor. The Autonomist Party protests his removal and arrest, since he was elected by the people and cannot therefore be removed until the expiration of his term of office.

The Integralistas (fascists) with their own broadcasting station, with publicity through their own films, newspapers, etc., are conducting a vicious campaign against all anti-imperialists and against the Jews. Recently, fascists in Bello Horizonte killed two Jews in a clash provoked by the Green Shirts (Fascists) themselves.

TROUBLE LOOMING A coup d'etat is imminent. To facilitate the establishment of an open fascist dictatorship, the Integralistas are endeavoring to secure the dissolution of Parliament. General Goes Monteiro has openly called for the abolition of all democratic rights and the establishment of a dictatorship.

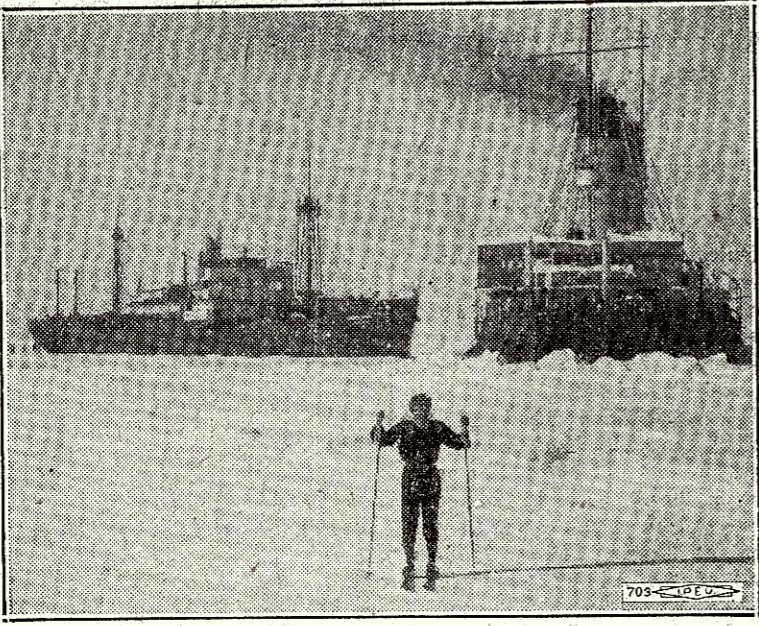
In the state of Alagoas, General Newton Cavalcanti, commander of the military forces in north Brazil, ordered rearrested all the political prisoners acquitted by judge Alfeu Rosas, among whom was Antonio Leite, the attorney for those political prisoners.

PRESS MUZZLED General Cavalcanti surrounded an iron foundry in Maccio, Alagoas and ordered the arrest of all the workers present and the closing of the factory. He spoke with the governor and in consequence Gracliano Ramos, Director of Public Education in Alagoas, was dismissed. He also secured the suppression of the liberal paper "Noticia."

Luis Carlos Prestes, Honorary President of the National Liberation Alliance, was brought to trial before the Military Court in Rio de Janeiro, on the charge of desertion from the army twelve years ago. According to reliable information, this court declared it was without jurisdiction, and referred the case to the Personnel Department of the army.

The fact that the Military Court declared itself incompetent to try Prestes, indicates that the Vargas Dictatorship is keenly aware of

Soviet Vessels Ice-Bound



Temporarily locked in the ice of the Soviet Union's northern seas, two freighters were delayed until an ice-breaker could get through to them. A member of the crew utilized the frigid holiday to brush up on his skiing.

the strong resistance of the Brazilian people to its fascist methods and has been influenced by protests from abroad. It by no means proves Prestes to be out of danger, since he still has hanging over him according to press reports, the charge of participation in the revolt of November 1935.

Venezuela General Strike On Against Fascist Congress

MARACAIBO, Venezuela, May 22.—All industry here has been shut down in a 48-hour general strike against the government. Trade unions, supported by the populace are demanding dissolution of the Congress which was not elected but appointed by the late dictator, General Juan Vicente Gomez.

This city is the center of the nation's oil industry which is one of the largest in the world and largely under the heel of Wall Street. The Gomez Congress is

recognized as the administrative arm of foreign imperialism. Unconfirmed reports say many persons were shot down when 20,000 people held a demonstration in the streets.

The Congress has been ruling by military force and recently passed a law prohibiting the slightest suggestion of Communist ideas.

Recent elections took place in Congress in which the fascist authorities voted themselves continuance of office while troops surrounded the building to protect them from the protesting populace.

Irish Independence Leaders Arrested Right After Mass

DUBLIN, Ireland.—President Eamon de Valera's government has opened a reactionary offensive against the left-wing Irish Republican Party. Maurice Twomey, commander, and Ira Conlehan, his chief of Staff, have been arrested.

The Irish Republican Party

New Constitution Of Soviets Ready

WORLD'S MOST DEMOCRATIC

MOSCOW.—"The most democratic constitution in the world," in the words of Stalin, the final draft of the Soviet constitution, will soon be presented for discussion and adoption.

The commission chosen to draw up the document by the Seventh Congress of the Soviets will present it to the next session of the Central Executive Committee of the U. S. S. R.

Stalin was chairman of the constitution commission which drew up the document.

The draft constitution consists of thirteen articles:

- (1) Social Structure; (2) State Structure; (3) Supreme Organs of State Power; (4) Supreme Organs of State Power of the Federal Republics; (5) Organs of State Administration; (6) Organs of State Administration of the Federal Republics; (7) Supreme Organs of State Power of the Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics; (8) Local Organs of State Power; (9) Court and Prosecution; (10) Basic Rights and Obligations of Citizens; (11) Suffrage; (12) Emblem, Flag, Capital; (13) Procedure for amending the constitution.

stands for the complete independence and struggles against British Imperialism. The de Valera government has recently compromised with British rule.

Twomey and Conlehan were arrested by officers of the political branch of the civic guards while they were leaving a church where they attended mass, at Drumcondra, a suburb of Dublin. Both were hustled off to Bridewell prison where it was explained they were arrested under the public safety act.

GERMAN SUICIDES

BERLIN, Germany.—Official statistics for 1935 show 18,906 suicides and 15,942 persons missing and accounted dead.

Heavy Weather For Italian Liners



Police were on hand in New York to prevent demonstrations at the sailing of all Italian liners during the Ethiopian war. Roosevelt's advice to tourists was, "Keep off Italian ships." It's still good advice. The League of Nations has voted continuance of sanctions. Friction between Italy and Great Britain is getting sharper daily.

General Strike in Philippines Looms

QUEZON SET-UP PROTESTED

MANILA, P. I.—Widespread dissatisfaction with the new Philippine Commonwealth Government and its dictator, Manuel Quezon, may result in a general strike on a nation-wide scale here.

Failure of Quezon to fulfill promises to better the desperate conditions of Philippine labor is the basis of the strike movement.

Quezon's government was railroaded into office following the Tydings-McDuffie fake independence bill which placed the country in control of Wall Street puppets who do not represent the will of interests of the Filipino people. Instead of carrying out the reforms and promises under which the new government was set up, Quezon has imposed compulsory military conscription, commenced the building of a huge army, and has concentrated on a campaign to suppress Communism.

FINK CONVENTION

On February 18th, realizing the tremendous opposition of the people to his policies, Quezon sponsored a so-called National Federation of Labor convention which sought, not to unite and strengthen the trade union movement, but to control it from above by placing it under the domination of the government.

Quezon's own newspaper, the Philippine Herald, frankly stated that the convention was called to "combat the rising tide of unrest among provincial laborers."

The constitution of the new Commonwealth government calls for compulsory arbitration of all labor disputes.

MOSTLY HOT AIR

More than 200 delegates attended the labor convention representing 34 labor groups from all over the country. Proceedings consisted largely of speeches by Quezon and local representatives of capital who made vague promises regarding the "social welfare of the laboring people."

The Anik Pavis (Children of Sweat), a trade union group embracing 50,000 members, demanded that numerous progressive guarantees be written into the constitution of the National Federation of Labor which was being drafted. But the small time politicians with which Quezon had packed the house would not permit a pro-labor constitution.

LEADERS WALK OUT

As a result 40 labor leaders, representing virtually the entire Philippine labor movement, walked out of the convention hall. There remained only the assemblage of Quezon's stooges, who represented no membership, but proceeded to draft and adopt a flimsy constitution for the Philippine labor movement.

Ignoring the artificial labor set-up of Quezon, the trade unions have rapidly grown in strength and membership under their own leadership and now comprise a powerful force with which the government must reckon.

THE STRIKE WEAPON

In 1932 there were 31 strikes in the Philippines, involving 4,396 workers.

In 1933 there were 59 strikes involving 8,066.

In 1934 there were 63 strikes involving 27,662.

The U. S. War Department has delegated General Douglas MacArthur to supervise the setting up of a powerful Philippine military machine which, under the Commonwealth government, would comprise a strong colonial army for the defense of American interests in the Orient.

Workers and students are actively resisting the compulsory draft. Hundreds of students have been thrown out of the universities for refusing military service.

A SPY IN FRANCE

PARIS, France—Karl Theodore Drucke, a Nazi spy and member of the Nazi secret police "Gestapo," was arrested here and sentenced to three years in prison for espionage.

"HIGH TREASON"

BERLIN, Germany—Seventy-one workers were sentenced in the Nazi court in Bonn for "high treason" during May. Sentences varied from 15 months to eight years in jail. Such verdicts are daily occurrences throughout Germany.

IRISH LECTURE GROUP

NEW YORK CITY.—The need for a Farmer-Labor party was recently discussed here at a weekly open forum of the Irish Lecture Group. David J. Cassidy led the discussion.

Visiting Student of Dairy Farms Discovers That the "American Form of Government" Isn't Sure of Itself

DETAINED BY FEARFUL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Jacques Grossman-Gutzman, Soviet agricultural expert, arriving in the United States to make a study of the dairy industry, encountered immigration authorities here who asked him a series of weird and illogical questions. Among other things they wanted to know if he believed in the "American form of government."

Understand America to be a capitalist nation governed similar to all capitalist nations, and unaware of any unique form of society here, he declined to answer. Certainly, if they meant, did he believe in the capitalist system, the obvious answer would be "No." He was a Soviet citizen arriving in America to study dairy farms, and what did his beliefs have to do with it? Naturally, he believed in Socialism. How could he believe in Socialism and Capitalism at the same time?

Alarmed that this man might upset the whole social system in America, authorities detained him at Angel Island and telegraphed Washington. Consultations occurred between officials and the Russian Ambassador, Troyanovsky. Jacques was at last released in custody of the Soviet Consul General, M. G. Galkovich.

Jacques may well wonder at the instability and anxiety of a "form of government" that is haunted by the fear that people don't like it. The only conclusion he could arrive at would be that the "American form of government," is getting increasingly unpopular with the American people.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL RUN CANDIDATES IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS—REGISTER COMMUNIST NOW!

THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLES

Wherever two or more races exist side by side in one country, the ruling powers encourage race antagonism and utilize it to defend their own interests. To ignore that such antagonisms pressed nationalities of the world tricked into movement has to overcome.

There has been more confusion and conflict (read British Imperialism) was converting Palestine into a paradise. The truth is that this paraphernalia, convenient as it was, benefited only a trivial portion of the population. The wealthy Jews, the wealthy Arabs and the wealthy Christians were unquestionably well off and getting better off. Such antagonisms are fostered by fascist elements among both the Jews and the Arabs and constitute a difficulty which the independence movement has to overcome.

Readers of the capitalist papers are given to understand that the issue is one of race warfare between the Arabs and the Jews. Many liberals have fallen for this deception and argue variously the justice of both sides with equal fallacy.

A sober examination of the facts is important in order to draw any intelligent conclusions from the picture. In the first place, Palestine is a mandate of Great Britain and a military base of great strategic importance. It is a wedge-like sliver of land in Asia Minor, lying directly between Egypt and Arabia and bordering on Syria and Iraq, with a small coastline on the Mediterranean. It is approximately the area of the State of Vermont and has twice the population. Its population is comprised by over 900,000 Mohammedan Arabs, 100,000 Christians and 350,000 Jews.

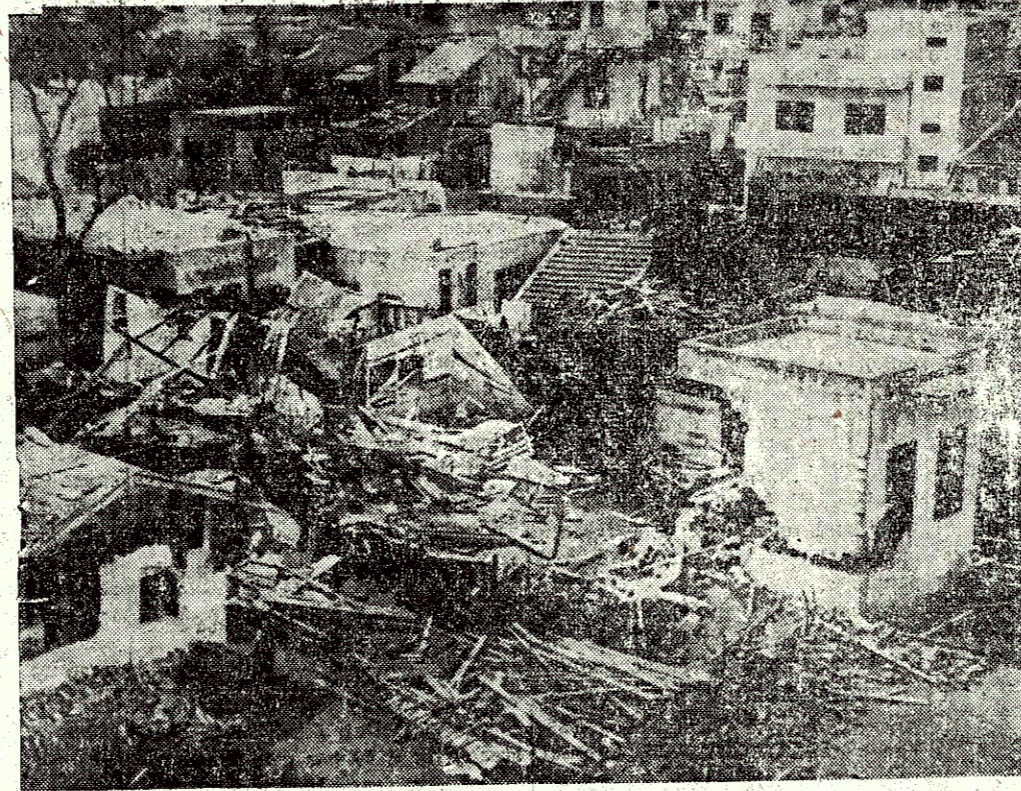
Great Britain seized it from Turkey during the war. The League of Nations let Britain hold the territory as a mandate with the provision that she would turn it into a homeland for the Jewish people. The Jewish Zionist movement immediately undertook colonization of Palestine by Jews from the four corners of the earth, utilizing the slogan: "The land without a people to the people without a land."

That the Jewish people should have a country of their own is a very just consideration. At the same time, what was to become of the hundreds of thousands of Arabs with which this small sliver of land was already densely populated?

British Imperialism moved into Palestine behind a mask of Zionism. The greatest part of the population consisted of poor peasants working on the land of wealthy Arab landlords. The Zionists purchased huge tracts of land from the Arab bourgeoisie and left the peasants out in the cold. The virtually bought the land from under their feet.

LIMITED IMPROVEMENTS Along with British Imperialism came electric lights, public buildings, hospitals, asphalt streets and stop-and-go signals which were duly photographed and exhibited in the slick-paper magazines of the world to indicate that Zionism

Wreckage In the Strife Torn Holy Land



Houses wrecked by rioters in Tel-Aviv. Britain is still pouring troops into Palestine to menace the growing independence movement. Scenes like the one above are more often the result of the fascist bands which exist among both the Jewish and Arab populations. It is significant that the independence movement, in its demonstrations, takes the form of a people's struggle against British military authority, and not as Arabs against Jews, or Jews against Arabs.

"We hate the Jewish Zionist bourgeoisie, but we extend a fraternal hand to the Jewish toilers for a joint struggle against imperialism, against Zionism, against the bitterest enemies of the Arab and Jewish peoples in Palestine. The Communist Party is building the Arab national people's front against imperialism and against Zionism. It actively works among the Jewish toiling masses in order to liberate them from the influence of the counter-revolutionary party of the Jewish Zionist capitalists, in order to draw the toiling Jews into the national emancipation struggle of the Arab masses. The Jewish national minority in Palestine is faced with great prospectives when the national emancipation movement under the hegemony of the proletariat will be victorious.

"Our task is to show and convince the Jewish toilers that their class and national interests are linked up with the victory of the national liberation movement of the Arab masses and the democratic transformation of the social system in Palestine.

"We must work particularly to form the united front between the Arab and Jewish workers."

One of the major fallacies of reasoning among many sections is to interpret the struggle against Zionism as a struggle against the Jewish people. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Zionism in Palestine is no more than a flimsy mask of British Imperialism. To support it would be to directly harm the real interests of the Jewish people as a race and the Jewish workers as a class.

Strike Committee of East Coast Seamen Seeks Unity in I. S. U. and Democratic Referendum on Issues

NEW YORK CITY.—Calling upon the international executive board to remove all obstacles which they have placed in the way of unity within the International, and demanding a democratic referendum vote of the entire membership of the I. S. U. on all important questions now confronting the union, the strike committee of the International Seamen's Union on the East Coast has sent a vital communication to the board, now meeting in Chicago.

Similar communications were sent to William Green and to John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization. The National Civic Federation is carrying on an "investigation" of the strike through a reactionary "Committee of 500."

Joseph Curran, East Coast strike chairman, is heading the delegation which expects to interview the executive board.

The strike committee's communication follows:

As members of the International Seaman's Union, representing 7, 048 members in New York including the crews of a great many ships that have struck (85 at this date), we come to this meeting of the executive board, the highest body of our union, to urge you to do everything possible to correct a situation in our union that threatens its very existence. We come here confident that if the executive board gives serious consideration to the grievances of the members regarding many unconstitutional and undemocratic procedures in the union, then all internal difficulties can be remedied with the consequent strengthening of our union.

STRIKE CAUSES

"The strike in New York has, as its immediate cause, the dissatisfaction of the membership of our union with the wages and conditions under which we have to work. The signing of the agreement by the district committee without first securing the final approval of the membership, even though the agreement did not meet all those demands which we thought just and reasonable, as well as the failure to give protection to members of the crews of many ships who were victimized because of their union activities, reflects such a lack of democracy in the union, the membership could only make their will known and protect the union by direct vote and action of the membership on the ships.

"In taking such action we had only one aim in view: TO FORCE SHIPOWNERS TO MEET THOSE DEMANDS DECIDED UPON BY THE MEMBERSHIP LAST DECEMBER; to secure a union agreement that would not only bring improved wages and working conditions, but would lead to the strengthening of the International Seamen's Union.

"Our action has unjustly been branded as 'outrage,' as being directed towards wrecking the union; as being engineered by outside forces. We believe that the honesty and sincerity of our denial to those charges is proved by the fact that at a number of regular membership meetings in New York the membership voted for the district committee's help in negotiating a settlement of the strike. We have also proposed on a number of occasions that the will of the majority of the membership be registered on the question of the strike and the acceptance of the agreement by terminating the strike and conducting a referendum on all questions through the official channels of the union.

"SURELY THIS IS A SIMPLE AND JUST WAY TO SOLVE THIS SITUATION LET THE THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS OF OUR UNION VOTE ON ALL QUESTIONS. While these proposals have failed to receive the consideration of the district committee, we trust that in the interests of the union our International Executive Board will discuss them with this committee.

UNDEMOCRATIC

"In the past few months all decisions of the membership in New York have been declared null and void. Now, by official notice of the executive board of the Eastern and Gulf Sailors' Association, no further union meetings will be permitted. The most undemocratic action of all has been the expulsion of 24 members of our union without trial. The meetings of the Firemen's Union of New York, branch meetings in New Orleans and many ships' crews have gone on record refusing to recognize these illegal expulsions because they are a flagrant violation of the constitution and we call upon the executive board to also declare these illegal

expulsions null and void. "Brothers: we must all recognize the dangers that arise as a result of inner differences in the union. When the union is divided, then the shipowners try to take advantage of it. We all know that some shipowners have recently refused to negotiate with and recognize the district committee on the grounds that they represent no one. There is no doubt that the shipowners, taking advantage of the division created in our ranks, may try to sever all relationships with the union.

WE MUST HAVE A UNITED UNION AND OUR UNION CAN BE UNITED IF THE MEMBERSHIP IS GIVEN FINAL VOICE AND VOTE ON ALL QUESTIONS.

"BROTHERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: while recognizing the dangers confronting us we must also see the tremendous possibilities that exist with a united union. The present strike has already forced the shipowners to indicate their willingness to make provision for overtime pay and improvement of working conditions. Our militant action has created a situation, which if properly utilized can lead to securing the enforcement of laws that will really protect the lives of passengers, crews and ships. The response of 85 ships' crews to the strike shows the willingness of the entire membership to stand behind the union. In this situation it should be clear to all of us that with a united action; with the International and District committee throwing their full support to the situation; and if we all stand united before the shipowners, then a favorable conclusion of the strike and an honest effort upon the part of everyone to secure democracy in the union, undoubtedly would lead to our union becoming one of the most progressive and powerful unions in the American Federation of Labor.

SEEK UNITY

"Brothers: let us cease the calling of names and hurling of charges. Let us make an honest effort to work out a program that will meet with the approval of every member of our union, be he leader or member, and that will unite us all.

"In this statement the membership of the Atlantic and Gulf District has again recorded our proposals and we hope that they will receive due consideration by the executive board. We have no doubt that honest consideration of them and frank discussion between the executive board and our delegation can and must lead to agreement if we all have the interest of the union at heart. We, on our part, are willing to go more than half way on all matters. We trust that the executive board, duty bound to protect the rights and interests of the membership, will do likewise.

"Fraternally yours
"Joseph Curran (signed)
"Chairman."

Rep. Scott Proposes Cheap Housing Plan

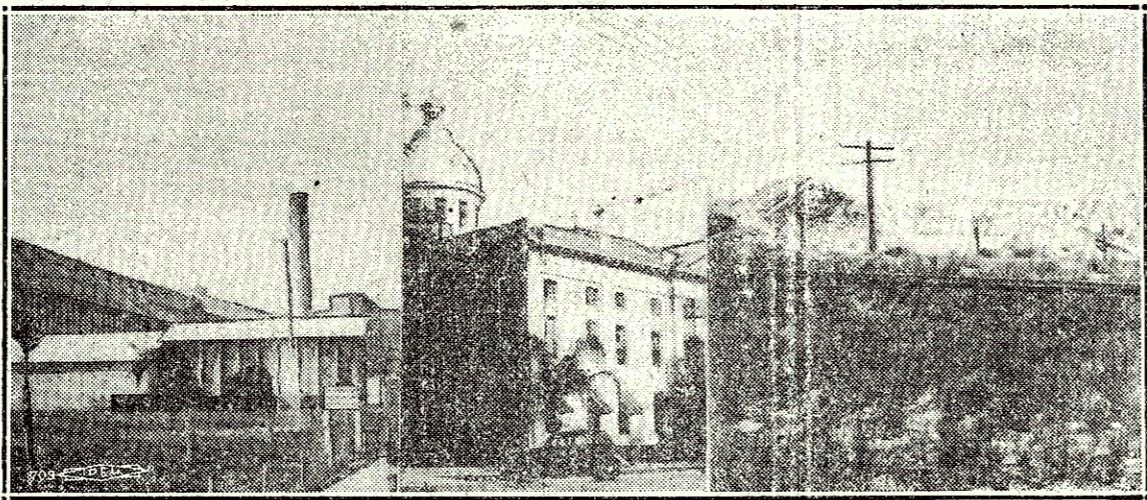
WASHINGTON, D. C.—A one-million dollar Housing Fund for the construction of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings at low rentals for families of low income" has been proposed by Representative Byron D. Scott of California.

Scott asked for establishment of a Housing Authority to make grants of 75 per cent of the land and dwelling cost to public housing agencies to construct and maintain low rental housing.

Democrats Stop Anti-Lynching Bill Action

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Action by the majority caucus method on the anti-lynching bill was blocked by Democratic members of the House, when backers of the bill were unable to muster a quorum. The members called together on a petition signed by 27 House Congressmen, found that even discussion was blocked when Rep. Rankin of Mississippi, (a state notorious for its numerous lynchings). Slightly more than 80 members out of the 168 needed for a quorum were present.

Where Famous Florida Flog Case Went to Trial



The long and revolting story of the kidnaping and flogging of E. J. Poulnot, Samuel Rogers, and the murdered Joseph Shoemaker, members of the Modern Democrats, was unfolded in this stately court house at Bartow, Fla. Two defendants, including Police Chief Titsworth, were acquitted, but five other police officers, known to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, were convicted of the kidnaping of Poulnot. On the left is a phosphate plant typical of the business of the section, and on the right a lime pit into which the bodies of the kidnaped labor organizers are said to have been hurled.

Green Won't Fight To Curb Hi Court

WASHINGTON, D. C.—No fight to curb the arbitrary power assumed by the Supreme Court will be led by William Green and the other members of the A. F. of L. executive council.

Despite strong-sounding language made before the Guffey Act was declared unconstitutional, proposals to seek a constitutional amendment limiting the court's powers have been dropped like hot bricks by Green. The executive council was mandated by the 1935 A. F. of L. convention, held at Atlantic City, to draft such an amendment to the Constitution.

William Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters' Union, claimed his organization is opposed to curtailing the Supreme Court's powers. He was in reality speaking for himself, as much progressive sentiment exists in the carpenters' locals.

Green stated that legislation to provide for labor protection against the Supreme Court was "hopeless." He said that due to the short time left before Congress adjourns the amendment would not be completed and introduced for the present, and spoke vaguely of presenting it "some other way." He did not explain why, with all the time which has elapsed since the convention last October, the amendment has been delayed.

Green said the executive council has worked out demands it will present to the Republican and Democratic conventions, but could find no time for the amendment on the Supreme Court.

S. F. Ferryboatmen Seek Unions' Help

SAN FRANCISCO.—A committee to cooperate with other unions in the move to obtain a favorable dismissal wage for those to be displaced by the bridge openings has been elected by the Ferryboatmen's Union here.

J. W. Walsh, chief examiner for the National Mediation Board under the Railway Labor Act, has been sent in to deal with the dismissal pay demands of the ferryboatmen, who demand either new jobs when the bay bridges cause extensive layoffs, or else suitable retirement pay.

The Ferryboatmen's Union committee has been given power to call a strike if demands are not granted. Four ferry companies and 1000 men are involved.

Education Board in Fingerprint 'Good Example' in South

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—Complying with their own reactionary ruling of last January, making it mandatory that all teachers and people employed in the education system be fingerprinted and photographed for "identification purposes," Gertrude A. Rounsavelle, chairman of the Board of Education announced that six members of the board had been fingerprinted. The six fingerprinted were Mrs. Margaret L. Clark, Mrs. Gertrude Rounsavelle, Stewart O. Metz, Roy J. Becker, George W. McDill and Edward Huack.

All prints have been filed with the Department of Justice and the Los Angeles Sheriff's office. No report was made as to the thousands of employees.

Unity to smash the open-shop drive against organized labor!

Urge Boycott of 'Jim-Crow' Cafe

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Boycott of Bradley's Cafe and Beer Garden, at 1633 Fillmore street, between Post and Geary sts., as discriminating against the Negro people, was urged here today.

Three prominent signs in the window state: "We don't cater to colored trade—white only—cooperate with us." Workers are urged to help crush this race chauvinism by refusing to patronize the place.

Steel Union Board Dodges C.I.O. Reps

PITTSBURGH.—The representatives of the Committee for Industrial Organization failed to receive a hearing at the first meeting of the Executive Board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers since the union's recent convention at Canonsburg.

Phil Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers, and John Brophy, director of the C. I. O., waited in vain to be called by the Executive Board.

The Amalgamated convention decided on a campaign to organize the steel industry, on an industrial union basis, and accepted the offer of the C. I. O. of \$500,000 toward such a campaign. But the executive board's first meeting took no action on the convention decision except to mail official copies of the resolution of the convention to all A. F. of L. international unions.

This can be taken to mean that the aged President Mike Tighe, Secretary "Shorty" Leonard, and their reactionary colleagues are still trying to keep in good with the craft unionists, at the same time not daring to flatly turn down the C. I. O. offer.

L. A. SUICIDE WAVE CLAIMS 27 IN 10 DAYS

LOS ANGELES.—Unemployment, hunger, financial worry, the inevitable spectres of life in capitalist society, continue to claim their victims in the Los Angeles suicide wave which in TEN days has reached the total of 27.

Faced with eviction from her room, penniless and without friends or relatives, Louise Warren, 21, attempted suicide by poison. It was unsuccessful, however, and upon recovering at the Georgia St. Receiving Hospital, she was once again turned out into the streets. Hospital efficiency could not permit her a good bed or food.

Explaining that she would like the time to study, compose music or find a job as a stenographer, she asked permission to stay at the hospital, but "no" was the answer and today she is again out in the streets without a job and penniless.

Discouraged over "the futility of life," Pasquale Lopez, 28-year-old Mexican transient, unsuccessfully attempted to end his life by jumping from the First Street bridge. The resulting head and internal injuries, will however, probably prove fatal.

Another person who chose death rather than continue the struggle to live was Mrs. Emma Priebe, 46, of 5253 Barker avenue. Mrs. Priebe, tortured into ill health through long protracted financial troubles, ended her life with poison.

F. D. Breaks Word To AFL on Housing

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Labor, as usual, gets the dirty end when it comes to those bills which are to be let slide by an adjourning Congress.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson (Dem. Ark.), President Roosevelt's Senate floor leader, announced that Congress aims to quit on June 6. The Wagner-Ellenbogen housing bill will be among the labor-sponsored measures which go by the board, Robinson announced. The housing bill was listed by the A. F. of L. legislative committee as its number one measure.

The A. F. of L. executive council received assurances from President Roosevelt that administration forces would be thrown behind it, to ensure its passing at this session. When William Green heard that it was to be allowed to slide, he said that he wouldn't accept Robinson's word as reflecting the president's wishes.

When Roosevelt was asked about his program of pending legislation he said there were only two measures he would insist on before adjournment of Congress—and the housing bill is not among them.

Roosevelt said he would not insist on its going through, thus proving his promises to the A. F. of L. are so much hokey.

Power Interests Influence Govt.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Strange influence is being wielded by the big private utilities on the Department of the Interior, it has been revealed in the course of suits being heard by the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

While the suit to enjoin the Public Works Administration from loaning money for municipal power projects was going on utilities attorneys demanded that a confidential memorandum written by President Roosevelt to Secretary of the Interior Ickes be produced in court.

Government representatives did not know of the document's existence, and could not understand how the utilities interests knew of it.

In another case, representatives of a town seeking a loan for a municipal power project were trying to find out why no action had been taken on their application. They discovered that the power interests knew more about their application than Public Works officials.

Papers regarding the application were missing from the Public Works power division files, but a private utilities official was able to phone the municipal representatives a few days later and tell them that their papers were in an obscure corner nook of certain files.

5500 Ohio Steel Mill Workers Go on Strike

PORTSMOUTH, O.—Over 5500 workers in the Portsmouth plant of the Wheeling Steel Corp. have struck for a 50 per cent wage increase and recognition of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, the A. F. of L. union in steel.

The move is directed against company unionism.

Move to Suspend Lewis from A.F.L. Meets Obstacle

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fear of the strong movement in the A. F. of L. behind industrial unionism has temporarily halted a move on the part of the executive council to take drastic action against John L. Lewis and other leaders of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

T. A. Rickert, head of the United Garment Workers (an old craft union) and third vice-president of the A. F. of L., is said to have started a move for suspension of Lewis, Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, David Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers and other well-known industrial union advocates.

Rickert's move came after A. F. of L. Vice-President George M. Harrison and two other executive council members called on Lewis and other C. I. O. leaders in an attempt to get them to abandon the industrial union organization's activities. Lewis told Harrison that the C. I. O. had no desire to set up a dual union organization and defended industrial unionism as the only way to organize the masses of the unorganized workers.

Harrison reported his failure to get Lewis to abandon the C. I. O. but blocked a suspension vote, fiercely opposing any suggestion for the filing of charges against the nine heads of the C. I. O., whose unions have over a million members.

COMMONWEALTH FEDERATION TO SEEK PRODUCTION FOR USE ACT

Oldest Political Prisoner to Begin 26th Year in Jail

REPRESENTA, Calif., May 29.—Oldest living political prisoner in the world from the point of view of time served, J. B. McNamara will begin his 26th year in prison here on June 2nd.

Known as the Folsom Prison records as "dynamiter," "J. B." is beloved of the working class as one willing to sacrifice to the cause of America's organized labor movement in the early years of its development.

For his first 25 years in prison, McNamara was in San Quentin Prison, but when merciless persecution failed to break his militant spirit, he was transferred here to Folsom Prison.

"Only the organized might of the working class will get me out of here alive," has said "J. B." repeatedly.

The International Labor Defense is asking for greetings of solidarity from workers and their organizations, to be sent to J. B. McNamara, Folsom Prison, Represa, Cal.

REACTIONARIES SEEK UNIVERSAL FINGERPRINTING

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—New reactionary drive toward universal fingerprinting was made here yesterday in a resolution adopted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce "safety committee."

Headed by William F. Zech, Jr., the committee urged that all applicants for drivers' licenses be forced to record their fingerprints on their licenses and on records filed with the State Motor Vehicle Department.

Among the "reasons" given for the proposal, were that fingerprinting would "prevent undesirable, such as criminals, from obtaining licenses, and 'would permit better regulation of licenses,' and "assist in locating licenses."

Federals Cry That Their Stool Pigeon Was 'Intimidated'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Because immigration authorities complained that their stool pigeon, John Mustack, had been "intimidated," hearing on a writ for reduction of bail in the deportation case against Pete Madis, Greek worker, was postponed for a week when it came up in federal court here last Monday.

Mustack was exposed as a stool pigeon and expelled from the Communist Party under the name of John Marich.

The case of George Geoffrian, up for deportation to France on charges of "subversive activity," was put over for a week.

REGISTER COMMUNIST TO BUILD UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!

Unconstitutional



The "New Deal" took another beating when regulation of the bituminous coal industry was declared unconstitutional by the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court. Above is Senator Joseph Guffey, Penn., who sponsored the bill and who now has another coal bill up in Congress.

Caroline Decker Writes a Letter From Tehachapi

A militant voice from prison, the letter was written by Caroline Decker, famed victim of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, now in Tehachapi Women's Prison, to a friend:

"Thanks for remembering the birthday. I've managed to spend a number of mine in a curious manner. The 'sweet sixteenth' was spent in bed with, of all things, the measles, the 23rd spent driving to Tehachapi, and the 24th, well. Phew! How the years roll down on one. Feel as though I've lived forever and learned nothing.

"Louise Todd's birthday is Tuesday, you know, and we've revelled positively indecently in the catch she got today. One hundred and forty-eight letters and cards of greeting today! Some interesting things are revealed too, in these things, and we can all talk about them some day, soon, we hope.

"Sitting here and talking we have periodic storms of brilliant ideas. Then it's all ruined because we know so well how bewildered and uncertain we'll be when we get out of this place.

"RADICAL CANARY"

"There are some of the loveliest birds here. Have never seen such variety all at once. Louise's Ecce (canary) is the adored creature of our floor. He shows definite radical leanings. He's independent, intelligent, knows what he wants and goes for it—even if it's chewing up all the flowers, book covers and calendars! Among his bourgeois tendencies, the most noticeable one is his love of an audience. Soon as the door opens he sings as though he'd conquered the world. Another tendency—and I hate to designate which kind that one is—is that he is horribly rude. He likes to sing best when we are reading to one another and then there's no use trying to compete with him—it's endless and he wins because we get hoarse and it doesn't seem to affect him at all.

"Everyone is writing us of France, Spain and May Day. You should see the grand pictures the New York papers carry of May Day! And our Party received the second highest aggregate vote in all of France! Am interested in the 'repatriation' of the Filipinos. If you have time, drop a local line about it. Dastardly!

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

THE RADICAL A Play in One Act.

SCENE: Conference room of the Chamber of Commerce of any large American city. Numerous serious-faced men seated around a long table.

CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we are assembled here to investigate ways and means of approaching a solution to the economic ills besetting America. We have called together the brains of our country to suggest possible plans for the improvement of society. I will first call upon Professor Archibald Tootleberr...

TOOTLEBERRY (Rising): Gentlemen, there is nothing wrong with our economic set-up as it stands, excepting that it is too easy. Economics must be made more difficult in order to curb unnecessary government spending and create employment for all.

I recommend that paper currency be done away with entirely. Coins should be the sole money medium of the nation and these should be made, not of metal, but of stone. The smallest coin, the penny, should weigh at least 100 pounds. Coins of larger denomination would be heavier, graduating upward to coins of many tons.

Thus, gentlemen, financial transactions would themselves become vast industrial enterprises and the employment of thousands of men would be required to carry out the transference of funds. Only the rich could afford the drayage facilities necessary to extensive spending. Workers would demand less wages in order to have lighter burdens to carry home on pay day. Cashiers would have difficulty absconding with huge piles of marble or granite.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Professor. I will now call upon J. Arlington Brittlebone, author of "Mankind's Future, Whither, Whither."

BRITTLEBONE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Throughout all the depression years I find that in every case depressions are characterized by millions of people suddenly becoming unemployed. This indeed is the root of the whole question.

In India, gentlemen, I hit upon a device by which the cost and inconvenience of unemployment might be averted. The Yogis have mastered some secret process by which human beings can be hypnotized and buried in clay for almost indefinite periods. Without food or drink, they remain in this pleasant state of slumber and are reported to be more happy than their conscious fellow men. Whenever it is desired, they can easily be awakened and put back to work.

Could we but purchase the patent for this process, we could incapacitate laborers as rapidly as they became out of jobs.

CHAIRMAN: Very good, Mr. Brittlebone. Now we will hear from Jasper Jones, reputed to be the world's most distinguished economist. Mr. Jones.

JONES: Mr. Chairman. Gentlemen. Plainly, we have more than enough food and goods for everyone. But those who possess all the food and goods likewise possess all the money with which it might be purchased. These persons, unfortunately comprise an insignificant minority of the population. Vast re-organization of the whole structure of society must be accomplished, but the first necessary step would be to tax the rich and feed the poor.

CHAIRMAN (Rising): See here, Mr. Jones. We didn't ask you to come here and spout a lot of Communist propaganda. We are sincerely trying to prevent the menace of Communism. Not facilitate it.

JONES: But I only said—

CHAIRMAN: I'm afraid, Mr. Jones, you have overstepped the bounds of decency. Our time is limited and we have many speakers yet to hear from. I will now call upon Mr. Theodore Swink, the noted clairvoyant, who brings us a message from Julius Caesar in the spirit world.

Curtain.

A split working class could not undertake to exercise influence upon internal and external affairs.

John Brown - 20th Century

By Carlitos

By CARLITOS

John Brown's a-walking,
John Brown's a-talking,
John Brown's a-walking and a-talking
And a-preaching and a-teaching
And a-writing and a-fighting
Through the land—
Through the land . . .

'Hyah, John Brown! What's the good word?'

'Hyah, neighbor! Why, ain't you heard?
The workers are risin',
The farmers are risin',
They're all realizin'
That they go to do some tall organizin'.

'Yahoo! Yipee! Whoopee! Whee!
Been slaves long enough—now we're gonna be free!
Yoo-hoo! Yowie! Hot dog! Wow!
I've started on a rip-snootin' rampage—and how!

Over the mountains, across the prairies,
From Santa Barbara to Saint Mary's;
In turpentine camps where the bull-chains rattle,
Through coal-mining towns, up the hills of Seattle;
From the ports where oil and fruit are cargo,
To the stinking stockyards of Chicago;—
John Brown's a-walking,
John Brown's a-talking,
John Brown's a-walking and a-talking through the land.

John Brown white and John Brown black,
Busy in the mill and the sharecropper's shack;
John Brown yellow and John Brown red,
Going sort of quiet-like but moving right ahead.
Thousands of John Browns, male and female,
Everywhere that people are toiling;
Even the youngsters in school and college
Bring fire to the kettle that soon will be boiling.
'Hyah! John Brown! What's the good word?'

'Hyah, neighbor! Why, ain't you heard?
The workers are strikin',
The farmers are strikin',
And that's just what the boss ain't a-likin'.
Nicket-lines are sproutin' up like long rows of corn—
Ain't never seen the beat of it since I was born.

Strike for the wife and strike for the kids!
Strike till the boss gets conviction fits!
Strike for the lunch-bucket, strike for the table!
Strike just as hard as you are able!

'Clerk and machinist, carpenter, baker,
Hard-rock miner and button-hole maker,

Student and housewife, farmer and tanner!—
All get together under one broad banner!
'Red! You're a red, you're a goddam red
If you reach out your hand for an extra piece of bread.
Red! You're a red if you only start to mutter
That your hard-earned bread ain't got no butter.

'White man, black man, yellow man, red!—
We got to stick together in the struggle for bread.
Yellow man, red man, black man, white!—
We got to teach each other just how to fight.
Black man, white man, red man, yellow!—
We got to make the boss a mighty sick fellow!—
Red man, yellow man, white man, black!—
The boss stole the country and we got to take it back.

'The poor man in every land is just the same as us,
Got the same kind of troubles, ain't got no cause for war;
And the rich man in every land's an ornery cuss,
If it's fightin' that he wants, well, we'll give him what for.

'Oh, the boss is as worried as a flea-bitten hound,
He's losing lots of sleep cause the best that he can do
Is to run the country right into the ground;
So it's up to the likes of me and you—
The fathers and the mothers,
The sisters and the brothers,
Yep, and all the others—
To make a mighty swing with the hob-nailed boot
And send the boss skidding right down the chute.

'Jack and Jill and Tom and Jerry!—
We mustn't make mistakes like Harper's Ferry.
Got to rouse the masses,
All the toiling classes,
Cause the boss is rich and strong and cunning;
But with us united,
His schemes will all be blighted—
And he'll start his old fat legs to running.

'Yahoo! Yipee! Whoopee! Whee!
Been slaves long enough—now we're gonna be free!
So up from your prayer-bones, dust off your brains—
And we'll shatter a hundred million chains. . . .

John Brown's a-walking,
John Brown's a-talking,
John Brown's a-walking and a-talking
And a-preaching and a-teaching
And a-writing and a-fighting
Through the land,
Through the land,
Through the broad, bright, sweet, rich, beautiful land
OUR LAND!

Women on the March

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

Whenever I iron the little dresses that were given to me for my baby, I groan at the thought of the exploitation involved in the handwork.

I counted it on one dress. Twenty buttonhole stitches to the scallop, 3 1/2 scallops to the inch, 70 tiny buttonhole stitches to the inch—so tiny that it hurts my eyes to count them.

And on this little dress—she'll only wear it for a few months until she outgrows it—there are 30 inches of scalloping alone, over 2000 minute buttonhole stitches, not to mention the design on the front which has four inches of cut work running 22 squares to the inch. And all the seams are done with the tiniest hand stitches.

The little underskirt that goes with the dress has over 100 inches of scalloping! A hundred inches of eyesight sewn into an infant's underskirt, that cost the one who bought it a half dollar at most. What was the Puerto Rican girl, the Philippine woman, paid for her eyes?

This letter that appeared in the Daily Worker of Saturday, May 9, helps to tell.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have written to Best and Co. to protest most strongly against their advertisement in today's New York Times, under the caption: "Hand-made blouses of fine white batiste from Puerto Rico." My protest applies specifically to the sentence: "Sheer white batiste with tiny tucks, touches of lace or fagoting, they are entirely hand-sewn by painstaking needlewomen in Puerto Rico (where the cost of living is low, and from which imports are duty-free, hence the reasonable price.)"

This is a complete distortion of the facts. Living conditions to the native Puerto Ricans are on the level of the Chinese coolie. Squalor, poverty, and complete feudal relationships between the native worker and the foreign banker-landlord are the order of the day. Living costs are inordinately high, when considered in connection with the wages received, which is the only fair or honest method of computing living costs. It seems to me that many American women will refuse to save at the expense of the misery of exploited workers; certainly these women will resent the inference that such savings would be welcomed! The further facts that the cost of living to the worker has nothing to do economically with the price tag of \$6.95 must also be noted. This seems to me a clear example of competitive advertising contributing to the public confusion on important matters which affect the safety and security of us all.

Ariz. Rich Try to Duck Tax on Them

PHOENIX, Arizona.—Maricopa county has struck back at efforts to stop the collection of the state intangible tax in the county during the coming fiscal year.

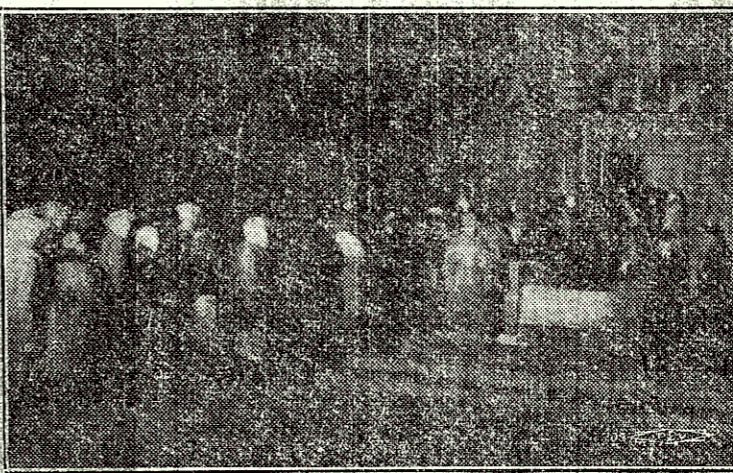
Motions to dissolve the temporary court order restraining county officials from levying an assessment on intangibles were filed in superior court by counsel for the board of supervisors and Tax Assessor J. D. Brush.

CORPORATIONS FIGHT TAX
Answers to the complaints of more than 30 plaintiffs, most of whom represent large corporate interests in this community, were filed also on behalf of the county officials. The answers denied attempts to collect the intangible tax are "unwarranted, unjust, illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory and without conformity."

The present struggle to collect intangible taxes has been an outgrowth of the energetic fight led by militant farm members of the Farmers' Union and supported by the Phoenix Central Labor Council. It is maintained by leaders in the fight that the enforcement of the intangible tax law will alleviate much of the tax burden now shouldered by workers and farmers in this state.

Local corporations, owning millions of dollars worth of intangible property, are bitterly fighting the workers and farmers organizations engaged in the controversy.

MOSCOW IN TRIBUTE TO LENIN



Showing the workers of Moscow entering the Red Square on a cold winter night to wait their turn to pass before the tomb of Lenin.

DIARY OF A CLASS CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By LeMae
CHAPTER VII.

My next stop was the Sailors' hall. The agent was down aboard the ship settling a beef.

A big hulk of a fellow was painfully typing something with two fingers and a stream of curses. The hall was otherwise empty.

"What are you doing?" I asked as a lead-off question.

"The minutes. Dam it!" his finger missed the key, "of the longshoremen's last meeting. I'm doing it for Harry. He can't type."

"Sailor or longshoreman?"
"No, I'm an oiler."

"Harry pretty well liked around here?"

"That guy is the squarest Kanaka on the Islands—and the fellows all know that, too," the oiler declared.

That was all I wanted to know. I headed in search of the Voice of Labor editor.

Paxton is a tall, lean chap with a pronounced rebel accent. "Are you going to get off here?" he asked me anxiously.

After assuring him I certainly could not leave the ship at this time he settled back to let me ply him with questions.

"There is as yet no real organized labor movement here, outside of the waterfront unions, but the Big Five are sitting atop a volcano. It's beginning to boil and they know it," Paxton gave his opinion as the street car we were on headed toward the press shop.

"There are 60,000 Filipinos on the plantations around here and they are beginning to get tired of a dollar a day and machine guns if they strike. They're getting tired of stool pigeons and discrimination. One of these days—" he waved his hand as though exploding a firecracker.

Knowing the fiery temperament of the Filipino race I asked Paxton, "What is keeping them pacified up to now?"

"The church—Catholic church. The church is losing its grip, though, and the Big Five know it but can't do anything about it."

We got off the car and entered a doorway below a sign marked "Filipino Chronicle."

"How does the Big Five tie up with the church?" I asked. Then I nudged his arm shantly. "Who is that guy?" and I pointed towards the same brown suited fellow whom I had brushed into outside the Longshoremen's hall.

"Him? Oh, he's just a stool pigeon from the Industrialists. The place is lousy with them. You get used to them after a while."

"What's he following me for?"
"There's probably a stool pigeon on your ship. Tipped him off that you are supposed to be a Red."
The Industrialists' spy hopped.

aboard a bus marked Ft. Shafter. I stuck my thumb up at him as he glanced back through the bus window.

"You want to know what the Big Five has to do with the church?" said my companion, "Well, they are former missionary families who first set up the churches here and grabbed off all the best land. They still own the land and have given up the missionary racket to become industrialists. The churches they set up are still under their influence, however. But they're losing their power fast. So fast that they have six stool pigeons to every 10 workers on their plantations."

Paxton introduced me to the editor of the Filipino Chronicle.

"Only paper the Filipino workers have," he remarked, "takes on a religious aspect, though. Nothing goes into it that might offend the local church."

We returned to the small, bare room that served as an office for the Voice. Paxton opened a letter and several news clippings fell out. "Him," he muttered, "As though we don't get the Daily Worker here," he pointed to the clippings.

"We have it on three or four stands around the town."
"As I was saying," he went on, "The industrialist missionaries see their destruction approaching in the very thing that made them their wealth—the church. As a result of the rising tide of rebellion against the exploitation, the church has been forced to come out openly and declare itself in favor of the workers' attempts to organize in trade unions. This puts the Big Five in an embarrassing spot, to say the least. They don't dare attack the unions now, yeh, it's getting hot around here. The plantation workers are not the only ones coming out of their sleep. The white collar ones are beginning to snap out of it. Fascism and Communism are topics of discussion everywhere. At the beach, barrooms—even at luau feasts."

We left the print shop and boarded a street car back to the center of town. From the car we could look across the harbor to where another Dollar liner was slowly headed in—her hull well down in the water.

The dollar sign on the stack glistened in the bright noon day sun which was climbing up the sky over the artificial pineapple. I had an odd feeling which made me think of 60,000 Filipinos slaving on plantations under the same sun.

I could feel it getting hot, alright.

(To be continued)

The People's Health

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

DOCTORS IN WAR

The magazine, Medical Economics, a reactionary little publication sent free to most physicians, starts the leading article in a recent issue with, "When the next war comes . . ." Then the article proceeds to describe the beautiful life in store for doctors during the next conflict.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 physicians will be drafted immediately. This is about one in every four or five in active practice. Most of these will be in the army but some will be on the battlefields and even in the submarines.

The younger doctors will have the "privilege" of being blown to pieces in the front line trenches while manning the emergency stations. Only the more influential physicians will have the comparatively safe positions in the hospitals in the rear.

"RESEARCH"

Any of the doctors who happen to come through the gunfire and gas alive, can look forward to finding their practices appropriated by the physicians who have had enough political "pull" to escape the draft and have stayed at home. This was the reward of most of the patriotic doctors who volunteered their services in the last war.

General Reynolds, surgeon-general of the army, believes that one of the advantages of war is the "opportunity for research which warfare provides." The magazine quotes him as saying that "the A. E. B. Hospital at Dijon, France, was the greatest laboratory ever set up, permitting first-hand study of battle wounds, typhus fever, tetanus, gas bacilli and a wide assortment of wartime diseases and casualties."

What a glorious prospect! I just can't wait until the next war!

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

QUESTIONS: Is the United Front just a trick to try to gain Communist influence over other organizations?

ANSWER: Many opponents of the united front have time and time again during recent years raised the argument that the Communists are not sincere in advocating the united front. Such arguments have come especially from direct enemies of the unity of the people and from those who attempted to cover up their rejection of the united front appeals of the Communists.

The Communist Party energetically works to organize the united actions of the working class against every attack of capital—for higher wages, unemployment insurance, right to organize, for the protection of civil rights, against fascist reaction and war preparations. The Communist Party stands for the building of the powerful unity of all working people, exploited by capital and menaced by fascism, in a broad anti-fascist people's front—a Farmer-Labor Party. Divided ranks cannot withstand the offensive of capital and the growth of reactionary war. The interests of the working class as well as the majority of the working population in the United States, requires unity of action. Let us illustrate this by two examples from Europe.

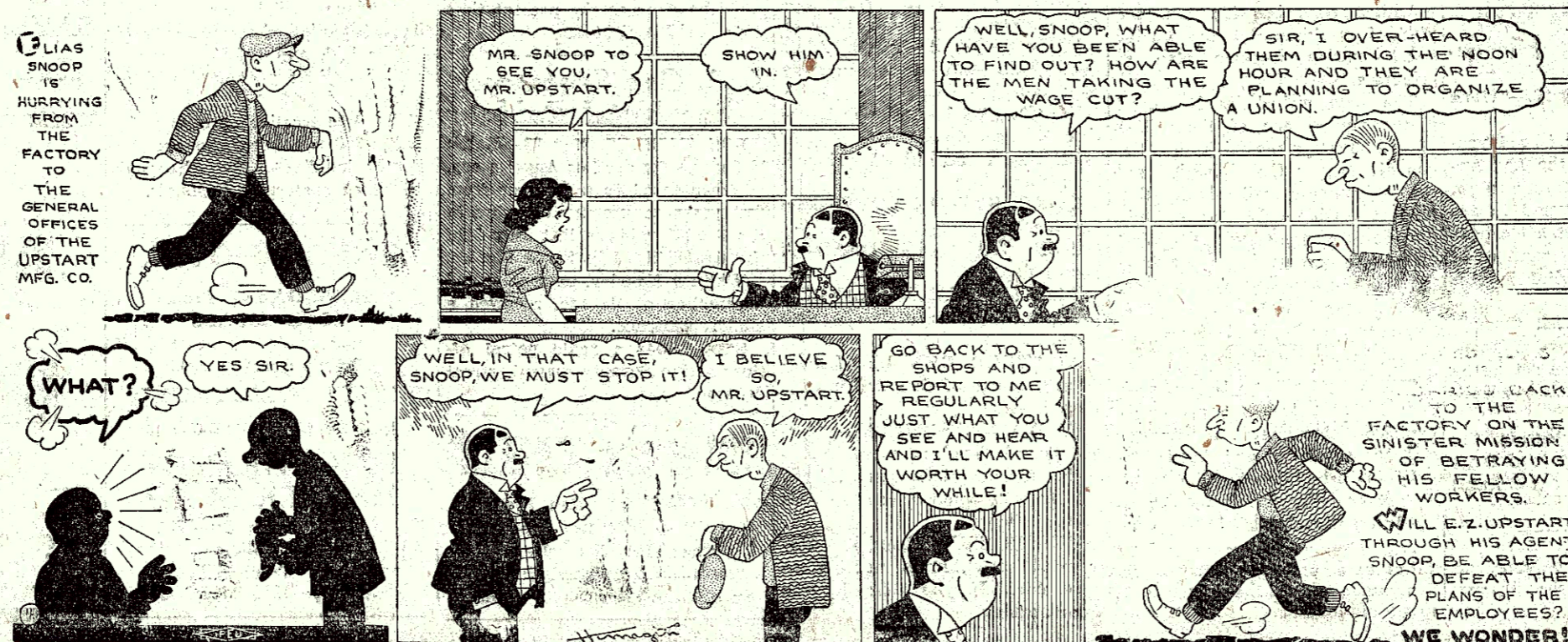
The advent of Hitler fascism to power in Germany was an object lesson for the whole world working class of the urgent need of overcoming the split in the working class. Unity of action between Communists and Socialists in Germany would have brought about unity of millions of toilers and prevented the triumph of fascism. That this is true, can be seen by the developments in France. On the initiative of the French Communist Party a broad people's movement for liberty, labor and peace has developed. The achievement of trade union unity and the united front agreements between the Socialists and Communists have given great impetus to the people's front. Today we can record the glorious victory of the people's front in the recent elections to the Chamber of Deputies. This unity of action in France has thus far checked the advance of the fascist forces and will finally defeat it.

Only in this way can the workers hope to defeat reaction and war. This is the essence of the united front tactics advocated by the Communist Party. The experiences in these struggles will strengthen the fighting ability of the proletariat, will weld the unity of the working class with its natural allies, and will prepare the battalions of the revolution which under the leadership of the Communist Party, will march to victory.

It is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period—to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

The danger of growing fascism in the United States cannot and must not be underestimated. The material and political resources of the big monopolists and bankers behind the Liberty League and Roosevelt are tremendous.

The John Smiths



WE WONDER!

LOUISE TODD DESCRIBES HER BIRTHDAY BEHIND THE BARS

LETTER FROM TEHACHAPI TELLS HOW CALIFORNIA GREETED A CLASS PRISONER

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Louise Todd's birthday was May 12. On that day, hundreds of letters, telegrams, gifts and dozens of money orders flooded the postal department of the Tehachapi prison for the noted working class leader who was sentenced to three years on a highly technical and discriminatory charge of perjury in connection with her activities in getting the Communist Party on the ballot in 1934.

Here are a few excerpts from Louise's letter to a Los Angeles comrade:

"I am a very happy person today. This birthday has been one of the experiences of my life. I don't know where to begin telling you about it all. In fact, there are probably only about two other events which will equal the happiness I experienced today—one will be the day when I walk out of Tehachapi prison.

FLOOD OF GIFTS

"Maybe the best way to start will be to describe the appearance of my room as I look about me: on my dresser there isn't an inch of room for even a hair pin; all the space is taken by boxes and boxes containing birthday presents. On my improvised bookcase reposes a pile of birthday greetings—to date already around 500!

"On the walls are a number of new pictures: an oil painting which Jack Warnick sent down (he sent two—one for each of us) by a very eminent artist in San Francisco; two prints of Van Gogh paintings (also from Jack); a large picture of Lenin, from Rosalie; a small etching of Midway Point, at Carmel, from Margaret Wilson. There isn't sufficient space for the books, every inch of space is taken on the improvised shelves and in the boxes.

"Some of the inmates gave me gifts; a little red pin cushion in the shape of a little person with a lovely little face and very large hands, accompanied with a card on which it said, 'Give a hand to the Reds? Yup. Big ones.'
"From Caroline I received two little scarf sets with matching handkerchiefs, one set with monogram; some underwear, monogrammed; a nightgown. From Nora, I received a half dozen hemstitched monogrammed handkerchiefs. In the package coming from many of my friends of the great world 'outside,' I received yardage for various articles of clothing. Among the greetings were some cards from Ad, Vera, Bob, Roslyn, Phyllis and her parents. The cutest cards you could ever imagine.

MANY LETTERS

"I was most pleased, however, at the hundreds of little handwritten notes from the rank and file of our party and sympathetic organizations. Pleased, and a little overwhelmed! Looking at the pile, makes me wonder if I'm not in a postoffice booth. In a day or two I shall be able to write a proper acknowledgement which can then be posted where at least some of these many friends and comrades can see it, thanking them for the swell birthday they made out of this day. Who would ever have thought that my 31st birthday should be the one chosen to make such a celebration of?"

Louise expressed the wish that all the comrades who remembered her well would do many times more for Nora Conklin. Few on the "outside" can realize how much these tokens of friendship really mean.

At the recent meeting of the parole board Nora Conklin and Caroline Decker were given a sentence of five years with 18 months on parole. They will be released from Tehachapi in May, 1937.

REPEAL CAMPAIGN

The girls in the Tehachapi prison urge every trade unionist, liberal, progressive and justice-loving Californian to lend their efforts to repeal the anti-labor criminal syndicalism law. They urge also the intensification of the initiative petition campaign and are confident that the required number of names will be secured by June 10 and the repeal assured of a place on the ballot.

A huge mass rally for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law will be held at the Epic auditorium Friday, May 29, 8 p. m.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

By Ella Winter

"Europa," by Robert Briffault, the novel that showed pre-war Europe dancing on the edge of the precipice, has already been translated into six languages: The French, Dutch, Danish, Czech-Slovakian and Hungarian editions have already made their appearance. The book has not yet been translated into German.

The American-Russian Institute recently presented a symposium on the Soviet Theatre in New York City. Lee Simonson of the Theatre Guild was chairman. H. W. L. Dana, who has made many trips to the Soviet Union to study the theatre there, showed slides of Soviet productions; Norris Houghton, author of the recent very popular book, "Moscow Rehearsals," talked on the organization of the Soviet Theatre, and Sidney Kingsley, dramatist, who wrote the play, "Dead End," that has been such a success in New York, discussed the theater from the point of view of the playwright.

"Bury the Dead," by the 23-year-old playwright, Irwin Shaw, is a success in New York and is to be put on in Hollywood by Contemporary Theatre and in Carmel by Edward Kuster, who has put on plays for 20 years in that community. Shaw is at present working at R. K. O. studios on a football picture!

"Europe Under the Terror," the new book by John L. Spivak, is just published by Simon and Schuster. Recently the March of Time did a series of dramatic excerpts from the book, which is a collection of articles from New Masses, and the radio commentator praised the book highly. Many now speak of Spivak as one of America's greatest reporters.

Two novels are expected soon on Soviet Russia by two writers who have lived there many years. Maurice Hindus, who is Russian but came to America at an early age, has just finished his first novel on the Soviet Union, which he calls "Moscow Skies." Random House will publish it. Hindus has gone to Russia every year for about 10 years and has published a book almost every year on that country. His greatest successes include "Humanity Uprooted," "Red Bread" and the first of all, "Broken Earth."

The other book is by Walter Duranty and will be called "One Life One Kopeck." As everyone knows, Duranty is the gifted correspondent in Moscow for the New York Times and last year his autobiography, "I Write as I Please," was a huge success. Duranty has always written short stories, many of which appear in American popular magazines. His first book on the Soviet Union was made up of accounts of many different court cases and was called "The Curious Lottery." Simon and Schuster will publish this novel.

And on June 1st, also from Random House, comes "Days of Wrath," by Andrei Malraux, a great anti-fascist book by the famous author of "Man's Fate." It has been chosen as the book-of-the-month for June. It is a must in reading.

Picks a Maritime Day for the Bosses

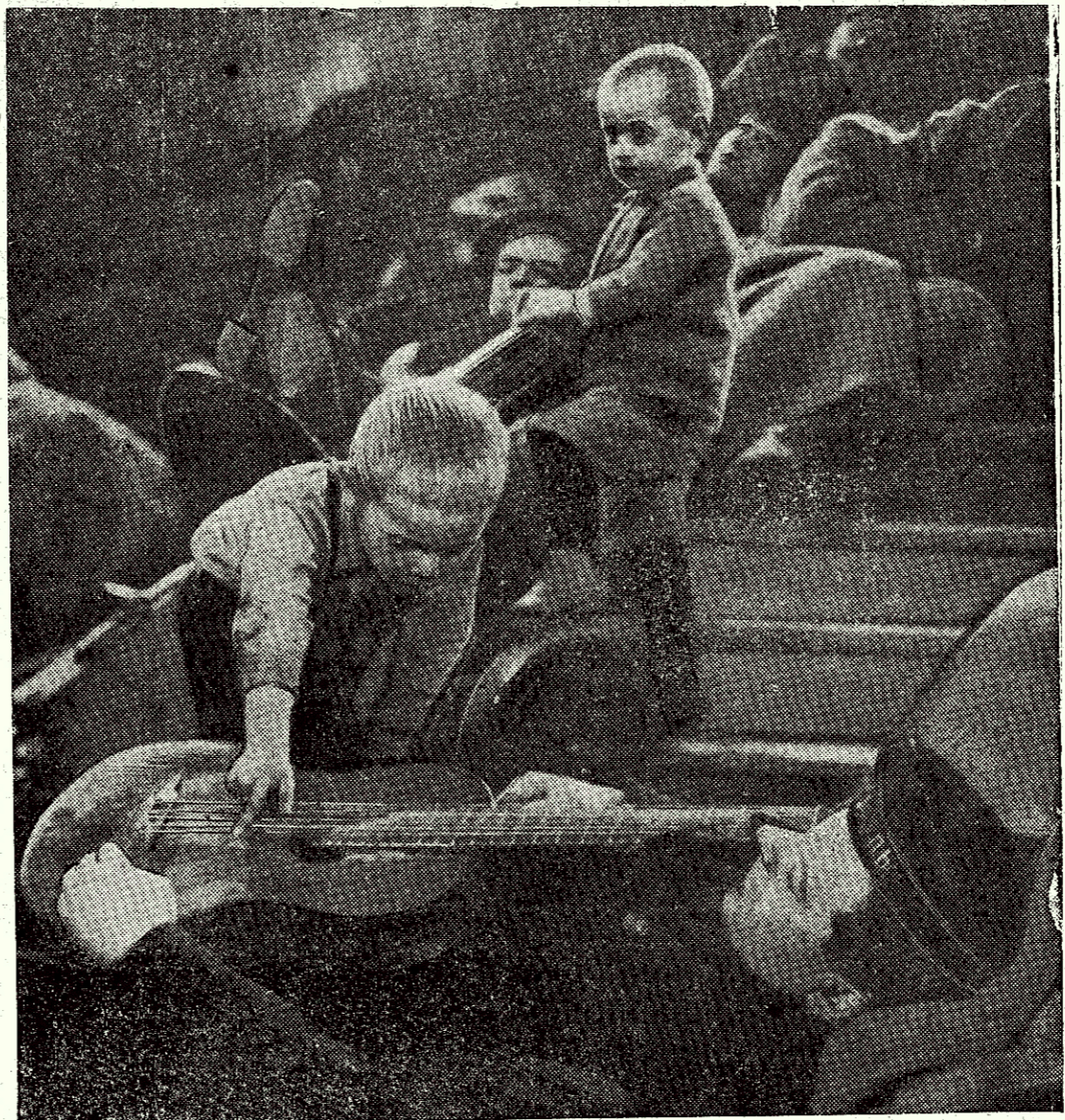
WASHINGTON—By proclamation of President Roosevelt May 22 was set aside as National Maritime Day, but it's not the kind of maritime day the Pacific coast marine workers plan to celebrate.

The date picked by Roosevelt is the anniversary of the sailing of the first steamship, the Savannah, across the Atlantic, and the shipowners will back that kind of maritime day to the limit. Maritime workers on the West Coast are strong for a maritime day commemorating the workers killed in the 1934 strike.

WORKER KILLED

SUDBURY, Ont.—In an accident believed due to a premature explosion, Fortunato Silvio Peruzzi, 26, was killed and Antti Kojvula seriously injured, while working at the Frood mine, operated by International Nickel Company.

"We Are From Kronstadt"



A scene from "We Are From Kronstadt," Soviet film showing at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand ave., Los Angeles. Produced with the co-operation of the Soviet navy, this picture is credited to be the most outstanding achievement of the Soviet studios in recent years. It is scheduled to appear at the Clay International Theater in San Francisco at a later date.

The Movie Guide

Why waste your money and your leisure time on movies that are hopeless flops? Always consult the Western Worker guide before attending a picture. Neither our brief reviews nor our checklist are intended as penetrating political analysis of the pictures. They will enable you to avoid the worst and pick out the best.

ANTHONY ADVERSE

A screen adaptation of the famous best seller. Producers are about to launch it with a hurricane of publicity as the greatest picture of all time. Truth is, according to those who saw the preview, it is one of the greatest flops of all time. The costumes are very elaborate and effective. That's about the only good thing they can say about it.

SHOW BOAT

A musical film with Paul Robeson, Helen Morgan, Irene Dunne, and many others. Reported as above the average.

RECOMMENDED

"THE GHOST GOES WEST"—Satire on American millionaire's hobbies.

"THREE WOMEN"—Soviet film.

"WE ARE FROM KRONSTADT"—Soviet film.

MODERN TIMES, Charlie Chaplin's latest.

THE STORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR, starring Paul Muni. THESE THREE, with Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bonita Granville.

THE MILKY WAY, with Harold Lloyd.

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN, exceptionally good. Don't miss it.

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR, fine performance by Jean Harlow.

THE BOHEMIAN GIRL, with Laurel and Hardy. Good comedy.

MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY, good sea picture.

SKIP IT LIST

(Not worth seeing)

GIVE US THIS NIGHT—Jan Kiepura in a sickly musical.

HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES—A poor mystery melodrama.

ROAD GANG—A sloppy imitation of better films.

LE BON HEUR—A French brainstorm.

DON'T BET ON LOVE—Raving lunacy.

THE WALKING DEAD—A horror flop.

TIMES SQUARE PLAYBOY—Warren Williams in a time waster.

AMATEUR GENTLEMEN—Silly. A waste of time and money. Pass it up.

CAPTAIN JANUARY—Shirley Temple is given every opportunity to show how cute she can be. Depends whether you like this sort of thing.

UNDER TWO FLAGS—Has a good cast, but is nothing to rave over. If you miss it, you miss nothing.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES

Hitler has banned Rene Clair's THE GHOST GOES WEST from Germany because the scenario was written by a "non-aryan," Spolansky.

Vietnamese censors have eliminated large sections of Charlie Chaplin's MODERN TIMES. All scenes concerning labor have been mercilessly cut.

The Japanese Government has banned the "MARCH OF TIME," as guilty of "dangerous thoughts." The American film, "So Red The Rose," was barred because it dealt with Civil War. The slightest suggestion of civil war, even in history, gives wealthy Japanese the jitters. "Mutiny On The Bounty," was also banned.

Do you remember "Black Fury," the vicious anti-labor film in which Paul Muni was starred? The man who wrote the scenario for that picture intended it as a genuinely honest, pro-labor drama. When he saw how producers had changed his script into a filthy, lying piece of fascist propaganda, he shot himself.

Congress Has Power Courts Can't Touch, Says Former Senator

NEW YORK—Congress' powers in social and regulatory legislation can be broadened without an amendment to the constitution, according to ex-Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma.

Owen said that in 1917, when the Supreme Court killed the first child labor act, he introduced another bill which contained a stipulation that no lower court or the Supreme Court should pass upon its constitutionality. He said this could be done at the present time with social legislation.

L. A. Cop Sentenced For Hotel Robbery

LOS ANGELES, May 23.—Ralph V. Savage, former Los Angeles cop, was sentenced to a term of from five years to life for his part in the \$30,000 robbery last July 8 of the Grand Hotel in Santa Monica.

Whitney Hansley, ex-convict and accomplice of Savage, received a similar sentence.

Savage was a radio patrol officer in the Seventy-seventh street division.

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Soviet Navy Film A Box Office Hit ON SCREEN FOR LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Attracted by the New York reviews which preceded the film to Los Angeles, many notable members of the Hollywood film colony were in the record week-end audiences to view the new Soviet cinema "We Are From Kronstadt," now screening at the Grand International Theatre at Los Angeles, according to the management.

"We Are From Kronstadt" is one of the most ambitious film undertakings ever attempted by Soviet motion picture producers, according to M. Verlinsky, president of Amkino, American distributors of the film. Three years in production, the picture is reported to have cost in the excess of 1,000,000 to produce.

The story recounts the heroic action of the red sailors of the naval base at Kronstadt in their relief of the embattled defenders of Petrograd in the civil war of 1919. G. Barbuiev and V. Zachikov head the large cast of players seen in supporting roles. E. Dzigan directed the production for Mosfilm. English titles translate the Russian dialogue.

Anti-War Play to Open Los Angeles Run on June 1st

LOS ANGELES, May 28.—Opening date for the Los Angeles engagement of Irwin Shaw's sensational and moving anti-war drama, "Bury the Dead," has been moved ahead one day to Monday, June 1, it was announced today by Egon Brecher, supervising director for the Contemporary Theatre production. The play will be seen at the Belasco Theatre, Eleventh and Hill streets.

With a select group of prominent stage and motion picture figures in the cast, "Bury the Dead," the year's most thrilling drama, has aroused widespread discussion throughout Hollywood. Shaw's exciting portrayal of emotions of the battle front has stunned sophisticated showgoers of New York, where it is now in its second record-breaking month at the Ethel Barrymore theatre.

Methodist Pastor Sues "Red Squad" Thug for Damages

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Ward Rodgers, Methodist minister, has filed an assault and battery suit for \$2,000 damages against Lieutenant Carl Abbot, member of the "Red Squad" of the Los Angeles police department.

Five John Doe defendants, whose identity police officers and vigilantes have not discovered as yet, are also named in the suit.

In the area of the Venice celery field strike on May 5th, the complaint charges, Dr. Rodgers was ordered out of his automobile and searched and beaten by Abbot and five others.

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