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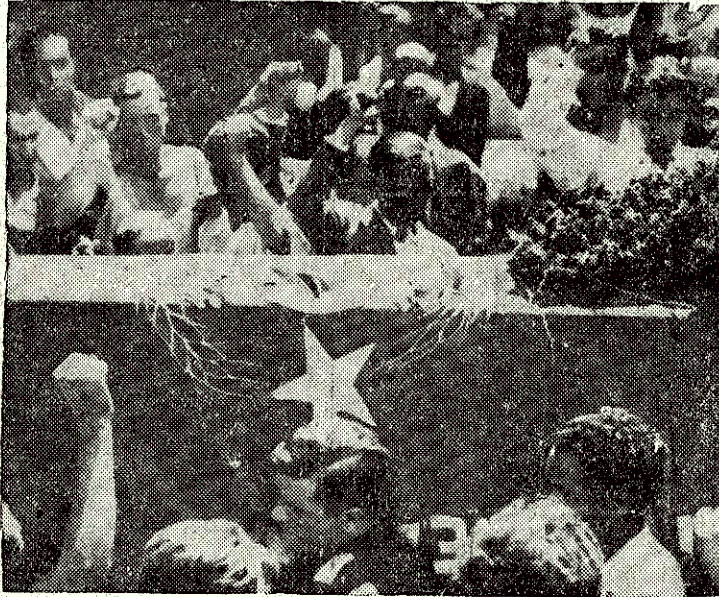
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AFL COUNCIL SUSPENDS MILLION WORKERS

Nazi Goering Ships Bombing Planes To Spanish Fascists



THE CLASS STRUGGLE THROUGHOUT ALL CAPITALIST COUNTRIES. At extreme left, Spanish workers, members of the Communist and Socialist Parties, swear, with clenched fists, to uproot the fascists, as the workers prepare to march against the latter.



Next, a meeting of Mexican workers, strikers against the British-Canadian-owned Mexican Light and Power Co., shortly before their walkout ended in victory. Their strike tied up all the factories in Mexico City.



In the next to the last photo we see a sector of the class struggle in the United States. In the photo are shown some of the thousands of Chicago unemployed, who marched under the banner of the Illinois Workers Alliance, to demand adequate relief.

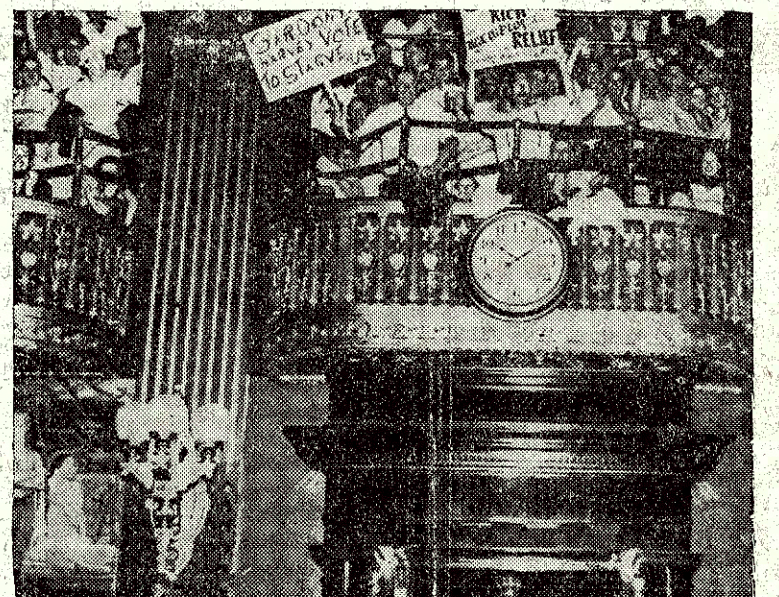


Photo at extreme right shows the Pennsylvania Hunger Marchers, in possession of the Legislature galleries at Harrisburg to force legislators into providing food for the hungry jobless. The presence of the unemployed forced the senators to postpone adjournment in order to take up the relief problem.

First Speech On the Coast By Browder

Southern California Turns Out To Hear Communist President Candidate; Packed House For S.F. Meeting

LOS ANGELES—The growing labor movement of Southern California will learn new lessons in the struggle against reaction and growing Fascist trends here Sunday, August 9th, when Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, speaks at Atlantic Stadium, 2727 Atlantic Boulevard.

Injunction Against C.P. Candidate Is Denied

FRESNO—Victory for progressive forces was scored here last Tuesday when Superior Judge Campbell E. Beaumont denied a temporary injunction which would have prevented the name of Carl B. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th District, from appearing on the August 25th primary election ballot.

Instigator in the fascist-inspired injunction suit was the American Constitution League, with J. C. Cape, local barber, as nominal plaintiff.

Judge Beaumont held the plaintiff was dilatory in filing the suit at such a late date, that the qualifications required of political candidates is one for legislation, and that the status of an organization holding itself a political party is a matter in which the equity powers of the court may not be involved.

Illinois Jobless Start Hunger March

CHICAGO—With relief funds cut 50% of the barest needs of the unemployed, a Hunger March on Springfield, state capital, has begun.

The Workers Alliance is leading the march, in an effort to compel legislators to pass adequate relief appropriations. The first divisions of the March to set out left Chicago Thursday.

Upwards of 10,000 are expected to pack the huge stadium, where the colorful program will start at 7 p. m. with a carnival of sports and mass singing led by the Young Communist League. It will be Browder's



EARL BROWDER

first speech on the Pacific Coast.

Caravans from cities throughout the Southland are coming to the meeting.

First speaker will be Pettis Perry, famed Negro leader who ran for lieutenant governor on the Communist ticket in 1934. He will introduce John Leech, Los Angeles County organizer of the Communist Party, who will preside.

Browder will be introduced by William Schneiderman, California state secretary of the C. P.

Workers Music An all-union band will play throughout the program. Tanner motor busses have

BIG GROWERS IN ANTI-ALIEN ACT

Riverside Meeting In Hint At Terror

BAKERSFIELD.—Nick Podovinnikoff was arrested here on charges of Communist activities and "illegal entrance." Bond of \$1000 cash or \$2000 property was set. He will be defended by the I.L.D. Date not set for hearing as yet.

RIVERSIDE—Large landowners in the Riverside area, meeting here, joined in the statewide movement backed by the Associated Farmers, to drive foreign-born workers of California.

The landowners met in an atmosphere of Vigilantism, declaring that "American jobs should be kept for Americans."

Big Growers Behind They backed the initiative amendment which would make it unlawful to employ aliens "illegally" in the country.

The term "illegally" is being used to cover up a drive against all foreign-born, in an attempt at splitting the workers' ranks to halt any attempt at organization. (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 7)

Hitler Sour As Negroes Win

BERLIN—Discriminated against but exploding Hitler's "Aryan superiority" theory right in front of the Nazi butcher's face, the Negro athletes on the American team are proving the outstanding stars of the entire Olympic Games.

Jesse Owens, in particular, has made Hitler have a bad time at what "der fuehrer" fondly hoped would be his own, personal Olympics.

This super-athlete scored the first "triple" since Paavo Numi in 1924, by setting new Olympic records in the 100 meters dash, 200 meters, and broad jump. Only Nazi-dominated officials prevented Owens from gaining a new world's record of 10.2 seconds in the 100 meters.

Ruin "Aryan" Theory John Woodruff, Negro youth from Pittsburg, scored another first place for the U. S. in the 800 meters. Cornelius Johnson, Los Angeles, and Dave Albritton were two other Negro boys who ruined Hitler's "Aryan superiority" myth by tying for first in the high jump. Archie Williams, Berkeley, and James LuValle, Los Angeles, are two other Negro stars who seem certain to

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Reactionaries Aim To Split Ranks of Organized Labor

Lewis Announces CIO Drive To Organize Steel, Rubber, Auto, Rest of Unorganized Will Go On

WASHINGTON—The A. F. of L. Executive Council reactionaries today stand guilty of splitting the ranks of organized labor.

New Blow Fails To Halt E. Bay Machinists

OAKLAND.—Blow after blow by the courts and reactionary union officials are being struck at the 1800 fighting machinists on strike in the East Bay area, yet the strike is solid.

In a suit filed by the international office of the Machinists Union, a restraining order has been issued by Superior Judge Ogden, calling on officers and members of Local 284, leader of the strike, to appear Aug. 14 and show cause why it should not be prevented from disposing of \$10,000 worth of funds and property.

The funds and property come out of the hard-earned wages of the members of Machinists 284, and these members have chosen to follow their local officials rather than the strikebreaking international organizer Nash. Nash is working with the police to break the strike and seize the union property.

The 41 struck plants are still closed tight, in the face of sabotage by Nash and the Grand Lodge. Support from other Machinists' locals and locals of other crafts continues to pour in.

Sailors Visit Nazi Consul For Simpson

SAN FRANCISCO.—In solidarity with a brother union member, 40 members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific called on the German Consul here, August Ponscha, and demanded the release of Lawrence Simpson, American seaman held in a Nazi concentration camp over a year.

They were told to make their protest through American officials in Washington.

GENERAL DRESS STRIKE IN L. A.

3000 Workers In Mass Picketing

LOS ANGELES—A general strike of 3000 dressmakers, members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, has closed nearly 100 shops tight. The strike began Wednesday, for a closed shop, maintenance of the 35-hour week, and wage increases.

Mass Picket Lines Mass picket lines were immediately thrown around the struck shops.

At the same time, 400 fur workers, members of the International Fur Workers Union, walked out, demanding a closed shop agreement and a 20 per cent wage increase. Most of the exclusive fur shops in the Wilshire and Hollywood districts were immediately picketed.

The garment workers, mostly women, voted unanimously to strike at a great mass meeting held in Trinity Auditorium.

I. Lutsky, strike committee chairman, stated that "Los Angeles is the last frontier of the open shop. The I.L.G.W.U. is going forward to a closed shop and victory."

Full support to the strike was pledged by Secretary Buzell on behalf of the Central Labor Council and its affiliated unions. The I. L. A. has pledged its assistance.

Shipowners In New Maneuver

SAN FRANCISCO—The shipowner's attempt to break the unity of the maritime crafts in opening the awards continued Wednesday with a second letter to Harry Bridges, calling for arbitration by the I. L. A.

The new letter, sent to Bridges as Pacific Coast I. L. A. District President, was signed by Thomas G. Plant, for the Water-front Employers Assn. Plant is chairman of the shipowners' committee.

The shipowners' move is intended not only as an attempt to prevent joint action on opening of awards, by the I. L. A. with the other maritime unions, as has been voted by the I. L. A. membership, but also is an attempt to alienate public sentiment against the unions.

This was shown in Plant's statement that "this (arbitration) should be done at once so that the general public... can be assured that any questions will be settled by peaceful means."

Government, Masses Are Winning Out

People's Front Consolidating To Start Big Push; Land Given To Peasants; Report Neutrality Past Signed

ZURICH, Switzerland—(By Cable)—Twenty-eight more Junker bombing planes are on the way from Nazi Germany to the Spanish Fascists on the Steamer Azarama of the Woermann Line, which left Hamburg July 31st.

A Hamburg correspondent who saw the cargo loaded, stated the planes were shipped under orders of General Hermann Goering, of the Nazi Reich Air Ministry.

Offer Prizes For Most C.S. Repeal Signatures

SAN FRANCISCO.—Valuable prizes will be awarded to the three circulators who obtain the most signatures to petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act between August 8th and August 23rd, announced the California Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act this week.

August 23rd is the date the drive for signatures ends in San Francisco; other counties have varying deadlines. The Conference announced a one-hour meeting of circulators on Saturday, August 8th, 2 p.m., at 68 Haight Street, San Francisco.

(See Page 3 for further stories on C.S. repeal campaign.)

MARTIAL LAW AGAINST IDAHO LUMBER STRIKE

OROFINO, Idaho.—Martial law has been enforced in this area, by Col. F. C. Hummel of the National Guard, against white pine lumber strikers. Over 3000 are on strike.

Hummel broke up the strikers picket lines. Seventeen pickets are in prison. Five who were injured in a gun battle provoked by scabs last Sunday are still in a hospital.

Land to Peasants The government has empowered the Agrarian Reform Institute to seize all farms of more (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

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THE CHRONICLE JUMPS TO "DEFENSE" OF CP WITH A KNIFE IN BOTH HANDS

The Fresno Move to Take Communist Party Off Ballot Will Be Defeated Without Such "Defense"

By L.
The Communist Party has found a "defender" in the San Francisco Chronicle—but it's too bad for the American working class if it has to rely on such "champions!"

S. Mateo Unions Clean Out Two Vigilante Types

One on "Citizens' Comm.," Other Stole Funds

SAN MATEO.—Ed Brady, reactionary, and business agent for the past two years in the Building Trades Council, got the bum's rush in the elections here. Charles Sefuse, progressive Painters' delegate, defeated Brady.

Brady has supported all reactionary policies, and served on the infamous Citizens' Committee during the general strike. He acted on a committee, together with American Legion officials, for the removal of Prof. Ilif from Junior College, because Ilif lectured on the Soviet Union.

He opposed the seating in this Central Labor Council of Public Works Union fraternal delegates.

Another official of this stripe, Scott, who has been Hodcarriers secretary for the past two years, also got the gate.

When the Hodcarriers tried to put through a joint organization drive with the Lathers and Plasterers, Scott called the move "illegal." The Hodcarriers were recently notified by their International that their charter had been revoked "because per capita had not been paid. An accounting showed that Scott had used this money, about \$285.

LAUNDRY BOSS' RANKS DENTED IN S. JOSE

SAN JOSE.—The laundry bosses' boasted "solid front" was dented when the Garden City Laundry gave in to demands of the Laundry Workers Union this week.

The 500 strikers remain solid and continue picketing. The Garden City firm signed a year's agreement, giving full union recognition, and an average 6 and two-thirds cents an hour wage increase. Efforts of Federal Mediator Matthewson were spurned by the bosses.

Packing Firms Prepare Raid On Treasury

CHICAGO.—The "Big Four" meat packing companies have launched litigation which seeks legal sanction of a billion-dollar raid on the U.S. Treasury.

Swift and Co. have sued in a Chicago court for recovery of \$35,000,000 paid in processing taxes before the AAA was declared unconstitutional, and Cudahy & Co. have brought suit for \$21,000,000.

Hitler Sour As Negroes Win

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win in the 400 meters.

That the Negroes' victories sit sourly with the Nazis, is seen in Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels' newspaper, Angriff, enviously commenting:

Goebbels Gripped
"But if the Americans hadn't enlisted her black auxiliary forces, it would have been a poor lookout for them. It must be plainly stated that the Americans aren't the athletic marvels we thought they were, despite Owens, Metcalfe, Woodruff, and Johnson."

Strike In E. Bay

OAKLAND.—More than 60 workers struck at the Kay Furniture plant here, asking for a 50 cents an hour minimum wage, and a 40 hour week. They are members of the Furniture Workers Union.

A TASTE OF WHAT FASCISM WOULD MEAN



THEY KILLED Elias Colman, a Negro war veteran in Detroit, just for the fun of it, said these five Black Legion members. The Black Legion also plotted to spread typhoid germs in the milk bought by union leaders and Jewish people. They look yellow without their black hoods.

Army Maneuvers In Steel Areas

CHICAGO.—Big-scale National Guard maneuvers are being held in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Working class members of the National Guard have their own opinions of the purpose of the maneuvers.

The war department has stated that the soldiers are to receive training in turning back an enemy supposed to be advancing on the Chicago heavy industry area from Pittsburgh and Nashville, Tenn.

The only "enemies" likely to advance from Pittsburgh are steel trust gunmen. It seems most likely, however, that the maneuvers are taking place in this important steel, automobile and rubber industry area, because important organization drives, led by the C.I.O., are taking place in these industries and tremendous strikes may soon take place there.

City Dr. In Black Legion's Plot

DETROIT.—Detroit's city bacteriologist, Charles T. McCutcheon, joined the Black Legion three years ago and helped to plot the murder plan to spread typhoid germs in the milk sold to trade union leaders and Jewish people. McCutcheon confessed this on the stand in the trial of six of the fascist Legion members for flogging.

County Prosecutor McCrea revealed that the Legion printed fake Communist pamphlets, to put the Party in the light of advocating terrorism.

GREECE FALLS VICTIM TO FASCISTS

ATHENS, Greece.—Using the excuse that it was necessary to crush a non-existent "Communist revolt," John Metaxas, premier, has set up a Fascist dictatorship in Greece, dissolving the Chamber of Deputies and declaring martial law and rigid censorship.

A 24-hour general strike, in protest against a recent law fixing minimum wages and providing compulsory arbitration in place of strikes, was reported bloodily crushed by the Fascists. The "coup" won complete support of King George, who wrote a letter to the effect that "Parliament is useless, powerless."

Gallagher And Johnson To Broadcast

LOS ANGELES.—Communist endorsed candidates will broadcast during the next two weeks from Station KMPC, Beverly Hills.

On August 12th, 10:15 to 10:30 p.m., Grover Johnson, candidate for district attorney, will broadcast, and on the following Wednesday, August 19th, at the same time, Leo Gallagher, candidate for Superior Judge Office No. 15, will speak.

The Communist Campaign Committee urges donations to continue these broadcasts be sent to Harold J. Ashe, campaign manager, 230 1/2 South Spring St. Los Angeles.

BANQUET FOR GALLAGHER AND JOHNSON, Non-Partisan candidates for Judge and Dist. Atty. Sunday, August 23, 6:30 p.m. at TVG Hall, 936 W. Washington Blvd., L.A., Aus. I.L.D.

CHICAGO.—The Dred Scott decision, in which a Negro slave who came to a free state was handed back his master, made history in pre-civil war days. A new such decision threatens. Gov. Horner has not yet decided whether or not to hand over Sam Bennett, Negro union sharecropper, to an Arkansas lynch mob which demands the Negro worker's extradition.

Fingerprinting Scheme Meets Resistance

WASHINGTON.—People have been quick to see through the fascist implications in the Dept. of Justice-sponsored "voluntary" fingerprinting movement. Only 150,000 people have "taken advantage" of the scheme to file their prints with the Department.

California's Bureau of Information has been amassing fingerprints, and claims about 750,000 on record to date. Liquor license applicants' prints have been handed over to the Bureau, which aims at a stool-pigeon anti-labor system.

Ethiopians In New March

GORE, Western Ethiopia.—Reorganized under the leadership of Ras Imru, an Ethiopian army of 60,000 men has been formed and 40,000 are marching eastward upon Addis Ababa, it is reported.

The advancing column did heavy damage in attacks on Italian Fascist posts on Lake Ras Imru is the elder son of Ras Kassa, former war minister, and was assigned by the provisional government of Ethiopia to command the Ethiopians in the Addis Ababa region.

Deal Calls Split Strike On Ferries

SAN FRANCISCO.—A "split" strike called by reactionary president C. W. Deal of the Ferryboatmen's Union is playing right into the companies' hands.

Deal announced that the men will be called out on Saturday, only on the Northwestern Pacific and the Golden Gate auto ferries, because these two companies have refused to grant a dismissal wage for workers to be thrown out by the opening of the Bay bridge. About 750 work on these routes.

The Golden Gate is owned by the Southern Pacific, which negotiated an agreement with Deal whereby discharged men on its passenger ferries would ostensibly receive one month's pay for each year of service, but which in effect guarantees no dismissal wage, because of its clause offering "one month's work for each year of service."

The sentiment of the workers is for a strike on all lines to obtain an adequate dismissal wage, and not for a "split" strike, which would not only be to give the bosses a chance to lock out the men on the auto ferries, thus escaping payment of any dismissal wage.

Progressive call for joint strike action on all boats, for assurance of REGULAR jobs or adequate compensation for those to be let out, and a 5-day week with no reduction in pay for the purpose of lessening the number of men to be laid off.

Under the Railway Labor Act, a strike on the Northwestern can be delayed for 60 days.

New "Dred Scott" Case Looms In Illinois

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Newsreel Photo Clears Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO.—A long-buried movie newsreel photograph has supplied air-tight proof of Tom Mooney's innocence of the San Francisco Preparedness Day bombing in 1916.

At the same time, word has arrived here of great mass demonstrations of support for Tom Mooney in various parts of the country, in the past week. Thousands of workers came to the huge Hippodrome in New York, where the Mooney-Billings meeting was sponsored by the Central Labor Council.

Labor needs no martyrs," said Julius Hochman, IUGW vice-pres., at the New York meeting. "We need men of the caliber of Mooney and Billings on our side."

In a Detroit meeting the United Automobile Workers Union pledged "all power and influence" to free Mooney and Billings.

The new evidence at Mooney's habeas corpus hearings, pictures a group of nurses marching down Market St. past a clock at 2:01 p.m.

The picture, whose authenticity cannot be questioned, corroborates the famous Wade Hamilton photograph which shows Mooney and his wife watching the parade from a Market St. roof at 2:01, five minutes before the bombing more than a mile away.

In both pictures, the group of nurses is shown passing the same clock.

The new evidence proves conclusively that Mooney could not have traveled in a jitney bus more than a mile up the street against the parade and dropped the bomb from a suitcase carried on the running board of the vehicle, as the prosecution has maintained.

The newsreel photo was found in Hall of Justice files by Mooney during his recent search for long-lost evidence in connection with the frameup and early trials. By proving the Hamilton picture accurate, the newsreel photo smashes all prosecution contentions that the Mooney defense might have retouched the hands of the clock. The defense has always denied the charge, but even a 200-time enlargement which had demonstrated that there had been no photographic "doctoring" had failed to satisfy the prosecution authorities.

Soviet Fliers On First Lap Of Long Flight

ALAMEDA.—Completing the first lap of their Los Angeles to Moscow flight, two Soviet aviators — Sigismund Levanovsky and Victor Levchenko—arrived at the Pan American air base here last Wednesday after a three-hour flight from Los Angeles.

The fliers were welcomed by members of the Soviet consulate and then taken to the Oakland City Hall where Mayor W. J. McCracken handed them the keys to the city.

Levanovsky and Levchenko were to have left Thursday for Seattle, from whence they plan to go to Alaska, across the Bering Sea to Siberia, and then to Moscow.

Both Democratic and Republican governors send the national guard against organized labor on strike. Build the Farmer-Labor Party.

RADIO TIME CHANGED SAN FRANCISCO.—Time of the broadcast of Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate in the 5th Congressional District, has been changed to 7-7:15 over Station KROW on Monday, August 10th.

RELIEF COMMISSION GIVES JOBLESS MERRY RUNAROUND MID SWANKY SURROUNDINGS

Workers Alliance Committee There To Look After Interests of California Unemployed Workers

SAN FRANCISCO.—When the State Relief Commission met on Aug. 3 in the swanky Sir Francis Drake Hotel, a committee from the Alameda and San Francisco County Councils of the Workers Alliance were there to greet these reactionary Merriam appointees.

The Workers Alliance (in which the Public Works and Unemployed Union is now amalgamated) was there with a list of demands. These included:

That the commission use its influence with Gov. Merriam to grant the demand put to the recent special legislative session, that two members of the Workers Alliance be appointed to the commission. This the commission sidetracked.

That the commission comply with the assembly resolution demanding the restoration of "Maximum Family Budget No. 4" for SRA clients. No immediate action was taken on this demand.

That if "surplus commodities" be distributed, they shall in no case be deducted from "Maximum Family Budget No. 4," and they shall be of standard quality.

State Food Handed Out

In Alameda County, it was pointed out, the workers have begun an investigation and find that none of the "fresh vegetables" handed out are edible. Slimy lettuce, dried up carrots and squash are the rule.

Mr. Hooker made a motion that hereafter "all foods distributed at the commodity stations be of the same quality as is sold in the stores of the community." This motion was deferred until the next meeting of the Commission.

Another demand was that under threat of discontinuance of relief, no worker be forced into any type of work that pays less than the union wage scale, where there is no scale established, 62 1/2 cents an hour, as set by the original SERA shall be the minimum. To this the answer was that no "relief client" can be forced onto work he is not accustomed to, and that it must be at the prevailing rate, though not necessarily the union scale.

Medical Program

Continuance of the Medical-Dental program was also demanded, and that the provisions shall be available for doctors of the workers' own choosing. To this the reply was that service had not been ordered discontinued, although cases of cutting off are reported.

It was demanded also that the commission cooperate in urging the Governor to abide by the will of the legislature in fulfilling the Anderson resolution, in which a survey of all relief and welfare agencies, as well as the general needs of the unemployed shall be made by the University of California, as a step toward establishing a uniform system of administering relief.

A ruling was passed granting the long fought-for demand for supplementary budgets, so that workers unable to earn enough on WPA can now receive from SRA the difference between WPA earnings and what they would be entitled to on the SRA budget for that size family.

This last week the WPA has arbitrarily removed thousands of able-bodied aged and mothers who have children and are eligible for a state pension from their rolls. This has suddenly thrown a great number of workers back on the SRA and county relief agencies. They were met with the ruling there that no person can be taken on SRA who is eligible to any kind of state pension.

Those On Pension Lists

A subcommittee recommended that this inhuman policy be continued. Again Mr. Hooker made a good fight against this and was supported by chairman Judge Carr. Finally it was decided that the general ruling shall stand but that the administrators have the authority invested in them to make exceptions to the rule when they feel that they are justified.

Climaxing another long fight of the unemployed, the Commission made a ruling that where relief clients are still living in their own homes the full budget allowance for rent can be allowed and the difference between the interest payment and

Officials Fail To Evade Trial

ALAMEDA.—Frantic attempts of the city mayor and other city officials to delay trial on accusations charging them with misconduct in office, were rebuked by Superior Judge Ogden last Tuesday as he overruled numerous objections to a speedy trial.

The officials are Mayor Hans W. Roebke and City Councilmen Charles W. Broyles and Bruce Munro, who pleaded not guilty; and City Clerk Sherman G. Blood and City Attorney William J. Locke, who filed certain copies of their resignations from city service.

The Alameda City Council has not met since the grand jury voted accusations and an indictment, the other two councilmen being unable to constitute a quorum.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Oakland employees of the State Board of Equalization had to "kick in" monthly to hold their jobs, according to Leo R. Friedman, attorney for the Donihue Assembly Committee probing liquor graft.

The men contributed \$1 and women 50 cents monthly to a "social fund," but the money went for political purposes, including lavish gifts to board officials and "victory dinners" for board members.

First Speech For Browder In Cal.

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been secured to connect the end of the "R" and "V" carlines with the stadium, starting at 6 p. m. and continuing until all persons have left the stadium.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dreamland Auditorium will be packed to the rafters here next Wednesday night to hear Earl Browder, according to advance indications, stated the Communist Campaign Committee.

Comrades, friends and sympathizers are asked to report to 121 Haight Street on Monday night at 8 p. m., for a preliminary meeting to arrange ushers for Wednesday night.

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Big Growers In Anti-Alien Move

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izing the unorganized in this state, particularly the agricultural workers.

The revelation of those behind the movement makes it imperative for organized labor bodies to get into action against this campaign.

Bosses' Threat of Violence

So far the open shoppers behind the initiative have been unable to obtain enough popular support to put the proposition on the November ballot, and plan to lay it before the legislature in January.

That the growers do not intend to confine their activities to legal measures was shown in a statement by Attorney Goodcell that "we must chase out our own rats."

The Mexican workers recently on strike in Orange County were particularly vilified at the meeting.

the rent allowance, if there is any surplus, can be applied on the principal.

The next matter of interest was that clients who have resided in the state more than one year and desire to return to their original homes can have their transportation paid by the SRA. However this can only be done with the free consent of the person.

Spain Government Is Winning Out In Battles

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than 100 hectares (247 acres) in five provinces which have been abandoned, or on which work has been stopped because of owners' absence. This means confiscation of all Fascist agricultural holdings in the Castile region. The land will be distributed among the peasants.

Neutrality Pact

PARIS.—Seven nations—France, Germany, Italy, Soviet Union, Portugal, Belgium, and Great Britain—were reported to have acceded to France's demand for a neutrality accord.

However, Mussolini was said to have acceded "in principle" and attached three conditions: stopping of enrollment of volunteers, raising of public subscriptions and manifestations; and press campaigns in favor of either Fascists or the Spanish government; assurance that the pact will bind both governments and private individuals, and asks whether France proposes some form of control to supervise application of any neutrality agreement.

Moscow (By Cable).—Karl Radek, famed Soviet political commentator, charged that both Italian and German Fascism were aiding the Spanish Fascists in order to gain control of strategic military bases in the western Mediterranean, in an article in Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government.

C.I.O. Unions Suspended

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Council realized that they could never get such a majority at the convention next October in Tampa. They therefore, in secret voted themselves the power to expel unions and proceeded to expel splitting organized labor.

The vote or suspension was 13 to 1 with David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Aidment Workers Union, which affiliated with the C. I. O., voting against suspension.

William Green after the suspension was voted, hypocritically said "I regret it had to be done."

Lewis Speaks Sharply
When John L. Lewis president of the United Mine Workers which has 500,000 members heard of the decision his eyes flashed angrily. Lewis is the dominant figure behind the C. I. O.

"It was an act of incredible and crass stupidity," he said "an act dictated by personal selfishness and fear. The shame of this act of dismemberment of labor will lie on the heads of the Council—and they can answer to their own members!"

The C. I. O. drive to organize a million workers in steel and steel fabrication; another million in rubber and auto; hundreds of thousands in textile and other industries will go on full speed he said.

Steel Drive Goes Forward
While the Executive Council was doing its utmost to wreck the labor movement tens of thousands of steel workers continued to flock into the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron Steel and Tin Workers. The C. I. O. is leading this organization drive.

Seven hundred steel workers in Gary Ind. joined in one day. Entire company unions in the Gary-Chicago area have come into the A. F. of L.

The Typographical and the Hat Cap and Millinery Unions were not included in the suspension decree because they are not affiliated with the C. I. O.

The unions suspended are: United Mine Workers; Amalgamated Clothing Workers; International Ladies' Aidment Workers; Mine Mill and Smelter Workers; United Textile Workers; Oil Field Gas Well and Refinery Workers; Flat Glass Workers; Amalgamated Assn. of Iron Steel and Tin Workers; United Automobile Workers; and United Rubber Workers.

The C. I. O. in no way has functioned as a dual organization and in no way does its existence violate the A. F. of L. constitution.

The C. I. O. leaders refuse to appear for "trial" because they considered the calling of such a trial illegal.

Outstanding at the Council "trial" desire to create a split were John P. Frey, head of the A.F.L. Metal Trades Dept., and Daniel Tobin, Teamsters President. Both have long records of strike betrayals.

LABOR and POLITICS

By John Broman

Governor Merriam is taking some action in the liquor graft scandal, before this smelly object comes home to roost in his own parlor.

He announced that he favors transfer of liquor enforcement control from the State Board of Equalization to "come other agency."

This is an old gag that has been snatched from its grave for use in all graft scandals unearched throughout the state—just "tend to do something, say the politicians, and the people will shut up about the graft, and we can go right ahead as we've always done."

Some day these grafters are going to get tossed out on their respective ears with a resounding bang—by a California Farmer-Labor Party against graft and reaction, and for the betterment of the living conditions of the people.

It Costs More To Live

While corporation profits go up and the rich continue their efforts to make the people pay ever more of the cost of the depression, official government figures reveal that the cost of living is going up. This means a further cut in the real wages of the working people.

Greatest increase is in farm products, which were up to 81.4 for the week of July 25th, as Foods have gone up in index compared to 74.4 in mid-May. Prices from 77.4 to 81. All other prices are up for the same period from 78.8 to 79.5.

"Make the rich pay"

Unions Make Mistake

The Grand Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks has long been active in the fight to free Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings. Therefore, it was a considerable shock to learn that this union has endorsed for re-election Florence P. Kahn, Republican in the 4th Congressional District, San Francisco.

The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America endorsed this phoney. This is part and parcel of the union-busting, anti-labor, anti-union, anti-union-busting, for terror against striking workers. She is endorsed locally by the S.F. Retailers Protective Association.

Mrs. Kahn belongs to the fascist-minded group that has kept Mooney and Billings in jail these 20 years. The Communist Party strongly urges these unions to reconsider their stand.

Anita Whitney, Communist candidate in the same district, is the only candidate who can truly promise and carry out a pro-labor program that can be supported by the trade unionists of San Francisco.

Expensive Movement

Aough credited with collecting \$1,250,000 in the past two years, the Townsend movement is now "practically broke," its leaders claim.

To an audience in Massachusetts, Dr. Clinton Wunder, one of the phoney in the leadership said: "We need two million dollars to save us from bankruptcy."

The audience gave him \$300. The money to finance the Townsend movement has come the hard way for the rank-and-file members who donated it, yet no accounting is ever given the membership.

CHARGES FACE PENSION HEAD

SAN FRANCISCO—Edward J. Mai, state manager of the Townsend organization, was assailed this week by charges inferring that he has something to do with alleged misappropriation of funds collected at the July 4th Townsend picnic in Durant Park, Oakland.

A committee of four Townsend members issued a statement as follows: "Fred C. Cox, Margett employee who was chairman of the picnic, told us only 13,900 paid admissions had been collected at the picnic."

"Inasmuch as more than 80,000 attended the affair we must conclude there has been a misappropriation of the funds."

Resolution Fails

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Now a Communist



HERBERT S. ELSTEIN In 1934 the Socialist candidate in the 52nd Assembly District—today the Communist candidate in the same district.

Communist Candidate Learned Early

LOS ANGELES—Growing up in Mullan, Idaho, in the heart of the mining industry and scene of many labor struggles, Albert A. Heltness, Communist candidate for State Assembly in the 54th District, early saw the viciousness of the ruling class in operation.

Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1905, he was brought up in the mining district in a working class family. His father was a saw mill worker.

Heltness himself worked in a mining and smelting company plant as an ore sorter, a mucker and a carpenter. Going to sea, he worked as an oiler and wiper, and finally as a chef. He is now employed as chef in a Los Angeles restaurant.

Active in Strikes Heltness participated in a seaman's strike and in the 1935 Los Angeles street car strike, and has been active in unemployed demonstrations.

Graduated from high school in 1923, Heltness has since studied law, electricity and chemistry, and is a graduate of the Los Angeles Section Training School of the Communist Party. He is married and has two children.

Workers' Platform Heltness pledges to fight in the Assembly for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, for establishment of day nurseries for children of working mothers in Highland Park and Eagle Rock, for maternity insurance, for abolition of the sales tax, for elimination of taxes on small homes and farms and small incomes, shifting the taxation burden to the rich.

For the railroad workers living in the Assembly District, Heltness will fight for the "short train bill" with full crews, 30-hour week and no reduction in pay.

I.W.O. PLEDGES \$50,000 FOR CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK.—Nationally known leaders of the International Workers Order have pledged \$50,000 of the \$250,000 People's Chest Against Reaction which is being raised by the Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party.

Part of the appeal issued by the I.W.O. leader is: "We pledge ourselves to mobilize the members of the International Workers Order in every one of the hundreds of branches all over the country to raise \$50,000 for the Communist Party Election Campaign."

"Let us join with energy and enthusiasm in the struggle to achieve a 'free, happy, and prosperous America!'"

Censorship At Texas U.

AUSTIN, Texas.—Attempts to "nazify" the University of Texas were scored here by Representative Maury Maverick of San Antonio, following appointment of a faculty member to "supervise" the Daily Texan, student newspaper.

"The board of regents has issued a decree nazifying the university," said Maverick.

Butts In To Help 1-Man Cars

SAN FRANCISCO.—Butting in to help out the Market Street Railway Company in its fight against the people on the one-man car issue, Lucius S. Storrs, president of the Baltimore Transit Company, last week claimed that 22,000 one-man cars are in operation in the nation and have "proved safe and efficient."

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LOCKED-OUT PICKERS FACE STARVATION

Mexican Consul Exposes Lies Of Growers Concerning Vigilantism

SANTA ANA—Discriminated against because they joined the agricultural workers' union in order to gain wage increases that their families might have enough to eat, hundreds of Mexican workers are denied jobs here in Orange County and in Los Angeles County by the wealthy, banker-dominated growers.

Result is that 500 Mexican families in Orange County are known to be starving.

Immediate Relief Needed Ricardo Hill, Mexican consul-general, communicated with state officials in Sacramento urging immediate relief for the families of Mexican orange pickers in both counties.

Death and disease among women and children, due to lack of food, stalk among the workers' huts, said consular representatives. A carload of food from the state relief agency was reported due in a few days.

Growers have refused to hire hundreds of workers who went on strike, saying that the scabs have "earned" first claim to the jobs.

Denied Phoney Charges LOS ANGELES—"I did not attempt to act as a labor dictator, as Colonel Garrison charges. I was merely protecting the rights of Mexican citizens."

This was the reply of Ricardo Hill, Mexican consul here, to the charges of Col. Walter E. Garrison, president of the Associated Farmers of California, that he had intervened in the Orange county citrus strike in violation of international law.

"Colonel Garrison said also that there was no vigilantism in the strike," Hill continued, "but we know just where the vigilantes were hired, by whom and through what detective agency in Los Angeles."

"I am perfectly willing to submit to any investigation by United States authorities."

HUTCHESON TO STOOGE FOR LANDON

CHICAGO—Although the labor plank of the G.O.P. has been completely condemned as anti-labor by progressive trade unionists throughout the nation, and has been branded as such by the Committee for Industrial Organization and scored by President William Green of the A.F. of L.—William Hutcheson will still head the "labor division" of the Republican National Committee in the 1936 campaign.

Hutcheson, of Indianapolis, is president of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

For God And The Open Shopper His appointment was announced by Arthur M. Curtis, assistant to G.O.P. Chairman John D. M. Hamilton. Hutcheson's job, said Curtis, would be "to organize the entire labor field throughout the country to support Governor Landon and Colonel Knox."

"Hutcheson's experience in the labor field and his liberal views and fairness to all parties concerned, eminently qualify him to direct labor councils. He is probably one of the best qualified men in the entire country to interpret fairly and squarely Governor Landon's views on the labor situation."

"He subscribes whole heartedly to the Republican point of view to take the government, so far as possible, out of industrial disputes."

Praise from the steel trust, Liberty League, and Hearst!

Commerce Gang In Lather About Anti-C.S. Drive

UKIAH.—The Chamber of Commerce here is all in a lather about the state-wide campaign to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, which is backed by numerous Central Labor Councils and scores of A.F.L. trade unions.

Seeing this broad people's move to repeal the anti-labor statute as "subversive" and the labor forces behind it as "sinister," the Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution in opposition to repealing the C.S. Act and sent copies to its officials in the State Senate and State Assembly.

MANCHESTER, N. H.—With the liquidation of the huge Amoskeag Mills 15,000 workers and their dependents have been left to starve. It was the city's main industry.

COUGHLIN IS 'SAT ON' BY CHURCH HEAD

Fascist Priest Will Be Told To Confine His Speeches To Religion

VATICAN CITY, Rome, Italy—Father Charles E. Coughlin, the Fascist radio priest of Detroit, will be told by Bishop Michael J. Gallagher of Detroit in a friendly manner to confine his speeches "as far as possible to religious subjects and avoid political controversies embarrassing to the church."

The pope has made this "request" of Bishop Gallagher, according to information from the office of the papal secretary of state.

To Be "Sat On" Although there was no hint of official muzzling of the priest, Coughlin is nevertheless to be "sat on" to a degree. The calling of Gallagher, to Rome was occasioned by the Fascist's recent attack on President Roosevelt as a "liar and double-crosser."

Asked about the matter, Gallagher said: "I took care of all that before 'I left the United States. I told Father Coughlin I did not approve of his calling people liars, etc. As a result and as is known, Father Coughlin apologized to President Roosevelt."

Priest's Bet Taken Up PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Frederick L. Jenckes, former head of the Manville-Jenckes Company, who directed terror against the Gastonia strikers in 1921, is reported to have offered to cover the bet offered at East Providence last Sunday by Father Coughlin.

The priest said in a speech he would wager \$25,000 at 3 to 2 odds that William Lemke, "Union Party" candidate for President, would lead Landon in the November election.

Cops "Don't Give A Damn" For Constitution

HOLLYWOOD.—In violation of the people's constitutional rights, police broke up another Communist Party street meeting here last Saturday night.

Although the meeting complied with every provision of the street-speaking ordinance, the sergeant in charge of the radio patrol squad, when reminded of constitutional rights, said: "I don't give a damn for the Constitution. This is Hollywood, and if you want to give speeches, you'll have to give them some place else."

Delegations will protest to Mayor L. Shaw the czarist actions of Police Chief Davis, who, charge liberals and radicals, takes orders directly from the Chamber of Commerce.

The Communist Party immediately announced that another street meeting will be held here the following Saturday night.

Tax Collector Is Indicted Again

SACRAMENTO.—Charging embezzlement of \$500 in connection with a shortage in his accounts, the Sacramento County grand jury returned a second indictment against Ed. T. Ryan, Sacramento County tax collector.

NEW YORK—Local 5513 of the United Mine Workers, Clinton, Ind., has sent \$38.25 for the children of labor's prisoners.

The money was sent to the Prisoners' Relief Dept. of the International Labor Defense, at 799 Broadway, New York. Other unions are urged to aid this worthy labor cause.

Fill the People's Chest

California State Election Campaign Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

Enclosed you will find my donation to the Election Campaign of the Communist Party.

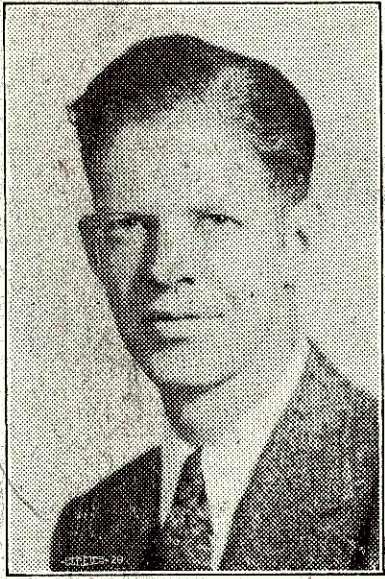
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For Assembly



ALBERT A. HELTNESS Communist candidate in the 54th District.

Elstein Runs For Assembly In 52nd Dist.

LOS ANGELES.—Herbert S. Elstein, Communist candidate for the State Assembly in the 52nd District, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 13th, 1908, has a long and brilliant record in struggles to better the living conditions of the working people.

Becoming a member of the Socialist Party when scarcely more than a boy, Elstein stands out as a leader of American youth in demands for peace, equal opportunities of education and assurance of earning a decent living when education is completed.

Organized Jobless Elstein was one of the first to help organize the unemployed, from which arose a \$5,000,000 bond issue to aid workers thrown out of jobs.

He served on the picket lines in strikes of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, hosiery workers, bakers, agricultural workers, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and was arrested for picketing.

He has participated in free speech fights and has helped lead demonstrations in protest against discrimination on WPA projects against Negro, Mexican, Jewish and foreign-born youth. He is active in the American Youth Congress.

Ran Twice As Socialist Elstein has run twice before for the State Assembly, both times on the Socialist ticket and once for the same office he is now seeking as a Communist.

In 1934 he polled 4500 votes. He was formerly a member of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, and State Executive Secretary of the Young People's Socialist League. He joined the Young Communist League early this year.

Father Divine Meet For Repeal Of C.S. Statute

LOS ANGELES.—Adopting resolutions calling for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and demanding the freedom of Mooney and Billings, the California International Righteous Government Movement of Father Divine's Peace Mission brought its annual convention to a close last Sunday night.

Other resolutions adopted called for the abolition of capital punishment, restoration to Congress of the right to coin money, freedom for the Scottsboro prisoners, and the nationalization of the manufacture of munitions and other war supplies.

Upwards of 5000 persons attended the sessions which were held in the Hollywood Bowl. Northern California will have the convention next year.

Copies of two resolutions were sent to Mayor Shaw and the police commission, scoring the police board for failure to grant a permit for a projected peace parade last Saturday.

EARL BROWDER: HIS LIFE

(A Biography)

(Continued From Last Issue)

Throughout his life, Earl Browder spent a great deal of his study on the colonial question. How this interest came into existence is worth telling:

As a youth in Wichita, Kansas, Browder used to walk down the railroad tracks for several miles to his place of work.

One blustery day in the fall of 1911, a hand-car full of Mexican laborers passed him and a paper fluttered from the tracks. The wind wrapped it around Browder's foot and as he leaned over to toss it off, he noticed type in both Spanish and English.

Days of Villa and Zapata The paper proved to be "Regeneration," a Mexican revolutionary organ. Browder subscribed and learned about the movement below the Rio Grande.

His imagination fired by the brave fight of the peons, he became the agent of their revolutionary newspaper in Kansas City. In 1912 he distributed the newspapers and pamphlets on behalf of the Mexican masses in their fight against Diaz and Madero.

This first contact with revolutionary problems of a colonial or semi-colonial country led him afterward to become a "practical worker" in some far-reaching movements.

Organized Union Delegation The Communist Party assigned him to organize a delegation of trade unionists to the first congress of the Red International of Labor Unions in 1921. He went with the delegation representing the militant group of Kansas coal miners and several local unions in various parts of the United States.

While in Moscow he attended the Third Congress of the Communist International. He was elected to the international executive of the Red International of Labor Unions.

Upon his return to this country Browder became an assistant editor of the Labor Herald, organ of the Trade Union Educational League, of which William Z. Foster was founder and secretary.

Assisted Wm. Z. Foster Browder was elected to the executive committee of the Workers' Party of America (the name adopted by the Communist Party to help emerge from the illegality that followed the notorious Palmer "Red Raids" of 1920) at its first convention in December, 1921. From 1921 to 1926, he was assistant to William Z. Foster in the great movement for industrial unionism and a Labor Party led by the Trade Union Educational League within the American Federation of Labor.

Browder was sent by his fellow workers to Moscow to work for a year in the Red International of Labor Unions. There he attended the sixth and seventh plenary sessions of the Communist International as one of the representatives of the American party.

(To be concluded in our next issue.)

MOTHER BLOOR SPEAKS NEXT!

Famed Communist Leader Will Tour West Coast Cities Next Month

"Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor, famous for her leadership in working class struggles over nearly half a century, will be the next leading Communist to speak on the West Coast for the national election campaign of the Communist Party.

The State Election Campaign Committee yesterday revealed the schedule of "Mother" Bloor's speaking tour, as follows:

September 1st—Phoenix; Friday, September 4th—Los Angeles; Saturday, September 5th—San Diego; Sunday, September 6th—Los Angeles; Monday, September 7th, San Bernardino; Wednesday, September 9th—Fresno; Thursday, September 10th—Oakland; Friday, September 11th—San Francisco; and Sunday, September 12th—Sacramento.

As the drive got under way to raise California's \$20,000 quota on the national \$250,000 People's Fund Against Reaction, the State Campaign Committee stated it had sent out 1000 coupon books throughout the state, except in Los Angeles County, which got books direct.

Get Browder-Ford Buttons! The coupon books contain coupons of 10, 25 and 50 cent denominations, totaling \$5 per book, to be given in receipt for donations to the Communist campaign fund. Browder-Ford buttons are also being distributed.

California will also participate in the nation-wide collection day to be held this month. Special radio fund certificates are on their way from National Campaign Headquarters, to be used in building up for the \$5,000 fund for a dozen coast-to-coast broadcasts.

Anita Whitney, state chairman of the C. P. and Communist candidate in the 4th Congressional District, issued a statement urging all readers of the Western Worker, all sympathizers of the Communist Party to write to the state headquarters, 121 Haight street, San Francisco, to get supplies for raising election funds.

The first donation (see blank at foot of this column) came in this week from Oceania, California.

NO. CALIFORNIA AWAITS MEET FOR BROWDER

Communist Candidate Speaks At Special Meetings, And Over Radio

SAN FRANCISCO—Northern California is turning out for the gigantic meeting for Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, at Dreamland Auditorium on Wednesday, August 12th, at 8 p. m.

A special Browder issue of the Western Worker will be given full house-to-house distribution throughout San Francisco the night before the big meeting, in addition to 125,000 other pieces of printed matter being distributed.

East Bay workers are coming to the meeting in a specially chartered ferryboat, which will leave the foot of Broadway in Oakland at 6:45 p. m. Wednesday. Admission will be 10 cents roundtrip, instead of the usual 42 cents. Supper will be served on the ferry, to make it easier for workers who work late that day.

In addition to the huge Dreamland meeting, Browder will speak on radio station KGO (of the NBC chain) on Tuesday, August 11th, from 7 to 7:30 p. m. Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker and Communist Candidate in the 5th Congressional District, will speak over Station KROW on Monday, August 10th, from 6:30 to 6:45 p. m.

By special invitation, Browder will address a meeting of the San Francisco Center of the California League of Women Voters in the Colonial Room of the St. Francis Hotel on Tuesday, August 11th, 2:30 p. m.

The Communist presidential candidate will also speak at a specially arranged luncheon of the Commonwealth Club in the Rose Room of the Palace Hotel, on Wednesday, August 12th.

An interesting note, which was noted also by the capitalist press, is the fact that John Hamilton, Landon's campaign manager, will also be in San Francisco on August 12th.

Publicity for the Dreamland meeting includes 700 two-colored posters on both sides of San Francisco Bay, 11 one-minute announcements over three radio stations in San Francisco, and 10 announcements on two radio stations in Oakland and Berkeley; paid announcements in the San Francisco Chronicle, the San Francisco News, the Voice of the Federation, the Pacific Weekly, language papers, and a 30-inch ad in each of 26 neighborhood newspapers; two-colored slides in 10 neighborhood theaters for a week, and a traveling billboard with sound, covering all working class neighborhoods, factory districts and the waterfront.

10,000 WILL HEAR— EARL BROWDER Communist Candidate for President answer these vital questions 1. Why is the Liberty League-Hearst-Dupont-Landon clique the greatest menace to the American people? 2. Will Roosevelt curb Fascism and Wall Street tyranny? 3. Why do the American people need a Farmer-Labor Party to defeat vigilantism and reaction? 4. Why will the Communist Program bring a Free, Prosperous and Happy America? DREAMLAND 8 P.M. AUGUST 12TH Post and Steiner Sts., San Francisco ATTENTION EAST BAY! A special Browder Ferryboat will leave the foot of Broadway St., Oakland, at 7:00 P.M., August 12. Round Trip on Boat 10 Cts.

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Make Browder Meetings Demonstrations of Solidarity!

Working class history will be written boldly in California next week with the arrival of Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party in America and candidate for President of the United States.

His public appearance on the platform—in Los Angeles Sunday and in San Francisco Wednesday—will afford California workers their first opportunity of hearing the leader of the Communist Party speak on the vital issues facing the working class today.

Browder's message carries a particular appeal to the people of California.

Almost 900,000 California progressives voted for Sinclair in 1934, hoping by their votes to find some solution to their pressing problems. Since then these and other leftward moving people have found no united expression for their discontent with conditions.

Some remained in the Epic movement. A large number first turned Utopians. Another large number went into the Townsend movement—and are now in danger of being sold out to the forces of reaction by the Fascists Father Coughlin and Gerald Smith. Many of them, disillusioned, have dropped out of active participation in any progressive political movement.

What steps can be taken by the left-wing and progressive forces of California to unify their strength in a sharp counter-offensive against reaction and vigilantism in California, in defense of their standard of living and civil liberties.

This burning question will be answered simply and clearly by Earl Browder.

Make the Browder meetings mass demonstrations of working class unity! Pack the Atlantic Stadium in Los Angeles next Sunday and the Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco Wednesday!

Workers in the towns and small farmers—those of you who cannot get to either one of these two mass meetings—tune in Monday, 7 to 7:30 on the Los Angeles radio station KMTR; on Tuesday, at the same time, on San Francisco station KGO!

Stay Headman's Axe Leveled At Andre!

World-wide pressure is being brought to bear against the monstrous Nazi murder machine to stay the executioner's axe—aimed at the head of another hero of the working class—Edgar Andree.

Andree, leading member of the Communist Party of Germany who worked closely with Ernest Thaelmann in Hamburg prior to Hitler's rise to power, was recently convicted in a secret court of "political responsibility" for the death of Nazis six years ago, and sentenced to death by beheading.

Refused his own lawyer, menaced by the headman's axe, surrounded in secret session by his torturers, Andree in his speech to the court shattered the framed structure of the case against him. At the end, he spoke with impressive simplicity of the ideals of his class and his Party, of the struggle for freedom which must prove victorious no matter how many brave sons of the working class are sent to their deaths by Fascist murderers!

Following the protest against the death sentence made by the Congress of the International Federation of Trade Unions at its recent London sessions, trade union bodies in most major capitalist countries have added their voices to the demand for the freedom of Andree.

Only the strengthening of the mass campaign can prevent the Nazi bloodhounds

from perpetrating yet another judicial murder. A number of trade unions in the United States have already protested to the Nazi officials, demanding stay of execution and reversal of sentence. But not enough.

All working class organizations should adopt resolutions of protest, and send them to Senate President Rothe, Hamburg, Germany.

Fruit Pickers Must Organize Against Starvation!

Slow death by starvation of two children, one three-year-old girl and her infant sister of six weeks—near Gilroy recently, gives the lie to the capitalist claim that there is no acute want in America, that the standard of living of the workers in this country is higher than in the Soviet Union. But even our enemies admit there is no starvation in the Soviet Union.

We call attention of the capitalist press—especially Mr. Chandler's L. A. Times and the Hearst press—to the fact that the parents of these children both were fruit pickers, working in the apricot harvest. We wonder whether the miserable wages paid these workers, directly responsible for the death of their children, are as low as they are because of the "Communist agitation?" The capitalist press says that agricultural workers go out on strike not because of dissatisfaction with conditions, but because "red agitators" stir up trouble.

These deaths are not an isolated instance. Last year there were five deaths among fruit pickers' children in the same area officially recorded as due to lack of food.

The same newspaper which carried the item of the death of these children also carried—much more prominently—the headline news, released by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, that 1936, thus far, is the best year since 1929 for business—the year of the greatest profits.

Extend the Boycott Movement Against Hearst!

The unanimous vote of delegates to the Convention of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor to boycott all Hearst publications points the way for similar action by other state and city labor bodies and individual unions.

A resolution to this effect should be introduced and passed at the California State Federation of Labor convention next September. If anything, California labor should be the first to take such action.

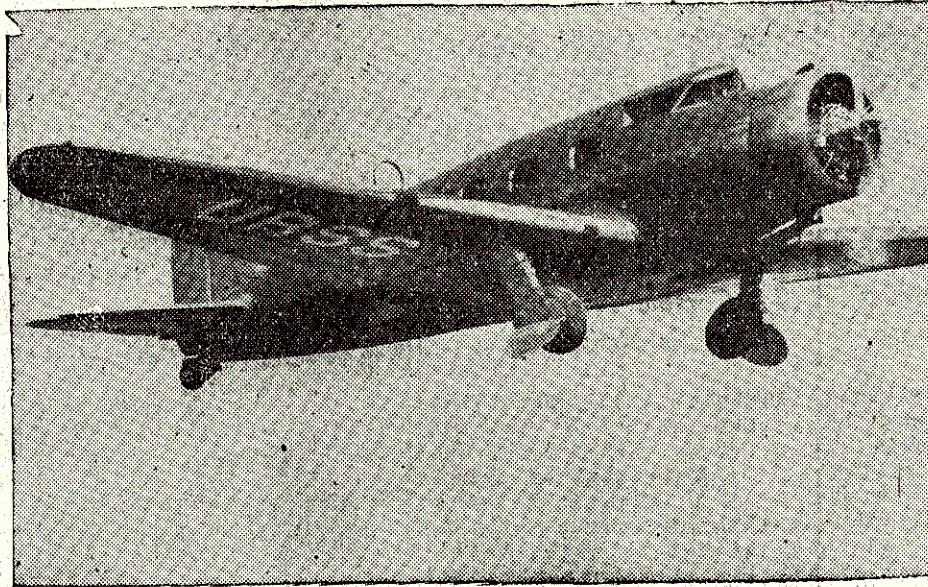
Not only does the Hearst press in this state take a violently anti-labor stand on each issue that affects trade unionists and workers generally, but it also plays an active role in inciting that vigilante action against workers for which California has become infamous throughout the country.

The columns of the Hearst press in Southern California during the orange pickers' strike were filled with incitement to violence against the strikers.

We are sure that among the firmest supporters of such a move would be the members of the American Newspaper Guild, latest addition to the American Federation of Labor. The organized newspapermen know at first hand where Hearst stands. Many of their members have been fired for joining the Guild.

William Randolph Hearst is contemptuous of organized labor. If labor organizes throughout the country to fight him, we believe "Dirty Willie" will be forced to respect the power of the working class.

A SOVIET TRANS-OCEAN FLIGHT — NOT FOR PROFIT



THIS IS THE PLANE in which two Soviet ace flyers, Sigmund Levenevsky and Victor Lechenko are making their flight from California to Moscow, across Arctic regions. It's a flight fraught with many dangers, built's made for science, which the workers and farmers Soviet republic backs to the limit. No movie contracts, or any personal glory are sought by the Soviet aviation heroes.

How Long Will Socialists Be Deaf To Call of Unity

By Eva Shafran

FOR some time the Los Angeles County Committee of the Communist Party has called upon the Socialist Party to establish united working class action in the city. Last April we sent numerous letters to the Socialist Party City Committee and urged united May Day action in Los Angeles.

When all our attempts for a united May Day in 1936 failed, we proposed to the Los Angeles Conference for a United May Day, not to have a separate May Day evening meeting. As a result of our policy for genuine unity Los Angeles saw one glorious united May Day evening meeting.

On June 12 we sent another appeal for united action on some immediate issues.

Fascism vs. Democracy

This year's election campaign is of great importance to the masses of toiling people. The problem of the threat of Fascism against the forces of Democracy comes most sharply to the fore at the present moment. It is an immediate issue: Will the toiling masses be ushered into fascism as is the desire of Hearst, his pet candidate Landon and the un-American Liberty League, or will a united struggle on the part of all liberty loving people be carried on to curb this drive to fascism, for the preservation of the rights and liberties of the American people?

Here in Los Angeles this is a very important immediate problem. It expresses itself most sharply, especially in the 13th Congressional District, where the arch-reactionary, the infamous Kramer, is running for re-election to Congress. He is the author of the Anti-sedition Bill introduced in Congress that would make a national law of California Criminal Syndicalism law.

That this bill is directed not alone against the Communists and radicals, but against the entire labor movement—the whole toiling population—is beyond question. The Central Trades and Labor Council realized this when at a recent meeting it overwhelmingly defeated a recommendation of the legislative committee to endorse Kramer—an action that should be hailed by all progressive forces in the city and county.

Backed By Reactionaries

Kramer is backed by powerful interests. Tens of thousands of dollars are being spent in support of Kramer by the most reactionary forces, the same forces of reaction that are now carrying on a campaign to smash the Trade Union movement in Los Angeles.

These and other immediate issues—struggle against vigilantism in the agricultural fields, etc.—we took up in our appeal of June 12 and asked for united action around these issues. On June 22 received an answer from the Socialist Party. The answer is vague, and ignores the specific proposals in our letter of June 12. The reply states:

"The City Central Committee was unanimous in its decision to refuse your request for Political unity in the coming election.

"They felt that your appeal for united action failed to recognize the fundamental principled differences between our parties. Only as these differences are reconciled, not ignored, can working class unity be obtained."

Criticizing Misconceptions

Not only does the Communist Party not ignore differences in principles—we are continually criticizing certain wrong conceptions of some of the leaders of the Socialist Party.

That this is so can be seen by articles in the Communist Press, in speeches made by the out-

standing leaders of the Communist Party. The recent speeches of Comrade Browder, the Party's General Secretary and its standard bearer in the present presidential election campaign, illustrate this.

We have very many serious differences of opinion with the Socialists on the question of building the Farmer-Labor Party; on the question of strategy and tactics in the present war situation; on evaluation of and struggle for the defense of the Soviet Union, and other issues.

Split Not Warranted

However, we say, all these differences do not warrant the continuation of the split in the labor movement. On the contrary. In the face of the imminence of war; in the face of the threat of fascism; we must overlook for the moment many of these differences and unite on issues that both our parties agree upon, that the toiling masses agree upon, and carry on a united struggle for the most burning needs of the toiling population.

Spain, France Are Examples

Differences of opinion that exist will be hammered out only in the process of action in the fire of struggle. Do not the Spanish Socialists and Communists still have differences of opinion, even now when side by side they are heroically and successfully fighting the attempted fascist coup d'etat in Spain? Could there have been any talk of victory of the People's Front in Spain without this unity of action on the part of the Socialist and Communists?

Everything said about Spain is true also of France. There too our parties still have many differences of opinion. Still it is clear to the whole world that only the iron united front of the proletariat that produced the Peoples Front was, and is, able to stave off fascist reaction.

These and similar points were made in our letter of June 25, in answer to the stereotyped note, quoted above, of the Socialist Party in Los Angeles.

We also stated in our letter that our County Committee is ready to discuss all points of differences of opinion between our parties, if the Socialist Party so desires, at any time—either in committee or publicly, just as the Socialist Party will decide. To this letter we received no answer.

Why No Answer?

Why is no answer forthcoming? Is it because the original answer given to us was merely a way to "pass the buck"; to raise the question of "principled differences of opinion" and be done with it? Do the die-hards, still influenced by the "old guard," still stand in the way? Or is it because the new poison that the Socialist Party voluntarily took a dose of—the plague called the Trotskyism—obstructs all efforts for unity? This question ought to be answered by the City Committee of the Socialist Party.

CATHOLIC REACTIONARIES

Grants Pass, Ore.

Dear Editor:
I listened yesterday to a speech on the Catholic Church Hour on the radio, and no wonder the Spanish workers and peasants are burning the churches.

I never heard such veneration towards elected leaders as the speaker used towards Premier Blum of France, Cardenas of Mexico, and the Spanish leaders.

If the Communist press could get and print that speech, it would show without a shadow of a doubt to the Catholics where their leaders stood. The reactionaries, when they are pushed

to the wall by the might of the people, seem to go insane. Their speeches ought to be used against them. They say things in their terror that expose them completely.

Our sympathy must go out to the Catholic workers whose leaders have so betrayed them. Their leaders desert them and pray that the exploiters, the grafters, the traitors of the people will shoot them down.

Comradely yours,
D. M.

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

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AS WE SEE IT.

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.

THE SAILORS' CHARTER SITUATION

A SITUATION is developing in the Sailors Union which if left unchecked may seriously affect the unity of the maritime unions in the coming negotiations for the opening of the arbitration awards which expire September 30th.

All the unions are now balloting on the opening of the awards in order to propose amendments for the improvement of its conditions, which are especially important for the seamen. This procedure makes it possible for the unions to consult with each other, and take joint action to present demands to the shipowners. If the employers are presented with such a united front of the maritime unions, they will not be able to play off one craft against the other, for the purpose of continuing the intolerable conditions of the seamen.

MAKING UNITY DIFFICULT

Some of the leaders of the Sailors Union, however, have adopted an attitude toward the other affiliates of the Maritime Federation which make co-operation and unity more difficult. When the I.S.U. officials revoked the charter of the Sailors Union, the shipowners hoped to use this splitting tactic to break the solidarity of the seamen crafts, and the unity of the seamen and longshoremen in the Maritime Federation.

The sailors presented a solid front against this attack, and unanimously signed pledge cards to stand by their union and to fight to remain in the I. S. U. and A. F. of L. The sailors' fight for the return of their charter won for them the support of all the maritime unions and the sympathy and support of large sections of the organized labor movement.

This solid front has forced the I. S. U. officials to back water. They are also facing a growing revolt of the rank and file of the I. S. U. on the East Coast and the Gulf.

WHY HUNTER MADE HIS OFFER

All these factors have forced Ivan Hunter, the secretary of the International Seamen's Union, to offer the return of the sailors' charter and make many favorable concessions to the sailors which represents a complete reversal of the previous position taken at the I. S. U. Convention by the reactionary officials.

The one unsatisfactory condition in the proposals is the question of the enforcement of the new distatorial Constitution of the U. S. U., which was railroaded through the I. S. U. convention only after the Sailors Union of the Pacific was illegally expelled.

Nevertheless, these proposals represent a basis for further negotiations, because with the one exception of the Constitution all the other conditions offered are similar to the conditions demanded by the Sailors Union itself.

All the other maritime unions are in favor of the Sailors Union taking some steps to regain its charter; the other crafts, like the Marine Firemen and the Marine Cooks and Stewards, are operating under considerable autonomy and act as if there is no attempt to enforce the new Constitution on the Pacific Coast.

The I. L. A. has urged the Sailors to go back into the I. S. U. and voted that if the I. S. U. officials attempt to enforce the new Constitution to the detriment of the Sailors Union, the I. L. A. will give its full support to the sailors.

THE RETURN TO THE A. F. OF L.

Some of the officials of the Sailors Union have adopted an uncompromisingly hostile attitude toward returning to the I. S. U. and A. F. of L., ignoring the fact that the membership signed pledged-cards to fight for the return of their charter. They have also developed a hostile attitude toward any efforts on the part of the other unions in the Maritime Federation to facilitate the return of the charter.

This is a reflection of the fact that some of the syndicalist elements in the union do not want to return to the A. F. of L. and are therefore placing every possible obstacle in the way of successful negotiations with the I. S. U.

We do not believe that this opinion is shared by the majority of the membership, who surely realize the need for being a part of the main stream of the American labor movement.

The A. F. of L. does not consist of the Greens and Wolls, but of the millions of organized militant workers who are ready to fight and strike for their rights. The I. S. U. does not consist of the Scharrenbergs and Olanders, but of the thousands of militant seamen who are rapidly awakening to the need for taking over their own union, and the time is not far off when they will, as did the maritime workers of the Pacific Coast.

The sailors must not divorce themselves from the other unions of the Maritime Federation, at this crucial time when demands are to be presented to the employers. We believe that all sincere militants in the Sailors Union see that such a course would be dangerous.

A SOLID FRONT IS ESSENTIAL

It is their duty to do everything possible to fight for the return of their charter in the I. S. U., which would be the greatest blow to the shipowners who are looking hopefully toward Sep. 30th for a break in the ranks. The maritime unions must present a solid front; this is the only course by which the seamen can gain their demands.

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SOVIET UNION NEWS-TRIBUTE PAID MOSCOW

New Anglo-Soviet Agreement; Ice-Breaker Sadko Sails On Expedition

MOSCOW—Colonel Hugh L. Cooper, famous American engineer who aided in construction of the Dnieper Hydroelectric Station, paid a flying visit here recently, his first since October, 1932, and expressed astonishment at the many changes that have taken place since that time.

"It is always a great joy to me to visit this country," said Colonel Cooper, "where there is no unemployment, and where everybody is so hopeful of the future."

"I think this is a statement which cannot be made regarding any other country in the world."

"Great Machine" The colonel expressed satisfaction as to how the Dnieper plant was "behaving."

"It is a great machine," he said, "and I am very happy that its electric current has proved of such great value to the Soviet Union."

Colonel Cooper holds a Soviet Order for his work on the Dnieper plant.

LONDON—A 10-million-pound export credit (in American money, \$50,187,500) as part of a new Anglo-Soviet trade agreement, has been extended to the Soviet Union, it was announced recently in the House of Commons.

Historic Discovery

KIEV—Soviet archeologists are investigating to determine the identity of the woman whose skeleton was found with that of Jaroslav the Sage, one of the rulers of Russia, whose sarcophagus was recently opened.

Nothing was found in the sarcophagus except the two skeletons, establishing the fact that it had been robbed sometime between the year 1054, when Jaroslav died, and the present.

The Jaroslav sarcophagus in the ancient St. Sophia Cathedral here, was brought from Byzantium in the 7th Century, after to become the tomb of Jaroslav. Historical data gives the burial place of his wife as Novgorod.

Scientific Expedition

ARCHANGEL—In search of a mysterious "land of high mountains," the Soviet ice-breaker Sadko sailed on July 24th last for Arctic wastes in the most complete scientific expedition ever projected into the north.

The ice-breaker carried a floating laboratory, aviators, deep-sea divers and scientists of many branches for a far-reaching attack upon the scientific, geographical and meteorological mysteries of the Arctic.

Although only a three-month journey was planned, the ice-breaker is prepared to stay two or three years if necessary.

Trap Speculators

MOSCOW—Private speculators, who bought goods from State stores and resold them at a profit, were caught up with here by the Public Prosecutor's office.

Four persons, arrested in the Yaroslavl market here, received sentences of 10 years each, and five others were given terms from five to eight years apiece, in accordance with the criminal code of the Soviet Union.

Unlike the United States, profiteers are not tolerated in the Soviet Union.

More Self-Criticism

MOSCOW—Speaking before the recent Council of Heavy Industry, G. K. Orjonikidze, People's Commissar of Heavy Industry, called for more self-criticism by the workers of the U.S.S.R.

He pointed out that in the Soviet Union "any criticism of our failings must come from ourselves. The more we encourage criticism of our failings, the quicker we will correct them."

Busygina and Faustov, noted drop forge men of the Molotov-Automobile Plant in Gorky, were praised by Orjonikidze for their criticism of matters in their forge shop.

The commissar declared that output of heavy industry rose 37.4 per cent in the first six months of this year over the production for the same period in 1935, and that the yearly plan was fulfilled 50.3 per cent.

American Style

Maritime Workers Demand Release Of Andre

Freedom for Edgar Andre, former Hamburg seaman who has been sentenced to death by the German Nazis, is demanded by brother seamen and longshoremen throughout the world, reports the International of Seamen and Harbor Workers.

The Marseille, France, seamen sent a telegram to the German embassy in Paris, protesting "vehemently against the arbitrary accusation and preparation of criminal verdict on trade union struggler Edgar Andre in Hamburg, whom the water transport workers know and esteem."

The seamen in Rouen also protested and sent a telegram to the Senate's President Rothe in Hamburg, demanding Andre's release. Dockers in Rouen and coal-workers in Paris also passed protest resolutions.

Danish Workers Protest

In Copenhagen, a delegation of trade unionists, including a representative from the Danish Firemen's Union, went to the German embassy to protest. The seamen also passed a resolution for Andre.

"It's an open murder," declared Karl Liaberg, parliament deputy and president of the Stockholm branch of the Seamen's Union.

The Congress of the Brussels Union of the Socialist Youth and the congress of the trade union council of Charleroi, with more than 60,000 members, sent a protest telegram to Nazi authorities demanding repeal of the death sentence and the release of Andre.

The Action Branch of the Transport and General Workers, Great Britain, has forwarded a letter to the German embassy in London in protest.

The International Federation of Trade Unions, at its 7th Congress held recently in London, passed a resolution against the intended murder of Andre.

JAPAN BIDS FOR SUPREMACY ON THE SEAS

TOKIO.—Classified as the "X" quantity by the other imperialist nations in the greatest race for naval superiority of all history, Japan recently announced that it planned to build four battleships starting the first of the year.

This announcement came close on the heels of the statement by Great Britain and by the United States that these two countries planned to lay down two battleships each after January 1st, 1937.

Britain's answer to Japan's statement was that, instead of scrapping some 40 smaller warships on account of age in accordance with treaty limitations, she will retain them. Both Japan and the U.S. are expected to follow the British lead and retain over-age craft as well.

MEDITERRANEAN PACTS ENDED BY BRITISH

LONDON.—The British government considers Italy's "conquest" of Ethiopia a closed incident, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons, in announcing the dropping of British assurances for protection to Turkey and Yugoslavia in the event of attack by Mussolini.

Eden explained that Italy had "assured Turkey and Yugoslavia of her friendship."

This move by the British government was interpreted as a concession to Hitler Germany, in view of the recent Italo-German pact in "guarantee" of the independence of Austria. The war plans of the Nazis were considered strengthened by Britain's thus backing water.

Hull Reveals Spain Fascists Ask U.S. Recognition

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull revealed last week that the United States has received a communication from the Spanish Fascists, asking diplomatic recognition of their "government."

Hull indicated no reply had been made, or even acknowledgment of receipt of the communication. Other governments received identical requests, it was understood.

MOSCOW.—American-style cooking is catching on in the Soviet Union. A recent exhibit sponsored by the Anglo-American Section of Moscow's Foreign Workers' Club included lemon meringue pie, creole salad and some 40 other U. S. dishes. It attracted favorable attention from representatives of the Soviet Food Industry, including People's Commissar A. I. Mikoyan.

FINLAND PLANS AIR BASES FOR USE OF NAZIS

"Commercial" Project Blind Fox Anti-Soviet Union Attacks

MOSCOW.—With the object of establishing a chain of military air bases that could be effectively used against the Soviet Union, in the event Germany launches its threatened attack, Finland has announced a "commercial" airplane project for linking Western Europe and Scandinavia with the U.S.S.R. via Finland.

If Hitler unleashes his war, Finland is a probable ally machine against the Soviet Union of Germany—passive, if not active.

No Need For Airline

"No negotiations looking to the establishment of such a route have been held with the Soviet government," declared Izvestia, official government press, adding that there is no need for such an airline.

The Soviet Union is already linked by air with Western Europe by a line running from Moscow to Berlin via Lithuania and with Stockholm and Helsingfors by a line running from Leningrad to Tallinn, Estonia, thence to Helsingfors.

Route Planned Is Tip-Off

"The suspicious nature of this communique in the Finnish press is especially evident," stated Izvestia, "when one looks at the route contemplated in the Finnish project."

"Even the most innocent reader will readily note that the object is not to establish mail and passenger service between the U.S.S.R. and Finland but to mask the construction of military airfields in a region bordering on the U.S.S.R. and on the Aland Islands."

A year ago the Soviet government stated that Finland was building airfields and surveying landing places, in preparation for pro-German airbases instead of for legitimate aviation needs.

Sugar Companies Convict Eight In Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—The big sugar companies that dominate this island colony of the United States, secured conviction of eight Puerto Rican nationalists here last weekend on charges of "conspiring to overthrow the government of the United States by force."

While the verdict was being rendered, the crowd that packed the court room shouted in defiance: "Down with Yankee imperialism!"

Headed by Pedro Albizu Campos, president of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, the defendants were sentenced to terms ranging from two to six years in prison.

Second Trial

It was the second trial for the defendants, who were charged with "attempting to conscript an independence army." The previous jury disagreed.

A crowd massed in front of the courthouse heard Clemente Pereda, former university professor and hunger-striking member of the Nationalist Party, declare: "The oath still holds!"

Pereda referred to an oath of vengeance taken by nationalists in the cemetery during the burial of four nationalists murdered by police last October.

L.A. Workers Pledge Solidarity With Spanish People

LOS ANGELES.—Fifteen hundred workers pledged solidarity with the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism and reaction in a mighty August 1st demonstration in the Plaza here, including both Socialists and Communists.

The American League Against War and Fascism, which sponsored the demonstration, is calling a conference at 1359 1/2 West 24th St. on August 19th, 7-30 p.m., to make arrangements for an anti-war parade on Armistice Day. Affiliated organizations and others are urged to send delegates to this conference.

ALUMINUM WORKERS WANT RAISE

PITTSBURGH.—Aluminum Corp. employees here and in four other cities where the Mellon company has plants, are demanding a 15 cents an hour wage increase. They will strike if they don't get it.

In the Hands of the Workers



SPAIN'S PEOPLE'S FRONT holds possession of San Sebastian after heavy fighting against the Fascist armies. Workers' militia and loyal troops successfully stormed the city, which is the summer headquarters of the American embassy and also of the rich and wealthy of Europe and America. Picture shows one of the main sections of San Sebastian.

Story of Lawrence Simpson, U.S. Seaman In Nazi Dungeon

By William Bailey (Seaman who ripped the Nazi swastika flag from the S.S. Bremen in New York Harbor.)

One year of torture—one year of brutal punishment—this is what the Nazis have so far handed out to Lawrence B. Simpson, American seaman kidnapped off the S.S. Manhattan in Hamburg, Germany, one year ago.

Soviet Workers Give Aid to Spanish People's Front

MOSCOW (By Cable).—Hundreds of thousands of workers jammed every inch of Red Square last Monday night in an impassioned demonstration in defense of the Spanish Republic.

Workers from hundreds of factories and offices began their march through the streets immediately after work, entering Red Square between five and six o'clock. They carried scores of slogans expressing solidarity with the struggle of the Spanish people, such as:

International Solidarity "Greetings to the Defenders of a Free and Democratic Spain!" "Fraternal Greetings to the Heroic People of Spain!"

"Long Live the United Front of All Anti-Fascists Who, With Their Lives, Defend Democratic Rights!"

"For the Defense of the Spanish People Against the Fascist Mutineers and their German and Italian Inspires!"

Fiery speeches were made denouncing the action of the Italian Fascists and German Nazis in aiding the Spanish reactionaries, by N. Schvernik, head of the All-Union Council of the Soviet Trade Unions, speaking in the name of 20,000,000 members; Markarov, from the Hammer and Sickle Steel Plant; Academician Persman, representing the Academy of Science of the Soviet Union, and others.

Thousands of workers in other cities held similar solidarity meetings in support of the struggle of the Spanish people. Numerous resolutions were adopted conveying greetings and raising funds to be sent to Spain to aid in the fight against the Fascists.

And yet when an American seaman is dragged off an American ship and thrown into a Nazi dungeon, the American government tries to whitewash it.

The International Labor Defense time and time again has demanded that Simpson be allowed to pick his own lawyer, but together with the American consul at Hamburg, the Nazis have refused this demand, in full defiance of every civil and constitutional right. They (the Nazis) would see that Simpson was supplied with "proper defense."

Nazi Lawyers We know darn well that the only lawyers that are allowed to practice in Germany, are Nazi lawyers. To have Simpson defended by a Nazi lawyer is like putting his head in the mouth of a hungry lion.

The Nazis, in their mad desire to keep Simpson forever in a concentration camp, have framed up another charge against him, "smuggling German money out of the country," while their main charge is "possessing seditious literature."

(To be concluded in the following issue.)

THE FIGHTING LIFE STORY OF LA PASIONARIA, LEADER OF THE SPANISH WORKERS IN BATTLE

(Leading in the front ranks of the workers' militia of Spain in the fight against the attempted "putsch" of the Fascists, is Dolores Ibarburi, La Pasionaria, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Spain. The following biography was written prior to the Fascist outburst.—Editor.)

By L. SYLVIA

Pasionaria, the daughter of a miner, passed through her first school of class education in a so-called workers' center, where miners gathered together every evening and discussed their hard life. Here she became acquainted with the history of the heroic struggle of the workers of Biscay as told by those who organized and participated in these battles.

80,000 Troops In Mountain Attack On Fascists

MADRID.—Final and crushing defeat for the Fascist forces in the Guadarramas Mountains in the north, was predicted here as the Spanish government hurled 80,000 troops and workers' militia into the sector from three directions.

Recapture of San Rafael was reported by the government, and three columns are moving against Fascists entrenched in Alto de Leon pass.

Four columns of workers' militia and loyal troops converged on Zaragoza, held by the Fascists. Sastago was captured by the militia, and Catalan troops said they seized the power plant supplying the Zaragoza region with electricity.

Founded in 1934. From the very first day she became one of the warmest and most convinced defenders and propagandists of the Soviet socialist revolution in Russia. In 1920, the Socialist group to which Dolores belonged was one of the first to affiliate itself to the Communist organization which was being formed in Madrid.

And when the Communist Party was formed the next year, Pasionaria became one of its founders.

Not only in Biscay, but all over Spain the workers of all political tendencies know very well Pasionaria—the fearless fighter, the flaming orator, the considerate comrade.

Anarcho-syndicalist workers tell how she saved a wounded comrade. She ran two kilometers after the police who were driving him over the border of the district, and afterwards hid him in her home.

In Bilbao, Socialists and Communists, all the working people saw how on May 1, 1931, during the first days of the republic, when the police attempted with whips and bullets to disband a demonstration organized by the Communist Party, Pasionaria raised high the banner and ran forward, drawing the masses after her, and led the demonstration through all the streets of the city.

Active Even In Jail Whether free or in jail Pasionaria is always organizing the struggle. The authorities of the jail in Madrid know quite well this flaming Communist who knows how to rally all the prisoners around herself.

By her struggle against Fascism and war, Pasionaria succeeded in winning sympathy, admiration and authority, not only among working women, but also among the petty-bourgeois women.

She succeeded in rallying them around the women's committee for the struggle against war and Fascism, and in Madrid led them on the first mass women's demonstration in Spain against the decree on the mobilization of reserves (September, 1934).

Led Women Against War And this year, on March 8th, International Women's Day, 80,000 demonstrators marched in Madrid under the slogans of the Communist Party demanding the liberation of the working women of Spain from the triple oppression of landlord-capitalist exploitation, the bitter lot of women, and the menace of Fascism and war. Pasionaria—the most popular woman in Spain—inspired these people.

In Asturia, after the defeat of the October days, Pasionaria was clever enough to make her way into the cells of the imprisoned fighters and to bring them the slogans of the Communist Party as well as information as to the successes of the People's Front. Pasionaria went to the widows and orphans of the Asturian miners, organized aid for them, not fearing threats or repression.

The Party members know and value Pasionaria not only as a brave and considerate comrade, but as a model of irreconcilability to traitors in the ranks of the Party.

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TANGIER—Two Fascist seaplanes were shot down by a Spanish government plane in a battle over the Straits of Gibraltar.

Punishment For Traitors

MADRID.—Triumph for the republican cause and punishment for the Fascist traitors were the keynotes of a broadcast from the Spanish capital by Premier Jose Giral Pereira.

"Republicans throughout Spain can be convinced of our triumph," declared the premier. "We shall mete out merited punishment to those traitors who, casting aside their soldiers' honor, raised arms against Spain."

OVIEDO.—Heroic miners of the Asturias country are dynamiting their way into Oviedo building by building, in order to permit the main government forces to storm centers held by the Fascists.

The miners are making steady headway against the Fascist fortifications.

Tribute From Dimitroff

At the Seventh Congress of the Communist International, when speaking of a correct policy towards forces, Comrade Dimitroff emphasized the need for correctly promoting members in the following words:

"We have examples in our Parties of promotions which have produced excellent results. For instance, we have a Spanish woman Communist, sitting in the Presidium of this Congress, Comrade Dolores. Two years ago she was still a rank-and-file Party worker. But in the very first clashes with the class enemy she proved to be an excellent agitator and fighter. Subsequently promoted to the leading body of the Party, she has proved herself a most worthy member of that body."

Peasants Follow Her

Millions of women in the Spanish villages are beginning to look toward Pasionaria. Two thousand peasants of an Andalusian village wrote inviting her to come and organize them, and "lead us on the path which you are following and which will undoubtedly lead us to the same victory as that achieved by our Russian comrades."

Very wide masses of workers in Spain know and love their leader—Jose Diaz, general secretary of the Party, and Dolores Pasionaria—who have proved by all their activities their supreme fidelity to the cause of the working class. Tens of thousands of new members of the Communist Party of Spain are now being trained by their example.

WORKER TELLS ORGANIZATION OF NEW UNION

Alaska Canner Gives Story Of Defeat To Trickery By The Packers.

By An Alaska Canner
From the time the new Alaska Cannery Workers Union was formed to the time the agreement was signed by the packers, about three months elapsed. In the first two months an extensive drive was carried on to draw in all the men who had gone to Alaska in past years. Some of the members, though wanting to organize and willing to work, had never been to Alaska before. This precipitated an argument that lasted nearly two hours at one of the meetings.

75 Per Cent Old Timers
The question involved was not whether to accept men with no previous experience, but the percentage in proportion. After the smoke cleared away, it was decided to induct 25 percent new men as against 75 percent old timers.

At about this time more than 1300 men had signed pledge cards. An elaborate set of demands were drafted and approved by the membership the main points being \$8 monthly, for an 8-hour day, 71 cents an hour overtime for all work performed after eight hours, wholesome meals and sanitary living conditions.

Other demands were blankets, sheets and pillow cases furnished by the company... standard prices for all things sold in company stores, all privileges enjoyed in the past were not to be forfeited, no member of the union would be asked to walk through a picket line to do any work, bosses to be hired from the union hall, etc.

Packers Stalled
The following day negotiation with the packers got under way. The negotiating committee—headed by George Woolfe, president of the Sealers Union, Fred West, of the Labor Council, and others—started on daily talks to the office of the packers, only to be deadlocked time after time over some trivial point. The packers were stalling for time and our committee knew it.

At this stage of the game Brother West went north to see what was being done in the way of a union. On reaching there he found he was too late to prevent the signing of an agreement that was no doubt to sabotage our demands.

They signed for \$50-\$55 monthly, a 10-hour day, 30 cents an hour after 10 hours.

It was a body blow that without doubt took the wind out of our sails. But our negotiating committee kept on fighting stubbornly.

Solidarity of Workers

Brother Woolfe, a chief organizer, Brother Barola, president of the union; Lyons, secretary Coleman and West had presented our case to the Maritime Council and the Central Labor Council, both going on record to back us up. The Federation went so far as to promise that no boats being picketed would leave port. This tended to bolster our courage.

In the meantime the committee was hammering away at the packers trying to bring them to terms. The companies stalled and held off negotiations as long as possible. They had an object in view, but it did not work thanks to the Maritime Federation. The union would have collapsed if they withdrew their support at that critical moment—more of that later.

After the news had gone the rounds that the Federation and the Central Labor Council had backed up our union, there was a stampede on the part of some of the old timers to sign pledges.

Plain Clunks

The contractors, Meyer and Young and Senor Lopez—those vicious exploiters of labor, those foul labor contractors who had the monopoly of supplying the canneries with men, who were directly responsible for conditions so rotten they stagger the imagination, conditions I believe had no equal in the entire history of the American working class—are impossible to classify. When I try to classify these despicable skunks, words almost fail me. The Greeks had a word for men like that. So have I. It makes me blush when I even think of it.

Union Grew Fast

I started to say that these vultures were also recruiting and signing up men. The men they had exploited in the past, had dropped them like a hot potato. The result was they had to import men from out of town. Over 2500 men had been en-

Don't Believe Hearst And Landon!



REXFORD C. TUGWELL, under-secretary of agriculture, is a "Communist" in the propaganda of Hearst, the Liberty League and their Republican presidential ticket of Landon and Knox. But the Communist Party wouldn't have Tugwell or the other "Roosevelt Communists" on a bet. Tugwell is shown on the right, with Senator Carter Glass of Virginia.

Men Work 16-18 Hours A Day On Ranch

By a Worker Correspondent
FRESNO.—In Tulare County, three miles east of Tipton at the Cooper ranch, men are working 16 and 18 hours a day without a period of rest.

Unheard of working conditions exist in this part of the San Joaquin Valley, where 30 men are working under a blazing hot sun for 16 (on Saturday, 18) hours a day without even stopping to eat their lunch.

Real Speed-Up
The men eat their sandwiches while driving the tractors. The thick cloud of dust falls on the hot white slice of bread which he holds in one hand while driving the tractor with the other. Another worker was eating his sandwich with one hand, while with the other he was rearing the wheels of his tractor.

Mr. Cooper is a very generous man. He pays his help 30 cents an hour. But the trouble is that part of the wages goes for doctor bills, because of such working conditions.

The writer is a friend of a worker who worked for Mr. Cooper for a short time and who is now ready for the sanitarium, although he is yet a young man.

Fear Losing Jobs

He said that the workers don't complain for fear of losing their jobs. If there are any Western Worker readers among the Cooper ranch workers, let us hear from you. The W. W. is the only paper that fights for your interest—your paper.

COP WORKING FOR RANCH READS W.W.

By a Worker Correspondent.

VISALIA, CA.—One subscription to the Western Worker, to E. C. Vail, is a sub. for police headquarters here.

Vail works from police office for Merritt on Tagus Ranch. He is the big man that went on the witness stand against Mrs. Dunn at Pixley during the cotton strike of 1933, and he lied and said she pushed him over a table with the door of the building in relief headquarters.

Attorney Grover Johnson went to see the place, as Mrs. Dunn said the door wouldn't push in, and he found the door weighed at least 500 pounds and ran on rollers. It had been a garage.

Maybe you could get a story from this, so Vail could read about himself. We went in the District Attorney's office and he had the Western Worker reading it, and he put it on his desk and set an electric fan on it.

INTERESTED IN SPAIN

Napa, Calif.

Dear Editor:
It has been some time since I wrote you, but I'm still on the job. I am working in the fruit orchards now.

You would be surprised to see how the workers are watching the revolution in Spain day and night. Some of the workers almost break down and cry for joy to know the workers are putting down the Fascist head-hunters. It is just 12 o'clock noon, and we are reading the Western Worker.

Comradely yours,
A. B.

rolled into the union by this time. The fishermen were negotiating with the packers. They wanted 15 cents a fish, but finally settled for 12 cents. When the fishermen had reached an agreement with the packers, the packers proceeded to load up the ships with scabs.

(To be continued.)

ORANGE STRIKE WAS HINDERED BY CONSULATE

Lucas Lucio Did All To Split Sant Ana Workers Ranks

By a Worker Correspondent.
KEYSTONE.—At the last meeting of the CUCOM (Confederation of Mexican Unions) held here, one of the main issues raised was affiliation to the A. F. of L. Bernardo Lucero, militant leader of the union, explained to the workers the necessity of getting into the ranks of the A. F. of L. A committee of two was elected to attend a meeting in Los Angeles to discuss affiliation and to gain knowledge of what joining the A. F. of L. will mean to the union. They are to report back to the next regular meeting of the union.

Lucio Split Workers

Espinoza, who was present from Orange County, told the workers of the treachery of Lucas Lucio, representative of the Mexican consul, Ricardo Hill. Espinoza told how Lucio had split the workers with fine words and promises, had called a meeting of strikers and then got the authorities to beat them up, and had broadcasted over the radio that the strikers were well treated and taken care of.

Espinoza said that a real representative of the strikers would not be allowed to speak over the radio to tell the truth about the terrorism, vigilantism, and misery that the strikers were enduring.

Lucio would not cooperate with Espinoza or William Velarde, militant leaders of the Orange County strike. Instead he called a meeting of strikers and said he would "fix things up."

Still In Jail

At present there is a warrant out for Velarde on a traffic violation. Over 100 strikers are in hospitals and jails, and 48 cars of strikers are held as "evidence," thereby depriving the workers of means of transportation.

Whenever any militancy is shown by the strikers, the bosses are scared away. Three thousand strong have joined the ranks of the strikers.

Stoolpigeons have been injected into the ranks of the strikers, and every move is reported to the growers and the authorities.

Company Cheats Workers

In Dominguez Hill, the Union hall, which consisted of a barn equipped with benches and chairs from workers' money, was torn down by instigation of the police and the Dominguez Water Company. One of the Mexican workers had previously paid \$150 for the barn and shack.

The Bartell Lumber and Wrecking Company of Los Angeles sent two men to pull the building down. The wreckers said they weren't aware of the facts in the case, but that it was the first time they had two deputies on the job watching the operation. They were in sympathy with the Mexican workers after we explained the situation.

Workers Are Leaving

The police, Lig Japanese growers, and the land company have consolidated their forces to terrorize, cheat and take advantage of these poor Mexican workers who do not know the meaning of capitalist laws and the treachery of capitalism. The Mexican workers trusted these forces, but we are educating them in the meaning of capitalism and all its allies.

Workers To Hear Candidates

By a Worker Correspondent
VACAVILLE.—Local 74 of the Workers Alliance, together with the Townsend Club of Vacaville, have organized a joint meeting where all candidates for the 3rd Congressional District will be given an opportunity to speak and present their program to the people.

The meeting will take place at Spanish Hall in Vacaville on August 7th at 8 p. m. Republican, Democrat, and Communist candidates have been invited.

He's No Communist Either!



"ECONOMIC ROYALTY" in the U.S. was mildly rebuked by President Roosevelt in his speech accepting the Democratic nomination. But, Hearst's editorials and Hearstmen to the contrary notwithstanding, he's no "Red" and furthermore is no barrier to the most dangerous Fascist elements as represented by Hearst and the Liberty League. See Page 1 for a real Communist, Earl Browder, candidate for President of the United States.

Swell Conditions for Seamen In Soviet Union; Improvement In West Coast Agreement Urged

By a Worker Correspondent.

I spent a year working in the International Seamen's Club in Leningrad in the Soviet Union. There all ships have two men to a room; on coal-burners they have four watches, three hours on and nine hours off; especially built wash rooms for clothes and a drying room; bunk lights and rugs in each room.

They even get a bonus for fuel economy and for getting in ahead of schedule. You don't have to buy any steaming gear, all work clothes furnished.

For Recreation

You even get victrolas, radios and musical instruments with the job, a big library with working-class literature, not that crap we get that's picked over by a bunch of D.A.R. dames and shipowners.

They top it off by a 30-day vacation per year with pay and transportation to one of the numerous sanitariums and rest homes where formerly only the coupon clipping parasites and handouts went.

Of course, here in this country we don't own the ships yet, and consequently we can't expect the shipowners to give us any vacations with pay and send us to Hot Springs or Denver or buy us ukeleles, etc.

Need Changes In U. S.

But, we might get some of our conditions improved September 30th. I think the quarters on all ships should be changed so that not more than three men would sleep in one room, in other words, the watch.

Every ship should be made to have bunk lights over all the bunks, so we don't ruin our eyes trying to read; fresh water showers on all ships, including intercoastal and offshore.

These points would involve very little expense to the shipowners, burning down a steel bulkhead here and there, a bit of carpentering plumbing and electrical work could completely change all the ship's quarters at about \$50 per ship—not that I'm worrying about expense to the shipowners.

Our agreements should stipulate new mattresses at least once a year and regular fumigation of ships, particularly those running to South America, Intercoastal, and to the Orient.

Each room should have bunk lights and full length lockers. Each fire-room and engine-room should have a gallon thermos jug.

"UNORGANIZED" WORKERS WIN STRIKE

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO.—Although they aren't organized into a union, 35 or 40 truckers went on strike for an increase in wages on Friday, July 31st, at 6:30 p. m. in the California Cannery at 16th and Minnesota Sts.

And at 7 p. m. they won their strike and are now getting 45 cents an hour instead of the old rate of 35 cents.

The girls also went on strike in solidarity with the truckers, although we aren't organized either. But we didn't put forth any demands as we should have done.

The boss tried to get the truckers to go back to work for 40 cents, but they stuck to their guns and got 45 cents an hour.

Many boys and girls working here are under 18 years of age. What we all need is a real A.F.L. union to protect our living standards.

BOYS LEAVING CCC CAMPS IN DESPERATION

Poor Food and Discipline Of U. S. Army Officers Are Main Reasons

By a Worker Correspondent.
VACAVILLE.—There is a marked tendency of boys leaving the CCC camps, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. The capitalist press tries to gloss this over by pointing out these boys have left the camps for "gainful employment." This is not true, for the writer knows of specific cases where the boys have left the camps through sheer desperation, just to get home.

Real Reasons

The real reasons they are leaving are: First, because of the poor food. Second, because of iron-clad discipline maintained by the Army. And lastly, because of the distance these boys are removed from home and contacts.

The following letter clipped from the Vacaville Reporter, of July 25th, 1936, proves this conclusively:

Letter Is Proof

"Those in Vacaville who were in touch with the Pennsylvania boys when they were at Camp Chester, will remember William H. Stine, editor of the camp paper, Calif.-Pa. Mr. Stine returned east with the company and is located at Blain, Pa., in Civilian Conservation Camp 1382. He has written the Reporter as follows:

"Just a line to let you know that I have been in contact with all Pennsy boys that were in Camp Chester. They are all fine, but most of them are not now in the CCC."

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

THE MARCH OF SCIENCE

The greatest scientists and inventors of the age were gathered in the ante-room of the richest man in the world. As they sat there clutching their briefcases and drumming their fingers on the arms of the chairs, a simple little man in a derby hat came in and chose a seat in a far corner. His pants were frayed and there were spots on his vest. In one hand he carried an umbrella and in the other, something wrapped up in a piece of newspaper. His eyes, timid and melancholy, looked at the world through the thick lenses of gold-rimmed glasses.

One of the great inventors cleared his throat and addressed his fellows: "I have perfected," he said, "a cannon which can shoot half way around the world. It discharges a projectile which combines all the best features of concussion, shrapnel, poison gas and liquid fire. When the shell explodes it tears a hole in the earth one mile in circumference and pours forth lethal fumes and molten liquids that will destroy everything within a radius of fifty miles."

"Very interesting," said another great scientist. "Personally, I have here the design of a new type of torpedo. It not only can be propelled through the water like a fish, but can fly in the air like a bird or run along the ground like an animal. It is directed by an electric 'smeller', which makes it a veritable infernal bloodhound that will pursue the enemy wheresoever he may try to flee."

"I have in this briefcase," said another learned gentleman, "the formulas for eighty-seven different kinds of gasses. These fumes may be shot out of guns, dropped as bombs, sprayed from nozzles, or poured like water. They can rot any known type of protective clothing from a man's body in an instant and produce incurable ulcers over the entire skin surface. Other types will penetrate any gas mask and literally melt away the flesh leaving clean white skeletons standing in uniform."

"Your devices are clever," said another inventor, "but extremely elementary. It is my belief that man must summon his greatest ally, Nature, to his banner in time of war. With this in view, I have studied the surface of the earth so meticulously that, by the application of explosives in the proper places and in sufficient quantities, I can produce earthquakes or natural disasters in any given area. As an example, 1,000 tons of T.N.T. dropped at a certain spot in the Pacific Ocean and exploded by electric wires from a safe distance would cause a tidal wave to sweep over the whole of Japan, wiping every living thing as clean as if you had rinsed out the sink. On the other hand, a 500 tons of T.N.T. exploded in the correct place in the Atlantic Ocean would cause the British Isles to sink into the depths, leaving nothing but a few floating marmalade crates to mark the spot."

"That's clever," said another. "That's very clever. But I have you beat. I have discovered a means of igniting ordinary air in such a manner as to envelope the earth in a blanket of flames. Only I haven't yet worked out how to confine the blaze to the enemy's territory."

At this juncture, the modest little man in the frayed coat got up and started to leave quietly.

"Hold on there," said one of the great men. "Aren't you going to wait to see the boss?"

"I hardly think it will be worth while," said the little man.

"Come, come, now," blustered the learned scientist. "Your modesty may be hiding great things. What have you in that package?"

The little man sighed wistfully and looked down at the newspaper wrappings. "Alas!" he said. "It is a simple little safety device to prevent ordinary household accidents."

ANTI-FASCIST VOLUNTEERS

TOULOUSE, France—Leaving their families in care of local anti-Fascists, 50 Spanish volunteers left here for the border to fight against the Fascists in Spain.

STILL SICK

PARIS—Still not recovered from his collapse on July 14th, during the mighty People's Front demonstration on Bastille Day, Ambassador Jesse I. Straus is returning to the United States to rest.

FASCIST BARBARIANS

ROME—Because Foreign Minister Nicolas Titulescu, of Rumania, recently called Italian journalists in Geneva "barbarians," Fascist Italy "has totally suspended purchase of petroleum from Rumania," announced the newspaper Popolo di Roma.

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An Artist Who Wore a Uniform

By Ronald R. Cooley

The 1934 Maritime Strike was scarcely settled; the terror was still in the air, and as a member of the staff of the Western Worker I didn't want my picture drawn in the middle of the night by any strangers. I shifted my position on the waiting-room bench and slouched my hat down. The artist, a tall, fleshy youth with a short-clipped ragged mustache, shoved his pad and pencil under his rain coat and looked bored. The small boy who had been peering over his shoulder drifted out to the Embarcadero. I dozed off again.

I woke with a start, to find the artist hard at it, peering out under his own slouched hat at me and then down at his lap while he made almost imperceptible motions with his hands. He had a foot over one knee so the tails of his rain-coat hid what he was doing; but I still didn't want my picture drawn. I pulled my hat down to my nose and draped my hand over my face.

On the ferry-boat going to Oakland I took out my Western Worker and looked it over (for errors and omissions). The big artist came pacing by, paused and looked pointedly at the paper. Pretty soon he came back and spoke to me.

"I haven't seen a copy of the Western Worker for three weeks," he said. "Will you let me look at yours?"

I made him a present of it and hurried to the darkened rail at the stern. But he must have lied to me, for I found him at my shoulder as we went up the gangway to the trains. I believe he asked me something, for I remember saying "yes" before breaking into a run for my train.

The next time I saw the Party organizer in Berkeley I told him of the incident, giving a minute description of the artist.

"That's nobody but Beau Vincent," he assured me. "He uses up a scratch pad a week sketching people he sees. He does posters for us once in a while. Good artist. You ought to get him to do some work for the Western."

Regular readers of the Western are by now familiar with Beau's work with pen and pencil. He started off with a few odds and ends which showed what he could do. Then he did it. A series of ink drawings, which many mistook for engravings, made a deep impression on hundreds of readers. He followed these with a number of illustrations for short stories which have appeared in these columns.

One of his crayon, "Stars and Stripes in Alabama," we printed in the issue of December 30, 1935. It depicted a Negro tied to the bars of a jail cell with his bare back streaked with red welts from a whip. To the left was a blue-coated field of officers' studded with white badges. It was a new and colorful angle on "Old Glory," and an angle that Wm. R. Hearst took considerable exception to.

Beau had it hung in a large gallery in San Francisco (name of gallery withheld by request) but a local Hearst paper threatened to turn on the heat and the directors reluctantly took it down.

His work was full of stuff like that; homeless youth degraded as only America can degrade 'em; strikers making heroic stands against the terrific odds of underworld thugs and the uniformed thugs representing the city and state; riots; hunger, misery, picket-lines, etc. Soldiers and national guards in strike areas were a favorite theme.

Why? Well, he served in the 1934 General Strike—on the wrong side.

During his high-school days in Oakland he was an ROTC enthusiast, a sergeant. Uniforms and squads right were his hobby. "I was army crazy," is his way of putting it. In 1931 he joined the National Guard with a promise of a sergeant's stripes within six months. (He never got the stripes, by the way.)

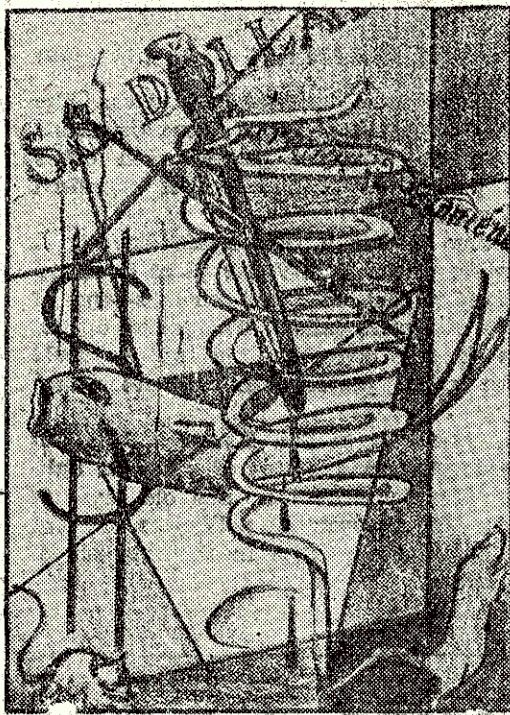
In May, 1934, the Maritime Workers of the Bay Area struck for better working conditions and higher pay. Beau painted a still-life of geraniums, apples and a bright green jug. The Teamsters and other unions refused to handle scab goods from the waterfront, and Beau did a nude blonde in oils.

On July 5th, the San Francisco police undertook a general assault on the picket lines and the halls of the unions. The massacre was a world-wide wonder and got as much attention as the Battle of the Argonne. Beau set a nice, new piece of canvas on his easel, prepared to do something better.

Before he could open his tubes of paint, Governor Merriam sent him a little note, asking his presence on the Embarcadero. Beau put on his uniform, got his rifle, bayonet and helmet and set off to save the San Francisco waterfront from the Ravaging Red.

"The fight the I.L.A. was putting up was just 'labor trouble' to me," Beau explained. "And most of us were just 'achin' for a fight on strike duty."

The Soul of a Scab



When Beau Vincent was asked to draw a picture to go with this article, he suddenly went modernistic on us and turned out this ultra-ultra piece of work. According to Beau the entire picture should be a sickly pea green, including the national guard bayonet, the rats and the fish. The scab's backbone—which probably looks like a corkscrew to you—should be a brilliant yellow. (What part of a scab the bayonet, etc., represent, Beau didn't say.)

The gray dawn, by courtesy of the U. S. Marine Corps, and the boys left a little better. Now let the I.L.A. try something smart—just let 'em rush.

Nervously the high-school boys in uniform waited for the Rush of the Red Terror. They took super precautions. They traveled in fours and kept a wary eye on the picket lines.

After a week of this they began to get wise. Mr. Bridges not only did not rush them, but they never saw him nor any of his Red Terror. They weren't allowed to leave the piers or talk to anyone. About the only contact with the outside that they were permitted was the Hearst papers. They could have all the Hearst papers they wanted. A few of the Guardsmen had sailed on the Luchenbach line, and while they might not know much about Communism they did know they were breaking strike for Luchenbach. Beau was surprised at the things they had to say about conditions on those ships.

The Guardsmen began discussing the fracas in which they found themselves taking a part. And finally the expected trouble came. The scabs were making a bluff of work on some of the piers. One of them asked a Guardsman for a cigarette, said the soldier, "I got no cigarettes for a lousy scab!"

"Izzats!" said the scab and lammed the Guardsman on the side of the head. The soldier knocked him down and socked a couple of his friends who came tensely in massed ranks, gripping rifles with sweaty hands and praying they could get off the boat before they were rushed. Harry Bridges was waiting for them, yes sir, with five thousand and desperate men at his back.

And if Bridges got aboard with that mob the National Guard was sunk. It may seem silly to you, but to those youths it was good sense because it was good military tactics. They were packed in that boat without a chance to fight if trapped there. They couldn't possibly shoot or maneuver or find cover or anything else. If Bridges wanted to thrash the guard with his five thousand "Reds" then his only chance was a rush at the pier.

The officers kept it up till they had themselves worried. There were only a few rifle rounds on hand, they announced. No ammunition means we fight our way ashore with the bayonet. Are those machine guns all set? Watch out for the rush—there's a mob of five thousand union men waiting, fix bayonets, etc., etc.

Beau and his buddies were in a cold sweat and scared of the bayonet work. "Bayonet work" means cold steel in flesh. "Keep your rifles ready if we get ashore without a rush at the pier. They're liable to attack the trucks," was the final warning from the officers.

The ferry tied up at the slip and nothing happened. The machine guns were mounted on trucks and the Guard went rumbling down the Embarcadero to the piers. They were quartered on the docks, sentries were posted and machine guns were mounted facing the big pier doors. The Guard wouldn't be caught napping when Harry Bridges led that rush.

Ammunition vans arrived, in

Chester Rowell Chooses Fascism

The East Bay Workers Alliance, by decision of its Executive Committee, has requested the press to publish the following reply to fascist-apologist Chester Rowell. THE WESTERN WORKER takes pleasure in printing it.

CHESTER ROWELL CHOOSES FASCISM
By R. ...

In his syndicated article, "From Russia to Spain," published July 23rd, Chester Rowell has done what William Randolph Hearst, more astute, has not yet openly done. He frankly chooses Fascism as against a People's Government in Spain.

Mr. Rowell, Bull-Mooser, warrior in the Battle of Armageddon, advocate of constitutional liberty and democracy prefers the order and efficiency of their Fascist regimentation and says, "the world will hope that the Spanish rebels win and win quickly."

He unashamedly admits and shamelessly concedes that the Fascists will NOT establish justice or liberty, but they will restore order (the order of private property of the privileged).

Yes, he chooses Fascism, although he admits they represent an arbitrary military dictatorship, in the service of a DECADENT aristocracy and of an ARCHAIC and IMPOSSIBLE economic system.

Rowell and Property
"Liberal editor" Rowell continues, "Fascism may make libraries useless, but it does not burn them. It may set up strange cults in place of God, but it leaves the churches standing. It stifles scholarship and degrades universities, but it does not destroy them. IT MAINTAINS A SYSTEM OF PROPERTY AND OF LABOR WHICH IS GOOD FOR NEITHER OWNERS NOR WORKMEN, BUT THE INSTITUTION OF PROPERTY ITSELF REMAINS."

"Yes, Fascism maintains the institution of property for the privileged few. Perhaps Mr. Rowell, as a typical liberal, hopes under Fascism to be retained as a high priced editor to propagandize the privileges and authority of those of the most selected blood."

Nothing fundamental nor honest remains of these confused, stuttering and gibbering middle-road liberals, but an appetite. In panic they will have to even temporarily give up their preferred positions as hand-maidens of the exploiters, they choose Fascism, prostitute science and culture, betray their people.

Servilely, they don the black or brown shirt and "hell" the Fascist demagogue who uses and feeds them while he drives sanity and reason, liberty from the earth and drives, starves and enslaves the millions of workers in order that a "property" dictatorship may survive.

Chester Rowell, you yourself, have stripped yourself naked, bared your moral poverty and intellectual disintegration before a pitying public. You have made the issue clear. You have chosen sides.

No nation in the annals of mankind has increased its production of wealth so fast as Russia; in no place nor in so short a period has popular education, primary schools, universities and science been expanded and made available to all the people as in Russia.

Russia alone of all the nations, has raised its standard of living during the depression.

Nazi "Efficiency"
He, Chester Rowell, stoops to prostitute biology and anthropology (like a Good Hitler) by maintaining the superiority of "a class of the most selected blood."

Contrary to all facts, industrial or economic, he speaks of the order and efficiency of their Fascist regimentation.

The "efficiency" of German Nazism and Italian Fascism lies in its war machine and its power

dred men of the 159th Infantry also took absences "for business reasons."

Beau dropped the "art for art's sake" gag. Instead of geraniums he did Guardsmen on sentry duty. The blonde nude business he chucked for a painting of a girl with a pitiful handful of small change reading Hearst headlines that "relief rolls are being cut." He literally papered his studio with sketches of union pickets, strikers being assaulted, Mooney demonstrations and mass meetings on the Embarcadero.

Along in November he noticed that the Communist Party wanted the workers to "VOTE COMMUNIST!" so one day he dropped in at Party headquarters and offered his services. His first job was layouts for election leaflets.

As for his standing in the art world, he has done very well. He is only 21. Nevertheless he has had canvases hung at the Calif. State Fair, Oakland Art Gallery, Capwell Art Gallery, and many art stores.

He has studied at the Fox-Morgan Institute of Art and the California School of Arts and Crafts, both in Oakland. He has also studied under Parkham H. Nahl, John Garretty and Hamilton Wolf.

He shows great promise—but he's promising the workers and farmers of America. Having found that "art for art's sake" is really "art for reaction's museum," he's taken off the uniform and joined the ranks of those who know what it's all about.

to lower the living standard of its workers. Editor Rowell's San Francisco Chronicle has repeatedly published the economic and industrial degeneration of Fascist countries.

Fascist-apologist Rowell has deserted culture, science and the conventional religions; he now cleaves of 'property' with single and undivided loyalty. What matters it if GOD is destroyed? "A cult" better suited to protect the private ownership of 'property' is furnished by Fascism.

History is distorted by him in support of Fascism. The Germans, he says, the "Anglo-Saxon" and "Viking pirates" were the founders of "liberty" and democratic institutions in Europe, therefore let Fascism be inaugurated, uproot democracy, destroy "opinions," abolish "liberty" and at some future time the people will destroy Fascism and a new liberty will come.

Rowell, the pseudo-historian, turns to Rome, Italy of the Renaissance recalls the contributions of Galileo, Riemzi and Garibaldi. No intelligent person denies these invaluable contributions to civilization but are the living Mussolini or his Fascist biological or spiritual father of twenty-five hundred year old Rome? Is Hitler and Nazism the progenitor of the Germans who conquered Rome and practiced democracy in the Black Forests?

Sacrifice culture, enslave workers, 'purge' the race of all who have opinions, abandon democracy, but save "property" and a few preferred lackeys of the owners, plunge the world into war, that a "decadent aristocracy" and an "impossible economic system" may survive yet a little longer. That is what Mr. Rowell hopes for the Spanish workers.

Chester Rowell's action is an indication of the action many of our "liberals" take in time of crises. Like magotts who batten on a putrid corpse they object when the SANITARY commission in the interest of public health, comes to bury the germ-breeding carcass.

Nothing fundamental nor honest remains of these confused, stuttering and gibbering middle-road liberals, but an appetite. In panic they will have to even temporarily give up their preferred positions as hand-maidens of the exploiters, they choose Fascism, prostitute science and culture, betray their people.

Servilely, they don the black or brown shirt and "hell" the Fascist demagogue who uses and feeds them while he drives sanity and reason, liberty from the earth and drives, starves and enslaves the millions of workers in order that a "property" dictatorship may survive.

Chester Rowell, you yourself, have stripped yourself naked, bared your moral poverty and intellectual disintegration before a pitying public. You have made the issue clear. You have chosen sides.

First Step Toward L.A. Furriers' General Strike

LOS ANGELES—The first blow in an impending general strike of furriers was struck early this week when the International Fur Workers Union called the Forman and Miller workers out on strike.

The strike is the result of the discharge of 5 workers for union activity. The firm flatly refuses to sign an agreement. Some 500 workers were expected soon to take part in a general strike to crack the open shop. A 20 per cent increase is also to be demanded.

News Guild Wins Victory At Wisc. Meet

BEAVER DAM, WIS.—Decisive victories were won here for the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild as the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor unanimously voted to boycott all Hearst publications and simultaneously repudiated unfriendly acts of the printing crafts unions working in the Wisconsin News plant, where editorial workers are on strike.

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

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The People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissel, M. D.

SOVIET ABORTION LAW

At present, throughout Soviet Russia a widespread discussion is being carried on as to whether or not a law should be passed prohibiting abortions. As long as it is still under discussion in the Soviet Union, I think that we would not be amiss in also discussing it in this country.

I remember discussing the question with a young Soviet doctor when I was in Russia in 1932. He believed that the number of abortions should be reduced through prohibiting them. "But why," I asked, "Force a woman to have a baby if she does not want it at that particular time?"

"There is a great shortage of workers in every field: in the collective farms, in the factories, in the professions," he said. "We must make Russia's population grow very fast."

Jessica Smith, writing in the July issue of "Soviet Russia Today," also gives as the chief reason in favor of prohibition of abortions the fact that Russia needs more workers.

There is a difference of opinion among medical men as to the harm that a skillfully-performed abortion can do. The majority, however, agree that they do no harm if not performed too close together. In my opinion, women should be given the freedom to have abortions performed, on themselves even at the cost of a somewhat less rapid growth in population. The only prohibition that is necessary is the prevention of too frequent abortions for the sake of health.

Miss Smith, in the above-mentioned article, states that Russia does not need a much larger population in order to make war, as do Germany or Italy. I agree with this and therefore see no reason why the personal freedom of Russian women needs to be curbed even to this extent.

Inasmuch as this question is of such a controversial nature, I would very much like to receive opinions of other medical men on the question for publication in this column. —F.E.B.



Dr. F. E. Bissel

JAPAN AIR PLANS

TOKYO—War plans of Japan today encompass reorganization of its military air force and enlarging it into a virtually independent arm of service, having almost the same status as the war office and the general staff. The air force will consist of three brigades.

FASCIST TROOPS WANT PAY

CASABLANCA, French Morocco—Morale of Fascist troops in Morocco is reported weakening because they have not been paid by their Spanish generals since the "putsch" attempt began. Soldiers reminded their officers that the Madrid government paid regularly.

FRENCH LABOR AIDS SPAIN

PARIS—Drive to raise funds for Spanish unions to assist in the fight against the Fascists was started by the General Confederation of Labor, which lists 4,000,000 members in France. Secretary General Leon Jouhaux signed the statement, warning that a Fascist triumph in Spain would be a "permanent menace against our country and the French Republic."

NEW U. S. WAR SHIP

BALBOA, Canal Zone—One of the fastest ships in the navy, with a speed of 37 knots, the U. S. flotilla leader Clark passed through the Panama Canal on its initial cruise to the Galapagos Islands.

IRISH SNUB KING

DUBLIN, Irish Free State—Official ceremonies in the coronation of King Edward next year, will find the Irish Free State the only Dominion in the British Empire not participating.

PUGS "DOWN UNDER" ORGANIZE

SYDNEY, Australia—The prize-fighters of Australia have organized themselves into a trade union to fight against exploitation.

ANTI-NAZI

SALZBURG, Austria—Arturo Toscanini, world-famous conductor, has refused to conduct the Salzburg performances here if the plans to broadcast to Nazi Germany are carried through.

NAZI INFLUENCE

BERLIN—Significant was the resignation here of Francisco Agramonte y Cortijo as Spanish Ambassador to Germany. The military attaché and second secretary of the embassy also resigned. All three Fascists made no secret that they resigned because they did not agree with the "policies and actions of the Madrid government."

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Copeland Act Points Need of Independent Political Action

STEP TOWARD FASCISM WAS FULLY APPROVED BY PRES. ROOSEVELT; DANGER IS GREAT

Continuous Discharge Book Provisions Shown To Be Menace To All Organized Labor

(The Copeland-Bland Act, fully approved by President Roosevelt, who signed it, is a definite step toward Fascism, in that it sets a precedent which could lead to the crushing of all unions. Here it is further discussed by Mervyn R. Rathborne, secretary of Maritime Federation Council 2. This article has been written for the press in general, and the WESTERN WORKER gladly opens its columns to it.)

E. Bay Machinists Aren't "Outlaws"

Men Getting Plenty Of Support From Organized Labor

OAKLAND—Here are a few more highlights on the "valiant fight" being put up by the 1800 striking machinists of East Bay area.

They are members of Local 284, and despite the fact that they are considered "outlaws" by the Grand Lodge and by international representative Walter Nash, despite the fact that Nash was given a break by Judge Deasy in dissolving the injunction against that scabby official's interference with the strike, the strikers hold their heads high. San Francisco machinists are with them all the way down the line.

Great Indignation
There is great indignation in the ranks of organized labor over the outrages committed by Nash and the international offices in jerking Local 284's charter and working with police against the strike.

In spite of this action the members have decided to maintain their present union organization and fight for the return of their charter, even if the fight has to be carried to the coming international convention.

The capitalist press has been ranting in full front page headlines that the strike is over and the men are returning to the shops. At the Caterpillar Tractor plant only about 12 out of 400 men returned on Nash's orders.

Soup kitchens were opened for the strikers in Berkeley, Central Oakland, East Oakland, and in San Leandro.

Organized labor support is fine, despite certain misleaders. At first the strike had the tentative sanction of the international, but due to Nash's lying efforts this was withdrawn day after the strike began.

Labor's Support

The strike has the official support of the Alameda County Central Labor Council; Machinists 68, San Francisco; the Maritime Federation and members of the Teamsters Local 70 have refused to go through the picket line. The other day reactionary Charles Beal, Teamsters' secretary, ordered the men to go through the lines.

The Workers Alliance protested to the international office against its sabotage of the strike and it is assisting on the picket line and in other ways.

F.D.R. To Pick Ship Owners' Dummies

WASHINGTON.—The men whom President Roosevelt has been considering for the Federal Maritime Commission are all shipowners' stooges.

Since they will have broad authority to administer the ship subsidy act, it is of interest to name them. Paul Scharehberg is considered a certainty. He was thrown out of the Pacific Sailors Union for his scabbing. Joseph B. Weaver, present head of the Marine Navigation Bureau, also likely to be picked, is known to seamen as a strong backer of the fink discharge book.

Harley Branch, as second assistant Postmaster General, has been liberal in helping administer ship subsidies on behalf of the shipowners.

Progressives of organized labor are putting up a strong fight in many unions and labor councils especially against Scharehberg's appointment.

By Mervyn R. Rathborne
PART III

Viewed from a political standpoint the three Copeland Bills (H.R. 8565, H.R. 8597 and H.R. 8599) represent a serious menace to the welfare and progress of the organized labor movement.

Very few American Radio Telegraphers' members appear to realize the political significance of laws such as the Copeland Bills. In meeting certain members often take the floor and ask why the A.R.T.A. should concern itself with a fight against Fascism.

It Can Happen Here
Some of our brothers vigorously condemn such organizations as the American League Against War and Fascism and earnestly protest that Fascism is a purely European institution and can never exist in the United States because the American people will never submit to a Fascist dictatorship.

"It Can't Happen Here," a recent book by Sinclair Lewis tells the story of how a Fascist government might be established in the United States.

The Copeland Fink Book Law tells the story of how Fascism is being established in this country.

Fascism does not come into power overnight and without preparation. The foundation for a Fascist dictatorship can be laid through anti-labor legislation and other measures which restrict the rights of workers to organize and strike and which restrict the rights of freedom of speech, press and assembly.

After a proper legislative foundation is laid a political and economic crisis may bring a Fascist coup.

Progressive and militant trade unions form the bulwark against Fascism. Unions of this type must be destroyed or seriously weakened before Fascism can achieve its goal.

An effective manner in which to weaken and subdue militant trade unions is through certain types of legislation. There are two general types of laws which are generally enacted for this purpose:

How It Is Done
—"Reformist" legislation. Laws such as the National Industrial Recovery Act, which on the surface made concessions to the workers but actually operated to their detriment.

It is significant that under N. I. A. the membership in company unions increased by a much greater percentage than the membership of legitimate trade unions. Such legislation attempts to persuade the workers to look toward the Government and the laws of the country for protection and help.

This "Let George do it" attitude is aimed to dull the militancy of the workers and prevent them from taking direct action such as going on strike or organizing an independent political party.

Such legislation also generally produces long delays in arriving at a settlement of an industrial dispute, with resultant gains for the employers. The Wagner-Connelly Act (National Labor Relations Act) is such a law.

Did Little To Labor
In practice the Wagner Act means little or nothing to a strong trade union and is only invoked by experienced trade union leaders when all other means, such as negotiations and strikes, have been exhausted. Since its enactment the Wagner Act has done very little for labor, except to delay the settlement of several "lost cause" strikes.

Every worker should realize that the employing class owns and controls both the Republican and Democratic parties and just as long as either of these political parties is in control of the Government little legislation which really benefits the work-

ARGUMENT FOR A FARMER-LABOR PARTY



THE SCENE IS CAMDEN, N. J., where the strike of 12,000 radio workers took place. The subject is—just another one of those thousands of cases where capitalist politicians in office send the police against members of organized labor on strike.

This time it was a Democratic mayor. A young striker of the RCA-Victor plant is shown being taken to jail on "riot" charges—one of the scores who were jailed. The lesson of this photo is—labor's own men in office would make the police protect strikers, not attack them.

Union members in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and scores of cities in California are familiar with the same old story of Republican or Democratic politicians, elected to office, using their office in the interests of the employers.

Progressive Issues And The State Convention

The State Federation of Labor Convention will be held in Eureka, starting Sept. 14. Many important issues face it, including the C. I. O., the fight against the criminal Syndicalism law, vigilantism, organization of agriculture, the Farmer-Labor Party, etc.

In the columns of the Labor Page of the WESTERN WORKER, we aim to give an idea of some of the actions and ideas in progressive locals, regarding the tasks facing the convention.

See that the next few issues get to trade unionists. Write us about special rates for this purpose.

ILGWU Members In SF For CIO

SAN FRANCISCO.—The three International Ladies Garment Workers Union locals in San Francisco, 8, 101, and 213, haven't yet discussed the problem with which the possible expulsion of the C.I.O. unions by the A.F.L. executive council confronts them. But the membership is in favor of establishing industrial unions.

So says Sam Diner, business manager for the joint board of the three locals. "In fact," he says, "we are unanimously on record to help create industrial unions."

"We have always given any assistance which the C.I.O. called for. We handle their paper and we have distributed a great many of their pamphlets."

The union has grown from a membership of scarcely 100, three years ago, to 1100 at present.

Union Strength Beat E. Bay Frameup

OAKLAND.—The reason why Bentzen, Manuel Perry and Rodriguez, militant members of the Federal Laborers Local are free today is the East Bay bosses' fear of organized labor's growing strength.

They were arrested early in the L. A. Young Steel and Spring strike, on charges of "robbery," because they halted a city truck running through a pocket line, and removed scab springs it was hauling. George Anderson, I. L. D. lawyer, defended the three pickets.

The solution for this problem is comparatively simple. The workers should establish an independent political party and elect trusted representatives of the working class to office in Congress and in state legislatures.

The second major type of legislation which will assist the establishing of Fascism is the outright anti-labor and anti-social type of law represented by the Copeland Fink Book Law, the California Criminal Syndicalism Act and many others.

Meaning of Copeland Bill
This act, directed against one of the most militant and politically backward section of organized labor, represents the spearhead of a broad attack against trade unionism by a group of Fascist-inspired and Liberty-League controlled employers and financiers.

The Copeland Bill should be fought not only as an anti-labor law; but as a definitely anti-social and Fascist measure which will adversely affect all members of organized labor.

SELBY SMELTER UNION HITS AT THE VIGILANTES

SELBY.—Vigilantism is too serious a menace to organized labor to be passed over lightly. That's why Carquinez Local 51, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers adopted the following resolution on July 31.

WHEREAS: Lawless gangs of vigilantes are attempting to intimidate the striking orange pickers of Southern California by terrorist acts to prevent them from exercising their rights to organize, strike and picket, and

WHEREAS: This fascist method of organizing is fast gaining ground in the country and will be used against us in Contra Costa County unless we are organized to prevent it, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this organization, Carquinez Local 51 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelters go on record as being opposed to all acts of vigilantism and that we here and now elect a committee to prepare and lay plans to combat all vigilante activities, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we send a copy of this resolution to all unions in Contra Costa County and to the Central Labor Council asking them to do likewise and that their committee be asked to work in conjunction with ours.

Phone Workers Organizing

LONG BEACH.—Nearly 200 employees of the Associated Telephone Co. heard Electrical Workers general organizer Kelley speak on the methods of organization the other night.

Delegates from San Bernardino, San Pedro, Santa Monica, Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, Pomona, Ontario, Uplands, Redondo Beach, and Covina. At a meeting on Aug. 11 at Legion Hall it will be decided whether to apply for an IBEW charter.

SAN JOSE.—It was the militant action of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union that ran the scab-minded Anthony Bros. garment concern out of San Jose last week. This scabby manufacturer moved here from San Francisco to obtain cheap non-union labor. His mistake cost him an agreement with the Union, \$7000, and a trip back to San Francisco.

OAKLAND.—Machinists Local 284 will protest the revocation of its charter at the international convention of the Machinists Union to be held in Milwaukee next month. The 1800 strikers in 41 machine shops here are led by the local.

S.F. Machinists Favor Lewis Idea

SAN FRANCISCO.—Local 68 of the Machinists Union will send a delegate to the Machinists Union international convention in Milwaukee, Sept. 21.

Although he thought it too early to predict what may be the major issues before the convention, Ed Dillon, secretary of Local 68, is of the opinion that the C.I.O. will very likely be a main question.

Local 68 in C.I.O.
Even though it is part of a craft union, and even though Grand Lodge President Wharton is one of the bitterest foes of industrial unionism, Local 68 approves "in principle" of the C.I.O., says Dillon. On July 29, as a matter of fact, the local went on record as opposed to the expulsion of the C.I.O. unions. Copies of the resolution were sent to William Green and to the Grand lodge.

"There is considerable sentiment throughout our international in favor of John L. Lewis' program," said Dillon, "even though our international officers are opposed to the C.I.O."

As for Dillon himself, "I am heartily in accord with the principles and theory of industrial organization in all mass production industries."

PEDRO SHIPYARD UNION VOTES ON DEMANDS

SAN PEDRO.—A delegate from the San Pedro local will go to the national convention of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, to be held in Camden, N.J., starting Aug. 20.

Voting to pick the delegate will be held Aug. 6, 7 and 8. Modification of agreements with Harbor shipyards is expected to be demanded as a result of the election.

A referendum will be taken to determine the demands. A permanent negotiating committee of 5 will be elected at the same time.

SAN PEDRO.—An extended drive among all retail clerks has been announced by the Retail Clerks Union of the Harbor District. The Retail Clerks have elected Paul W. Hansen their business agent.

LOS ANGELES.—Application for a permit to operate a radio broadcasting station by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council is under consideration in Washington. Several applications for permits in this vicinity have been refused by the Federal Communications Commission lately, on the grounds that the quota for this section is exhausted, and it is not yet known whether this will affect the Labor Council's application. The

LEADER OF SAN JOSE LAUNDRY STRIKE WRITES

Tells How Employers Provoked the Workers

SAN JOSE.—The battle of over 500 San Jose laundry workers for a decent wage and union recognition has been a stirring one. Here's how Jack Anderson, local organizer of the Laundry Workers Union, sees the strike situation, in a statement to the press.

By J. J. Anderson
Surely the antics of the Laundry Owners' Association and the secretary-manager, Mr. Geo. E. Watson, is a "tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury," but what does it signify?

Let us recount briefly in orderly sequence how the Association deliberately did everything possible, to bring about a strike of laundry workers.

First—By refusing to meet the representatives of the Union and negotiate an agreement which had no demands except a recognition of the right of the workers to bargain with their employers.

Second—Mr. Watson advertised for help when the laundries were already over-supplied with workers, employed only part time in the industry.

Employers Provoked
Third—The employers deliberately discharged efficient, experienced workers solely because they were officers and members of the Union, knowing full well that no organization can tolerate such an affront.

Fourth—The employers refused to heed the request of Mr. French, president of the City Council, for a meeting where conciliations might have been effected.

Not only did they neglect this opportunity to bring about peace, but Mr. Watson in the public press depreciates the probable efforts of Mr. Mathewson, conciliator for the Government of the United States.

This is the tale briefly told, and again we ask what does it signify?

Agricultural Union Asks Aid

STOCKTON.—Here's an important way in which trade unionists can help the cause of organized labor. Read this appeal from the Stockton agricultural workers, and do something about it:

To all unions and friends of Agricultural workers:
May 23, 1936, the Agricultural Workers Local No. 20221 was organized here in Stockton, Cal. We haven't been able to organize very many of the workers in San Joaquin County. We find thousands of workers at this time working in the fields. It is a big problem in California to organize the agricultural workers. These workers must be organized. We are making plans to carry on a real organizational drive to get all agricultural workers in the Union.

The Agricultural Workers Union local No. 20221 is calling on all organized workers to help carry on this drive. We need money. Will you please send funds to the Agricultural Workers Union Local No. 20221, 42 N. Center St., Stockton, Calif. (Signed) Warren Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. And Vance E. Ambrose, President.

DISPATCHERS WIN
CHICAGO.—The American Train Dispatchers Assn., an A. F. of L. union, won agreements on the Detroit and Toledo and Cumberland and Penna. railroads.

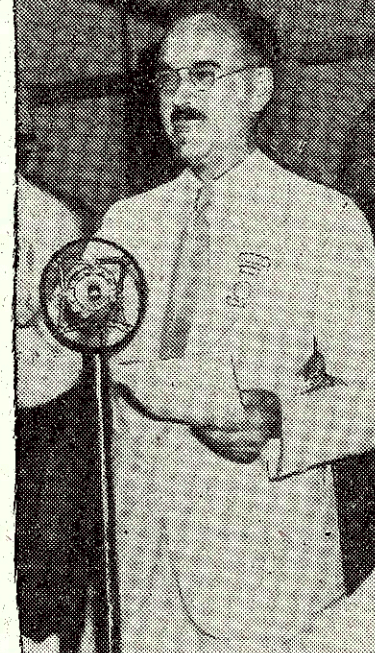
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IN AFL NOW



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Grange Is No Small Potatoes

Not When It Comes To Misusing Funds

NEW YORK.—David E. Grange, president of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, vice-Seaman's Union, does things in a big way. It's true the San Francisco cop who "saved up" over \$300,000 out of his salary tops Grange, but still, \$143,000, which is what union members say Grange can't account for, is no small potatoes either.

Demand Books Be Opened
Six affidavits have been filed by rank and file members, to support a request for an order to force Grange to open up the books and financial records of the Marine Cooks.

The rank and file's attorney, William L. Standard, is also asking for an injunction to prevent Grange from suspending and expelling members of the union, who are active in the court proceedings against Grange.

Grange struck back quickly, however, and suspended from duty, without pay, Octave Loones, delegate for the union since Jan. 1935, because Loones had accused Grange of running the union without an auditing committee, even though the constitution calls for one.

\$30,000 For Strikes—And None Called
An item of expense appearing in the books is for \$30,000 for "sponsoring of strikes." But Grange called no strikes.

Grange's explanation for this is laughable. He says, it meant that the membership in Philadelphia and Baltimore had fallen off; the treasury lost \$30,000 dues from members they should have had, but didn't get. But, say rank and file, that money never came in, and therefore couldn't be spent; if it wasn't spent, it can't be an item of expense.

Ever since 1922, it had been proven, Grange has been receiving money from the United Fruit, large shipping company. And that's just a little part of the record of a first-class labor misleader, whom the rank and file aim to kick out on his seat.

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'LETTER FROM SHIPOWNERS A WRENCH'--KING

Marine Firemen In Stand on Award Question

SAN FRANCISCO.—A "psychological monkey-wrench" is what Earl King, secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen and Oilers, calls the letter signed by Thomas G. Plant of the Waterfront Employers Assn., to Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast I.L.A. president.

King Explains Letter
The shipowners' letter, it may be recalled, called for modifications in the I.L.A. award, and suggested arbitration.

Commenting on the letter, especially its arbitration point, Secretary King said that it is "a psychological monkey-wrench" that Plant and his associates are trying to throw into the machinery of the Maritime Unions are setting up for their negotiations for new amendments and agreements after Sept. 30.

The "Black Gang News," published by the Marine Firemen, explains the shipowners' latest maneuver in this manner:

The present award of the seamen is of such a nature that no one can interpret it or understand it in many of its clauses, and the seamen are very dissatisfied with this award. They know there is a lot that must be ironed out, and a set of working rules must be adopted in their new agreement or amendments to the present award, before conditions will be satisfactory to the seamen.

A reasonable increase in wages is also needed.

I.L.A. Attitude
The Longshoremen have a better award than have the seamen, the mates or the engineers. The longshoremen know this, but they also know there are a few points in their award that can be improved upon.

The longshoremen know that last year the I.L.A. executive board had authority to renew the award and the executive board in 1935 did renew the award, leaving the other maritime unions hanging out on a limb as far as support was concerned in getting their amendments to the award from the shipowners.

If the longshoremen had supported us in a strike to enforce these amendments in 1935, they would have been in the position of violating their award.

Support Other Unions
This year the longshoremen are being asked to open their award so that the other Maritime Unions can then be in the position of negotiating with the shipowners for wage increases and new working rules, either in the form of amendments to the present award or as a new agreement. As part of the Maritime Federation we do not expect the longshoremen to do anything which will jeopardize chances of negotiating these changes.

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Notes of California Labor

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Anderson, secretary. Anderson is leader of the laundry workers' strike.

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LOS ANGELES.—Cooks Union 468 elected and installed new officers recently. James Roberson is president; George Hyatt vice-president; John M. Sargent business agent; delegate to international convention James Roberson.

ATTACK AUTO MAGNATES' RULE

DETROIT.—A mass meeting of 7000 auto workers heard vice-pres. Leo Krzycki of Clothing Workers sharply attack the iron rule of the auto companies in this area. The meeting was called by the A. F. of L. auto workers union.