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League in Crisis Over Nazi Putsch Threat in Danzig

**FRENCH FASCISTS ON RAMPAGE;
19TH ROUTE ARMY MASSING
IN CHINESE CIVIL WAR**

Fascists are rioting in the streets of Paris in violent demonstrations against the newly elected Socialist-Radical government headed by Leon Blum.

Nazis are reported planning a putsch in the free city of Danzig as a strategic move in the fascist program to wreck the League of Nations.

ANTI-C.S. DRIVE INTO LAST LAP

Make First Filing of Repeal
Petitions; Success Is
Predicted

The drive to place repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act on the November ballot entered its last lap this week, as tens of thousands of signatures were being filed, but no reports are available on the other Southern California counties.

In the San Francisco Bay area, workers were busy precincting the signatures but were unable to complete the job in time to get all the filled petitions in for the first filing.

BAY AREA REPORTS
San Francisco reported about 8,000 or 9,000 precincting and filed, while the East Bay filed nearly 6,000. In both cases, the signatures filed were small percentages of the total signatures turned in Santa Clara County reported 1,000 filed, with 1,000 to 1,500 more expected.

In addition, tens of thousands of signatures are known to be collected throughout the state on petitions that are still being circulated.

"We're moving in for the final attack against the reactionary forces of California," declared Herbert Nugent, secretary of the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act.

"With conscientious effort on the part of every circulator in the next three weeks, we are a sure thing to go over the top and win on the November ballot."

William Sanders, state chairman, reported his "1000 Signatures Club" is growing, with new circulators entering the circle of shock-brigades for the campaign.

LOS ANGELES DRIVES

LOS ANGELES, July 6.—All initiative petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act should be turned in immediately when filled to the office of the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights.

This was the warning issued by Rose Chernin, secretary in a letter mailed to thousands of petition circulators in Southern California, as follows:

"All petitions must be in this office at once! Don't delay another day! The campaign is in danger unless YOU get out and drive hard for signatures."

Filled petitions should be in the Council's office, Room 620, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

Italy is mobilizing troops and completing huge war bases at Brenner Pass, which has alarmed Yugoslavia and precipitated a "war panic."

Haile Selassie is returning to London, after having been spurned by his former co-signers of the League covenant and ordered out of Switzerland.

FOUR PROBLEMS
League authorities are proceeding to remove sanctions from Italy under the shadow of crucial developments as follows:

(1) Germany threatens to seize Danzig.

(2) Austria threatens to restore the Hapsburg monarchy, a move which Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia declare will mean war.

(3) Japan is preparing further invasion in China.

(4) Turkey demands the right to re-fortify the Dardanelles as a defense against threatening Italian war preparations on the Dodacanese islands off the Turkish coast.

FRANCE AND SOVIETS
France and the Soviet Union are struggling for strengthening of the League covenant and military sanctions to support collective security.

Britain is arguing for a compromise which would render the League an impotent body that would not hamper fascist nations in their plans of conquest.

Many of the smaller nations are threatening withdrawal. In China, the troops of Dictator Chiang Kai-shek are melting away from him and joining forces with the Cantonese troops demanding a united front of all China against Japanese aggression and the establishment of a liberal People's government.

19TH ROUTE ARMY
Re-organization of the heroic 19th Route Army, which defended Shanghai against the Japanese and was later disbanded (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

FARMERS REBUFF LEMKE UNION PARTY; DROUGHT HAVOC WORSE

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The fascist-minded Lemke-Coughlin Union Party lost out in the national convention of the Farm Holiday Association, just concluded here.

Representative Usher Burdick, Lemke's campaign manager, was unable to sway the convention in his plea for support. In a compromise, the convention tabled both the Lemke resolution and one endorsing the building of a National Farmer-Labor Party, although the women's session endorsed the latter.

Six state leaders of Holiday Associations walked out of the convention and formed a rump organization. Burdick was made head of the new group. Most of the states whose leaders walked out have few Farm Holiday members. State conventions to be held soon in Wisconsin and North Dakota are expected to

Executioner!



Heinrich Himmler doesn't actually cut off heads. He is merely chief of the German Gestapo (secret police) and also recently appointed commander of all German cops. As Hitler's lieutenant he oversees the medieval horror which is Nazi Germany today. (See Page 7 for a news account of torture of anti-Nazis.)

Contra Costa AFL Hits Green Edict

RODEO, Cal.—A letter from William Green to the Contra Costa Labor Council, asking the Council refusal of support to the eastern electrical strikers, was thrown into the waste basket.

The last meeting of the council, held here, nominated officers. J. L. Von Telop, incumbent, was renominated for president; opposing him are Justice of the Peace J. E. Christenson of San Pablo and Jack Faulkner.

Nominated for vice-president were Sam Calicure and Joe Sergeant. Viola Cox is unopposed for secretary-treasurer, Russell Roberts for Guard.

Six named for four positions on the executive board are E. J. Hocking, B. L. Anderline, James Wilson, Guy Vargus, George Weise and J. M. Draper.

All delegates were urged to attend the Senator Nye anti-war meeting in Martinez, which was scheduled for July 7.

The Communist Party candidates stand committed for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, based on the trade unions. Register and vote Communist.

HUGE RALLIES OPEN BROWDER DRIVE IN OHIO

Speaks to Labor in Cleveland
And Akron; Gorman
For People's
Front

NEW YORK.—Always stressing the need to build a strong Farmer-Labor Party as a People's Front against war and fascism, Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist presidential and vice-presidential candidates have placed their campaigns in full swing.

Carl Bersing, a leader of the 12,000 Radio Corporation strikers in Camden, spoke at an Earl Browder for President rally in Philadelphia.

Huge audiences greeted the opening gun speeches of Earl Browder in Cleveland and James W. Ford in Chicago. Both opened their campaigns on July 4.

Browder also spoke in Akron, on the evening of July 4, before a large audience of rubber workers, who in recent sit-down strikes defeated the attempts of the Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone companies to smash their union.

Growth of the Farmer-Labor Party movement locally and on a national scale continued fast in the past few days.

An American People's Front, similar to that of France, was urged by Francis P. Gorman, United Textile Workers vice-president, at a New Haven meeting. The meeting was held under auspices of the Connecticut A. F. of L. Committee for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Seventy-five delegates from 15 important Montana farmer and labor organizations met in Billings and decided to formally launch a state Farmer-Labor Party at a convention to be held July 11 and 12 in Great Falls. The Miners' Union of Butte was a prime mover for the new party.

Meeting in annual convention at Klamath Falls, the Oregon State Federation of Labor gave official endorsement to the efforts of federation leaders for the launching of a Farmer-Labor Party.

In Toledo, the Lucas County Labor Congress picked Pres. Kramer of the United Automobile Workers' Local 12 as candidate for Lucas County sheriff in November. In the recent city elections the Congress elected both candidates for the board of education, and two councilmen.

SENATOR NYE MEETINGS

Carrying the sensational findings of the Senate Munitions investigation directly to the American people, Senator Gerald P. Nye, chairman of the investigating committee, is addressing mass meetings in four California cities this week.

At Martinez, on July 7th, in the Junior High School Auditorium.

At San Francisco, July 8th, in Dreamland Auditorium under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism.

At Santa Barbara, on July 9th, at the Recreation Center Auditorium, at 8 p.m.

At Los Angeles, on July 10th, in Shrine Auditorium, 8:15 p. m., under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism.

SHERIFF AIDS PROFITEERING OF GROWERS

County Pays \$7000 to
Strikers' Ranks
Solid

SANTA ANA.—A reign of terror is being launched by the growers and county officials against the orange pickers striking for a decent standard of living here in Orange County.

Twelve workers were arrested and charged with "trespassing," "vagrancy" and "operating an automobile without a license." Charles McLaughlin, Communist candidate for Congress in the 19th District, was one of the 12, the others being Mexican pickers.

MONEY FOR THUGS
Orange County has used more than \$7000 in paying special "deputies" or thugs to terrorize the strikers, and the State of California has also sent in 20 State Police.

Strikers are being arrested on technical violations of traffic laws, mostly imaginary, and judges are sentencing them to ten, thirty and even 60 days, where usually only a warning is given.

Growers have pledged themselves "100 percent" to the campaign of terror launched by Sheriff Logan Jackson, in cooperation with Stuart Strathman, growers' representative.

WHAT'S HIS CUT?
"For all practical purposes, the strike is broken," said Sheriff Jackson revealing the role he is playing in the profiteering of the growers.

Following are some of the names of the armed thugs acting as deputies: D. C. Dunbar, Edwin Westcott, Harvey Kessler, W. A. Woodard, L. J. Baier, C. D. Nichols, J. H. Dever, A. J. Anderson, W. C. Dodder, Ed Fisher, Henry Appel, C. F. Wacker, A. R. Benson, Henry Joast, Ray Thomas, George Bonecutter, John Alpers, William Rohrs and A. N. White.

However the strikers' ranks are remaining firm against the provocation and brutality of the growers and their thugs and are now carrying on mass picketing in the groves.

Many of the scabs are junior college and high school students who have been misled into scabbing in the groves.

INCREASE PROFITS
That the growers can easily afford to increase the miserably wages paid the pickers, was seen in the reduction of citrus freight rates from \$1.43 to \$1.35 per 100 pounds, meaning a saving of approximately \$2,000,000 annually to California and Arizona growers. Also, Charles C. Teague, president of the California Fruit Growers Exchange, declared that California citrus is bringing better prices than a year ago. An F. O. B. return of \$100,000,000 is predicted for the California crop this season.

The American Legion is also performing strike-breaking with an emergency committee headed by E. E. Neer, assisted by M. E. Meek, Harold Rasmussen, and Hunter Leech.

In Anaheim growers made the ridiculous charge that the poverty stricken strikers had showered rocks on scabs from airplanes.

Seven strikers were charged with carrying concealed weapons in Santa Ana, but the charge was such an obvious frame-up, that the men were released. The strikers were Lorenzo Ramos, Y. Raos, C. Lahaun, A. Gallagas, W. Santa, and Frank Flouse.

Anita Whitney



COMMUNIST candidate for Congress in the 4th District, opposing Florence P. Kahn, as she appeared at the Communist Convention in New York. Comrade Whitney is California state chairman of the Party.

300 ILA Men On Sac. Picket Line

SACRAMENTO.—Three hundred longshoremen have gone on the picket line to support the strike of the warehousemen against Poultry Producers of Central California. The strikers demand shorter hours higher wages and union recognition.

I. L. A. Local 38-118 after a special meeting, voted unanimously to put the picket line around the poultry warehouse at Fifth and Y in order to force union recognition.

Only a few scabs have gone into the warehouse. Their names are: Arthur Warden, Ross Loucks, Even Hagen, John Peterson, Harold Parker, Groundhoefer, Mike Davis Charles Parker, Arnold Kemper, E. L. Larsen, Arthur Ford, Bill Courtney Carl Jorgensen, Harry Harrison and D. McGee.

Seattle Unions Wire Roosevelt Against Copeland-Bland Bill

SEATTLE.—Recognizing the Copeland-Bland Bill as a menace to all labor, the Seattle Central Labor Council has wired to President Roosevelt demanding he prevent its going into operation. The marine section of the Council told the delegates of the continuous discharge book and other blacklisting features. The telegram immediately followed.

TWO MORE UNIONS JOIN C. I. O.; WAR LOOMS IN STEEL INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With the steel barons preparing for armed war against the efforts of the Committee for Industrial Organization to organize the 500,000 steel workers, two more unions have joined the C. I. O. ranks.

The representatives of the 10 C. I. O. unions meeting here declared that any strife in the steel industry would be due to the provocative policy of the steel companies who have stored vast amounts of arms.

The United Rubber Workers and the United Automobile Workers Organizing Committee wants to complete the organizing campaign peacefully but would fight back if necessary.

Meanwhile the A. F. of L. Executive Committee was preparing to meet on July 6 to discuss expulsion of the 10 unions in the C. I. O. These unions comprise

COMMUNISTS ARE THE ONLY CANDIDATES FOR S.F. WORKERS

1936 ELECTION PLATFORM IS
SUBJECT AT BANQUET

SAN FRANCISCO.—Communist Party candidates are the only candidates for the working people of San Francisco!

With the candidates of the Democratic and Republican Parties representing the Fleishhacker and Giannini banking interests, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Waterfront Employers' Association, the Communist ticket in the coming elections is the only one to contain the vital demands of the workers and other oppressed people, the only one to stand solidly in support of the organized labor movement of the city.

The platform of the Communist Party in the 1936 elections, both nationally and locally, will be outlined this Saturday night at a gala banquet at 121 Haight street.

**Donate to Fund
For Broadcasts
By Candidates!**

SAN FRANCISCO.—With the primaries drawing closer and election on a high level, it is urgent and intensify the Communist State Campaign Committee again called this week for donations to its radio fund to permit Communist candidates to go on the air.

Donations received within the last few days include \$25 from "A Friend" and \$155 from Contra Costa County totaling \$271.69 received thus far. All funds should be sent to Anita Whitney, state treasurer, 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

The San Francisco Campaign Committee requests that donations to permit local candidates to go on the air be sent to Albert Mallet, treasurer, 121 Haight street.

street to welcome back the delegates to the National Convention held in New York City.

WHITNEY SPEAKS
Anita Whitney, famed leader of workers in California, and delegate to the C. P. Convention, will speak for her campaign for Congress in the 4th District, against the Republican-Democrat incumbent, Mrs. Florence P. Kahn.

Lawrence Ross, candidate in the 5th District, is her running mate in the Congressional race in San Francisco. Ross, who will speak Saturday night, is campaigning against the reactionary (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

SERVICES
At the Civic Center, on Marshall Green, short services were held. Harry Bridges, president of the Maritime Council of District 2 and president of I. L. A. 38-79, was chairman. First speaker was Henry Schmidt, of 38-79, who spoke first of the two martyred workers, and then of the gigantic organization drive being conducted in the steel industry (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

10,000 MARCH ON JULY 5TH

Maritime Workers In Memory
Of Victims of "Bloody
Thursday" of 1934

SAN FRANCISCO.—In mighty disciplined ranks, 10,000 maritime workers of San Francisco marched up Market street last Sunday, July 5th, in memory of two of their own who were murdered by police on "Bloody Thursday" two years ago.

But the march was more than a memorial to Howard Sperry and Nicolas Bordoise who died that the workers of San Francisco might live. It was a warning to the shipowners and the Chamber of Commerce, that these heroic workers will not allow the trade unions to be smashed.

MIGHTY COLUMNS

As the whistle on the Ferry Building sounded at noon, the mighty columns of workers swung from the Embarcadero into Market street, headed by the council of District 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. Next came two floats, resplendent with flowers in memory of Bordoise and Sperry and the other workers murdered on the Pacific Coast during the 1934 strike.

Among the most beautiful floral offerings were the hammer-and-sickle wreath from the Communist Party, and the wreath from Tom Mooney.

The parade took more than an hour and a half to pass a given point, and the leading contingent of the International Longshoremen's Association was already in the Civic Center before the last contingent left the Embarcadero. The first two bands played funeral marches in honor of the dead working class heroes, while the band preceding the Sailors' Union of the Pacific played the Marseillaise, a token of solidarity with the French seamen who recently won their demands in a gigantic strike.

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ARCHIE BROWN TAKES STRONG LABOR STAND

Demands of Depression-Ridden Youth Are Stressed by C. P. Candidate for Assembly

By Archie Brown
(Communist Party candidate for the Assembly in the 22nd District.)

What are the odds for the young voters?

"We need jobs," is the cry of the graduates from school this year, as well as the thousands of S. F. youth who have come of working age since the "depression." Union labor and progressive people have been working towards shortening the working day, cutting the speed-up, and the establishment of housing and recreation projects to supply work for youth.

YOUTH ACT

Right now there is a bill in Congress called the American Youth Act, which would guarantee a living for every youth from 18 to 25. Winning of these demands could be guaranteed by the unity of all labor and progressive forces through a Farmer-Labor Party electing candidates on a minimum program. A Farmer-Labor Party is the real hope of the youth—the only way out of the hole we find ourselves in.

In this respect it is interesting to note that Kenneth B. Dawson, my opponent in the 22nd Assembly District, can't make up his mind. In the last session of the Assembly he voted once against the 6-hour day and 5 day week and once for it. I certainly won't take a middle-of-the-road stand on this issue. Labor needs all kinds of laws to permit it to organize, strike and picket. Reaction is out not only to stop new organizations but to smash all unions, as witness the drive to jail workers on Criminal Syndicalism. I stand for the repeal of this vicious law.

ANTI-LABOR DAWSON

Dawson further voted against limiting the public utilities from overcharging. He seems to want a state constabulary whose main purpose is to break agricultural strikes. He voted against curbing the power of the courts in granting injunctions against striking unions, as well as against increasing old-age security, from a miserable \$35 to \$50 per month. As a trade union man I will fight right down the line for all labor and progressive legislation. Workers should question Dawson and Fred Ainsley, the insurance man and apartment house owner who is also running for Assemblyman in the 22nd, how they stand on labor issues.

Speaking of apartments, it's worthy of note that most of the Fillmore district is full of fire traps. The lowest paid workers, (Negro, Filipino and white unemployed) live in that part of the Assembly District on account of the cheaper rent. If you want a half-way decent place, it is necessary to pay sky high rents which take at least 25-30 per cent of your monthly earnings. This scandalous situation could be solved by special taxes on fire traps and high rents.

I pledge myself to work towards the formation of a strong Farmer-Labor Party and call upon all workers and progressives in the 22nd Assembly District to vote for me as their representative to the Assembly.

Tell your fellow-union members what unions throughout the country are doing in building the Farmer-Labor Party. Read about it in the Western Worker.

Hear Reports OF THE

National Convention
From
ANITA WHITNEY,
BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
LAWRENCE ROSS
At a

Welcome Banquet
Sat., July 11, 7 p.m.

121 HAIGHT STREET
French Dinner - Good Program
Admission 50c.

Lawrence Ross



VETERAN ORGANIZER and leader of working class struggles, Lawrence Ross, is the Communist Party's candidate for Congress in the 5th District. He will oppose Richard J. Welch, incumbent, who poses as a Republican, a Democrat, and a Progressive, but who is actually registered as a Liberty League Republican.

U.S. Navy Spy May Expose Wide Ring

LOS ANGELES, July 6.—A dramatic point has been reached in the trial of Henry Thomas on charges of espionage in the U. S. Navy, when the defendant threatened to turn state evidence on an alleged international spy ring. "I'll show you who the men on top are if you'll turn me loose," Thompson is reported as saying.

Convicted of betraying U. S. Naval secrets to Japan, he faces sentence up to 20 years. Y. Oda, teller of the Yokohama Specie Bank of San Francisco, through which Thompson's pay was routed, gave a picturesque demonstration of Japanese diplomatic suavity during his interrogation by Federal Judge Yankwich during the trial. It had previously been established that the money came from the Imperial Japanese Navy account in the Irving Trust Co. of New York.

"Do these records," asked the judge, "show the money in the Miyazaki account came from the Imperial Japanese Navy account in the Irving Trust Co.?"

"It is very easy to think," was Mr. Oda's reply, ".....

"Did it or did it not?" insisted the Judge.

"So one could believe," soothed Oda.

"Now listen," said the Judge, "were not the cashier's checks deposited in this account drawn on the account of the Imperial Japanese Navy in the Irving Trust Co. of New York?"

"It would so indicate," Mr. Oda said.

10 Cents an Hour Is Wage Given Women In Apricot Crop

OAKLAND.—The miserable wage of 10 to 12 cents an hour for cutters in harvesting the Alameda and Contra Costa apricot crop has been offered through the State Employment Service. Women and families were sought at this ridiculous wage.

Men pickers in the apricot orchards are being hired at 25 to 35 cents an hour, Roy Stockton, director of the service announced. Workers are required to have their own camping equipment.

DRIVE ON "DIVES"
LOS ANGELES.—"Dives" are going to be "sunk," according to the State Board of Equalization, in its frenzied drive to close up illegally operating saloons and drink emporiums.

Due to the Assembly Committee probe into liquor graft, the board has suddenly become more virtuously active than at any previous time in its existence. Some 308 license expired here, and upon motion of Ray Edgar, Southern California board member, the board decided not to renew them.

WPA WORKER INJURED
LOS ANGELES, July 1.—George Woods, 31-year-old WPA worker, was under care of surgeons today, suffering from a lung puncture caused yesterday by a fall upon an iron stake while at work on a construction job at 71st and St. Andrews Place.

He resides at 354 East 101st street and is the father of three children.

ANTI-FASCIST COLLAPSES IN HUNGER STRIKE

NEW YORK CITY.—Collapsing on the 14th day of a self-imposed hunger strike in protest against refusal of the U. S. Department of Labor to set bail for his release, Otto Richter, young German anti-Nazi, was taken to a hospital at Ellis Island.

Richter fled to the U. S. after having been beaten by Nazi storm troopers the night of the Reichstag fire in 1933. He was arrested when cops raided a strikers' soup kitchen in San Francisco during the General Strike of 1934, where he was helping feed hungry workers.

Certain death in Hitlerland faces Richter unless mass protests force Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins to free him and give him the U. S. traditional right of asylum.

Communists Are Only Candidates

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incumbent, Richard J. Welch. The four Assembly candidates in this city are Sam Jaye, in the 20th District; Archie Brown, in the 22nd District; Alexander Noral, in the 23rd District; and Peter James Garrison, in the 26th District.

"The Communist Party is threatened by a new reactionary threat against its right on the ballot," declared Anita Whitney, on her return from New York. "The unspeakably vicious American Citizen, organ of the fascist-minded forces in California, has picked up the reported move by one Rev. I. R. Wall, of Fresno, to file an injunction suit against our candidates to keep them off the ballot.

"I appeal to all friends of progress, all enemies of reaction to donate to our radio fund, so that the Communist Party can reach the people of California with its program of action against reaction."

UPHOLSTERERS GIVE OKAY TO LABOR PARTY

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—State and national Farmer-Labor parties received enthusiastic endorsement from members of Upholsterers' Union, Local 15 A. F. of L. at its regular meeting here last night.

Following the unanimous endorsement of the Farmer-Labor program, two delegates were elected to the Provisional Committee of the Trade Union Section of the Epic Convention.

It was brought out that while it is too late to place a Farmer-Labor presidential candidate on the November ballot, all possible support should be given to united action in local and state elections.

Two delegates were elected to the International Labor Defense conference held regularly on Tuesday night.

Reports were heard of the progress of the campaign for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law and members pledged their support in a final drive for signatures.

Save WPA Workers From Cave-In Death

LOS ANGELES, July 4.—Two WPA workers on a drainage ditch project at 20th and Colorado streets, Santa Monica, were saved from death by two fellow workers yesterday when the sides of a 10-foot ditch caved in and buried them.

The victims, who were severely bruised and near suffocation when rescued, were Mark Bixel, 29, 201 West Century st., Los Angeles, and George Andradra, 25, 1241 Euclid avenue, Santa Monica.

Burbank Pickets at Water Heater Plant

BURBANK, Calif.—Protesting against dismissal of workers because of union activities, strikers and sympathizers continue to picket the plant of the General Water Heater Corporation, Cypress ave. and Front st., here.

Police Chief Adams keeps police officers in constant patrol of the plant. Leaders of the strike claim that the heater concern is 95 per cent struck. Company officials declare that "only 60 per cent" of the workers have walked out.

The Unemployed Workers Must Defeat The Chisellers

NORAL CITES NEED OF STRUGGLE AGAINST NEW CUTS

By Alex Noral
Organization Secretary—California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations

The local and State WPA administrators are already cutting the monthly wages of project workers. In San Francisco, where \$60 was the minimum for unskilled labor prior to July 1st, the "new wage" now is to be \$55.00 a month. Project workers are to be docked for time lost due to weather or other conditions beyond their own control. Speed-up and hit-the-ball is the "new slogan."

According to the "new" law, relative to WPA, prevailing wages are to be paid. This is not union wages unless such wages are actually being paid as the prevailing wage in any given community. In San Francisco the "Impartial Wage Board" has just set union wages for common labor at 68 3/4c an hour; while such labor receives as high as 75c an hour in private employment as a union rate of pay. These wages are being ignored by the WPA officials here. They decide that 50c an hour and \$55 a month shall be forced on the project workers, thus cutting the workers 18 1/4c under the scale set by the "Impartial Board."

NEVER ENOUGH

The former \$60 a month was insufficient to feed, cloth and house a family in common decency. During the past year, the cost of living has increased and the purchasing power of our "freedom" dollars has shrunk approximately 40 per cent, thus forcing our standards down even lower. The 60c formerly received was the result of mass organized pressure by the unemployed and trade union organizations. Such actions have forced increased monthly amounts and wages per day in several sections of the state. Now the WPA officials intend to rob us of these victories.

Single WPA worker are to be forced off the projects and into \$32 and \$40 a month camps, with board deducted. Women are being forced off their projects and into domestic work for the rich at a miserable starvation wage as low as \$20 a month. On a national scale over 750,000 are being forced off the WPA altogether, many of whom are forced to work in the agricultural fields at coolie-wages under slave conditions.

The unemployed unions through out the state must answer these attacks. We have been too passive; that is why the WPA and SRA officials are so brazen in their attacks on the standard of the unemployed; that is why Governor Merriam dares to increase the already high salaries of his political scabates, the SRA officials, while direct relief budgets are actually lowered. The unemployed unions must rally every unemployed and project worker to struggle to defeat the program of starvation and forced labor.

ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED UNEMPLOYED

Raise the cry for a minimum of \$65 a month at prevailing trade union wages; against docking; against being "agriculturalized" as cheap slaves; against being forced out of town to work on projects in other counties; demand and fight for paid transportation to long distant projects.

Intensify our activity all down the line in preparation for our State Convention, at which we will merge and become the California Section of the Workers' Alliance of America, recognized by the American Federation of Labor and endorsed by its President, Wm. Green.

Forward to struggle and the State Convention of the Unemployed, July 17, 18, 19 at Los Angeles, which will take up these questions and work out a program of joint action to defeat the program of the chiseling Relief and WPA officials.

Hollywood Interest In Party Campaign

HOLLYWOOD.—With the growing interest in the election campaigns, street meetings held by the Communist Party at the corner of Hollywood Blvd., and Whitley avenue, are growing in size and interest. Recently nearly 200 people heard the issues of the elections outlined by Emil Freed, Communist candidate for assemblyman in the 57th District. Meetings are held at this corner every Saturday night at 8 p. m.

VICTORY NEAR IN L.A. STRIKE

Agricultural Workers Call for Solidarity in Their Two Months Old Struggle

(By a Worker Correspondent.)

HARBOR CITY, Calif.—As I write this, a complete victory is almost assured the agricultural workers who have struggled so bravely for the past two months in L. A. County. Recognition of the union has already been conceded and a difference of 2 1/2 cents per hour is under arbitration.

In Orange County, militant picketing is going on, and the victory of the L. A. County strikers will give impetus to the Orange County strikers.

Isaac Belmont, secretary of the central strike committee of the Mexican Confederation of Unions, issued the following statement:

"To the public in general and to all workers: We, the strikers, beg of you not to go to work. We have already signed up 385 growers. This resulted through the workers who have fought since the strike began April 20th. We will keep up the strike until it is won, because we see the danger, not only to us, the Mexicans, but to all nationalities.

"It is very sad for us that we have to fight not only the bosses, but the fellow workers who now are scabbing. The ranchers are using all methods to break the strike, but in vain, as we will not give up until we win. It is not only the Mexicans who are in this fight. Many organizations are giving us all the help they can, which we want the public to know.

"The organizations on strike are the Confederacion de Campesinos y Obrero Mexicano, Confederacion de Filipinos, American Union, and Japanese Union."

At a dance held at Booster Hall, Keystone, on Friday, July 3rd, a very enthusiastic group filled the hall to capacity, and greeted William Velarde, organizer, when he almost assured victory for the strikers in L. A. County.

Funds, food, and clothes—all badly needed—may be sent to the union at Harbor City.

LEAGUE HIT BY NAZI PLAN FOR DANZIG PUTSCH

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By Chiang Kai-shek, is proceeding apace with plans for joining the movement of the Cantonese Armies. General Tsai Ting-Kai and Chang Kwang-nai, heroes of Chapei and Fukien, are playing a leading part in re-assembling the famous division.

French agricultural workers have joined the great French strike campaign and are demanding gains similar to those already won by the industrial workers.

Sabotage, provocations and murders wrought by fascist bands in Spain have reached such a pitch that a showdown between Left and reactionary forces is imminent. Formation of a People's Front government, with Communists and Socialists participating, and pledged to the suppression of the fascists, is considered the next move.

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FIELD STRIKE FUNDS

KEYSTONE, Cal.—A successful dance to raise funds for the striking agricultural workers in the fields of Los Angeles County, was held at the Booster Hall here on Friday night, June 26th. Dances will be held weekly to raise strike funds.

Labor Board Gets Case of Sailors

SAN FRANCISCO.—Whether the reactionary officials of the International Seamen's Union, or the Sailors' Union of the Pacific are to represent the West Coast Seamen as bargaining agent is to be decided by the National Labor Relations Board on July 20.

Since the expulsion some months ago of the S. U. P., because of its fight against Scharrenberg and because of its activity in the Maritime Federation, the top I. S. U. officials have not been able to win rank and file support on the West Coast. The S. U. P. recently wrote I. S. U. officials and William Green, for readmittance in the I. S. U. and the San Francisco Labor Council.

The contract with the ship-owners, signed before the S. U. P. charter was revoked, expires Sept. 30.

Anti-C.S. Drive Is Entering Last Lap

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128 West 2nd street, Los Angeles not later than July 20th.

ILL VETERAN AIDS

The Councils revealed yesterday that one war veteran, lying ill in a local hospital, gave first a \$50 bill and then a \$20 bill to be used in the repeal campaign.

The veteran, who requests his identity not be disclosed, has already filled two petitions, or 140 signatures, from among his fellow patients in the hospital.

"If I were only able to be out in the streets," declared this veteran with a note of disappointment in his voice, "I believe I could really do something in this battle against the California Hearsts."

Communist Candidate In Court on Charges Linked With Strike

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Charles McLauchlan, Communist Party candidate for Congress in the 19th District, will face trial in Police Judge H. I. Spence's court in Fullerton on July 8th on charges of "trespassing" and "vagrancy" in connection with efforts of Orange County growers to smash the strike of orange pickers.

McLauchlan will be defended by the International Labor Defense, which has posted \$1000 cash bail for his release from jail.

Meanwhile, the Communist candidate had been ordered reinstated on the WPA music project by the Los Angeles district headquarters. McLauchlan had been fired from his job on the charge of "undue political activity," because he filed as Communist Party candidate for Congress.

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WELCOME FETE Returned Delegates FROM NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO.—A picture of the rapidly rising prestige of the Communist Party as a national political factor, and the tremendous advances front made by the Party organizationally in leading struggles of the working class throughout the country, will be given by San Francisco delegates to the National Convention of the Communist Party at a Welcome Banquet to be held at 121 Haight street, Saturday, July 11th, at 7 p. m.

Speakers will be Anita Whitney, chairman of the State Committee, Bill Schneiderman, California State Organizer, and Lawrence Ross, San Francisco County Organizer.

"The Ninth Convention marks a significant milestone in the road our Party is traveling toward becoming the mature, mass political leader of the struggles of the American working class as a whole," declared Lawrence Ross on his return to San Francisco. "Our convention was rich in lessons not for our Party alone, but for all militant, class-conscious workers."

The welcome banquet is being held under the auspices of the Communist Party of San Francisco. Admission will be 50 cents. May Day news reels will be shown as well as other features.

10,000 March in S.F. On July 5th

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by the Committee for Industrial Organization.

"By a strange coincidence," said Schmidt, "July 5th also marks the 44th anniversary of the murder of 12 steel workers in Homestead, Penn., where today the C. I. O. is conducting memorial services."

Only other speaker was E. B. O'Grady, of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, who spoke briefly, as did Schmidt.

SERVICE MEN WATCH

Hundreds of sailors and marines from the United States fleet observed the march up Market street. Last year, the service men were kept aboard ship during the march of July 5.

In passing the Hearst Examiner Building, at Third and Market streets, the leading contingents of the parade merely paused in front of the building in demonstration against America's would-be Hitler, but starting with the "black gang" from the Marine Firemen, the workers gave lusty boos to Hearst as they passed.

PARTY BARES S.F. FIRETRAP

Communist Election Campaign Committee in Adequate Housing Demand

SAN FRANCISCO.—A dangerous firetrap was exposed here last week by the Communist Party Election Campaign Committee in the 23rd Assembly District in the Bryant Terrace Apartments, an old wooden structure at 2240 Bryant street near 20th street.

Nearly 40 families live in apartment house, which has been condemned several times and violates many sections of the building ordinances. A fire in this house would be much more disastrous than the recent disaster in the Dover Apartments, it is reported. Seven were burned to death in the Dover blaze.

Section 24 of the building ordinance states: "For the protection of life and property, every building that is occupied by two or more families on the third story, not having proper and sufficient exits or facilities for escape in case of fire, and occupied as an apartment or tenement house, shall be provided and equipped with metallic fire escapes."

The Bryant Terrace Apartments violate this section, as do thousands of other houses and apartment buildings in San Francisco.

Fire Chief Brennan recently stated that in order to fireproof San Francisco, most of it would have to be torn down and rebuilt.

The San Francisco Communist Campaign Committee, as well as the 23rd Assembly District Committee, demands a government housing program similar to but more inclusive than the Wagner-Ellebogen Bill, which will clear out the slums and establish low-rent housing for the working people of the city.

Communist candidate in the 23rd District is Alexander Noral, organizational secretary of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations.

Industrial Ass'n. Court Break in Suit By SF Bldg. Council

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Industrial Assn. has a friend in Superior Judge Trabucco. The judge has granted a demurrer against the San Francisco Building Trades Council, in its suit to prevent the Industrial Assn. 3-man board from establishing an hours-and-wage scale for the industry. A suit for a permanent injunction is still pending.

Scales set up by the Industrial Assn. are based on an 8-hour day, despite the fact that some of the crafts have a 6 hour day and sentiment in all crafts is for 6 hours.

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HUGO ERNST IS FOR BUILDING LABOR PARTY!

Leader of Culinary Workers Condemns "Non-Partisan" Policy of A. F. of L. In Article

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hugo Ernst, vicepresident of the Culinary Workers' Union, and leading San Francisco trade-unionist, stands for the building of a Labor Party!

In the May, 1936, issue of the Catering Industry Employee, union organ, Ernst writes a militant answer to a previous article by Senator John J. Kearney, which had defended the "reward your friends and punish your enemies" policy of the American Federation of Labor.

FEW LABOR LAWS
Ernst wrote: "... Brother Kearney, as a justification of the present A. F. of L. political policy, pointed to the list of 'remedial laws' reported by our Executive Council under the heading of 'Legislative Achievements.' That list would make any European trade unionist smile contemptuously. After 40 years of agitation by the American labor movement, on a non-partisan basis, this country boasts fewer and less effective labor laws than any other of the civilized countries of the world. 'Furthermore, such social legislation as old-age pensions, health insurance and unemployment insurance which we are just now beginning to achieve in a very tentative and inadequate fashion, have been enjoyed by the bulk of the European workers for from 15 to 30 years.

BUILT OWN PARTIES
"Why? Because these workers, instead of depending upon the good-will of party politicians dominated by the financial and industrial interests which labor is fighting, built their own parties, responsible to them alone. Even when they did not achieve actual legislative majorities, the very growth and strength of these parties of labor frightened the dominant parties into granting concessions such as American labor has never won.

TIME FOR U. S. LABOR
"After six years of deep economic depressions under both the major political parties; after one year of so-called 'recovery' in which at least 16 percent of our people are still on relief, with little prospect of employment; after both official A. F. of L. statistics have proved that such legislation as the NRA resulted in hugely increased profits to Big Business and an enormous increase in company unionism; after a dozen spectacular strikes in which the militia was ordered out to shoot workers by both Republican and Democratic officials, it is certainly time for labor to stop flinching with the political parties of both big and little business and build its own political expression.

AVERT FASCISM
"If it does not take the leadership and do this very soon, some demagogue like the late Huey Long is certain to come along and exploit the political unrest and rebellion of our people in some fake 'labor' or third party movement of his own. We have already seen in Europe that all fascist demagogues start out with appeals to 'the masses' with pretenses to being 'the friends of labor.'

Let labor be its own friend and organize its own party—a party which it can direct and control."

Seek Funds for Bail To Release Geoffrin
SAN FRANCISCO.—Donation and loans of funds, particularly from war veterans receiving their bonus, are sought here by the International Labor Defense, in order to raise \$2500 bail for George Geoffrin, held for deportation on Angel's Island for "subversive" activities.

A federal judge recently refused to reduce the excessively high bail for Geoffrin to \$1000. All donations and loans of funds for his bail should be sent to the I. L. D. office at 1005 Market street, San Francisco.

Archie Brown



Sam Jaye



TRADE UNIONISTS of San Francisco are the Communist Party candidates for the State Assembly in the 20th and 22nd Districts. Sam Jaye, a member of the Culinary Workers' International Union, is running for office in the 20th District, and Archie Brown, leader in the Ship Scalers' Union, is candidate in the 22nd District.

Communist Assembly Candidate Is Veteran of Class Struggle at 25!

Few workers go through, in a lifetime, the class struggles that Archie Brown, Communist candidate for assemblyman in the 22nd District, San Francisco, has gone through since he was born in Sioux City, Iowa, 25 years ago.

Coming to California in 1927, Brown participated in a leading role in the newsboys' strike in Oakland in March and April of 1929, against Hearst's Post-Enquirer and the Tribune.

The strike, which was for a slight pay increase and against the amalgamation of the street circulation departments of the two papers, was lost when Secretary Spooner of the Alameda County Labor Council refused the boys an A. F. of L. charter and other aid in their struggle.

JOINS Y. C. L.
In May, 1929, Brown was active in another strike, that at the Fisher Body Company in Oakland, led by the old Automobile Workers' Industrial Union, an independent union. This strike was lost, too, but Brown was learning fast in the class struggle, and in May joined the Young Communist League.

He then became active in the unemployed movement, which was growing rapidly with the advent of the depression, participating in the huge demonstration of 10,000 Oakland jobless on March 6th, 1930. Then he worked in the agricultural fields, helping to organize the old Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union, which grew into the widely famed cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union of the 1933-34 strikes for decent living conditions throughout California.

FAMED IN SAN PEDRO
Early in 1932 Brown came to San Francisco, becoming California organizer of the Young Communist League. In March, 1934, he was in San Pedro speaking for organization of the maritime workers, shortly before the gigantic Pacific Coast strike began on the waterfront. He was arrested with another worker when the "Red Squad" came in with 20 American Legion members armed with clubs.

Charged with "disturbing the peace," Brown was convicted in court of disturbing the "peace of mind" of the Legion Post, commander by a jury containing three Legionnaires, and sentenced to 90 days in jail. Released on bail pending appeal, Brown was active on the picket line at the Howard Terminal in Oakland until the appeal was lost and he had to serve 90 days in the infamous Lincoln Heights Jail of Los Angeles.

Sixty days of the term, Brown spent in the "hole" for organizing a protest against poor food and rotten conditions in the jail, and for smuggling out letters revealing the horrible conditions.

MURDER FRAME-UP
Returning to San Francisco, he was admitted to the Ship Scalers' Union, of which he is now chairman of the Board of Trustees. During the strike of 1935, lasting from August into November, he was in charge of relief and picketing for the union until he was arrested with three fellow unionists and charged with "murder."

Shipowners' thugs provoked a fight in the union hall last August, and one thug jumped out of the window, killing himself. Brown, Natalio Villi, Julio Canales, and Francisco Jimenez were arrested, and held in jail for 83 days until their trial, when a

SINCLAIR LEWIS BRANDS 'UNION PARTY' FASCIST
HARTFORD, Conn.—The Father Coughlin-William Leake "Union Party" was scored here by Sinclair Lewis, author of the anti-fascist novel, "It Can't Happen Here."

The third party movement is the most dangerous approach to fascism we have ever had," said Lewis, also adding that he didn't think much of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

"How can any intelligent man say he belongs to one party or the other—to one collection of individuals or another—when both are in conflict among themselves?" asked Lewis.

"There are only three clear-cut parties now—Socialists, Communists, and Prohibitionists. They are the only ones where you know what you're voting for."

Defeat the Hearst Racketeers—Vote For the Communist Party Platform!

William Randolph Hearst is up to another one of his foul tricks, the same kind he has been playing throughout his career. This time he is carrying on a campaign through his San Francisco newspapers against the one-man street cars, a campaign that on the surface is on the up-and-up.

But scratch any of Hearst's campaigns more than skindiep, and you have the answer of foul corruption. Hearst is fighting one-man cars for two reasons: first and foremost, to pave the way for the city's purchase of the Market Street Railway at a fabulous cost of millions of dollars more than it's worth; secondly, to cash in on circulation by this popular issue of the people against the one-man cars, now being operated by the Market Street Railway.

Public utilities corporations have always played fast and loose with the public's pocketbook, as witness the graft in connection with Hetch-Hetchy, where the P. G. & E. rakes in millions of dollars for transporting water and power a few short miles, in violation of law; as witness, the banks' grafting on the bonds issued to build the city hall, interest on which would buy two brand new city halls!

Read the Communist Party's election plank on this subject, which it stands ready to back up with militant mass action 365 days a year:

"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."

Beat Hearst and the other racketeers in San Francisco! Get behind the militant platform of the Communist Party! Register Communist or change your registration to Communist before the deadline of July 16th! Vote Communist!

S. F. Townsendites Western Worker Fight 'Union Party' Sub Drive Booms

SAN FRANCISCO.—If Dr. F. E. Townsend tries to pull the old-age pension movements he started onto the "Union Party" wagon, it's going to be like pulling walrus teeth in San Francisco.

This was indicated here last week by a local Townsendite leader, when the doctor came to town to "pep up" the S. F. organization, in the bad company of Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who is trying to fit the mantle of the late Huey P. Long to his own shoulders along with his fascist program.

DON'T LIKE IT A BIT
"Actually," said the local leader, "the doctor is here building up sentiment for the third party movement and we don't like it a bit. Our national convention will be held at Cleveland beginning July 15. Dr. Townsend wants the delegates to vote to back the third party ticket."

"There are many of us who believe that the minute we do that, the singleness of purpose that enabled us to grow into a national organization will be gone and the Townsend Club with it."

"I don't know whether we can persuade the doctor to give up the third party idea now that these slickers have had him in tow for all these months, but we'll certainly try."

WOULD-BE LIAR CHANGES MIND

By A Worker Correspondent
SHAFTER, Cal.—I was at the trial of Louis Bradley here in this city, when he was arrested recently for a so-called vagrancy charge.

During court recess, I overheard one of the so-called best people of the town remark that he would swear a lie to get on the jury so that he could convict

the dirty so-and-so. He also succeeded in getting on the jury, but Mr. Bradley's case was so strong and convincing that Mr. Reactionary changed his verdict, I don't know why.

But you know the sentiment of the people; and not all of them were workers either. I think Mr. Bradley did some fine work here in the potato strike.

HEAR— SENATOR GERALD P. NYE
Speak on "MUNITIONS AND WAR MAKERS"—Also—"DEALERS IN DEATH," anti-war film Friday, July 10, 1936, at 8:15 p.m. at Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles Auspices American League Against War and Fascism Admission 50 Cents - Main Floor

Heil Hearst!



HITLER LIKE is this salute of Alf Landon at his Topeka home, as he plots his campaign for president on the Hearst-Republican-Liberty League ticket. His pose looks strikingly similar to those struck by Hearst's other protege in Naziland.

ASSEMBLYMEN "GIFT HORSES" BUT NOT GIFTS

Voting Records Demonstrate S. F. Politicians Are Stooges for the Bankers

Like gift horses, the incumbent's assemblymen from San Francisco have to be looked at in the mouth.

After examining the anti-labor record of these porky politicians, no worker can afford to waste his vote on them.

Incumbent in the 20th Assembly District is Thomas A. Maloney, Republican-Democrat, opposed by San Jaye, Communist; in the 22nd District, the incumbent is Kenneth B. Dawson, Republican - Democrat-Progressive, opposed by Archie Brown, Communist; in the 26th District, the incumbent is Ray Williamson, Republican-Democrat, opposed by Peter James Garrison, Communist; in the 32nd District, William R. Hornblower, Democrat-Republican, opposed by Alex Noral, Communist.

FINKY RECORDS
And here are the records showing how Maloney, Dawson, and Williamson voted in the last State Legislature:

1. The Lore Resolution, requiring publicity of all salaries of public utilities officials in excess of \$5000—Maloney and Williamson against, Dawson refused to vote, Hornblower absent.

2. San Francisco Bay Bridge Bill, providing that no bonds shall be issued to finance transportation over the bridge unless such facilities shall be owned and operated under public ownership—all four stooges of reaction voted against.

3. Bill No. 2120 providing that no public-regulated utility should expend from rate-payers' pockets more than \$25,000 a year as salary to any of its employees—Maloney and Williamson voted against, Dawson again refused to commit himself, Hornblower for.

4. Amendment to Bill No. 1684, providing that development and profits from state-owned oil lands should be for the benefit of the people—Maloney, Dawson, and Williamson voted against.

5. Amendment to Old-age Pension Act, providing a minimum pension of \$50 monthly for the aged—all four voted against.

6. Bill 239, raising bank and corporation franchise tax rates on net earnings from 4 to 6 percent—Maloney and Dawson against, Williamson abstained.

7. Bill 947, providing operation of transportation facilities over the Bay Bridge at public expense when awarded to privately owned companies—Maloney and Dawson voted for, Hornblower against, and Williamson abstained.

8. Amendment to Bill 1208, providing for reduction of sales tax from 3 to 1.99 percent—Maloney and Williamson voted against, Dawson and Hornblower for.

9. Amendment to Bill 1208, exempting drugs and medicines from sales tax—Maloney and Williamson voted against, Dawson and Hornblower voted for.

If these three stooges don't represent the people who voted them into office, then whom do they represent? San Francisco working people won't have to look far for the answer—they'll just have to look at the Fleishacker banks, at the Bank of America, at the Chamber of Commerce, at the Waterfront Employers' Association, at the ritzy homes and apartments on Nob Hill and in the St. Francis Wood area.

up in a new victoria car with chauffeur and made a feeble effort to defend the unjust rulings.

When workers said that they had to go six or seven hours without food, the supervisor answered that a "little fast" is not injurious to health, and she recommended an "ample breakfast" before coming to work.

One woman fainted and became ill last week, but would not say it was from lack of food.

Communist Party Nominees Ratified In L. A. Ceremony

LOS ANGELES.—Storms of applause greeted Communist party candidates as each was introduced by Eva Shafraan, acting organizer here, at the Ratification Rally in the Cultural Center recently.

High light of the evening was the candidates repeating in unison the pledge of the Communist Party:

"I pledge myself to carry out the program of the Communist Party in its present campaign; to fight for the daily needs of all toilers, the special needs of the Negro people, and to fight at all times for the interest of the working class, and for a Soviet America."

The pledge was met with prolonged cheers, followed by singing of the Internationale. Pledges and donations in support of the campaign totaled \$120.

NEEDS OF PEOPLE
The candidates spoke of the issues, based upon the needs of the people in each district, that form the planks of the Communist Party platform in the present campaign—unemployment, the fight for a Farmer-Labor Party in the fight against fascism and war, racial discrimination, the cruel exploitation of racial minorities, and the declining standard of living for all workers, professionals, and middle-class persons.

The need to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act and the fight to release the men and women, now in prison under the law because they helped agricultural workers to organize, was also stressed.

Candidates pointed out that 25 per cent of the youth graduating from high school will never work at a steady job, that 800,000 drop out of school yearly because of lack of funds.

Each candidate pledged to fight for abolition of the police "red" squad.

"Haynes, the squad leader," said one candidate, "poses as a specialist in Communism to his Chamber of Commerce masters, and has put many feathers in his cap by spilling the blood of the workers."

WOMEN FIGHT 'RULES' FOR SEWING JOB
By A Worker Correspondent
NORTH HOLLYWOOD.—Dissatisfaction over restrictive rules on the WPA sewing project is rife among the women, and recently a petition was launched requesting instead of a five-minute recess every hour, one 10 and one 15 minute rest period be given during the five-hour work period, that the rule prohibiting workers from going outside the building during rest periods be rescinded, and that permission to bring a small quantity of food to the project be granted.

Within five minutes the forelady squelched this petition, although it was only circulated during rest period.

"Petitions are greatly frowned on by administrators," said the forelady, so a worker phoned the zone supervisor, who rolled

Keep Sleight-of-Hand Artists Out of Public Office

The politicians who "represent" the people of San Francisco in Congress and in the State Legislature, are real sleight-of-hand artists—in other words, real tricksters.

All registered Republican, these professional betrayers of the people are able—presto, chango!—to run as Democrats also! And they have, in the past, been so secure in the machine control of San Francisco that they get elected with the greatest of ease.

It is high time for the working men and women, and particularly the thousands of progressive trade-unionists in the city, to remember that, after all, the hand IS quicker than the eye, and that these "representatives" of the people can short-change their constituents with the quickness of lightning and without turning a hair.

Congressman Richard Welch, Congressman Florence P. Kahn, and Assemblymen Maloney, Hornblower, Williamson and Dawson represent Fleishacker and Giannini and the Waterfront Employers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce—not the people who cast the votes that put them in office. Ask them to repudiate the Liberty League—Morgan-duPont control of the Republican Party, with Hearstman Landon as candidate. Just ask them!

Only the Communist candidates in San Francisco can and will fight 365 days a year for the best interests of the working people. Only the Communist platform contains the urgent demands and needs of the working people.

Vote for working people from your own ranks—ANITA WHITNEY, for Congress in the 4th District; LAWRENCE ROSS, for Congress in the 5th District; SAM JAYE, for Assembly in the 20th District; ARCHIE BROWN, for Assembly in the 22nd District; ALEX NORAL, for Assembly in the 23rd District; PETER JAMES GARRISON, for Assembly in the 26th District.

Register Communist or change your registration to Communist before the July 1st deadline, so that you can vote for your own people in the August primaries!

Amer. Organized Labor Inspired by Great French Strikes

Hundreds of thousands in this country have been inspired by the great strike struggles recently taking place in France, Belgium and other European countries.

What is especially heartening is the obvious effect of these struggles on organized labor in the United States. It was reported at the recent Communist Party convention that the Michigan auto workers are talking a great deal about the great strike struggles in France, in which the auto workers played a leading part.

We can also see that the new forms of struggle being adopted by the American workers have been borrowed from the tactics of our trade union brothers in European countries. In the past few years the great sit-down strikes in Poland, Hungary, Rumania, etc., caught the imagination of workers throughout the world, by their dramatic features.

We see, in recent months, this form of struggle being dramatically and successfully adopted in the Akron rubber industry, in other industries, and right

here on the Coast, in a warehousemen's strike the other day.

And the French workers followed the example of Akron recently.

This form of struggle expresses the workers' insistence on their right to work, and that is why they increasingly take to remaining in the factories, in sit-down strikes. It shows too that the big strike struggles throughout the world have a common cause—to win back, with the increase of production, some of what they have lost in recent years.

It shows the increasing international-mindedness of the American working class.

It tells us that the American workers will learn from the slavery under Hitler and Mussolini fascism, will learn from the way the French People's Front has halted the onward march of fascism in that country. And the lessons they learn will be applied in the formation of a broad American People's Front—a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Significance of the Struggle for Industrial Unionism

Because its main developments so far have been further East, the sharp division within the A. F. of L. leadership around the question of industrial unionism may seem to some people as not greatly affecting the course of working class events in California. It is wrong to hold this idea.

Should they meet with success, the campaigns led by the C. I. O. to organize the hundreds of thousands of steel, rubber and auto workers would bring about a new mass influx into the A. F. of L. unions throughout the country, and here in California as well. Especially would such long-suffering workers as those in agriculture gain new heart from a successful steel organization campaign.

The industrial unionism struggle, by the way, does not merely remain within the limits of a pure trade union question. With the two sharp divisions in the ranks of the A. F. of L. leadership—reactionary, 1890 craft unionism, as against a progressive type of unionism which faces the fact that this is 1936 and the workers face powerful billion-dollar capitalist trusts—goes a whole reactionary system of policies in all fields, including the necessity to sharply face the question of whether organized labor is going to continue hitched to the most reactionary political carts.

With industrial unions there has come also a logical tendency toward a progressive political platform for organized labor. We saw William Green appearing at the Republican and Democratic conventions with fascist proposals—including one for the breaking off of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

We saw John L. Lewis and the C. I. O. forces expressing little patience with such proposals. We see the latter, while still supporting Roosevelt as an individual, flying off the handle on occasions recently with Democratic politicians like Farley; conducting a sharp struggle against the Republicans, not handing out a general endorsement of the Democratic Party, keeping friendly contact with the national Farmer-Labor Party movement, in many cases going behind local, state and Congressional Farmer-Labor tickets.

The growth of the C. I. O. is essential for organized labor, any way you look at it.

Profits and production in the giant Skoda munitions factories of Czechoslovakia have more than trebled in the past year.

A Public Defender of Jim-Crowism

By Pettis Perry

Goodyear Sub-section Organizer of the Communist Party.

For centuries the Negro masses have been subjected to the most vile discrimination in all of its forms; discrimination many times defended by all Negro misleaders, without which the white ruling class could not maintain its rule of oppression. This is particularly true of many self-styled Negro leaders when there is expression of mass unrest among the Negro people. A clear example of this was the attack upon the Negro Congress by many of the right-wing elements throughout the country, in their attempt to keep the Negro chained to the chariot wheels of American capitalism.

ON FEDERAL PROJECTS

To relate the most recent example in Los Angeles: June 21st at the 28th street Y. M. C. A., during a meeting when numerous examples of discrimination on the WPA were cited and some in the federal theater projects of Los Angeles where Negroes were systematically relegated to one section of the house. Others: On certain sewing projects, Negro women were given the most menial types of work. More flagrant than this is the example on the music project, where the alphabetical technicality is used, the ratings are: A-90, B-85, C-65.

The examiners are appointed by the administration and since it is the policy of the administration to segregate the Negro workers as much as possible, it is almost impossible for a Negro worker to rate above "C." Yet in spite of all these indictments by the victims themselves, Baron Lawson, Negro member of the Democratic County Committee, immediately after hearing these charges, tried to whitewash the administration by saying, "Perhaps the reason the Negro women were classified as 'C' was because they could not measure up to the standard of 'A' or 'B.'"

WHAT THE FACTS SHOW

He further stated that the administration did not approve of discrimination and would discharge any one proven guilty of such practices.

Mr. Lawson, do we have to remind you that "the South" is a disgrace to America for its lynchings and discrimination and that the administration is well aware of these abuses, yet has not raised even a faint whisper against them? The Labor Fact Book No. 2, published in 1934 by the Labor Research Association states: "Negroes in Florida, for example, have been refused CWA jobs which were given to whites."

"I am in direct contact with Washington," wailed Mr. Lawson, "and if any discrimination is going on, let me know and I will fight your battles." Very well, will you please find out from Washington, the nation's capitol, why they tolerated Jim-Crowism at the associated charities, where Negroes were even put in separate waiting rooms? Better still, when are they going to take action against those persons guilty of discriminatory practices toward Negro people in the Senate Cafe in which Mabel Byrd, well known social worker, was refused service?

WHAT HE SAYS—WHAT HE DOES

At the June 21st meeting of the unemployed and social insurance committee of the local council of the National Negro Congress, Mr. Lawson assures us that he is first a Negro and then a politician. But his actions proved just the opposite at the general assembly of the Negro Congress, held in the Trinity Baptist Church, W. 36th at Normandie, when he appeared for the second time as the chief defender of the federal theater project, which herds Negroes to one section of the theater. While on the floor, Lawson admitted that some of the officials of the theater project were in the house, but had nothing to say either way.

Yet, Lawson acting as prosecutor defended the administration by cross examining the complainant with such questions as: "What kind of suit did the ticket taker wear? Did he or did he not, have a moustache? Wasn't it the usher who directed you to the 'all Negro section'?" Thus Mr. Lawson attempted to place the blame on the ushers and ticket sellers.

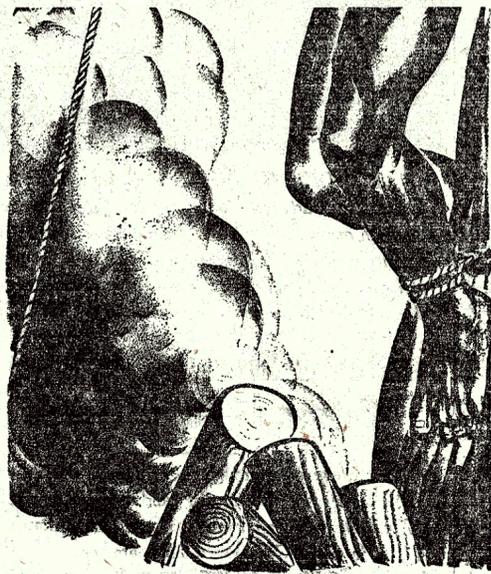
The complaint questioned the ticket agent as to why he was referred to the Jim-Crow section, whereupon the ticket taker said that it was the policy of the federal theater project and he, the complainant, would have to see the manager. Yet Mr. Lawson says the administration doesn't believe in discrimination. We wonder if Mr. Lawson ever heard of the "Black File System" of the SERA? Or does he recall the time when the CWA set up a "Jim-Crow" employment agency on Central ave. where about 6000 Negroes registered, yet only about 300 were given jobs because there was a shortage of "Negro projects."

You say the Negroes asked for this employment agency—"how generous of the administration." Did it ever occur to you that the Negro people have time after time asked for representation on the school board? For the appointment of Negro teachers in the high schools? Negro internes would only be too glad to practice medicine in the General Hospital. And many of them are rated A-1 students.

ENFORCE DISCRIMINATION

Therefore we maintain that not only the present administration, but all preceding administrations, whether Democratic or Republican, have not only tolerated dis-

Certain 'Inalienable Rights'



"... THE SOUTH is a disgrace to America for its lynchings and discrimination and the administration is well aware of these abuses, yet has not raised even a faint whisper against them."

crimination, but have actually enforced it. For the following reasons we must seriously criticize Mr. Lawson for his action:

1.—It precisely this kind of weak-kneed action that has played such a tremendous role in maintaining the rule of "Jim-Crowism" and oppression of the Negro people.

2.—Such action if tolerated, would block any progressive steps toward securing equal rights for the Negro people.

3.—It would defeat the very purpose for which the Negro Congress was organized.

4.—It would make it possible for the powers that be to continue the rule of Jim-Crowism, lynching and all other forms of oppression of the Negro people.

5.—By placing the blame of discrimination in the theater on the ticket agent and usher, who by the way are merely workers, serves as a medium of widening the gap between Negro and white workers, thus laying the foundation for Hitlerism in America.

IT'S RESULTS THAT COUNT

Whether these acts are conscious or unconscious, the results are the same. It is true, many Negro leaders pursue this course for financial or political reasons; others, because they want to console the Negroes and not create what they term bad race relationships.

In the first place, our Leninism teaches

us that, "Whoever consoles the slave instead of arousing him to revolt against slavery, aids the slaveholder." The Negro masses must learn that today we stand on the threshold of struggle for our liberation, which we should have rightfully attained over a century and a half ago.

To lay the foundation for our complete liberation, a few things are necessary.

1.—To join hands with the white workers, who are the only true allies of the Negro people.

2.—Brush aside all self-styled leaders who would sell us out.

3.—The white workers should realize that in order to attain their own freedom from oppression, they must join hands in a common bond of unity with the Negro people.

FOR BLACK AND WHITE UNITY

For example: The white workers should follow in the footsteps of the Cleveland Central trades and labor council, which accepted a proposal of the local council of the National Negro Congress, for the organization into the trade unions, Negro laborers and craftsmen.

The Negro Congress should go forward in a real fight against every vestige of Jim-Crowism, because it is the basis for the solution to the problems of the Negro people.

STRUGGLE FOR TRADE UNION UNITY IN INDIA AMALGAMATES TWO BIG GROUPS

BOMBAY, India.—(By mail.)—With the reaching of an amalgamation agreement between the Red and National (reformist) Trade Union Congresses in April, 1935, on the basis of class struggle, the first stage in the struggle for trade union unity in India was ended. The agreement was followed by the amalgamation of a number of parallel Red and National unions existing in some centers and industries.

The amalgamation has encouraged the workers' struggle for their immediate demands and against the continual and ever intensifying attacks upon their living standards. Strikes in various industries are breaking out continually, ever new strata of workers being drawn in. Increased activity is shown by the textile workers who are recovering after the defeat of the general strike in 1934 and gathering strength for a joint struggle to gain back the 50 per cent wage cut put through during the crisis.

COMPLETES FIRST STEP

A new wave of mass dismissals of the railway workers has called forth discontent among this largest section of the Indian proletariat. The printing workers have set up their own national industrial organization, connected with the Amalgamated Trade Union Congress, and are preparing for an active struggle for their demands.

The amalgamation of the two congresses has but completed the first step in achieving trade union unity. The All-India Trade Union Federation, headed by right-reformist forces and comprising about 140,000 members continues its existence as a parallel center apart from the Amalgamated Congress. This federation is affiliated to the International Federation of Trade Unions. The negotiations with the leadership of the federation on the question of amalgamation, started on the initiative of the Amalgamated Congress, have not yet been successful. So far, a Joint Labor Board was set up for coordination of joint action to be taken by both organizations on various questions.

SPLITTING TACTICS

The "sincerity" of the desire of some leaders of the Federation for trade union unity may be judged by the fact that while leading negotiations with the Congress on the question of amalgamation, they set up a parallel union on the G. I. P. Railway, thus splitting the forces of the workers at a time of a new offensive launched by the Railway administration.

However, the masses are determined to unite, and the unions connected with the Federation are more and more emphatically coming out for unity. This determination will, in the final analysis, be the deciding force in the struggle for complete trade union unity.

KAILAN MINERS AGAIN ON STRIKE

TIENSIN, China, June 5.—The Kailan mines in Tangshan are again the scene of militant struggle between miners and the police. Following a clash between striking miners and police, during which more than 10 miners were wounded, the company discharged 20 strike leaders. The miners retaliated by adding to their original demands a demand for the re-employment of the 20 dismissed workers. Both sides are standing firm and the situation is extremely tense.

The present strike was called about 10 days ago. It was only in March of this year that these same miners struck for an increase in wages.—Shun Pao, June 6.

The reported rise in steel production this past week—from 70.2 per cent the previous week to 74 per cent of capacity, has been accompanied by no increase of employment in the industry. Because this is the situation in all major industries, it is estimated that at least 10,000,000 workers will be left permanently unemployed.

Utilities Head Happy At Landon's Election

WAS 'RIGHT' MAN FOR KANSAS

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—When Alfred M. Landon was elected governor of Kansas in 1932 the Cities Service group, powerful public utilities corporation of 60 Wall st., New York City, leaped for joy.

This is reported in a study by the Federal Trade Commission of the publicity and propaganda activities by utilities groups, just published in book form. The study was made pursuant to a Senate resolution passed in 1928 and submitted to the Senate on November 14, 1935. It is now in bound form and made public by the Federal Trade Commission.

The unmasking of Landon as a servant of the Cities Service group is regarded with interest because, according to Ferdinand Lundberg, author of a book on William Randolph Hearst, the Cities Service group is one close to Hearst financial interests. The connection with Landon casts doubt upon the contention of Landon forces that Hearst support is a recent occurrence and is unwanted.

The pertinent excerpt from the Federal Trade Commission's report reads, "When Governor Woodring was beaten (in 1932 by Alf M. Landon) correspondence in the files of the Doherty companies (the Cities Service group) indicated their gratification over the result. Earl W. Hodges, public relations man for the Doherty interests wrote from his New York headquarters to W. R. Phipps, of the Wichita Gas Co., Kansas, under date of November 10, 1932, 'Information has just reached me by final wire that a certain very important matter has been definitely settled in Kansas. I refer to the election of a new governor. Not for publication but to you personally I extend hearty congratulations for your sensible and level headed work that has helped make this result possible!'

Hodges also wrote Ben C. Adams of the Gas Service Co., Kansas City, congratulating him on the election of Landon. In part the letter reads, "Chairman Jim Farley did a marvelous piece of work in handling very successfully our recent national political campaign but your work as directing head of a business and public service campaign for the past two years, in my opinion, makes Farley's accomplishment appear insignificant. Recent years in your states, and especially in Kansas impel me to write this letter."

LANDON NEEDS NEW EXCUSE TO REFUSE AID TO UNEMPLOYED

TOPEKA, Kans.—(FP)—President-aspirant Alf M. Landon is on the spot! His two pet excuses for refusing relief to the unemployed have gone up the flue. He will have to find a new line of sweet talk for the man-sized delegation being mobilized by the Kansas Allied Workers from all parts of the state to confront the jayhawk governor and the special legislative session with the needs of the jobless.

Hitherto the Hearst candidate has told delegations of the unemployed either 1) that the state constitution does not allow for state action on the relief question, or 2) that he could not act until the national convention of his party had formulated a relief program. With the legislature meeting July 7, Landon will have his chance to propose any needed constitutional amendments, and he can no longer claim his party has not had its chance to formulate a relief program.

Already Landon has begun to hedge, however, and the session has been designated as one which will deal with the social security act. The governor would like to get some federal funds for old age pensions and then quickly adjourn. Whereupon he could continue "balancing the budget," as he has done in the past, by passing the relief buck to the tender mercies of bankrupt towns and counties. Nor does Landon have any desire to provide employment by releasing the \$18,000,000 highway fund, a this very moment gathering dust in the state coffers.

The Kansas Allied Workers, affiliated with the Workers' Alliance of America, will put in its appearance. "We will demand of Gov. Landon and the legislature that they make the session fulfill a real purpose—the enactment of a program that will provide adequate old age pensions and adequate relief in the state," says State Organizer John Hester.

The real need of a Farmer-Labor Party is seen by the fact that the young Farmer-Labor Party in South Dakota that is starting a fight for relief to the drought-stricken farmers in the midwest, while the WPA national authorities announce that they will conduct an "investigation" into the need for relief.

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Maxim Litvinov and Leon Blum Urge Strengthening of Collective Security

Hapsburg Restoration In Austria May Kindle War

NEXT STEP IN PLANS OF THE FASCISTS

By PIERRE VAN PAASEN
Federated Press.

PARIS.—(FP)—Mussolini is mobilizing troops on all his frontiers. All public school building and large public edifices are being vacated in the border districts of Italy to make room for soldiers. Officially this is explained with the statement that room must be found for the home-coming army of Ethiopia. But that army has not even started back for Europe, nor is its task finished, while measures are being taken to keep the Italian soldiers in Ethiopia as settlers.

Europe's foreign offices nervously await news of a coup d'etat in Austria. Most likely an attempt will be made to restore the Hapsburg dynasty. Signor Mussolini is taking measures to counteract any hostile demonstration, which the return of the Hapsburgs may evoke on the part of Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

JUGOSLAVIA OPPOSED

The government of Yugoslavia announced not long ago that it remains unalterably opposed to a restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy in Austria and that the return of Archduke Otto to the throne of his fathers would mean a prompt invasion of Austria by the Yugoslav army. The Yugoslav army, it might be said in passing, is the fourth strongest in Europe, coming after the U. S. S. R., Germany and France. The Italian army has better equipment but is far inferior to the Yugoslav in fighting qualities.

At the beginning of May, I learn, a secret circular was sent by Chancellor Schusningg to all Austrian ambassadors instructing them to inquire of the governments to whom they are accredited what their attitude is at present to a restoration of the Austrian monarchy. The ambassadors were informed for their own guidance that no attempt would be made to bring Archduke Otto back until the end of the Ethiopian campaign—in other words, not before Mussolini should have his hands free to act in support of the move.

BERLIN NOT OPPOSED

The motive for the restoration of the Hapsburgs is as follows so far as Chancellor Schusningg is concerned: The growth of the Nazi movement for a union with the Hitler Reich is getting beyond his powers. The only way to save Austria from being gobbled up by Berlin is to restore the empire and have the people rally around Archduke Otto as a symbol of national unity. Berlin is not opposed to the restoration, and this represents an entirely new attitude on the part of the Nazi chiefs. Berlin would regard the restoration of the Hapsburgs as a distinct blow to England and especially to France, for it would, if successfully carried through, be a constant menace to France's allies: Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania. Moreover, Berlin hopes to come to an agreement with the Hapsburgs by concluding a close military and economic alliance and make Austria a virtual vassal state, supplying it with the necessary war equipment and so separating Yugoslavia definitely from Czechoslovakia.

VATICAN INTERESTED

Once that is done, Germany expects to deal with Prague alone. The newspaper Ere Nouvelle in Paris, which is generally well-informed on the Italo-Austrian situation, states that the plan of the Hapsburg restoration was suggested by Cardinal Pacelli, papal secretary of state. Austria and the Hapsburgs, as is well known, are Vatican proteges, and in view of what is happening to the Catholic church in Germany, it is not strange that the Vatican should like to see Austria out of danger of becoming a province of Hitler's Germany. If war breaks out, the Catholic province of Yugoslavia, known as Slovenia, may be detached and become nominally an independent state under Italian suzerainty.

Mussolini's own calculations go further ahead. If the Hapsburgs can be restored without war, he favors union of Austria and Hungary. The restored Austro-Hungarian Empire, an ally of Italy, would bring unbearable pressure to bear on Yugoslavia, of whose territory both the Duce and the would-be Austrian emperor covet chunks, leaving Belgrade nothing but the old kingdom of Serbia. Bulgaria, already Mussolini's ally, also has claims on Yugoslav territory. Great issues are at stake.

France, with Leon Blum at the head of the government, is not expected to be in any hurry to intervene in a Central European squabble, although Yugoslavia would make a demand for assistance and would mobilize herself. Chancellor Schusningg went to Rome early in June to discuss the plan with Mussolini. Archduke Otto and his mother, the Empress Zita, are staying in a country villa near Florence. Yugoslav divisions were reported to have been ordered out for maneuvers on the Albanian borders.

MONTREAL, Can.—(FP)—Of the total number of persons available for gainful occupation in Canada, April 1, about 26 per cent, or 700,000, were totally unemployed.

Men and Women of the French Socialist-Radical Cabinet



These are the men and women who comprise the Blum Cabinet which is introducing reforms unprecedented in the nation. They refused to allow police or military to be used against labor in the great strike wave. They have doubled the pay of soldiers and introduced democracy into the army. They have put through legislation for higher pay, shorter hours and paid vacations for labor. These and scores of other progressive steps have been taken. But unless they take immediate and effective action to quell the rising threat of Fascism, a bitter and bloody struggle will face the workers in the future. Every day the Fascists are permitted to run loose increases the danger and makes the eventual task of suppression that much more difficult. Premier Blum stands in the front row at the extreme right.

Eye-Witness Account of Greece Strike Struggles

SOLDIERS REFUSE TO SHOOT WORKERS

By EDWARD HASKELL
Federated Press.

(The following article describes an aspect of the present situation in the Balkans, by an American who lived there many years.)

SALONIKA, Greece.—(FP)—Prisons, hospitals, morgues, graveyards, rivers and the sea contain indefinite numbers of Salonika tobacco strikers, but waves of strikes continue to sweep over Greece in the face of increased reaction, mass dismissals and lock-outs and the shutting of factories.

As a representative of the International Committee for Political Prisoners, I was an eyewitness to the bloody events which took place in the police repression of the great Salonika tobacco strike.

SEVERE CASUALTIES

The men and women walked out in Greece's great tobacco industry, as employers went back on promises of higher wages which had followed a previous strike settlement. In the early days of the strike, before the movement had reached its full power and the police had been driven back, terror was intense. Official statistics name 300 as the number of wounded and 20 killed.

A woman, however, found the body of her husband in the river; the keeper of the Greek graveyard says that police buried several bodies there; and the official figures are apparently incomplete. I saw 68 men tried within two hours. A professional stool pigeon was witness against all of them. By this time the strike was gaining momentum. All but eight were released, and these received light sentences.

MILITARY REVOLTS

But Sgt. Alexander Kalaitides, an officer of the regular army, is in serious danger as he faces a military court. He was one of many soldiers who were ordered out against the strikers. But not a single wounded striker was the victim of a soldier's rifle. The saga of Sgt. Kalaitides has already endeared itself to the Greek people.

Kalaitides' fiancée is the fair Helen Trianaphilon, worker in the A. B. A. S. macaroni factory. When the police used rifle and machine gun fire to scatter a crowd which included strike sympathizers, Helen took refuge in the home of her betrothed's mother. Police followed her into the house and were beating her, when Kalaitides appeared on the scene, knocked the police sergeant downstairs and sent three of his men tumbling after.

GIRL MURDERED

Helen was saved, but a tragic fate overcame Riketa Alkunis, 25-year-old girl about to depart to Buenos Aires to marry her fiancé. She was fatally shot down on the street by police fire. I visited her in the hospital before her death and in the name of our delegation presented her with a bouquet of red roses—"to Riketa Alkunis from the workers of America and Canada." She tried very hard to smile her appreciation.

The strike wave continues, as this is written, and the outcome hangs in the balance. The Greek workers are putting up a courageous battle which augurs well. When Salonika police, by last-minute decree, prohibited a trade union congress at which 55 organizations and 20,000 workers were to be represented, a 24-hour general strike was called.

COMMUNISM IS THE AMERICANISM OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

COMING EVENTS

Readers of this International Page of the Western Worker can feel realize the importance of accurate information on world affairs reaching the American people at this time. Events of tremendous import are shaping which will intimately involve every living person on earth. Every man, woman and child alive today will play some part in what is the most crucial and dramatic period of history.

What part they play, how they will act in a crisis, will depend to a large extent on how well they understand the events taking place around them.

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ABORTION CLINICS; MATERNITY HOMES

MOSCOW.—Under the new law abolishing abortions except to save the life of the mother or in cases of hereditary illness, thousands of abortion clinics in the Soviet Union are now being transformed into maternity homes.

Retrospective bonuses were established for large families, and 2,174,100,000 roubles were provided for more hospitals, maternity homes, baby centers and large family bonuses.

Cost of divorces was raised, and divorces in which only one party appears were prohibited. Alimony for support of children is compulsory. Divorces, formerly costing three roubles, now cost 50 for the first divorce, 150 for the second and 300 for the third and subsequent ones.

Swift About Face Turns Bayonets Into Bouquets

MUSSOLINI RIDES THE BRITISH LION

ROME, Italy.—Swift changes, noticeable in both Africa and Rome, indicate that Italy and Britain have concluded agreements and that one of the prices Britain paid for amity was the lifting of sanctions. Only a few weeks ago, three Italian forces were mobilized in Ethiopia and preparing for invasion of British areas the moment the signal was received from Rome.

Italian troops at Noghelli were ready to enter Kenya. Another legion at Jijiga was ready to march into British Somaliland. Other forces in the neighborhood of Gondor were preparing to enter the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Meanwhile, forces were concentrated in Libya to march on Egypt.

In Rome, the Italian press was inciting bitter hatred against the British.

On a moment's notice, the whole situation changed.

Great Britain began agitating for removal of sanctions.

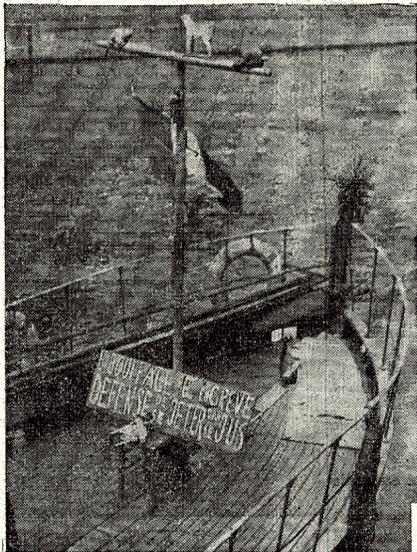
The Rome press began to throw bouquets at the British.

African legions returned their bayonets to scabbards, stacked their rifles and began playing cards.

No one doubts Mussolini's intention of marching to further conquests in the very near future. It is believed, however, that his end of the bargain was to agree not to march onto Britain's petticoats.

HAVANA, Cuba.—(FP)—Non-interference with legal functions of labor organizations, amnesty for political and social prisoners, enforcement of labor legislation, and repeal of undemocratic anti-strike laws passed during the recent reactionary period are demanded by the Cuban National Labor Confederation in a letter to Pres. Gomez.

"Sandwich Men" and Life Guards In the Great French Strike



The great French strike campaign which resulted in one of the biggest victories in labor history swept into every remote corner of society. (Left) Crew of a life-boat on the Seine left this sign warning would-be suicides to wait until the strike was over before jumping into the river. The sign reads: "The crew is on strike; it is forbidden to jump into the juice." (Right) "Strike on the job" was the technique the workers used. Thus the "sandwich men" of the Paris boulevards sat down at the dispatching office until their demands were met. Here they are sleeping with their advertising posters for blankets.



FASCISTS SEEKING TO WRECK LEAGUE; FRANCE AND SOVIETS TRY TO SAVE IT

Blum and Litvinov Point To Germany As Future Aggressive Power

GENEVA, Switzerland.—The voices of Maxim Litvinov, Soviet delegate to the League, and Premier Blum of France stripped the veil of diplomatic language from the present League session and spoke out sharply for drastic strengthening of the League and pointed to Nazi Germany as a nation deliberately and brazenly preparing for war.

Litvinov frankly admitted his failure of sanctions to halt Italian aggression.

"It may be said," he stated, "that the Latin American countries, with few exceptions, have not applied in practice the more effective sanctions at all.

MILITARY SANCTIONS

"It may be possible to conceive rare individual cases where aggression may be stopped by economic sanctions alone. But I recognize that in the majority of cases, economic sanctions must parallel military sanctions.

"In the ideal League of Nations, military sanctions well ought to be binding on all, but if we cannot rise to such heights of international solidarity, we ought to assure that every continent, and Europe as a beginning, should be covered by a network of regional pacts."

GERMANY ACCUSED

He named Germany as a dangerous prospective aggressor who will try to profit by the failure against Fascist Italy.

Leon Blum, though without naming Germany specifically, pointed her out by inescapable inference.

"Our desires for peace," he said, "does not mean that we will remain silent before force or recognize victories obtained by force."

He voiced a plea similar to Litvinov's, urging practical fortification of League covenants.

15,000,000 KIDS OFF ON VACATION

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Trains, buses and all transportation facilities are packed to capacity with the youth of the Soviets as 15,000,000 young people between six and 20 years old begin their annual exodus to summer homes and camps. New children's camps and rest homes have been opened by the hundreds and this year bids fair to be the brightest ever experienced in the Soviets.

SOVIET CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN IN A DAY

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—The Soviet Union is preparing to take an entire census of its approximately 170,000,000 population in the span of one day, starting at 8 a. m., January 6th, 1937, and finishing at midnight.

1,300,000 persons will be involved in the technical work of the project. Over 1000 tons of paper will be required to print the question blanks alone.

Signifying the complete dissolution of class barriers, the question of class origin will be excluded from the census blanks for the first time.

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Czecho-Slovakian Writer Blows Brains Out in League Gallery

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Ethiopia, whose membership in the League of Nations was supposed to guarantee her security against marauding powers, lies temporarily crushed beneath the military heel of Italy. Haile Selassie, the vanquished Emperor, appeared before the League session and denounced his betrayers.

Diplomats of all nations applauded after listening to a bitter account of their own guilt. Then they proceeded to take steps to bar further appearance of Selassie before the League, and to capitulate to the demands of Italian and German fascism.

TOO MUCH FOR HIM

It was all too much for Stefan Lux, Czechoslovakian journalist and photographer. He blew his brains out in the balcony.

Alarmed by the shot, League delegates left to their feet. Negotiations for white-washing the Italian invasion suffered a momentary delay.

"It is the last blow; this is the death of the League of Nations," sobbed the dying journalist as they carried him out.

League delegates re-assumed their chairs and proceeded with business.

LETTERS IN POCKET

Lux left numerous letters to rulers and League dignitaries, the contents of which have not been revealed.

Further wreckage of the League is threatened by Nazi Germany as she presses demands for joining Danzig to Germany.

Another ghost that haunts the assemblage is the threat to re-instate the Hapsburg Monarchy to the Austrian throne.

The Soviet Union and France are struggling for preservation of the League and strengthening its position as an agency of collective security. Fascist nations, from the outside, and Britain from the inside, are maneuvering for revisions which would render the body a "league without teeth."

WHO WANTS WRECKAGE?

Wreckage or emasculation of the League is a necessary step in plans of fascist powers for a war of conquest aimed against the smaller European nations, Asia Minor, and the Soviet Union.

Weakening of League prestige is important to American Wall Street millionaires in order to remove the League as a competitor to their domination in Latin American affairs.

NANKING SPOKESMAN SEES REVOLUTION IN CHINA AS IMMINENT

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Grave consequences in Far East affairs are evolving as a result of the present state of civil war in China. Dr. Chen Han-Seng, correspondent of the Nanking Government Research Institute, says. He visited New York enroute to Europe.

The fighting between Canton and Nanking rulers is more than a civil war, according to Dr. Chen, because of the Japanese invasion which has aroused a nation-wide anti-Japanese sentiment.

"Chiang Kai-shek, the real chief of the Nanking government, has always played a conciliatory role with the imperialists, particularly with the Japanese," Dr. Chen said. "More than once he has stood by and not opposed Japan's progressive moves to subjugate China. As a result of such a policy, the people in China are seeking an opportunity to express their anti-Japanese feelings through whatever channel they can find. When the civil war is fought as it is now on the issue of China's foreign policy, Nanking finds it extremely difficult to maintain her prestige."

Japan is using diplomatic and military pressure to force the recognition of Manchukuo and the so-called autonomous North China.

Asked the role of the Chinese Communists and the Chinese Red Army in this civil war, Dr. Chen said that they have already announced to Nanking their readiness to join with all anti-Japanese forces in China, and their willingness to cooperate with Chiang Kai-shek when the latter has demonstrated his determination to fight the Japanese invasion.

SEAMEN AND DOCKERS CONTINUE STRIKE

BOMBAY, India, May 27.—The 2,000 seamen and dockers, who have been on strike against the Amalgamated Steamship Owners of India, are continuing to put up a bitter struggle. A number of arrests have been made. Dockers at present earn about 15 shillings per month, and seamen about 7 shillings.

In 1933 the workers of the Amalgamated Steamship Owners of India organized a union. This organization was suppressed by the Indian government but has been carried on illegally. Undoubtedly it is the illegal union which is leading the strike.

Late reports indicate that masses of police and military from all parts of the country are being rushed to the strike area to break the strike.

Four Encouraging Facts Are Noted in San Diego

PROGRESSIVE FORCES GAINING STRENGTH

By Crawford Durl.
SAN DIEGO.—Four things have taken place or are developing in this county that have given new hope to liberals, progressives, and radicals.

In the first place the labor situation is shaping up here in such a way that it appears the militant progressives, already in the vast majority, will soon be in control again.

When Joseph M. Casey, the maundering young American Federation of Labor organizer, came here at the behest of Stanley Gue and Ed Dowell and disrupted the Federated Trades and Labor Council, William Green, A. F. of L. president, gave Casey his full support.

That Green is wavering, is indicated in letters he has written to local citizens, some of whom are not even identified with organized labor.

Green is asking bluntly what people here think of Casey and he is being told just as bluntly that they think Casey is an ignorant, quarrelsome stooge, nationally for Green and locally for Gue and Dowell, both of whom are discredited and will possibly be ousted from the labor movement in a few weeks.

SOLID RANKS
Because of a personal matter involving a former officer, a tentative split occurred in the ranks of the Progressives. But it was due mostly to a misunderstanding and the situation has been ironed out. The handful of reactionaries made much of this for a time.

Under the leadership of John Lydiak, chairman of the building trades group, all the unions, excepting three or four, are signing a protest to Green and hope thereby to convince him that, barring a few rats and politicians, the labor movement here is united behind progressive leadership.

The second heartening development is the United Front movement. Various progressive groups have agreed to work together for such things as repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, election of liberals and progressives to office, in the fall elections and in the school election next spring. The movement also is designed to aid formation of a Farmer-Labor Party.

AGAINST VIGILANTISM
The third progressive development is the assurance of officials, including the sheriff, that no violence will be incited against agricultural workers and no vigilantism permitted.

A branch of the Associated Farmers of America has been formed here to prevent organization of field workers, and includes several notorious red-baiters who have been associated with the League Against Communism and "patrioteering" outfits.

The fourth encouraging fact is the movement to resurrect the Friends of the Soviet Union to promote the study of the Soviet democracy.

There was a time when students of government were enabled to learn about Russia, a country with which we are at peace, but, the police red squad harassed the workers until they were forced to abandon their meetings and later even the hall in which they met.

LESS POLICE TERROR
Because they fear the strength of local liberals, the police have been less active in persecuting workers lately.

So many of the leading red-baiters have turned out to be cheap political chiselers or shysters of one kind or another that they have not operated extensively for nearly a year. Several have been arrested on various charges and one has served time in the road camp for fraud. Another is a "rubber" check artist who escaped by the skin of his teeth.

DEMAND RE-EMPLOYMENT OF UNION LEADERS

WUSHI China, June 6.—Protesting against the dismissal of their fellow workers who have been active in the organization of their union, workers of the 17 foundries here went on strike again this morning.

The previous strike, which took place last month, was against an increase in working hours from 12 to 15 with no increase in pay.—Shun Pao, June 7.

STEAL LUMBER TO TRADE FOR FOOD

AOMORI, Japan.—More than 160 villagers of Wakimoto village have organized for the purpose of stealing trees for lumber from the government-owned forest in Kita Tsugaru county. They have resorted to this due to extreme poverty, since all lacked rice for household use. The local forest control station authorities are unwilling to take action against the villagers.

The Communist Party has set a goal in the Western Worker circulation drive which calls for doubling the number of readers before the end of 1936. Is your unit conducting house-to-house work, selling at street corners and workers' meetings to build the circulation?

The death rate in the Soviet Union has decreased 50 per cent as compared with that of Czarist times. The population is increasing at a rate of 3,000,000 per year, which surpasses growth in both Europe and North America.

Complete Draft of the New Soviet Constitution; Greatest Freedom, Security, Democracy on Earth

The new Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, granting the highest degree of democracy, security and human rights ever enjoyed on earth, was submitted to the public for five months of discussion. It will be studied throughout every branch of Soviet life before it is handed, with all suggested amendments, to the All Union Congress of Soviets for adoption on Nov. 25.

Last issue we published Chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13. We published these first, since they were of the greatest interest to readers. They established the universal, direct, secret ballot and proclaimed employment, education, health, security, and leisure as inalienable rights of the individual.

Herewith we are publishing Chapters 1 and 2, dealing with social and state organization. The balance of the 13 chapters will be published in succeeding issues.

CHAPTER I. SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

Article 1: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a socialist state of workers and peasants.

Article 2: The political foundation of the U. S. S. R. is formed by the soviets of toilers' deputies which have grown and become strong as a result of the overthrow of the power of the landlords and capitalists and the conquests of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Article 3: All power in the U. S. S. R. belongs to the toilers of the town and village in the form of soviets of toilers' deputies.

SOCIALIST OWNERSHIP

Article 4: The economic foundation of the U. S. S. R. consists in the Socialist ownership of the implements and means of production, firmly established as a result of the liquidation of the capitalist system of economy, the abolition of private ownership of the instruments and means of production, and the abolition of exploitation of man by man.

Article 5: Socialist ownership in the U. S. S. R. has either the form of State ownership (public property) or the form of cooperative and collective farm ownership (property of individual collective farms, property of cooperative associations).

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Article 6: The land, its deposits, waters, forests, mills, factories, mines, railway, water and air transportation, large agricultural enterprises organized by the State (State farms, machine and tractor stations, and so on), as well as the essential part of housing in the cities and industrial centers, is State property, that is, public property.

Article 7: Public enterprises in collective farms and cooperative organizations, with their livestock and implements, products produced by the collective farms and cooperative organizations, as well as their public buildings, constitute the public, socialist property of the collective farms and cooperative organizations.

Each collective farm household has for its own use a plot of land attached to the household and, as individual property, subsidiary establishments on the land attached to the household, a house, productive livestock and poultry, and minor agricultural implements—in accordance with the statutes of the agricultural ariel.

LAND HELD FOREVER

Article 8: The land occupied by collective farms is secured to them for use without time limit, that is, in perpetuity.

Article 9: Alongside the socialist system of economy, which is the dominant form of economy in the U. S. S. R. the law allows small private economy of individual peasants and handicraftsmen based on individual labor and excluding the exploitation of the labor of others.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Article 10: The personal ownership by citizens of their income from work and savings, home and auxiliary household economy, of objects of domestic and household economy as well as objects of personal use and comfort are protected by law.

Article 11: The economic life of the U. S. S. R. is determined and directed by the national economic State plan for the purposes of increasing public wealth, of a steady rise in the material and cultural level of the toilers, of strengthening the independence of the U. S. S. R. and its defense capacity.

SOCIAL OBLIGATION

Article 12: Work in the U. S. S. R. is the obligation of each citizen capable of working, according to the principle: "He who does not work shall not eat." In the U. S. S. R. the principle of socialism is being realized: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his work."

CHAPTER II. STATE ORGANIZATION

Article 13: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a federal State, formed on the basis of the voluntary association of the Soviet Socialist Republics with equal rights: Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic.

Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. White Russian Soviet Socialist Republic. Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic. Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic. Turkmenian Soviet Socialist Republic. Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic. Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic. Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic. Kirghiz Soviet Socialist Republic.

JURISDICTION

Article 14: The jurisdiction of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as represented by its supreme organs of power and organs of State administration, extends to:

- (a) representation of the Union in international relations, conclusion and ratification of treaties with other States;
- (b) questions of war and peace;
- (c) admission of new republics into the U. S. S. R.;
- (d) control of the observance of the Constitution of the U. S. S. R. and insuring conformity of the constitutions of the Union republics with the Constitution of the U. S. S. R.;
- (e) approval of alterations of boundaries between Union republics;
- (f) organization of the defense of the U. S. S. R. and the direction of all the armed forces of the U. S. S. R.;
- (g) foreign trade on the basis of the State monopoly;
- (h) protection of State security;
- (i) establishment of the national economic plans of the U. S. S. R.;
- (j) approval of the unified State budget of the U. S. S. R. as well as the taxes and revenues entering into the U. S. S. R., Union-republic and local budgets;

TRADING ENTERPRISES CONTROLLED

- (k) administration of banks, industrial and agricultural establishments as well as trading enterprises of all-Union importance;
- (l) administration of transport and means

Lived to See—



N. K. KRUPSKAYA, widow of Lenin. She lived to see her husband's dream realized. Since Lenin's death, she has played a vigorous part in developing educational facilities in the U. S. S. R.

Article 15: The sovereignty of the Union republics is restricted only within the limits set forth in Article 14 of the Constitution of the U. S. S. R. Outside of these limits, each Union republic exercises independently its State power. The U. S. S. R. protects the sovereign rights of the Union republics.

Article 16: Every Union republic has its own constitution, which takes into account the specific features of the republic and is drawn up in full conformity with the Constitution of the U. S. S. R.

REPUBLICS FREE TO SECEDE

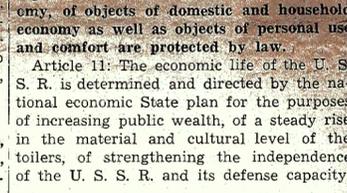
Article 17: Each Union republic retains its right freely to secede from the U. S. S. R.

Article 18: The territory of the Union republics may not be changed without their consent.

Article 19: The laws of the U. S. S. R. have the same force in the territories of all Union republics.

Article 20: In the event of a law of a

Delayed War



MAXIM LITVINOV, Soviet delegate to the League of Nations. His firm stand for collective security has been one of the major factors in preventing war. Today he is in the forefront of the fight to prevent destruction of the League by fascist powers.

CITIZENSHIP

Article 21: A single Union citizenship is established for all citizens of the U. S. S. R. Every citizen of a Union republic is a citizen of the U. S. S. R.

Article 22: The Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic consists of the following Territories: Azov-Black Sea, Far West, West Siberia, Krasnoyarsk, North Caucasus. Provinces: Voronizh, East Siberia, Gorky, Western, Ivanovo, Kalinin, Kirov, Kuibyshev, Kursk, Leningrad, Moscow, Omsk, Orenburg, Saratov, Sverdlovsk, Northern, Stalingrad, Cheryabinsk, Yaroslavl. Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics: Tatar, Bashkir, Daghستان, Buryat-Mongolia, Kabardino-Balkaria, Kalmuck, Karelia, Komi, Crimea, Marii, Mordva, Volga German, North Osetia, Udmurt, Chechen-Ingush, Chuvash, Yagut.

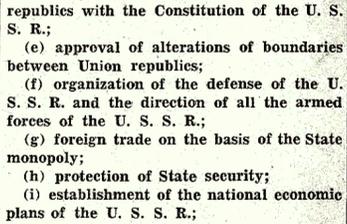
SHIPS OFFICERS DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

KOBE, Japan, June 8.—The Seamen's Association, organization of ships' officers, is following the example of both the old and the New Seamen's Unions, by taking steps to improve the conditions of its members.

At an executive meeting on June 5 it was decided to demand a regular system of periodic pay raises, raising of the standard pay for operators, etc. Following approval of the decision by the board of advisors, the demands were presented to the Kaiji Kyodokai (Joint Council of Shipowners and Seamen).

*Has your union joined the campaign against the Criminal Syndicalism Law?

Five Months Public Discussion Period



For five months the people in every corner of the Soviets will discuss the new constitution and suggest amendments before it is handed to the All Union Congress of Soviets for adoption. Even these hunters and trappers in a far corner of Siberia must study the new Constitution in their discussion groups (as pictured above) and voice their opinion before it becomes law.

Pointed the Way



V. I. LENIN, whose leadership guided the Revolution through its most difficult days and whose pen charted the course which led to the victory of Socialism. He is seen above talking to workers in the Red Square.

Autonomous Provinces: Adygei, Jewish Karachayev, Oiroi, Khakass, Cherkess.

THE UKRAINE

Article 23: The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic consists of the following provinces: Vinnitsa, Dniepropetrovsk, Donets, Kiev, Odessa, Kharkov, Chernigov and the Moldavian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic.

Article 24: The Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic includes the Nakhichevan Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic and the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Province.

Article 25: The Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic includes the Abkhazian A. S. S. R., Ajarian A. S. S. R., South Osetian Autonomous Province.

UZBEK SOVIET

Article 26: The Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic includes the Kara-Kalpak A. S. S. R.

Article 27: The Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic includes the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Province.

Article 28: The Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic consists of the following provinces: Aktyubinsk, Alma-Ata, East Kazakhstan, West Kazakhstan, Karaganda, South Kazakhstan.

Article 29: The Armenian S. S. R., White Russian S. S. R., Turkmenian S. S. R. and Kirghiz S. S. R. do not include any autonomous republics or territories and provinces.

SOVIET AIR PICTURE NOW SHOWING IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, July 6. — "Men On Wings," the dynamic new Soviet air drama, opened its Western premiere engagement at the Grand International Theatre, 730 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, July 3rd.

The production is the first feature length motion picture concerned with aviation in the Soviet Union to be shown here, but not on this account alone is the production an important one.

Some of the finest aerial shots ever seen in motion pictures are to be found in this new production which is destined, film observers declare to be one of the most widely discussed of the new Soviet films, revealing as it does, Soviet Russia's preparedness in the air and the excellent method by a large reserve force of flyers is built up.

The Russian dialogue is fully translated by English titles.

COMMUNISM IS THE AMERICANISM OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

'Read All of It and Do Not Skip a Word of It'

THE WORKERS LISTEN TO THE NEW LAW

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—The newspaper Pravda, reporting on how the workers of the Soviet Union received the draft of the new Constitution, relates scenes from every corner of the country, in plants, mines, collective farms and homes. The draft was issued on June 11th. Here is what took place that morning in the Moscow "Hammer and Sickle" steel plant.

Exactly at 8 o'clock in the morning, after the night shift, a meeting opened in the wire shop. In tense silence, Comrade Broom, the secretary of the shop Party Committee, shortly characterized the essence of the new Constitution and started to read the main points of the draft.

EVERY LINE—EVERY WORD

"Read it all, do not leave anything out!" cried the workers. "Read it line by line!"

The reading of the draft took over an hour. Those attending the meeting had worked the whole night. But not a single person moved from his place or left the meeting.

Then discussion of the draft started. The first to speak was a worker named Tsvetel. He spoke of the creative joy of free labour, of the wonderful outlook opening up for everyone who had read the draft.

REAL HUMAN RIGHTS

He was followed by an old foreman named Gerasimov. The Constitution gives all toilers the right to work, to leisure, to education, Comrade Gerasimov remembered how a quarter of a century ago he vainly tried to study. All doors were closed to him. In answer to his request to be taken into school, he only met with mockery.

The workers of the "Hammer and Sickle" plant have only held a preliminary discussion of the draft. Today the propagandists and agitators of the plant will arrange readings of the draft in all the brigades. Special lessons will be held in the schools and circles.

INHUMAN CONDITIONS OF JAPAN CHILDREN

MITO, Japan, June 5.—Police from the Tsuchiura station in Ibaragi prefecture paid a surprise visit to the tabi (stocking) factory owned and operated by Ichinosuke Shibamura where they rescued 23 juvenile workers from the inhuman conditions under which they were working.

It was found that not only had the owner made a false report regarding the number of his employees, but he had completely disregarded regulations concerning working hours. These young workers had been forced to work from early in the morning until after midnight.

The action of the police was due to this having been an extreme case. Many instances of such exploitation are constantly occurring, without any interference by the police, who are supposed to act on violations of the Factory Act.

TERRIBLE CONDITION OF SHANGHAI LABOR

SHANGHAI, China (By Mail)—Recent investigations by a committee of missionaries have shown that working conditions in Shanghai factories are appalling. In the cotton mills lint fills the air, in the rubber factories the girls breathe gasoline fumes all day, while the silk filatures children stand for twelve hours removing cocoons from hot water with their bare hands, their eyes becoming inflamed from the constantly rising steam.

The living conditions of these workers are equally bad. They live in lofts over the factories, badly crowded, with no sanitary facilities, no electric light and without even decent sleeping places. In one instance eight girls slept on a raised platform about a foot off the floor arranged alternately head and feet, and as soon as this rude bed was vacated in the morning it was filled again with the girls from the night shift.

China has adequate factory laws, but the investigators say that no attempt has been made to enforce them.

Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

"ONLY YESTERDAY"

Down in the basement, in back of the wood box, among the cobwebs and dirt, I found a bunch of old magazines. Someone, a long time ago, must have kept them there to start fires with. I think they will serve to kindle a few blazes in the public mind. Here is a copy of "Hearst's" magazine for August, 1917.

America was already in the war. Hundreds of American men in uniform were paying the most terrible tax that a mad civilization could level on them—paying it in the currency of blood and suffering.

A half-page illustration pictures a grieving, looking man labelled "BUSINESS" tottering beneath the weight of huge sacks labelled "TAXES."

The editorial under it, signed by William Randolph Hearst and reading identically like yesterday morning's Hearstian broadside, is entitled "The Dangers of Reckless Taxation and Extravagant Government." It makes a heart-rending plea in behalf of American business men and warns of the danger of capital fleeing the country if it is unable to make decent profits in America.

Since that time it has been revealed that American business men profited literally billions during this period and the number of millionaires more than trebled.

Inside is a play by J. Hartley Manners, "Out There." Here is part of the introduction:

"—depicting the British Tommies who enlisted at the first call to arms and the 'slackers'—no less effective fighters in the end—who at first held back. Finally the drama makes a powerful plea for enlistment and preparedness everywhere."

A bit of the play, Annie, a girl of the slums, is begging to be allowed to go to the front as a nurse. "That's it. The fine can make sacrifices. Why can't the poor? Why can't I? (With a great cry) Oh, doctor, I want t' do somethin'! If y'd only like me!"

And the doctor says, putting his hand on her shoulder: "Why not get into one of the munition factories? You'd be helping there."

Later, we have Annie up on a soap box making speeches to the "slackers" on the pavement. "I tell ye y'r brothers are deamin' on y' (Cheers). Hit's a dreadful thing, is war! Orrible! But it 'as some compensation. 'Cos I'll tell y' w'at it does. It makes a country find its soul! (Cheers). An' it makes a people find its soul! (Cheers)!"

Then she relates the story of a man getting shot to hell in the trenches and finishes with: "They pinned a ribbon on 'is breast, and in 'is 'eart, my men o' London, is the smile o' Gawd!"

A few pages farther on, H. G. Wells assists suffering humanity with the following helpful advice:

"For us life is a matter of our personalities in space and time. Human analysis probing with philosophy and science toward the Veiled Being reveals nothing of God, reveals space and time only as necessary forms of consciousness, glimpses of a dance of atoms, of whirls in the ether."

On the opposite page, B. C. Forbes tells of "Mobilizing Men and Money" to win the war. The article, after a mild encouragement of the Liberty Loan Campaign, urges America to take its money out of the bank and invest it in stocks and bonds. He quotes John D. Rockefeller: "An increase in security holders will prove most beneficial."

It did. But not to the security holders who reaped the headaches of the 1929 crash.

Here is a copy of "Leslie's Weekly" for January 26, 1918. There is a display of pictures under the heading: "Those Who Fight and Those Who Talk in Russia." To the left is a picture of a grizzled, bewhiskered man. Under it: "A typical Bolshevik dreamer, talker, internationalist, one of the men who would rather risk his country's future to men around a table than risk his hide in the trenches—discouraged by the tyranny of autocracy but too idealistic to fight for democracy."

To the right is a picture to a bemaddled White Russian officer, with a paragraph of gushing praise.

Too bad that "Leslie's" is out of business. They might like to comment today on the fact that the nations who fought so heroically for "democracy" are breaking out with scabs of fascism, while the Russians who were "too idealistic" have achieved the highest level of democracy, security and human rights ever enjoyed in the world.

WATCH YOUR EXPIRATION DATE

On the wrapper of each paper subscribers will find, under their name and address, the date on which their subscription will expire. This is shown "1-12-37" which means that the subscription will expire January 12, 1937.

To make sure of getting your Western Worker regularly and without interruption, be sure to watch the date on your wrapper, and send in your renewal in advance of the expiration date of your subscription.

Under the Rule of the Swastika . . .

CORRESPONDENT FOR FRENCH COMMUNIST PAPER DESCRIBES FATE OF THOSE CAUGHT IN TOILS OF NAZIS

Today the people of Paris will march by the "Mur des Federes" in order to commemorate the Commune. They will march by with fist raised, the sign of hope and unity of the fighters for peace and liberty; the sign that has become dear to hundreds of millions all over the world.

But how many have ever thought of the origin of this sign? How many have thought of Thaelmann's valiant comrade, the Hamburg worker, Edgar Andre, who had introduced this salute when he was directing the organization of the old combatants "Der Rote Front."

For three weeks, Edgar Andre, with an indomitable courage, is holding his ground before the Hamburg tribunal of the Nazi judges, who are, upon Hitler's orders, to condemn him to death, as the alleged organizer of the 200 battles between the workers and the Fascist forces before the advent of the "Third Reich."

THE EXECUTIONERS ROAR WITH LAUGHTER

An anti-Fascist who witnessed one of the many "interrogations" to which Edgar Andre had to submit during his three years of imprisonment, describes it as follows:

"The agents of the Gestapo screamed with joy when they learned that Edgar Andre was approaching the torture chamber. Together with me, two other workers were brought to witness the torturing of Andre. "Andre was undressed when they brought him into the room. They laid him down on the table. He fought against eight men, who, nevertheless, succeeded in flooring him and blindfolding him. Then Andre was spread-eagled on the table, and the bandits beat him on his naked body, until the unfortunate man became unconscious.

"A fat inspector, in civilian clothes, encouraged the hangmen to beat him harder on the spinal column. Andre, in a dead swoon, was thrown on the ground, and the chief of the hangmen, Eric Puff, a brute weighing over 200 pounds, trampled upon Andre's abdomen. Planted on Andre's half-dead body, he kept talking about the "cowardice" of the Communist leaders. The rest of the band applauded and laughed most heartily."

"Then Edgar Andre was revived, and, having continued to face his hangmen with pride, was compelled to submit to tortures still more cruel."

Is this not a sickening picture of Fascism in power? The brutes, unchained roar with laughter and delight in the sufferings inflicted upon men, intelligent, honest, who have dedicated their lives to the cause of the people.

In recalling today the remarkable struggle of the Communards and the atrocities committed by the Versailles Bourgeois, the Parisians cannot forget those who, under conditions of indescribable terror, struggle against Hitler's war policy and the victims of the "brown hordes."

The tortures endured by Andre are far from being the exception. The gang, placed at the head of the state by capitalism in its final agonies, in its savage repression of the better sons of the people, surpasses the horrors of Medieval barbarism.

CRIPPLED, INSANE, MURDERED, THROUGH A SERIES OF TORTURES

From March, 1933, to December, 1935, 4870 anti-Fascists in Germany were known to have been killed. Rare indeed was the luck of those who were killed by the first blow, as, for example, Mrs. Erna Sommer, a young mother of 18, killed by revolver shots while holding her two babies in her arms.

For the most part, the victims of Hitler Fascists died as a result of indescribable torture. Death came as a result of beatings on the most sensitive parts of the body. Death came from lack of nourishment for days and weeks. Death came from the injection of camphor and hydrochloric acid into the genital organs, burns with red hot needles, and nails pulled from fingers and toes. Thus have the drunk storm troopers abused their prisoners.

At Dachau, June, 1933, three Jews were burned alive after having been tortured. At the Hamburg police headquarters there is a small cage, completely enclosed, where prisoners, after tortures, are left to die from suffocation.

The worker Max Lukas, after having been tortured and thrown into the Neuukoeln Canal, in spite of his wounds, still found enough strength to swim ashore. He was again seized by the storm troopers, his genital organs cut off, abdomen cut up in cross-cross lacerations before he died. L. Haussman, Augsburg, City Councilman, had his back broken with an axe before he was finally shot.

And the women, our heroic and dear sisters of Germany!

Gertrude Peter, a Brandenburg Communist, found naked, violated, murdered in the "house of death," the annex to the concentration camp at Brandenburg.

Our dear Grete Walter, a young girl Communist of 22, "declared guilty" at the Neuukoeln trial, dead after having been literally slashed up.

But there are not only those who died. There are the crippled ones, still in the concentration camps. What can the condition of health be of those women, who, in Hamburg, were not only beaten up and violated, but were many times placed in bath tubs of water so hot that blood poured out of their eyes and mouths!

There are also those who went insane.

Their number is enormous. The fact is, that Hitler's men, not satisfied with physical tortures, have discovered moral tortures surpassing all imagination. The infamies of these sadistic hangmen know no limits. The arrested anti-Fascist agitators are forced to pronounce dozens of times, before sneering storm troopers, pro-Hitler pledges. Put yourself in the place of the Jewish prisoner, Landmann, of Custrine. A little hunchback, weak, forced to run, an endless number of times around the prison yard before all the lined up prisoners, and to sing, with finger raised, childish songs. Frequently the prisoners are forced to fight their own comrades.

ALIVE IN A COFFIN

Our comrade Hermes, who, after frightful tortures, still refused to make any confession, was put into a coffin, where he lay half dead. Through a little peep-hole they injected some liquid into his eyes, and told him it was carbolic acid. But he still refused to confess. So they took him out of the coffin and placed him against the wall, with a ring riveted around his neck, and a contraption which ran water upon his head, drop by drop. Hermes did not confess and did not go insane.

Those who have survived, tell of the revolutionary faith and superhuman strength one must have in order not to become insane when one is locked up, the noose dangling before him after the most harrowing tortures, which may be renewed any hour in order to obtain the desired confession. There is also a great number of prisoners who have been hypnotized or drugged in order to make them confess.

"SOME OF THE AMUSEMENTS" OF THE STORM TROOPERS

The worker, L. Buchmann of Munich, was buried up to his neck, then the storm troopers used a blow-torch to inflict burns upon his head.

A. Burger tells of the tortures of three anti-Fascists, three brothers, all under 20: "After long physical tortures as a result of which the young men were covered with blood, the brown monsters forced their victims to say, 'My father is a bandit. We are dirty Marxist swine. My mother is a whore.'"

"If they did not want to say it, they would be beaten up for refusing to obey orders. If they did say it, they were beaten up anyhow, because the Nazis declared, in their 'moral indignation,' that they insulted their parents. It is thus that the 'highly moral' in Germany amuse themselves with their victims. For variety, the wretches were forced to hit and kick each other. When finally they were in a state where they no longer had any will power or control of their thoughts, the Nazis put revolvers into their hands, placed them in a triangle at a distance of three feet, FORCED THEM TO AIM AT THEIR OWN HEARTS AND FIRE AT COMMAND.

"The incredible truly came to pass. All three pressed the triggers. The guns were not loaded, as was revealed by the mad laughter of the Brown murderers." They say:

"Such bestialities would be impossible in France, a country of great civilization, even if the worst enemies of the people would be permitted to come into power."

The same was said before in Germany, when they were telling of the horrors of the white terror in Poland and in the Balkans. Nevertheless, the German people, who have given birth to Kant, Goethe, Schiller, Marx and Engels, this people of great thinkers and great inventors, today submits to the darkest and most shameful deeds ever known in the history of the world.

That is what Fascism brought over there. It would be the same in France. The atrocities committed by the Versailles Bourgeois would be a thousand times greater if ever Fascism would succeed in establishing itself in our country.

In order that France may not know this plague, let us resolve ever to maintain a union of all friends of liberty.

(Signed) Henriette Carlier, 'L'Humanity', May 24, 1936. Translated by V. & V.

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Goosestepping in Chicago—Not Berlin!



THE NAZI swastika on the right is floating over the Soldiers' Field grandstand in Chicago as Hitler's cohorts turned out for their field day. On the left are some potential American storm troopers goosestepping and heiling. But few people turned out for the exercises in the stadium, from which labor groups have frequently been barred.

A DIARY OF A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By LeMae

CHAPTER XVII.

We shifted ship from the drydock to Kow Loon. Three other American ships were at the pier; two of them Dollar liners loaded with cargo. One of them was from Seattle, the other out of Frisco.

There was a beef on the one out of Puget Sound. The bo'sun wasn't acting up to Union principles, according to the deck gang on her.

A joint meeting of delegates from all ships was held aboard the other 'Frisco ship and the beef threshed out. The significant thing about the whole matter was the spirit of unity displayed by the representatives from each ship's crew—a warning to those who forget that it is on the ships where the Union really exists.

The four skippers were all excited when they learned of the joint meeting. "What in Hell's up?" I heard our captain anxiously ask the mate. "You having any trouble with our crew?"

"No, sir. I've been careful not to get in trouble with them," the mate told the old man.

And this from a once notorious "bucko mate!"

The American Asiatic Fleet was sunning itself behind the break water as we crept into Manila; "Standard Oil Navy" is what the merchant marine seamen call it. And that's not just an idle phrase.

Some of these Navy ships are stationed at lonely Standard Oil posts on the Yangtze River: An English overseer, Japanese tankers carrying the products; ultimately bound for the Japanese war machine in North China. Chinese coolies working under absolute slavery and the headlines in home papers probably read "American property and lives endangered in China."

Walking around Wall City during the cool of the evening, with the aid of a little imagination it was not hard to picture the place about 75 years ago when the Spanish imperialists, with the aid of the Church, were "civilizing" the Filipinos. Narrow sidewalks reserved for Spanish ladies, soldiers and the popery. The middle of the street was "reserved" for the natives. The flat side of a sword was laid heavily on any Filipino who dared to walk in the path of the Christian Dons.

Like all the rest of the countries I've sailed into, the Church has done pretty well for itself in the Philippines. They own and control the only brewery in the Islands. The choicest plantations belong to them also.

A swell illustration of what I mean. Stopped by the gate of the old monastery in Manila. Two sleek-fed, red-faced priests were sitting under the shade of a palm tree. A Filipino girl was serving them chow. There was enough on the table to have fed a crew of hungry sailors.

A heavy cross suspended from the fat neck of one of the priests dangled into a glass of beer as he gorged himself heartily. On the sidewalk outside of the "Convent of God" three Filipino workers crouched under the feeble shade of the high wall and ate their dinner—a bare handful of rice on palmleaf. A cross hung from each of the three shriveled necks.

In an effort to "solve" the desperate problem of the younger generation of Filipino youths, who are demanding something besides a prayer in life, a strong nationalistic spirit is being whipped up through the American imperialist-owned newspapers. Already an army of over 200,000 youths has been established. Who are they going to fight? I asked three of them that question.

One said, "The Japanese."
The second, "I don't know."
And the third, "I fight for my people."
He didn't say against whom.
The last outbound lap of the voyage is over. We sail for home today. The sights

will be a repetition. Two things stand out sharply here. One is the huge army of war machines assembled in the Orient, representing nearly all of the capitalistic nations of plunderers. The other is the very most evident spirit of militancy of the Chinese, Japanese and Filipino workers, students and youth.

The Chinese dragon has been asleep for many years. He is slowly but surely awakening. And when he does, the war ships of the plunderers will be blown to sea like tattered sails before a typhoon.

S. F. Committee Demands Nazis Free U. S. Seaman

SAN FRANCISCO. — Demanding that Lawrence B. Simpson, member of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, be unconditionally released from a German Nazi prison on the ground that he had been kidnapped from the S. S. Manhattan in Hamburg in violation of his rights as an American citizen, a committee of trade unions and peace organizations has registered a protest at the German consulate here.

The committee further pointed out that Simpson's arrest occurred more than a year ago, that no effort has been made to bring him to trial since, that he has been held in a concentration camp, that he has recently been transferred to a prison reserved only for prisoners facing the most serious charges.

NEW PHONY CHARGE

They emphasize that the only original charge against him was possession of anti-war leaflets in his locker aboard ship, and that a new charge of smuggling funds out of Germany has been placed against him after a year's imprisonment without trial.

Petition signers were: Evelyn Duff, American Youth Congress, S. F. Council; Meta Moore and Ruth Moore, Women's Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism; Bert Leach, American League organizer; P. Espinosa, Ship Scalers' Union; F. Jimmeroz, Ship Scalers' Union; Effie D. Moses, Parent-Teachers' Association; Beatrice Kincaid, National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners; Elaine Black, International Labor Defense; George Mallet, Communist Party; and Ilex Rarita Cistar.

CHINESE SAILORS IN DEMAND FOR UNITY

SHANGHAI, CHINA, June 6.—Declaring itself against granting political autonomy to North China and for absolute territorial integrity and political unity of the country, the recently organized Association of Seamen's Organizations for the rescue of China, looks as a big political factor in the campaign to unite the Chinese workers in the struggle against the Japanese aggressor.

Seven seamen's organizations are affiliated with this association. The constitution adopted at the inaugural meeting of the association implies that the association regards the struggle against Japanese expansion and for the rescue of China as the most important basis for the amalgamation of all seamen's organizations.

WOMEN DISMISSED FROM ALL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

NANKING, China, June 4.—It is reported that General Chiang Kai-shek, President of the Executive Yuan, has ordered the dismissal of women staff members in all government organizations.

The reason for the dismissals was not known, and it is understood that the women staff members will form a Woman's Mutual Assistance Association to take adequate action to protect themselves.

National Salvation Bulletin, June 5.

People's Health

BY FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

ASTHMA AND HAY FEVER

Piru, Calif.

Dear Doctor Bissell:

My little boy, 8 years old, has been suffering from asthma and hay fever for some time.

I have taken him to several doctors here and they do not seem to know what to do for him. They advised me to move to a higher and dryer climate, which I did, but he still suffers and has a very bad cough.

He had scralet fever about three years ago and I think it left him with the asthma because he never had it before. Would you please advise me what to do for him?

We eat mostly grains, fruits and vegetables and milk and a little meat once in a while. Is there a certain diet for him?

Mrs. A. W.

ANSWER: Asthma demonstrates itself by repeated attacks of difficult breathing. The cause of these attacks is a concentration of the muscles of the bronchial tubes (breathing tubes), making them very narrow. The contraction of the tubes can be brought on by any number of factors.

Certain foods can cause both hay fever, and asthma. Just which foods are guilty can sometimes be determined by the following procedure:

Fast completely for a day or two. If this stops the attacks, start eating one article of food only, say, potatoes. Eat only this for a day and then add one new food each day until the attacks start again.

When this happens you know that you are sensitive to the latest food added. Do not eat this food again. Continue adding foods until a full diet has been covered. After this test never eat the foods to which you are sensitive.

Other types of asthma and hay fever can be caused by diseased tissues in the nose and throat. A thorough examination of these organs is necessary and any diseased parts, such as adenoids or other growths, must be removed.

Tiny bits of dust and other particles floating in the air can cause asthma or hay fever. Mrs. A. W.'s little boy may be such a case. A doctor can test him for such substances and, if found, sometimes can render him insensitive to these substances with injections. Another more recent and more successful treatment has been found by a Texas physician, Dr. Harwick. This is called "ionization" and consists in running a tiny electric current through the nose, which makes the lining of the nose sensitive.

To stop an acute attack of asthma one may try the drug ephedrine, which can be bought at the drug store in capsules. One-half grain of this substance taken by mouth will often stop an attack.

FACTS AND FIGURES

FARMERS WHO CANNOT FEED THEMSELVES

The number of farmers on relief increased steadily at least to January, 1935. In June, 1935, there were perhaps twice as many farmer families on relief as in October, 1933.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration has never given out the actual number of farmer families on relief. But they have made estimates from various sample studies. According to their estimates in October, 1933, there were approximately 400,000 farmer families on the relief rolls. By October, 1934, this number had risen to 625,000. In addition, 44,000 families were "rehabilitation" cases. The relief peak was reached in January, 1935, but for this date there is no estimate on farmers.

In February, 1935, 598,000 farmers and their families together with 135,000 rehabilitation cases were on the FERA rolls. During the following nine months a great deal of complaint was raised that relief clients were refusing jobs on farms and preferred to "live on the dole." State after state slashed the relief rolls in farm and rural counties. By June, 1935, farmers and their families on relief had dropped to 414,000 but rehabilitation cases were up to 364,000. The total in June, therefore, despite all drastic measures, was 45,000 higher than in February.

At the end of October, 1935, there were 316,300 farmer cases on direct relief, about 64,000 on WPA and 357,328 on the books of Resettlement's rural rehabilitation division. Total farmer families receiving relief were still at 737,628, but half of these families were under the Resettlement Administration.

SOOCHOW FARMERS REVOLT

SOOCHOW, China, June 5.—Seven hundred farmers in Soopaihsang, Soochow, held a demonstration demanding a decrease in taxes. The local Peace Preservation Corps fired at the demonstrators and four farmers, who were said to be the leaders of the movement, were arrested.—Shanghai Mainichi, June 6.

Los Angeles A.F.L. Membership Reported Doubled in Year

83,000 ARE IN UNIONS; 9 NEW ONES FORMED

Reactionaries Again Dominate Central Labor Council Following Elections

LOS ANGELES.—Spurred by the tremendous desire for organization among local workers, the trade union movement has more than doubled in Los Angeles County during the last year, it was reported by Secretary J. W. Buzzell in his annual report to the Central Labor Council.

A year ago but 40,000 members were in the unions throughout the county, but 83,000 members are now in good standing in Los Angeles, Pasadena, Glendale and the north beach cities, making a total of 83,000.

In the elections, the conservatives again dominated the council, Harry Sherman, Plumbers 78, being re-elected president; H. P. McMurry, Machinists 311, re-elected vice-president; J. W. Buzzell, Pattern Makers re-elected secretary.

Miss Anne Peterson, Garment Workers 125, was re-elected member of the Board of publishers.

ELECT EXECUTIVE BOARD

Re-elected to the executive board of the council were: Sam Gehman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers 278; John D. Tobias, Musicians 47; John M. Sargent, Cooks 468; Rea Last, Hugh Maguire, Stereotypers 58. New to the board were Aubrey Blair, Screen Actors Guild; C. T. Lehmann, Carpenters 25; Elmer R. Loz, Typos 174; and Nate Saper, Studio Drivers 399.

Re-elected as trustees were I. N. Landenberger, Stationary Firemen 220; and C. B. Hamner, Mailers 9. Eugene Boyd, Elevator Constructors 18, was elected trustee.

Oliver E. Burnes, Electrotypers 137, was elected sergeant-at-arms, and L. F. Rossell, Furniture Workers 1561, was elected conductor.

NEW UNIONS FORMED

A year ago 97 local unions were affiliated to the council. During the fiscal year eight suspended unions re-affiliated; nine new unions affiliated; four were suspended, the Cleaners and Dyers, Motion Picture Costumers, Studio Utility Men and Technical Engineers. New Unions included Nurses and Hospital Attendants, Glass Blowers 100, Fur Workers, Screen Actors' Guild, Pharmacists, Teachers, Hatters, Furniture Workers and Stove Mounters. Total of 110 unions are now affiliated with the council.

Emphasized in Buzzell's report was the current strike of Millmen and Cabinet Makers 884.

"This union is making a very good fight, and is receiving the support of the rest of the labor movement," stated Buzzell. "As this is being written, the daily papers are carrying announcements of the formation of a new association of employers in this trade, with the support of the Association, all of which is creating a situation that will require the undivided attention of the labor movement."

The new mass picketing policy against unfair firms, adopted recently by the council, is proving very effective, declared Buzzell.

FIELD STRIKERS MEET SUCCESS

By a Worker Correspondent. LOMITA, Cal.—Morale of the agricultural strikers is very good throughout Perry, Waleria Harbor City, west of Long Beach, Lomita, Compton, and Dominguez Hill, and the growers are singing up with the union continuously.

Men are being put back to work on ranches that have signed up with the union.

Workers who previously refused to quit work and who are now willing to cooperate with the union, are taken into the ranks of the strikes when it has been clearly explained to the non-strikers the purpose of the strike. It was through misinformation that they kept on working.

New members are signed up at each union meeting. Pickets on duty throughout the strike. Union recognition is one of the major demands.

When Union Men Defended Their Lives



A FOUR-HOUR GUN-BATTLE between enraged strikers and imported thugs turned the Black-Decker Tool plant in Kent, O., into an armed fortress. Strikebreakers, who started the battle, were finally escorted to the city jails for safety. Here are pickets lying on a grassy slope near the factory, taking their stand to fight for their jobs and lives.

2600 Orange Pickers Continue On Strike In La Habra and Fullerton Citrus Areas

FULLERTON, Calif.—Continuing their campaign of terror and intimidation in a desperate effort to delay the organization of orange pickers and packers in this and adjoining counties, the sheriff's "red" squad arrested Charles McLaughlin, Communist candidate for Congress in the 19th District, on a trumped-up charge of vagrancy and trespassing.

High-handed and discriminatory methods employed against labor leaders by the officials who know to the rich grove owners, was shown when bail was set at \$1000, which was later furnished by the International Labor Defense.

Encouraged by the union busting Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the recent editorial anti-labor blasts of the arch-reactionary Los Angeles Times, a move is on foot throughout areas of Southern California to "ship" thousands of Mexicans and their families across the Mexican border.

Lucas Lucio, consular representative at Santa Ana, said yesterday that 2600 pickets were out on strike in the LaHabra and Fullerton orange areas. He has severed all connections with the strike movement, he said, and hereafter will represent Mexican citizens only in matters affecting their constitutional rights.

Deputy sheriffs and armed thugs continue to patrol the strike area.

Mass meetings, sponsored by the International Labor Defense, are scheduled to be held in Orange and Los Angeles counties tomorrow afternoon and evening. Rose Chernin, I. L. D. district organizer, will speak and money raised at various recent affairs will be turned over to strike committees.

Included in the strike funds is money raised at the recent Spanish Fiesta and a contribution from the Filipino Confederation.

Labor Paper Slams Green for His Anti-Soviet Propaganda

KENOSHA, Wis.—"William Green did not enhance his prestige by his appearance before the GOP convention in Cleveland," says Kenosha Labor, official publication of the Central Labor Council here.

The paper called Green's proposals to the Republican and Democratic conventions demanding the end of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, "proposals of Hearst but not of the labor movement."

FILLING STATION OFFICIALS IN BIG BETRAYAL

Bosses Were Ready To Grant A Better Scale Than Agreement Gives

SAN FRANCISCO.—After months of negotiations with the Rubber Institute, the original negotiations committee of Filling Station Employees' Union Local 19570 was dissolved by De Lisle, business agent, and Mc Donald, financial secretary and asst. business agent. Both are reactionaries.

PAVING THE WAY The original negotiating committee had succeeded in securing members wanted by the union membership. Ideas of defeat before the battle were instilled by those who paved the way for the sellout; withdrawal of organized labor support was threatened to put the betrayal over.

The June 29th issue of the Western Worker contained a news item which mistakenly would give the impression that things were "hunky-dory" with the agreement signed. That this is not so can be seen from what the agreement gave the members.

With the aid of O'Connell of the Central Labor Council and Joe Casey, the agreement obtained by the union officials did not get the closed shop or preferential hiring. These officials boast that the bosses agree to recognize the union as the collective bargaining agency of the workers, but the union was already recognized as such when it is considered that the bosses were negotiating with it for months.

Weeks before the agreement was signed, the bosses had practically agreed to \$170 a month for dept. foremen and \$147 for experienced vulcanizers after two years' employment; the agreement provides for \$150 for foremen and \$125 for experienced vulcanizers after two years.

The bosses had practically agreed to \$97 for apprentices for the first 6 months; \$112.50 for the second six months; 127.50 for the next 12 months.

The agreement gives them \$80, \$100, and \$110. It gives tire changers \$110 after one year of employ, and \$80 under one year of employ, while the bosses had about agreed to \$127.50 for tire changers after a year of employ, and \$92 for apprentices for the first six months, \$102 for the second six months. The same sort of difference is true in the case of service station manager operators.

Joe Casey forced this agreement down the unions members' throats by threatening to withdraw A. F. of L. and Labor Council support.

3 R.R. Union Heads Now Come Out for a Fight On Mergers

CHICAGO.—Despite their original signatures to the consolidation agreement, President Whitney of the Trainmen, Luhrs of the Dispatchers and Fjorzdal of the Maintenance of Way Men have now endorsed the continuation of the fight against railroad consolidation.

Consolidations as planned will throw 250,000 railroaders on the streets. The movement against them, even though railroad brotherhood presidents agreed to discharges upon consolidations, has gained such headway among the lodges that some of the high officials have been forced to reverse their position.

to be the main speaker at the San Francisco Labor Day celebration. A telegram to Roosevelt, with the invitation, was signed by Vandeleur, Mike Casey and John O'Connell. Seamen here can't help but think of Roosevelt's signing of the new Merchant Marine Bill, with its continuous discharge — blacklisting provision.

SAN PEDRO.—Laundry Workers' business agent J. J. Anderson announces that the diamond Laundry and Montgomery Hotel have signed union agreements, and that prospects of organizing other concerns are bright.

70% DELEGATES AT CONVENTION OF C. P. IN AFL

NEW YORK CITY.— Here's another fact of interest to trade unions regarding the political parties and their conventions.

70 per cent of the 320 regular delegates at the Communist Party convention just concluded here were members of the A. F. of L. unions. Eighty-five of these delegates hold executive posts in unions, such as president, secretary, business agent, etc.

A Great Leader



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, chairman of the Communist Party, who led the great 1919 steel strike, and other struggles for workers' rights. He opened the recent Communist Party convention, 70 per cent of whose delegates were A. F. of L. members.

tries. Nine work in steel mills; 41 came from metal; 17 from the mines; 11 from auto; 9 from textile, and 53 from transportation—railroad, marine, etc.

Out of the 320 delegates, 211, or 66 per cent are employed. How many delegates, we wonder, at the Democratic and Republican conventions were active A. F. of L. members? Don't laugh!

Soap Union Turns Down a Bum Offer

WILMINGTON, Cal.—A factory-wide vote of workers in the Vegetable Oil Products plant here repudiated the company's attempts to settle a long-standing dispute on wages, with a microscopic wage increase.

Most of the workers in the plant are members of the Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union. The more than 200 workers in the plant rejected the company's offer by a wide margin. The workers demanded arbitration under the National Labor Relations Law.

The company offered a 2 1/2 cents an hour wage increase, affecting only 98 of the 200 workers. Union demands are for wage increases in all departments.

The Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union has been negotiating for its demands since settlement of a strike last January over discrimination against union members.

Court Goes Aboard Ship in Seaman Suit Against L. A. Co.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The suit of Victoriano Nicolay against the Los Angeles S. S. Co. for \$25,000 damages brought the Superior Court aboard the S. S. Yale last week.

A jury of 11 men and a woman examined the crew's living quarters to determine if conditions were so unsanitary as to have brought seaman Nicolay tuberculosis.

A former naval officer, Walter E. Andrews, called as a witness, said that the Yale's air circulation was poor, and that water seeped from shower rooms and wet partitions into the crew quarters.

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ROOSEVELT OK TO BLACKLIST MARITIME ACT

Continuous Discharge Books "Minimum Standards" Also Aimed At Progressives

WASHINGTON.— President Roosevelt has signed the Merchant Marine Act, with its blacklisting features. A lesson to those in the maritime unions who favored endorsement of Roosevelt for president is seen in this.

BLACKLISTING POSSIBILITY The Act provides for a continuous discharge book, one of the convenient methods by which militant seamen can be blacklisted.

Even though the Act prohibits the entry of "character or behavior" marks in the books, the blacklisting possibilities still remain, for a "continuous certified record of service" is to be given in the books.

In addition, sponsors of the Act, in denying that these are similar to the blacklisting books which have in the past been issued by shipowners stated that "this bill prohibits the issuance of such books by anyone except the duly authorized agents of the government."

The bill provides for the 8-hour day, but continual complaints filed by crews of American ships showed how, even though the previous Act also provided for the 8-hour day for all but sailors and coal-passers, this was violated for other sections of crews.

'PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS' The Act further can be used as a weapon against progressive seamen, through its "minimum standards," as to physical qualifications, which can be technically applied against any seaman the shipowners desire.

Under the Act ordinary seamen must first serve six-months service as deck boys, doing the work of seamen at much lower wages.

The Bill was strongly pushed by reactionary I. S. U. officials, like Olander, Scharrnberg, Grange, etc. Connections between these officials and shipowners and government officials were revealed in a recent issue of the Western Worker.

Anti-Union Terror On in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD.— Nearly all members of Actors Equity have already entered the Screen Actors' Guild, following the amalgamation of the two unions here.

More than 5000 strong, the Actors Guild has stood behind the Writers Guild in its current fight with the producers.

ANTI-UNION TERROR Fascist terror is coming out in the open in Hollywood. Hearst-influenced Barney Mathews former investigator in District Attorney Fitts' office, now \$10,000 a year personnel director of Warner Bros., has kept his promise to the labor-hating bosses—the establishment of an espionage network throughout the movie city.

Although jealously guarded, the new Mathews application blanks for employment at Hearst's Cosmopolitan and Warner Bros. studios have made their appearances on the boulevard.

Besides a neat little square in the upper left hand corner where the applicant's picture is to be attached, is to be seen startling evidence of third-degree police methods. Religion, scars, property statements, political affiliations, arrests, life insurance, installment payments and bank accounts, as well as a complete life history of parents and grandparents, is required of applicants in every department of the studios.

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Ferry Union Wins Overtime Battle

SAN FRANCISCO.—The award of the U. C. Circuit Court of Appeals, granting 300 ferryboatmen \$70,000 for overtime, came after a nine year fight.

Deckhands on Southern Pacific Santa Fe, Western Pacific and Northwestern Railroad ferries were affected.

BEGAN IN 1927

The court battle began in 1927 when the government declared 12-hour watches abolished. The ferry companies appealed to the U. S. District, which like the Circuit Court, sustained the workers.

During this time the workers remained on 12-hour watches. Last year the Ferryboatmen's Union filed suit for overtime pay with interest for the extra four hours each day. Federal Judge St. Sure ruled against the union and the U. S. Circuit court has reversed Judge St. Sure.

Meanwhile the Ferryboatmen's Union members face an even bigger fight against throwing out of about 800 men by the opening shortly of the new bridge over the Bay.

VOTE DOWN DEAL PLAN

The men voted against a strike as proposed by C. W. Deal, union head, who wanted a strike only on the Key route and Golden Gate ferries, but not on the important S. P. and Northern Pacific. Deal's excuse was that the latter two come under the railway labor act, that 60 days notice must be given. Many strikes have been won in the past by paying no attention to the 60 day rule.

The rank and file demands that the companies grant the lowest possible number of dismissals, with adequate compensation, a 5-day week for those remaining, and that this be sought from all companies, with a strike to be declared against any company not agreeing.

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BREWERY VS TEAMSTERS IN SUICIDAL WAR

Bad S. F. Situation Is One of The Poisoned Fruits of Craft Unionism

SAN FRANCISCO.—The antiquated policy of craft unionism is again causing a situation which only the employers can welcome.

A jurisdiction dispute is raging between the Teamsters and the Brewery Workers here, for control of the brewery drivers.

The Brewery Workers have taken in drivers, on the proper basis that these men face the same problems and work for the same employers as the inside men in the breweries. In the typical manner of the craft unions, whose officials seem interested only in per capita, the Teamsters officials are making a grab for the brewery drivers.

The jurisdiction fight, provoked by the Teamsters officials, plays right into the employers hands by splitting the ranks of the workers. Instead of all unions centering their struggles against the employers, for better conditions and wages, a suicidal inter-union fight is resulting.

The Teamsters and Brewery Workers debated the question last week at Larkin Hall.

Emil Muri, international representative of the Brewery Workers, stated that his union would strenuously resist attempts of the Teamsters to take the brewery drivers, although stating he did not think the brewery workers would walk out.

Brewery workers held a special meeting last Tuesday to discuss action in the dispute.

Beer drivers voted to remain in the Brewery Workers International.

John McLaughlin, Teamsters secretary, claimed that the Teamsters had a contract with the Northern California brewers covering the drivers, since May 15, when a contract held by the Brewery Workers expired.

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