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SHIPPERS AIM TO BREAK UNIONS

Calif. People Aiding Spain Vs. Fascism

Funds Raised For Labor's Red Cross For Spain; Desperate Fascists' Attacks Crumble Against People's Front

California working people rallied to the aid of the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism last week.

CP EXPOSES STOOLS IN KING, ROSS FRAMEUP

OAKLAND—The Alameda Labor Council condemned the frame-up of King, and elected delegates to Sunday's Marine Firemen Defense conference.

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Committee of the Communist Party issued a statement on the attempted frame-up of Earl King, head of the Marine Firemen's Union, Lawrence Ross, Editor of the Western Worker and Communist candidate for Congress in the 5th Cong. District.

People's Front Like Iron MADRID—Desperate attacks by Fascist armies were crumbling like waves upon the rock of Gibraltar throughout Spain, as People's Front forces stood solid and launched counter attacks and

New Successes For Machine Strikers

OAKLAND—Further proof of the success being met by the 1800 striking machinists, members of Local 284, is seen in the fact that the Union Diesel Engine Co. has agreed to negotiate.

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Jose Central Labor Council has unanimously passed a motion endorsing the Seattle Labor Council in its support of the Post-Intelligencer strike.

L.A. HITS FRAMEUP OF EARL KING

"There is no doubt in the mind of any member of the Maritime Federation that the charges on which Brothers King and Ramsey were arrested amount to nothing more than a frameup on the part of those who want to again impose their will not only on the maritime workers but on the workers in general.

"To place behind the bars leaders of unions who are attempting to negotiate new working agreements in a sincere attempt to settle differences with employers in an amicable manner is a plan carefully worked out in order to demoralize the rank and file.

More than 1400 persons assembled at a meeting called by the American League Against War and Fascism at the Epic Auditorium, Los Angeles, and donated more than \$400.

Workers of Nagels Shop, 834 South Broadway, Los Angeles, raised \$100.

Spanish Branch of Local 97 of the Dressmakers, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, will hold an affair to raise funds for Labor's Red Cross for Spain on Labor Day at the I.L.G.W.U. headquarters, 328 1/2 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

The Communist Party will hold an open-air mass meeting on Sunday, September 6th, 1:30 p. m., at Jefferson Park, San Francisco, to rally support for the heroic fight against Fascism by the Spanish People's Front.

Speakers will include William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, and Frank Carlson, state secretary of the Young Communist League.

Guidera is a stool-pigeon who tried to join the Communist Party, but who was rejected because of his reputation on the waterfront as an employers' agent.

Guidera at a recent meeting of the S. F. District Council of the Maritime Federation made a motion to picket the Soviet Consulate in protest against the trial

Successes in court against the strikebreaking actions of international organizer Walter Nash and continued support from organized labor has further heartened the strikers.

More Cal. Aid For Seattle Strike

SEATTLE—The strike ranks of the Newspaper Guild have stiffened, following the refusal of the Hearst-owned Post-Intelligencer management to confer on settlement proposals.

"We have offered a truce, and offered to compromise," stated local Guild Chapter president Seller. "But after our offers meet cold receptions, we're beginning to feel we may hold out for all

Carrying the banner of the 1936 Communist election campaign throughout California, "Mother" Bloor will speak according to the following schedule:

Thursday, September 3rd, 8 p.m., Music Arts Auditorium, 233 South Broadway, Los Angeles, at open membership meeting of the Young Communist League.

Friday, September 4th, 8 p.m., Santa Barbara, 701 1/2 Anacapa Street.

HINT AT NAT'L. LABOR PARTY AFTER 1936 ELECTIONS



LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE leaders in conference at the first national meeting of the organization in Washington, D. C. Left to right, George L. Berry, President of the Printing Pressmen's Union; John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America; Sidney Hillman, President of the Clothing Workers Union.

COMMUNIST PARTY TELLS S.P. WHY IT WON'T DEBATE TROTSKYITE

Letter To Socialist Party of San Francisco Shows Trotskyites as Fascist Agents

SAN FRANCISCO—Unable to agree to debate with the counter-revolutionary Trotskyite David Stevens, the San Francisco County Committee of the Communist Party has sent the following letter to the Socialist Party of San Francisco in explanation:

12 VIGILANTES ARE INDICTED!

State Officer Named As Terror Mob Participant

SANTA ROSA—More than a year after their vigilante terror in Sonoma County, including the tarring-and-feathering of Solomon Nitzberg and Jack Green, the latter an A.F.L. leader, 12 men were held to answer before a Superior Court jury last Friday on charges of kidnap and assault.

The kidnap charge carries the death penalty. Nine men, charged with being vigilantes, were released. Held to answer were:

Terrorists Held Frank Silano and Emmet Demostene, Healdsburg bankers; Arthur Meese, druggist and president of the Healdsburg

SPECIAL LABOR DAY 'WESTERN'

The Monday, Sept. 7 issue of the WESTERN WORKER will be a special Labor Day edition.

Important news and other material devoted to Labor Day, which this year becomes a show of organized labor's strength, will appear in the Sept. 7 issue. Order special copies at once, and see that trade unionists get them.

August 27, 1936. Millie Goldberg, Secretary, Socialist Party of San Francisco, 1057 Steiner Street, San Francisco, California.

Because of recent events which have transpired, we wish to ask you to reconsider the selection of a speaker to represent you in our debate which is scheduled for September 23rd.

Specifically, this refers to the exposure of the treacherous, counter-revolutionary role played by the Trotskyite-Zinoviev-Kamonev terrorist group in the Soviet Union—a group which worked jointly with the agents of Hitler's secret police, and whose activities were inspired and guided by Leon Trotsky.

These Trotskyite terrorists, whose acknowledged aims were to murder the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and to embroil the Soviet Union in war, confessed in an open trial to their Fascist purposes. The defense which Trotskyites together with the

Hougardy Free On Parole

SAN FRANCISCO.—Albert Hougardy, one of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, was released last Friday on 14 months parole.

Appeal is still pending, however, on Hougardy's case as well as the cases of Pat Chambers, Jack Crane, and Martin Wilson, held on the same charge in San Quentin, and Caroline Decker and Nora Conklin in Tehachapi, as well as Lorene Norman, out on bail.

"MOTHER" BLOOR SPEAKS IN CALIFORNIA CITIES

1322 Fifth Avenue. Sunday, September 6th, all-day political rally and picnic at Verdugo Woodlands, 1800 North Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, Admission 25 cents. "Mother" Bloor will speak at 5 p.m., following a youth pageant by the Y.C.L. Emma Cutler will be chairman, and Hursel Alexander, of the Y.C.L., will speak. Trucks will leave from 3220 Central Avenue, (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 7)

SAN FRANCISCO, L.A. CRAFTS IN CIO PROTESTS

Howard Calls For A Referendum In A. F. of L.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Plumbers Union here has demanded in a resolution, that the suspension of the C.I.O. unions be rescinded by the A.F.L. Executive Council and the matter turned over to the coming annual A.F.L. Convention.

LOS ANGELES—Protesting the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions, Pharmacists Union Local 840 has adopted a resolution calling on the A.F.L. Executive Council to take no further action until the A.F.L. convention in November.

Unhappily voted to support the 10 C.I.O. unions, and sent to the A.F.L. Executive Council a resolution protesting the suspension.

WASHINGTON—A rank and file referendum in the A.F.L. to learn the attitude of the membership on the C.I.O. and on industrial unionism was called for by President Charles P. Howard, of the International Typographical Union, in his reply to William Green as to Howard's connections with the C.I.O.

(Howard's union is not yet affiliated with the C.I.O., but Howard himself is secretary of the C.I.O. He intends to ask the Typo convention to affiliate with the C.I.O. at its convention in Colorado Springs next week.)

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union on Saturday informed William Green that it would not withdraw from the C.I.O. "even under threat of suspension." The I.L.G.W.U. is the third largest A.F.L. union.

SIT-DOWN WINS

BILOXI, MISS.—Workers on Biloxi's sand beach won a sit-down strike and gained wage increases from 30 to 40 cents an hour.

Seek Return of Co. Unionism, Frame-up of King and Ross

AT PEACE MEET



CLARENCE HATHAWAY, editor of the Daily Worker and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. He is one of the delegates to the broad united front people's peace congress now going on in Geneva, Switzerland.

BULLETIN When Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker, read in the press that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, he, with Attorney Anderson, voluntarily went to see District Attorney Warren at Oakland. Ross was not held.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Pacific Coast District I.L.A. Executive Board announced Monday that a referendum of the membership will take place soon. Results of the referendum will be known between Sept. 10 and 15, it is reported.

ANSWER SHIPOWNERS' ATTACKS WITH UNITED RANKS!

(EDITORIAL) The maritime workers and the whole labor movement must be on guard against the shipowners' latest attempts to completely destroy union working conditions on the waterfront and to smash the maritime unions.

Employers Want Pre-Strike Conditions The employers' answer to the demands of the I.L.A. representatives proposes to go back to Blue-Book (company-union) conditions of lower wages, longer hours, unemployment, speed-up, black-listing, and favoritism.

While cynically throwing overboard the entire 1934 award, the employers are attempting to fool public opinion by hypocritically claring, with tongue in cheek, that they are "willing" to arbitrate these things.

They are laying the groundwork to try and justify their plan to deliberately provoke a strike or lockout on the waterfront, and place the blame on the maritime unions, which have declared that they are willing and anxious to negotiate a peaceful settlement of all disputes.

The attitude and proposals of the employers in the I.L.A. negotiations clearly indicate that they didn't come to negotiate but to declare war on the unions and terminate the 1934 award.

Also Aimed at Seamen's Crafts This first blow aimed at the longshoremen is also directed against the seamen's crafts which are preparing to enter into negotiations with demands to improve the disgraceful and intolerable working conditions on the ships.

The seamen's unions can expect the same answer from the shipowners. What the employers are aiming to do is to drive a wedge between the seamen and the longshoremen, to break the united front of the maritime unions, and after creating the split they are hoping for, the employers think it will be possible to carry out their union-wrecking plans.

The propaganda machinery of the waterfront employers and the Industrial Association is already under way. The newspapers of Mr. Hearst have already opened the usual barrage about "red plots," a trick with which the maritime workers are familiar from past experience.

A campaign of intimidation has begun by employers' agents against union members and officials, and rank-and-file leaders. The reported threats of physical violence against members of the I.L.A. negotiating committee, Bridges, Schmidt, and Melnikow, are undoubtedly a part of this campaign.

The Frameup Against Firemen's Officials The attempted frame-up at this time of officials of the Marine Firemen's Union on murder charges is for the purpose of diverting public attention from the just demands of the seamen and the issues involved in the negotiations, in order to prejudice the position of the maritime unions as a whole in the public eye.

The absurd charges that this is a "red murder plot" are being circulated by the press, and the reactionary agent of the employers, the East Bay District Attorney, to prepare the ground work for frame-up, evidence and "confessions."

Neither the maritime unions or the Communist Party or any other genuine workers' organization advocates or condones the use of physical violence and murder, even against its enemies.

Force and violence is advocated and practiced only by provocateurs sent into the workers' ranks, or by vigilantes, the Black Legion, and the strikebreaking organizations of the open-shop employers.

The Communist Party and all workers' organizations have repeatedly and openly condemned and warned against the use of such methods as will only play into the hands of the enemies of the labor movement.

NEW DANGER IS FOUND IN THE COPELAND ACT

"Rating" May Mean Character Entries

SAN FRANCISCO—New dangers in the Copeland Bill, which provides for the continuous discharge book, have been discovered in carefully examining the pro-shipowner measure. The new dangers are reported in the "Voice of the Federation," organ of the Pacific Maritime Federation.

Under Section 3, Section 4551 (b) states:

"Upon the discharge of any seaman and the payment of his wages, the shipping commissioner shall enter in the continuous discharge book of such seaman the name of the vessel, the nature of the voyage (foreign or coastwise), the class to which the vessel belongs (steam, motor or sail), the date and place of the shipment and of the discharge of such seaman.

"The rating then held by such seaman shall also be entered. Whenever a seaman is discharged in any collection district where no shipping commissioner has been appointed, the master of the vessel shall perform the duties of such commissioner and shall make the proper entries in such continuous discharge book; and when the seaman are not required by law to be signed on and discharged before a shipping commissioner, the master shall make such proper entries in the discharge book."

The word "rating," it is pointed out, calls attention to the dangers inherent in the law. Taking into account the present Dept. of Commerce Discharge, it is pointed out, under the word "rating" can be made entries for "character," "ability" and "seamanship." The word "rating" cannot mean the job the seaman held, for this is specified under "Capacity."

By the use of the word "rating" and the wording of the clause, the Copeland continuous discharge book can be taken only as a blacklisting measure. Joseph B. Weaver, U. S. Director of Marine Navigation and Inspection, stated in San Francisco two weeks ago that the "prime purpose of the new legislation is to help the American shipowners."

He stated that whether the seaman liked it or not, the Copeland act would become effective for men in deep sea service on Dec. 25, 1936, and for men in domestic service on June 25, 1937.

12 Vigilantes Are Held For Kidnap

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Chamber of Commerce; William Casselberry, Healdsburg newspaper reporter; William and George Maher, butchers; Sidney Elphic, rancher; Frederick Cairns, secretary of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce; Edward W. Jenkins, John Barries, D. J. Madison, and Thomas J. Campion, cigar store clerk.

In closing hours of the testimony before Judge W. V. Tryon, sitting as committing magistrate, Green named a state highway patrol officer as one of the vigilantes.

"There was one fellow there, his face looked familiar and I had doped him out to be Captain Shryver of the highway police," testified Green.

"Just after I was kidnaped by the mob, I was taken to a hall and searched. They took my wallet, and found my Masonic card in it.

"Then Captain Shryver said, 'Here, I'll take that,' meaning the card. From the corner of my eye I saw him tear it in half and put it in his pocket.

"Outside Nitzberg's house, I broke away from the men who held me and ran inside. Nitzberg fired a gun out the window. Then the mob used tear gas bombs, and we were forced to stagger out, sick and crying, where they got us.

"They beat us with clubs and blackjacks. Three of my ribs were broken. They talked about tying us to the back of a car and dragging us into town, but decided not to do so.

"They took us to an old warehouse. Others were there, too. There were cries of 'Get a rope—lynch them!' But Cairns blew a whistle and shouted, 'This isn't a mob—if I'm captain, you'll have to obey me!'

"Hearst-Style 'Americanism'" The crowd said, "That's right—we're men and 100 per cent Americans."

"Then they knocked me to my knees, clipped my hair, and poured what must have been old crankcase oil over me, and put feathers over that. They took my picture."

FOR LABOR'S RIGHT TO PICKET



COMMUNIST CANDIDATES in the Los Angeles area are among the staunchest supporters in the fight for organized labor against the open shoppers' attacks.

At left, Thomas J. Cooney, Communist assembly candidate in the 69th District, Compton, where the authorities had to drop a proposed anti-picketing ordinance. At right, Herbert Elstein, Communist candidate for assembly in the 52nd District, Los Angeles. Elstein was Socialist Party candidate for the same office in 1934.

NEXT BROWDER RADIO SPEECH

Liberty League May Void Election By Terror

With the primary elections over, the 1936 campaign swung into the final dash for the November polls in California and in the nation.

Following his broadcast last Friday night to millions on the foreign policy of the Communist Party, Earl Browder, candidate for President of the United States, will next go on the air with a Labor Day broadcast next Monday, September 7th, over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

The coast-to-coast hoopup will include KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; KFSD, San Diego; KLO, Ogden, Utah; KEX, Portland; KPR, Seattle; and KGA, Spokane. Time is 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., on the Pacific Coast.

Still militantly fighting for the working class at the age of 73, "Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor is in California touring for the Communist Election Platform of 1936, and the candidacies of Earl Browder for President and James W. Ford for Vice-President.

Outstanding development of the national election campaign of all parties last week, was the branding of Alf Landon, Republican nominee, with the stigma of William Randolph Hearst.

In a national radio speech, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes quoted from records of a Chicago lawsuit in proving that Hearst advised Landon not to make "too many speeches."

Hearst Tie Proved The memorandum of Hearst to George F. Harding, Republican national committee man from Illinois, reads:

"I was very much impressed by what you had to say about Governor Landon not making too many speeches. . . It cooperates with and supports what I have already told the governor.

"I think the governor naturally feels this himself, but the average politician around him is continually urging him to get out and talk.

Labor Knows Landon Role "At present the Democrats have nothing to criticize Governor Landon about. You can see that in their attempt to criticize him. Too many speeches might give the Democrats their eagerly wanted opportunity."

Progressive labor leaders and the Communist Party have long since discovered whom Landon represents in this campaign, and have him as the representative of the worst open-shop, Fascist-minded elements of capitalism in America.

Twelve thousand persons crowded into the Velodrome at Coney Island, New York, to hear Browder issue a solemn warning against the Hearst-Liberty League gang, which might seek to cancel the results of the election by force, as the Fascists have attempted in Spain.

May Try "Putsch" "I raise the question," he said, "whether we have not the full right to believe, on the basis of the Hearst press, that the reactionaries of America are preparing and feeling out the ground as to whether they cannot overturn a verdict at the polls in 1936 if it goes against them."

"They have raised all the necessary slogans. The only question would be: have they got the nerve to try it?"

SEAMEN T.B. VICTIMS

SAN FRANCISCO—Approximately 1 per cent of all seamen have tuberculosis, due to bad conditions on board the ship.

VANDELEUR PUT ON HOT SPOT BY MILINERY STRIKE LEADER AT LABOR COUNCIL IN S. F.

He Acted In Autocratic Manner; Resents Right Of Delegates To Criticize Him

SAN FRANCISCO—Put on the spot by Carmen Luccia, leader of the recent successful strike of 500 milinery workers, Edward Vandeleur roared in anger at last Friday's meeting of the Central Labor Council.

Delegate Luccia, who at times before had given words of praise to the reactionary Council president, told of Vandeleur's high-handed action in the strike.

Vandeleur's Trick One shop, she said, had refused to meet, along with the others, with the union. Luccia was informed by the owner that he was meeting with a representative of the Milinery Union, although Luccia knew nothing about such a meeting.

She found, to her surprise, that the "representative of the union" was Vandeleur, who had been called in by this employer, unknown to the union.

The union decided to picket this shop. The employer asked that Luccia withdraw the picket line, and she told him that she had no power to do this, since only the membership could withdraw a picket line.

Vandeleur called Sister Luccia up and told her that if the pickets were not withdrawn he would wash his hands of the strike.

As Vandeleur rose to answer this criticism at the Council, laughter on the part of many delegates greeted him.

In high anger, the experienced Vandeleur, experienced in throwing monkey-wrenches into workers' struggles, shouted that delegates had no right to criticize the officials of the Council.

In an attempt to win sympathy, he told of all the meetings he attended on behalf of unions.

He claimed that he had signed this shop up 100 per cent in the union, but it was later learned that these workers haven't as yet signed up.

Another high-light in the Council meeting was the report of Harry Bridges, I.L.A. Local 38-79 delegate, on the negotiations with the employers.

Bridges told of the proposals of the employers, which would bring back pre-strike conditions if accepted. He stated that the longshoremen, although desirous of peace, would strike before they would permit their hard-fought gains to be taken away in this manner.

A resolution sent by the Alameda County Labor Council, supporting the Seattle News Guild strike, was filed by the Vandeleur machine, which never gave a thought to adopting it.

A resolution, introduced by R. J. Simpson and Stern of the Marine Firemen, condemning the raw treatment of King and other Firemen's leaders in the Point Lobos frameup case, was referred by Vandeleur to the Executive Committee, and the introducers of the resolution were asked to attend the Executive Committee meeting Monday.

White flags fluttering from many houses in the path of the miners' advance indicate that the stubborn resistance of Oviedo is entering its last days.

Fascist Threats BURGOS—All trade unions would be outlawed, the right to strike forbidden, all agrarian reforms annulled, and the republican and labor press suppressed, under a Fascist military dictatorship planned by the Fascist high command in session here.

The leaders said they would maintain close connections with the Italian Fascists and German Nazis and their governments, if they were successful in defeating the People's Front.

12,000 Painters Out

NEW YORK—Twelve thousand members of Painters District Council 9 are on strike here, for enforcement of the \$9 a day scale. They also seek an end to rackets by employers against the workers.

FITTS FINAGLES IN GRAFT

LOS ANGELES—More corrupt finagling was charged up to District Attorney Buron Fitts here in his reaction-backed campaign for re-election, when trial of Mrs. Helen M. Werner and her husband Erwin P. Werner was postponed until November 12th by Superior Judge W. Turney Fox—until after the elections.

Mrs. Werner and her husband—known to political boss circles as "Queen Helen" and "Petticoat Pete"—said they wanted the trial to be postponed until after the November elections.

They are charged with conspiracy to commit bribery in connection with liquor control payoffs.

When arrested, "Queen Helen" threatened to "get" Fitts, but apparently has been induced to reconsider her fit of passion.

CP EXPOSES STOOLS IN KING, ROSS FRAMEUP

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of the Fascist-Trotskyite murderers in the Soviet Union who confessed their guilt, revealing himself as a defender of the murderers; the Maritime District rejected this motion.

"He has openly admitted, according to newspaper reports, that he tried to get King to sell out his union, and it is obvious that when King refused, this employer-puppet agent carried out his threat to "get" him by framing him.

"It is very significant that Guidera's pal, Murphy, was not even indicted. The members of the maritime unions can draw their own conclusions as to the truth that can be attached to his 'confession.'

"The charges against a leader of the Communist Party who is editor of the Western Worker, is an obvious attempt to arouse a 'red scare' in order to bolster up the shipowners' attack on the maritime unions at a critical moment of negotiation.

"It is a vicious frame-up of the most odorous character, as the Communist Party has time and again openly declared that it does not advocate or condone the use of force and violence and terrorist acts, that this is the policy of the employers and their strike-breaking and union-wrecking agencies.

Every honest worker and trade unionist must join in the fight to defeat this frame-up.

United Textile Workers Union. Local No. 2487. 1218 23rd Ave. Oakland, Calif. August 25, 1936.

Western Worker Editor, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We have been on strike for over 12 weeks at the California Cotton Mills. The police are running our picket lines back with swinging clubs and threats. We can not picket within several blocks from the Mill. They go so far as to chase us away from the business stores and residences near there.

Hold Solid

In spite of all this the members of Local 2487 are continuing to hold firm until they win their demands and recognition of the union of which strikers are 98 per cent of workers in the Mill are members.

So far the Company offered only a one cent raise which was due anyway to the girls under the California minimum wage scale.

Mr. Miller, one of the owners, in the course of negotiations, made a statement that he would not run scabs in the mill, but has not kept his word.

The Union has ordered more intensive picketing which is brutally dispersed by police force.

In the last few weeks some thugs supported by the California Cotton Mills have made threats upon the life of our Union organizer, and others, intimidating union officials by following them home, questioning wives as to whereabouts, etc.

Police somehow follow this up by telling the pickets not to trust their leadership. All this makes us firmer in our determination to win.

We appeal to the public to help us.

Fraternally yours, JOHN CABRAL, Secretary-Treasurer.

More Calif. Aid For Seattle News Strike

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our demands or nothing. We may show them we can be just as tough as the Post-Intelligencer management."

Mayor Dore, in a mass meeting sponsored by the Commonwealth Federation at Everett, charged that Hearst "is determined to break the labor movement."

The Hearst interests have formed a vigilante "Law and Order League" which is led by a machinery company president and an advertising executive. Pretending to aim toward "ending all forms of racketeering and mob-rule," its real aim is an anti-union outfit.

rection of closer cooperation between our respective Parties, and in educating San Francisco workers to a greater understanding of the war danger and the struggle for peace.

We ask that you give this matter your immediate and serious consideration. If you would wish it, a member of our Party would gladly come before your local meeting and present to the membership the reasons why we suggest that you reconsider your representative.

Comradely, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY COMMITTEE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Communist Nominee Broadcasts From Eureka Station

EUREKA—Workers and poor farmers at the 1st Congressional District will listen to the Communist Party 1936 election program from the Communist candidate for Congress, Vernon D. Healy, here next Saturday, September 5th, over radio station KIEM.

Time of the broadcast is 6:30 to 7 p.m.

A Communist election mass meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8th, at 8 p.m., at 1418 A St., here.

CAL. COTTON STRIKERS TELL OF FIRMNESS

13th Week of Strike Finds Them Carrying On

(The Western Worker is more than glad to print the following. The strikers meet nothing but slanderous attacks from the capitalist press, and thus turn to the working class press in order to reach the public with the truth of their case.)

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MARINE FIREMEN GIVING FULL CONFIDENCE IN KING; LABORERS TO LEND AID

5 Indicted In Frame-Up; Ross, Hearing Warrant Out, Goes To Warren

SAN FRANCISCO—Laborers Union 261 has set up a special committee of seven members to cooperate with the Marine Firemen Union for the defense of Earl King and other union officials being framed up in the Point Lobos case.

The frameup in the Point Lobos case proceeded Monday with the indictment of five men by the Alameda County Grand Jury, on charges of "murder."

Those indicted and held are: Earl King, secretary of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen's Union; E. H. Ramsey, and George Wallace, members of the union.

Name of the other two indicted were withheld. A. M. Murphy, assistant secretary of the Marine Firemen, was not indicted, nor was he held in custody.

The indictments were made after alleged "confessions" by Wallace and Murphy.

After Wallace's statement, the press reported that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Lawrence Ross, editor of the Western Worker. When he learned of this, Ross, with Attorney George Anderson, went to District Attorney Warren, in Alameda County. He was not held.

The Marine Firemen's Union has adopted the following resolution against the frameup:

Whereas, our officials, namely, Earl King, Secretary, and A. Murphy, Assistant Secretary, have been suddenly arrested on a trumped-up charge of "murder," and

Whereas, we, the membership, have full confidence in our officials, as expressed by the unanimous support vested in them, and

Whereas, all the events leading up to and including the "arrest" of our officials clearly show this union-splitting action as a direct maneuver by the shopowners and their allies, aimed at a time when we are attempting to obtain favorable conditions and wages through peaceful negotiations, and

Whereas, this shipowner-inspired "arrest" indicates conclusively a deliberate effort on the part of these shipowners to smash not only the Marine Firemen's Union, but also represents another attempt to smash the marine unions, such as the unsuccessful lock-out of April, and

Whereas, numerous attempts have been made to frame Earl King, and

Whereas, the shipowners are working in full knowledge and alliance with the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Association, which thereby is ample warning to all organized labor that this attack is directed at the shoreside workers, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that we call upon the entire membership of our Union to stand firmly and solidly behind our present incarcerated officials, and be it further Resolved, that we call upon all the maritime unions to pledge their aid and support to fight against this latest plot of the shipowners, and be it finally Resolved, that we call upon all organized labor, liberals and other interested groups to rally behind the fight of the Marine Firemen to resist this union-smashing threat of the shipowner-employers,

And copies of this resolution to be sent to the Central Labor Council, District Council of the Maritime Federation and other unions on the waterfront.

MOTHER BLOOR SPEAKS IN CAL. CITIES

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230 South Spring Street, 2001 Brooklyn Avenue and 1605 North Ivar Street, Hollywood, at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, San Bernardino.

No. Calif. Schedule Wednesday, September 9th, Admission Day, Fresno.

Thursday, September 10th, Berkeley, Comrades Hall, 1819 Tenth Street, 8 p.m., admission 10 cents. Southern Chicken Dinner at 6 p.m., 25 cents.

Friday, September 11th, 8 p.m., San Francisco, Dover Hall, 3541 Eighteenth Street.

Saturday, September 12th, 8 p.m., Oakland, Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh Street.

Sunday, September 13th, 2 p.m., Sacramento, Oddfellows Hall, 9th and K Streets.

PAINTERS' STRIKE LOOMS

NEW YORK—12,000 members of Painters District Council 9 have voted to strike to enforce the \$9 a day scale and 7-hour day.

WAREHOUSE, 2 UNIONS JOIN IN DIG DRIVE

Picket Woolworth's; Series of Victories Is Won

SAN FRANCISCO—A concerted drive to organize the Woolworth department stores in this vicinity finds the Warehousemen's Union, the Culinary Alliance, and the Retail Clerks conducting joint picket lines.

Thirteen Woolworth stores in San Francisco and six in Oakland are affected by the picketing.

The Warehousemen, I.L.A. Local 38-144, demand a contract granting union recognition, and a wage scale of 62 1/2 to 75 cents an hour. Present wages of warehousemen are 55 to 60 cents.

Teamsters are refusing to go through the Woolworth picket lines.

Haas Bros., grocery warehouse, after a strike lasting about a week, granted union recognition, closed shop and agreed to negotiate on wages. This company gave in despite its asserted determination never to recognize the union. The Industrial Association was behind Haas Bros. in this, and the Warehousemen's victory marks a defeat for the open shop association.

Another set of employers who had boasted that they would never recognize the Warehousemen's Union gave in last week. These were the drug warehouse who agreed to recognize the union. About 200 workers are affected.

The Warehousemen's strike of 150 men at the El Dorado Oil Works Berkeley is solid. These workers demand 62 1/2 cents an hour and a 44-hour week. Bail of \$100 was set for Albert Shafer arrested picket captain.

The 70 Warehousemen's Union members at the Owen-Illinois glass plant have refused a company offer of 62 1/2 cents an hour with a bonus. They demand 85 cents, the 40-hour week and 2 weeks vacation with pay.

From San Jose the organizing board of the Labor Council reported, after a consultation with the Warehousemen of San Francisco, a plan to organize the warehousemen in that area, under I.L.A. jurisdiction.

I.L.A. Hits At King Frame-Up

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nichy with the program of the ship owners, which is to disrupt and destroy the unions of the maritime workers. It is obvious that such plans are afoot. Events occurring during the last week prove this.

"The membership of the maritime unions recognize that a plot and frameup have been hatched in the minds of unscrupulous persons who will stop at nothing to accomplish their plans to destroy our unions. However, this membership will rally to support of these framed men, there shall not be another Modesto case or another frameup like the case of Mooney and Billings.

"(Signature) Publicity Committee of I.L.A.; Executive Board, District No. 38.

"HENRY SCHMIDT, "FRED WARD, "C. NEGSTAD."

DEFEAT PROBE ON MOONEY

BOSTON—Reactionaries of the American Bar Association, meeting here, rejected a resolution calling for investigation of the Mooney-Billings case. The resolution further called for investigation of the Black Legion and violation of civil rights in labor disputes.

A resolution calling for a constitutional amendment permitting Congress to enact social security laws was also defeated overwhelmingly.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

No Virtue To Fascists . . . Willing to go to any length to put their stogie, Alf Landon, in the White House, the Fascist forces of the Liberty League and the G.O.P. are engaged in a venture that, not surprisingly, is contrary to law. And rather humorously so.

'Way back in the Coolidge era, a law was passed prohibiting the representation of the price of any article as consisting of any percentage of federal tax.

Now, in the Hearst-Landon-Liberty League period of increasing reaction and Fascist trends, the Republicans are trying to get butchers to put signs in the window showing what portion of the price is local, state or federal taxes—but not what portion of the price to the consumer represents packers' profits.

Object is to convince meat purchasers, who have to pay high prices, that the increase in price is due in large measure to "heavy Roosevelt spendings."

Which shows that consistency is no virtue to the Republican leaders, read Fascists, and that they are even ready to sell out the memory of "Silent Cal" in his silent grave.

They might even get the Supreme Court to declare Coolidge's law unconstitutional.

A member of the British Parliament, William Gallacher, leading Communist from Scotland, has again been denied entrance to the United States after State Department reviewed the case.

The department has again reviewed the case and finds no new facts that would warrant the issuance of a visa," said the State Department upon protest of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"It is well known that Mr. Gallacher is a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International."

Gallacher, now in Canada, wanted to go to Chicago to visit his sisters.

Can William Randolph Hearst take the bow for this reactionary act by the State Department?

"RADIO is the greatest thing in the world," I overheard an American worker say in the corner grocery store.

"Now, tonight I heard this fellow Browder, and he's a real good speaker. He's just as good a speaker as a preacher."

"He talked about war and the danger to peace in the world, and about the Fascists in Europe who want to make war, and about the Hearst Fascists in this country who are helping 'em out."

No Better Argument . . . These broadcasts cost \$4000. Are they worth it? You don't need to guess about that—just go around and listen to people talk like the man mentioned above.

The broadcasts are reaching and convincing hundreds of thousands of working people all over the country at the least, and probably millions.

'Go To It . . . We don't have to agitate very much on the importance of radio broadcasts. It's like saying it's good to eat when you're starving. The important thing is to fill up the People's Chest Against Reaction right now, so we can have more of these broadcasts.

The 7-year-old daughter of a Los Angeles comrade once spoke at a street meeting, and what she said fits the present situation to a T.

"The thing we have to do," she said, "is to fight against the capitalists. I'm not going to agitate you—just get the lead out of your pants and go to it!"

Give a day's pay to the fight against reaction! Get the silver dollar bills out of your pants!

MILITARISTIC GOVERNOR BOSTON.—Further militarization of the CCC Camps is advocated by Governor James M. Curley, Democratic candidate for senator from Massachusetts.

Progressive Split Profitable To Reactionaries In Primaries;

LOS ANGELES—With all but one precinct counted, the primary vote in Los Angeles County shows many surprising twists and reveals certain weaknesses in the left and liberal forces.

While the four Communist-endorsed non-partisan candidates polled a large vote, their tally was badly split by the presence of numerous liberal and so-called liberal opponents.

Leo Gallagher, logical candidate to oppose labor-hating Judge Arthur Crum for Superior Court, Office 15, ran against five other candidates, including Irving Taplin, who had considerable liberal support.

Positive Gain Gallagher ran third with 63,136 votes, while Crum led with 221,825 and Taplin got 100,710. Despite the bad split of the liberal vote, Gallagher polled about 15 per cent of the total, as compared to 17 per cent two years ago, when only three candidates ran.

This, then, represents an actual gain of positive strength, as every vote cast this time was for Gallagher and not merely negative.

For district attorney, the liberal and left forces again were badly split. Of five candidates, four either were liberal or made claims to liberal leanings.

Buron Fitts, reactionary incumbent, polled 208,034 to 137,188 for Harlan G. Palmer, who goes into the November runoff.

In 1932 Fitts was elected in the primary by a 4-1 vote. This time he captured only 40 per cent of the vote.

Grover Johnson, Communist-endorsed labor attorney, received a large vote, considering three others were contending against Fitts. He got 24,672 votes.

Supervisory Race All incumbent supervisors were elected in the primaries. Samuel W. Jones, Negro candidate, came in fifth with 4283 votes, leading Kate Richards Chare by a large margin.

In the 4th District, William T. Brinkley, Communist endorsed, polled 1350 votes, eleventh in a field of 15 candidates. John Harry Randall, who ran on a platform acceptable to the Communist Party although without its endorsement, was nosed out of second place in the 5th District, receiving 9489 votes.

In the 13th Congressional District, the arch-reactionary Charles Kramer decisively defeated Parley Parker Christensen, Epic councilman, seeking the Democratic nomination.

Kramer polled 27,717 votes to 14,500 for Christensen, who refused to speak on the same platform or to attack seriously Kramer's record throughout his campaign. Kramer also received the Republican nomination, so he will be opposed by Emma Cutler, Communist candidate, in the finals.

Farmer-Labor Party Need The results again emphasize the tremendous importance of united action by all liberal, progressive, labor, and radical forces.

A check of assembly districts reveals that wherever all liberal forces were agreed on a candidate, that candidate went

Children Frightfully Exploited On Oahu Plantations

HONOLULU.—Little children are working for 17 cents a day on Oahu's plantations.

Men work 90 hours a week in rush seasons, and field laborers toiled long hours under tropical sun last season for nine cents an hour, despite the fact that it was one of the most prosperous years in the island sugar industry.

These charges were made by Henry A. Rudin, who has just completed 16 years on Waiulua Plantation as Director of Welfare, in a speech delivered at Central Grammar School on Friday, August 14th. He should know!

This is the true story underneath the sugar-coated figures now being handed out by the profiteering bosses.

Scab Busses Take GOP Leaders To Landon Speech

PITTSBURGH.—Three hundred striking bus drivers of the Pennsylvania Greyhound lines had a sample of the "American way" advocated by Alfred M. Landon in his West Middlesex speech.

Pushing through a line of pickets, in front of the Greyhound depot here, a large local delegation of Republican leaders, chartered to carry them to the scene of the Landon speech.

"If Landon were elected," one striker said, "we wouldn't even be allowed to have a picket line."

through the primaries, while in instances where the liberal groups scattered their support, reactionaries walked away with the nominations.

Apparently most incumbent Epic assemblymen received the Democratic nominations in their districts.

Byron Scott, incumbent congressman from Long Beach, who recently attacked laws designed to curb freedom of school teachers in an article for New Masses, decisively carried the 18th District despite a vicious red-baiting campaign against him.

Coughlinites Flop Significant was the failure of candidates endorsed by the Coughlin National Union for Social Justice, to poll considerable votes. Rev. George T. Ashley and Rev. Sheldon Shepherd ran poor races for Congress.

All Communists for partisan offices were automatically nominated, and in addition, two write-in candidates were put in the November elections—Hyman Alpert, 63rd Assembly District, and James C. McLean, 44th Assembly District.

IN CALIFORNIA



"MOTHER" BLOOR

The 1936 Platform of the Communist Party and the candidacies of Earl Browder for President and James W. Ford for Vice-President, are now being popularized and stimulated throughout California in meetings featuring this veteran 73-year-old campaigner of the working class.

Alf's "American Way" Is Way Of Fascism

NEW YORK.—Governor Alf Landon's "American way" is the way of industrial anarchy and Fascism, charged Vice-President Francis J. Gorman of the United Textile Workers of America in a radio speech here answering the Republican nominee's West Middlesex, Pa., speech.

"What Landon really means," said Gorman, "is a return to industrial anarchy, to the open shop, starvation wages, to greater speedups, greater stretchouts, to longer hours. His platform is that of the biggest, most reactionary and most cold-blooded leaders in industry and finance."

Warn of Fascist Danger "Our Labor Party forces have constantly warned against this increasing menace in the United States, and before very long all real political scientists will be forced to admit that we are in the stages of incipient Fascism."

"Governor Landon typifies all these elements, and he is aided and abetted by other leaders of the so-called third-party movement of Coughlin."

Secretary - Treasurer George Davis, of the American Federation of Teachers, wrote a letter to Landon on the candidate's repudiation of teachers' oaths, but asked:

How About Hearst? "Will you specifically state that you repudiate the efforts of Mr. Hearst and others who are attempting to have 'red rider' bills imposed upon communities throughout the nation, thereby limiting educational opportunity of millions of children?"

Davis also pointed out that 7000 Kansas teachers are paid an average of \$37.79 a month.

REACTION MAY TRY CANCELING '36 ELECTIONS

Browder Warns Press Club Of Fascist Menace

WASHINGTON.—Reactionary interests behind Alf Landon will "seek to cancel the results of the election if they are unfavorable to them," warned Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, in an address before the National Press Club here last Wednesday.

Charges that the Roosevelt administration is a Communist administration and that Communists are the enemies of man and God, featured in the Hearst press, are the forerunners of Fascism, said Browder.

Fascists Prepare Terror "There is being prepared in this country an organized resistance to the demonstrated will of the people," charged the Communist candidate, who told of hearing of a business executive who declared that if Roosevelt was re-elected, "we wouldn't take it lying down."

Browder stated: "The Communists are not now and never have been advocates of force and violence. If there is force and violence, let me categorically declare that the responsibility will not be with the Communist Party or with the working class upon which the Communist Party is based."

What criticisms do you have of any of these features? What do you suggest to improve them? What features do you think should be added?

Write Lawrence Ross today with your opinion of your Western Worker!

How Do You Like The "Western?" L. Beach Mayor Has An "Idea"

How Can We Better The Newspaper For You?

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Which of these features do you like the best? List them in your order of preference—first, second, third, etc.

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They Still Talk About Browder Meeting

LOS ANGELES.—And still they talk about it! The historic Browder meeting held in Los Angeles continues to be talked about in Southern California.

At a Democratic club of the South Side one member who said he went "out of curiosity," in discussing the meeting with another club member said that he was surprised to see how well dressed the audience was (!) and that he had never seen such an orderly meeting in his life!

Old Socialists Another member reported going with some aged one-time Socialists of German descent. They too were surprised. Surprised that the speakers spoke such good English.

"They shook their heads in approval," he said and quoted them as saying, "That is how it should be, good Americans. And no bald heads. Young people. That is good."

Trade Union Head In Bank Of France

PARIS.—First man appointed to the new council of 20 members which will control the Bank of France, was Leon Jouhaux, president of the French Confederation of Labor. The bank's policies, under the government of Leon Blum, will be to liberalize credit policies away from the 200 families that have controlled France, but to maintain the franc on the gold standard.

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MOTHER ELLA REEVE BLOOR America's Most Beloved Veteran Labor Fighter and Communist Leader! 74 YEARS OLD BUT YOUNG IN SPIRIT Will Appear at ABROMSON-SLUTSKY HALL 2111 Brooklyn Avenue, Los Angeles WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, AT 8 P. M. Mother Bloor, touring the country in the interests of the 1936 Communist Presidential Campaign, will speak on "The Struggles Against Fascist Tendencies in the U. S. A. and Election Issues in the 13th Congressional District." EMMA CUTLER, Communist Candidate to Congress 13th District, will preside. ADMISSION 15c.

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Build A Mass Communist Party

THE COMMUNIST platform in the 1936 elections makes a direct appeal to the workers, small farmers and middle class elements in California. It would be hard to find a state in which our platform more obviously answers the needs of the masses of the people.

The central question—the defeat of Landon—is brought sharply home to the voters of California by the record of the Republican Merriam in the State House: use of state troops in the general strike; tacit support of vigilante terrorism against striking workers; open exponent of lynching; passing the buck of unemployment relief onto the counties. A record which proves that the main danger to the lives and liberties of the people is the Republican ticket.

The answer the American people must make to the threat of Fascism of the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon ticket, since the Roosevelt administration cannot be depended upon as a barrier against Fascism—the building of a mass Farmer-Labor Party—this, too, stands out with particular sharpness in California, where large masses of people, although disunited, are moving leftward.

This presents our Party with an unequalled opportunity for building a mass Party in California.

Workers are receptive to our platform. They respect our Party. In bringing forward our platform and the program of our Party we must realize that the extent to which our platform can be translated into action depends on how soon we can make of our Party the mass organizational expression of the working class.

The question of recruiting is written into every plank of our platform!

All Party committees and units, every individual Communist, should place the question of recruiting first on the agenda of the election campaign.

Thousands of workers, small farmers and middle class people are ready for our Party. We must reach these prospective Communists and bring them into our Party.

Halt Hitler's War Plans

HITLER has dropped all pretense that he is for peace, that his previous steps, such as the building of battleships and the re-militarization of the Rhine, were purely "defensive and protective." With one stroke of his pen he has doubled the strength of the Nazi army by extending military service to two years.

Hitler paved the way for this stroke by an intensive war-inciting campaign against the armed strength of the Soviet Union, attempting to convince the masses of German people that the Soviet Union was pursuing an aggressive policy.

The whole world knows that the armed strength of the Soviet Union is a purely defensive force, to defend and guard the victories of the Socialist revolution against any attempt at intervention and aggression.

The announcement by Hitler of the redoubling of the Nazi army comes on the heels of a secret conference between Hitler, Air Marshal Italo Balbo of Italy, and Admiral Horthy of Hungary. There, no doubt, the plans were drawn up for the crystallization of a central European fascist bloc for war against the Soviet Union.

Hitler is calling the Reichstag—his parliamentary puppet—together for September 8th. This all logically fits into the war-making plans of the Nazis. The Reichstag will put its rubber stamp of approval on Hitler's acts, will listen—and the entire German people will be forced to listen—to Hitler's speeches about the "destiny of the German Aryans," and actively launch the entire country into the last stages of intensive war preparations, the chief theme of which will be lying and vicious attacks on the "danger of an attack by Moscow."

The war no doubt will be termed a "holy war," a "crusade against Moscow,"—a "preventive war."

What can the American people do to help prevent Hitler from carrying out his murderous plans?

First, render all possible support to the heroic Spanish people fighting against Fascism. Resolutions of solidarity with the Span-

ish republican forces should be passed by all trade unions and other working class organizations. These resolutions should be backed by financial assistance to the embattled Spanish anti-Fascists. This fight is not only against the Spanish Fascists, but against the Hitler and Mussolini brands of Fascism. Both Germany and Italy have been actively and materially supporting General Franco and his gang of cut-throats!

Secondly, build the American anti-war movement! Join the struggle for peace. Help keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world! Support and affiliate with the American League against War and Fascism.

All trade unions, all progressive and liberal groups: swell the voice of international protest against Hitler's war-making plots! Support the peace policy of the Soviet Union, the world's bulwark against imperialist slaughter!

Support the P-I Strikers!

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, writing from Rome, the source of his political inspiration, denounces the strike of the editorial workers on his Seattle Post-Intelligencer as the work of "Communist agitators" and piously proclaims that the issue in the strike is whether or not the American principle of "freedom of the press" is to be maintained.

Acting on orders from their boss, Hearst editorial writers are filing columns of space daily viciously attacking the strikers, making open calls for vigilante terror against them.

What Hearst and his paid hirelings mean by "freedom of the press" is the right of employers to defy union organization and maintain the open-shop!

It is interesting to note that a decided attempt is being made by the Hearst press to tie in the Roosevelt administration with the calling and conduct of the strike through an interview David Beck of the Teamsters' Union in Seattle is reported to have had with Jim Farley.

Not that the Roosevelt administration is in any way responsible for the strike, but the obvious inference made in Hearst's editorials is that with a Republican administration in power, the strike would not have been allowed to continue if started. In plain words—a Republican administration would be the guarantee of maintaining the open shop!

The issue is clear: has an employer the right to discharge workers for union activity? All trade unions and other working class organizations that believe in defending the right of workers to organize, strike and picket must answer the attacks of Hearst and his hirelings by support to the Seattle P-I strikers.

Resolutions should be adopted denouncing Hearst's attacks and expressing solidarity with the strikers.

Funds should be sent to help in the conduct of the strike.

The Northern California Newspaper Guild should hold an open mass meeting, at which the issues of the strike can be brought before the rest of organized labor and the general public, and at which funds can be raised for the support of their striking brothers.

Freedom of the Air

DESPERATE determination to keep the real issue of the civil war in Spain from the people is sharply evidenced by pressure being brought to bear by powerful financial interests to curb and censor the broadcasts of radio news commentators.

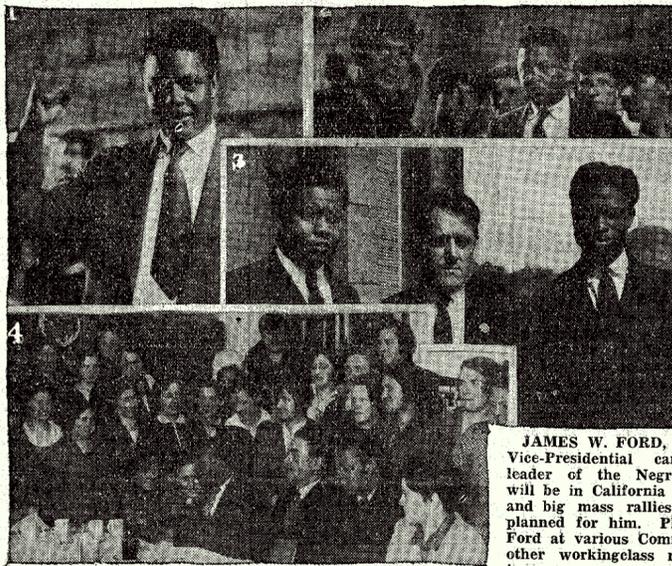
These interests expressed "fears lest the broadcasts may win recruits in this country to the 'red' banner."

Obviously, Fascist-minded elements in this country realize that anything approaching a mere factual report of the situation in Spain is bound to win sympathy and support for the Spanish Republican fighters, engaged in a life-and-death struggle against the blood-thirsty Fascists.

"Listeners in widely scattered areas have literally deluged the commission with demands for a sharp curb on the commentators," reports the Hearst press, seeking to give the impression that average Americans

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COMMUNIST VICE-PRESIDENT CANDIDATE DUE HERE



JAMES W. FORD, Communist Vice-Presidential candidate, a leader of the Negro workers, will be in California in October, and big mass rallies are being planned for him. Photos show Ford at various Communist and other workingclass mass meetings.

What the Republican-Knox Landon Combine Stands For

(This is Part 2 of a letter to the Communist Party membership from the California State Committee of the Communist Party. The previous installment spoke of the part played by the Landon-Hearst-Liberty League combination, as outright Fascist agents of Wall Street. It concluded with an analysis of the role of Roosevelt, whose "friendly" gestures to the workers and farmers, lulls their vigilance and resistance to the attacks of capitalism—strengthening the progressive forces instead of strengthening them.)

(Concluded)

How has this expressed itself? During the past year Roosevelt capitulated time after time before the demands of the reactionary forces. On relief—the demands of the reactionary center were for the abolition of relief and throwing the unemployed back on the counties. Roosevelt, giving in to this pressure, sharply reduced the relief appropriations. Of course, there is a difference here between Landon and Roosevelt. One is for the abolition of relief and the other "only" cuts relief—but it clearly brings out Roosevelt's capitulation before reaction. A determined position against the fascist forces demanded the maintenance and extension of relief expenditures to meet the growing needs of the unemployed army.

Huge War Budget
 On the question of war preparations. The reactionary forces demanded larger war appropriations. Roosevelt approved the largest peace-time budget our country has ever seen, a budget acclaimed by the reactionary forces as the "greatest achievement of the administration."

On the social legislation. The few crumbs given to the workers and farmers were wiped out by the Supreme Court. Roosevelt said and did nothing. A determined step against the fascist forces demanded action to curb the usurped powers of the Supreme Court. Roosevelt had the right to take action—either by enlarging the number of justices of the Court, by enacting a law denying the Court jurisdiction over social and labor legislation, or by initiating the move for a constitutional amendment curbing its usurped powers. But Roosevelt did nothing.

Roosevelt rejected genuine, social security legislation. He signed the vicious Copeland bill against the seamen.

Roosevelt permitted the carrying through of a Congressional investigation of the Townsend movement for old-age pensions, in this way estranging this broad movement and leaving it wide open for the machinations of the reactionary forces (Landon, Hearst, Coughlin), while he did nothing to investigate the Liberty League—the hot-bed of reaction.

Constant Surrenders

These few issues along show how Roosevelt constantly gave in to the reactionaries and cut down on the concessions to the people when he felt that he was receiving a blanket endorsement from the progressive and labor forces of the country—when the pressure from this source was not sufficiently strong. It is precisely these actions of Roosevelt that create the danger of large masses, disillusioned in Roosevelt, to move towards Landon or Lemke. It is precisely these actions of Roosevelt which strengthen the reactionary forces.

Therefore, Roosevelt is no

barrier to fascism, but paves the way for the growth of reaction by his constant capitulations.

During the past month, however, especially at the Democratic Convention (in the platform and acceptance speeches) a progressive note was struck. Because of the pressure from the progressive, particularly the labor forces, who demanded greater concessions; and because of the nomination also of Lemke (candidate of the Coughlin-supported Union Party as a stooge party to get votes from Roosevelt for Landon), the Democratic platform and Roosevelt's acceptance speech moved somewhat in the direction of the progressive forces.

The platform thus gives some concessions to labor (workers guaranteed "the right to collective bargaining and self-organization free from interference of employers"); unemployed (to be "an obligation of our government"; social security (a "government responsibility"); civil liberties (against "the menace of concealed fascism"), etc. But the platform avoids many of the real issues which require a decisive stand today, especially action against the Supreme Court, the violence of the Black Legion and other fascist forces, etc.

Pressure From the Left

This progressive note struck at the Democratic Convention only emphasizes what we Communists have stated time and time again—that the only way the people can wring concessions from Roosevelt is by the organization of the independent political action of the workers—by the pressure from the Left. Without the existence of a powerful independent front of all progressive forces, Roosevelt if elected, will move further towards the right, giving in more regularly to the desires of Wall Street, as the past year has so glaringly proven.

That is why the Communist Party warns all progressive forces not to rely on Roosevelt to defeat fascism, emphasizing that Roosevelt's vacillating position has weakened and not strengthened the fight against fascism, has left the path open for the reactionary forces to influence large strata of the population, especially the middle class, has weakened the resistance of the working class.

It was precisely labor's reliance upon Roosevelt, which prevented the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party this year, leaving the path open to the Coughlins and Smiths to exploit the desire of large discontented sections of the population for a third-party movement, by organizing the stooge Union Party; and for their reactionary maneuvers to win in support of their reactionary program such progressive movements for social security as the Townsendsites.

But our disagreement with the labor and progressive forces who are supporting Roosevelt, should not prevent us from working with them for the common aim of fighting reaction on which we do agree—to build a united front on every economic and political issue, small and large—on a local, state and national scale. We must build a united front with the Roosevelt supporters to establish local and state Farmer-Labor Parties, and win them for the eventual launching of a national Farmer-Labor Party. While we agree with these labor and progressive forces that Landon represents the main danger and must be defeated at all costs, we cannot agree with them that unconditional reliance on Roosevelt

is any guarantee that fascist reaction can be defeated.

Need Unity of Action

It is therefore our task to show to the masses of workers that while we differentiate between Roosevelt and Landon—Roosevelt has made possible the strengthening of the reactionary forces by his vacillating position and is no barrier to the advance of fascism in the United States.

While we place our main emphasis on the necessity of defeating Landon, we must show that this can be done by organizing the independent political action of labor and progressive forces as the only guarantee for the defeat of reaction. We must especially concentrate on the large sections of workers and middle class elements who are disappointed in Roosevelt, warning them against being misled into the camp of Landon or Lemke, winning them for independent political action—a Farmer-Labor Party.

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party, the Communist Party comes forward in 1936 with its own ticket around such issues as a Farmer-Labor movement could endorse. In this campaign we will work towards piling up a large Communist vote. A large Communist vote will not be votes lost, but will strengthen the independent political action of the people, the only guarantee against reaction.

A large Communist vote and a vote for Farmer-Labor candidates in the localities and for Congress, will be an important instrument to further concessions from Roosevelt if elected, and force him in the direction of progressive measures instead of capitulation to the camp of reaction.

A large Communist vote will also help to crystallize the Farmer-Labor sentiment in the country, and make possible the organization of a national Farmer-Labor Party which alone—regardless of who is elected—makes possible an effective struggle against fascism. Only the people can defeat fascism—not Roosevelt.

Our Party with proper work, can win votes from large sections of the population who are now disillusioned in Roosevelt and whose conditions are being exploited by the semi-fascist Coughlin-supported Union Party, and prevent them from going to Lemke and Landon.

In such a manner must the Party work for the defeat of the Landon-Knox ticket—always with the clear aim of organizing and crystallizing the Farmer-Labor forces—the people's front in the United States—whose forces alone can unite the people against the advance of fascism.

800 WPA Men Sent To Hops Fields

SACRAMENTO.—Having forced 800 WPA workers into the hop fields at wages way below living standards, WPA officials now have the nerve to describe the workers as "happy" in their new work.

So satisfied were WPA workers with the prospect of low wages in the fields that they demonstrated against and picketed WPA headquarters before being forced into the fields.

It was announced that WPA projects would not be opened again until the growers can no longer use the WPA workers, in the hops and tomato fields.

AS WE SEE IT

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

The Primaries and Their Lesson

THE RESULTS of the primary elections show more clearly than ever that without a Farmer-Labor party the labor and progressive forces of the state are unable to get enough united mass support to defeat the Hearst-Merriam-Chamber of Commerce candidates.

The success of a number of Epic-supported candidates, including nine for the State Assembly and two for Congress, and the large vote for others such as Gallagher, Grover Johnson, and Christensen in a badly-split field, indicate the anti-reactionary sentiments of the people which could be welded into a powerful force through the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California.

WELDING PROGRESSIVE FORCES

The state conference which is being called on September 19th and 20th in Los Angeles, by the Epic-sponsored California State Continuations Committee for United Political Action, has the important task of welding together the progressive forces of the state and taking a further step in the direction of independent political action.

This conference must take a clearer stand on its attitude toward developing a movement for a Farmer-Labor party in California, and toward the growing movement for a national Farmer-Labor party.

With such a perspective, it should be possible to win sufficient support in the labor and farmer and progressive organizations of the state to organize a Farmer-Labor Party on a state-wide scale soon after the elections.

It should be clear to all progressives by now that in the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party, the independent election campaign of the Communist party and its entry into the primary elections not only strengthened the movement generally for independent political action, but in many districts, the Communist Party candidate is the only candidate who emerged from the primaries and will appear on the final ballot in opposition to a reactionary candidate who won the nomination of Republican, Democratic and Progressive parties.

Opposing Vigilante Buck

In Sacramento, Sheridan Downey, the candidate of the Townsendsites, was defeated by Buck, the bitter enemy of the movement for old age pensions and social security, and the representative of the vigilante forces. Buck's only opponent on the final ballot will be the Communist

candidate for Congress, Pei Hill.

In Fresno, where the Constitution's Bill of Rights is a scrap of paper as far as free speech is concerned, and where an unsuccessful attempt was made through the courts to rule the Communist Party off the ballot, the reactionary candidate, Gearhardt, will have only one opponent on the November ballot, the Communist candidate for Congress, Carl Patterson.

In the 13th Congressional District of Los Angeles, the arch-reactionary and Fascist Kramer, who made a clean sweep of the primaries because of the bad split in the labor and progressive forces, has only one opponent on the final ballot, the Communist candidate, Emma Cutler.

The Lone Opponent to Reactionaries

Thus, if it were not for the Communist entry into the elections, the reactionary forces in these districts would not have to go through the motions of parliamentary democracy and would not have to submit candidates who are cordially hated by the labor and progressive forces to a vote of the people at the November elections. In these districts, the Communist candidate can become the rallying point for all farmer-labor-progressive forces and roll up a huge vote.

The Epics, Townsendsites, Socialists, trade unions and farmers' organizations can take a great step forward toward a Farmer-Labor Party by building a united front around these candidates and strike a blow at reaction.

The election platform of the Communist Party is the kind that could become the platform of a Farmer-Labor party; a large vote for Communist candidates will hasten the formation of a Farmer-Labor party.

Provide Jobless Insurance, Old Age Pensions, Social Security For All!

(Editorial)

HUNDREDS of thousands of people are dependent in California upon relief, or W.P.A. checks, miserable pittances that barely allow them to "get by" in the struggle for life. Los Angeles County lists 40 per cent of its population of 2,500,000 in this category.

For daring to get up and fight for their right to a decent, American standard of living, unemployed workers have been brutally beaten by cops, thugs, and vigilantes. Some have even served long jail and prison terms.

This degradation and miserable existence does not begin to satisfy the profiteering ruling class of California, however. Thousands of unemployed have been forced off relief rolls and W.P.A. projects to go to work for even lower wages in the agricultural fields under unsanitary conditions at hard work, rivaling even the low standard of living of the coolies in China.

Only the Communist Party

In the 1936 election campaign there is only one Party with a two-fisted, fighting plank in its platform for the right of the unemployed and W.P.A. workers, for the aged and disabled and sick, to enjoy an American living scale. The second point in the national platform of the Communist Party states:

II. Provide Unemployment Insurance, Old Age Pensions, and Social Security For All!

The Communist Party declares that it is the obligation of the American government, state and national, to establish an adequate system of social insurance for the unemployed, the aged, the disabled and the sick, as provided in the Frazier-Lundeen Bill. It demands compensation to all jobless without exception, and pensions for the aged from 60 years at rates equal to former earnings, but in no case less than \$15 per week.

Make the Frazier-Lundeen Bill the law of the land! We favor a federal system of maternity and health insurance.

We support the veterans' demands for uniform pension laws and for adequate hospitalization.

This plank, and other six of the 8-point Communist Platform to be discussed in the succeeding issues of the Western Worker, is a minimum program, which could be adopted and carried through successfully in the state and nation by a Farmer-Labor Party, a united people's front.

Read and discuss this plank and the other six planks with your friends and fellow-workers, order pamphlet copies for our complete platform at one cent each for distribution to them.

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

FASCISTS TRY BRUTALITY ON C. P. DEPUTIES

R. Jean, Mocquet Are Attacked In Theater

(Translated from "L'Humanite") PARIS.—At a meeting at Yvetot, near Rouen, Renaud Jean and Mocquet, deputies, were savagely attacked by Fascists in a theater, where our comrades were to speak to peasants of that region.

The Fascists occupied the front and rear part of the theater and at the blowing of a whistle, those in front rushed on the stage. Mocquet was beaten up and dragged outside, while Renaud Jean, who is a disabled war veteran, was flooded with loaded canes and tramped on.

Crowd To rescue
The crowd, in the center of the theater, came to his rescue, and then the Fascists attacked from the rear. Finally the Fascists retreated to their automobiles and left the scene in a hurry.

The gendarmes were able to obtain some of the license numbers, and several of the scoundrels have been arrested.

Both victims were treated for lacerations. Renaud Jean is the leader of the Communist fraction of agriculture in the Chamber of Deputies.

That same night the Fascists also tried their luck in Paris, in four different parts of the city, and were soundly trounced for their efforts.

BOLIVIA APES MUSSOLINI "UNIONS"

LA PAZ, Bolivia.—"Corporate trade unions," in the style of Fascist Italy, were installed here by the military dictatorship in a decree forcing all workers and employees to join the syndicates, or unions, for the purpose of stifling action by the workers to win better living standards.

The Minister of Labor said a national registration of syndicates, whether of employees or employers, will be held, and that registration in the National Bureau of Syndicates will become an essential for citizenship.

STRENGTHEN THE LEAGUE, SAYS LITVINOV

GENEVA.—Opposing the suggested revision of the League of Nations covenant as a result of the League's failure to take action against the Italian Fascist aggressors against Ethiopia, Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Union Commissar for Foreign Affairs, last week sent a note to the League favoring strengthening of the League.

In the interests of world peace, Litvinov proposed that the League's punitive procedure against aggressor nations be strengthened by the adoption of a more specific procedure.

Iron-clad sanctions against aggressor nations are supported by the Soviet Union as a means of keeping the world out of war, and war out of the world.

Belgium Refuses To Give Refuge To Anti-Nazi Youth

NEW YORK.—Additional stay of deportation until September 1st has been granted Otto Richter, 21, anti-Nazi refugee, by the U. S. Department of Labor. Scheduled to leave for Belgium this month with his American-born wife, Richter has been refused asylum by officials of that country.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is trying to secure permission for him to enter some country other than Hitler Germany.

Richter fled to this country the night of the Nazi Reichstag fire, and was arrested in a Vigilante raid during the San Francisco General Strike of 1934 and charged with "illegal entry."

No "Heil Hitlers" For The People Of Germany

BERLIN.—Popular resentment against the Nazi dictatorship has found its expression in a little verse rapidly traveling from mouth to mouth:

Beamte und Profittler
Die greussen mit, "Heil Hitler!"
Menschen mit Sorgen
Sagen, "Guten Morgen!"

Translated, the verse reads:

Officials and profiteers
Greet with, "Heil Hitler."
Persons with troubles
Say, "Good morning."

OUSTED FASCIST



GEN. NICOLA RODRIGUEZ
For plotting violence and terror against the workers and peasants of Mexico, and against the Cardenas government, this organizer and leader of the Fascist "Gold Shirts" has been exiled from the Republic below the Rio Grande. He follows two other Fascists, Gen. Plutarco Elias Calles, ex-dictator, and Luis Morones, traitor to the trade union movement of Mexico, both of whom were exiled early last spring. All three terror-plotters are now in the United States.

A Letter From Nazi Germany Tells Terror

You can be glad and happy to be out of the hell of Germany. I am afraid when the Olympic Games are over things will get even worse.

The discontent in general is very great, but no one dares to say anything, since the people are simply put in jail, and for months no one takes notice of them. The judges are crooked, and judge against right and justice.

Nazis Swear People
The leading Nazis, Goering, Goebbels and others, live like kings. Before the overthrow, Goering, when he returned to Germany, had, as he said himself, not enough money for car fare.

Today he is established like a lord. He has imported an ox herd in the "Schaafsheide" which is fed with hay imported from Holland. He had a bathroom made for himself laid out from top to bottom with mosaic. Cost: 50,000 marks.

Who pays for all that? The people, who, however, are now beginning to be aware of things, for the police is constantly being reinforced. But supposedly 99 percent stand behind Hitler.

Fodder For War
On the other hand the Jews can be glad that they are left in peace concerning certain private affairs; for instance, setting children into the world.

Young couples are annoyed terribly in this respect. Nurses are sent to young married couples to remind them of their duty towards their country. In several cases these nurses have been thrown out, but woe to these people!

They are being annoyed and molested, and too bad for them should they be carried away and make a rash remark.

Terror Still Reigns
Some time ago one of our directors celebrated his 40th anniversary. He invited his colleagues among whom were also some Jews to the party. He was forced to exclude the latter, since the Nazis threatened that there would be trouble if Jews were participating in the celebrations.

The other day the Bank made an excursion, excluding Jewish employees. The majority of the people are not in accord with these measures, but are helpless against the terror.

Solidarity
As an example I cite a case in a factory where the personnel also made an excursion, and where two Jewish messenger boys were excluded. Thereupon the other 38 boys declared that they too would stay away.

In every house, in every establishment, are spies who have to report everything. Even if an Aryan employee speaks friendly with a Jew he is reprimanded.

Politically the future looks very dark. I am afraid when the Nazis get to the end of their rope they will think of war. The war preparations are enormous. Also the Jewish young men are examined. Whom are they supposed to fight for, I'd like to know.

ANTI-COUGHLIN DRIVE

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ETHIOPIA STILL PUTS UP FIGHT AGAINST ITALY

Counter-Offensive In Hitting Fascist "Empire"

By W. M. HOLMES

(Staff correspondent of the London Daily Worker and the only Communist newspaperman to report the Fascist invasion of Ethiopia at first hand.)

LONDON.—News which correspondents of the French Press are sending from Djibouti indicates that the expected counter-offensive by the Ethiopians during the rainy season is developing vigorously.

The capture of Dessie, 250 miles north of Addis Ababa, and an attack in force on the capital itself is reported.

An Italian official communiqué in Rome admits an attack on Addis Ababa, which it claims was repulsed. Djibouti reports say that two sons of Ras Kassa succeeded in occupying a part of the capital and are holding on there.

The Italians have themselves lately been forced to make admissions revealing that the Ethiopian guerrilla forces operating under the general direction of the Government in Gore have been giving the occupying forces a good deal of trouble. And it may be taken for granted that Ethiopian activity has far exceeded Italian admissions.

It must be remembered that the Italians do not even now occupy any appreciable area of central Ethiopia. They hold the rough motor track from the north to Addis Ababa, and they have garrisoned the capital. But their line of occupation represents only a slender thread running through an almost inconceivably difficult country.

Long Trail for Fascists
And this tangle of mountains is a deadly trap for the Italians. Stretching westward from Dessie right away to Sudan, traversed only by ancient caravan trails which wind through deep, narrow canyons, a paradise for snipers and full of spots where 10 men with a machine gun could hold up a battalion—it will be long before the Fascist legions penetrate this country.

They can be prevented from ever doing so if the Ethiopians get the support they ought to have; if the Government of Gore is aided by finance and arms; if Haile Selassie's efforts to raise funds can be helped to succeed.

Communist Hero
The gardener Comrade Blachon, an old active Party worker, was put forward as a candidate in Montelimar-Nyons, in the department of Drome. He had to carry out the campaign in a district where the Party was exceptionally weak. On January 1, 1936, it had only 45 members.

Comrade Blachon had to visit 148 villages, a great many in the mountains. Almost alone, without money, with only accidental means of transport, very often on foot, Blachon began in March to make his way from one end to the other of his constituency.

He was everywhere, organizing meetings even in forgotten hamlets with only 25 or even 15 inhabitants, and where no active Party worker has even been. A bourgeois newspaper published in Montelimar, which followed how our comrade, alone, with insufficient funds, threw himself into the battle, wrote ironically: "We should admire such bravery."

300 Recruits In Six Days
This bravery was combined with an ability to organize. Blachon set himself the task of recruiting 500 new members for the Party before the end of the campaign. And while agitating for Communism, he at the same time recruited new members, and established a Party organization. In six days he traveled through two mountain regions, organized 50 meetings, recruited 300 new members to the Party, formed units and sold Party pamphlets.

Everyone was surprised at the results of his work. "The district which has slept up till now, is surprised," wrote Blachon. "The Comrades of the district leadership cannot send Party membership cards fast enough."

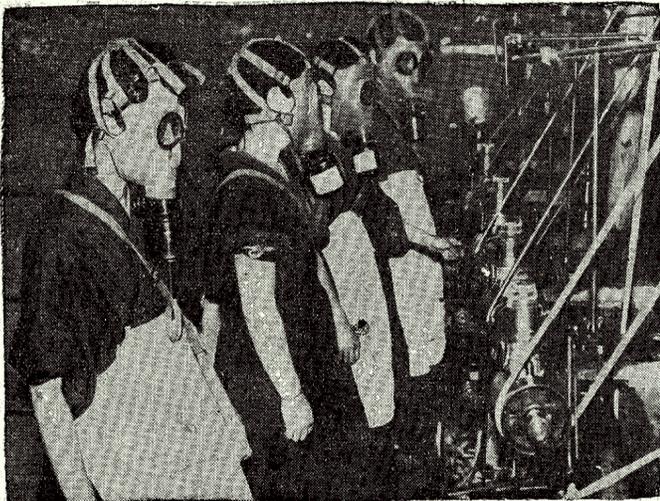
In Montelimar, the largest city, there was no Party organization! But 20 workers joined the Party after the first meeting by Blachon.

Peasants Sympathetic
Even in the most out-of-the-way localities he was able to awaken the sympathy of the peasants and to rouse a warm desire among them to become acquainted with the decisions of

THEY PRODUCE
WASHINGTON.—A report of the U. S. Council for Industrial Progress shows that products of each of the 554,108 workers in iron and steel were worth \$1917 in 1933, but wages averaged only \$903.

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EVEN GIRLS "COORDINATED" FOR WAR MACHINE



JAPANESE TEXTILE WORKERS, already badly exploited, have to endure a little more discomfort by being forced to wear masks at their jobs to help the militarists carry out its war games. Even the girls are "coordinated" into Japan's military machine for the conflict it expects to come in the Far East.

French Communists Show The Way In Their Recent Big Election Triumphs

PARIS.—A characteristic feature of the recent election campaign conducted by the French Communist Party was that the propaganda of the Party was carried out on a wide scale.

For the first time it was carried on over the entire country, and reached even the farthest and most forgotten corners of France. In the past, the influence of the Communist Party did not penetrate the villages at a distance from the railways, and the inhabitants of these villages only learned of Communism from the lies and slander in the reactionary press.

This time things were quite different. The leaders of the Party spoke over the radio several times. The statements of the Communists were heard everywhere.

Far and Wide
The Central Committee of the Party issued a great amount of agitational material, adapted to various strata of the population. Thanks to the growth of its organization, and the great sympathy felt for it, the Party was able to spread this material far and wide.

The Party put forward candidates in all constituencies. The election campaign was carried out in the localities by all the Party members, and mainly by the persistent work of tens of thousands of active workers.

For one and a half to two months all the Party members were engaged in continuous activity, and they did great work. There were numerous examples of unwavering loyalty, wonderful initiative, and often even of heroism.

Comrade Blachon not only increased the number of votes cast for the Communist Party by more than 400 per cent. He also formed a Party organization in that constituency. Five hundred new members joined the Party, and so he fulfilled the task he had set himself at the beginning of the electoral campaign.

The district Party Committee is setting itself the task of covering and consolidating the newly established organizations, and training the newly recruited Party members.

How to Rally Farmers
Comrade Jardon, mayor of a village community, was candidate in the second electoral district of Montlucon, department of Allier. His opponent was the former Socialist deputy, Max Dormoy, irreconcilable opponent of united action. The work of Comrade Jardon may serve as an example of how to carry on the struggle for the demands of the peasantry.

In February he distributed a very simple questionnaire: What funds did your community receive to provide aid to peasants in need? What money did you receive for easing conditions of the unemployed and those in need? What part did the former deputy play in securing this aid. What are the needs of your community?

Even Smallest Needs
About 60 mayors answered this questionnaire. Then Jardon called a conference at which several dozen mayors and delegates of the People's Front were present. Then he occupied himself with the question of all, even the smallest needs of the peasants, talked to peasants and as a Communist candidate listened to the stories of their conditions.

In his talk with peasants, he made his starting point the concrete questions put, and tried in reply to explain the Communist program on the agrarian question.

The work done by Comrade Jardon was so successful that Dormoy considered it necessary to attack him in his newspaper. But Comrade Jardon did not let himself be provoked by these attacks.

Drives for Unity
As a real honest supporter of the united front, he quietly asked

the Communist Party. "Will there be war?" and "What do you propose to do to overcome the agrarian crisis?"—such were the questions put by the peasants.

On April 21st Comrade Marcel Cachin, general secretary of the French C.P., came and spoke at a meeting. On this day 4000 people came to the meeting and among them were very many peasants from far-off mountain villages.

Triumphant Results
The result of Comrade Blachon's work was the following: Instead of 1008 votes received by the Communist Party in 1932, it received 5485. The Socialist received 7244 votes. In the second round, Blachon, according to a decision by the Communist Party with the Socialist Party, withdrew his candidature in favor of the Socialist, who was elected.

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World Attendance At Congress

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—From every continent and practically every nation in the world, representatives are converging here for the World Peace Congress and on Geneva for the World Youth Congress.

Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism, heads the delegation of the American League at Brussels. Other representatives will be Margaret Forsyth, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ward, Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, Dorothy Detzer, A. A. Heller, Lucille B. Milner, Elizabeth Kler, Grace and Marianne King, Norma Ray, Elkon, Cyril M. Phillips and William N. Jones. Ruth Berenson and Naomi Wright will be observers.

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CATALONIAN PARTIES SET UP UNITY AMID FIGHTING AGAINST SPANISH FASCISTS

Anarcho-Syndicalist And Socialist Groups Form Workers' Liaison Committee As Great Unity Achievement

By G. MARION
(Daily Worker Correspondent in Spain)

BARCELONA.—Perhaps the most important single event that has occurred in Catalonia since the February elections, is the formation of a Liaison Committee between the anarchist and socialist workers' groups. This committee, whose creation took place on Monday, August 24th, marks a great achievement in proletarian unity.

Nor is it simply the actual existence of a committee composed of representatives of the Iberian Anarchist Federation, the Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia (Communist International), and the respective trade unions (C.N.T., U.G.T.) that gives the step toward cohesion such historic importance.

Danger Removed
Such a committee was under discussion for months and its earlier formation, with the restrictions flowing from the "unity" resolution of the recent syndicalist congress, might well have meant nothing.

Today the Anarchists and Socialists are joint governing powers controlling separate armed forces. The mere signing of the pact therefore removes the grave danger of the Anarcho-Syndicalists precipitating a split in the broad Spanish People's Front.

By signing the pact the Anarchists put aside their "all or nothing" past and take a responsible position in the defense of specific advantages of the working class against specific dangers. And over and above this important general consideration, the pact specifically calls upon the workers to form one single factory committee in each place of work.

Lessons of Revolution
Three weeks of revolution have swept aside 64 years of sectarian doctrine and practice. The problem of opening factories and whole industries abandoned by fascist owners, the problem of coordinating the action of the separate militias, and the problem of keeping the machinery of production and distribution functioning at the present moment, suddenly fused into one for the anarcho-syndicalists.

With their recognition that there is a relation between these problems, they openly abandoned politicalism and threw aboard all the ready-made syndicalist formulas.

Of course, this would not have happened if they had not been in politics all the time. But negative politics and positive politics are as different as victory and defeat for the workers.

Workers Really Rule
Today when the real governing agency of Catalonia (and similarly, Spain) is the Anti-Fascist Militia Central Committee, with heavy predominance of working class representatives, the anarchist decision is a guarantee of continuing working class hegemony in Spain. To see this in terms of acts, we must examine both the events and the forces at work in the present situation.

The workers of Barcelona, informed as soon as the troops descended into the streets at 3 a. m., July 19th, mopped up the situation completely in 24 hours. Catalonia, with the possible exception of a border strip in Lerida along the margin of Huesca and Zaragoza, is entirely normal today.

But in and during the struggle, in various ways and by their own initiative, the workers had acquired arms. At the same time, the workers and non-proletarian masses were mobilized under the political leadership of the working class and primarily of the left parties.

Historic Decrees
The continuing danger and the increased necessity for mobilizing on a national scale, resulted, as a matter of course, in the transfer to the workers of the most important functions. A government decree authorized the various parties and trade unions to form volunteer corps, militias. Another ordered the seizure of plants and industries abandoned by Fascist operators and owners, the respective working class organizations to carry on operation and administration. This situation necessitated a new kind of coordination.

State Apparatus N.G.
The Ayuntamiento and the Generalidad (City and Regional governments) had officers and cabinets, but they were built for and knew only the parliamentary and bureaucratic machinery of State. The mobilization of resources, food and munitions for workers' and peasants' militia was simply beyond their powers. They turned over actual control to the workers.

But as the workers were separately organized in parties and trade unions, it was necessary to unite on the spot.

United Front Committee
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OPEN LETTER TO AMERICANS

Struggle Of Spanish People Similar To 1776

NEW YORK.—"The people of Spain are waging their lives in defense of democratic government," declared the National Bureau of the American League Against War and Fascism, in an open letter addressed to the United States.

The open letter, which recalls to the people the fact that the War for Independence was waged for the same purposes as the present struggle in Spain, follows:

Protect Democracy
"They (the Loyalists) are giving their all to protect government of the people, by the people and for the people in a land just a few steps removed from feudalism.

By force and violence, the army and the aristocracy, the reactionary clergy, and the big financial interests are seeking to destroy the Republic of Spain. Fascism—brutal and repressive—dominates their efforts and constitutes their goal.

Against Reaction In 1776
"The American people cannot forget that the founders of this nation waged a bitter struggle against despots and aristocrats in order to establish a free and representative government.

They remember Lafayette and other European friends who supported the American colonists in their fight for freedom. Today, as a newly-born sister republic wages her fight for these democratic rights, our hearts and our hands are naturally extended in sympathy and support to the people of Spain.

Fascists Threaten War
"The chief oppressors today are the Fascists the world over. Fascism has no respect for democracy; it destroys every liberty of a free people. The outright Fascist nations—Germany and Italy—are throwing their support and giving material assistance to the destroyers of democratic government in Spain. The extension of Fascism is their aim. Success would bring world war dangerously near.

The fight of the loyal Spanish people to maintain the right and the power to govern their country is the fight that all democratic nations must face. It is the fight for peace and freedom.

"While complete non-intervention is preferable in order to solve the conflict, the American government should in no case license the sending of supplies to the Spanish insurgents. The defeat of Fascism in Spain will mean a victory for democratic government all over the world. That victory must be won!"

Girls Refuse to Be Left Behind In Spain
MADRID.—In the fight against the Fascists, sweethearts aren't being left behind. Two couples recently appeared to get married, and then joined the workers' militia on the same day.

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GANGSTERISM USED, TRY TO SMASH UNION

Cops Aid Food Plant By Getting Phoney "Identification"

By a Worker Correspondent. BERKELEY—On Tuesday, August 18th, some of the workers from Durkee's Foods, Inc., Berkeley, went up to the office of Federal Labor Union No. 20-218, they were attacked by five men and beaten.

As they were fighting, the workers knocked out three of the gangsters, we heard; that is, the union men gave the gangsters the worst of it. At the end of the fight, cops appeared on the scene and the workers left.

Next morning a couple of men went to the home of one of the Durkee's Foods workers and attacked the wife of Frank Gomez, 2717 Tenth Street, Berkeley.

"Identification" Trick
The next day the police took the woman and went to identify the machine which was supposed to have brought the man to her home—the machine of the men who attacked her. These men who attacked her are supposed to be the men who attacked the workers the night before.

She is supposed to have identified the machine as belonging to a worker who was fired from the Durkee plant because he had joined the Federal Labor Union. This worker's name was Strigle. His machine could not possibly have been the one used because he had used the machine in going to work early that morning.

We got hold of Strigle yesterday. Strigle, Greatheart and Cassidy went to Gomez's house last night to try to straighten out the matter, inasmuch as the woman had identified the wrong machine. Mrs. Gomez, either being under the influence of the police, or badly confused and intimidated by the police, called the police again.

Couldn't Identify
During the discussion in her home, Mrs. Gomez said she could not identify anyone. She did not know who it was that hit her.

But after the police arrived, she identified Greatheart, Greatheart, Strigle, and Cassidy were held by Berkeley police for five hours and 3rd degree, Greatheart being held all night until noon Thursday, when he was released, no charges.

The Durkee's Foods Co. has been calling the men to the office and giving them the 3rd degree, intimidating them. In other words, making every attempt to discourage organization.

Company Gangsters
It is evident that the Company has hired gangsters to beat up union men and the wives of workers.

It is also evident that the Berkeley police are working with the management of Durkee's Foods in trying to intimidate the organizers and the workers. The police admit a friendship and long acquaintance with the management of Durkee's Foods.

Organization, however, will continue in spite of police intimidation, hired gangsters, and violations of the Wagner Labor Relations Act—firing and intimidating workers.

Dime An Hour Paid 12-Year-Old Boys And Girls

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN JOSE.—"Suffer little children to come unto me, for such is the capitalist system, in California!"

The following ad was printed in the San Jose News:
"Apricot cutters wanted, 10 cents per 40-lb. box for season, 12 years old and up, boys or girls. Will come in on So. First St., every morning from city limits to Santa Clara, then East on Santa Clara to 35th St. Stand on any corner on this route between 8 and 9 a.m. Will have sign on car and pick you up. Transportation both ways free. William Pfeffer Ranch, Box 271, Route 2, King Road."

I thought this would be good for the "Western" to show how children are worked here, while men and women are out of work. Children are given a long summer vacation from school to harvest the fruit, not to rest up for the return to school in the fall, because they can be driven like cattle at top speed and 10-cents per hour average wage.

N. Y. GUILD FOR C.I.O.
NEW YORK—The New York Newspaper Guild has protested to the A.F.L. executive council the threatened suspension of 10 C.I.O. unions.

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BURON FITTS IS INDICTED BY NEGRO YOUTH

By a Young Negro Worker

LOS ANGELES.—The following letter was sent by me to Buron Fitts, who is running for re-election as district attorney in Los Angeles County:

I am in receipt of your letter, which requests me to vote and throw my support behind you in this election campaign and I take this occasion to answer it.

Fitts and "Red Squad"
First, after a rather lengthy search, I have been unable to discover any single record of an injunction issued by your office, nor any steps taken by you to curb the activities of the local "Red Squad," who have been consistently denying the people their constitutional rights.

I call your attention to the case of Horace Hampton who crime of being a Negro by members of your staff and other influential people of the city who are members of the black legion.

The steps you have taken to prosecute the men who participated in the beating of Horace Hampton favor this gang of hoodlums rather than Hampton and the Negro people of Los Angeles, generally. By assigning a Negro, Charles Matthews, to be in charge of the investigation of the black legion in Los Angeles, you actually curbed this investigation.

Lets Gangsters Reign
Speaking of organized crime, in my opinion black legionism and vigilantism are the greatest of crimes, and there has never been any attempt on your part to curb the activities of these organized gangsters against the Negro people.

There is no doubt in my mind but that your appointment of Charles Matthews to your staff was a step forward for yourself individually to secure the vote of the Negro population.

Nothing I have seen of your office changes the decision I made in 1932, when I first realized that the capitalists and their political henchmen had no way out of the economic crisis except through another world war that would destroy the lives of millions of young people, of which I am one.

Fitts Is Anti-Negro
This way out for America would not solve the problems of the younger generation, but would serve the interests of Wall Street by increasing its profits. The reactionary tendencies which you consistently display, indicate to me that you are against, not for the interests of the Negro people as well as the whole working class.

For example, consider the vicious frame-up of the nine Scottsboro boys. Throughout America and the world we saw workers, farmers, intellectuals, and the impoverished middle class come to the defense of these nine Negro boys.

Here in Los Angeles these attempts to defend the Scottsboro boys were met by attacks on the part of the police department's "Red" Hynes and his gang, who broke up meetings which were called in defense of these boys and the rights of the Negro people as a whole.

Did you ever do anything to stop these outrages? But, then, I know you did not. Consequently, I am giving all my assistance and support to the campaign of Grover Johnson for district attorney, for in my opinion he is the only candidate worthy of support of the Negro people.

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A.F.L. LEADER TELLS SANTA ROSA TERROR

Victim Of Vigilantes Speaks Lies About 1936 Outrage

By JACK GREEN

(This statement was sent to the press. The Western Worker is glad to print it.)

SANTA ROSA—As the star guest of the Black Legion of Santa Rosa and vicinity about a year ago, I should like to reply to the letter of Frank De Guerre, who is evidently misinformed as to the outrage, or is deliberately trying to put out misinformation.

Who, Vigilantes Were
In the first place, two of the victims were farmers and many of their intended victims were farmers. This black Legion mob was composed mostly of small businessmen, peanut politicians, pool room loafers, and gangsters.

Fighting for Bankers
It was sadism—their idea of a good time. For the most part they were just a bloodthirsty mob, organized and fighting for the large financial interests of that district. Their leader was an alien.

It was not the farmers that were afraid of the workers organizing for better wages. It was the bankers that held mortgages on the farms.

So far as public opinion being with the mob and approving of the outrage as Mr. De Guerre states, the opposite is nearer the truth. The reason that there hasn't been much open protest is because the country was terrorized and the people who are not in fear of possible bodily harm dare not make much protest for fear of loss of credit or employment or both.

Leader In A.F.L.
As the political and agitatorial activities of the other victims besides myself, I know nothing. Ford, Mayer and Wolf I had never seen before that night. Nitzberg I hadn't seen to talk to for over a year before the night of the outrage.

I myself participated in no political activity, and hadn't the time to do so had I been inclined. Besides trying to get my commercial art studio on a paying basis and working broken time by the hour for a local firm, I had three A.F.L. bodies to attend, namely my own union and delegateship to the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council.

Labor Organizing
I was president of the Central Labor Council for six years and delegate to the Building Trades Council for seven years. All my organizational and "agitatorial" activities were in the A.F.L. And these activities were what got me on the spot and taken for a ride.

I did speak for a few minutes to the fruit workers one night before the strike started. An A.F.L. organizer for agricultural workers arrived in town at that time and got permission from the secretary of the C.L.C. for me to do this.

I was buying a home in Santa Ana, paying my bills and treating everybody honest and square, so I never expected to be a victim of this damnable outrage.

Seriously Injured
Mr. De Guerre speaks as though we were mildly dealt with. Here is what I got in the way of mild treatment besides the tar and feathers—both ears smashed, both eyes blackened, one of them cut open in two places with brass knuckles, a smashed nose, three broken ribs, and club and fist bruises all over my body. I passed blood in my urine for about a month afterwards from the body beating.

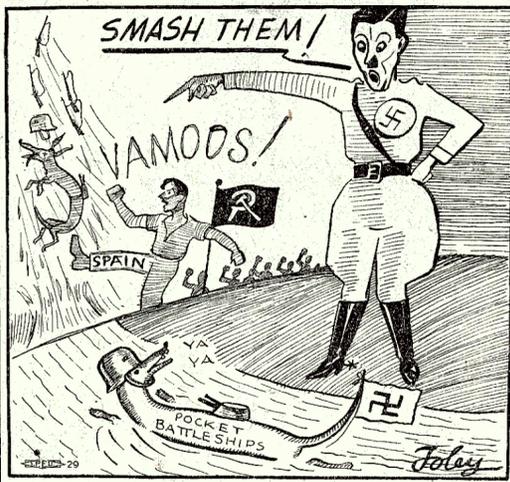
How is that for gentle treatment, Mr. De Guerre?

TOTS TO LOSE MEALS
DENVER, Colo.—Red Tape may cause 1127 of Denver's undernourished children to lose their only hot meal each day. The school board has requested the W.P.A. to close this project.

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NO INTERVENTION! — By a Worker



Leaky Ship Takes Cannery Workers To Alaska

By An Alaskan Cannery

(This is another installment of the story of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, and the men in it who organized successfully for the first time in 85 years.)

ABOARD THE S. S. GLACIER, ALASKA BOUND—
Cazing to the north might have been good pastime if there was nothing else to do. But this was not the case.

Five brothers were elected delegates, Brothers Sorio, Moreno, Sutter, Fernandez, and one other. We had hardly hit the Pacific before some of the boys began to react to the tossing of the ship.

Win Demands
The delegates were more or less under cover, Sorio excepted. Not being able to locate the other three, he appealed to some of us to act as a rank-and-file committee.

There was much to be done. Representing ourselves as delegates, we dug up the superintendent and separated him from his luxurious cabin long enough to provide the cook with a meat block, and all of the workers with a wash basin and a bar of soap each, which he grudgingly did.

The cook complained about the way the stove acted—no draft, no heat, but it finally began to work fairly good.

Sea Gets Rougher
The sea was getting rougher all the time. Incidentally, due to the fact that the stores were not accessible to the cook we had no dinner. At about 3:30 we had supper, beef, rice and tea, a diet that was to become very monotonous the rest of the trip. A good share of the men did not make an appearance at supper.

Four of us went to work in the store room trying to straighten out the mess, so as to make it convenient for the kitchen help to draw the necessary food supplies, but they had been loaded in such a way as to make this almost impossible. At any rate, enough items of food were dug up to guarantee a certain amount of variety for the table.

Ship Gets "All Wet"
By this time the waves started to break over the bow of the ship and the small hatch over the fore's head was closed and battened down, but not until too late. One wave came over the bow and it seemed like a tidal wave. We then found what the expression "down the hatch" meant.

Nearly everybody's bunk in our fo'c'sle got a drenching. It also seemed to have dampened our spirits. A steady drip fell on us from a score of leaks in the roof. The floor was over-run with water. It had no way of draining out, so we scooped it up in buckets.

After it was too late, the boys that were on their feet rolled their mattress and blankets up, and in that manner kept the water from dripping on them to a great extent. The waves were washing over pretty regularly now, and night was coming on.

The boys were trying to be as cheerful as possible, under the circumstances, sort of trying to cheer each other. Like whistling in the dark. The question of whether the ship was seaworthy was bound to come up in due time. It was the uppermost thought in everyone's mind. Even the "Pollyannas. The banging of the anchors directly over my head with each wave, made you feel as though the damned ship was being torn to pieces.

I unrolled and climbed into bed, and the mattress being as wet as it was, recalled to my mind how in early childhood, I used to wake up to find my bed in about the same condition.

Laying there and trying to use Dr. Coue's method did not seem

to work, no matter how much I said the bunk ain't wet, the bunk ain't wet. The bed was wet. Maybe that auto-suggestion stuff is the bunk after all.

Just Kept Cool
So trying to assume a cool and collected frame of mind, the best I was able to do was to keep cool, with the help, of course, of the wet mattress. I had no "Old Golds."

Lying there, the thought struck me that the boat was loaded with humans, so counting the fishermen, the crew, the machinists, the factory maintenance group, and the cannery workers mentally, the number aboard totaled about 425 men. Imagine sending 425 men in a stinking, leaking, creaking, moth-eaten hulk like the S.S. Glacier.

WORKERS PAY FOR GRAFTING OF U. S. ARMY

Politicians Grab One-Third Of Wages On U.S.E.D.

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—The U. S. Engineering Department in this section is going through re-organization, and no wonder. Governmental departments have always been renowned for inefficiency, corruption and general confusion, but few things can equal the waste of time, energy and materials down the greased chute of the official U.S.E.D.

Pay-Offs—Not Jobs
Executives are selected not on merit, but for their political affiliations. On one hand is the Landon-Hearst gang, and on the other the Cotton-McAdoo cut-throats. Unless one has a connection with one of these set-ups, there isn't a chance to get an administrative job. But then these are not "jobs," they're pay-offs.

Now these political gentry receive salaries from \$2500 to \$5000 a year. Ten per cent of the 17,000 employees receive more than one-third of all wages.

Then there are the mastermind appointees turned out by the Reserve Officers Training Corps—majors, captains, and lieutenants, who are placed in charge of the Area offices and project construction. Their salaries range up to \$5000 a year.

Genius for Botching
One of these young squirts with a genius for making a botch of even the simplest task, recently went into elaborate detail to produce a blueprint for a linoleum to cover the floors in the Area office. When it was delivered there was enough linoleum to cover only half the floor space—a typical example of how the U.S.E.D. operates.

For hopeless confusion, look over the records of the Chief Clerks. When reports are required to be sent to Washington, the books are balanced, in a manner that would give hysterics to the average bookkeeper.

Workers Take the "Rap"
Another common occurrence is, on the flimsiest pretext deductions are made from workers' wages, yet are not shown on the books. Also men are recorded on the payrolls, drawing pay, and there is no record to show they have ever been employed. Usually it is the worker who pays for most of this extravagant set-up.

From the construction accounts you can see the flagrant favoritism in expenditures for plant equipment, materials, and hiring trucks. The records are maneuvered to show an approximate average cost on a job, but "approximate" doesn't mean anything, according to the records.

And the Engineering Department is generally supposed to be the most efficient department of the government!

Victimize Girl Workers
Girls have made charges to Army officers in charge of U.S.E.D. projects to the effect that they have been attacked on parties given by political appointees in the field areas.

Of course, there was the usual "investigation" followed by the usual whitewash, with usual aftermath of trumped-up "infraction of rules" and the firing of the girls.

Some of these Army officers have been seen displaying rolls of bills of large denominations big enough to choke a cow, strutting around lobbies of expensive hotels.

Maybe this is the money they saved during the time they were awarding contracts based on "impartial bids."

Under this set-up, reactionaries are well protected. The Attorney General writes the title and the Supreme Court, when the signatures have been collected at great cost in money and work rates it off the ballot because the title is "misleading."

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VOICES OF LABOR

"WESTERN" GETTING FINER
Baldwin Park, Calif.
Dear Editor:
Sorry that you had to call my attention to the fact that my subscription had expired. Am enclosing \$3 for one year, sorry can't make it more at present. You ask how I like the Western Worker. Well, I sure think it is fine and getting better all the time.

Sincerely,
G. G.

L.L.A. Local Wins Uphill Fight
By a Maritime Worker
HOUSTON, Texas.—After a long uphill fight to gain a foothold on this waterfront, the Clerks and Checkers L.L.A. Local 1351 has at last obtained a contract which will be enforced.

After over two years of suffering, disappointments and hardships, spending 72 days on the picket line, then over eight months of fruitless negotiations, the local has been given a satisfactory contract.

And less than two weeks before there was a perfect job action pulled on the S.S. Margaret Lykes, in which all demands were granted, because every maritime worker involved supported the demands 100 percent. Lykes may never admit it, but many of us know it was the growing sentiment for demanding justice through organized job action which caused Lykes to grant Local 1351 its contract.

But they were not satisfied with the hard work and being robbed by the businessmen, so they went into business for themselves. Then the big business men woke up to the fact that the Japanese and Chinese were keen business men and went after the business. Then the business men came to us and wanted us workers to stay out of their stores and restaurants, but we workers did not forget the stand that the big business men took in our 1907 demands.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

SCENARIO CLIP SERVICE 1

AS A SPECIAL inducement to Hollywood film executives, I am commencing in this issue a moving picture scenario clip service free of charge to all subscribers. Producers who have hitherto been obliged to pay thousands of dollars for scenarios may now simply clip them from the pages of the Western Worker and pocket enormous profits. This service, in a short space of time, should save the movie studios millions, if not billions, or even (why be conservative?) trillions of dollars.

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MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY
The scene opens in the luxurious library in the mansion of J. Featherstone Throckmorton, owner of the Throckmorton steel mills. Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton are discussing their son.

MOTHER: Ah, Featherstone! I am worried about our boy Dudley. Since graduating from college, all he seems interested in is booze and women.

FATHER: Come, come, Mother! Youth must have its fling. He is just a real American boy heart. He'll settle down.

At this point Dudley comes bounding in, jumps up and down on the davenport, swings from the chandelier, kisses and tickles his mother. (Note: This is to give the impression of youthful spirit.)

Mrs. Throckmorton goes out and the father has a heart-to-heart talk with his son. He tells him Reds are agitating in the steel mill. He asks his son to change his name, disguise himself as one of the unemployed, go to work in the mill and spy on the Reds.

Dudley, viewing this as a great lark, is eager to get started.

Next scene is in the steel mill. The workers must be pictured as clumsy brutes, bullies, foreigners, drunkards and roughnecks. A Red agitator is up on a soap box addressing a cheering throng.

RED: Nobody should oughta work and every-thing should oughta be free and to hell with every-thing anyhow.

Deafening cheers from the men.
At this point Dudley, disguised as a worker, steps forward, drags the agitator from the soap box and knocks him unconscious with one blow. Twenty or thirty men jump on him, but he sends them all sprawling with his fists. From now on he is the most popular man in the mill and is immediately made leader of the union.

That night, on the way home from work, he catches the Red agitator trying to force his love on the local school teacher, a lovely, buxom creature with a voice like a glass bell. He again thrashes the agitator and walks home arm in arm with the school teacher.

Now comes a misunderstanding. The Red agitator whispers in the school teacher's ear that Dudley has a wife and five children whom he deserted. The school teacher is heart broken and refuses to see Dudley any more.

This is a blow to Dudley. He loses interest in everything and sinks down and down. He quits the plant and spends his time boozing in a dirty saloon. Once he is out of the way, the Reds have the field to themselves and call a strike.

Next scene, the workers, armed with clubs, dynamite, guns, swords, etc., are gathered in a seething mob outside the factory gates. The Red agitator is up on a soap box shouting: "Let's wreck the works. Let's burn the town. Let's destroy the earth."

The workers are cheering and waving their clubs.

At this point, the school teacher discovers that the Red had lied to her and that Dudley is not a cad. She seeks him out in the dirty bar room, kisses him and tells him what is going on. Dudley smashes his whiskey bottle and rushes single handed to the rescue. He knocks the Red off the soap box and makes a speech to the men.

At the end of his speech they vote to return to work immediately and take a voluntary cut in their wages. Dudley confesses he is Throckmorton's son. At this the men all sing the Star Spangled Banner and throw the Reds in the river. Dudley takes the school teacher in his arms. Fade-out.

OVER 2,000,000 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.

FASCISTS OUSTED

NEW YORK.—"Resignation" of John M. Torres-Perona, assistant publisher and managing editor since 1921, because he favored the Fascist cause in Spain, was announced by La Prensa, local Spanish-language daily.

A Working Man Reviews A Book

IN DUBIOUS BATTLE, by JOHN STEINBECK.

In Dubious Battle is the story of a strike in the apple orchards in California. Although it is about workers and written from the "proletarian slant" its author remains a bourgeois intellectual. In no place in the book does he or his main character, MacLeod, the Communist organizer, show any faith in the courage, integrity or the honesty of the working class. Throughout the book Steinbeck, through his main character, remains aloof from the workers, never for one instant identifying himself with the workers, but rather stands aside and views the scenes objectively. As the title implies, Steinbeck is not quite certain about the battle. It's a dubious battle at best. If such be the case, that there is anything dubious about the workers' fight for bread, Steinbeck has never been hungry in his life and doesn't know what the hell he's talking about.

The story opens up with a young kid of 22, or so, Jim Nolan, applying at the office of a section organizer for admission to the Communist Party.

According to Steinbeck, the section organizer was satisfied that Nolan was of timber of which good Communists are hewn. He is O.K.'d as a member in good standing. The organizer assigns him to duty as field worker in the apple orchards. Just like that. Anyway, Nolan in the company of one MacLeod, one of the best organizers and strike tacticians in the state, set out for Torgas valley. The apple crop is about ready to be picked and the "fruit-stiffs" are gathered in the jungles from far and wide.

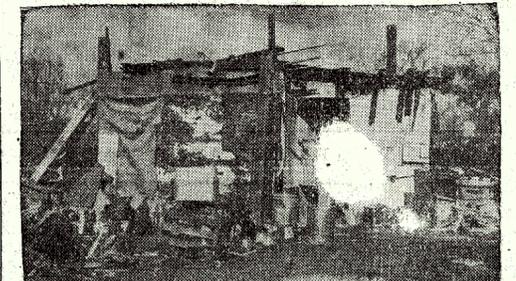
Arriving in the town near the orchards, MacLeod mysteriously takes out a paper with a list of names on it. These are "sympathizers," he informs. Nolan. He picks out a yokel named Al who owns a lunch wagon as the first sucker. They go in and MacLeod calls Al by his first name, then winks significantly. MacLeod drops hints about a strike and indulges in other hocus-pocus to impress Al. The yokel gets all in a lather over being cut-in on the Party machinations and fixes them up with a hamburger instead of coffee and doughnuts as was his original intention. This incident is illustrative of the yokel Steinbeck injects into the work here and there. MacLeod had no reason to use Al for a sucker. He could have gotten something to eat by being square with the guy.

Nolan wants to know how Mac starts strikes. Mac informs him there is no set rule. The policy being to wait for something to happen on which an issue can be hinged. His greatest worry is to get himself in strong with the workers in some way. The opportunity presents itself immediately. In the jungle a girl is about to have a child. She is the daughter-in-law of big London, the dominant figure among the fruit pickers. But there is no one about to help at the child delivery except a filthy old hag. Mac jumps into the breach and takes charge. The old hag is driven out into the cold night and Mac, posing as a doctor, delivers the child. London is pathetically grateful. Presto, and the two wily Communists are in plenty strong with the mob. When the dirty work is done, Nolan asks Mac where he learned the business. Mac winks slyly and informs him that he had never attended a child birth before. Just a case of good old Communist initiative.

The next day or so they all go to work picking apples on the big Hunter farm. The growers, however, had cut the wages at the last minute. Mac sends Nolan out to feel out the workers. They are in an ugly mood but not ripe for a strike. All is needed is a little "push." That comes a few days later. An old man coming down a rickety ladder snaps a wrung and falls to the ground, breaking his hip. A crowd gathers. Mac points dramatically to the ladder. The workers blow up. When the checker in his riding pants shows up they knock him down and give him the boots. Mac nudges Nolan and tells him that this is it. Now's the time for a strike. They call London aside, who by this time has become their henchman, and instruct him to call a meeting, have himself elected chairman and vote in a strike. London goes to work.

In the meantime, Mac high-tails it to town. Al, the lunch-wagon guy, has a father, it seems. The old man (Anderson is the family name) owns a small ranch on which the bank holds some "paper." With the strike on, he loses his ranch if his crop is not picked immediately. Knowing this, Mac, through Al, meets the old man and gives him a proposition. He will see to it that Anderson's crop is picked if the old man will let the strikers

WORKER'S HOMES IN CALIFORNIA



DESPITE THE FACT that California agriculture is an immensely wealthy industrial venture, paying bigger dividends than the agriculture of any other state, the tens of thousands of men, women and children who do the work in the fields live in shacks like this. The workers' only recourse against such a frightful living standard has been militant organization and determined strike action.

Condemnation

By JERRY RIGGER

I never can hear a symphony band
But I wish that I owned the darned thing.
I'd park it right up on Hearst's door-step
And then let the symphonies ring.

At first just a few little ditties
About newsboys who've given their lives
In every-day traffic mishaps
While peddling a page of his lies.

A measure or two for their mothers
Who sat up late that night,
For their wandering boy's returning,
Hoping that he was all right.

To remind him of drink-sodden editors
Would take a more strident note;
They couldn't help getting the jitters
When they thought of the things that they'd wrote.

Then the dirge of the slain picket leader,
Whose blood is on Hearst's taloned hands:
His grief-stricken wife, she was faithful and proud
That her man should take up the demands.

And the song of the young Negro woman,
Whose man has been torn from her side
By a bunch of those black-robed gangsters
Who had no respect for his bride.

And the song of the unknown soldier,
Whom they finally remembered at last,
To remind him of butchering murder
Performed by his capitalist class.

These notes all combine in an ominous chord
To condemn a foul beast to his fate.
Good night, Mister Hearst, and we wish you sweet
dreams,
You know it is getting quite late.

camp on his land since the big orchard owners are sure to drive them off their land as soon as the strike is in effect. Mac appeals to the old man's greed and persuades him to harbor the strikers. They move bag and baggage to the Anderson place 1500 strong and the strike is on full blast.

A lot of exciting action, and drama follows. Steinbeck knows his business as a novelist. His timing and suspense are perfect. For good measure he throws in some bang-up gory fights, a dash of sex, and a little bit of everything that goes to the making of an exciting book according to the best bourgeois traditions. But to go back to the story.

The vigilantes swoop down on Al, burn his lunchwagon and beat him simple. What's more, on an evening a short time later they sneak out to the Anderson place and set fire to the barn, burning up his crop, the barn, all that's in it and two hound dogs, not including Anderson's radical offspring, Al. In retaliation, Sam, one of the fruit pickers, decides to burn down the mansion of Hunter, the big orchard and fruit man. Mac, the Communist organizer, grips Sam by the arm and whispers with hoarse passion, "Burn the bastard down to the ground, Sam! Jeez, I wish I wuz goin' with you!" or words to that effect.

His crop ruined, old man Anderson turns nasty and appeals to the sheriff to drive the strikers off his property. They show up with machine-guns and give the fruit pickers notice to mope. That evening Mac and Nolan are gotten out into the orchard by a ruse. As they walk between the rows of trees, guns blast. Nolan's face is shot clean off. Mac picks him up and carries the body back to camp and makes another speech of course. So the story ends.

On the credit side, let it be said for Steinbeck that his book is one of the best written yarns about workers yet come to light. It is simply told, vivid, realistic in its descriptions of the deplorable conditions of the migratory workers. His vernacular is a hundred percent authentic.

Steinbeck has been among workers, but he is not one of them. He has been among Communists, but if MacLeod is a true-to-life Communist organizer, I am the next head of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute.

Joe Morgan.

Hearst Howls at Seattle Strike

The American Newspaper Guild's strike against Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer, now at the end of its second week, has become a nationwide sensation due to the vicious, lying attacks published by all Hearst newspapers against their own writers and editors who are Guild members.

Stirred by the solidarity of all Seattle labor unions against the poison gas barrage laid down by Hearst and his hierarchy of yellow yes-men, workers throughout the country are rallying to the battle against the San Simon Fascist. Help for the Seattle strike fund is pouring in from all parts of the United States. So strong is the anti-Hearst sentiment in Seattle that the Post-Intelligencer management has announced it will make no effort to resume publication "by force" although it has imported carloads of thugs and scabs from California in defiance of federal law.

California Support

The Northern California Newspaper Guild, which includes a majority of all editorial workers on the Hearstian San Francisco Examiner and Call-Bulletin and the Oakland Post-Enquirer, has demanded that the Hearst sheets publish the Guild's replies to the slanderous attacks appearing in these newspapers.

Of course, the Hearst papers ignore this demand. Free Press? Don't make the Guild members laugh!

The strike, endorsed by the Seattle Labor Council, was called when the Post-Intelligencer refused to reinstate two veteran editorial employees, fired for union activities.

Imperial Hearst was in Rome, hobnobbing with a luscious blonde—yes, the same one—and Il Duce, when the news of the Seattle strike caught up with him.

"Reds" Shrieks Willie

It spoiled his whole day. Here he was, luxuriating amid the tombs of Nero and the other Ceasars, enjoying Fascism to the utmost, happy to be away from "the stench of liberty," and in a land where there are no labor unions.

"Communists," shrieked Il Hearst, in bold black type, laying tongue to the worst printable epithet he knows!

Yes, sir, all Seattle laborites and the 5000 members of the American Newspaper Guild must be communists to dare to demand any human rights from Il

RIP TIDES By LeMae

POLITICS AND THE WORKERS

In our anxiety to carry out the fight for an American People's Front — a Farmer-Labor Party—we are prone to ally in the minds of the rank and file any idea that we are a revolutionary Party seeking to establish an American Soviet once the majority of the American workers have shown themselves ready to follow the leadership of our Party.

We've been trying — unconsciously of course—to sort of "sneak-up" on the worker—our Communist Manifesto in our back pocket and the 1936 Party Election Platform pamphlet clutched in our hand.

We have acted, without realizing, on the theory that "legalizing the Party" and bringing it out from its voluntary exile of sectarianism meant to push our ultimate aim into the distant background.

"Becoming respectable," as the Daily News smugly put it, to some of us has developed the idea that a revolutionary party in 1936 is something to be hidden away in secret.

We forget that this country was born in revolution—and for Hearst's benefit—if in 1776 they from this country, the Indians had deported all the "aliens" would have had to fight the revolution by themselves.

"I see you guys are giving up the revolution for politics," was the comment of a longshoreman to me after a union meeting broke up.

The "non-political action" group and the reactionaries along the waterfront have been quick to note this weakness. Reactionaries who for years have consistently opposed every progressive measure advanced by the rank and file have suddenly become militant—aye, revolutionary in fact.

Opposition to the Party line makes strange bedfellows, so it is no surprise to find reactionaries, Trotskyites and good sincere militants all lumped together in an "unholy united front" against the Reds.

Red-baiting is rampant. But from the "left" instead of the right.

Ultra-militancy pervades the Embarcadero. Known stool-pigeons suddenly become openly

pugilistic in their attitudes to any apparently less "revolutionary." A ship which left here with a crew of one hundred percent anti-progressives (no, not merely anti-Red), develops a militant complex, which borders too suspiciously on the provocative side.

Through it all pervades the "line"—or rather tortuous curves—of the adopted children of Hearst—the Trotskyites. With this groveling, fawning class-bootlicking sect, "militancy" is the order of the day.

Labor "leaders" who have consistently opposed any attempts to install a progressive note into the bureaucratic and reactionary controlled A.F.L., are now shouting loudly for "severance from the A.F.L. to preserve the principle of trade union democracy."

They would "militantly" split the ranks of the American workers, playing into the hands of the shipowners and steel barons.

They would "militantly" split the West Coast seamen from their brothers in the Gulf and on the East Coast.

But the "conservative" Communists are fighting to preserve the unity of the maritime workers on ALL coasts.

"The conservative" Communists are fighting to maintain and broaden the unity of the entire American Labor movement.

They would "conservatively" rally all the workers and farmers to a united front to fight growing fascism and reaction.

Strange tactics for a revolutionary party. They are trying to lead the American workers towards a Soviet America, step by step, instead of taking it in one leap; learning by their own daily experience.

They would "conservatively" fighting to carry out joint action—against the shipowners.

We have not given up the revolution for politics. We are preparing the workers for political action. It is only through political action that we will successfully be able to cope with the political powers that be.

All through the history of the American labor movement, those same "labor leaders" who hysterically and successfully warned the workers to "keep out of

People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

DIABETES

(Continued)

ISSUE before last, W. A. wrote telling about his treatment at the University of California Clinic for diabetes.

I would like to re-emphasize that the ability of the staff members in such clinics, and especially

those that are connected with medical schools, is the best in the community. Any mistakes that may be made or any poor treatment that may be received are due to the overcrowding conditions and the small amount of time that the doctor has for each patient.

For these reasons, it is always best to follow the advice of the doctor who knows your case personally, whether he is a private physician or a clinic doctor. In spite of the carelessness with which patients are often treated in the large clinics, the advice is always better than that of a friend or the corner druggist.

Some cases of diabetes can be controlled solely by the proper diet, and others require insulin in addition. This can only be determined by weighing all the facts about each individual case. The attacks of trembling which you experienced were undoubtedly a reaction from the insulin taken, but this does not necessarily mean that the insulin should be stopped altogether.

The swelling of the ankles may have something to do with your heart.

Several months ago, I wrote an article explaining my opinion that the units and leading committees should take into consideration a comrade's physical disability when assigning him work to do. I believe that workers who have some ailment should not be barred from the Party because they cannot do as much work as members in good health.

In some of the units with new and inexperienced comrades, an attempt is made to divide the unit tasks absolutely equally among all members without regard to the ability of each comrade to carry them out. In the case of your unit, W. O., there may be some perfectly healthy comrades who carry out their tasks with ease and have plenty of energy left to spend with their family and friends.

Women on the March

Conducted by Marjorie Crane

APARTMENT HUNTING

(Concluded From Last Issue)

"Others, somewhat conscious of their social responsibilities, are a little shamefaced in their refusal, and cloak it by saying that an apartment house is really no place for a child, there is no place for it to play, it is not free to make noise, and so on.

"But except for the most expensive places, all of the modern living quarters in the cities are apartment buildings. Barred from them, families with children are restricted to out-of-date, unheated flats, dark and unsanitary, or rickety houses.

"The solution of the problem is not to turn families with children away from apartment houses, but to make apartment houses fit for them to live in.

"Just as dwelling builders are forced by law to make adequate provision for light and air space, so should they be forced by law to soundproof the interiors so that people can carry on the ordinary business of life without disturbing each other, and to provide play space for children.

"Such provision can be made. A woman friend tells me of such an apartment house in Berkeley. A man who had had difficulty in finding a place to live when his children were small, acquired some money and built a large apartment house for families with kids.

FREEDOM ON THE AIR

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are putting this demand forward.

"Average Americans,"—yes; of the variety of the millionaire Alf Landon, nominee of William Randolph Hearst and the Liberty League for President, who is being touted as an "average American."

What these Fascist-Minded individuals object to most strenuously are the "descriptive talks" by radio commentators. This is because any descriptive account of the fighting at once gives the lie to the fantastic terror alleged by the Hearst press to be perpetuated by the anti-Fascists; on the contrary, they reveal the Fascists as the real terrorists.

Under Point Six of the 8-point Communist election platform, is the demand for the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio and assembly.

This move to curb and censor the radio is another step in the drive being made by the Hearst Press and the Republican ticket, backed by the most reactionary elements of finance capital to rob the American people of its democratic rights.

Answer this attempt by a Communist vote in November! Help defeat the forces of Fascism in America! Help build an anti-Fascist American People's Front—a powerful Farmer-Labor Party!



American Chemical Co. Union Heads Protest AFL Dismissals

They're Among 14 Fired in Trona; ILA in Pedro Embargo

War Materials For European Fascist Nations and Japan Will Not Be Handled

TRONA—Support by the San Pedro L.A., in the shape of refusal to load the American Chemical Co.'s war materials for shipment to European fascist countries and to Japan, has tremendously encouraged the members of the Borax and Potash Workers Union here.

REACTIONARIES TAKE TRIMMING IN BAD SPIRIT

E. Coast Firemen's Officials Now Progressive

NEW YORK—Badly beaten in the elections, the reactionaries in the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Waterenders Union have not exactly taken it like sports. The entire rank and file slate was elected to office. Reactionary Secretary Carlson was defeated by Phillips, a progressive—596 votes to 336. Carlson's pal Misland was also licked—he got 326 votes to Byne's 553. Byne is a progressive. Progressives were elected to the board of trustees and delegates to the convention. The rank and file candidates have taken over the offices in New York and ask all branches to communicate only with them. Carlson and Misland refuse to recognize the elections, and Ivan Hunter, I.S.U. secretary-treasurer, sent a telegram refusing to recognize the victory of the progressives.

E. Coast Sailors Want Czars Out

NEW YORK—Success of the rank and file in the Marine Firemen's elections has encouraged the Eastern and Gulf Sailors rank and file in its fight for democratic control. The rank and file plan to demand an election to determine the right of the present executive, reactionary to the core, to continue in office. No election has been held in three years, and the present executive officers rule like czars. The Sailors' Assn. main office is in Boston, with Percy J. Pryor as executive secretary. Gustave Brown, equally despised by the rank and file, runs the New York office.

Howard To Fight For CIO At Meet

INDIANAPOLIS.—President Howard of the International Typographical Union is all set to swing the union over to affiliating with the C.I.O., at its convention, to be held in Colorado Springs Sept. 12-19. His report to be made to the convention says: "It is difficult for reasonable persons to understand why or how the organization of unorganized workers and their affiliation to the American Federation of Labor would menace the success or welfare of the federation. It is equally difficult to understand how or why a committee that is conducting an educational campaign, but which has not issued a charter or formed an organization not affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, could be considered dual in character."

THEY ARE...P8...Folo 2-col lead The American Chemical fired 14 union members for union activity. Since Los Angeles harbor is the jumping off point for the American Chemical's materials of death, the Borax and Potash Workers Union appealed to the Central Labor Council in San Pedro and Long Beach for support.

Company Gets Ultimatum The latter sent an ultimatum to the company, giving it until 3 p. m., Saturday, August 22, to meet with a committee in Long Beach, and settle the matter peacefully.

The company thought it would adopt the proud and haughty attitude toward organized labor. No company representative appeared.

Now the company's products are on the unfair list. Since 90 per cent of the company's products move by sea (Japan, preparing for an attack on the Soviet Union gets 40 per cent of them), the union embargo is going to hit the American Chemical hard.

Here's an interesting fact. Among the 14 discharged are officers of the company union, the American Chemical Workers Association. They had served on a committee to protest to the company the dismissal of A.F.L. members.

George Cline, company union president; Scott Kunkel, editor of its paper, the A.C.W. News; Harold Webb, chairman of the company union's executive board were among those fired as "undesirable." They were ordered to leave town at once. There are 900 workers employed in the plant.

S. Jose Farm Labor Drives Ahead

SAN JOSE—Things are looking up in Santa Clara Valley agricultural organization. Two militant delegates from the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union were seated last Thursday. The San Jose branch has grown from a membership of 15 to around 100 in the course of a few weeks.

Organization prospects in the warehouses and cold storage plants look bright. The latest report from Salinas is that the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union now has an approximate membership of 3500.

S. Diego Machinists To Aid Fight On Copeland Law

SAN DIEGO.—At the request of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, the Machinists Union here unanimously agreed to aid in the fight against the blacklisting Copeland law. The local here also endorsed by a big majority the letter from Machinists Local 68, San Francisco, which proposed that the assessment of 60 cents a year for the newspaper "Labor" be brought to the international convention, with the recommendation that compulsory payment be ended.

NEW STEEL STRIKE COROPOLIS, Pa.—Following the management's refusal to meet with Amalgamated Union representatives, a second walkout of Standard Steel Spring employees has occurred.

ALLIES OF THE UNIONS IN BUILDING A FARMER-LABOR PARTY IN U. S. A.



THE MAIN BASE for a Farmer-Labor Party, the American People's Front, against Fascism, will be the trade unions. But the working class will find allies in the oppressed Negro people and in the hard-hit lower middle-class. Left, a young Negro boy, on a Georgia chain-gang, bound and gagged, left lying unconscious on the ground for hours in a boiling sun. At right. This casket, carrying the names of Mr. and Mrs. Lause of Sunnyside, N. Y., dramatized theirs and other small homeowners' protest against continued evictions for non-payment of mortgage interest.

INJUNCTION IS OFF IN S. JOSE

Organized Labor In Show of Might

By a Laundry Striker

SAN JOSE—The strike of the Laundry Workers in San Jose has shown no new developments for over a week. On that day, Judge Syer, at the suggestion of Attorney Gabriel of the Laundry Owners' Association, dissolved the injunction against the union drivers for the time being.

This move on the part of Gabriel demonstrates how obvious it was that the injunction to keep union drivers from their bread and butter for six months would not be sustained.

Watson, the racketeer who manages to keep a diminishing number of San Jose Laundry Owners under his vulture's wing for a commission of 1 per cent gross of their earnings, is undoubtedly well aware that the State Federation cannot afford to let him and his kind sew the employers into anti-labor agreements.

The State Federation has been in the fight since the start, has contributed an able attorney and over \$400 from affiliated unions, an will not halt short of complete victory. A suit against the Laundry Owners' Association would naturally follow the sustaining of the injunction.

By the time this is in print the injunction will probably be permanently dissolved. In this strike the State Federation and local labor bodies have shown what organized labor, when it is really organized, can do.

At the present time the union laundries are working at full capacity, the scab laundries with skeleton crews. The picket line has shown excellent morale.

Calif. Lumber Companies Sued Under Trust Act

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.

A TALE OF STARVATION IN CAL. COTTON MILLS TOLD OVER RADIO

OAKLAND—The California Cotton Mills strikers carried their case right to the public in a broadcast over KFOW the other day.

What Sonia Baltrum, United Textile organizer, said, couldn't have evoked much sympathy for the bosses. Her talk is given here, in part:

Culinary Local Elects Jaye To State AFL Meet

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sam Jaye, Communist candidate for Assembly in the 20th District, is recognized by his fellow-unionists as a militant fighter for organized labor. In elections for delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention he received the highest vote from Miscellaneous Culinary Local 110. Jaye got 67 votes. Others elected were Walter Cowen, 66 votes; Watson, 64; William Beck 60 votes.

GREAT LABOR DAY FOR L. A.

Biggest Parade Of Labor Expected

LOS ANGELES—The mammoth Labor Day parade in Los Angeles bids fair to make organized labor history. It will mark a year of rapid growth and important struggle by the unions.

Over 30,000 are expected to march. Special Pacific Electric trains will be run from the Harbor and other cities into Los Angeles, beginning at 7:45 Monday morning, Sept. 7th. They will return paraders in time for the big celebration at Palm Gardens, San Pedro.

A special low price of 50 cents has been set for round-trip tickets to Los Angeles.

REMINGTON STRIKE BATTLE SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Two cops and two strikers were hurt in another battle between Remington-Rand typewriter strikers and thugs brought in by a strike-breaking outfit.

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



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DEVOTION TO UNION CAUSE

Mexican Consul In Thanks to Johnson

SANTA ANA—Tireless in his service for organized labor is labor's beloved attorney, Grover Johnson.

His work for the Orange County citrus strikers was a work of devotion to labor's cause. A letter from the Mexican Consul thanks him. It is here printed:

I am very happy to inform you that upon sending a detailed report to the Foreign Affairs Office of the Republic of Mexico regarding the dismissal of charges against one hundred nineteen Mexican citizens in Orange County, in which you, together with Attorney David C. Marcus, represented the defendants, the above-mentioned Foreign Office, in a letter addressed to me dated the 5th instant, specifically instructs me to express to you the sincere appreciation and gratitude of the Mexican government, for your invaluable service on that occasion.

May I, at the same time, join the Federal Government of Mexico in its recognition of your disinterested services in favor of my nationals in the County of Orange?

Assuring you of my highest esteem and consideration, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
CONSUL OF MEXICO.
Ricardo G. Hill.

P.G.E. Just 'Aint No Santa Claus'

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Pacific Gas and Electric may try to look like Santa Claus, but it "just aint."

A new company union idea put into effect by the PG and E is formation of a "credit union" for its employees. One Robert E. Shippey is secretary-treasurer of the dummy outfit.

It's supposed to be a "cooperative loan agency and saving plan" for workers and members of their families.

In reality it's a club held over the workers' heads, to keep them from organizing into a real union and fighting for better wages and conditions. They'll be told they're endangering their savings invested with the company if they organize.

CAL. NEWS GUILD TURNS TO LABOR PRESS WHEN HEARST PAPERS SCORN UNION SIDE

Vicious Attacks On Seattle Strike Scored By Northern Calif. Organization

SAN FRANCISCO—The Northern California Newspaper Guild believes 100 per cent in solidarity with its brother unions on strike in any other part of the country. It was quick to jump to the defense of the Seattle P.-I. strikers.

Vicious, slanderous attacks against the strikers appeared in the three Bay area Hearst papers—the San Francisco Examiner and the Call-Bulletin, and the Oakland Post-Enquirer. A letter was sent to the Hearst papers here.

Because the Hearst papers refused to print it, the Guild turns to the working class press. The letter follows in part:

Dear Sir: In the Examiner, Post-Enquirer and Call-Bulletin issues of August 20 and 21 appeared editorial attacks on the American Guild's strike against Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The Newspaper Guild, comprising more than 5000 dues-paying editorial workers in the United States, including some 300 in the San Francisco bay district, naturally resents the efforts to obscure the real facts of this strike behind a barrage of vituperation and falsehood. The Newspaper Guild believes that as an American Federation of Labor union it is entitled to have its side of the case published in the Hearst newspapers. Otherwise, it holds that the Hearst newspapers make a mockery of the "free press" which they so fervently espouse in print. Therefore, it requests that this letter be given space in the Examiner, Call-Bulletin and Post-Enquirer, in the interests of fair journalism.

On the day preceding Mr. Hearst's Rome statement, the Examiner and other Hearst newspapers published a front-page editorial entitled "Terrorism in Seattle Strike," signed by H. M. Bitner, general manager of Hearst newspapers.

After stating that publication of the Post-Intelligencer has been suspended indefinitely, the editorial said:

"For six days past, the plant has been picketed by a mob of longshoremen, teamsters, woodsmen, and a few representatives of the Newspaper Guild."

To complete the picture, the Guild reports that in addition to longshoremen, teamsters and woodsmen, there were garment workers, teachers, musicians and numerous other workers on the picket line—a cross-section, in fact, of the organized labor movement.

The editorial proceeded: "The Newspaper Guild, representing 26 employees out of 80 in the editorial department, declared a strike because of the discharge of two employees, one for incompetency and one for insubordination. The cases of these two discharged employees have been filed by the Newspaper Guild with the national labor relations board, appointed by President Roosevelt."

Frank "Slim" Lynch, head of the Post-Intelligencer photographic department, had been employed 14 1/2 years on the newspaper as an "ace" cameraman. Shortly before his affiliation with the Newspaper Guild became known to the management, he was given a pay raise. Now he is called "incompetent."

Everhardt Armstrong had been a highly-rated dramatic critic on the Post-Intelligencer for 17 years. He joined the new Seattle Guild and as a result is branded "insubordinate."

Such cases are too familiar to the followers of organized labor to need further comment. The Guild has expressed willingness to submit the cases to any impartial arbitration group. The management refuses.

The Guild claims that 43 members of the Post-Intelligencer staff—not 26 as stated by Mr. Bitner—are on strike. The Guild is ready at any time to determine by secret ballot what

agency the majority of the employees desire to represent them. The same goes for Hearst's Wisconsin News, where Guild members have been on strike nearly six months, and all the Hearst newspapers on San Francisco bay.

In defense of its "privilege" of defying the constitutional rights of its employees, the Hearst management has transported thugs and scabs from California to Seattle—including gunmen with prison records. The Guild defies the Hearst management to deny this charge. If there is "murder," as the editorial intimated, it will not be the fault of the Guild.

The Guild did not desire this fight—nor any other fight. Its sole purpose is to bring some measure of security, decent wages, hours and working conditions to editorial employees who have so conspicuously lacked these adjuncts to happy, normal life.

(Signed) HOWARD HILL, President Northern California Newspaper Guild.

(Signed) T. Yusefovich.

OAKLAND A.F.L. UNANIMOUSLY FOR GUILD AID

Resolution Passed By Alameda Council

OAKLAND—My unanimous vote, the Alameda County Central Labor Council adopted a resolution pledging "whole-hearted support" to the Seattle Labor Council and the American Newspaper Guild in the strike on Hearst's Post-Intelligencer.

John Wolters, delegate of the Typographical Union, introduced the resolution. Hearst publishes the Post-Intelligencer in Oakland. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the American Newspaper Guild is now engaged in a strike against Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer; and

WHEREAS, W. R. Hearst has retaliated in a series of lying editorials, spread on the front pages throughout the land, making unfair charges against the strikers and the Seattle Central Labor Council, which has endorsed the strike; and

WHEREAS, Hearst representatives in charge of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer have refused Guild offers of peaceful arbitration; be it

RESOLVED, that the Alameda County Central Labor Council offer the Guild and the Seattle Central Labor Council its whole-hearted support in this worthy labor struggle; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the San Francisco Central Labor Council, the Seattle Central Labor Council, the Seattle chapter of the Guild, the president of the American Federation of Labor, and the public press.

Big Gain For Sta. Monica Drivers

SAN PEDRO.—San Pedro Truck Drivers and Chauffeurs Union No. 692 is going full steam ahead in organizing the Santa Bay area.

International headquarters has given it permission to organize that territory. Several contracts have already been gained.

Work was halted on the Veterans Memorial Building in Long Beach when non-union drivers were found delivering materials. The contractor gave in and agreed to employ union drivers.

The struggle with the Chamness dairies (Richmade) is receiving full support from organized labor. The anti-picketing efforts of the open shoppers have been concentrated against this strike.

AN ANTI-SOVIET SLANDER IS NIPPED—THE USSR DOES NOT REQUIRE U.S. SEAMEN TO HAVE COPELAND BOOK TO LAND THERE

Enemies of the Soviet Union, where the working class rules, were only too anxious to accept reactionary Senator Copeland's claim that American seamen are not being allowed to land in the USSR without the Copeland Law's Pink discharge book. The editor of the "Voice of the Federation" forgot the Voice's frequently expressed opinion of shipowners' lackey Copeland, and took his word for lying statement against the

Soviet Union, without attempting to get the Soviet side of the question.

A letter to the International Seamen's Union from T. Yusefovich, head of the Central Committee of Marine Workers in the Soviet Union, clearly shows the falseness of this attack against the USSR.

The special seamen's pass referred to in the letter is required for landing in nearly every country in the world. A

few American seamen didn't happen to have this document, and naturally weren't allowed to land.

The seamen were probably OK, but many a czarist or fascist terrorist has tried to sneak into the workers' country in order to carry out their work of destruction, and the workingclass of the USSR are not so criminal-careless as to allow any chances to be taken toward wrecking of their achievements.

Here's the letter to the I.S.U. Dear Colleague,

"As you probably know, in accordance with the arrangement of the Government of our country, all seamen of foreign ships coming into Soviet ports, must have a special seamen's pass with a photograph attached in order to be able to land on Soviet territory. This arrangement has been made repeatedly known to all Governments as well as to steamship companies whose

ships are chartered by Soviet economic organization or with whom they maintain contact.

"Within recent weeks a number of U.S.A. crews, who entered Soviet ports, had not been supplied with the necessary documents and were therefore obliged to remain on board during the anchorage of their respective ships in our ports.

in line with the arrangement valid for ships sailing under all flags, to grant any permit for landing.

"We shall be glad to hear, dear Colleague, that you have notified the members of your Union about the above arrangements on the part of the Soviet Government, a copy of which we herewith enclose, in order to avoid the inconvenience in the future of seamen not being able to land on Soviet territory.

"We should also be glad if both of our Unions established and maintained regular contact, for the purpose of mutually exchanging information, which we on our part earnestly desire.

"With international trade union greetings. "On behalf of the C.C. of the Seamen's Union and C.C. of the River Workers' Union of the U.S.S.R. (Signed) T. Yusefovich.