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U. S. BACKS FASCISTS AGAINST BLOCKADE

Cal. Unions Oppose Move To Split AFL Refuse Recognition Of Spain's Blockade On Fascist Seaports

E. Bay and San Diego Unions Protest CIO Suspension, AFL Split

Electricians Union Delegate Introduces Alameda County Resolution; Big Co. Union In Revolt Comes Out For C.I.O.

OAKLAND—Protest against the suspension of 10 C.I.O. unions was made by the Alameda Central Labor Council, by a vote of 48-45, at the Council's last meeting.

The Council also instructed its delegate to the coming State Federation of Labor convention, to fight for adoption of the resolution which was passed.

Craft Union for C.I.O.

It is significant that the resolution was introduced by a delegate from a craft union—Johnston of the Electricians.

Opposition to the resolution of protest was led by reactionary Charles Real, of the Teamsters, and Silverthorn of the Milk Drivers.

Before Johnston could move



THE LONGSHOREMEN OF VALENCIA defend democracy against the Fascists in Spain. Here they are behind the barricades, repelling an onslaught by the Fascists. They are the brothers of the fighting maritime workers of the Pacific Coast and they deserve their full support in their fight for democracy.

Shippers Demand Would Cancel The Gains Of The ILA

Again Insist On Unconditional Arbitration, Longshoremen Again Insist On Negotiations First

SAN FRANCISCO.—As meetings between I.L.A. representatives and the shipowners coastwise committee continued, the latter maintained their insistence on blanket arbitration of all issues.

The I.L.A. representatives, however, continued their firm refusal of blanket arbitration, repeating that they do not oppose arbitration as such, but that negotiations must first be gone through with.

Justification of the unions' unwillingness to accept unconditional arbitration was given by the sort of demands put forward by the shipowners, which would take away basic gains made through bitter struggle since the 1934 strike.

Demands set forth by the shipowners committee include: "A method of fixing pay by 'efficiency' with adjustments every six months.

Placing of hiring hall control in the hands of 'neutral' persons responsible to the joint labor relations committees in place of the union officials who now administer the affairs of the hall and direct the dispatching of longshoremen."

Instead of the present six-hour day system, two-six hour shifts. (This would make possible avoidance of overtime pay).

The employers furthermore propose that "if men are not (Cont. on Page 2, Col 6)

Workers Militia are shown rushing up a cliff in the Guadarrama mountains, Spain, fighting the Fascists to a standstill. The Workers' Militia has been the backbone of the fight against Fascist armies seeking to overthrow democracy in Spain.

U.S. State Department Claims It's "Non-Interference, But Big Business Can Ship Munitions To Fascist-Held Ports; Increased Nazi Armed Forces Threaten Peace



WASHINGTON—Despite hundreds of mass meetings all over the country in support of the Spanish government in its fight against the Fascists, the U. S. State Department last Thursday moved to aid the Fascists' attempt to overthrow the legal government of Spain in a sharp note to the latter government.

The note refused to recognize the blockade of Fascist-held ports in Spain, indicating that war materials will be shipped in American vessels to the Fascists.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull sent the following note:

U. S. Aid to War-Mongers

"My government directs me to inform you in reply that, with the friendliest feelings toward the Spanish government, it cannot

for adoption of his resolution, Secretary Spooner moved to refer it to the executive committee.

An amendment was made to adopt the resolution, and the amendment carried by the above-mentioned vote.

San Diego Unions Protest

SAN DIEGO.—The Machinists Union here passed almost unanimously a resolution protesting to International President his action (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 7)

Cal. Labor Aids Seattle Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—California organized labor support continues to increase for the strike of Newspaper Guild members against the Hearst-owned Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

By unanimous vote the Alameda Central Labor Council, meeting in Oakland, adopted a resolution of "whole-hearted support" to the strike. Hearst publishes the Post-Inquirer in Oakland.

A statement of the Northern California Newspaper Guild as follows: The San Francisco Examiner and Call-Bulletin, and the Oakland Post-Inquirer, for refusing to print the Guild's answer to vicious attacks made on the Seattle strike in these Hearst-owned papers.

SEATTLE—"It would be a good thing for this town if Mr. (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 8)

L. A. Rent Rise Forces Jobless To Barns

LOS ANGELES.—So great has been the recent rise in rents that relief recipients are being forced to move into barns and garages for which they must pay as much as \$10 to \$15 a month. Director Pilling of the Los Angeles Relief Administration told the Citizens' Relief Committee at its weekly meeting.

In a majority of cases, he said, allowance for rent in a relief recipient's budget has to be increased by lessening some of the other allowances, such as for food and clothing.

'LABOR DAY ONE OF A.F.L. UNITY

Shelley Calls For Biggest Show of Strength By Unions

SAN FRANCISCO—"We have to show, by the biggest Labor Day turnout we have ever had, that the rank and file of A.F.L. membership want unity in the American labor movement."

These words, spoken by Vice-President Shelley of the San Francisco Central Labor Council may have been spoken to a meeting of San Francisco union dressmakers, but they will be accepted as having important meaning by organized labor throughout the state. Labor Day parades are expected to be the largest on record in cities like Los Angeles, Stockton, and scores of others in California.

"The Industrial Association," said Shelley, "is uniting its strength, and we workers must meet them with a real united front of solidarity and strength."

Regarding the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions, Shelley said that "I am an official of the Central Labor Council, and am supposed to defend all actions of the A.F.L. Executive Council."

"So I cannot express my personal opinions on the question of the suspension. However, if I could express my personal opinions, I am afraid I too would be suspended. But because there is this internal argument in the A. F. L., we must show the biggest turnout on Labor Day we have ever had."

Injunction Against S. Jose Laundry Strike Ended

SAN JOSE.—The dissolving of the injunction against the striking laundry drivers here, made last Thursday, was expected by the time the WESTERN WORKER went to press, to have been made permanent.

SOVIETS GREET PLOTTERS' END

People Hail Death of Trotsky-Directed Terrorists

MOSCOW—Spontaneous mass demonstrations by the people everywhere greeted news of the death sentence meted out to the Trotskyist-Zinovievist murderers and terrorists.

As soon as the news came through, workers on night shifts immediately organized meetings. No official speakers were present, but every worker, old and young alike, felt it his duty to respond at once to the court's decision and to welcome it.

Will of the People

People everywhere felt that the sentence reflected the will and just demand of the whole Soviet Union.

"We, like the entire 170,000,000 people of the Soviet Union, felt it was the only possible decision," declared workers in "Krasnoye Sarmovo," oldest industrial plant in the country.

"There is not a single one among us who does not from his (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 3)

Unions Applaud C.P. Candidate In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO.—Carrying his campaign to the unions, Perry Hill, Communist candidate for Congress is being well received.

Hill spoke on the need for a Farmer-Labor Party, before Electricians Local 340 last Monday. His 15-minute talk was applauded.

He spoke to the members of International Longshoremen's Assn. Local 38-118 on Wednesday with similar results. He was to speak before Carpenters Local 586 Friday night, August 28. In addition, other locals will hear the Communist candidate.

LABOR PARTY NEED SHOWN IN PRIMARIES

Split In Progressive, Labor Forces Aids Reactionaries

To a degree unprecedented heretofore in the history of California, the urgent need for building a Farmer-Labor Party was strikingly evidenced by the results of the state primary elections last Tuesday.

Progressive and labor forces were split up in a large number of cases between different candidates for the same office, with the result that many ultra-reactionary candidates were able to win nominations in the partisan elections and to get into the finals in the non-partisan elections.

Gallagher Vote

Particularly was this shown in Los Angeles County where Leo Gallagher, endorsed by many labor (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 1)

Vallejo Union Is For Labor Party

VALLEJO.—A Farmer Labor Party, on a national scale, is needed by the American people to hold back reaction, according to an endorsement made by Engineers Local 731.

Joining the Contra Costa Central Labor Council in taking action against vigilantism, the Solano County Labor Council passed a motion going on record against all vigilante activities. The Council will keep a close check on all activities carried on by this fascist group.

38,000 NAMES FOR REPEAL OF C.S. ACT

LOS ANGELES.—Thirty-eight thousand signatures for repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act, on 898 initiative petitions, have been filed here by the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights.

Eighteen thousand valid signatures had already been filed in this country last July.

Benefit Dance

SAN FRANCISCO.—C.S. repeal petitions were filed with the county clerk here Friday, August 28th, by the State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

A gala Labor Day dance, to raise funds to push the repeal drive, will be held on Saturday night, September 5th, at the Druids Hall on Page Street near Market Street.

Keep Browder On The Radio!

What has radio to do with your job? That depends upon who's broadcasting.

When Earl Browder spoke Friday night, August 28th, over the National Broadcasting Company hook-up from New York, he talked among other things of the fight for jobs, against company unionism, for higher wages and better working conditions.

A dollar or more to keep Browder on the air during this crucial 1936 election campaign, means a dollar for your security. Contributions should be sent to the California State Campaign Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, or the Los Angeles County Campaign Committee, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Build the People's Chest Against Reaction! Spread the Communist election campaign! Browder will next speak on the NBC broadcasting chain on Monday, September 7th, over KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; and KFSD, San Diego.

Open Shoppers Launch Attack On Hours

SAN FRANCISCO.—In a new open shop attack, the Chamber of Commerce and other employers' organizations have called on the Board of Supervisors for the repeal of a municipal ordinance providing for a 6-hour day on municipal works.

If successful, the attack would be extended to all industries.

Joining the Chamber were the Builders Exchange, the two San Francisco chapters of the Associated General Contractors, and subcontracting organizations.

An alleged "shortage of skilled labor" was the excuse for the attack.

'MURDER' FRAMEUP ON KING IS BACKED BY SHIPOWNERS

War Chemicals Ban By Pedro I.L.A.

SAN FRANCISCO—Earl King, secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Union, booked Thursday on "murder" charges in connection with the death of Chief Engineer George Alberts on the S. S. Point Lobos in March, made an immediate denial of all charges.

"The whole thing is ridiculous," said King. "I had no part to play in the charges against me and I do not believe that Alberts was murdered by any member of our union. Certainly our union did not connive at his murder. I want to enter a general denial against all allegations."

This frameup move, by the police acting under shipowners' orders, comes as an attempt to strengthen the hand of the shipowners in the reopening of awards of the maritime unions.

In an attempt to involve the union officials in the murder, District Attorney Warren of Alameda County announced the arrest of George Wallace at Brownville, Tex.

A. M. Hurphy, assistant secretary of the Firemen, and E. H. Ramsey, a patrolman, were held for "investigation."

George Anderson, attorney for the Marine Firemen's officials, obtained a writ of habeas corpus for the arrested men from Superior Judge Ogden. The writ was made returnable Monday.

An attempt to involve two other members of the Marine Firemen, R. J. Simpson and G. Tomaselli, failed, and they were released.

Union Leader Praises The "Western"

OAKLAND.—What workers think of the WESTERN WORKER was shown by the remarks of an official of the United Textile Local 2487, at a California Cotton Mill strike meeting the other day.

He said: "The Western Worker is the only one giving our strike real publicity. You've got to give credit to a paper that gives the unions a break."

not admit the legality of any action on the part of the Spanish government in declaring such port closed unless that government declares and maintains an effective blockade of such ports.

"In taking this position," my government is guided by a long line of precedents in international law with which the Spanish government is doubtless familiar."

No Aid to Fascists!

Labor and progressive forces immediately replied with, "Hands off Spain!"

The State Department claimed this was "non-interference," but (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Milk Price Rise Threatened

OAKLAND.—Dairymen, seeking an increase in the retail price of milk, used the scare of a milk supply shortage in order to put through the price rise.

They appeared before a State Dept. of Agriculture committee, asking an increase in the price of butterfat. Present price is 62 cents; the dairy owners seek a price of 72 cents.

Roy Pike, San Joaquin Dairymen and big grower, pointed out that if the butterfat increase were granted, the retail price of milk per quart would go up by one cent.

The California Housewives' League has threatened a milk boycott if the increase goes through.

500 S.F. Milinery Strikers Gain Complete Victory

SAN FRANCISCO.—Five hundred striking milinery workers here returned to work with a complete victory, after two days of militant picketing.

Members of the Cap. Hat and Milinery Workers Union, the workers won contracts with all 18 manufacturers, granting the closed shop and wage increases.

Cutters and jobbers are increased from \$26.25 to \$32.50; operators from \$22.75 to \$25; makers and trimmers, from \$17.15 to \$18.75; working foremen receive a minimum of \$37.50. With an 8-hour day, 5-day week, time and a third is to be paid for overtime.

E. BAY COTTON STRIKERS GIVE CASE ON RADIO

Tell Of Working In Calif. Mill Many Years, Little Pay

OAKLAND—Ranks unbroken after 13 weeks, the 400 California Cotton Mills strikers, members of United Textile Workers Local 2487, put their case before the public over radio station KROW early this week.

Sonia Baltrum, an international organizer of the U.T.W., and organizer of the Oakland local, spoke for the strikers. An interesting part of the broadcast was the questioning of some of the strikers by Miss Baltrum.

Strikers Talk
What is your name? (Anthony Gallardo.)

How many years employed in the California Cotton Mills? (Working since 1918—18 years.)

What were your wages? (I was getting 39c and hour until just before strike, or about \$15 a week, but I did not always get to work a full week.)

Was the job you were on skilled labor? (Yes, I worked at loom starting.)

How large is your family? (9 children, wife and myself.)

Did you make enough to feed your family? (No. I had to have charity orders for last 7 years.)

Did you need charity 18 years ago when you started to work? (No. I had smaller family and I could buy more for money in those days.)

Woman Striker Speaks
A woman striker was then questioned.

What is your name? (Annie Cowl.)

How many years employed in the California Cotton Mills? (Ever since I can remember. I started work there since I was 12 years old, 26 years ago. Then I got married and stayed home only long enough to get strength after giving birth to my children.)

What wages were you getting? (32 1/2 cents an hour or \$13 per week.)

Did you know you were getting wages below State minimum wage scale for women? (Yes. Most of the women working there were getting the same wages. We couldn't do anything about it until we organized our Union.)

How many in your family? (4 children and myself and I am their main support.)

Many workers on strike have worked 10-15-20 and up to 35 years in this mill. They are citizens and taxpayers of Oakland.

Labor Party Need In Calif. Shown

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bor organizations and by the Communist Party, the local candidate to oppose anti-labor Judge Arthur Crum, ran third in a field of seven due to other liberal and so-called liberal candidates running.

Gallagher polled 56,572 votes, while Crum led with 198,698 and Irving Tabin, who had considerable liberal support, ran second with 90,101 votes.

The famed labor attorney polled 15 per cent of total votes cast, compared to 17 per cent two years ago when only three candidates ran.

Fitts Gains By Split
Out of five candidates for district attorney, labor and progressive support was also badly split. Incumbent Baron Fitts, a tool of reaction, led with 203,524, followed by Harlan G. Palmer, both going into the November finals.

Grover Johnson, Communist-endorsed attorney, polled 24,109 votes.

The strong Townsend vote anticipated largely failed to materialize, due to the reaction of Townsend supporters to the split in the ranks of the leadership and to Dr. Townsend's support of the Fascist "Union Party" candidate, William Lemke.

Downey Defeated
Sheridan Downey, Townsend's personal attorney, was defeated for the Democratic nomination in the 3rd Congressional District by the reactionary Republican-Democrat, Frank Buck.

Townsendites who were nominated included chiefly those incumbents to whom Townsend support meant just a little more backing.

Costly Split In 13th
Splitting of labor and progressive forces was costly in the 13th Congressional District, where the Hearst candidate and incumbent, Charles Kramer, defeated Parley Parker Christensen, Epic councilman, seeking the Democratic nomination.

Kramer polled 25,220 votes to 13,199 for Christensen, who refused throughout his campaign

BIRDS OF A FEATHER



AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE FASCIST, at left, William Randolph Hearst. His heart bleeds for the Spanish Fascists, who are largely financed by Juan March, Spanish multi-millionaire, who coined his fortune as a smuggler. Hearst is doing his darndest for a Spanish Fascist victory, but the Fascist victory is only on paper—in Hearst's press.

EXPOSE WALL STREET POLICY

Imperialism In Orient Bared By Report At Yosemite

YOSEMITE—American imperialism, via the U. S. Government, spent more than 500 million dollars maintaining its Far Eastern policy last year, most of it on a Navy "large enough to offset the threat of Japan," it was revealed here at the Institute of Pacific Relations in a report by Frederick V. Field, secretary of the American Council of the Institute.

But They Plan More Profits
Field, a former member of the American Economic Mission to China, said business profits were only 84 million dollars, mostly from trade with and investment in Japan, in the Pacific area.

"It is no international secret that the American Navy is maintained in the Pacific, face to face with Japan alone," said the report.

"While 90 per cent of the entire naval budget, amounting to \$589,276,636 in 1935, must be allocated to our Far Eastern debt column, 43 per cent of our total annual trade with the Orient is with Japan and 23 per cent of our investments in the Orient are in Japan."

Field reported that the expenses of the Army and American Foreign Service added many millions to the total cost in carrying out the Wall Street policy in the Orient.

Millions For Wall Street
The report concluded that the purpose of the Navy is to create increased foreign commercial activity for Americans in the Far East even though it is itself "uneconomic."

Seldom has Wall Street imperialism, and its working through the U. S. government, been so baldly exposed as in this report, which reveals the grave danger of war in the Pacific through conflict with Japanese imperialism.

L.A. Open Shop Terror Drive

LOS ANGELES—What may be the beginning of a campaign of terror on the part of reactionary interests to keep Los Angeles an "open-shop town" came to light with the announcement by police that they were "investigating" a gun attack upon Harry Scott, official of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Scott, business agent for the dressmakers' local, said that two men last night approached his car with drawn guns, in front of his home, 6238 Delongpre Ave. They ordered him out of the car, he said, while a third man crouched in the shrubbery nearby.

As Scott ran for the safety of his home one of his assailants ripped the shirt from his back.

to make serious attacks on Kramer's anti-labor record or to appear on the same platform with Kramer.

Throughout California, all Communist Party candidates for partisan offices were automatically nominated, there being only one candidate for each office, and in addition, two written-in candidates were put in the field for the November elections—Hyman Alpert, 63rd Assembly District; and James C. McLean, 44th Assembly District.

Order Bundles!
(For complete analysis of the primary elections and the coming final elections in November, don't fail to get a copy of the next issue of the Western Worker. Also, order bundles at 2 1/2 cents per copy in bundles of 10 or more copies, to distribute and sell to your friends, neighbors and fellow-workers.)

You Can Commit Crime If You're A White Guard

SAN FRANCISCO. — If you're a Russian white guard and have rendered "good service" against the working class, you can get off easily on serious charges.

Dr. S. N. Chernyh, arrested for selling narcotics here, was freed on three years probation, after white guards here told the Federal Judge Roche that Chernyh had administered to a battalion of the Russian white guard army, stricken with typhoid during the civil war in Russia. He couldn't bear to see anyone suffer, his white guard friends said—anyone except the Russian workers and peasants.

Danger of Fascism
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awakening to the realization of the growing danger of Fascist reaction menacing the democratic liberties and civil rights of the people of our country.

In the mills and factories—a movement is developing towards organization on the basis of industrial unionism—as the most effective means of driving back the attacks upon the standards of living.

In the cities and countryside—a movement is growing for independent political action as the only guarantee to check the advance of Fascist reaction. A Farmer-Labor Party—the united People's front against war and Fascism—is coming on the scene. In this situation, we need a stronger Communist Party—with its roots firmly entrenched in the factories and on the docks, in the cities and countryside—able to guide and lead this powerful movement for progress and against reaction.

We are, therefore, initiating a Browder-Ford Membership Drive to begin September 7th, as part of our task in building a Party of 100,000 strong during the coming months in the United States. This drive, if it is to be successful, has to be carried out in the spirit of our standard bearers—Browder and Ford—with real Communist determination and devotion.

What You Can Do
The activity in the Election Campaign makes it possible for you to speak to larger numbers of workers in the shop, in your trade union or in your neighborhood, on the issues which vitally concern them.

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You as a member of the Party, have friends and contacts in your shop, your trade union, in the neighborhood in which you live or carry on your Party work. Through constant daily work, bring the best and most militant of these workers into

the Party. Surely, during the next two months, by real concentrated activity, you can recruit one of the workers with whom you come in contact into our Party!

Broadcasts Will Help
During the next two months dozens of radio broadcasts by Comrades Browder and Ford, by our State Secretary Bill Schneiderman, and by our own local candidates, will be heard on the west coast. These radio broadcasts will help you in your work. By inviting some of your friends, shopmates or fellow trade unionists, to the house parties organized to listen to and discuss these broadcasts, you can further acquaint them with our program and platform. Every radio broadcast, if properly utilized, will bring hundreds of new Party members into our Party in California.

Many important meetings will be arranged in different sections of the state during the next two months. Bring your friends, shopmates and trade unionists to these meetings. Here they will learn from the mouths of our comrades what Communism stands for, and it will help you to break down the prejudices fostered by the Hearsts.

We make this appeal to you, comrade of our Party. Join your efforts in helping to build a mass Party in California during this election campaign. If all of our 3,000 members in California pull together we can build a powerful organization.

If you are a trade unionist—remember a stronger Party in the trade unions will strengthen the fight for a powerful American Federation of Labor based on industrial unionism.

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Build the Party among these important sections of the American population. And above all, we urge all of you—win large numbers of Negro and women workers into our Party. These exploited sections of the American people will strengthen our united action against the attacks of capital.

Every Communist a Party Builder
Let us move forward together as one united whole to build our Party. A stronger Party will be a stronger weapon in our hands to crystallize the growing sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party. A stronger Party will steel the fighting capacity of the workers in alliance with the toiling millions. A stronger Party will lead the American workers—Negro and white—to their final emancipation and Socialism.

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The San Rafael Tin Soldier Rants On Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS—Extending his vigilante activities to the Gulf Coast, Col. Henry R. Sanborn, the tin-soldier of San Rafael, Cal., who puts out the despised "American Citizen," spoke here and predicted "a nationwide general strike under Communist auspices."

The tin Colonel made his hair-raising predictions before the Young Men's Business Club. A Communist Party spokesman in New York characterized the Colonel's talk as "absurd, branding it as part of the Republican-Liberty League campaign to raise a red scare."

SUPPORT C.I.O.
SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—A provisional committee to win new support for the C.I.O. was set up at a meeting of 44 leaders of Wisconsin industrial unions,

COMMUNIST MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SEPTEMBER 7-JANUARY 1-BUILD PARTY FOR A FREE, HAPPY U. S.

State Committee Addresses Party Members In California In Drive To Bring In One Thousand New Recruits

To every Member of the Communist Party in California:
Dear Comrades:

The building of our Party during this election campaign is of such great importance that the State Committee of the Communist Party in California addresses this letter to you, in the hope that you will read it carefully, and help to carry through the proposals we make.

If you remember, our last State Convention placed before the membership of California the task of recruiting 1,000 new members before the first of the year.

We feel confident that in the remaining months of the election campaign, with your co-operation and that of every member of our Party, we can readily recruit that number. By the end of the year, we can then record a membership that is stronger, more consolidated, and better able to carry out the historic tasks before us.

At no time in the history of our Party have we had such great opportunities in enrolling thousands and even tens of thousands of new members. The great interest and support for our platform can be seen if we cite the huge response to the meetings for Comrade Browder held in Los Angeles and San Francisco. These emphasize the really tremendous possibilities we have in California to attract large numbers into our Party.

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Communist Party of California.

The San Rafael Tin Soldier Rants On Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS—Extending his vigilante activities to the Gulf Coast, Col. Henry R. Sanborn, the tin-soldier of San Rafael, Cal., who puts out the despised "American Citizen," spoke here and predicted "a nationwide general strike under Communist auspices."

The tin Colonel made his hair-raising predictions before the Young Men's Business Club. A Communist Party spokesman in New York characterized the Colonel's talk as "absurd, branding it as part of the Republican-Liberty League campaign to raise a red scare."

SUPPORT C.I.O.
SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—A provisional committee to win new support for the C.I.O. was set up at a meeting of 44 leaders of Wisconsin industrial unions,

Browder Runs 3-1 Ahead Of Thomas In "Straw" Poll

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, is running more than 3-to-1 ahead of Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate, in the latest results of the Richfield, "straw" ballot, released last Wednesday.

Browder polled 838 votes to Thomas' 276 in the Pacific Coast states of Washington, Oregon and California.

The Hearst-Liberty League candidate, Alf Landon, is not popular on the coast, the poll shows, receiving but 9060 votes to 20,160 for President Roosevelt. The "Union Party" of Fascist Father Coughlin polled 1145 votes for its candidate, William Lemke.

Get your ballot at any Richfield station.

Shipowners Ask For A Lot

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available or are not furnished for a change of shift at the end of six hours, the first shift shall work an additional two hours at the straight time rate."

Abolition of pay for "travel time" and transportation for men reporting for work or returning from it "in the community at or near which they reside."

I.L.A. Demands
The I.L.A. has asked the following changes in the present award:

Increase of 5 cents an hour straight time and 10 cents an hour overtime.

Uniform differential on penalty cargoes for the entire Pacific Coast.

Preferential employment for members of the Pacific Coast District, I.L.A.

Overtime Pay
All work between 3 p.m. and 8 a.m. and all Sunday and holiday work to be considered as overtime.

Uniform working conditions for the entire Pacific Coast.

In addition the I.L.A. asked that employees shall not be compelled to go through the picket lines of any union having labor difficulties, and that any action in not going through picket lines under such circumstances be not considered as a breach of the agreement.

Thomas G. Plant of the shipowners' committee displayed great unwillingness to consider the I.L.A. demands in the negotiations. The I.L.A. asked that a coastwide agreement be made for these I.L.A. members either separately or as part of the agreement with the I.L.A.

In emphasizing their refusal to arbitrate all issues unconditionally, with ironclad decisions of a third person possible, the I.L.A. representatives pointed to bad spots in the present award, which were the result of having been drawn by such an outsider.

Although the I.L.A. made it clear that the union is willing to continue the present award for a period after Sept. 30, until satisfactory agreement is reached the shipowners, through Plant, again repeated that they will end the present award after Sept. 30 unless their terms are met. Their attempt to picture themselves in the eyes of the public as the sole upholders of peace was thus proven as false.

Solidarity Beats Police Terror

LOS ANGELES—Successfully resisting strong-arm tactics of police, who twice tried to disperse them by use of force, a peaceful gathering of over 400 workers enthusiastically listened to Communist Party speakers Saturday night, August 23rd, at an election street meeting at Broad and Broderick Streets.

A powerful display of mass solidarity met members of Hynes' notorious "Red" squad when they attempted to disrupt the meeting by the same terroristic force they had successfully used on two previous Saturday nights, and they limited their anti-labor activity for the rest of the meeting to fierce scowls and mutterings.

Townsend Says He Spends O.A.R.P. Money Himself

CLEVELAND—In a deposition hearing in connection with the receivership suit brought against the old-age pension organization, Dr. Francis E. Townsend last week asserted his right to spend funds of the Old Age Revolving Pensions as he sees fit.

"I am the president of the O. A.R.P.," said Townsend. "All I have to do is to order the money drawn from the account. I merely tell the treasurer what I'm going to use it for."

Townsend said he had spent more than a million dollars of the pension organization funds.

"FANCIFUL" IS WEAK COME--BACK AS BRIBE OFFERS ARE CHARGED IN LIQUOR PROBE

Graft-Indicted Alameda City Councilmen Put Over "Fast One" In Move Making Graft Ring A Permanent Feature

SAN FRANCISCO—It's worth \$50,000 to \$100,000 to the liquor interests and the "big shots" behind them—including Beer Baron Fleishhacker—to call off the probe of the Assembly investigating committee into liquor control enforcement in California.

Assemblyman Donihue, chairman of the committee, said members of the committee had been offered this amount of money in San Francisco.

"I was told that a number of \$1000 bills were ready for any member of our committee who will lay off the liquor investigation," said Donihue.

This statement brought the usual denial. Richard E. Collins, chairman of the State Board of Equalization, under fire in the probe, termed Donihue's statement a "fanciful story."

Hearst Muscles In
In the police graft investigation, the S. F. Examiner launched a typical Hearstian drive to shut up the probe before it gets too hot for the financiers and industrialists to handle.

As yet, although the investigation has been going on for four months, no indictments of grafting cops or their higher-ups have been made by the grand jury.

Phoney Move
ALAMEDA—While citizens hissed, the graft-indicted city councilmen of Alameda City put over a "fast one" here last Wednesday when three of them resigned and then named their own successors, thus perpetuating their graft ring.

Mayor Hans W. Roebke, Councilmen Bruce G. Munroe and Charles W. Broyles, City Attorney William J. Locke and City Clerk Sherman G. Blood—all under indictment on conspiracy charges involving corruption in office with ex-City Manager Fritz—handed in their resignations.

Defense Against Nazis
PARIS—With war clouds growing darker with Germany's re-arming and increase of its armed forces, and the Nazis threat of intervention in the Spanish civil war, the Blum government last week took action to strengthen the defense against the threat of a French-Fascist pact.

French statisticians estimated the increased Nazi war forces at 2,040,000 men.

The Paris paper, "Petit Journal," declared in an article: "Adolf Hitler will next announce his formal intention of organizing a 'preventive war' against Soviet Russia, according to our information."

"Echo de Paris" stated: "Hitler is the sole beneficiary of the horrible massacres in Spain. Fear which took possession of Europe created a favorable climax for his schemes."

Act Against Fascists
MADRID—Stern action against Fascist remnants in government-held territory was taken here, as the workers' militia and loyal troops held steadfast and repelled all Fascist attacks of desperation, and scored important victories throughout Spain.

Ten members of the Tribunal of Guarantees—corresponding to the U. S. Supreme Court—were forced to resign, leaving 13 members all friendly to the popular front.

New special revolutionary tribunals were constituted by decree of President Azana to try all cases of rebellion, sedition and acts against the security of the state. Prisons are overflowing with captured and trapped Fascists who had been conducting sabotage against the government.

Stern Measures
The War Ministry issued an appeal against discussion of the military situation to keep Fascist spies from informing the enemy. Stern warning was issued that any person spreading false rumors will be regarded as a potential enemy.

LISBON—An embargo on arms shipments to Spain effective immediately, was declared by Portugal, through which huge quantities of war materials have been shipped to the Fascists.

Red Squad Attacks 500 L.A. Furniture Pickets

LOS ANGELES—More than 500 picketers were dispersed by the "red" squad here at the plant of the Los Angeles Period Furniture Company.

The plant was struck by 125 employees, pending the settlement of wage and hour demands. Workers are demanding a 40-cent-an-hour minimum as opposed to the company's 18-cent-an-hour minimum, John Murray, business agent of the Furniture Workers' union declared.

"Fittsism" Means Terror In L.A.

LOS ANGELES—"Fittsism" is the new name for terrorism on the east side here, following the brutal treatment accorded Ben Houghton, a worker, on Saturday night, August 23rd, when he expressed an opinion contrary to the lies being shoved down the throats of an audience at an open political meeting for Burton Fitts, "red-baiting" district attorney.

Houghton was struck and knocked down a flight of stairs by Jasper Parker, Fitts' campaign manager in Boyle Heights, and left to lie bleeding on the sidewalk for over half an hour by police before medical aid was rendered.

Severely Injured
When the police ambulance finally arrived, Houghton was removed to the emergency hospital in a semi-conscious condition. It was reported later he was suffering from severe mental shock and possible frontal fracture of the skull.

Identity of Houghton's assailant was successfully hidden from most of the large crowd of workers gathering at the scene of the attack. Fitts' well-trained police stooges were heard to tell the crowd that Houghton "fell down a flight of stairs."

Needless to say, Jasper Parker was not arrested.

U. S. REFUSAL OF BLOCKADE AIDS FASCISM

Spain Govt. In Stern Steps Against Fascists

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it was admitted nothing prevents shipment of war materials to the Spanish Fascists by American big business. By this action, aid was given the Fascist war-mongers, who are increasingly threatening to precipitate world war.

MOSCOW—Germany's extension of military service to 17 years shows that the Nazis are preparing actively for war, said the Communist Party organ, Pravda, here.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

THE "AVERAGE MAN" did "balance the budget" in the state of Kansas. But Alf Landon did not perform this feat of legerdemain at the expense of his brother millionaires in the Sunflower State.

School Kids Suffer The children of Kansas were sacrificed on Landon's budget-balancing altar, as has been exposed by Labor's Non-Partisan League.

State aid to schools is composed of interest on permanent school fund and receipts from dog taxes.

And Kansas is not overburdened with dogs, comments Leslie Doud, Non-Partisan League chairman for Kansas. "Included in the permanent school fund are bonds representing \$132,750 which are worthless and yield no interest."

State aid to the schools under Landon's administration amounted to 84 cents per year per child, as low as \$25 a month with the average for all rural school teachers at \$37.79 per month.

Landon Official Talks State Superintendent of Public Instruction reported on three courses of action to be taken by the legislature "so that your (Landon's) various state agencies may be relieved of the embarrassment caused by reason of this situation."

None of the suggested steps were taken. "It is a lamentable fact that 458 schools had to be closed the year with that many teachers going without pay," said Markham in a speech.

"There were 857 boys and girls who did not have the privilege of completing a full school year. Schools are a direct responsibility of the states and, therefore, must be supported by the state."

You can figure from this that Landon, if elected to the presidency, will allow the budget to be done by the broad masses of the American people, not by his Wall Street backers who can afford to pay.

Landon is at the opposite pole from the Communist Party slogan: "Make the rich pay!"

Open-Shop Kansas

Labor's Non-Partisan League also reports that workers on a \$618,000 state bridge in Topeka, Kansas, are working under open-shop conditions and for less than the prevailing wage.

Skilled labor is paid from 50 cents to \$1 an hour, with few men getting top figure, on this bridge, being constructed under Landon's administration. Prevailing wage in that region for similar skilled work on PWA and WPA projects ranges from 88 cents to \$1.37 an hour.

The State Re-employment Service granted the contractor an exemption to permit him to hire skilled workers from outside the state on the grounds that there was a "shortage of skilled labor in Kansas."

Protests from Topeka unions forced cancellation of the permit, but work continues on the bridge with skilled and semi-skilled workers getting paid at unskilled labor rates.

True Liberty Leaguer

Hearst and the Liberty League chose well when they picked Landon to represent their open-shop, union-smashing program in the 1936 election campaign.

Landon's record shows plainly that he is anti-union, anti-people. And he is not above using organized terror against the working class either, for in 1935 he called out the National Guard against the striking lead miners.

Unless all progressive forces unite to smash the threat of reaction and pro-Fascist program embodied in Landon's candidacy—grave threat to the organized movement and the constitutional rights of the people may come into a horrible existence.

This does not mean support of Roosevelt, but it does mean the organization of the power of labor and the poor farmers in independent political line-up on local, state, and national scale.

LA GUARDIA IN MOVE AGAINST AID FOR SPAIN

Communist Called For Aiding Red Cross Fund

NEW YORK—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia was charged with responsibility for a summons issued to David Leeds, treasurer of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party at a Madison Square Garden meeting where over \$5000 was raised for Labor's Red Cross for Spain, by I. Amter, New York State Organizer of the Party, in a letter last week.

Harry Levin, who is in charge of the Division of Licenses of the Department of Welfare, is trying to get a jail sentence and \$500 fine meted out to Leeds on the charge of "soliciting donations without permit, for refugees from the Communist Party of Spain."

In his letter to La Guardia, Amter spiked the absurd idea of any Spanish Communists being refugees, and asked the mayor the embarrassing question if he had not addressed a meeting called by the "Italian Red Cross," which collected funds for munitions for the Fascist aggression against Ethiopia.

This is the first attempt ever made by the Department of Public Welfare to enforce this obsolete ordinance, and is being done to cripple the drive for funds to aid the Spanish people fight Fascism.

RADIO UNION WINS

CAMDEN, N. J.—Radio Corporation workers voted 3163 to 147 in favor of the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union, in a poll ordered by the National Labor Relations Board.

PAINTERS HIT SPLIT

NEW YORK—One of the largest craft unions in New York—Painters District Council 9, has protested the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

"Put America Back To Work" Comes First In 1936 Communist Platform

(Editorial)

IN 1934 nearly a million people in California cast their ballots for the principle of production-for-use as represented by the candidacy of Upton Sinclair. They showed by their vote that they support the legitimate demand to keep America's productive forces operating for the benefit of the people, to open the closed factories so that our huge unemployed army can live according to an American living standard.

Our First Plank

This legitimate demand is supported 100 per cent by the Communist Party on a national scale in its 1936 election campaign, and in its state campaign through its Assembly and Congressional candidates in the elections. The first plank in our platform is:

1. Put America Back to Work—Provide Jobs and a Living Wage for All.

"Open the closed factories throughout the nation," demands the Communist Party. "We need all that our industries can produce. If the private employers will not or cannot do so, then the government must open and operate the factories, mills and mines for the benefit of the people."

For An American Standard of Living

California's industries and the industries of the nation are sufficient to give every working man and woman a real, American standard of living, with a minimum annual wage guaranteed by law. We demand that they be used for this purpose.

Equal opportunity for women in industry and in all spheres of life, with legislative measures for the improvement of the wages and working conditions of women, is an essential part of this demand. California's minimum wage law for women has never been enforced.

Another Communist Party election demand, which arises from the heart of the oppressed American working people, is for the 30-hour week without reduction in earnings, at trade union rates and conditions, in private industry and on public works.

The threatened discharge of hundreds of thousands of workers in the nation, under the present railroad consolidation policy, is also vigorously opposed by the Communist election campaign.

Vacations With Pay

Higher wages and vacations with pay, and the abolition of the wage differential between the North and the South, are also included in this first plank of the Communist platform.

California working people recognize this minimum platform as containing their own vital demands, a platform which could be adopted and carried through to successful conclusion by a united people's front in this state and in the nation, by a Farmer-Labor Party.

The other seven planks of the 8-point Communist platform will be discussed in the seven succeeding issues of the Western Worker. Read them and discuss them, order pamphlet copies of our complete platform at one cent each and distribute them to your friends and fellow workers.

This is YOUR platform, this is OUR platform. Fight for it!

PHOENIX AND THEN SHE'LL BE IN CALIF.!

"Mother" Bloor Will Speak First In Santa Ana

PHOENIX, Ariz.—In her barnstorming tour throughout the nation campaigning for Earl Browder and James W. Ford, Communist Party presidential ticket, "Mother" Ella Reve Bloor will arrive here Sunday to speak at 8 p. m. at Library Park.

Unimpeded in her enthusiastic tour by her 73 years of age, "Mother" Bloor will then tour to Santa Ana, in Orange County, California, for her first California speech on Tuesday, September 1st.

Orange County is the scene of the recent bloody vigilante and "legal" terror against the striking orange pickers, but "Mother" Bloor has just come from the terror-ridden South, where she defied the reactionary forces by speaking for the 1936 Platform of the Communist Party.

She will bring her message to the impoverished agricultural workers in the same manner.

D.A.R. Members Are Traitors To Their 1776 Ancestors

PHILADELPHIA.—The Daughters of the American Revolution are "the most dangerous enemies of the free schools in America," declared Louis M. Hacker, Columbia University economist, to the recent convention of the American Federation of Teachers, A.F.L.

"It is time that these busybodies are told what their ancestors fought for," said Hacker. "The members of the D.A.R. are being unfaithful to the memories of those ancestors."

"It is time that this organization stopped its witch-hunting and terrorizing of teachers by its campaign for loyalty oaths."

Foster Appeals For Radio Funds!

Confident "Western" Readers Will Back Up Contract

"We signed this," said William Z. Foster, chairman of the National Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, "because we were confident that the readers of the Western Worker and of our other Communist newspapers would back us up."

With a note of pride in his voice as he spoke, Foster held at arms length a contract, signed and sealed, between the National Broadcasting Company and the Communist Campaign Committee for a series of eight coast-to-coast broadcasts of Earl Browder, presidential candidate.

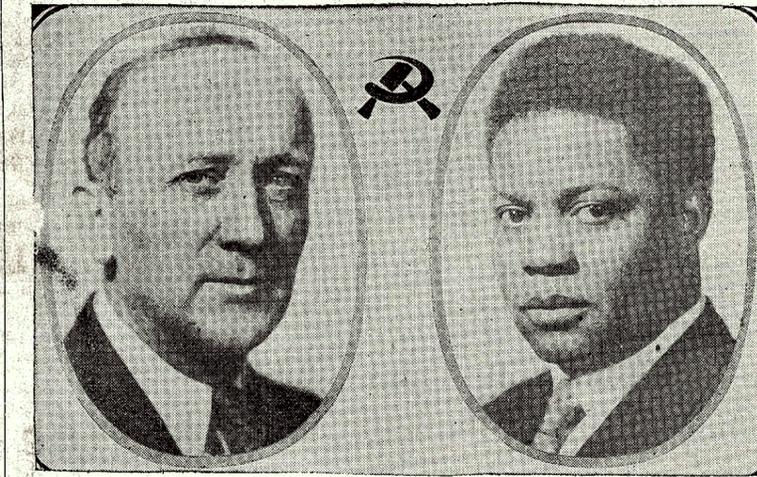
Keep the Broadcasts Going! The first broadcast was scheduled for Friday, August 28th, at 3:15 to 6:30 p. m., Pacific Coast Time.

"But each of these broadcasts is costing approximately \$4000—payable before our candidate, Earl Browder, steps up to the microphone each time," Foster continued in a serious voice.

"I must appeal to the hundreds of thousands of people, members and friends of our Party, fighters against Hearst-Landon reaction, to rush in every available penny so that this tremendous radio program can be carried out as scheduled."

Pulling out letters by the handful from a drawer of his desk, Foster continued.

They Must Continue! "Just a sample of the messages we received. The voice of America, begging us—demanding



of us that we have Browder on the air again and again."

One of the letters read "Dear Mr. Browder—I heard your broadcast yesterday from Madison Square Garden. I had been waiting all my life for your message. When will you speak again?"

"To the workers and poor farmers of California, readers of our Western Worker, I appeal to them to help us fight against the Hearst-Landon reactionaries, the Industrial Associations, the vigilante-inciters, of which California has more than its

share," continued Foster.

"These broadcasts, which reach millions of working people with our message and which will mobilize tremendous forces in the fight against reaction, must continue, but they are endangered unless our friends come to the fore and subscribe the \$250,000 to the People's Chest Against Reaction."

California Must Speed Up California's quota is \$20,000, and donations may be sent or brought in to the State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco; or to the

GOV. OLSON'S DEATH HELD SEVERE LOSS

Browder Pays Tribute To Farmer-Labor Leader

MINNEAPOLIS—Death of Governor Floyd B. Olson is a "severe loss to the cause of progress in general," declared Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, who is here on his national tour. Browder spoke to 2500 workers at a picnic at Fish Lake here last Sunday.

"The untimely death of Floyd B. Olson is a severe loss," said Browder, "not only to the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, but also to the national movement and to the cause of progress in general."

"By force of character and strong working class instinct, Olson had won the admiration and loyalty of all shades of progressive thought."

Represented Unity

"It was his personality that came to represent, more than any other, the unity and militancy of policy of the Farmer-Labor Party which impressed the whole country."

"One of his greatest contributions of recent months was his uncompromising championship of the inclusion of the Communists in the Farmer-Labor Party locally and nationally, whereby he delivered a smashing blow against the opportunist sectarianism which would have refused an all-inclusive party."

"The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party must now go through a severe testing of its political maturity, of its ability to make up for this loss by a closer unity of its leading forces, by the sinking of personal ambitions, by more intensively building of the party, and by carrying Olson's fighting spirit to victory in the election campaign."

F. R. SAYS MANY ANGLES TO ARMAMENTS

WASHINGTON.—The "arms question" has many angles, was the answer by President Roosevelt to the demands of 2,000,000 people, signatories to petitions circulated by the People's Mandate to End War Committee, that the U.S. limit its armed forces to the present status.

Roosevelt told the committee that peaceful conditions should spring from the bottom up, that although 95 percent of the people in almost every nation desire peace and are opposed to war, most governments are behind instead of abreast of the wishes of the people; that in the western hemisphere demands for peace are stronger than at any time in the world's history, that nations should attempt to improve international economic conditions, and that the People's Mandate Committee is doing splendid work and should continue.

L.A. Officials Do "Buck" Act

LOS ANGELES.—A citizens' committee that went Friday to the city hall to protest illegal brutality of police in breaking up a peaceful street meeting at Brooklyn and Breed Sts., was confronted with a display of buck passing the like of which has not been seen since the days of Tinker to Evers to Chance.

Mayor Shaw was home recovering from a tonsillectomy. Police Chief Davis would not see the committee, Kendall and Joos of the Complaint Department did not care to discuss it, and passed it on to the Personnel Department. City Attorney Chesbro, through his stooge, C. C. Johnson, first said that he couldn't, and later that he wouldn't see the committee.

The committee, headed by Leo Gallagher, finally left in disgust after waiting a half hour on Chesbro, but promised that any more illegal interference by police with the constitutional rights of free speech and assembly of citizens would bring a mass protest to the city hall that would place the responsibility for this terrorism on whom it rightfully belongs.

REACTIONARIES JUST "CAN'T TAKE IT"

SAN FRANCISCO.—Because Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, addressed the organization several weeks ago, two members of the Commonwealth Club resigned and three others filed protest letters here last Friday.

One of those who resigned was Randolph V. Whiting, former president of the San Francisco Bar Association, who said "I, too, believe in free speech, but not to the extent of permitting and encouraging any man to advocate the destruction of our American system of government, and substitution of the red rule of Russia."

He Can't "Take It"

"I resigned because I could not countenance the use of a respectable organization, such as the Commonwealth Club, for the purposes and propaganda of Communism."

Said A. G. McFarland, chairman of the luncheon committee, which arranged Browder's appearance: "For years past the Commonwealth Club has welcomed the views of the most outstanding speakers we could secure on any issue."

"I'm not a Communist, but I enjoyed Mr. Browder's speech, and I'm sure most of the others did."

The club is composed of businessmen and professionals.

Supervisors Are Clever, Huh?

SAN FRANCISCO.—Not wishing to embarrass their president, Frank R. Havener, the day before he was up for Congressional nomination at the polls, the Board of Supervisors last Monday postponed vote on setting the tax rate as scheduled.

MOTHER BLOOR TALKS TO Y.C.L.

Public Is Invited To Hear Discussion On Spain

LOS ANGELES.—"Mother" Ella Roove Bloor will be the principal speaker at an open membership meeting of the Young Communist League of Los Angeles County on Thursday night, September 3rd, at the Music Arts Auditorium, 233 South Broadway.

Subject will be the Spanish people's fight against Fascism. Nearly an hour will be devoted to questions and discussion from the floor, to be summarized by a leading member of the Young Communist League.

Open to Public

Individual printed invitations are being issued by the Y.C.L. to numerous organizations, trade unionists and other friends of the League. The meeting, however, is open to the public and those who come without invitations will pay a 10c admission fee.

Aid for Spain

It is expected that concrete proposals will be made for the organization of aid to the Spanish workers.

A special invitation will be issued to members of the Young People's Socialist League to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion. A recent proposal of the Y.C.L. to organize such a meeting jointly with the Y.P.S.L. was rejected by the latter organization.

STEEL BOSSES SCARED

BRACKENBRIDGE, Pa.—At the Braeburn Steel mill a boss strode along the railway tracks tearing up all the C.I.O. leaflets he could find, in order that the workers might not see them.

Teachers Demand Landon Answer

PHILADELPHIA.—Annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers, A.F.L., sent a sharp demand on Alf Landon for clarification of his education program, following criticisms of the Republican presidential nominee on the convention floor.

"Everybody, of course, favors education," the convention telegraphed. "What we want to know is if you are elected to the presidency would you favor financial support from the federal government sufficient to guarantee an adequate education to every boy and girl in America, including Kansas?"

The wire also asked for an answer to a previous query by Dr. Charles A. Beard, famous historian, who asked Landon whether he was "proud to be sponsored by William Randolph Hearst."

The delegates also voted to raise \$5000 to aid Spanish workers against Fascism, and hit the A.F.L. Executive Council's suspension move against the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Vote For Browder In "Straw" Ballots

SAUSALITO.—Workers are urged to vote for Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, for the organization of a people's front against reaction, in a "straw" ballot being taken here by the Sausalito News.

Ballots are printed in the newspaper, and need not be signed by the person casting a ballot. The Richfield Oil Company is conducting a similar poll on the entire Pacific Coast, and issues ballots at its filling stations.

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Los Angeles County headquarters for the campaign, 230 South Spring Street, Los Angeles; or to the Communist Party headquarters in the state.

Coupon books, containing \$5 worth of coupons for donations of 10 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents, and other supplies for the collection of funds for the People's Chest Against Reaction, may also be secured at these headquarters.

Funds are also desperately needed for state-wide broadcasts between now and the November elections.

CAMPAIGN USE OF 'WESTERN'

Plan Distribution Of 20,000 Copies In Cong. Districts

SACRAMENTO.—Planning to carry on the fight against reaction to the heart of the enemy, the Communist Election Campaign Committee in the 3rd Congressional District proposes the circulation of at least 20,000 copies of the Western Worker throughout this district and also throughout the vigilante-infested 1st Congressional District.

Perry Hill is the Communist candidate in the 3rd District, opposing the reactionary incumbent Democrat, Frank Buck. In the 1st District, Vernon D. Healy is opposing C. F. Lea, reactionary Democrat incumbent.

Expose Buck and Lea

Plans for this special issue include a complete exposure of the anti-labor voting records of both Lea and Buck in Congress. The platforms of the Communist candidates are also to be popularized.

The plan to issue 20,000 copies of the Western Worker is meeting with great enthusiasm among the workers and small farmers of the 3rd District. One farmer in Chico promised to donate \$5 to make such an issue possible.

Los Angeles WEEK STARTING FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 GRAND INTERNATIONAL THEATRE 730 South Grand Ave. Los Angeles, Calif. Soviet Russia's Stirring Tribute to its Heroes of the Far North! "Seven Brave Men" Russian Dialogue—Complete English Titles. Performances: 2:15 and 9—Continuous Sunday from 1 p. m. Matinees 35c; Evenings 35c-40c.

Oakland WORLDPLAYHOUSE Starting SATURDAY, AUG. 29 (FOR ONE WEEK ONLY) EXCLUSIVE E. BAY SHOWING In commemoration of the centenary of Pushkin's death. The World Theatre presents ALEXANDER PUSHKIN'S "DUBROVSKY" (The daring Revolt of the Muzhiks vividly portrayed) an elaborate picturization of a famous Russian story RUSSIAN DIALOGUE ENGLISH TITLES San Francisco

San Francisco CLAY INTERNATIONAL THEATRE Seats 35c. Saturday and Sunday—Continuous—Starts 2:15 Mat. Wed. 2:15 — Wed. — Fri. Eves. 7 and 9 Pacific Coast Premiere of the New Soviet Film The Great Hit Now Playing A Worthy Successor to "Peasants" "GYPSIES" ENGLISH TITLES RUSSIAN DIALOGUE A Gripping Record of the Nomad Tribes

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Trotskyite-Fascist Plotters Marked Them For Death



MARKED FOR ASSASSINATION were those who steered the Soviet Union to success in building up a socialist society. Sixteen Trotskyite-Fascist plotters were dealt workingclass justice and executed last Monday. Above, left to right, Georgei Dimitrov, leader of the Communist International; Antipov; Stalin, and Mikhael Kalinin, beloved President of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

What the Republican-Knox Landon Combine Stands For

(Letter to Communist Party members from California State Committee.)

THE National Convention of our Party pointed out that the chief enemy of the people—the mass of exploited and propertyless—are the forces around the Republican-Landon-Knox-ticket with its Hearst-Liberty League supporters. The platform of the Republican Party is in accord with the interests of the large financiers, bankers and industrialists of this country—the National Association of Manufacturers, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Bankers Association—the Morgans, duPonts, Rockefeller—the magnates of Wall Street.

These forces stand for the abolition of relief to the 15,000,000 unemployed and their dependents, throwing these millions back on the measly crumbs of the charity institutions for existence. These forces stand for the wiping out of every small concession made by the Roosevelt administration to the workers and farmers through the repeal of this social legislation by the Supreme Court. These forces stand for the destruction of democratic liberties and civil rights, for fascist vigilante terror in the spirit of the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan and the famous citizens committees in California. These forces support war expenditures and together with the Mussolinis and the Hitlers are driving to plunge the world into another world slaughter.

This drive against the rights and interests of the people is carried on under the cover of a well-organized and planned campaign to present the Republican Party as progressive—Landon as the "choice of the people" and not of Wall Street (although he was selected by Hearst already last year), and by hiding their real purpose under the slogans of defense of the constitution, individual liberty and democracy. The victory of the Landon-Knox ticket would strengthen the forces of reaction, the attacks upon the standards of living and rights of the people, and facilitate the advance of fascism to power in the United States.

That is why we Communists see that the main blow in the 1936 election campaign must be directed against this center of reaction. We must do everything in our power to defeat the Landon-Knox ticket even though, as Comrade Browder in his report to the Ninth National Convention pointed out, "we cannot win their votes for the Communist Party, even though the result is that they vote for Roosevelt."

Many workers ask: If the main danger of fascism comes from the Landon-Hearst-Liberty League alliance, why does not the Communist Party support Roosevelt to guarantee the defeat of the Republican Party ticket? Here we want to take up why our Party does not support Roosevelt in 1936; why reliance on Roosevelt does not strengthen the fight against fascism; why Roosevelt is no barrier to fascism and cannot prevent fascism in the United States.

We Communists emphasize, and in this we agree with the progressive unions and the Farmer-Labor movement throughout the country, the need for defeating the Landon-Knox ticket "at all costs." But we point out, that the only guarantee for defeating these reactionary forces is the independent political action of all the progressive forces—trade unions, farmers, middle class and professional people who sincerely stand for the preservation of democratic rights, into a broad people's front—a Farmer-Labor Party. Only such a Party can effectively combat the advancing forces of reaction as is being proven daily in such countries as France, Spain, etc.

We point out that reliance on

Roosevelt will not mean the defeat of fascism. Roosevelt stands for capitalism. Although playing a different role than Landon, he has constantly capitulated to the reactionary forces which have become strengthened particularly during the last year.

Roosevelt's concessions to the Wall Street monopolies, at the expense of the mass of the people, has created wide discontent and disillusionment in the Roosevelt being exploited by the reactionary forces—the Republicans, the Hearsts and Coughlins, to win support for Landon and to establish a mass base for fascism. Therefore, even the election of Roosevelt, without the independent action of the progressive forces will not bring about the defeat of fascism, but strengthen the reactionary forces, and weaken the resistance of the working class to the growing attacks of capital.

For Capitalism

How has Roosevelt capitulated to the reactionary camp and whom does he represent? Roosevelt stands for capitalism and seeks to achieve fundamentally the same class objectives as the other camp—namely, the restoration and maintenance of capitalist profits. There is no disagreement between them on this fundamental aim. The Fortune Magazine in December, 1935, emphasized this, stating that the Roosevelt program... has had the preservation of capitalism at all times in view." Farley, chief spokesman of the Democratic Party, speaking in Miami on Feb. 5th, stated: "The (Liberty League) know it is absurd to charge the Roosevelt administration with being the enemy of business. Its whole successful effort has been to serve and restore business and it has accomplished that very thing."

In the beginning of the Roosevelt administration, the monopolies and the capitalist class as a whole, were more or less united around him and supported the New Deal—the National Recovery Act. No one can forget how Roosevelt and the N.R.A. were lauded by the Morgans, duPonts, Rockefeller and their spokesmen of the press.

Even Hearst rooted for Roosevelt. They well knew that the New Deal aimed to save and strengthen capitalism by restoring and maintaining falling capitalist profits.

The main attribute of the New Deal was to pour billions into the treasuries of the banks, industries and insurance companies, to strengthen the trusts, raise monopoly prices, increase profits—helping capitalism over the worst phase of the economic crisis, despite all talk against the money changers and driving them out of the temple.

Whatever small concessions were given to the workers and farmers by the Roosevelt administration were for the purpose of attempting to correct some of the most glaring abuses of capital and restore the waning faith of the people in capitalist rule. Roosevelt spoke for "the average man in business, and industry and agriculture"—but the small businessman was crushed to the wall by the monopolies. Roosevelt spoke about the "for-

gotten man"—but 15,000,000 still remain unemployed and he has not been able to solve this evil of capitalism.

Roosevelt spoke for the farmers—but the majority—the small farmers, tenants and sharecroppers, had almost nothing from the New Deal measures. By making demagogic promises to the "forgotten man" Roosevelt succeeded in keeping the masses of people in check to some extent, creating the false hope of coming prosperity. In actuality, his measures helped to quickly restore capitalist profits.

Big financial interests broke with Roosevelt when the N.R.A. outlived its usefulness—when it had succeeded in restoring capitalist profits. They decided the time was ripe for more open attacks against the workers and demanded Roosevelt stop his social demagoguery, which workers were taking seriously and enforcing through organization and struggle. A center of reaction arose in the Republican-Liberty League-Hearst combination supported by Wall Street, by the decisive sections of finance capital, ready to move against the last vestiges of democratic liberties of the people to carry through their attacks upon the standards of the workers.

But important capitalists still support and finance Roosevelt. The banker Giannini, who is known as a vicious labor-hater in California; Swope, head of the Morgan-controlled General Electric; some utilities magnates; real estate operators; some bankers and above all the reactionary Southern landowners whose vicious rule by lynch and terror is well known throughout the country.

Middle Course

Roosevelt, in these conditions, constantly wavers between the pressure of the reactionary forces (in both Parties—Republican and Democrat), and the pressure of the progressive forces. To prevent a breakup of his own Party in which the reactionary forces still have very strong influence, Roosevelt gives concessions to the Wall Streeters. To maintain contact with the broad masses of people, he is compelled also to engage in demagogic speeches against the money changers and in extending what seems to be a friendly hand to the workers and farmers.

Roosevelt on the fundamental question of today—between progress or reaction, democracy or fascism—strives to follow a middle course—swinging from one side to another, dependent on the strength of the pressure. In this, he differs from Landon, who represents the reactionary forces, the reactionary circles of monopoly capitalism. Roosevelt's position, however, of giving in to the attacks from the reactionary monopolies strengthens reaction instead of weakening it, making it possible for them to more boldly advance against the working people. His friendly gestures to the workers and farmers, lulls their vigilance and resistance to the attacks of capitalism—weakens the progressive forces instead of strengthening them.

(To Be Concluded)

ELSIE ROBINSON BIDS FOR LEAD IN HEARST'S RED-BAITING PACK

Dear Comrade Editor: Ever since it became apparent that the Soviet government was not going to collapse of its own accord, and that Communism is a practical, working reality forging ahead with unprecedented strides, Mr. Hearst's journalists have evidently been vying with each other in emulating their master's Red-baiting. Elsie Robinson Forges Ahead At the moment, Elsie Robinson seems to be far ahead of the

field with her recent front-page case of Red Hysterics and Delirium Tremens. She calls Communism some very unpleasant names, including a Devil from hell, verminous rats, vicious scum, etc.

And she informs her public that these Communists (or Devils from hell) came to this country for the express purpose of Rioting and Looting, so as to be revenged on America for their

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
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The Trotskyite Murder Plot

THE TRIAL of the sixteen plotters who confessed their guilt in attempting to assassinate the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government reveals the depth of degeneracy to which Trotsky and his followers have sunk.

Open counter-revolution, with the support of the Fascist secret police, and Nazi methods of murder and terrorism, became the weapon of Trotskyism after it was decisively repudiated by the Party and the masses in the Soviet Union and in every country.

The Fascists in every country, including Hearst in America, have long seized upon Trotsky and his anti-Soviet slanders as a valuable ally in their efforts to drown in blood the Soviet Union through their criminal war plans.

Trotsky Easily Bought But not only could they buy his lies for publication, but they could also buy the services of these miserable creatures to become traitors to their Socialist fatherland, to the working-class and its cause throughout the world, which is bound up with the fate of the Soviet Union.

The tremendous successes of building Socialism in the Soviet Union, admitted even by its enemies, made them despair of ever being able to shake the unity of the Party or the devotion of the masses who have followed its leadership to victory. So they have resorted to the weapons of the Fascists, and became their tools and allies.

Life itself has long ago proved the correctness of the policy of the Party which led to the victory of the revolution and the successful overcoming of all the difficulties against terrific odds to the final triumph of Socialism.

One of the prerequisites for these victories was the decisive defeat and repudiation of the false and adventurist theories of Trotskyism which would have led the Party and the Soviet Union to defeat and destruction. Surrounded as it is by a capitalist world, in which the reactionary Fascist forces are working day and night for its destruction, the Soviet Union must be stern with its enemies.

Working With Fascists Within its borders there are few enemies, and these are either working directly with the Fascists outside, or their activities encourage and objectively strengthen the Fascist anti-Soviet front.

At a time, therefore, when the very existence of the Soviet Union is the greatest bulwark for peace, and against Fascism and its warmongers; when the triumph of Socialism strengthens the working-class in every country; when the development of the widest Socialist democracy as exemplified by the new Soviet constitution is an aid to the struggle of Democracy against Fascism in the capitalist world, any "sympathy" for the Trotskyite terrorists only plays into the hands of the enemies of the Soviet Union and of democracy throughout the world.

It is the "sympathy" of the Hearsts and the Hitlers, and is consciously spread in the workers' ranks by their agents or allies.

It is therefore a great shock to all sincere friends of the Soviet Union to hear that a few Trotskyites who have wormed their way into the Socialist Party to carry on their disruptive work, have succeeded in putting over in the San Francisco branch of the Socialist Party a "protest" against the trial of the confessed terrorists and would-be assassins.

We do not believe that this is the sentiment of honest, sincere Socialists. How much longer will the Socialist Party allow these Trotskyite renegades to spread their anti-Soviet poison and drag the good name of the Socialist Party in the mud? We have sufficient faith in our Socialist comrades to believe they will not stand for it.

DEPORTEE DIES

CHICAGO—The U. S. Dept. of Labor was cheated of its prey when Eric Becker, German-born anti-Fascist, died from the heat in Southern Illinois. He was slated for deportation.

wrongs in Europe.

Or at least that's all I could make of it. Because by this time she was becoming rather incoherent, and frothing at the mouth in a most un ladylike manner. She concludes in big melodramatic type: "Communism has come! Its filthy hands are on our throat! Its poisoned breath is in our nostrils!" And before she passes out from the excess of her tormented imagination, she breathes a last frenzied prayer to God to save us from the Monster.

"Comrade" Robinson The humor of the situation lies

How the New World Organizes A Non-stop Flight

By A. M.

Taking off from Moscow on July 20 on the all-Soviet airship ANI-25, Chkalov, Baydukov, and Belyakov flew over Barents sea, the Franz-Joseph Land, the Arctic Ocean, Kamchatka and landed on the island of Udd, 30 miles from Nicolaevs (on the Amur river, near Sakhalin). They covered about 5,720 miles (of which 3,135 were over water) in 56 hours and 20 minutes, or in less than 2 1/2 days.

The new world that is the Soviet Union went about the carrying out of this flight in the way which would not have been possible in a state with capitalist economy. Planning, coordination, efficiency, and systematic attention towards all participants were its characteristic features.

Business-Like Job

The flight was decided upon at a business-like meeting on June 15th of government leaders, industrial directors and scientists. The carrying out of the flight was entrusted to a committee of experts, the general staff of the undertaking, and the date on which everything had to be made in readiness was set at July 10th.

The committee went to work. Ten factories participated in the equipping of the giant airship. One furnished instruments for blind flying, another provided electrical equipment, a third rubber parts (the cabins were made of rubber). The Aviation Sanitation Institute supervised the physical training of the flyers and furnished the required food for the flight.

Radio Connections

During the flight, the general staff at Moscow worked as an efficient brain trust of the aviators. Everything said or done there at that time was carefully recorded for future reference. In the 2 1/2 days the Moscow telegraph office handled 7,000 telegrams and radiograms in connection with the flight (some were as long as 400 words). These were passed to the flight headquarters where only the necessary and carefully verified information was resent to the flyers. In order to eliminate confusion, no stations were permitted to broadcast to the plane with the exception of Moscow, Khabarovsk and Dickson Island stations. All reports from the plane, however, were carefully picked up by all stations and re-broadcast to Moscow.

The flight can be considered as a general rehearsal for a non-stop flight to America over the pole.

Soviet aviation marches on.

DEPORTATION OF GEOFFRIN IS STAYED

SAN FRANCISCO.—Stopping scheduled deportation recently a writ was obtained for George Geoffrin here last week, re-arrested before Federal Judge L. E. Erback on Sept. 14th in the Post-office Building. Bail was set at \$2500.

In order to stop deportation of Geoffrin to France on charges of "subversive activity," the International Labor Defense issued an appeal for funds to fight the case. Donations should be sent to the I.L.D., 1005 Market St., San Francisco.

in the fact that Elsie has avowed in a dozen articles that she was born and reared a Socialist and believes in "dividing up" (Elsie's quaint individualistic brand of Socialism)

And everyone knows that Socialists and Communists—each other "Comrade," and spite honest differences of opinion, are working for the same end, which is nothing more "hellish" than the collective ownership and control of the means of production. What strange names for one "comrade" to call another!

— R. G., Los Angeles

Expel Trotskyites from S.P.!

IF THERE were such a thing as an "honest" Trotskyite" he would be feeling pretty sick these days, following the confessions of the Trotskyite terrorists in the Soviet Union. This, of course, is purely a hypothetical statement. If this mythical person were honest he wouldn't be a Trotskyite.

If any sincere, misguided person doubted the degeneracy of the Trotskyites, these doubts are now resolved. Not only have the Trotskyites resorted to terror, but organized that terror through co-operation of the "Gestapo," Hitler's murderous secret police!

Their vile plot thoroughly exposed, the sixteen Trotskyite Fascists made a clean confession when faced by the stern justice of the Soviet tribunal. Now the Trotskyites in this country join hands with capitalist propagandists to scream that the confessions were "fabricated!"

This screaming—a degenerate attempt to cover up the guilt of their "comrades" in the Soviet Union, the convicted terrorists—will not get very far. Harold Denny, correspondent of the N. Y. Times in Moscow, who certainly cannot be accused of being on the payroll of the Communist Party or the Soviet Government, wrote the following:

"The defendants do not testify like men coerced, and the stories they tell extemporaneously on their feet dovetail as fabricated stories hardly could."

These "American" Trotskyites are attempting to make use of the Socialist Party as a fertile ground in which to spread their poisonous slander. Our comrades in the Socialist Party—the real members of the Socialist Party—not the Trotskyites who have invaded it—must beware of being made the catspaw of the Trotskyite assassins to support the Hitler-Trotsky plots against the Soviet Union!

Socialists must remember that at this very time their comrades, side by side with Communists, are laying down their lives in a heroic life-and-death struggle against Fascism in Spain. Yet these Trotskyite "socialists" ask that the Socialist Party support the actions of the Trotskyite counter-revolutionary filth in the Soviet Union!

There is only one answer the Socialist Party can make to this Trotskyite slander: Expel them lock, stock and barrel from the Socialist Party! Follow the example of the Socialist Party of France!

Governor Olson's Death

THE DEATH of Governor Floyd B. Olson of Minnesota, robs the anti-Fascist forces of America of one of their most able fighters.

Governor Olson, leader of the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota and candidate for the United States Senate on the Farmer-Labor ticket, was one of the leaders in the growing movement to build a Farmer-Labor Party on a national scale,—an anti-Fascist party completely divorced from the two major parties of capitalism. His loss will be felt not only in Minnesota, but by labor, liberal and other progressive groups throughout the country.

In the absence of an organized mass basis, especially among the trade unions, for a Farmer-Labor Party on a national scale, Governor Olson was not yet ready to break with the old two parties in the presidential election campaign. We therefore find that just before his death he announced himself as supporting the candidacy of Roosevelt for re-election. Like the leaders of the Committee for Industrial Organization, he too recognized clearly that the main danger to the liberties of the American people lies in the Hearst-Liberty League ticket of the Republican Party.

We sincerely regret that Governor Olson should have died just at the time when on every hand the sentiment for a National Farmer-Labor Party is growing and being crystallized.

Had he lived, Governor Olson may well have been the Presidential standard-bearer of a powerful Farmer-Labor Party in the 1940 elections.

Graft, Hearst and Rossi

WHO IS behind the move to stifle the police graft investigation in San Francisco? And this at a time when the investigation seems likely to result in the uncovering of a few "higher-ups?"

The prime mover in the attempt to squash the probe is Hearst's "Examiner," which is conducting a "poll" with the aim of proving that public sentiment is against continuing the investigation.

What have the Hearst interests to conceal, when the probe seems to be getting a little "hot?"

Despite the sanctimonious words uttered by San Francisco officials, about the need for continuing the investigation, there are evidently no steps being taken by these officials to push it energetically.

"The police force should be cleaned up and cleaned up right, as thoroughly and quickly as possible," says Police Commissioner Roche. We propose the good Commissioner start with himself, and reveal how long before the investigation began he knew of the existence of this graft—and to what extent he himself is involved!

What does Mayor Rossi mean when he declares righteously: "I have not and will not interfere with the progress of the investigation?" Non-interference, in words, is not enough. Why doesn't the Mayor state what his knowledge is of graft in his police department—and to what extent he himself is involved!

Do the Police Commissioner and Mayor expect the people of San Francisco to believe they were and are innocent babes in the wood, surrounded on all sides by big bad wolves who fatten on graft while they slept the sleep of the naive?

Fingerprints and "Safety"

THE CAMPAIGN being launched by the State Traffic Advisory Committee for the voluntary fingerprinting of all automobile drivers is more than the mere accident-prevention measure it is supposed to be.

These fingerprinting drives, sometimes cloaked as "accident-prevention," sometimes as "crime-prevention" measures, are supposed to be "voluntary." In reality they are far from being that. In Berkeley, for example, when they were conducting the "voluntary" fingerprinting drive as a "crime-prevention" measure, many large firms literally forced their employees to be fingerprinted under pressure of threats to discharge them if they refused.

No doubt many large employers throughout California will use the same coercion to make a success of this "voluntary" drive being organized by the State Traffic Advisory Committee. The fact that the newspapers are giving front page publicity to the fact that Mayor Rossi of San Francisco is offering his own fingerprints first—no doubt to be followed by other prominent people—indicates that this will be a real drive.

The way is being paved for a state law making the fingerprinting of applicants for drivers' license compulsory.

Behind all these "voluntary" drives lies the wish to add another weapon to the arsenal being collected by the state as a means of checkup and discrimination against militant labor. No doubt, if this and similar measures are successful, every large employer of labor will be furnished with the fingerprints of all militant workers as an effective blacklist measure.

Labor should go on record opposed to this so-called "safety" measure. It doesn't need fingerprinting to make drivers operate their automobiles safely.

Drouth Farmers To Need Relief

WASHINGTON.—With Dept. of Agriculture field representatives reporting crops in the drouth areas beyond hope it is considered probable here that more than 2,000,000 persons on farms will be forced to federal relief during the coming winter.

From the Dakotas alone it is reported that 75 per cent of the total farm population will be forced on relief. The W.P.A. authorities state they do not know where relief for the farmers will come from, and that they will be unable to continue water conservation relief work.

PARLIAMENT'S ACTIVITY SETS FRENCH MARK

65 New Laws Include Popular Front's Demands

PARIS—An all-time record of 65 new laws were passed by the French Parliament in a 10-week session which ended the middle of August, many of which are of major importance to the people of France.

Among the measures which are now law and which have considerably altered the social situation in the country are the 40-hour week, collective bargaining guaranteed between employers and trade unions, paid vacations, nationalization of armaments manufacture, prolongation of the school age, reform of the statutes of the Bank of France, penalties for fiscal evasion, revision of taxes to some degree, control of prices, formation of a wheat board, and organization of the coal market.

Reorganizing Taxation
During the vacation period before Parliament re-convenes, Minister of Finance Vincent Auriol is working on reorganization of the French taxation system.

Having great influence is the Communist Party demand: "Make the rich pay!"

To a considerable extent, the measure passed by Parliament constituted the program of the Popular Front. The recent stay-in-strike action by the workers throughout France guaranteed enforcement of social legislation.

War Dept. Getting Set For War

WASHINGTON.—The U. S. War Department is preparing to live up to its name, it was more than hinted by Major General William H. Tschappat, army chief of ordnance, in an article in the current issue of Army Ordnance.

"In event of war, American industry must produce the major part of the required munitions, and assuming this premise, it follows that so far as practicable industry should be prepared for its war mission," wrote General Tschappat.

PEOPLES LEAD IN ANTI-WAR CONGRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—For the first time, the peoples of the world, who are vitally concerned when their governments declare war, will participate in an international conference against war when the World Peace Congress convenes here on September 3rd.

Among those who will attend the World Congress are the following:

Lord Robert Cecil (British), Pierre Cot (French); Clarence Hathaway, Daily Worker editor and Dr. Harry F. Ward (American); Edouard Herriot (French); Edo Fimmin (Dutch unionist); M. Jouhaux (French Trade Unions General Secretary); Walter Citrine (British unionist and head of the International Federation of Trade Unions); Mme. Joliet Curie, Romain Rolland, Andre Glide, Martin Anderson Nexo; Alexander Gossip and Mr. Bevin (British unionists); and possibly Luis Jimenez de Asua, vice-president of the Spanish Parliament.

Nazi Officials Open Mail Addressed To So. Californians

LOS ANGELES.—Many letters received from Germany by Southern Californians recently have been opened by Nazi officials who are resorting to every known device to learn the identity of anti-Nazis in the United States.

A letter which was opened revealed has just been received by Doris Freidel, a high school student, who corresponds with a student in Berlin.

Los Angeles residents have recently received letters from German officials warning them against making "insulting remarks" about Hitler, such as were contained in letters written to German friends.

Fascist Predicts Intervention In Spain

REDWOOD CITY.—Marchese Emilio Pucci, one of Mussolini's best press agents in this country, was heard at the Redwood City Exchange Club here recently.

Count Pucci, whose family is one of the wealthiest in Italy, spoke eloquently of the Fascists' right to bring "civilization" (which seems to consist of poison gas and air raids) to Ethiopia.

Predicts Intervention
He also spoke of the Spanish situation and stated definitely that he didn't believe the Loyalists would win because, if necessary, Italy and Germany would step in on the side of the Fascists.

Asked if this might not lead to another World War, he stated quite cold-bloodedly that it probably would.

The Count is quite an intelligent young man as proved by some of his statements:

Unwilling Truths
"If the Loyalists win the civil war, it will mean the dying out of Fascism in the world."

"If sanctions had been more rigidly applied and Italy blocked in its conquest it would have meant the fall of Mussolini."

"Karl Marx was one of the greatest minds of all times."

"Anyone who studies the ideals of Communism must become a Communist. It is the greatest idea of all time."

Count Also Lies
But, the Count added, as a measure of self-justification, Communism "doesn't work."

The Count proved himself as able a liar as most of our own politicians in some of the stories he told. But proof that not all of his vicious lies about Fascism were believed, was found in the disbelieving comment of some of the audience after the meeting was over.

Consul Continuing Apology Demand

LOS ANGELES.—Charging his demands for an apology went unheeded and ignored by Mayor Shaw, the police commission, and Police Chief Davis, Mexican Consul Ricardo Hill is pressing demands for satisfaction for the assault upon him by strong-arm Detective Lieutenant Pete Delgado.

Hill said the Mexican embassy had lodged a strong protest with the U. S. State Department, and declared he would pursue his demands until an apology is made.

Hearst Tripped Up In Lies On Spain

LOS ANGELES.—Trying to mask with lies the terror and atrocities being committed by his pals, the Spanish Fascists, against the people of Spain, William Randolph Hearst got tripped up by a rival capitalist paper here last Saturday.

Under an International News Service photo, showing the occupation of Constantina by armed troops, the Examiner ran the following caption:

"Terrified women, hands upraised, stand outside their homes while Red soldiers search for snipers and contraband. In foreground, one woman, arms outstretched is supplicating an officer for clemency."

An Associated Press wirephoto of exactly the same scene in the L.A. Times, runs the following caption, exposing Hearst's lies:

"Tense and tragic scene in the main street of Constantina, Spain, as Spanish Foreign Legion troops occupied the town. . . The women surrendering to the rebels (read Fascists), some with arms stretched upward, plead with anguished faces for the lives of their men folk who were captured while defending the town."

Hearst ran similar lying captions with this photo in his newspapers throughout the country, while the same photo in all other capitalist newspapers bore captions similar to the one published in the L.A. Times.

Milk Boycott By Housewives Seen If Prices Raise

OAKLAND.—The request of the milk companies to be allowed to raise the price of butterfat from 62 to 67 cents a pound has met with the threat of a milk boycott by East Bay housewives, if the milk prices rise.

Threats of an East Bay boycott by 5000 women were made by Mrs. Mary A. Cleverdon, president of the State Housewives League. Milk companies asked state agricultural code administrator Block to allow a price rise.

NO MERCY TO MURDERERS IN SOVIET UNION!

Rakovsky Urges All Honest People To Shun Trotzky

MOSCOW.—No mercy can be shown to the Trotzkyist-Zinovievist terrorists convicted here for plotting assassination of Joseph Stalin and other Soviet leaders, wrote Christian Rakovsky here in Pravda, denouncing his ex-associate and friend Leon Trotzky as the real organizer of the terrorist campaign.

Rakovsky wrote:

"No mercy!"

"Each of us reading the statement of the Prosecutor of the U. S.S.R. on August 15th experienced a feeling of boundless and warmest sympathy for the beloved leader and teacher of the toiling masses, Comrade Stalin, and his closest colleagues, a feeling of complete unquestioned political solidarity with the party line and at the same time a feeling of the profoundest indignation against the despicable and dastardly murderers.

Criminals and Murderers

"Combined with this feeling, I personally felt burning shame for my past participation in an opposition whose leaders have become counter-revolutionaries, criminals and murderers and who, as everyone can see by the facts, dragged their supporters to political and moral degradation.

"There is another person whose name has been repeated in every testimony, another person whose bloody hand holds the threads of the entire terrorist organization, a person who most unfortunately is not among the prisoners in the dock but who must be nailed first of all to the pillory of shame.

"I speak of Trotzky.

"The Party long since exposed this gentleman.

Trotzky's Mask Torn Away
"But he continued to represent himself as an ideological political opponent. Today the mask is utterly torn from Trotzky's face. It is now clear for all, including myself, who maintained personal friendship for many years with him.

Trotzky is a political adventurer, a scoundrel, a dishonest and a dishonest politician, a person whose methods of action are to sow political corruption within the party by hypocrisy and deceit, and to organize Soviet power by organizing the contemptible murder of its leaders.

"I appeal to all friends of the Soviet Union abroad, to all honest people who may still maintain relations with Trotzky as a political figure!

Avoid Him As a Plague!

"Keep away from Trotzky, whose hands are stained with the blood of Kirov, a man who was noble, honest, courageous and supremely devoted to the cause of the working class!

"Keep away from Trotzky, who at a moment when the international proletariat and all toilers are uniting every effort in an intense and bitter struggle to crush international Fascism, which has raised its head, tries to undermine, disorganize and weaken the most reliable bulwark of the anti-Fascist struggle—the political and economic might and the military defense of the Soviet Union.

"Keep away from Trotzky, who has joined the agents of the Fascists and secret police to send his murderous agents to the territory of the Soviet Union!

Crush the Terrorists!

Any attempt to reduce the speed of Socialist construction, to disorganize the power of the Socialist government, any attempt to weaken the political, economic and defensive powers of the Soviet Union, to disrupt the operation of the Socialist Constitution—the greatest legislative act in which social ownership, the dream of the toiling masses of the world, is declared for the first time in history to be the foundation of the social structure—any such attempt must be ruthlessly cut at the root.

"There must be no mercy for the Trotzkyist-Zinovievist murderers of Kirov, for organizers against the life of our beloved leader and comrade, Stalin, and other leaders of the Party and government, no mercy for Trotzkyist agents of the Gestapo!

"They must be shot!"

Protestants Defy Nazi Officials

BERLIN.—Persecution of Protestants by the Nazis, brought a defiant protest from clergymen here.

Clergymen of the Confessional Synod (opposed to the State church) and regular Lutheran churches of Wurtemberg and Bavaria demanded "the right to testify before the German people openly and freely to the faith of our fathers."

GREAT LEADER WHOM TROTZKY WOULD MURDER



JOSEPH STALIN, beloved leader of the workers and farmers of the Soviet Union, is shown here with the great founder of the Communist International and the U.S.S.R., LENIN, shortly before the latter died. When the Trotzky-Nazi inspired plot to murder Stalin and other high Soviet leaders was discovered, mass demonstrations of the workers and farmers throughout the U.S.S.R. demanded that no leniency be shown the terrorists.

Communist Party Of Spain Spikes Lies Of Fascists And Interventionists, Urges Support Of All Democratic Peoples Of World For Fight Of Spanish People

MADRID.—Dolores Ibaruri (Passionaria) broadcast the following declaration of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain here on the night of July 29th:

"Now that the counter-revolutionary movement of the traitors to the Republic is approaching its end, its instigators turn in their importunate rage and despair to foreign countries, and are spreading a mad lie with the purpose of alarming other countries and enabling the reactionary elements there to create a state of unrest and disquiet.

"It is their hope and wish thereby to force other governments to armed intervention in our country. The fact that the Communist Party is in the vanguard of the defense of the democratic liberties of the Republic and of the government based on the People's Front, is being used as a pretext for a distortion of fact, for asserting that Communism has been established in Spain, and that our country is plunged into anarchy and disaster.

Shout Truth to World
"What is happening in Spain? We are anxious to proclaim it to the whole world, to shout it everywhere, so that we may frustrate these base maneuvers of the reactionaries and betrayers of their fatherland and its flag.

"In 1933 the Rights were victorious in our country; their policy of incapacity, vindictiveness, bloody persecution and crime had the effect of arousing the people against it, and on February 16th the election proved a mighty demonstration of faith in democracy and of Republican enthusiasm, giving the victory to the People's Front, composed of all Left elements and Left parties which really love the people and are intent on achieving a great and happy Spain, a Spain of peace and work.

"But the victors of 1933 have not been able to accept their defeat in February, 1936. They have violated their oaths of allegiance, their promises of adherence to the government formed freely by the people. They have risen against the Republic, determined to drown in blood the strivings of the people, although the sole wish of the people is to live in freedom and justice.

Fascism vs. Democracy
"The struggle going on in our country at the present time is the struggle of Democratic, Liberal and Republican Spain, against the reactionary and Fascist forces endeavoring to establish a regime of terror and blood in our country, and seeking accomplices in their villainy.

"The Communist Party, conscious of its historical responsibility, stands ready to defend the Republic to the utmost, to defend democracy, to defend the liberties achieved in bloody struggles with reaction. For reaction has been a calamity in our country, regarding its cultural and industrial development and keeping Spain back behind the other countries.

"The revolution which has been carried out in our country is the bourgeois democratic revolution which was achieved over a century ago in other countries, France for instance. And we Communists are the front-rank fighters in this struggle against the forces representing in Spain today the elements of the dark ages.

"Neither insinuations nor slanders, nor even lies, will induce us to relax in our efforts in defense of the people against these executioners, against the criminals who have stained the soil of our country with blood.

"We know that the reactionaries and Fascists of some other countries are conspiring against the freedom of our people.

Democrats of England, France, of all countries! Prevent by every available means any intervention in our country, any support for an attack on democracy and the Republic. We are fully able to manage by ourselves; this is proved by the defeats inflicted on our foes; we are able to win the victory over them.

"The struggle of the people of Spain is the struggle of the people reacting to the criminal attacks of the reactionary military caste; it is the struggle against the war-mongers. Help us!

Blow At World Reaction
"Let no one raise a hand against Spain! The final defeat which we shall inflict on Fascism is a deadly blow at world reaction. Help us to prevent democracy from being suppressed. For if this should come about, you may be sure that it would be followed by the outbreak of war, and this is what we are all anxious to prevent.

Stop Intervention
"Stay the hand of the interventionists! The government of Spain is a government which emerged from the election victory of February 16th, and we support and defend it because it is the rightful representative of the people fighting for democracy and freedom.

Long live a great and flourishing Spain, united with all the democratic peoples of the world! Long live a free and happy Spain! Long live the struggle of the people against reaction and Fascism! Long live the democratic Republic!

SOCIALIST IS DELEGATE TO BIRO-BIDJAN

SAN FRANCISCO.—California's delegates to the good-will tour and inspection of Biro-Bidjan, autonomous Jewish region in the Soviet Union, were recently feted here at a concert and reception at the Jewish Community Center.

The delegates are J. A. Rosenkrantz and Attorney Chaim Shapiro, both of Los Angeles, who will leave shortly for the U.S.S.R. Shapiro was the Socialist Party candidate for mayor of Los Angeles in the 1933 elections.

Biro-Bidjan is larger than the combined areas of Belgium and Holland, and was set aside by the Soviet government as an autonomous region for the Jewish people.

Defense of People
"It is a lie to say that chaos reigns! A lie when the traitors to the Republic speak of a catastrophic situation in Spain!"

In this historical hour the Communist Party, faithful to its revolutionary principles and respecting the will of the people, takes its stand side by side with the government which is the expression of this will, side by side with the Republic, with democracy.

Defense of People
"Neither insinuations nor slanders, nor even lies, will induce us to relax in our efforts in defense of the people against these

Liberty Or Death! Is Spanish Slogan As In France, 1789

Refusing To Accept People's Verdict At Polls, Fascists Assembled Scum Of Earth For Attack On People

By Andre Marty
(Member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International from the Communist Party of France.)

PARIS.—The Fascist and reactionary military gangs in Spain have unleashed civil war throughout the country. Hideous Fascism is once more simultaneously showing its bestiality and its ferocious violence against the freely expressed will of the majority of the people.

Unity of action between the Socialists and the Communists, the Popular Bloc including Socialists, Communists, Syndicalists from the U. G. T. and of the Festana trend of the C. N. T., Radicals, Republicans, Catalanian Lefts, etc., had already barred the path of Fascism.

Refuse People's Verdict
On February 16th the masses of the people solemnly approved the action and program of the People's Front by giving it a sweeping majority in the general election. And then we see how these reactionaries, in Spain as in other capitalist countries, while pretending to defenders of order and legality, refuse to accept the verdict of the people.

All the feudal parasites, all the rotten financiers like Juan March in the pay of foreign capital, launched a campaign of unparalleled violence against the People's Front and the government which arose from it.

This was the barrage behind which the plot against republican institutions was concocted. For virtually the league of Fascist conspirators organized "systematic and interminable sabotage" of the entire economy of the country, according to the expression of Comrade Diaz, secretary of the Communist Party and member of Parliament.

This consisted of systematically raising the price of commodities and necessities without good reason and continued dismissals in the factories, once more bringing up the question of agreements with the workers after government arbitration, pitiless reprisals against active trade unionists, lockouts, closing the factories, etc.

In the country districts the big feudalists cynically advocated leaving the ground unsown so as to starve the whole population.

In short, everything was done by the enemies of the people to bring down the standard of life of the working people in Spain and bring about famine, misery and despair in town and village.

Funds for Fascism
At the same time, speculators, shouting at the top of their voice about "Spanish rehabilitation," continually transferred large sums of money abroad with the double aim of depreciating the peseta and forming funds abroad with a view to the civil war which the big Fascist and military chiefs were carefully preparing.

Further while this frightful sabotage was being carried on against the life of the whole nation, these gentlemen of order were assisting individual terrorism. Assassination became the general practice in towns and villages. Active workers, deputies, anti-Fascist public men and even republican officers were struck down every day by the Fascist gunmen.

By these acts of individual terror the Fascist gangsters from the Renovacion Espagnola and the C.E.D.A. had a double aim—on the one hand to make the population nervous, and on the other hand to show that the government formed by the People's Front could not ensure order and normal life in the country, and consequently to discredit the government at home and abroad. This whole attitude was plain treason toward a peaceful people who wanted to use their victory to work in peace and quiet to build up a free, strong and happy Spain.

Treason To Spain
Unfortunately for the Fascist saboteurs, confidence in the People's Front increased day by day. Reaction, therefore, decided to play its last card—armed violence, insurrection against the regular power which had been appointed by universal suffrage, against the law operated and maintained by the national representation and the government.

Thus we find in Spain a reactionary and Fascist putsch, carefully prepared, politically and materially, and which has nothing in common with the old military coup d'etat. This constitutes the greatest danger that has ever existed for young Spanish democracy.

All The Scum
The aristocracy their sons in the army, the grasping feudalists, the gilded youth, these habits of night clubs, fanatical priests, and the country squires who revolted in Navarre, this Spanish vendee, the incapable officers who were ready to go to any length to obtain new ranks or sinecures, all these parasites, all these declassed elements, all these adventurers, relying on a section of deceived soldiers, hurled themselves into a life and death struggle against young Spanish democracy.

The effective leadership of the movement was to have been brought about by General Sanjurjo, a rabid monarchist, who had many times formed plots against the Republic. Who was his Chief of Staff? "General Franco, an adventurer knowing neither faith nor law; a Jesuit, General Mola, who came from the school of the monarchist gendarmier, and some other generals and superior officers of the same kind.

Murder Experts
These gentlemen required people of their own stamp. Thus they searched for all that was rotten in the country, in the first place the Foreign Legion, in which less than 10 percent of the soldiers are Spanish, and which consists of the scum of all nations, condemned by all courts throughout the world, and whose main feats of arms consist of incendiarism, violation, the murder of peaceful people.

With these shock troops, who had already obtained a sinister reputation by their "devastation of the Asturias" in October, 1934, with the pimps and "little gentlemen" of the ferocious Fascist gangs, it was plain that the civil war would be atrocious.

The bourgeois journalists in the country who sympathize with the Fascists are themselves denouncing their vandalism.
The Reuter correspondent at Gibraltar heard from the Legionnaires themselves that their orders are to take no prisoners. The correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" telegraphs from San Sebastian: "If you see people with white armet, run as fast as possible.

But look at the people of the People's Front:
Contrast With People
"The Catalanian government continues to guarantee all buildings and monuments which are of artistic value and which might be threatened with destruction." ("Temps.")
"There is complete order in Barcelona," is the report of the London "Times."
What abominable savagery was committed by the Spanish Fascists, rivalling the atrocities of the Brownshirts. And in the face of this, what calmness and self-control was shown by the armed people, who, under the leadership of the People's Front Government, ensured the restoration of democratic order.

"Liberty or death!" shouted the volunteers of 1792, during the great French Revolution. The working class of all countries, all who are considered in the world as honest and decent people, respectfully bow to those who give their lives without hesitation to defeat the descendants of the Inquisition, the Grotters, so that a little more hope will be born of their victory among the peoples still subjected to the yoke of the Brownshirts and the Blackshirts.
(To be continued in the next issue)

Anti-Nazi Seaman Escapes Hitler

GALVESTON, Texas.—Ervin Muhmann, 27-year-old anti-Nazi refugee seaman, who twice deserted a German ship, has just the United States, voluntarily shipping from this port on a ship bound for Yokohama, Japan, according to a letter received by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born from W.W. Brown of the Labor Department.

The Committee secured a stay of deportation to Nazi Germany, enabling Muhmann to arrange for his passage to some country other than Hitler's terrorized country.

SAN JOSE "OPEN SHOPPERS" ARE TAKING A BEATING FROM STRIKING LAUNDRY WORKERS

Owners On Defensive As Two Laundries Sign With Union; Workers Strong In Fifth Week Of Picketing

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN JOSE—The 200 strikers of Laundry Workers Union, No. 33, who went out on strike here on July 16th, are still holding strong in their fight to save their union and prevent the "open shop" campaign of the Laundry Owners Association.

Union engineers, numbering three, also struck in sympathy. The fifth week of picketing finds the owners increasing on the defensive through the breaking away of two of their laundries to sign union contracts.

Conditions in San Jose for laundry workers have been the worst in the state. The prices charged for work done have been higher than elsewhere, while the wages paid to the workers have been kept lower. The Association's campaign to crack the union was seen long before the strike when, on May 24th, they advertised for the registration of unemployed laundry workers. They deliberately forced the strike when they discharged three of the leading union officials from the plant where they worked from 11 to 18 years for "persistent union activities."

Professional Union-Buster
The key to the situation is found in the secretary of the Association, George E. Watson, a professional union-buster from Chicago, who has a tight contract making him the manager of their affairs and receiving one percent of their business for his "services."

That this effort was not limited to the laundry owners was shown when it was revealed that Watson also has some sort of contract with the cleaners and dyers, and with the butchers. The laundry strike is the first step in the businessmen's attempt to destroy the entire San Jose labor movement.

Efforts have been made to negotiate the strike through the city council and through Federal Conciliator Walter G. Matthewson, but the Laundry Association has refused to meet.

Demands Won
At the beginning of the strike there was one union laundry. One joined soon afterwards. The smaller laundries began to break away when, after two weeks, the Garden City and the Sainte Claire laundries signed contracts within a few days of each other agreeing to full union recognition for one year, taking all granting wage increases averaging 6 to two-thirds percent.

The union laundries are running two and three shifts, and would be able to handle practically all the work of San Jose. The Association has been badly crippled by inexperienced scab help and decreased business.

Contributions have been coming in regularly from local and outside unions to aid the strike.

Provocation Attempts
Constant attempts at provocation have been made by the Association, with the repeated statement issued to the press by Watson that "at the first sign of violence, the plants would close their doors for the protection of their employees."

An outright step to intimidate the pickets was made when two members of a progressive youth club, called the New Forty-Niners, which was cooperating with the union, were taken from a militant picket line at the Consolidated Laundry to police headquarters without any charges made.

Union Officials Act
There Police Chief J. N. Black, notorious labor-hating scab, made threats of violence against the two men and attempted to raise the "red scare." This was blasted when union officials arrived an hour later threatening to call a lawyer, and forced their release.

The latest in the Association's series of under-handed efforts was a suit filed in court against the laundries which had broken away, claiming damages for "breaking of agreements."

The strike has settled down to a long endurance test, but the union seems certain of victory. It has been a tremendous political education for the strikers, most having their first experience in such a controversy. The union is certainly to be greatly strengthened when the other laundries have been forced back in the fold.

BOSSSES BREAK AGREEMENT

STERLING, Ill.—The strike settlement for the rehiring of strikers of the Northwestern Barb Wire Co. is being violated by the employers. Federal mediators have been sent here.

CANNERS ARE ALASKA-BOUND

Big-Wind Band Plays As Glacier Sails

By An Alaska Canner.
(With their first strike in history won, the Alaska canners are on board the S.S. Glacier, ready to sail for the Alaska Caneries. Continued from last issue.)

You had to go on deck to wash. There was a little water after that you got water from. After washing, I looked over the rail to see who was responsible for rudely awakening me. There they were.

In the middle of a big crowd was a four-piece band. I glared at them, but they continued to "under one musical atrocity after another. In disgust, I thought the best thing to do was to ignore the band, so I turned my attention to the crowd.

Beautiful Girls
They were mothers, fathers, sisters, sweethearts and friends of some of the union brothers. Some of the girls were without question beautiful. They had all come to say goodbye. There was nobody in the gathering whom I knew.

Watching some of the boys laughing down at some of the girls reminded me of the one and only time I had a girl to see me off. She seemed to take an unusual amount of pleasure in "going so, but that's another story."

I caught the eye of a good looking girl, so I smiled. She did not smile. It seemed to me as though she laughed outright. So that put an end to that.

Day-Dreaming
I turned my attention to the band once more. It seemed as though they took an unusual amount of pleasure in torturing the people. Watching the people, my mind got to wandering.

Beautiful girls were saying goodbye to me. In my fancies I was the central figure in farewells galore—pathetic, sad, or gay, happy farewells, but in all of the incidents I was supposed to be the guy all the girls made the big fuss about.

A Windy Band
I was awakened from my day-dreaming by a rising roar of "Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye." The lines were released and the ship silently and slowly got under way, the ship's whistle silencing the goodbyes for a moment. But above the din of the whistle could be heard the band playing "Aloha." What lungs those guys had!

The crowd began to walk the length of the pier, keeping pace with the ship. I thought we would leave the band at last. Not to be outdone by the crowd, the band followed. At least I knew they would, or could not come farther than the end of the pier, although I was hoping against hope they would take a couple of steps past the pier, either by mistake or if necessary with the help of the abused crowd.

Off to Alaska!
As we nosed past the end of the pier, a veritable sea of handkerchiefs were fluttering. I yelled goodbye to George Woolfe and West, the only two I knew. We swung under the bridge and around Goat Island. The music floated out to us, getting fainter and fainter, but not faint enough. It seemed to be dogging us under the Gate bridge, and through the Golden Gate, out into the vast blue Pacific.

As we started up the coast, my eyes strained ahead, as though one expected to see Alaska a few miles off.
(To be Continued.)

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IN MOSCOW



Sitting at her typewriter and getting the dots and dashes through her earphones, this girl is one of Moscow's telegraph operators.

Vandeleur Denies Union Right To Speak

By a Worker Correspondent

SALINAS.—The Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union here adopted a resolution electing a committee of five members to appear before the Central Labor Council of San Francisco.

When the committee arrived at the San Francisco Council, President Vandeleur refused to allow them on the floor.

They were elected by their union to ask that the Central Labor Council give some cooperation in combating vigilante terror in California. Several days prior to this, a large group of vigilantes had just run several members out of Lake County for union activity.

Who Are The "Right People?"
Vandeleur, in refusing them the floor, denounced one official and said he did not send the "right people" to organize.

While we have no confidence in the official ourselves, this explanation by Vandeleur shows just how he is assisting the forces of reaction in the state.

Why doesn't Vandeleur use the entire A.F.L. to wipe out the vigilante elements fighting organized labor? Why is he afraid to allow rank-and-file speakers from A.F.L. unions to present their case before the San Francisco Central Labor Council? Is he working in the interests of organized labor or for the landowners and bankers?

We hope he supplies the answer soon. It's well to know who your enemies are.

UPHOLSTERERS WIN OUT IN SAN DIEGO

By an Upholsterer

SAN DIEGO.—Only recently organized into the Upholsterers Union Local 15, of Los Angeles, workers of the Moorstein Manufacturing Company, a local plant, have won completely closed shop conditions. Also wages have been raised from 15 percent to 100 percent.

The shop is organized under the industrial system, taking in all departments, such as the mattress makers and fillers, upholsterers, seamstresses, framemakers in the mill, and all apprentices.

Union members are jubilant over their victory, and are on the alert to see that the agreement is lived up to. We are making a drive to organize the small shops here. We are confident that before long we will have every shop unionized.

No Compensation For Death Of Aged Field Worker

By a Worker Correspondent

LODI.—About a year ago during the grape harvesting, C. Baldo, 65 years old, a native of Italy, employed by John Graffina Company, was killed on his way to work.

To make this case more clear to you, the truck was loaded with men and on the way to the fields. This man fell off the truck and his head hit pavement so hard that he died in a hospital a few hours after the accident. The only living relative he left is a boy 12 years old. So far the Company made no effort in any way, shape or form to offer this boy compensation or some kind of settlement, and furthermore he has no money to fight the case. We have several men who can testify regarding this accident.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT STRONG FOR COTTON MILL STRIKERS IN OAKLAND; UNIONS HELP

Scabs Can't Stand "Pressure" Of Picket Lines; Many Workers Died From T.B. Conditions In Struck Factory

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND.—In its twelfth strike week, the cotton mill area in East Oakland is taking on the appearance of a "troubled zone."

Each morning and night dozens of uniformed cops are to be seen "on guard," giving protection to whatever scabs the mill owners have been able to induce to work.

In spite of police vigilance, however, the scabs have received some mighty rough treatment at the hands of pickets and sympathizers.

Scabs Get "Enough"
On Friday several scabs decided that they had gotten "enough" and made up their minds to quit. They could not stand the "pressure" of the picket lines. It was too much of a strain to "pass the line" with hundreds of eyes gazing and staring and sneering at them. They felt more like circus animals than respectable workers as they paraded each morning and night in a caravan of autos carefully guarded by machine loads of policemen.

Then there was the matter of having to face their neighbors and friends, who ridiculed and shunned them. Yes, they have learned that it does not pay to scab.

The police have worked up a system of rendering pickets less effective by breaking them into small groups. They are not allowed within two blocks of the cotton mill. Thus they have been able in some instances to avoid some real hot action.

Unions Support Picket Lines
Next week, however, there promises to be some real action with many unions promising support by ordering all available men to their picket lines, in answer to the emergency call of the Textile Workers Union.

Public sentiment in East Oakland is very high for the strikers. They know of the miserable conditions which existed there before the strike—men working there for 20 years or over received 40¢ cents an hour, others receiving even less. Women received much less than the minimum wage scale required by law.

The cotton mill is also infamous for its high rate of T. B. "infections" contracted in its dusty departments, yet when an unfortunate victim falls under its grip, nothing is ever done about it. They are simply dismissed with a "too bad" nod and "I hope you get well so you can come back to work."

No More Fooling
Do you think you can go on fooling these workers? Do you think they are still the dumb lot that you and your arrogant subordinates herded around like sheep?

No! They have caught up with the trend of the times, they are not as impotent as they were. They are one, and as one they create all, and they are coming out to demand more of all they create.

You and your kind have always sat on your high pedestals, commanding and directing, but whatever you directed has always been in your own interests, for the sake of profits for yourselves and always at the expense of the workers.

Toward the Future
But there are others who will sit and direct in the future, and they will not direct for their own interests, but for the interests of all.

A new society will arise, out of the chaos of capitalism, when these directors take command, a society in which all will live and prosper, and enjoy what an abundant world has to offer. And as soon as other workers in other factories, mills and mines learn what the cotton mill workers have learned, then we shall lay the foundations for this new society and an advanced civilization.

Be a "Western" Correspondent
There's some swell Workers' Correspondence on this page! Let's have more of it pronto! And when you write in the news from your factory, farm, or neighborhood, order a bundle at the same time. Your fellow workers, friends, and neighbors want to read YOUR story, too. Bundle rates are low—2½ cents per copy in bundles of 10 or more.

They were happy for a while and managed as best as could be expected with their very modest income. Then Manuel was stricken with the "plague." The dust got him. Soon afterwards he died. Joe was more fortunate.

He was soon sailing back with his broken-hearted father to Hawaii to forget sunny California, where workers are robbed of their lives for the sake of profits for their bosses. Any cotton mill worker knows of a friend or friends who have died of T. B. contracted while working at the mill.

New Day Comes
Now a new day has come, and with it new ideas. The workers have seen the great struggles going on everywhere between capital and labor. They have seen the steady gains made by workers who were organized. They caught up with the spirit of organization, union, solidarity. An organizer came along. In a week they were organized. Their committees were formed and demands were drawn up and presented to the operators.

Hill Talks To Sacto. Unions

Mother Bloor Speaks In State Capital

By a Worker Correspondent
SACRAMENTO.—Perry Hill, Communist candidate for Congress in the 3rd District, delivered a brief speech on Mother Bloor to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carpenters Union here recently, and announced that Mother Bloor would speak at the Odd Fellows Temple, 9th and K Sts., here on Sunday, September 13th, at 2 p.m.

On Sunday morning, August 22nd, Comrade Hill spoke for 20 minutes to the Switchmen's Union and outlined the Communist position in 1936.

First In Labor Temple
This was the first speech delivered by a Communist candidate in the Sacramento Labor Temple, and marked beginning of a series of political speeches that Hill will deliver to Sacramento trade unions.

Hill pointed out he had been a member of the organized labor movement for 15 years, and was therefore more qualified to represent Congress than any "swivel chair" politician in the 3rd Congressional District.

On September 13th Hill will make a complete exposure of Frank Buck, reactionary Democratic incumbent, at the Mother Bloor meeting, providing Buck is fortunate enough to survive the primaries.

Florence P. Kahn Is Not "Nutty," Just Campaigning

SAN FRANCISCO.—Congresswoman Florence P. Kahn, running for re-election in the 4th District here, must think her constituents are going in for agriculture in a big way in their backyards. The pride of the Republican Party and the Liberty League recently used her postal franking privilege to send to the voters of the 4th District, free of charge to her, an expensive but useless pamphlet on the planting of corn.

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HEARST INCITES VIOLENCE AGAINST LABOR MOVEMENT FOLLOWING STRIKE OF P-I

Seattle Labor Solid Behind Walk-Out Of Post-Intelligencer Newspaper Guild As Hearst Refuses To Negotiate

By a Worker Correspondent

SEATTLE.—Mayor Dore threw up his hands in disgust this week after receiving the same clammy rebuff from Hearst's labor relations representative, Harvey Kelly, and Press-Intelligencer publisher, W. V. Tanner, to his overtures for strike settlement, as the Newspaper Guild has received in its numerous attempts to end the P-I. strike.

Dore had addressed a letter both to the Guild and to Tanner. The Guild immediately signified complete willingness to meet with publisher's representatives. Dore proposed that both parties meet with the permanent labor mediation board set up during the Ferryboatmen's strike, "if for any reason you do not wish to use my services."

County Commissioner John C. Stevenson also has offered his services as chairman of any meeting of employer and employee representatives chosen.

Employers Refuse
The Guild also has agreed to this, but the employers refused. Meanwhile the Post-Intelligencer management, through the Seattle Times and The Star, and in broadcasts over every Seattle station, has laid down a heavy barrage of libel and incitement to violence against the northwest labor movement, completely ignoring the Guild's grievances in its attempt to "hang" the labor movement by charges of "racketeering" and "dictatorship" on the part of Dave Beck, Teamsters' Union head and strike supporter.

"This attack is a malicious defamation of character concocted for the purpose of destroying me with the idea of destroying union labor," Beck was quoted Tuesday in The Star.

Hearst Rags From S. F.
Twenty thousand copies of Hearst's San Francisco Examiner are due to arrive in Seattle for Sunday distribution, it was learned. Best demonstration of how the strike is regarded was indicated this week with the securing of 2000 cancellations to the anti-labor Times, and an equal subscription to the "Guild Daily," the striking newsmen's publication by the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union at Snoqualmie.

Kelley, "labor relations" representative for Hearst, in visits to the Labor Temple, has been intimating the Post-Intelligencer will move out of Seattle, and permanently close its payroll of approximately 600 persons.

Guild Daily Replies
But, answered the Guild Daily in Wednesday's editorial, Hearst is a fighter. He never quits. In his battles with union labor he first temporizes, then compromises and finally liquidates the controversy. But he never ignominiously retreats!

"A retreat before the Seattle Guild attack would be the most complete de facto recognition possible to accord. It would stimulate Guild activity throughout the United States that 100 per cent organization would be achieved within six months."

A Citizen's Committee was under formation this week by leading progressives and liberals to sponsor an all-city mass meeting to support the strike.

Aid To Strikers
The Washington Commonwealth Federation has endorsed the strike, supplied delegations of pickets, broadcast the striker's side on its radio program,

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and has loaned office space for the editorial department of the Daily Guild.

The Communist Party issued a city wide leaflet this week, urging fullest support for the newsmen's strike.

"The strike on the Post-Intelligencer, Hearst-owned newspaper, which haroused the people here against the strike-breaker Hearst, is a strike for the elementary rights of American labor that are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States—the right to organize in labor unions." The Communist appeal for support states.

Hearst and Hitler
"Mr. Hearst, the outstanding open-shopper in the United States, a friend of Mussolini and Hitler, and who is part and parcel of the Liberty League and Republican Party, is aiming, with them, to destroy by force and violence every vestige of the people's rights," it continues.

"The Central Labor Council, by unanimous vote, has declared the P-I unfair, thus rallying all labor's forces in support of the striking newspaper men."

"The conservative section of the labor movement, led by Dave Beck, Teamsters Union, are to be commended for their support and their part in leading the P-I strike. This unity in the labor movement is leading toward the organization of labor's allies, farmers and middle-class professional people in a Farmer-Labor party, to struggle against Hearst and his Republican, Liberty League, Fascist crew.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

MIRACLES OF MODERN FINANCE

WRITERS of fantastic, imaginary stories such as Edgar Allen Poe and Jules Verne, would find themselves at a severe disadvantage if they were alive today. The ordinary facts of everyday life would eclipse their wildest inventions.

A sober and factual account, for example, of the Hog Island ghost fleet provides a narrative that no imagination, however unrestrained, could conceive.

This happens to be one of those stories which the daily papers, the magazines and the book publishers have paid very little attention to. It has passed from mouth to ear among seamen and other working men ever since the World War, and is kept alive in the same manner that folk lore and legends have been preserved for thousands of years.

It pertains to a nation which calmly and deliberately built three billion dollars' worth of steamships and then scrapped them all excepting a small number which were distributed as gifts among the nation's millionaires.

The story as told in the newspapers to the general public was that America was caught, when she entered the World War in 1917, with virtually no merchant marine, and that this enormous fleet of merchant vessels had to be constructed out of the public treasury to make up for the lack. It was pointed out that a large merchant marine is an absolutely essential auxiliary to the Navy in time of war.

This story is factually true excepting for two important errors:

(1) America had the second largest merchant marine in the world when we entered the World War.

(2) The "necessary" vessels which were constructed out of the public treasury were not quit until after the war was all over and not one of them was employed in the course of the war. The entire war-time task was accomplished with the existing merchant marine.

The greatest number of these ships were built at the Hog Island yards, and the first one came sliding down the ways exactly one month after the Armistice was signed.

Nevertheless, the frenzied orgy of ship-building continued and during 1919, a total of 3,575, 826 tons of vessels were launched. They were never delivered. They were simply launched and tied up alongside of others. There was no possible need or utility for them—they could neither be sold nor operated. They were a giant ghost fleet tied up in a stupendous boneyard.

You naturally suppose that the building stopped here. You are mistaken. It was just getting its stride. The furious launching of ships continued all through 1920, 1921 and 1922. At last 7,250,000 tons of steel vessels and 1,000,000 tons of wooden and concrete vessels were tied up in an imposing but useless array.

At this point, the government called a halt. The shipowners and shipbuilders whose publicity campaigns, lobbying, bribery and political influence had provoked this orgy of building and managed to keep it going, likewise turned off the heat. Both government and shipping magnates paused to wipe the perspiration from their brows and survey their work. Here was a disconcerting problem.

What was to be done with all these ships? The government owned them. Yet the Republican administration then in office was bitterly opposed to government-ownership which smacked of Socialism.

They called the shipowners into conference. "There is no conceivable use for these ships," said the shipowners. "The only thing to do now is to destroy them."

This was also very satisfactory to the shipbuilders who viewed the giant boneyard as an inexhaustible stock of vessels which would seriously curtail their future activities.

The vessels were scrapped. A small number of them were kept and handed over to the shipowners to operate for the government under managing-operator agreements with the U. S. Shipping Board.

Since the shipowners were reimbursed by the government for all losses, the losses soon became stupendous.

How the shipowners finally succeeded in wresting the vessels from the government for the cost of the brass door knobs on them, and likewise obtained more than 708 million dollars in free gifts from the public treasury, is a separate and still more astonishing story which will be related in future columns.

Women on the March

Conducted by Marjorie Crane

MOTHERS who have gone apartment hunting and have had one landlord or manager after another look at them as though they were crazy when they said they had a child, will approve of this proposal from a comrade mother.

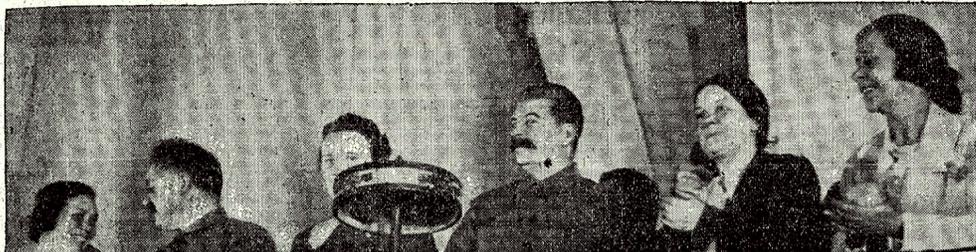
"I think one of the demands of workers' organizations fighting for better housing, should be, No Discrimination Against Children.

"I have gone from one apartment house to another for the past week, and had one manager after another turn me from the door when I told him that I had a little boy two years old.

"Most of them are brazen and rude, as if the right of property gave them the right to see me and my baby in the gutter, rather than sell us the shelter that they monopolize.

(To Be Continued)

WOMEN OF THE SOVIET UNION TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR FUTURE



AT A WOMEN'S congress in Moscow delegates from all the U.S.S.R. debated the problems of building socialism in the work-organizational, people's commissar for heavy industry and Joseph Union.

RIP TIDES By LeMae SIMPSON SHALL BE FREED!

NOT EXACTLY the Party line, but still pretty good, is the following little story attributed to Dr. Van Wyck, which appeared in the "Chronicle" recently—

One of Hitler's storm troopers overheard a visiting American remark: "The dictator is crazy." He was immediately dragged before a Nazi judge, who asked: "Did you make that statement?" "Yes, responded the American, "but after all I didn't mention any particular dictator."

So did the rest of the crew undoubtedly learn what Hitler's bloody dictatorship means to the maritime workers on the docks of Hamburg and Bremen. They too, noticed the large number of "Nazi police, that were always in presence on the docks, whenever a foreign ship was being worked. And they were bound to notice the reluctance and almost open fear, the German longshoremen displayed whenever any of them attempted to speak to them—

Even on a cheery good morning would only be answered by a suspicion or sullen—"nix forsthaty". The crew protested the right of Nazi secret police to drag an American citizen from an American ship. The skipper however by his silence gave tacit consent to this outrage. An outrage which in 1812 was used as the signal for another war against the imperialists of Great Britain.

But in 1936, our government does not see fit to protect American seamen on the high seas and in foreign ports—as a matter of fact it has now taken steps to remove what little national protection if any the seamen had, by the adoption of the Copeland Bill. The Bill which President Roosevelt signed despite the protests of thousands of seamen.

No, Simpson, will not be freed by the government. Simpson will only be rescued from the Nazi hell-hole by the united action of all maritime and shoreside workers, liberals and white collared workers. The demand for freedom of Simpson must be voiced so loud that the bloody butchers of Naziland will hear and take heed.

Make our Department of State take steps to safeguard the life and welfare of an American citizen. Simpson shall be freed.

"Communist Sure Was Good"— Sheriff!

By a Worker Correspondent SAN DIEGO.—Speaking over San Diego's most powerful radio station, E. L. Richardson, Communist candidate in the 20th Congressional District, lashed out at the Liberty League and the Republican Party as the chief menace of the American workers of the Communist Party.

Workers who listened to the talk were enthusiastic in their praise for it. One woman who said she and her family had always voted Republican, said that it was the best talk she had ever heard.

"DUBROVSKY" OPENS EXCLUSIVE EAST BAY RUN AT NEW THEATER

OAKLAND.—The new Russian film "Dubrovsky" which opens its exclusive East Bay engagement Saturday, August 29, at the World Playhouse, Oakland's new international theatre located at San Pablo & 35th, was produced to commemorate the centenary of the death of the famous author Alexander Pushkin, upon whose story the screen play is based.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORKER

By L. C. Gilbert

We are the tillers of the soil Who spend our lives in weary toil; Enchained forever to the land, Yet never own a foot of sand. First we plow the land, then sow it; Then we cultivate and hoe it; Then we must reap and haul the crop. Our work performed, our wages stop.

We never save a single cent; When harvest ends our pay is spent. So we must seek some "happy hill," Some hobo camp or Hooverville, Where, huddled in our camp of weeds, We can't supply our barest needs, But must endure in silent pain And starve and freeze till spring again.

Of mortal men the most accursed, Exploited, driven and coerced, Subordinated, starved and robbed, Intimidated, lynched and mobbed, Subjugated and down-trodden, Ignorant, debased, besodden. Why must we live in such sad case, When we feed and clothe the human race?

Only through organization Can we better our condition, For the farm association, The banker and politician, Are all organized to rob us And their law-thugs paid to mob us; So only by mass struggles Can we end our present troubles.

Strength of our organizations Is the measure of concessions; That the possessors of the land Are forced to yield to our demand. So all the workers must unite And prepare themselves to fight The Fascist bands who will be sent To perpetuate our enslavement.

Warning Against George Nicholas

All Party members and sympathizers are warned against George Nicholas, alias George Nikolas, who was a member of the Party in Mountain View, Calif. from 1928 to 1934. He was finally dropped from the Party for inactivity.

In July, at a meeting of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Cupertino, being secretary of a branch, he collected money from the members and pocketed it. On August 6th he passed a number of bad checks amounting to nearly \$500 and disappeared.

He was born in Dalmatia, Jugoslavia and was a member of the International Labor Defense and the Jugo-Slav Workers' Club.

He is 31 years of age, about 5 feet, 10 inches in height; 180 pounds; and has blonde hair and is of a ruddy complexion.

WORKERS MAKE COPS ACT AS STOOGES

LOS ANGELES.—At noon on Thursday, August 20th, members of the Workers' Alliance were peacefully distributing copies of the "Unemployed Leader" on a WPA job at Spot A, Project N-522, Arroyo Seco and Ave. 56, when two police cars miraculously appeared on the scene and the cops ordered these workers off the "park property."

The Alliance members began to argue with the cops, not to convince them of anything but to talk through them to about 25 project workers, who had been eating their lunches and now crowded around with interest.

A timekeeper, a straw-boss and the first-aid man rushed to the assistance of the cops and snottily argued with the union organizers, who weren't intimidated but talked right back. No arrests were made. When the workers returned to work, the incident was related all over the project, and thus stimulated the workers discussed unions and politics during the rest of the day.

PRaises Western Worker

Dear Editor: We think our new Western Worker is great, and certainly ought to be distributed everywhere. Sincerely yours, K.

"SEVEN BRAVE MEN" PLAYING IN L. A.; "GYPSIES" SEEN IN S. F.

LOS ANGELES.—The direct inspiration for "Seven Brave Men," the new Soviet film which opened its Western premiere engagement Friday, August 28, at the Grand International Theatre, 730 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, came from a sturdy young man who actually experienced similar adventures in the Far North.

When the sorely buffeted but victorious ice-breaker "Sibirkov," sailed into the Pacific Ocean in 1932 and, after a voyage that made history, cast anchor in Avachinsky Bay of the Kamchatka peninsula, this young man, Kostia Zvansev, was aboard. He was not known then as well as he is now when his name is familiar the length and breadth of the Soviet Union for his exploits during the horrible winter in Yamale which has become part of the legend of Polar exploration.

In spite of his heart-breaking experience, Kostia's only concern was how to get to the Arctic once more and increase his scientific knowledge so he could become a fully qualified Polar meteorologist, just as we see in the case of the young boy in "Seven Brave Men."

Less than a year after his return from Avachinsky, Kostia penetrated the ice fields of the Karsky Sea with Professor V. Y. Vize. At the present time he is in his second year at Cape Sterlegov.

"Seven Brave Men," was directed by S. Gerasimov and produced by Lenfilm. The Russian dialogue is translated by English titles.

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Gypsies" the Russian dialogue picture with English titles, begun its

Group Theatre Makes Debut In L.A. Performance

LOS ANGELES.—Sunday, August 16, marked the debut of a new theatre organization dedicated to the social drama. Known as the Group Theatre of Los Angeles, it is seeking to parallel its namesake in New York, both in repertory and organization, a courageous venture in the face of the Contemporary Theatre's failure to establish itself in the same field.

Three plays were offered in the Group's initial venture at the Radio Playhouse. The first, an opus called "No, Not the Russians," credited to Stage Magazine, proved only that an attempt to throw a sop to critics steeped in drawing-room comedy is suicide. As one such critic commented in unholy glee—"The Group Theatre . . . is peppering the Capitalist System with BB shot!"

Clifford Odets No social theatre program would be completed without Clifford Odets, the dramatic historian of the Bronx. "I Can't Sleep," a monologue to a beggar was acted by Maurice Rimmerman in a style that jolted a worried audience into the realization that the Group Theatre had something on the ball.

The suspicion was definitely confirmed when the top bill of the evening, the prize winning play by Albert Maltz, "Private Hicks," took the stage.

This is a play not to be missed. The same critics who commented so caustically on "No, Not the Russians," grudgingly admitted that "Private Hicks" was worth staying for. Credit goes to Paul Gurev, the young director of "Hicks"; to Harrison Lee in the title role; equally to Leo Feldman for his performance as the sadistic Major Eccles; to Kenneth Jampol, Rosella Marquis and Bill Keller in outstanding parts. Judged by any standards, "Private Hicks" is an excellent play, beautifully acted, effective in the vital message it carries.

The Group Theatre of Los Angeles has established itself on the basis of a single night's performance. That it does not intend to let the advantage slip is evinced by the grim speed and efficiency with which it is working. It is more than possible that here is the protagonist of honest important drama that Los Angeles audiences have been awaiting.

Artists Aid Browder Meeting In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Artists who contributed works for the recent Earl Browder meeting here included Benno Prival, prominent Hollywood painter and one of the organizers of the United Arts Branch of the American League Against War and Fascism; Harry Peters, winner of the Southern California Youth Congress Publications contest; Sam Shultz, former John Reed Club member; Max Eisenberg, Sarah Todd, Jim MacGowan and John Stepling.

second and last week at the Clay International Theatre on Saturday. This picture shows vividly the life of the wandering tribes of the Russians, one of the almost 200 different peoples who go to make up the great Russian nation.

The leading role is played by a master player, Alexander Granach who was exiled from Germany where he achieved fame in the Reinhardt Theatre. The Russians have given no sign that they lack fine actors but the addition of Granach to their staff is a definite gain. In the person of Lela Chernaya, a typical Gypsy girl, is found an actress not only of talent but beauty, and one who makes the most of her role.

The story of "Gypsies" shows first the wandering existence of the tribe, their fierce individualism, devotion to the ways of their people as handed down for generations, acceptance of the ideas of the new world and finally their inclusion into the collectives and settling down to a life in a permanent home.

"On The Rocks With Landon and Knox"

By a Worker Correspondent LOS ANGELES.—Here are a few slogans and wise-cracks: "Land on the rocks with Landon and Knox."

"The Capitalists believe that eternal vigilantism is the price of power." "Definition—Neutrality, a smoke-screen for partnership." "The Soviet workers may go in for planning, but they've got nothing on our capitalists. They've been planning for years—how to cut each other's throats, and our throats."

People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

VACCINATION

I HAVE received a couple of letters from readers who heartily disagree with the stand of scientific physicians, including myself, on the question of vaccination.

Santa Cruz, Calif., Aug. 10, 1936.

Because I appreciate the usefulness of your column, I cannot refrain from expressing my regret at your conservative stand re vaccination and serums in W. W. of Aug. 6.

There is an old school of medicine still swearing that everybody who is not periodically vaccinated and shot full of serums (to the benefit of commercial interests) is a menace to public health, a criminal, etc. Those same doctors allow syphilitic persons to spread the disease at random as they consider themselves bound by their professional oath of secrecy.

There is also a newer, more progressive school of medicine that (in my estimation) rightly declares that the healthy body produces its own immunity. Therefore the adherents put their stress on prevention of disease by good food, good working conditions, etc. The workers need their health, they also need their money. Why then advise them to work up a fever by vaccination and pay money for it to boot?

There is absolutely no proof that vaccination has caused the disappearance of smallpox as all other epidemics have also ceased to exist since the introduction of bath tubs and sanitary conditions. As far as I know, certificates of vaccination are not required for entrance in grammar and high schools in this state.

I did not want to make this article too long, otherwise might have added that the workers do not get the benefit of medical inventions, whether genuine or fake, and that the soldiers during the World War who were shot full of various serums died of the result.

To call all the parents of school children faddists because they have been fighting against vaccination is obviously unjust.

I could say that doctors rather deserve the name of faddists at least those who so often gleefully announce a new cure like twilight sleep (cure for pain in childbirth), gland extracts and operations that make old men young again, etc. We never hear about those any more and as to the serums, it would be better to spend money for health in the form of good wages, vacations with pay, weekends with sun and air baths, sunny homes and numerous other measures protecting health like in Russia.

Hoping that you will take this in the friendly spirit in which it is meant and wishing you success in the coming elections,

Sincerely, C. C.

Value of Serums

ANSWER—There is no school of medicine that is recognized by any university in either the Capitalist or the Soviet world, that maintains that vaccination or serums in general are of no benefit in the prevention of disease. On the contrary, all such recognized schools teach that it is definitely proven that widespread vaccination is the sole cause of the practical disappearance of smallpox in civilized countries. All recognized schools teach that many other infectious diseases can be prevented or cured by the injection of what are commonly known as "serums." Among these diseases are some types of pneumonia, colds, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, and infantile paralysis.

There are many small groups of people in this country, each of which has its own theories as to the cause and cure of disease. Many such groups take a similar stand as that in the above letter. However, none of these groups can practice in the Soviet Union and very few exist in Capitalist countries outside of the U. S. Nowhere are such theories recognized by any university.

Value of Hygiene

It is true that for the prevention of disease, good food, good working conditions, vacations, high wages, sun baths, and sanitary surroundings are important, as they help to raise the resistance. However, the healthiest child is almost as likely to come down with an infection, if he is not immune otherwise and is exposed, as an unhealthy child.

It is true that there are many faddists among the regular physicians in the capitalist countries. They are tempted to wander from the straight and narrow path by the rewards that Capitalism offers to those who are a little less scrupulous. However, no recognized medical school dares to be anything but very scientific, and this, of course, rules out the following of any fad. Also, one must remember that much that one reads in the papers about this or that medical discovery is so much hooey, the subject probably not even being intended for public discussion by its author.

Calif. Lumber Companies Sued

WASHINGTON.—Suit has been filed by the Federal Trade Commission against six California lumber associations, charging unfair competition in restraining competition and jacking prices to the purchasing public.

These are the same lumber companies who have often resorted to terror when lumber workers have struck for wage increases. The associations named include the California Lumbermen's Council, San Francisco, and the Central Valley Lumbermen's Club, Stockton.

Labor Day Message By John L. Lewis Lewis Calls For Drive To Organize The Unorganized

"We Owe It To Ourselves To Assist Our Brothers" To Attain Benefits of Organized Labor; What Organization In Mass Production Means

By John L. Lewis

There is today a most vital question confronting you. It is a question upon which may hinge not only your destiny, but the destiny of this nation.

I refer to the organization of the workers in the mass-production industries of the United States, upon which organization of the workers in smaller industries and businesses must depend.

One-Tenth Organized

Organized labor in the United States numbers today a little more than three million men and women; this is, roughly, only one-tenth of the workers who are eligible for organization.

There are twenty-seven millions of persons in this United States who are devoid of the benefits of organization.

What can a strongly organized labor union do for its members? It can raise their wages, lessen their hours, and improve their working conditions. It can be made an instrument for expressing and securing the social, political, and economic needs of its members.

A member of a labor union is no longer wholly at the mercy of his employer, of this topsy-turvy economic structure, or of some unforeseen blow of fate. He has a protection beyond that which his own efforts can afford him.

What Is Needed

Those who are in possession of such benefits must desire to retain them; those who lack them must yearn to attain them.

To achieve such aims the unorganized workers of this country must be organized, for it is my belief that the three million members of organized labor will not for many years longer be able to withstand the continuous pressure of the masses of unorganized workers. Moreover, we owe it to ourselves to assist our brothers.

Organization of the mass-production industries, followed by organization of all other industrial workers, will mean a more stable economic structure and a more democratic government.

It may save us from a catastrophic political upheaval, which would surely cause great suffering and might cause the loss of all our cherished liberties. I urge all the workers of the United States to do their utmost to assist in this great endeavor.

Retail Clerks Meet In Sept.

SAN FRANCISCO—The call has gone out for the annual convention of retail clerks unions in Northern California. The convention will be held in San Francisco, Sept. 27, at Eagles Hall.

The call was sent by Secretary-Treasurer J. P. Griffin of District Council No. 2, Retail Clerks of California.

Delegates from 18 to 20 retail clerks unions will attend, representing nearly all cities and towns in Northern California.

U.S. Marine Head Weaver, In SF Talk, Ignores Fink Book

SAN FRANCISCO—The dangers of the continuous discharge book in the Copeland law were ignored by Joseph B. Weaver, V. S. Director of Marine Navigation, in a talk at the Commonwealth Club last Friday.

Weaver, who had previously, in Washington, admitted that the Copeland Bill is an excellent weapon for the shipowners, spoke of "recapturing America's lost sea glory." He said this can be done with a "proper administration" of new maritime laws passed by the last session of Congress. The Copeland law is one of these.

Weaver praised highly the huge ship subsidies granted the Shipowners by Congress and the Roosevelt administration.

GALLUP MINERS FREED

EL PASO, Tex.—Carl Stogle, former Gallup, N. M., miner imprisoned in county jail here since Nov. 12, 1933, facing deportation to Czechoslovakia, has been released in custody of the Civil Liberties Union.

ORGANIZED LABOR CAN DO IT!



MARINE FIREMEN HIT MALICIOUS SLANDER DRIVE BEGUN BY BOSSES

SAN FRANCISCO—In order to sow dissension and break the maritime union's solidarity, a malicious whispering campaign was started by shipowners' agents. This is sharply hit in a resolution adopted by the Marine Firemen and Oilers. Here's the resolution:

LAKE COUNTY BOSSES THREAT

Press Gloats Over Growers' Action

LAKEPORT—A hint of how far the big growers are prepared to go to halt unionization was seen in the recent pear packers' strike here, when threats of violence drove nine union organizers out of Lake County.

M. Renfro, president of the Lake County Fruit Exchange, at Big Valley, wouldn't discuss the matter, but said meaningfully, "we showed them it would be better for them to leave."

The press in this area admits freely that the organizers were deported after threats, hinting at violence.

Close to 1000 workers were affected in the following plants: those operated by the Fruit Exchange in Upper Lake, Scott Valley and Big Valley; Lambert Marketing plants in Scott Valley and Finley; American Fruit Growers in Keelseyville and Scott Valley; Kelseyville Packing Co.; Simon-French and Queesco Ranch, Kelseyville, and others.

Glendale Garbage Strike Is Won

GLENDALE—A three-hour strike of city garbage truck drivers and helpers brought a wage increase to \$90 a month.

Former rates were \$70 to \$80. Strikers picketed the Municipal Contracting Co. plant.

Make the Labor Page of the Western Worker a real page of, by and for organized labor.

Whereas: The present negotiations of the maritime unions with the shipowners make it necessary that we hold our ranks solid and united; and

Whereas: There is a campaign being conducted on the waterfront, and along the Coast, probably inspired by the employers, designed to sow dissension in our ranks and create friction among our members through whispering rumors and malicious slander against rank and file members and officials of our union; and

Whereas: Some members of our union have fallen for this propaganda, consciously or unconsciously helping to further this confusion, which endangers the position of the union in the present negotiations; therefore, be it

Resolved: That we hereby go on record as condemning such malicious whispering campaigns, as detrimental to the interests of the union membership as a whole, and be it further

Resolved: That we call upon all members that if they have any charges to make against any rank and file member or official, that they proceed in the manner provided by the Constitution of our union, and file specific charges in writing, so that they can be investigated in a manner which will protect the union as a whole.

Farmer-Labor Ticket To Run In Penna.

PHILADELPHIA—A Farmer-Labor Party ticket will be on the Pennsylvania ballot this fall. A state Farmer-Labor Party convention will be held Sept. 6 in Harrisburg.

All trade unions, farm organizations and other progressive groups have been invited to send delegates.

Restoration of Machinists' 284 Charter Seen

OAKLAND—The next big defeat for International Organizer Nash's strikebreaking plans against the 1800 machinists on strike is expected to be a court annulment of the revocation of Local 284's charter.

The international office revoked the charter because the local called the strike for better wages and a closed shop. The ruling by Judge Gray that withdrawal of the original strike sanction by the international was in violation of the union's established regulations is seen as a basis for annulment of the revocation.

Ryan Backing A.F.L. Split

PHILADELPHIA—Despite an attack on John L. Lewis by Lewis C. Hines, a representative of William Green, the annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers assailed the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

NEW YORK—So anxious is Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Assn. and of the New York Central Labor Council, to see the A.F.L. split, that he hastily adjourned the last regular meeting of the Council when the C.I.O. suspension issue got hot.

The rumpus started when delegate Zimmermann of Local 22, Dressmakers, moved that the Council ask the A.F.L. Executive Council to rescind the suspension order. Ryan ruled the motion unconstitutional. Delegates all over the floor protested this action, and Ryan adjourned the meeting.

HUGE GOODYEAR PROFITS

AKRON—After waging a long fight against the United Rubber Workers Union demand for higher wages, the Goodyear Tire Co. reports net profits of \$3,598,683 for the first half of 1936.

SALINAS UNION HITS SHARPLY AT VIGILANTES

Resolution Demands Webb Do Something About Attacks

SALINAS—Hitting vigilantism sharply, Salinas headquarters Local of Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 18211 has expressed itself plainly in the following resolution, passed last week:

WHEREAS: Lawless vigilantes under the leadership of growers and shippers have illegally and forcibly ejected officials and members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union No. 18211 from Lake County, and

WHEREAS: Duly elected officers of the law in Lake County, who are sworn to protect the rights of all citizens, made no effort to halt this lawless mob, and

WHEREAS: This subversive un-American activity if allowed to go unchallenged will eventually crush the efforts of all workers to exercise their constitutional rights to organize and the right of collective bargaining, and

WHEREAS: These same vigilantes have just finished a bloody reign of terror and violence during the recent Santa Ana strike of field workers which resulted in hundreds being jailed and sent to hospitals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That our union, the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union No. 18211, affiliated with the A.F.L., go on record protesting this illegal un-American activity on the part of unknown lawless elements in Lake County and that copies of this resolution be sent to Attorney General Webb demanding an immediate investigation and arrest of all persons connected with this lawless activity.

L.A. Street Car Boss Hates A.F.L.

LOS ANGELES—Samuel M. Haskins, reactionary president of the Los Angeles Railway Corporation, and newly-elected president of the red-baiting Merchants and Manufacturers Association urged on the anti-labor drive to maintain the open shop and starvation wages in Los Angeles as he boarded a steamer for a leisurely vacation trip to Australia.

"There should be no domination or coercion by either employer or employee, either for or against the unionization of workmen," stated Haskins as he advocated the smashing of the growing trade union movement that threatens to organize the open shop industries and make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town.

"Seattle's recent developments are a glaring example of what can happen to a once powerful industrial city," declared Haskins, alluding to the effective solidarity of organized labor that has closed Hearst's Post-Intelligencer in the strike of the Newspaper Guild for reinstatement of two discharged newsmen in that city.

Contra Costa Mail Carriers In Protest

RICHMOND.—The Contra Costa Central Labor Council sent a letter to the National Broadcasting Co., requesting that they make reservations on their stations for organized labor addresses on Labor Day.

The Council received a letter from Edward Vandeleur that it was OK to organize the Safeway grocery stores in Martinez. The Council voted to send a letter of protest to the Merchants Association, after the Mail Carriers and Postal Clerks Union protested the delivery of merchants' sales bills at a 25-30 cents an hour wage, when they get 75 cents and extra carriers 65 cents an hour.

HE BETRAYED ORGANIZED LABOR



THE "BOY WONDER" is just another lemon to organized labor in West Virginia, which elected young Rush D. Holt to the Senate on the strength of his promises. Holt betrayed the United Mine Workers in the Senate, then went a step further and joined up with the Fascist Coughlin-Lemke Union Party. He's shown talking with Sylvester McMahon, secretary of the National Union for Social Justice, Coughlin's organization. Coughlin, in Fascist style, is anti-union, anti-everything progressive.

Mass Picket Has L.A. Bosses Scared

LOS ANGELES—With buyers in all large furniture stores becoming union-conscious as a result of the Saturday mass picket lines conducted by the Central Labor Council the furniture manufacturers of Los Angeles are frantically running in circles appealing for assistance from their "open shop" and "Red squad" brethren, as the furniture workers continue their unionization drive here.

A strike at the Jaeger Furniture plant caused the Furniture Manufacturers Association to send wires to their members calling them to a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce offices.

"Red squad" cameramen met the 300 workers when they started picketing the Jaeger plant last Wednesday.

Alaska Cannery Workers Back; Boosting Union

SAN FRANCISCO—The Alaska Cannery workers have been arriving back in town for the past 10 days or so, and they have been bringing back reports of vastly improved conditions in the canneries.

The reason is that this was the first season the workers worked under union conditions.

Wages were \$65 per month for a 9-hour day, with 50 cents an hour for overtime—something never before heard of. Previously the hours were unlimited, with no overtime pay.

Mess boys received \$60 a month and pot and dishwashers \$70. The canneries employed one-third more help.

Wages of the steward's department were... Chief steward, \$175 a month; second, \$145; chief cooks and bakers, \$125; second, \$105; launch cooks, \$90 a month for an 8-hour day, with 75 cents an hour overtime.

For the first time, the labor contractors' racket was missing. On July 5 the cannery workers stopped work 20 minutes in commemoration of the two workers murdered by police on the waterfront in the 1934 strike.

Bakersfield Union Aids S.F. Laborers Fight Santa Fe

BAKERSFIELD.—At the request of the San Francisco Laborers Union, the Laborers' Union here has installed two pickets in front of the Santa Fe railroad station to protest non-union building activities by the Santa Fe San Francisco.

The Santa Fe is demolishing the Argonaut Hotel there and plans to build a bus terminal on the site. Non-union labor is used.

AGRICULTURE UNION DRIVE

Stockton Union For \$300 Fund

STOCKTON—A drive for \$300, for the purpose of getting organizers out into the field, has been started by the Agricultural Workers Union of Stockton.

Carpenters Local 266 started the ball rolling with a donation of \$25. Teamsters and Truck Drivers Local 449 donated \$10.

"These unions really see the need of helping to organize the agricultural workers of California," states Secretary Brown of the Agricultural Workers Union. "We hope that other unions here and in San Francisco will do likewise."

Ryan Staves Off S. Atlantic Strike

SAVANNAH, Ga.—The threatened strike of longshoremen in eight southern ports has been postponed indefinitely by Joseph P. Ryan, I.L.A. president.

The grievances of the miserably paid southeastern longshoremen are still as live as ever, but Ryan was easily prevailed on by Assistant Labor Secretary McGrady to put off action. A series of conferences with shipowners is to be conducted in each port, starting with Tampa.

Conferences will follow at Wilmington, N. C.; Charleston, S. C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Miami and Pensacola, Fla.; Savannah and Brunswick, Ga., "as soon as practicable."

1,421,062 GAIN IN AFL; DUE TO CIO ADVANCES

WASHINGTON—The A.F.L. membership last month is reported at a total of 3,547,858 by secretary Frank Morrison. The latter said this was a gain of 1,421,062 over the average membership.

The bulk of the gain came from the industrial unions in the mass production industries, due to the efforts of C.I.O. advocates. Morrison did not mention this.

Waterfront Unions Aid Laborers In Picket Line

SAN FRANCISCO—Joining a fight against the open shop industrial Assn., members of waterfront as well as other unions joined the Laborers Union in picketing the struck Argonaut Hotel demolition job.

The Laborers' Union is demanding employment of union men on the job. The open shop stand is supported by the Industrial Assn. Fighting between non-union men and pickets was said to have been provoked by the former.

EUREKA LABOR IS ANGERED BY ED VANDELEUR

Action Regarding the State Convention Arouses Unions

EUREKA—The Eureka trade union members are aroused over the actions of Vandeleur, Secretary of the State Federation, in taking the State Convention from Eureka and moving it to Sacramento.

Vandeleur came to Eureka and spent most of his time with Lebenbaum, manager of the Eureka Inn, which is now being struck by Cooks & Waiters Local 220, and with the editors of the Humboldt Standard and the Humboldt Times, the local daily papers.

He also contacted Burns and Tornwall, local reactionaries in the labor movement. Vandeleur then spoke at the Federated Trades Council. He was very critical of the labor movement in Eureka, making such remarks as that the Cooks and Waiters should have a mass picket line in front of the Eureka Inn, and that the Council should have a live-wire organization committee.

The majority of the delegates agree with these ideas, but Vandeleur did not mention any change in the convention.

The next morning the newspapers carried the account of the convention being moved to Sacramento. The Eureka Federated Trades Council was not even notified until they read the newspaper accounts.

Build Progressive Movement. The Eureka trade unionists are rapidly building a progressive and militant movement, and they are determined to send delegates to Sacramento if they have to burn their way down and live in the jungles. The Cooks and Waiters have signed up three of the largest hotels in Eureka, and they are now striking the Eureka Inn, the stronghold of the reactionaries in the Redwood District.

Preparations for the convention had been going on for weeks. Funds were being raised, and fair conditions are being won in all of the hotels. There has been a resounding upsurge on the part of the labor movement because of the convention. The trade unionists are very bitter about Vandeleur's activities and they are amazed at the way in which the leader of the state labor movements has committed this injury to the labor movement in Humboldt County.

Unions Back New Kern Farm Union

BAKERSFIELD, Cal.—Squarely backing the new Agricultural Workers Union in this area, the Kern County Central Labor Council has sent the membership a letter of support and encouragement.

The Building Trades Council took similar action. The new union started with 25 charter members. Representatives from Arvin, Delano and other points attended a meeting. Russell Fullerton and W. A. Starr are serving as temporary president and secretary, until the A.F.L. charter arrives.

Police Threaten San Jose Strike

SAN JOSE—Now in the sixth week of their strike, the 200 members of Laundry Workers Union 330 are finding support in the sympathy strike of union engineers.

The breaking away of two of their laundries has put the open shop Laundry Owners Association increasingly on the defensive.

New proof that the laundry workers' fight is the fight for all organized labor in California is shown in the fact that the secretary of the Association, George C. E. Watson, a professional union-breaker from Chicago, has some sort of contract with the cleaners and dyers and the butcher bosses to keep these industries open-shop.

Two pickets, members of a progressive youth club, called the "Forty-Niners" were arrested, and at police headquarters Police Chief Black threatened violence. Union lawyers forced the release of the two young pickets. Hundreds of dollars has been coming in from unions in California to support the strikers.

STRIKE SOLID. TOLEDO, O.—Strikers of the gas companies here, led by the A.F.L., threaten a complete stoppage of the city's gas supply if their demands are not met.

ACTIVITIES OF SAN FRANCISCO'S NEEDLE TRADES UNIONS PREPARING FOR A BIG LABOR DAY

SAN FRANCISCO.—The three locals of the I.L.G.W.U. in San Francisco are planning their part in the Labor Day parade with great detail and enthusiasm.

Local No. 213 (cutters) have decided on a tax of \$5 for each member not attending the Labor Day Parade; Local No. 8 (cloakmakers) decided on a tax of \$2.50 for men and \$1 for

women; Local No. 101 (dressmakers) taxed themselves \$1 for non-attendance.

Local No. 8 is working on float which will describe the conditions of the old sweat shop of 1906, with its disease spreading conditions and its 75 hour week, and the modern union shop, with its 35 hour week and closed shop.

At a meeting of the Dressmakers Local No. 101, Brother Shelley, vice president of the Central Labor Council, addressed the meeting on Labor Day.

He pointed out that in past years labor celebrated Labor Day with a picnic, because there were some labor officials in the old time unions that were not interested in labor, but only

to make "labor a racket." He pointed out that this year it is more important than ever for labor to advertise its strength and solidarity.

At a regular meeting of Local No. 8 (Cloakmakers), Paul Stein was elected by acclamation to represent the local at the coming State Federation of Labor Con-

vention. May Fields was elected alternate.

At a regular meeting of the Milliners Unions in San Francisco a unanimous vote was taken to strike in all the millinery open shops in the city. A strike committee was elected from the membership.

The I.L.G.W.U. called a strike

in the Varsity Cloak Shop, a Sportswear factory, last week, and settled with the firm the same day, the workers going back to work the next morning.

It was a complete victory for the union, with a one-year agreement, calling for a closed shop, wage increases from \$16 to \$21 minimum; and reduction in hours from 45 to 35 hours a week.