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UNITY OF ALL MARITIME UNIONS FACES THREAT OF LOCKOUT ON THE WATERFRONT

3000 FILIPINOS VOTE TO JOIN IN SALINAS STRIKE

Lettuce Pickers In Sympathetic Move; Have Demands

SALINAS — Three thousand Filipino lettuce pickers have voted to go out on strike, in sympathy with the packers and for demands of their own.

The strike vote came through a conference held at Miller Hall. The conference was addressed by C. D. Mensalvas, general secretary of the Filipino Laborers Union, which is conducting strikes of beet workers in Santa Maria and artichoke pickers at Santa Cruz.

A previous meeting of Filipinos heard pledges of support from A.F.L. officials.

Demands of the Filipino pickers were set as:

60 cents an hour for "stoop" labor; recognition of the Filipino Laborers Union; no discriminating union activity; a contract embodying these demands.

Organize Picket Patrols Picket patrols were to be organized in preparation for a walkout, Tuesday.

The State Federation of Labor Committee of five members, which met with Governor Merriam last week, has changed the (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 8)

2 Meetings Give \$750 to Spain

SAN FRANCISCO.—With approximately 700 in attendance, a meeting last week under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism donated \$517 to the Spanish People's Front.

Of this amount, \$250 was given by the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union. The meeting was held in the Building Trades Auditorium Hall.

A similar meeting with the same approximate attendance was held later by the Socialist Party and cooperating organizations in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, where the collection, also for the Spanish workers' fight against fascism, was about \$250. The American League had sought unsuccessfully to have the two meetings combined.

Nazi Farce "Trial" Railroads Simpson

Three-Year Sentence As "Defense" Asks Imprisonment of Seaman

BERLIN—A farce Nazi "trial" on Monday, acting with lightning swiftness, railroaded Laurence Simpson, American seaman, to three years in a concentration camp.

The charge was "treason." The way in which the Nazis conduct a "trial" was seen by the fact that Simpson's Nazi-assigned attorney, whom Simpson used to acknowledge, asked court to give the seaman a maximum sentence of one year in prison on the treason charge.

Simpson was seized by Nazi secret police 15 months ago, from the American ship Manhattan, in Hamburg harbor. Despite the fact that an American ship is considered American territory, the U. S. State Department, did nothing to gain his release.

A stool pigeon, claimed by the Nazis as a "co-defendant," was used to furnish "evidence" against Simpson at the trial. His name is Bruno Rietz. Fourteen of the 15 months Simpson has already served were deducted from the sentence.

IN CALIF. SOON



JAMES W. FORD, Communist vice-presidential candidate who will speak in California cities next week.

CAL., OREGON UNIONS PLEDGE KING SUPPORT

15 Union Delegates At New Defense Conference

SAN FRANCISCO.—The increasing extent to which organized labor is rallying to the King-Conner-Ramsay Defense was shown by the presence of 45 delegates from 34 unions at a conference called by the Defense here last Saturday.

Included among the delegates were those from the Alameda County and the Contra Costa County Central Labor Councils. Delegates from the International Labor Defense, the League Against War and Fascism, and the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary were also present.

With trial of Earl King, Frank J. Conner and George Ramsay set for Oct. 26, union support against the frame-up in the Point Lobos murder case continues to roll in.

Portland Support The Los Angeles Central Labor Council and unions in that area are expected to rally to the defense of the three Marine Firemen's members, as a result of the support pledged by the State Federation of Labor convention. Declarations of support for (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 3)

SF GAS SELLER SPILLS GUTS IN SENATE HEARING

Heavy Sugar To The Cops, McCarty Tells La Follette Body

A \$2,000,000 income from strikebreaking in recent years by the Pinkerton Detective Agency was revealed by the La Follette civil liberties committee, in Washington.

But of interest closer to home for California people, Ignatius McCarty, tear gas bomb salesman, spilled his guts to the committee and revealed a story of graft and corruption in the sales of gas bomb equipment to California officials, especially against the 1934 strike.

McCarty, who sold three gas bombs which were used against the Salinas strikers, told how the San Francisco police department was "greased" liberally—bribed in short—in its purchase of the gas-bomb equipment used against strikers.

Rake-off to Police He said one unnamed San Francisco police captain demanded a 25 per cent rake-off on gas purchased.

McCarty's revelations caused panic among San Francisco police. (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 6)

Ford Speaks In SF On October 7th

When James W. Ford, Communist candidate for Vice-President, arrives at the San Francisco Municipal Airport, for his speaking appearance at Dreamland Auditorium on the night of Wednesday, October 7th, he will be greeted by a special reception committee.

The Ford Arrangements Committee has written to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, asking the officials to be at the airport to welcome Ford to the city.

In addition to his Dreamland Auditorium speech, the Communist candidate will also speak to Northern California working people over the radio, on station KGO, 5:30 to 5:45 p.m., on October 8th.

Arrangements have been made for Ford to stop at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco. Other Speakers Other speakers on the Dreamland program will be Anita Whitcomb. (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 4)

Report Fascists Take Toledo

MADRID.—Fighting desperately but hampered by lack of arms and munitions, the People's Army of Spain was forced to retreat from Toledo toward Madrid, the government announced. However, the government resistance is increasingly strong and determined.

The Fascists, aided by Nazi aviators flying German airplanes and by tremendous military supplies, won Toledo, but not until after suffering great losses administered by the heroic government fighters.

The Fascist troops were chiefly of the infamous Foreign Legion and Moroccan troops, and butchered all citizens sympathetic to the government they could lay their bloody hands on.

The advance of the Fascists was possible solely because of aid they received from the two Fascist countries, Italy and Germany.

IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN



WOMEN AS Well as men donned overalls, and rifles in hand, fought the Fascists to a standstill in the mountain passes north of Madrid. They helped make up the Workers Militia, whose courage is admired throughout the world. Above the brave volunteers are taking a much needed rest in the square of a Madrid suburb.

Deny Free Speech To C.P. Nominee For Congress

SACRAMENTO—Free speech exists here for Congressman Frank Buck, reactionary running for re-election in the 3rd District, but not for his Communist opponent, Perry Hill.

Even though Hill had a permit to speak in Plaza Park here last Sunday afternoon, the Communist candidate was arrested by police, who took his permit away as he tried to read it to the workers.

About 150 people were present, and booed the rough tactics of the police.

The permit was signed by Ray Oakley, executive secretary to the city manager, but apparently City Manager Dean or Police Chief Hallohan did not agree with Oakley in permitting Hill to speak on the subject of Fascism in Spain and its political significance to the U. S.

No sooner did Hill start to speak than the police smashed the meeting. What happened behind the municipal government scenes, is (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 7)

L.A. Labor Pushes "Hot" Lettuce Ban

LOS ANGELES.—Plans to boycott "hot" Salinas lettuce have been worked out by J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and the executive board. They have been in conference with Salinas union officials.

The issue was referred to the executive board with full power to act. A protest committee of the Council has been calling on produce men in an attempt to dissuade them from handling scab lettuce.

4 King-Conner-Ramsay Radio Broadcasts

SAN FRANCISCO.—A series of four radio broadcasts will be given starting this Wednesday by the King-Conner-Ramsay Defense Committee.

The broadcasts will be made over KLS, Berkeley. They will be made from 1 to 1:15 p.m. this Wednesday and three Wednesdays following. Other stations have refused radio time to the Defense Committee.

UNITY WILL DEFEAT LOCKOUT!

(Editorial)

AS THE ZERO HOUR of Sept. 30 approaches, the refusal of the shipowners to accept the offer of the maritime unions to resume negotiations during a 15-day truce, amounts to a declaration of war by the employers against the maritime unions of the entire Pacific Coast and the labor movement as a whole.

Every trade union, every friend of labor must be rallied to the support of the maritime unions' demands and against the employers' cold-blooded program of a Coast-wide lockout of seamen and longshoremen, set for Thursday.

The united front of the waterfront unions, as expressed in the unanimous decision of the joint negotiations committee, must be maintained and continued. The support of the entire labor movement, as expressed in a resolution adopted by the California State Federation of Labor convention, is assured.

Every worker must act in a disciplined manner, avoiding any provocation which the shipowners can seize upon to prejudice the position of the unions in the public eye, through misleading propaganda.

The unions have done everything possible to settle the issue through peaceful negotiations, but the employers are forcing the struggle upon them, and they will find the unions prepared for it, by greater unity and solidarity than ever before, by the support of Organized Labor, and by the sympathy of the broad masses of people.

The employers are still hoping to be able to enforce their open-shop program by compulsory government arbitration on the workers, through the new U. S. Maritime Commission created by the Ship-Subsidy Act.

This Commission of two Rear-Admirals and a Treasury Department official can become an ideal set-up for the shipowners, smacking of Fascism, through its powers to prescribe wages and working conditions which have the force of law without appeal, and constitutes a threat to the right of the maritime workers to organize, collective bargaining, and strike.

The labor movement must demand of President Roosevelt that the enforcement of this anti-labor section of the bill, as well as of the Copeland "fink-book" (provided for in the Copeland Bill), shall not take place, until Congress can amend the bill to protect and guarantee the rights of the workers and the trade unions to organize, strike, and collective bargaining, and eliminate the arbitrary powers of the Maritime Commission.

Every trade union, every progressive and pro-labor organization should show its solidarity by adopting resolutions of support for the position of the maritime unions in the negotiations, and on the U. S. Maritime Commission and the Copeland Bill. Mass support and mass pressure can defeat the threatened lockout. Stand by the maritime unions!

Railroad Strike Is Spreading

SHREVEPORT, La.—The strike started by the 500 workers of the Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas Railroad is spreading. Locomotive and train crews faced armed railroad guards at Greenville, Texas.

Six shop crafts are taking strike votes, which are expected to add machinists, sheet metal workers, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, car repairers and electricians to the strike. Reinstatement of wage agreements broken by the company in June, 1933 are demanded. A citizens' mass meeting called by four brotherhoods at Greenville protested the advertising in newspapers for scabs.

Merriam OK Stamp For State Police

SACRAMENTO.—"Do it! all over again, boys!" was what Gov. Merriam said in effect to the murderous state highway patrolmen, whose actions in Salinas Merriam defended in a new statement.

Highway police officers conducted themselves "in a most considerate and humane manner," Merriam said, despite the fact that the highway police led the gas-bomb attacks and the attack on Salinas Labor Temple. Merriam's whitewash job was made easier by a letter from E. E. Winters, Secretary of the Monterey County Labor Council, praising the state highway police.

Blame For Any Halt In Work Is Employers'

Joint Meetings of Maritime Unions Show Solidarity in Face of Employers' Threats

SAN FRANCISCO—If any cessation of work occurs on the Pacific Coast waterfront, the blame will be squarely on the shoulders of the shipowners.

This was proven to the public beyond a shadow of doubt when the joint negotiations committee of 11 maritime unions proposed a 15-day truce after Sept. 30, during which all efforts were to be made, through night-and-day negotiations, to bring about a settlement. The longshoremen meanwhile answered the employers' threat by setting up a Lockout Committee of 250 to meet the emergency.

Up to the time the WESTERN WORKER went to press, the shipowners' coast committee had persisted in its refusal to accept the maritime unions' proposal for the truce, indicating that they are hell-bent on provoking a lockout.

Shipowners' Arrogance Retaining their arrogant and provocative position, the shipowners, through Thomas G. Plant, said they were willing to agree to a 15-day truce if the I.L.A. would agree to "arbitration" of all the basic rights of the unions laid down in the 1934 award, including such questions as abolition of the hiring halls, and of the 6-hour day, as de-

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Shippers Prepare Reign of Terror

SAN FRANCISCO.—Target practice by business men in the basement of the Russ Building on Montgomery St. is the latest of such reports in the preparations of the open shippers for terror against the waterfront unions, and against all organized labor.

The target practice has begun in the last few weeks and is being conducted regularly.

SEATTLE.—The Commonwealth News, published here, has uncovered the fact that the Waterfront Employers Assn. has been hiring hundreds of trained killers in preparations for a lockout of maritime workers.

The Republican Party, the Liberty League and the infamous Law and Order League are involved in the shipowners' preparations for bloodshed, the News proves.

The notorious 1934 gunman, "Tanker" Smith, is bossing the crew of cut-throats and thugs. An illegal arsenal for use against the waterfront workers unions has been established in the heart of Seattle, the News reveals.

BRIDGES TELLS LABOR STAND OF I.L.A. ON ISSUES

S.F. Council Hears Of Assured Support

SAN FRANCISCO.—The report of Harry Bridges last Friday night electrified the delegates to the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

Bridges told the delegates that the Atlantic Coast I.L.A. had assured him of support to the Pacific Coast for "everything we already have, plus some things they have which we haven't—preferential hiring and a wage increase."

Correcting an error in the "Labor Clarion," which repeated a mistaken report in the capitalist press, Bridges denied that any agreement had been signed by the East Coast longshoremen. "The East Coast will sign no (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 5)

Unity of Marine Unions In Crisis

SAN FRANCISCO.—The united front of maritime unions, expressed in the joint negotiations committee, had the following to say after its meeting last Friday:

"Representatives of all waterfront and maritime unions met today to discuss and act upon the shipowners ultimatum that all agreements will be terminated by the steamship operators September 30 unless the unions agree to their proposed terms. "The joint meeting unanimously went on record that all maritime unions concerned will officially ask that the steamship operators on the Pacific Coast abandon their present arbitrary and distinctly hostile attitude and agree to continue peaceful and sincere negotiations with all (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 5)

Browder Talks On Social Security

How to win social security for the millions of unemployed and WPA workers throughout America, "Social Security and Unemployed Problems," will be discussed by Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, over a coast-to-coast NBC hook-up next Friday, October 2nd, 7:45-8 p.m. Pacific Coast time. The broadcast will be released in California over KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; and KFSD, San Diego.

The fight for social security for the jobless is one of the most important planks in the Communist platform. Funds to continue these national broadcasts, which are reaching millions upon millions of workers and farmers, are asked by the National Election Campaign Committee. Donations to this People's Chest Against Reaction should be sent to the State Campaign Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LABOR SETS UP COMMITTEE IN DRIVE TO ORGANIZE IN AGRICULTURE

All Unions Asked to Affiliate and Give Financial Aid; Progressive Groups Called to Aid

SAN JOSE—All produce except tomatoes, from Monterey County has been declared "hot" by the Santa Clara County Labor Council.

This action came after lettuce strike representatives from Watsonville told the Council in detail about the strike situation.

MARITIME UNIONS IN SOLIDARITY

United Front Faces Lockout Threat At Zero Hour

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manded by the shipowners. Such vital and basic questions which involve the very existence of the union cannot be arbitrated, the I.L.A. Pacific Coast Executive Board again repeated.

On Monday McGrady reported "progress" as he met with I.L.A. representatives and those of shipowners. He hinted that agreement had been reached on two points, which he did not name.

The shipowners had at first demanded a 30-day truce under such unacceptable terms.

The Pacific Coast Executive Board of the I.L.A. issued the following statement, after the meeting with the shipowners' committee last Saturday:

"At the conference of the I. L.A. executive board with the Coast committee of the Ship owners, the I.L.A. in its desire to protect the public and in conformity with the policy adopted by all maritime unions concerned, offered a truce for a reasonable length of time—such as 15 days.

"The Coast committee of the Shipowners rejected this offer of a truce and reiterated their position that on and after Oct. 1 they would hire the men from the docks under hours and wages imposed by themselves instead of at the hiring hall under conditions laid down by the Award of the National Longshoremen's Board, appointed by President Roosevelt in 1934.

"The I.L.A. took the position that the short time remaining between now and Sept. 30 was insufficient to permit the I.L.A. and all the other maritime unions to arrive at an agreement with the shipowners, particularly in view of the fact that some of the unions had not as yet met with the Coast committee of the Shipowners.

"The I.L.A. expressed its assurance that if the present conditions were maintained for a reasonable length of time beyond Sept. 30, and if the employer, and the unions entered into negotiations in good faith, that a mutually acceptable agreement could be arrived at. But the employers refused to reconsider their position and rejected the truce proposed for this purpose by the I.L.A. executive board.

"The members of the I.L.A. are prepared and willing to remain at work under the present conditions as set up by the Award of the National Longshoremen's Board, appointed by the President of the United States in 1934, and the employers should agree to the 15-day extension of time for negotiating a settlement of the present difficulties.

"If the shipowners continue in their refusal to agree to a truce and insist on making arbitrary changes, the responsibility for causing injury to employees, the industry and the general public at large will rest squarely upon the shoulders of the Shipowners' Coast Committee.

"The I.L.A. executive board wants the general public to know that it is prepared at all times to enter into negotiations with the shipowners in good faith, provided the shipowners in turn will agree, during a reasonable period of time, to continue the existing conditions."

McGrady in San Francisco The intervention of Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, who flew to San Francisco from Washington, has thus far been unable to budge the shipowners from their provocative stand.

Harry Bridges, president of the Pacific Coast District, I.L.A., stated following the shipowners' rejection of the maritime unions' offer:

"It is highly regrettable that

The Council unanimously adopted a resolution for the formation of a Cannery and Agricultural Organization Committee. A campaign will now be waged for the organization of the workers in these industries.

Committee of Seven A committee of seven was set up and a sum of \$50 was granted for propagandizing purposes, through the radio and by printed matter.

All unions are to be notified to affiliate with the committee and give financial aid.

All unions and liberal and progressive organizations are asked to set up a committee and meet with the C.A.O. A letter was sent to the State Labor Federation asking for an organizer and financial support. A charter is reported on the way to the Cannery and Agricultural Union.

Coughlin Declares Himself Fascist

DES MOINES, Iowa.—"I take the road to Fascism," declared Father Coughlin in an interview here, reported in full by Dale Kramer in the National Farm Holiday News.

As a Fascist, Coughlin said, he supports Landon against Roosevelt.

"We are at the cross roads," declared the priest. "One road leads toward Fascism, the other toward Communism.

"I take the road toward Fascism."

Coughlin's frank announcement that he is a Fascist startled some of his followers, who have steadfastly denied that the priest believes in Hitlerism.

Striding violently back and forth, Coughlin shouted: "Threatens 'Putsch' "If a Communist government is elected, I will be out fighting it with a gun. The crisis will come before 1940."

Throwing overboard the Constitution, Coughlin said that he would take part in an armed insurrection against a duly-elected Farmer-Labor government, which he said would be "Communistic," as he so labeled the Spanish Popular Front government.

He plainly said he used the Lemke campaign for the sole purpose of electing Landon, and that he ordered his National Union for Social Justice to quit campaigning for Lemke in Michigan when he felt that the state was safe for Landon.

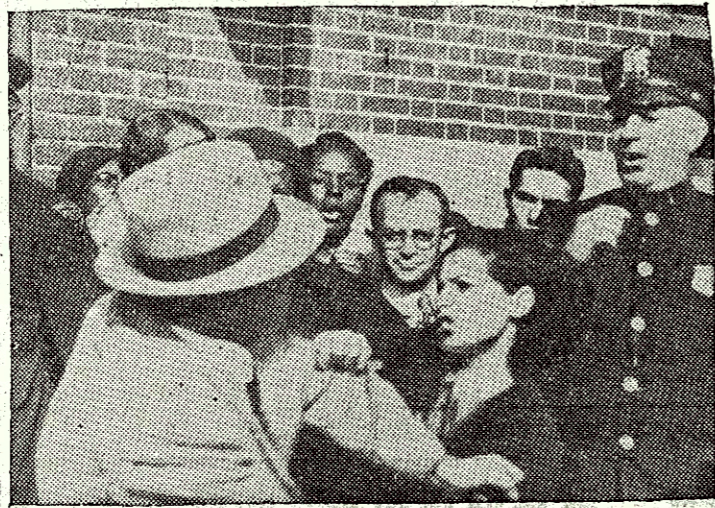
The priest apologized for Hitler, saying the Jews had "persecuted" Hitler.

The shipowners' coast committee lately rejected the offer of a truce made by us in all good faith for the purpose of reaching a solution of the present difficulty.

"It is customary in matters of this sort that when an agreement expires—unless one of the parties wishes to declare war on the other—work is to continue in accordance with the provisions of the agreement until such time as a new agreement is arrived at.

"For the employers to insist that, pending negotiations, work shall continue under conditions which they impose, is most arbitrary. If we insisted that, pending negotiations, they must observe the conditions imposed by us, I am sure they would consider such position most drastic.

WAVE OF STRIKES IN THE COUNTRY



SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND workers are reported on strike throughout the country at present time, against attacks on wages and conditions. C.I.O. has stimulated organization in many industries. Photo shows strike scene in Camden, N. J.

FREE LEADER OF JOBLESS

McShann's Health Is Wrecked In Jail

LOS ANGELES—James McShann, leader in the struggles for the unemployed, was released from Lincoln Heights Jail last Friday after slightly more than two years' imprisonment.

He was convicted following a police-incited riot at the Los Angeles County Relief Office on June 1, 1934.

Still wearing a steel brace for injuries to his back which he received when police handcuffed him and administered a savage beating, McShann's health is all but wrecked.

He has lost about 40 pounds from starvation diet and is on the verge of a nervous breakdown as a result of persecution and discrimination during the time he was confined, but his spirit is as militant as ever.

Police Brutality McShann and five other workers were arrested when an orderly delegation attempted to present demands to the relief office protesting cutting off of milk for relief families, forced labor on garden plots and grocery baskets in place of cash relief.

Without any warning the delegation was set upon by uniformed thugs, unmercifully beaten and thrown in jail.

McShann declared that had it not been for medical treatment and food furnished by the International Labor Defense, he could not have lived through his sentence. He said that in all the time he was in Lincoln Heights, never once was sugar, fruit or fresh vegetables given the prisoners.

He was released a few weeks earlier than scheduled through activities of Allan Frankel and Grover Johnson, I.L.D. attorneys, who had his case brought before the Parole Board along with filing of a writ of habeas corpus.

McShann is writing an article on police brutalities in Lincoln Heights Jail.

Unions Pledge Support To King

(Continued from page 1) the defense are expected from union officials.

The Portland, Ore. Central Labor Council unanimously endorsed four resolutions calling for support and confidence in the three defendants.

One resolution adopted protests to Attorney General Webb of California against District Attorney Warren's "unethical and unfair conduct of the case."

A request for the La Follette committee to come to California to investigate labor spies was also contained in another resolution.

The American Federation of Government Clerks, Lodge 236, has sent a resolution to District Attorney Warren of Alameda County, charging that the evidence against King, Conner and Ramsay is "wildly improbable and phantastic" and that the case has every evidence of being a frame-up against waterfront unions and all labor unions.

Shipowners In Underhand Move In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES.—Attempting to rouse public enmity against the maritime unions, shipowners are responsible for "anonymous" chain letters received here by merchants, professionals, and various types of business people.

The recipients of the letters are being urged to write letters to the maritime unions, requesting them to arbitrate with the shipowners. The letter states that "employers have agreed to arbitrate, but up to this time the maritime unions have rejected this commonsense plan."

This "commonsense plan" would mean surrender of hiring halls and the 6-hour day, and eventual crushing of the unions.

Soviet Bank Spikes Morgenthau's Lie

MOSCOW.—U. S. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's hysterical charge that the Soviet Union was trying to weaken the value of the English pound sterling, was declared "absolutely without foundation and an absurd invention" by the Soviet State Bank last Monday.

The State Bank's statement declared Morgenthau's announcement "appears to be an unfounded anti-Soviet attack, based not upon an effort to defend foreign exchange but on some other aims."

Morgenthau had claimed that the Soviet State Bank had moved to drive down the price of the pound sterling by ordering the sale of 1,000,000 pounds sterling on the New York stock exchange.

PARIS.—New monetary legislation devaluing the franc is being introduced into the French Parliament in special session by the Blum government, while the Fascists and rightists are seeking desperately to smash the unity of the People's Front.

However, the government was sustained in the Chamber of Deputies when the reactionaries tried to get the monetary bills referred back to the finance committee for revision.

The Communist Party has fought devaluation which would aid the 200 richest families of France, and take 1 1/2 cents out of every 6 cents now in the workers' pockets with a devaluation of 6 1/2 cents to 5 cents on the franc, and would wipe out the wage increases won by the vast strikes of the workers.

Ford Speaks In S.F. On Oct. 7th, L.A. On Oct. 11th

(Continued From Page 1) ney, 4th Congressional District candidate; Lawrence Ross, 5th Congressional District candidate; and San Jaye, Peter J. Garrison and Archie Brown, candidates for State Assembly.

On the night of October 8th, Ford will speak at Municipal Auditorium, Theater in Oakland.

In Los Angeles, Ford is to arrive on Friday, October 9th, and will give an interview to local newspapermen. In the evening he will speak over station KECA at 8 p.m., immediately following the national broadcast of Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, over the same station.

Ford will speak at Eastside Auditorium, 3400 East Pico Boulevard, on Sunday, October 11th, 8 p.m. The auditorium is located at 3400 East Pico Boulevard, with auto traffic directed out East 9th St. to Lorena. The auditorium is reached by the East 8 p.m. The auditorium is reached by the East 9th St. bus to Lorena, or via the "R" car. Admission will be 25 cents.

BRIDGES TELLS LABOR STAND OF I.L.A. ON ISSUES

S.F. Council Hears Of Assured Support

(Continued From Page One) agreement until we have signed here.

"If there is trouble on the Pacific Coast, then we are assured that no ships will be loaded or worked on the Atlantic or Gulf Coasts," Bridges said. "The Great Lakes I.L.A. will not barge freight down the Mississippi to New Orleans."

Reporting on the Copeland Act and the Maritime Commission, Bridges corrected another false statement in the capitalist press: "Nobody spoke of a strike against the maritime act," he said. But there will be resistance to the Copeland Act and the arbitrary powers given the Maritime Commission of three admirals.

"We were amazed to learn from the Dept. of Commerce that the new Maritime Commission will have the power to set up hours, wages and working conditions. We couldn't see it that way. We don't like a situation where if Maritime Unions ask for improved conditions, we will find ourselves up against the government."

"When we asked if the commission would have the say over where hiring is to take place, they were non-committal. If they try to make us hire off the docks there will be trouble."

In regard to the "safety at sea law," Bridges pointed out that each seaman is to get a certificate which can be revoked for "breach of discipline." This and the phrase "refusal to obey lawful orders of a master" would mean that men insisting on union conditions could be victimized.

"Conditions on foreign ships are in many ways better than American ships," Bridges pointed out. He described the bad quarters and the fact that "not a nickel overtime is paid" American seamen.

"This act legalizes such conditions," Bridges said. "It mentions the 8-hour day—providing there is no extra work like mooring the ship, etc. It really legalizes a 24-hour day if the company wants to make it so."

"Secretary of Commerce Roper made it plain to us that the act is to 'get rid of radicals' on the ships."

"The Commerce Dept. assured us the act cannot be used against a strike, but the Labor Dept. told us something different," said Bridges.

"We asked the Secretary of Commerce to postpone the act from Dec. 25, so that we could take it up with Congress."

Unity of Marine Unions In Crisis

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"During the additional 15-day period all waterfront and maritime workers are willing to re-exist wages and working conditions at work under present dictations.

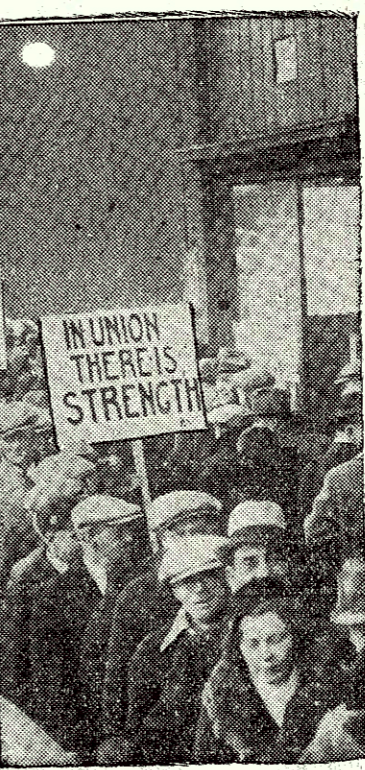
"In unanimously making this decision the maritime unions did so in the interests of peace and harmony in the maritime industry and with due regard to public inconvenience that would be created by another bitter industrial conflict on the Pacific Coast waterfronts, possibly spreading to all other ports of the Nation.

"The Maritime Unions are sincere in their demands that negotiations be immediately resumed with all groups, continuing day and night if necessary, with every effort put forth to exhaust all possible means of peaceful settlement before any drastic or economic action is resorted to.

"By Joint Negotiation Committee, representing the following Pacific Coast District Unions: I.L.A. District 33, Sailors Union of the Pacific, Marine Firemen Oilers and Watertenders, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Masters, Mates and Pilots Local 90, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, American Radio Telegraph Association, Machinist Local 68, Boiler Makers Local 9."

LOS ANGELES.—A thirty-minute "sit-down" strike won the truckdrivers of the L.A. Young Steel Wire Co. a wage increase of 10%, and shorter working hours.

LABOR'S RIGHT The Right To Picket



C.I.O. Suspension Hit By 20 State A.F.L. Bodies

WASHINGTON.—The A.F.L. Executive Council and craft unionism are taking it on the chin.

Sweeping success is being gained by the Committee for Industrial Organization in convention after convention.

New support in the past week brought the list of state federations to support the C.I.O. or protest its suspension up to 20.

The state federations now lined up against the Executive Council because of its suspension action are: Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Montana, Nevada, California, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Connecticut, Ohio, Arizona, Wisconsin.

S.F. Gas Seller Tells of Graft

(Continued From Page One) lice officials, who rushed to call the man who added to their bank rolls, names.

Theodore J. Roche, San Francisco police commission president, and Police Chief Quinn were loud in their protestations of denial.

A letter from McCarty to the Lake Erie Chemical Co., his employers, dated Nov. 1, 1934 (shortly after the waterfront and general strikes) said "many of the boys" at the San Francisco city hall "cannot stand an investigation and they know it."

Buy Gas Secretly McCarty showed that shipowners and fruit growers have been secretly buying gas for California police, for use against strikers.

In a letter of August 6, 1936, McCarty told his company that "San Francisco will shortly have another general strike" for which "plenty of gas will be purchased."

In a letter dated April 1, 1936, McCarty told how Martinez, Cal., police were buying gas from a secret fund for use against the tanker strikers. The mayor wanted no publicity, McCarty said, "in view of strong union and Communist groups in the town."

McCarty was also in the business of setting up dictographs for whoever would buy his services, and police officials used them freely against one another. "The boys at city hall" were afraid of his dictagraph equipment, McCarty told the committee.

The Waterfront Employers Association was revealed as the purchaser of large amounts of tear gas in 1934. The waterfront employers bought some of it for the city.

Other San Francisco companies to buy tear gas have been: Bullard Co., Standard Oil, California Packing Co., Examiner Printing Co., Alaska Packers Association.

New War Sec'y Urged CCC Be Used To Combat Strikers

WASHINGTON.—The new secretary of war, appointed to succeed the late George H. Dern, is a man who once called for the use of the C.C.C. boys against strikers.

SUPPORT FOR MARITIME UNIONS PLEDGED BY DELEGATES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL

Wire Ordered Sent To Machinist Grand Lodge Urging Return of E. Bay Charter

SAN FRANCISCO—New backing for the East Bay Machinists on strike in 39 plants, came from the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday night.

The Council, without opposition, instructed its officers to wire Machinists' President Wharton, urging the restoration of Machinist Local 284's charter.

The charter was jerked when the East Bay strike was declared "outlaw" by the Grand Lodge officials.

Upholsters' Local 28, leading the strike of 100 men in Kroehler's, reported a 10 per cent wage increase in the agreement signed with all firms in the Bay Area except Kroehler's.

The Musicians reported an agreement with all restaurants, granting a \$1 a day wage increase.

Delegate O'Grady, of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, spoke on the waterfront situation and pointed out that it is now a question of a fight for existence by all the maritime unions.

"We look forward to all the necessary support from organized labor," he told the Council.

The report of Harry Bridges to the Council is dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

Delegate Sanders of the Ornamental Ironworkers received a big hand when he told the waterfront unions that "you'll find the Ironworkers picketing alongside you if you have any trouble."

Reporting the negotiation of an agreement with all 10 wrecking firms, and also an agreement with one of the finkiest outfits in San Francisco since the 1920 strike (Ferdinand Nelson), the Laborers Union delegate aroused great applause when he stated that "in the event the maritime unions have trouble, the Laborers feel obligated to give every dime we have in the treasury to their help, for we feel that the waterfront unions are responsible for our progress."

A motion by Harry Bridges, to call on the Executive Committee of the Council to devise ways and means to curb the anti-labor policies and propaganda of the Hearst press, was adopted with applause.

Deny Free Speech To C.P. Nominee

(Continued From Page One) problematical. When the Federated Trades and Labor Council protested anti-free speech ordinance last year, Oakley was quoted in the Sacramento Bee as saying:

"We will oppose vigorously any move to weaken the ordinances aimed at Communism. If anything, the administration favors strengthening of present ordinances.

When a committee went to the police station to find out what the charges were and how much bail was required, it was told it would have to wait until Monday to see the judge.

Protests against violation of constitutional rights should be sent to Dean and Hallahan.

S. F. Cops Disrupt SAN FRANCISCO—Continuing their policy of interference with peaceful street meetings held by the Communist Election Campaign Committee in the 23rd Assembly District, police arrested Nick Bolish for distributing leaflets. He was sentenced to 90 days and \$250 fine.

Having no excuse to break up the meeting, cops carried on heckling against the speakers. Approximately 150 workers attended the meeting. Meetings will be held every Saturday night on the corner of 21st and Mission Streets, 7:30 p. m.

Protest Police Terror LOS ANGELES—Tear-gassed, slugged and arrested by lawless Los Angeles police, who charged a peaceful street meeting in the Bred and Brooklyn Streets' free speech zone on September 12th, four workers will come up for trial in Division 7, Hall of Justice, 9:30 a. m., October 2nd.

Charged with "resisting arrest, illegal assemblage, blocking traffic and inciting to riot," Jim Dell, Malone Freeman, Edward McDowell and James Carter will be defended by Leo Gallagher and Grover Johnson, of the International Labor Defense.

All workers are urged to pack the court room in protest against illegal police terror.

OKLAHOMA FOR C.I.O. Leonard Dickerson, president of the Oklahoma City Central Trades and Labor Council, announced that the council would refuse to recognize the suspension of the C.I.O. unions.

3000 FILIPINOS VOTE TO JOIN IN SALINAS STRIKE

Lettuce Pickers In Sympathetic Move; Have Demands

(Continued From Page One) proposal made by Merriam for settlement of the strike. Merriam's proposal was that employees be selected from a list of available workers employed during the 12 months prior to Sept. 22nd.

This would mean that strike-breakers hired since the strike were to be retained.

By Monday midnight, hundreds of Filipinos had already struck. Michael Shevlin, president of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, charged that the Filipinos had been prevented from hiring a hall, because Police Chief Griffin warned the hall's owner.

Guards armed with rifles were attempting to keep the Filipinos from walking out in many cases. They stood watch over the Filipinos' camps.

Several hundred pickets of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union picketed sheds at the foot of Gabilan Street Monday. Other sheds were also picketed by large numbers of strikers.

An attempt at another "dynamite" frameup came Monday with the arrest of two men at Placerville. The two men were reported to have said they were taking a truckload of dynamite to Salinas. This has every earmark of a plot cooked up by the grower-shippers.

"Preference to Scabs" The State Federation recommends that a list be compiled for the 12 months before Sept. 4, the date when the strike began. "Representatives of organized labor cannot establish such precedents for the settlement of a strike as is provided in the Governor's proposal," the State Federation committee stated.

"This is virtually preference in employment for strikebreakers." The overbearing arrogance of the police and deputized thugs has been trying the patience of the pickets, members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, and a few fights occurred in the past few days.

Picketing has been growing until the size of picket lines before the famous Wednesday battle is again in sight.

To prevent the marketing of "hot" lettuce, a committee has been chosen to go to eastern cities, for the purpose of urging teamsters and other transportation and market unions not to handle Salinas lettuce while the strike is on.

James A. Sells and C. J. Foster were to go East for this purpose.

They will be accompanied by A.F.L. organizer Joe Casey. The fence around the Monterey Ice Co., a barricade to protect scabs, was completed Monday.

Two hundred pickets appear before the Salinas Valley plant Sunday morning. The Salinas Valley plant is surrounded by a high fence. At Police Chief Griffin's request, A. S. Doss, Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union reactionary secretary, asked the pickets to disperse.

Committees were to ask the San Francisco, Los Angeles and other Labor Councils to raise money for the strike. The money is to be paid to the Salinas Central Labor Council.

Nominations for officers to the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union were to come up October 1st.

Fish Handlers Tie Up S.F. Companies

SAN FRANCISCO—150 fish handlers, members of the Butchers Union, struck Monday and tied up seven of the city's main wholesale companies.

The strikers demand a closed shop. Teamsters refused to drive fish trucks.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

COMMUNIST IN COMPTON CITY COUNCIL RACE

Ousted Reactionaries Illegally File To Run Again

COMPTON—William T. Brinkley, active leader of W.P.A. and unemployed workers and a member of the Communist Party, is one of the candidates for the Compton City Council at a special election on October 8th.

The election follows recall of red-baiting Mayor C. S. Smith and three members of the city council.

Despite a provision in the city charter which makes the recalled officials ineligible for office for five years, Mayor Smith and his recalled supporter, Raymond Keyzers, have filed for re-election.

Clearly ineligible under this provision, the appearance of their names on the ballot will depend on Mrs. Blanche Firkins, city clerk.

Councilmen R. R. Moreland and Dr. Dummitt, also recalled, have not filed for re-election. Dummitt and Moreland were in another clique which opposed Smith and Keyzers. The two cliques got out petitions against each other and Compton citizens recalled both groups.

Candidates for mayor to replace Smith are A. LeRoy Aylmer, Joseph C. Hedgecock, Harry O. Reinsch and John H. McKee.

Running against Brinkley in the first district are Dr. Laurence H. Heacock, Benjamin Cosgray, Charles Shepherd and Harry W. McKean. Cosgray is a former reactionary supporter of Smith who was beaten in the last regular election.

Opposing the recalled Keyzers are Ella Morley Pindle, Charles H. Warner, George J. Marshall, Thomas H. Sexton, Cam L. Crawford and George F. Whitaker.

In District No. 4 the candidates are Wayne S. Bowen, Roy M. Skinner, E. W. Davis, Robert C. Dillingham and Henry E. Charney.

Need Of Farmer-Labor Party Is Shown

TULARE—When workers of Tulare and Kings Counties looked at the returns after the primary election they could see one good reason why it would be better to have a Farmer-Labor Party rather than to play around with the old political parties.

Only name that will appear on the final ballot will be that of Gordon H. Garland of Woodlake, a well-to-do farmer who is believed to have been aided by the Edison Co.

Not Very Popular However, he polled only 4195 votes, running in the Democratic primary, whereas another candidate, Rufus Connelly, polled 6625 votes on two tickets out of about 19,000 votes.

Connelly was a poor man and considered friendly to workers. He won the highest vote on the Republican ticket in which many small farmers are voters.

However, he failed to win the nomination of the Democratic Party in which he is registered. Consequently, according to the election laws, he will not appear on the final ballot for either party.

The illustration shows that independent political action, through a Farmer-Labor Party, will be necessary before any candidate supported by workers can be certain of a place on the final ballot.

League Sits Down On Mussolini, Seats Ethiopians

GENEVA.—Rebuke to Fascist war instigators was seen here in the vote of the League of Nations Assembly, 39 to 4, that Ethiopian delegates might be seated, despite Mussolini's repeated assertions that Italy would not return to the League unless they were barred.

Ecuador, Hungary, Austria and Albania cast the votes against seating the Ethiopians. Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Union representative, led the fight of the smaller nations against Italy on the ground that refusal to seat Ethiopia delegates would have been equivalent to League recognition of the Fascist conquest of Ethiopia.

Build the circulation of the Western Worker.

Only The Communist Party Program Represents Your Needs! Vote For Browder As Vote Against Reaction!

In the 1936 elections, the gravest crisis for the American people since the Civil War, the Communist Party alone brings forward the program and platform which will answer the needs of the great masses of workers, farmers, and city middle-classes.

The Communist Party states this, knowing that comparison of its program with that of the other parties will prove the statement. Let's compare the programs and parties:

Republican Party The Republican Party, raising the false slogan of "Capitalism" in order to stampede workers not yet convinced of the eventual necessity to establish Socialism, into its ranks, is the most dangerous threat to the American people in 1936.

The Republican Party wishes to remove all remnants of popular influence on the government, and moves in the direction of Fascism and war.

Its program is directed towards cutting wages, raising prices, smashing the trade union farmers out of agriculture, cutting relief, and wiping out all social and labor legislation.

Democratic Party Claiming the issue is "Defeat the economic royalists," the Democratic Party under Roosevelt strives to follow a middle course. As between reaction and democracy, it wavers between pressure from the reactionaries and pressure from the progressives.

This indecisiveness and vacillation shows that the Democratic Party is no barrier against Fascism. The progressive forces in the United States must organize for independent political action in the Farmer-Labor Party, which is the concrete American form of the people's front against reaction, Fascism and war.

Union Party Shouting "Roosevelt and ruin," the Union Party is a conspiracy on the part of William Randolph Hearst and Father Coughlin, which aims to make use of disillusionment and disgust with capitalism in order to elect Landon by diverting votes from Roosevelt. It is a fake third party, and a vote for Lemke is a vote for Landon and Wall Street.

Socialist Party Advancing the unrealistic slogan of "Socialism or Capitalism," the Socialist Party refuses to see the immediate menace of Fascism, and is indifferent to the need for a broad united front to defeat the reactionaries in the Liberty League and the Republican Party. It does not see that there can be no effective fight against capitalism without

fighting against the immediate danger of reaction. Saying that Landon and Knox must be defeated at all costs, Labor's Non-Partisan League is supporting the re-election of Roosevelt.

It has taken hesitating steps in the direction of a Farmer-Labor Party by organizing the American Labor Party in New York State.

It has not attempted to unite with the great mass of Coughlin and Townsend members to form an independent force which could make Roosevelt go more to the Left.

Communist Party "Democracy or Fascism, progress or reaction" is the realistic, bread-and-butter slogan advanced by the Communist Party in these crucial elections.

The Communist Party has as its main goal in the campaign the strengthening of the Farmer-Labor movement. It is working to form a mighty and enduring alliance with labor, the farmers, the city middle classes and all progressives in a front of the people against the reactionaries. It strives to speed up the break-away of the people from the two old capitalist parties, and take them on the road to independent organization and political action.

The Communist Party stands for a program around which millions can be rallied to the Farmer-Labor Party. It supports higher wages and a higher standard of living. It is for a powerful trade union movement including the entire working class. It fights to save the farmers from ruin. It demands that the Supreme Court be curbed from usurping illegal powers, and that social and labor legislation be further extended.

The Communist Party is for balancing the budget at the expense of the rich, with all necessary funds being taken from the profits of the political and economic exploiters of the people—out of the accumulated wealth of Wall Street. It strives to defend and extend democratic rights and seeks to keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.

Make Your Choice! With the terrible danger of a Hitler regime being set up in the United States, only the Communist Party tries to rally all possible forces to stop the march of Fascism. This is why the Communist Party calls upon all working people and progressives to vote Communist as a vote against reaction, as a vote for building a Farmer-Labor Party.

In the next issue of the Western Worker, the presidential candidates of the five parties will be analyzed.

Hearst Driving For Fascism, States L.A. Publisher

LOS ANGELES—"Hearst is not only trying to defeat the President, but is seeking to establish a Fascist form of government in the United States," declared Manchester Boddy, publisher of the Daily News and Evening News, in an editorial statement last week.

"Those who have wondered why Hearst has flooded the country for the past year with false 'menaces' of every kind, calculated to influence class hatred and suspicion and war spirit, now have their answer," said Boddy.

Hearst's Activities "Fortunately for America, Americans are too familiar with William Randolph Hearst's activities to be taken in by his latest campaign of slander. Americans are familiar with Hearst's incessant campaign of hate against France and Japan, his incoherent utterances, his attempts to foment war, his forged documents from Mexico, his admiration of Hitler and Mussolini, his long trail of shifting policies through the years, his deliberate falsification of news stories, his violent anti-labor bias."

Boddy telegraphed Landon for a statement on the G.O.P. candidate's stand on Hearst, but has not received a reply.

Mussolini Grabs Onto Majorca BARCELONA.—The Island of Majorca, belonging to Spain, has "in practice and in fact" been delivered by Spanish Fascists to the Italians, one of whose leaders—a Lieutenant Rossini—has established a virtual dictatorship there, reports the Anarcho-Syndicalist newspaper, Solidaridad Obrera. The Italian flag is freely flown on the island, and many Italian airplanes have landed, it is stated by the newspaper.

For COUNCILMAN



WM. T. BRINKLEY

Communist Party member now running for the City Council in Compton (see column 2, this page). Brinkley ran for Los Angeles County Supervisor in the August primaries.

Communist Party Broadcasts Are Scheduled

To hear the Communist Party program in the 1936 elections, tune in on these broadcasts, scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 1st—Emma Cutler, 13th Cong. Dist. candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 8-8:15 p. m.

Friday, Oct. 2nd—Earl Browder, presidential candidate, "Socialist Insurance and Unemployment Problems," national hookup including KGO, San Francisco; KECA, Los Angeles; GFSD, San Diego, 7:45-8 p. m., Pacific Coast time.

Monday, Oct. 5th—Peter J. Garrison, 26th Assembly Dist. candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

Oct. 8th—Louis Rosser, 62nd Assembly Dist. candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 8-8:15 p. m.; James W. Ford, vice-presidential candidate, KGO, San Francisco, 5:30-5:45 p. m.

Oct. 9th—Earl Browder, "Problems of Youth," national hookup including KGO, KECA, KFSD, 8-8:15 p. m.

Oct. 12th—Anita Whitney, 4th Cong. Dist. candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

Oct. 15th—Thomas J. Cooney, 69th Assembly Dist. candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 8-8:15 p. m.

Oct. 18th—Lawrence Ross, 5th Cong. Dist. candidate, San Francisco, KROW, 6:45-7 p. m.

Oct. 22nd—Emma Cutler, 13th Cong. Dist. candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 8-8:15 p. m.

Oct. 23rd—Earl Browder, KFI, Los Angeles; KPO, San Francisco, 7:45-8 p. m.

Oct. 26th—San Francisco broadcast, KROW.

Oct. 29th—Harold J. Ashe, 14th Cong. Dist. candidate, Los Angeles, KMTR, 8-8:15 p. m.

Oct. 30th—"Mother" Bloor, KPO, KFI, 7:45-8 p. m.

Nov. 2nd—Earl Browder, KGO, KECA, KFSD, 7:45-8 p. m.

The State Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party urges that all Party members and sympathizers arrange house parties and meetings to tune in on these broadcasts and to discuss the Communist election program.

POPE MAY AGAIN SIT ON FASCIST RADIO PRIEST

ROME.—If the Pope gives Father Coughlin, Fascist radio priest of Detroit, a stronger "warning" than the one recently appearing in the papal newspaper, Osservatore Romano, local prelates said they won't "be surprised."

Such a "warning" will probably come, they said, if Coughlin continues his attacks on President Roosevelt.

The Fascist priest said at Cincinnati last Friday night that Roosevelt was "anti-God."

Teacher Tells Silly Pro-Fascist Lies About Spain RIVERSIDE.—Sniveling lies against the Spanish government were related before the Riverside Lions Club last week by Miss Kate O'Neill, teacher, when she gave "first hand reports" of the Spanish civil war.

O'Neill told a long rambling tale of her "experiences," which included accounts of "attempts rape" by Spanish soldiers, dreadfully gruesome slaughters of students, and the absurd remark that she and her friends were compelled to give the Soviet salute or be shot.

She said the name of God had been banned in Spain and that the Communists have displaced the farewell remark of "God be with you until we meet again," with "health and money." The latter is an ancient Spanish greeting.

TAHOE TRIPS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PRIZES

Browder-Ford Drive Booms In E. Bay; L. A. Quotas

Hot news from the Browder-Ford Membership Drive! A round trip to snow-clad Lake Tahoe awaits two hard working East Bay Communists who enroll the highest number of new members by January 21st, 1937, Lenin Memorial Day.

In addition, the top-notch of the two comrades can bring along his best friend—all free. Pledges keep rolling in and have already reached 164, with Central Oakland pledging to recruit 84 new members, Berkeley 59, and East Oakland 21. And the East Bay comrades feel that these totals are conservative and will be easily fulfilled!

More power to you, Alameda County, and to the Hayward Unit which brought in five new members during the past week.

L. A. Heard From Well, at last Los Angeles is heard from. With John Leech and J. Thorne taking the lead with pledges of 10 recruits each by November 7th, the L. A. County Committee has pledged to recruit 106 by this anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Latest report is that L. A. County has set itself a quota of 297 members by November 7th. We are very disappointed with this low goal, compared with the pledge of 510 made by 110 San Francisco functionaries. This question should be reopened immediately in L. A.

Socialist Competition Pledges of County Organizers: Pledged Recruited

Table with 2 columns: Name and Pledged Recruited. Includes John Leech (L.A.) 10, Frank Spector (S.F.) 10, Barnes (E. Bay) 10, Hill (Sacramento) 12, Sonoma 5, San Mateo 3.

Let's hear from the other leading comrades.

Have YOU Given A Day's Pay To The People's Chest?

It's an emergency! The National Campaign Committee of the Communist Party has sent out an urgent call for donations of a day's pay to the People's Chest Against Reaction, yet only four responses were received during the past week by the California State Election Campaign Committee.

Unless the drive is speeded up immediately, the national, state and local broadcasts will be endangered!

Shock-Brigades Day's pay donations received last week are as follows: John Golden, Summer, Oregon, \$2.50; Hollywood Unit, \$4; George Anderson, \$10; East Oakland Section, \$9.

More shock-brigades are those who turned in completely sold-out coupon books, of \$5 each, as follows: Hollywood, E. J. Hansen, Meyer Gordick, Dubinsky, Watson McKenstry, A. Winston.

Let's get the ball rolling on this financial drive, so we can push the biggest campaign against reaction in the history of the United States! (See editorial)

Pomona Ku Kluxers Bite Back At Their Pals

POMONA.—The City Council here was thrown into an uproar here last week, and no wonder. The Ku Klux Klan, which usually works with police sanction, had written a letter to the Council charging that vice, gambling and bookmaking were rampant on the midway of the Los Angeles County Fair grounds and that the "fountain of protection is in the Mayor's office."

The letter criticized the police department, and demanded that immediate steps be taken to "clean up" vice and gambling, on pain of further exposes by the Klan.

Labor Defense Holds Carnival-Picnic

LOS ANGELES.—To raise funds for defense and relief of labor's prisoners, the International Labor Defense is arranging a carnival and picnic for Sunday, October 4th, at Whiting Woods, Montrose. Free transportation will be provided from 230 South Spring Street, 3220 Central Avenue, 4853 West Adams Street at 10 a. m., and from 2700 Brooklyn Avenue from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.

G.O.P. Windbag Forgets Name Of Nominee!

SANTA BARBARA.—Rex B. Goodcell, Los Angeles attorney and Republican leader extraordinary, was ending a blast of vituperation against the Roosevelt administration before the Santa Barbara County Women's Club.

"If you want to return to that existence we once knew as the American form of government, then vote for—"

He faltered, "Vote for—" Goodcell gulped and mopped his brow.

"I guess I've forgotten the man's name," he explained. "Landon?" shouted a voice from the audience.

"Yes, Landon," the speaker finished.

Rev. Smith Would Be Hitler Of United States

LOS ANGELES.—John B. Kiefer, ex-Townsend executive, who is suing here for \$250,000 libel damages against the pension organization, charged that he was ousted from the Townsend movement because he was "trying to stop Gerald L. K. Smith, professional 'rabble rouser,' from using the Townsend movement as a means to set himself up as Fascist dictator of the United States."

Kiefer declared Smith is taking Dr. Townsend and all the Townsends for a "Louisiana Hay Ride."

"Smith is being hired by an anti-Roosevelt syndicate," said Kiefer, "and has never been paid by the O.A.R.P. I have talked to him by the hour and I know he has definite Fascist ambitions."

Townsend Betrays Kiefer said when he remonstrated with Dr. Townsend against Smith's vicious attacks on Roosevelt and against the doctor's personal endorsement of Lemke for President, Townsend replied:

"If it is a question of me deviating from my chosen objective to defeat Roosevelt at any cost, or the survival of the Townsend plan, then the Townsend plan will have to fall by the wayside or go on without me."

Kiefer himself indicated he was confused when he jumped Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini together as dictators. Even Hearst and the Liberty League admit that Stalin, as General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, is as far removed from Fascism as it is possible to be.

They Made Selves Laughing Stock

SAN DIEGO.—Three of the worst reactionaries in the local trade unions have become the laughing stock of the labor movement, as a result of their actions at the State Federation Convention in Sacramento.

Returning delegates report that after the convention voted unanimously for the entire delegation to picket Gov. Merriam in the State Capital Building, Stanley Gue, local deputy Labor Commissioner and Office Workers delegate, Ed Dowell, projectionists delegate and John Donnelly, Musicians delegate, ducked into their hotel and hid their until the picketing was over.

Too frightened to object to the picketing on the floor of the convention, they simply ran away.

Ed Dowell gained prominence at the convention by nominating Ed Vandeleur as Secretary. All three of these delegates took leading parts in disrupting the progressive Central Labor Council last January.

POSTAL CLERKS The Pennsylvania State Federation of Postal Clerks at its annual convention condemned the suspension of the C.I.O. unions.

EAST COAST FIREMEN Newly elected officers of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Water-tenders of the Atlantic and Gulf stated that the overwhelming majority of the 8,000 members are opposed to the suspension of the C.I.O.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Allentown Central Trades and Labor Council has gone on record opposing the suspension of the C.I.O. unions.

For further details write State Campaign Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

Join the Communist Party! Fight for liberty to clear the path to Socialism!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Name Address City State Occupation Sex Age Nationality (State if Negro)

Mail application to Communist Party, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, or to Communist Party, 224 South Spring Street, Room 409, Los Angeles.

BIOGRAPHY OF JAMES FORD C.P. NOMINEE

Parents Sacrifice To Put Ford Through School

(Biography of James W. Ford, Communist Party candidate for Vice-President—continued from last issue.)

Ford was an early victim of child labor, which still ruins the lives and health of tens of thousands of children. When he was about 13, he was forced to quit school and get a job as a water-boy on a railroad gang in Ensey, Alabama, where he grew up.

His parents wanted him to go to school, but young James had to do his bit to keep the family going. Despite his youth, he was so husky that he soon secured a job as a member of the same railroad gang to which he had previously been waterboy.

Jim-Crow School Ford's schooling was in a jim-crow grammar school, where the Negro teachers are poorly paid and which ran only a few weeks. He soon learned to like reading books more than attending school, and read everything he could get his hands on.

The next job Ford had was in a boiler room at a blast furnace where his father was employed, and he worked as a steam-fitter's helper. Finally he rose to mechanic's helper, blacksmith helper and finally the operator of a steam hammer in the forge shop of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company.

But he could not get any higher because of discrimination, and this fact burned deep into young Jim's heart and mind. Like his fellow Negro workers, he got the dirtiest and hardest jobs, with the least pay. He learned that he was "inferior" to his white fellow workers.

The Communist Party fights for equal work and equal pay for all Negro workers, and has included this in its 1936 platform.

Sacrifices for School Young Jim's mother was determined he should finish his schooling, and she and his father made sacrifices to enable him to enter high school. And young Jim finished high school in three years, even while using his spare time to work at the steel plant.

His parents then scraped together what they could and prepared him for the "best college in the South."

So, in 1913, Jim, then 20, entered Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, known as the institution for the "best Negro families of the South." Even today Fisk is known as an "exclusive" Negro college, controlled and financed by wealthy capitalists whose policy is to segregate Negro students into jim-crow schools and thus begin early to divide potential workers and professionals from their fellow white students.

(Continued in Next Issue.)

Browder And Ford Talks On Records

Electrically transcribed records of the Acceptance Speeches of Earl Browder and James W. Ford at Madison Square Garden, and of Browder's first radio broadcast on August 28th on "Foreign Relations and Peace," are available for mass meetings and other gatherings.

Special amplifying apparatus can be rented from Western Union at \$1 per evening.

Cost per record is \$5, but if enough orders are received by the National Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, cost can be reduced to \$3.

Victrola records are also available, with the Acceptance Speeches costing \$4 and a general election talk \$2. Language records in Italian, Polish, Jewish and German are being prepared for \$3 a record.

For further details write State Campaign Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

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A Day's Pay to Defeat Fascism

THE most significant elections since the Civil War are but little more than a month off—and there are still great masses of people to be reached in California with the platform of the Communist Party; a platform of struggle against fascist reaction, one of building the united front for a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Communist Party Campaign Committee in California has a tremendous job ahead of it in the next several weeks; hundreds of meetings to be organized; thousands of platforms to be placed in the hands of the people; radio broadcasts to be contracted and paid for. The answer of the people of California to the question of "Democracy or Fascism?" demands to a great extent on the amount of work done by the Communist Election Campaign Committee between now and November 3rd.

This tremendous task of the Communist Party must be shared by every man and woman who is aware of the grave significance of these elections. The Communist campaign is not the property of the Communist Party—it belongs to every worker whose interests are being defended by our campaign.

Funds are needed—and needed now.

We appeal to every friend of democracy, every unshakable foe of the Landon-Hearst-duPoint gang of cutthroats to invest in the struggle in defense of democracy, for the people's front against fascism, by donating a day's wages to the Communist Election Campaign Fund—the People's Chest.

Send donations to Anita Whitney, State Chairman, Communist Party, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Graft, Tear-Gas and Strikers

TESTIMONY given by a certain Ignatius McCarthy, tear gas salesman, before the Senate Civil Liberties Investigating Committee, is extremely illuminating. Naturally, "indignant" public officials make sweeping denials of facts brought out by the LaFollette Committee, but no one who knows the bloody history of the California labor movement can seriously doubt the revelation of widespread graft in connection with the union-smashing, strike-breaking activities of state and municipal police officials, acting in conjunction with employers of labor.

At the same time, another angle is added to the long-drawn out "investigation" of graft in the San Francisco police department—an investigation which victimized several of the lesser police officials. Although these officials were no doubt guilty of receiving petty graft—the real culprits, such as Chief Quinn, the members of the Police Commission, and other "higher-ups," had so far managed to keep being referred to as "fake flag waver and red-baiter" in the clear. Now Quinn is directly involved in the charges made by McCarthy.

The graft-ridden tear gas sales testified about date back to the 1934 waterfront strike. Attacks by Merriam's state highway patrol on the Salinas strikers were made with tear gas bought from the same outfit; funds wrung out of the hides of workers through the infamous sales tax were thrown back at the workers in the form of tear and nauseating gas!

The police departments of Los Angeles and Salinas are involved. Certain "boys close to the mayor" (of San Francisco) are mentioned.

Organized labor in California must demand a complete and open investigation into this entire putrid mess; an investigation which will have the power to summon any and all officials, from the governor down; an investigation on the basis of the questioning being conducted by representatives of organized labor whose members were at the receiving end of the tear and nauseating gas!

Organized labor should not allow the smoke screen of the "graft investigation" to

decoy them from the important issue. Graft is part and parcel of the corruption of capitalism. Labor should first and foremost demand that the sale of gas to be used against workers on strike be stopped.

Support the Fight for Free Speech in Fresno

FRESNO continues to defy with an arrogant serenity the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of California. The Fresno Board of Supervisors insist on treating the Bill of Rights as a scrap of paper.

The public park, open to all other candidates and parties, is still denied to the Communist Party candidate for Congress, Cary B. Patterson.

A request was made for the use of the City Auditorium. The City Commissioner declared it is not "ready for occupancy."

The Playground Pavilion, also asked for, "is under lease, part time, to the National Guard, and at other times is used by the Playground Department," states H. S. Foster, City Clerk.

Certainly, if the National Guard uses the Pavilion only part time, a city administration interested in protecting the American right of free speech could find time to let at least one meeting be held by the Communist Election Campaign Committee. But Fresno does not have that sort of city administration.

This un-American stand of the Fresno City and County authorities is the concern of workers' organizations throughout the state. It is not merely a local issue. All Organizations dedicated to the principle of freedom of speech are urged to take up the cudgels in this fight for the preservation of democracy. Resolutions of protest should be passed and sent in to the Fresno City Commission and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

This is not a matter of whether or not one agrees with the platform and program of the Communist Party. It is a question of whether or not one subscribes to the right of freedom of speech.

The election campaign is in its last lap. Action should be immediate and determined.

Landon Lies Like Hitler

RUNNING true to type, and in line with the analysis made by the Communist Party, Landon has learned from Hitler the fine art of promising everything to everybody—even if promises and pledges made to one section of the population are in direct opposition to those made to another section.

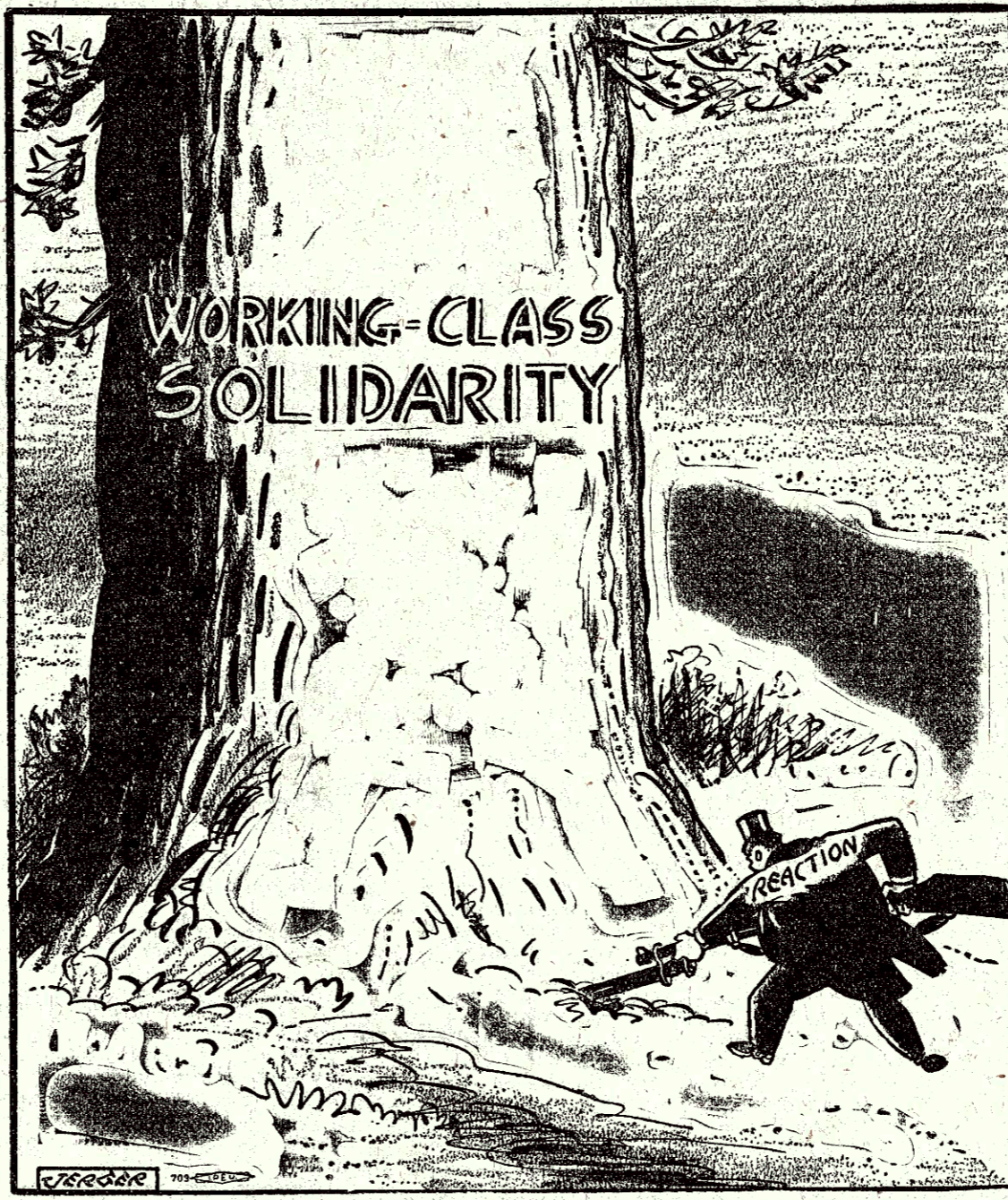
When Hearst's puppet speaks in the farm belt he calls for the treatment of farm problems on a national basis, with centralized planning directed from Washington. He promises to match Roosevelt's financial aid to the farmer. Such promises, hypocritically made to the small farmer, is calculated to win votes. What happens after election is another matter.

But when the Fascist-minded Landon speaks to business and financial heads, his sharpest attacks are levelled against the idea of national planning to any extent, of anything. His attack against national planning of any kind, carrying out the orthodox Republican platform, intimates that any such planning is "socialistic" and "un-American."

Since the Republican platform is so barren of any working class demands—and is in fact dedicated to the support of the open-shop campaign of the large industrialists, and the Fascist program of Hearst—Landon bases his election hopes on the spreading of such lying promises as he makes when he speaks to audiences other than industrialists.

The surest way of defeating Landon and not giving him an opportunity to dictate Hearst's anti-labor policies from the White House is by winning mass support for the platform of the Communist Party, which, in the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party, is the most effective way of bringing pressure to bear for the just demands of workers and small farmers, for the defense of democracy.

TO MEET THE FASCIST MENACE



The Communist Position on Franklin D. Roosevelt

IN view of the lying campaign by the Hearst press which has declared, in lengthy editorial attacks against the Roosevelt administration, that the Communist Party supports Roosevelt, we reprint below the statement made by Earl Browder at the Ninth National Convention of our Party, last June, on the Communist position on Roosevelt.

This is also timely in view of the fact that Norman Thomas, like Hearst, is engaged in spreading distortions on the position of the Communist Party:

By EARL BROWDER

We must frankly face and answer the question as to why, if the Landon-Knox ticket is the chief enemy, we do not come out in support of Roosevelt as the practical alternative this year. When Major Berry of Labor's Non-Partisan League was asked by the newspaper reporters if he was inviting the Communists to go along in their support of Roosevelt, he answered: "Let their conscience be their guide."

"Well, we have consulted both our conscience and our understanding; both join in counseling rejection of any reliance upon Roosevelt to defeat the reactionaries. Let us be very clear on this question. Our answer is not dictated by dogmatic rejection in principle of the idea of supporting a bourgeois candidate under any and all conditions.

Lenin long ago taught us that such doctrinaire policies are not revolutionary. He taught us when, how, under what conditions, Communists could not only vote for but even enter into alliances with bourgeois candidates and parties—as against a threatening attack of overwhelming reactionary forces. Applied to U.S.A.

Applying these principles to the United States in 1936, we reach conclusions on which policy is based. We will review some of these conclusions in detail. First, workers are interested, it is not a matter of indifference to them, as to which of two bourgeois parties shall hold power, when one of them is reactionary, desires to wipe out democratic rights and social legislation, while the other in some degree defends these progressive measures achieved under capitalism.

Thus, we clearly and sharply differentiate between Landon and Roosevelt, declare that Landon is the chief enemy, direct our main fire against him, do everything possible to shift masses away from voting for him even though we cannot win their votes for the Communist Party, even though the result is that they vote for Roosevelt.

Why Cannot Support F.D. Second, while we are not indifferent to the practical result of the election, we cannot support Roosevelt even as a means of defending democratic rights and social legislation which are seriously threatened, because Roosevelt himself is either unwilling or unable to conduct a serious

struggle to this end. He is retreating before the attacks of reaction within his own party, as well as from the Republicans.

He is bound within the limits of the reactionary Southern landlord interests, which control the Solid South, base of the Democratic Party. He yields most to reaction when he has the most support from the Left; he fights reaction only to the degree that he thinks necessary to hold labor and progressive forces from breaking away.

Therefore, even from the narrow viewpoint of using Roosevelt against Landon, it is absolutely necessary to build the independent organization of labor and progressive forces for independent action—the Farmer-Labor Party; to support Roosevelt is to invite him to make even further retreats.

Third, in order to have an alliance with the liberal bourgeoisie against the reactionaries, to preserve democratic rights, it is necessary for the workers and their more permanent allies (farmers and impoverished city middle classes) to have their own independent party, which at the same time prepares and conducts the struggle toward socialism.

The two sides of the struggle must be developed together, or both are lost in a swamp of opportunist confusion or a desert of sectarianism.

Thomas' Outlook

That is why we do not support Roosevelt, although we direct the main fire against Landon. We have nothing in common with the approach to this question of the Socialists, of Norman Thomas.

Our friend Thomas sees the world through peculiar spectacles; he cannot see the fascist direction of the Republican Party, but rather accepts at its face value the crudely-staged "liberalization" of its Cleveland Convention. He thus renders unwilling but nonetheless effective aid to Hearst's demagoguery.

At the same time he proclaims the main issue of this election is socialism, and says of Roosevelt that he is probably the best thing possible under capitalism, that "if you want reforms, better stick to Roosevelt!" From these premises he concludes it is a matter of indifference to the workers as to what kind of regime results from the election. We must describe such confusion as nothing but opportunist sectarianism.

Fourth, we must clarify the question, is socialism the issue that will be decided in this election? The war-cry of the reactionaries is that Roosevelt's New Deal is socialism or even communism. Norman Thomas gave some aid to this idea in 1933, during the honeymoon of the New Deal. Carried away by his enthusiasm, he hailed it as a "step toward socialism," as "a revolution."

Now he swines just as far in the opposite direction, and sees little difference between Roosevelt and Landon, even while of

praising Roosevelt's liberalism. We must declare Roosevelt's policies as not socialism, nor a step to socialism. He at most tries to smooth out some of the worst abuses of capitalism, in order to give it a longer life. The reactionary cry of "socialism" is directed to two ends; first, to alarm all people of property to stampede them toward fascism; second, to discredit socialism among the masses by identifying it with the failures of the New Deal.

Between the two major parties, "socialism" is not an issue, but merely a demagogic war-cry of reaction. For the broad masses also, socialism is not the issue today, but rather the issue is, whether to move on the reactionary road toward fascism, or to struggle to main democratic rights, living standards, and peace.

For the Farmer-Labor Party movement the issue is not between socialism and capitalism, but whether to move on the reactionary or progressive roads. We Communists, throwing our lot in with the Farmer-Labor Party movement, agree to fight for the road of progress under capitalism, together with those who are not adherents of socialism as we are; while at the same time we point out that the only final guarantee of progress is to abolish capitalism and move to socialism.

Thus, we conclude that the direct issue of the 1936 elections is not socialism or capitalism, but rather democracy or fascism. At the same time we emphasize, and

AS WE SEE IT

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

"Pedro Pete" On The Labor Party

A. H. PETERSON, the discredited "Pedro Pete" who "represented" the San Pedro longshoremen at the State Federation of Labor convention, sang his swan song there while the membership in San Pedro were putting the finishing touches to his reactionary machine by electing new progressive officials to head their local.

The Vandeleur machine put him forward as a "radical," their "left" face, whenever it was necessary to stem the progressive tide at the convention. Peterson did his demagogic best in the discussion on the Labor Party. Boasting that he was a "radical," he used the following argument against the Labor Party resolution:

Is This "Labor's Party"?

"The Democratic Party is labor's party in this state if we want to exercise control. I am opposed to third parties because they have always failed in the past."

He would have the workers believe that the McAdoo's and Dockwellers, the Ham Cottons and Farleys, who run the Democratic party of California, are "labor's own party."

Peterson said: "The President is strong enough to make the Democratic party labor's party during the next four years. If the President does not continue as labor's friend, then it is time to start a Labor party."

Can anyone really believe that the Democratic party, which has its main base in the terror-ridden South, where the most elementary rights of the workers and share-croppers and tenant-farmers, Negro and white, are flagrantly violated, that this party is or even can become labor's party.

How does Peterson explain that Roosevelt and the Democratic administration put through Congress and signed two bills introduced by the shipowners lobby, the Copeland "Dog-Collar" Act and the Ship-Subsidy Act, which created a government Maritime Commission which has arbitrary powers to prescribe wages and working conditions for seamen?

Is it not clear that because labor is not exercising independent political action, because it is following a policy of supporting one or the other of two capitalist parties and its candidates, that such anti-labor legislation can be adopted without even any serious opposition?

A Real Guarantee Against Reaction

Roosevelt is surrendering to the pressure of the reactionaries, when there is no mass pressure from the left to force consideration and concessions for the demands of the workers.

A Farmer-Labor party could not only force more concessions for the workers and farmers, but it could rapidly become an effective political factor to challenge the Republican-Liberty League pro-Fascist combination, and thus become the only guarantee that reaction and Fascism will be checked before it is too late.

It is the "non-partisan" political policy of the Executive Council of the A.F.L. which is the "failure," not the policy of independent political action.

The other favorite argument of Peterson and other opponents of a Farmer-Labor party is that we do not need to start it now,

will always emphasize, that a consistent struggle for democracy and progress leads inevitably, and in the not distant future, to the socialist revolution.

LETTER TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY EXPOSING ROLE OF TROTSKYITES

(FROM STEVENS GOUGH)

Sept. 19, 1936
 Socialist Party, U.S.A.
 549 Randolph Street,
 Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades: I have been informed that charges of conduct unbecoming a member of the Socialist Party will be made to oust me out of the party, and the basis of these charges are my articles expressing my personal opinion published in the Western Worker, Pacific Weekly and other newspapers and magazines, and my lectures on Trotskyites in the Socialist Party.

In view of the fact that said charges are pressed in the Los Angeles branch I cannot defend myself because this branch is made up exclusively of Trotskyites and their friends who are biased in their judgement and have no sense of reason and justice.

Trotskyites are guided by envy, malice and hatred, and their decision is the judgment of fanatics who have become wildly enthused in a campaign against the Communist Party and the Soviet Union like Hearst, the Liberty League, the American Legion, the K.K.K., the Black Legion and other fascist forces. It would be foolish, a waste of time and effort, and to no

understanding or purpose in trying to defend myself before the likes of these anti-Communist Party forces who brand all word and deed which doesn't suit them as communistic. They do not want an understanding. They do not want to build the Socialist Party.

They do not want to organize and unify the working class at all but fully intend to disorganize the masses with a lot of arguments and useless discussion about what's right, what's wrong, and set up lines of division among the workers of the world. Debate, arguments and defense against this horde of provocateurs and criss-cross argumentors, double crossing revolutionaries and splitting labor disorganizers is simply a waste of breath and a loss of time. Therefore I will spare myself the trouble and my time and efforts.

I will take my case to the rank and file of the Socialist Party members and ex-members who have left the party to the Trotskyites that lay waste, and wreck and ruin to the Socialist Party of the U.S.A. and by referendum vote I shall lead the forces that oust them from our party. You will hear the thundering

but let us wait till 1940. Vandeleur followed the same line in his speech at the convention. He said: "We have plenty of time to start a new party by 1940 if it becomes necessary."

But is that not an ostrich-like policy? With the rapid advance of the Fascist danger not only in Europe, but in our country, with the increasing attacks of the Hearsts, the Liberty League, the use of vigilante terrorism and the denial of civil rights, should the American people wait until it is TOO LATE to organize its anti-Fascist front?

The German people found out to their sorrow that the failure to build a united peoples front BEFORE the Fascists became too powerful resulted in the coming of Fascism to power. The people of France and Spain learned that lesson, and proceeded to create that Peoples Front against Fascism, NONE TOO SOON.

By 1938 or 1940, the labor movement may find itself confronted with a still more powerful front of the reactionary pro-Fascist forces, which are already today making a drive against the labor movement and the democratic rights of the people.

The Time Is Now
 The time to start building the anti-Fascist coalition of all labor and progressive forces, through a Farmer-Labor party, is NOW.

There is a growing realization of this in the labor movement. Although the movement for a Farmer-Labor party is still weak in the California trade unions, it is rapidly growing.

A large section of the progressive forces that made their influence felt at the convention are beginning to see that labor must reinforce its fight for economic demands with independent political action. Unfortunately, some of the progressive trade unionists who take a militant stand on many other issues, do not fully understand this yet.

The same State Federation of Labor convention which voted down a Labor party resolution, voted to institute a recall movement against Governor Merriam if he did not stop the reign of terror in Salinas. What was that if not political action by labor, and very effective political action?

When the Salinas strikers faced the armed forces of the growers and the legalized vigilantes of the Sheriff and the Governor, the strikers' bulletin issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union urged them to register, so they could vote in union members who were voters. Nov. 3rd and oust the Sheriff.

Is not that a realization by trade unionists, from their own bitter experiences on the picket lines, of the need for political action by labor to back up its economic struggles?

The action of the Convention does not reflect the growing movement of a considerable minority of the trade unions in California, and in some communities a majority, in the direction of running independent labor tickets in the next municipal elections, and in building NOW a Farmer-Labor party for the 1938 and 1940 elections. The Communists and all progressive trade unionists must make this one of the central issues in the California labor movement.

protest of rank and file in every corner of the U.S.A. You will hear of me from many cities and towns of this country. I will not rest until the party is safe from the harm they have done. They cannot oust me, and they cannot keep me, and they cannot keep me from being an organizer by taking titles away from me. Action will speak louder than words. My deeds will proclaim me member and organizer of the Socialist Party.

In conclusion I want you to know that what I am doing is saving the Socialist Party from becoming a tiny minority group of Trotskyites, hated and despised by the majority of workers and unable to lead the masses on the basis of a campaign against the Communist Party and the Soviet Union—an issue in which only a very tiny group are interested. I shall save the Socialist Party from becoming narrowed down to this infinitesimal and tiny red baiting force and broaden it out to the greatest, most powerful force against capitalism unequalled by any other organization of workers. (To Be Concluded)

FRENCH TROTSKYITES JOIN WITH FASCISTS IN ATTACK AGAINST PEOPLE'S FRONT

Doriot Takes Several Thousand Members Of Former Croix de Feu Fascist League Into His New Party

PARIS—Trotskyites in France are following out the line of the Trotsky-Zinoviev terrorist group, recently smashed in the Soviet Union, by aligning themselves with out-and-out Fascists, it was revealed by the local correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph.

Jacques Doriot, former Communist deputy who was expelled from the C.P. of France several years ago, renegade from the working class movement who has connections with Trotsky, has taken several thousand members of the Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire), Fascist League into his new anti-Communist party—the "French People's Party."

Just as the Trotsky-Zinoviev group in the U.S.S.R. conspired with German Nazi "secret police," Doriot has linked himself with such Fascists as Jean Medecin, mayor of Nice; and M. Sice, former member of the Croix de Feu.

In common with all reactionary and Fascist elements, Doriot has been a bitter enemy of the Popular Front, which has staved off Fascism in France, and of the Blum government supported by the Popular Front.

Thus we see one more proof that Trotskyism is Fascism.

The Croix de Feu was dissolved by the Blum government as one of its first acts, but Colonel de la Rocque, its leader, was allowed to organize a political group now known as the "French Social Party."

S.F. Recreation Center to Give Ball On Oct. 3rd

SAN FRANCISCO.—Union Recreation Center will entertain after the rare old manner of the Barbary Coast with a ball on the night of Saturday, October 3rd.

According to the Center's manager, G. O. Brown, you can reserve a table among decorations of the 1890 vintage and enjoy a floor show reminding you of the same earlier days in San Francisco's most noted entertainment district. You may dance or play games. Admission is 35c for members of the Center and 50c for non-members.

The Center has also announced the opening of its library, requesting donations of books and magazines to supplement it. New members continue to join, including seventeen in the past two weeks of whom the majority are members of the maritime unions. Current athletic activities include arrangements to pick a basketball team from the center to play in Class A of the city basketball tournament. In November an amateur boxing tournament.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE CARNIVAL & PICNIC

Admission 25c SUNDAY, OCT. 4 at Whitingwoods, Montrose, Calif.

The "DANCE OF NATIONS," a colorful carnival of many nationalities in native costumes. Dancing—Sports—Games—Pony Rides for Children—Home-made Meals served.

Free trucks will leave from: 230 So. Spring St., 3220 So. Central Ave., 4853 W. Adams St., at 10 a. m., and from 2700 Brooklyn Ave., from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.

KEEP BROWDER ON THE AIR

YOU only can make it possible for Communist Party to go on the radio!

California State Campaign Committee needs exactly \$210.00 for October 29th Broadcast by Wm. Schneiderman—7 to 7:15 p. m., KGO, KECA, KFSD.

Mid-October Broadcast for Fresno Station KMJ, where we are having a free speech fight.

WE STILL NEED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS—Our share of National Broadcasts and for other local broadcasts. CONTRIBUTE a Day's Wages.

BUY AND SELL Coupons ARRANGE RADIO PARTIES to listen in and also raise funds.

Send one dollar or more—receive an "Endorser's Certificate." State Election Campaign Committee, Communist Party. Anita Whitney, Treasurer. 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, Cal.

THREE-IN-ONE-HITLER, MUSSOLINI, MIKADO



Communist Units Built In Nazi Storm Troops

"How We Build Communist Units in the Storm Troops," printed in the Rote Sturm (Red Storm), organ of the revolutionaries in the East Berlin Storm Troops, is an amazing and illuminating document on the underground anti-Fascist movement in Hitler Germany.

"Very often comrades have set themselves to the task of establishing cells (C.P. units) in the S.A. (Storm Troops). But the question always arises: 'How shall we start?' I will give you an example here to show you how we did it.

"One evening I found in the toilet of the Sturm headquarters a copy of the Rote Sturm. After reading it, I slipped it into the pocket of another Storm Trooper whose sympathies, I knew, were not with Fascism.

"After a few days, I got into conversation with him and soon discovered that he had read it and passed it on to a friend. This discovery brought us closer together.

"After several weeks of testing each other and having won each other's confidence, we decided to form a red cell. Soon we recruited three other comrades.

"Now came the question of how to get in touch with the Communist Party. The five of us carefully checked over our friends and relatives, and we soon discovered that one of us had a cousin who at one time had been a member of a Red Sports Club.

"Relationships were soon established and soon we came in contact with two party workers. They advised us to break up into cells of three, one of whom, the secretary, keeps in contact with the secretaries of two other cells.

"All decisions are made and acted upon together. We were told to be particularly careful of stool pigeons and advised to print and distribute leaflets in groups and collectively. We have followed this advice and are now the Red S.A. Cell of Group B.B."

Soviet Union And Mongolian Women Aid Spain People

MOSCOW.—Women of far-off Outer Mongolia are organizing to aid the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism, and are taking up collections for purchase of food to send to Spain.

Soviet Union women have just sent a ship laden with food, bought with their contributions, bound for the Spanish people. The ship, laden with 2000 tons of supplies, including butter, sugar, eggs and canned goods, sailed from Odessa on Friday, September 18th.

Catalans See Need For United Spain Against Fascism

BARCELONA.—Left Catalan parties are becoming more and more convinced of the necessity for a united Spanish people in the fight against the Fascists, despite disruptive activities of the handful of Trotskyites.

Troops have been sent from Catalonia to aid in the defense of Madrid.

The Trotskyites raise noisy and disruptive voices against "submission to Madrid," but have practically no influence.

Unity for Victory The United Socialist Party, comprising Socialists and Communists, issued a manifesto stressing necessity of Catalonia aiding the rest of Spain in obtaining a general victory.

"The only watchword is 'Win the war.' It is a war of the Democratic Republic against Fascism. If the Democratic Republic does not win, Catalonia will lose her liberties and share the same fate."

The manifesto proposed creation of a people's army, coordination of action with the republican government, control of war industries and commerce, and other measures as immediately necessary for successful conduct of the fight against Fascism.

Jobless Win Fight For Relief In Fascist Italy

Underground Italy reports unrest among the masses of people suffering under Mussolini.

Unemployed demonstrations for relief are developing. In Venita, a little town near Vozzena, a large number of jobless organized a mass protest, gathering in front of the town hall and demanding relief. The whole population of the town supported them.

Local authorities got 100 carabinieri soldiers, who fired into the crowd. The jobless resisted valiantly, and many were wounded on both sides.

Order was finally restored, but not by guns alone. The Fascists promised to grant a measure of relief and employment.

Employed workers recently won pay increases by fighting through the Fascist trade unions, somewhat similar to U.S. workers' fights through company unions.

Fascists Speed-Up War Preparations

ROME.—Duplicating Hitler's tremendous increase in armaments in preparation for a war of aggression, Fascist Italy has reached a new high in war preparations with larger appropriations in effect.

The program of Mussolini includes creation of a permanent colonial army in Ethiopia, extraordinary appropriations for the army, navy and air force, 150,000 Fascist militiamen to be sent to Ethiopia for a public works program designed for exploitation of the country.

Amount of the appropriation for the army, navy and air force was not revealed.

The government announcement stated: "These exceptional appropriations permit us to bring our military preparations up to the level required by the international situation and to perfect it within a certain period of time."

Fascism Can Be Defeated Says Caballero; Maritime Workers Aid Spain Govt.

Premier Asks United Workers' Action Abroad

MADRID.—Emphasizing the great value of resolutions, demonstrations and material aid from the workers in all countries, Francisco Largo Caballero, head of the new Popular Front government of Spain, stressed in an interview with the correspondent of the London Daily Worker that "united action by all workers and other anti-Fascists is essential."

Caballero pointed to the necessity of utmost vigilance to prevent capitalist intervention on the side of the Fascists, and emphasized the plea for unity which he had made at the London meeting of the International Federation of Trade Unions.

"Unity in Action" "I have always felt certain that unity would be built against Fascism," said Caballero. "Today the workers of Spain are fighting shoulder to shoulder, undivided by any Party lines. This unity in action will lead to even closer unity as the practical result of our day-to-day struggle."

"Spain is a nation in arms against destruction, repression and reaction. The decisive stand by the workers from the very outset has been the determining factor of the Spanish struggle."

"You yourself (to the reporter) have been with me at the front and we have been together in the rear. You have seen for yourself the spirit of the workers, how our militiamen fight. You have stood with me in the fields of Castile and seen peasants—men, women and children—burning with the spirit of struggle."

Fight For Democracy Saying the results of the workers' action would prevent defeat of democracy throughout Europe, Caballero added: "Fascism means not only oppression; it means war."

Pointing out that almost the entire army, the force of organized wealth, the grandees, the big landlords, high officials, etc., had been ranged on the side of Fascism, he said: "Yet, with shotguns and old pistols, the workers turned out untried and repelled the Fascist attack."

Fascism Not Unbeatable "What we have done in Spain to prove that Fascism, with all its resources and wealth behind it, is not unbeatable. Fascism can be met and defeated."

"This is the achievement which will serve as a magnificent inspiration to workers everywhere, particularly those suffering under Fascist oppression in Europe today."

"The united action of all workers and other anti-Fascists is essential against the menace of Fascism and war. This is a struggle of the workers of the whole world."

FASCISTS IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY.—Trying to ape the Spanish Fascists, Jose Ozuena, "Gold Shirts" leader of Sinaloa State, and 500 armed followers "have been attacking small villages where they have been persecuting laborers and peasants," stated the Confederation of Mexican Workers headquarters here last Thursday.

French Funds For Spain Raised

PARIS.—The Communist Party of France reported on August 30th that it had collected 285,000 francs for the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism.

The special collection of the General Confederation of Labor had reached 1,406,400 francs by August 30th, while the Committee of Solidarity had raised 1,076,351 francs.

"L'Humanite," newspaper of the French Communist Party, reports that the government has arrested 53 carloads of munitions at Anvers, destined for General Franco, Fascist leader in Spain.

"L'Humanite" also reports from Madrid that the execution of the Trotsky-Zinoviev terrorist band in Moscow was met with profound satisfaction by the working class of Madrid, Barcelona, and all Spain.

The Spanish workers and all anti-Fascists are incensed against the Trotskyites, who have been playing the role of dangerous provocateurs in the critical civil war.

Riverside Youth Trapped Into War Program

RIVERSIDE.—That the millions of dollars spent publicizing war by the jingoists and the screaming songs of hate of nations in the yellow press, chiefly Hearst's, are beginning to bear fruit is no place more clearly shown than in an announcement by Capt. Frank J. Schulte, commander of the city's National Guard company.

Schulte said he was being deluged by boys seeking rifle instruction following his recent announcement of plans to instruct youth in the use of rifles.

On the pretext that the class in rifle instruction was a move to reduce gun accidents among boys, Schulte said he had expected 15 or 20 pupils, but with more than 200 boys applying, he now intends to operate on a large scale by organizing the Riverside Junior Club, and later to hold similar classes for girls and adults.

Red Funeral In San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO.—Last request of Comrade Louis Selzig, who died here on September 9th from miner's consumption, that he be given a Red funeral was granted.

A Red flag was draped over the coffin, and a large wreath of red flowers, made in the form of the Hammer and Sickle, was placed beside the coffin. About 150 of his friends and comrades attended the services. The funeral procession was two blocks long.

Two comrades, who had known him and worked with him in the past, told of the good work done by Comrade Selzig during his life.

Spanish Seamen Save Ships From Hands Of Fascists

MADRID.—Almost to the man, Spanish seamen have stood by the Republican government against the Fascists in the civil war.

Immediately after the outbreak of the Fascist rebellion in Spain, two Spanish ships, the "Darro" and "Cabo San Antonio," arrived in Marseille. The owners gave orders for the ships to stay in port, and to make sure that they did not have certain parts of the engine removed and taken ashore.

Back Popular Front

In meetings aboard their ships, both crews unanimously decided to support the struggle of the Spanish Popular Front and to place their ships at the disposal of the Republican government.

A crew delegation went to Barcelona, and returned with the government's reply to keep their ships ready to sail as soon as the order was given. The last of August both ships left Marseille, frustrating the plan of the owners, and were placed in the hands of the lawful Spanish government.

The crew of the "Manucho," lying in the North African port of Boua since the Fascist rebellion started, elected a fascist sympathizer, refused to take the vessel back to Spain with orders from the owners.

Fascists Foiled The ship's committee placed the first mate, who was in charge while the captain was temporarily ashore, behind lock and key and took the vessel out of port with destination for a Spanish government port.

For some time the "Indauchu" has been lying in Rotterdam. Fascist agents tried to induce the crew to leave the ship, take train for Antwerp and be transported from there to Spain.

The crew, all supporters of the Popular Front, foiled this attempt of the Fascists to get rid of the crew and seize the steamer for the rebels. The men are still aboard awaiting orders of the government. A collection taken among the crew brought 955 pesetas in support of the fighting People's Front in Spain.

Fascist Ship Mutiny

BILBAO.—When the Fascist warship "Almirante Cervena" left the coast of San Sebastian after being heavily damaged by fire of government shore batteries, it captured several fishing boats while retreating.

One of the captured fishermen was later released and reported that there was a depression among the crew of the Fascist warship.

According to later messages, a mutiny has broken out on board the "Almirante Cervena." It is reported that Fascist officers were able temporarily to suppress the mutiny and that some of the crew were shot.

Italian Workers' Solidarity

NAPLES, Italy.—Civil and military authorities were disturbed here recently, when a fire at night completely destroyed a hanger containing three bombing planes and five other aircraft of the "Rome 34" type.

Later it appeared that the burned airplanes were to have been sent to the Spanish Fascists the following day.

The whole town of Naples is agog about this fire. Everyone is convinced that the fire was an act of solidarity of the Italian workers with their Spanish comrades, and that the hanger was set on fire to prevent the planes being delivered to the Fascists.

Demand Mayor Shaw Repudiate Pro-Nazis In L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—A public statement has been asked of Mayor Frank L. "Free Speech" Shaw disassociating himself from the pro-Nazi meeting held in the Hindenberg Park September 13, by the Hollywood League Against Nazism in a letter, which states in part:

"You were present in your capacity as a democratically elected Mayor of Los Angeles at an anti-democratic meeting, whose outcome gave to the world an impression that the purpose was to inflame the passion of one section of the community against another solely on racial and religious grounds.

"In the interest of the community that elected you, it is incumbent on you to declare yourself publicly as being disassociated with the position taken by people who spoke at that meeting of September 13th in Hindenberg Park."

People's Front Is Gaining Strength In France

By PAUL NIZAN

(One of the leading figures on the staff of L'Humanite, the central organ of the French Communist Party, writes this article at a time when certain circles are doing their utmost to discredit, through misrepresentation, the present policy of the French Communists on the question of the so-called French Front, which is in essence a broadening out of the People's Front.—Ed.)

PARIS, Sept. 13.—An important week in France's domestic politics, presaging an eventual new session of the Parliament. Domestic problems have pressed forward to add to the complications in foreign politics; we shall try to unravel the skein of events.

On Sunday, September 6th, Leon Blum made a long speech at Luna Park justifying his policy of non-intervention in the affairs of Spain; he had recourse to pathos, imploring his followers to have faith in him.

Not Much To Argument His simple argument merely consisted in this: "On August 3rd, we furnished an example of neutrality in Spain, wishing to 'awaken the honor' of the other powers. Alas, it was only we who carried out loyally the agreement we had signed; the

others did not follow our example, and at least until August 28th, Germany and Italy continued to arm the rebels. We were fooled, but it is really too late to turn around—to imitate the other powers in turn would mean the war we do not want. Let us remain loyal to neutrality."

Such an admission is fraught with gravity, and the Socialists present at Luna Park did not refrain from shouting, "Airplanes for Spain!" exactly as the listeners last Thursday at the Wintet Velodrome had responded to La Fasanaria, as the 150,000 paraders last Friday before the Spanish Consulate in honor of the Spanish fighters had responded.

On Monday, 300,000 metal workers of the Paris region carried out a political strike of the half-hour to demonstrate their desire to support Spain; they took care that this demonstration should not take on any air of hostility towards the government.

Lift The Blockade Nevertheless, the campaign of the Communist Party and of L'Humanite in favor of Spain, for the lifting of the blockade which strikes at the regular government of Spain, has maintained its strength, and is finding increasingly wide-spread response among the working masses of

France. A certain tension between the Communist Party and the Socialist Party was visible at the beginning of the week; sharp polemics about the Moscow trial (of Trotsky-Zinoviev terrorists) were added to the controversies over the Spanish question. The whole Right and the entire Fascist press proclaimed the end of the People's Front; they were celebrating somewhat too early, however.

There is no doubt that throughout the entire land, the masses behind the People's Front are as strongly united as they ever were: the proof of this was to come soon, on the following Wednesday.

On that day three very important political meetings took place: the Bureau of the General Confederation of Labor, the Left Delegation in Parliament, and the Permanent Administrative Committee of the Socialist Party held their meetings.

The unions, having reaffirmed solidarity with the Spanish fighters, declared:

"The General Confederation of Labor, loyal to the pact of the People's Rally (Left parties in People's Front plus trade unions and cultural organization), vigorously reaffirms its solidarity with all the groups comprising it and with the government which has arisen from this bloc."

"The Administrative Commission takes cognizance that the possibilities of achieving a complete non-intervention have been comprised by the attitude of the countries which are in part tied up with the Spanish rebels against the regular government of Spain; that the diplomatic reservations and the effective action of Germany and Portugal have imperiled the very principle of neutrality."

"In these conditions, the Administrative Commission, continuing its activities in favor of the Spanish Republic, deems it its duty to request the French agreement with the English and the other democratic governments, the policy of neutrality."

For its part, the Left Delegation "unanimously" proclaimed its attachment to the program and the government of the People's Front; Maurice Thorez, in the name of the Communist Party, affirmed there the right of his party to have its own opinion on such a problem as the Spanish question, which is not included in the joint program, and announced in the Chamber that the Communist group in Parliament would continue to vote in support of the Blum Cabinet. All danger of a crisis was brushed aside.

Finally, the Permanent Administration Committee (Central Committee) of the Socialist Party sent a letter to the Communist Party. Thorez had proposed to the Socialist Party the night before that they organize a joint campaign of solidarity for Spain, energetic activities for the defense of peace and against the Fascist menace, a methodical struggle against the high cost of living. The secretary of the Party, in order to dissipate any misunderstanding, suggested that the slogan of the Party for a French Front no longer be used. The Socialist answer noted these different points, and concluded:

"It is our firm hope that every misunderstanding should disappear and that we should be able to continue working together in rallying in increasing numbers the people who have been brought to act in defense of democratic institutions, against Fascism and against war, that is, in the present political circumstances, to increase and to galvanize the forces of the People's Front."

Basically, the Socialists, while refusing to use the expression "French Front," accepted the content which the Communists intended to give it. There is no doubt that the essential reply is "increase."

Therefore, the misunderstandings were dissipated, to the rage of the Right, the Fascist elements and their press.

BUTTE MINERS WILL REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS

Reject Proposals of Anaconda Copper Company

By a Worker Correspondent. BUTTE, Mont.—Rank and file members of the Butte Miners Union and the Anaconda Smelters' Union, two largest locals of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, rejected two proposals of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company in a referendum vote Sept. 24.

A majority of the members voted to reopen negotiations and renew demands upon the company for higher wages and better working conditions. Final count of both locals combined to reopen negotiations was 2824; to accept one of the other of company proposals 2404.

Great Falls Smelters and Butte Engineers, affiliated to the same International, and using the same three-point ballot, voted by a narrow margin to accept one of the company proposals but will sustain the action of Butte and Anaconda since they negotiated jointly on all matters.

The A. C. M. Co. flatly refused to consider proposals of the negotiations committee to include popular demands of miners for a 40-hour week, a seventy-five cent increase in day's wages, 8-hour day "from collar to collar" (miners spend from 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 hours underground under present conditions), recognition of walking delegates and a number of minor grievances. Their counter-proposals offered slight increases based on copper prices and held no guarantee of better conditions.

Frey Aids Disunity

Thirty-two craft unions in Montana, influenced by John P. Frey, reactionary head of the A. F. L. metal trades department, signed contracts with the company prior to the referendum vote. This maneuver played a large part in winning support away from the union demands and, in general, the cause of industrial unionism but fell short of its aim to split the solidarity of mine and smelter workers.

Further negotiations will begin at once and with company proposals rejected a campaign to popularize union demands will be started. The joint conference committee of the unions announced that it has requested the Department of Labor to send a labor conciliator to take part in further negotiations with the company.

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Low Yuma Wages Demonstrate Need to Organize Union

By a Worker Correspondent

Cotton picking is exceptionally poor; most of the fields are very grassy; the bolls are small and knotty, to such an extent that the pickers cannot make more than enough to live, leaving nothing to buy clothes nor to save for winter.

The uniform set price of \$1 is very unjust. If it is only worth \$1 to pick the choice cotton, then surely it is worth more to pick the sorry fields. But we have no union to ask for justice. To a large number of employers the very lowest wages workers will toil for is justice.

Daily wages usually run \$2 for nine to 10 hours. Some jobs pay 25c per hour. Many of the poorer farmers would like to raise the price of picking cotton to stop pickers from leaving Arizona and to induce more to come in; but in fear of pressure from the larger growers, no one wants to be first to raise the price.

Camp In Open

Living conditions in Yuma Valley for workers is very little above that of the Indian in savage days. Many cotton pickers camp out in the open under shade trees and have to fight mosquitoes at night and flies in the day time. Some few find hacks with some screens. It is a common thing to have to carry water or haul it, or use dirty, lagoonish ditch water.

Even a shadow of a union could get something like a fair price for workers. Practically all the "dollar cotton" is picked. Now is the time to start organizing, laying the foundation for the lettuce work next winter.

Cotton Picking Time

By a Worker Correspondent

It is cotton picking time again in California. And the Slaves are coming from all around into the San Joaquin Valley where the workers eat and sleep upon the ground.

Their babies lie all day in the cotton fields. And when they cry themselves to sleep. The bugs, flies and reptiles over them creep.

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MIKE KEARNEY.

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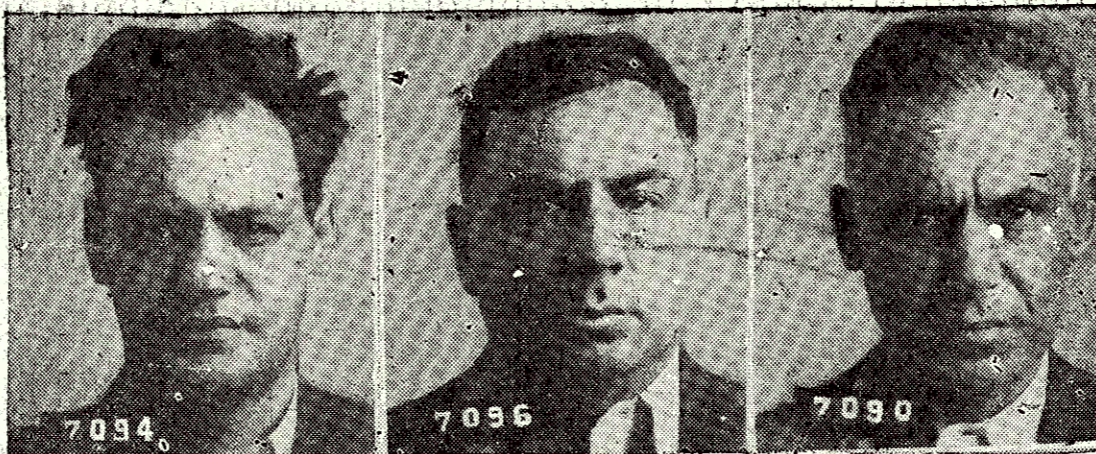
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Cannery Workers' Camp at Bristol Bay Proves To Be Dismal and Dirty

By An Alaska Canner.

(The continued narrative of the Alaska Fishing Fleet. The men from the S. S. Glacier have landed at Bristol Bay, Alaska.)

I will say without fear of contradiction that our landing was not as colorful or dignified as the landing of Columbus or the Pilgrims. Nor is there any that will doubt we landed with as much relief—and what a relief!

We all left our bedrolls and bags behind to run on ahead, each man trying to pick out a choice bunk. All the men from the forecastle, tried to at least get into the same bunk house. Most of us did.

Packing Box Beds

Imagine the shock we received on opening the door. There were no beds as we had supposed. There were structures made of discarded packing cases and machinery crates. They stood two high. Small openings enabled you to crawl into your bunk like a gopher. They resembled chicken coops, but I honestly believe a chicken would refuse to lay eggs if she had to roost in a coop like that.

There were two narrow aisles running the length of the room. On one side there were nine bunks, making a total of 48 bunks in a space just about large enough to accommodate an average family.

The Littered Floor

The floors were littered with old discarded clothing, rags, broken boards, nails and plenty of dust. The house had not been used the previous year.

A musty and partly human smell seemed to come out of the very walls and floor. In the far end of the room an ancient stove, jammed with rubbish and

minus stove pipes, stood rusting away, beyond repair. When we set to work cleaning up the house, the first act was to throw the stove out.

Throughout the room about six windows had broken panes. They were put in by the men later, who took the panes out of the factory windows. As for the stove, the next morning one was made out of an old oil drum.

Needed Air

When the place was partly cleaned out, I went out to get my bed roll and bag, but the main reason was to get out in the air to have the stink blown off of me.

A board walk led from one camp to the other about 150 yards away. Another board walk led off from each camp and formed a junction about 100 yards from the cannery. You had to have a good sense of balance to be able to use some of the walks.

About fifteen or twenty yards away from the house there was a toilet, and when I looked in, the smell almost knocked me down, it was so strong. A drain from the toilet emptied out into the open about fifteen yards from the toilet, if and when it flushed.

(To be Continued.)

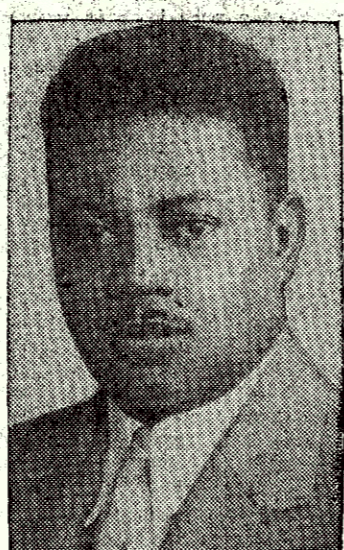
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Los Angeles Shoe Clerks Have Keen Sense of Smell

By a Worker Correspondent. LOS ANGELES.—At a recent organizational meeting of Los Angeles' downtown shoe clerks a little stranger was invited to leave because he was known not to be a shoe clerk.

The clerks scored a bull's eye with that shot. Bullocks Department Store did not get any information, however much desired, because only one spotter was sent to cover the meeting.

A further check on the little visitor may show him to be Mr. Gordon Downs of the Los Angeles Police Department, just out to make a little spare change.

Earlier Closing Hours Won By Pedro Clerks

SAN PEDRO.—New, earlier closing hours were gained in the agreement which went into effect Sept. 28 for the Retail Clerks Union.

New closing hours were set at 6 p.m. for week days and 8 p.m. for Saturday. Seventy members at a recent meeting unanimously endorsed the new agreement.

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Lawler Attacks Warehousemen's Union; Fails to Show That It Fights Poultrymen's Exploiters

By a Poultry Raiser.

SANTA CRUZ—John Lawler, general manager of the Poultry Producers of Central California, spoke here on Sept. 18 before the local members of the organization.

He launched out into a tirade against the Warehousemen's Union, claiming continuous trouble and interference of the Warehousemen's business agent into the affairs of the association, trying to scare us by declaring that the union can cut off the milling and delivering of feed to the poultry producers.

Wants to Help Lockout

It is undoubtedly true that this \$900-a-month gent is simply the mouthpiece of the same clique that is trying to bring about a lockout on Sept. 30th. In his weekly news letter of August 3 under the heading "Poultry Men Should Think," he proceeds to show that after all the poultry producers are capitalists and that as such they are against organized labor.

He doesn't mention that his chicken farmers with few exceptions are \$40 to \$60-a-month capitalists and that they work day and night trying to keep the wolf from the door. He doesn't mention that chicken feed is continually going up, and that the small producers aren't getting a proportionate increase in egg prices. Housewives in the city, considering the price of eggs retail, may not know this, but it is so.

His Salary Exorbitant

He didn't tell them that \$10,800 a year for him is exorbitant, but he tells them that the demands of organized labor are exorbitant. He didn't tell them that the real cause of the poor living standard of both the warehousemen and the poultry

producers are the ones who make big profits selling feed to the producers at exorbitant prices and paying the warehousemen low wages.

Instead he is doing his utmost to lead the small poultry producers to act as vigilantes in the event of a lockout, to aid the very forces that are driving them toward bankruptcy.

Instead of uniting the poultry producers with the union men for a joint battle against the forces that are exploiting both, Mr. Lawler takes better than \$10,000 a year from the poultry producers for the service of betraying them to their exploiters.

Steel Co. Unions Demand 10% Wage Raise—Or Else

CHICAGO.—The company unions of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel weren't cowed by the company's announcement that no wage increase was to be given.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

LAST WEEK a Chronicle photographer was arrested in Salinas because he was "suspected of being a Communist."

The Chronicle is properly indignant. The man is not a Communist. Thus the public is given to understand that the photographer was really arrested to prevent him from taking pictures of the deputized vigilantes attacking the picket lines, and accusing him of being a Communist was merely a blind. So far so good. Those are all facts. The Chronicle is indignant. The public is indignant. Pretty nearly everyone is indignant, and so they should be. A man was arrested for being a Communist and he wasn't any Communist at all. Outrageous! But suppose he had been a Communist?

He'd Have a Perfectly Good Right to Be

IN THE CONFUSION of charges and counter-charges, everybody loses sight of the fact that there is no law against being a Communist.

Every citizen has a perfect right to belong to the Communist Party, read or possess Communist literature, teach Communism, attend Communist meetings, or engage in Communist activities.

The outrageous fact is not that the Chronicle photographer was incorrectly accused, but that anyone should be arrested at all for "being a Communist."

It is simply a fact. It doesn't make any difference one way or another. The Communist Party has a legal right to aid in the organization of unions, participate in strikes, propagandize among the strikers, and distribute Communist literature. Anyone who interferes with this right is openly defying law and order.

Mayor Rossi Was One Who Should Have Been Arrested

DURING the San Francisco general strike, Mayor Rossi stood up on his hind legs and declared that he was going to institute a drive against Communism, and that he wasn't going to stop until every Communist had been driven out of town.

It was the duty of Police Chief Quinn to immediately arrest Rossi as a dangerous hoodlum. He was threatening illegal violence and endangering the rights of the citizens.

Of course, Chief Quinn didn't do anything of the kind. Instead he went out and arrested as many people, whom he thought might be Communists, as he could lay hands on.

Did he charge them with being Communists? Certainly not. There is no law against Communism. He charged them with being "vagrants."

They weren't vagrants, either, so later on he had to drop most of the charges and let them go.

Proclaim the Right of Communism; Not Hide Its Identity

REGARDLESS of all this, the newspapers continue to print reports of Communists being arrested and people being "suspected as Communists," and the idea is created in the public mind that Communists are criminals who are arrested on sight.

Even our own Communist newspapers and Communist Party members have been influenced by this Hearst psychological campaign. Instead of declaring the right of all Americans to be Communists, we more often emphasize the fact that "the employers are merely raising the red-scare to split the ranks of the workers." This is perfectly true, as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough.

All Americans have a right to be Communists, and if they ever lost that right, they will have lost the fundamental right of American democracy. And they'll lose their unions and their civil rights in the bargain.

Women on the March

By MARY GARFIELD

MY, MY OH MY, how times have changed for women. Way back yonder in the hoop-skirt period of femininity, women were like the stone thrown in the stream,—just the center of a lot of circles. First she was inside the hoop-skirt, then she was inside the family circle through being inside the wedding ring.

Oh boy and was she inside that wedding ring! Then she got into the sewing circle. You notice I hope in this fable, that she was always inside. She never could get outside and look inside at herself and see how she really fitted into the landscape.

After a while she cut through all these circles, and took a look around for herself. Today she rolls her own, she has cut her que off. She doesn't believe in the devil, she can vote, and maybe she has a job.

Let's interview her: "Good morning, Mrs. Blank, we're from the Western Worker, we'd like to ask you a few questions. Now you are a native born white woman, how do you feel about working here with people of different race and color?"

This is what she told us: "I've been working ten year now, sometimes at one thing and sometimes at another. I've worked at housework, I've been kitchen maid in big homes where there was lots of help. I've worked with Chinese, with Filipinos, with Japanese, with white foreigners from all over the world. Lots of times, I've worked with our own Negro people. In the canneries and in the factories I've done the same. What did I find, what did I feel? Just this: that no matter where you were born or whether you were black, brown, yellow or white, you work together, you fight together, or you perish. I mean that the labor market will mop you up, if it can keep you divided on the question of race and color. "Look how the laundries operate back east. They are not organized. They work as much as ten hours a day. The shirt girl gets \$1.25 for one hundred shirts. No vacation, no sick leave. The workers are mostly negro women. "Don't you see how this has happened. That it is because white women and Negro women didn't organize together. We know better now and it's not going to happen out here. Women are profiting by the mistakes of their men. We are not going to have an army of skilled, able women outside of our Unions, because they happen to be brunettes."

"Good-bye," she said. "Remember you are going to have a fine opportunity pretty soon to how your solidarity. JAMES FORD, the great Negro leader, is going to be in San Francisco on the night of October 7th, at Dreamland Auditorium at 82 o'clock. Be sure to be there. "The workers in this outfit going to be there?" "They sure are, 100 per cent."

If she had lived in Los Angeles she would have said Ford would speak at 3400 East Pico Street on the night of October 11th.

RIPTIDES

By D. L. Saunders

THE RESULTS of the recent elections at I.L.A. 38-79; give overwhelming lie to the "rumor" that "Harry Bridges is slipping," 2354 votes out of a possible 2500, elected Bridges to the Central Labor Council as a delegate.

Sort of a "wish as father to the thought," on the part of those who have attempted to circulate this "rumor." Did you know that the Army is barred by official order from "hanging around the Embarcadero? It's the "Red influence" again. And we thought our Army was being hand picked so as to make it impregnable to the menace of "Communism." Personally I am convinced that it is not so much the "red menace" on the waterfront, that is stirring the soldiers as the recent accounts of the activities of the soldiers of Spain, of France and of the Soviet Union.

"What's going to happen on September 30th?" This question is on the lips of every longshoreman—of every shoreshoring seaman. It is a natural question—but it is the spirit in which it is asked that T. G. Plant should give heed—and not to the wild tales of his stool-pigeons.

"Now, I ain't gonna ship out, I'm sticking around in case the shipowners try and pull some thing on the "thirtieth." "If we stick together and don't get sucked into any phoney bees, we'll get what we want."

And, readers, the maritime workers ARE going to "stick together"—be it the picket line—negotiations or come what may.

Leave it to the shipowners to utilize every opportunity and trick in effort to discredit the waterfront wokes. The latest one is the recent fire-which broke out in the hold of the American Hawaiian vessel, Kansas.

A fire broke out in one of the hatches while the longshoremen were unloading her at Pier 26. The Hearst press, the Chronicle and the News, all carried stories, which quoted the mate of the ship as saying that the fire undoubtedly was caused by a cast-off cigarette butt, tossed carelessly into the hold by some longshoreman.

Investigation proved the fire was caused by sparks from an acetylene torch in the engine room, where a bulkhead was being repaired. The "paid press" didn't bother to correct their "report."

And there are, sad but true, some waterfront workers who think the Chronicle and News are "fair." They are "fair" all right. They "fair"-ly break their backs trying to pose as "liberal and impartial" newspapers.

THE HIGHLIGHTS of the recent State A.F.L. Convention was the complete absence of any red-baiting, during the entire session.

Two good reasons. One, even the reactionary forces have felt the futility in attempting to drag a red herring across every progressive measure. The workers just don't go for it any more. As one longshoreman very expressively put it, "They cut out the red-baiting and got down to business—and something was done this year."

The other reason, it is almost unanimously agreed, was the absence of Paul Scharrenberg, Red-baiter, par-excellence, who was tossed in the garbage barrel by the membership of the Sailor's Union of the Pacific.

Conspicuous as he was by his absence, not a single delegate inquired as to the whereabouts of Paul. He was pleasant "misused" by all.

Let those few remaining red-baiters left on the Embarcadero profit by the "lessons of Paul."

Overheard at the Capitol steps in Sacramento: Two republicans leaving their state convention were met by a newsie shouting the latest news about the Salinas agricultural strike. The entire A.F.L. delegation had just marched around the Capitol.

Said the first one: "What the hell is that strike all about?" "Bunch of goddam Communists on strike, I guess," was the illuminating answer of his friend.

And the Republican Party has a "plank" in its platform "dedicated" to Labor.

Leaving the house today I bumped into an old man sticking a fistful of "American Citizens" in the mail boxes.

He was dressed pretty ragged and looked like he'd had plenty of luck—and all of it bad. "Say, do you ever read that filthy paper?" I asked him.

"Nope. I just distribute them. A man has to eat, you know!" "What do you think of the Communist Party?" I asked, point blank.

"Don't know much about it. But I guess it's all right, in spite of what this paper says. The trouble is it's hard to find out much about the Communist Party unless you know who to ask or where to go."

There wasn't much I could say to this remark. It was so true it hurt. I gave him the Party headquarter's address and hurried on.

Wonder if there aren't lots of other people in the same fix. I'm sure there must be.

Gotta' keep those radio broadcasts going regular—that's one important solution.

Proof: Donated

THEY said, "What does it prove—This French People's Front? Why in the hell should we worry? We're American people, we are."

Oh, yeah? Speed-up in Columbus, wage-cuts in Chicago, New Jersey starvation. Words and music by Landon.

They said, "What does it prove—This People's Front of the Spanish? Let 'em kill off the whole population. We'll still have a free country."

Sure: Chain gangs in Georgia, Hearst scabs in Seattle, Ten thousand see lynching. Benediction: by Coughlin.

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Hope Rises For San Jose Laundry Strikers

SAN JOSE.—Hopes of signing up some of the struck laundries are expressed by the Laundry Workers Union here.

A union committee is at present calling on all local establishments and stopping all non-union laundries whenever possible. And he's going to give two other speeches in Los Angeles and one in San Diego, too. Then over the radio—oh, the whole coast will hear him.

Of course, you'll have a little cooking to do before you go to hear Ford, so let's go Southern, and have some boiled beans and bacon and some fried sweet potatoes, maybe. We will start in the morning, by boiling the sweet potatoes for about fifteen minutes, drain them peel them and leave 'em lay. You buy a good chunk of boiling bacon the night before, two or three pounds of Kentucky Wonder green beans. . . Wash the bacon, put it down in cold water, when you first get up in the morning, so that it gets a good start, and place it over a slow heat. Let it cook all the time you are dressing to go out to call on your friends and see for certain they are going to the Ford meeting. You should use about two quarts of water for one pound of bacon. About one-half hour before you go out, add the beans. When you come home at night, heat it up, fry your sweet potatoes very gently. The pot-liquor must be very scarce, by the time your beans and bacon are done.

MOONEY'S FIGHT IS LABOR'S FIGHT



ACCENT ON YOUTH

By Evelyn James

STUDENTS at the University of Kansas are going to know better than to vote for their Governor for President. Kenneth Born, a senior at the U., revealed a list of infringements upon students' rights carried out by Landon's school authorities.

They have "censored the college papers, openly discriminated against negro students, banned left-wing speakers from the campus, intimidated liberal professors, prohibiting a peace strike broadcast from the university radio station and ordered students to become academic still pigeons to inform the Board of Regents of any unorthodox utterances by professors in class rooms so that the board might take "proper action." Negro students can't use the swimming pool; when protest was made Chancellor Lindley said the Board of Regents was running the university and they would run it as they saw fit.

Teachers Are Terrorized

Despite Landon Promise In spite of Landon's boast that Kansas has no teachers' oaths law, one professor begged students not to tell anyone that he was a friend of a Farmer-Labor Party organizer. Another professor, who had admitted seeing an ROTC student throw a tear gas bomb at a peace strike meeting, refused to sign an affidavit to that effect because, he said, "They'll have my neck!" Obviously, the control is sufficient without any laws!

Says Born: "Governor Landon may try to fool voters in the East with his liberalism in educational matters, but he can't pull the wool over the eyes of some of us folks back home. We have seen him in action."

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An Example of Unity Among Youth

HERE'S an example of what we mean when we talk about a progressive youth unity. The Youth Section of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, the state's progressive third-party group, has just held a victory rally to celebrate the success of tenu of the W.C.F. candidates in the primary elections. This youth section was organized just before the convention of the W.C.F. several months ago.

At the convention the state organizer of the youth section told how every candidate whom the W.C.F. was supporting had been grilled by the youth committee until he "had gone down the line on every point in the W.C.F. program."

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Young Organizers Barnstorming

When the executive director of the W.C.F. summed up the goal of the W.C.F. in the stirring appeal to "BUILD YOUR PEOPLE'S FRONT," the youth section assumed its share of the task. Youth section organizers went on a barnstorming tour to build new chapters and open the federation's campaign in 27 cities of the state.

In the campaign to elect men who were pledged to the progressive, pro-labor, anti-Fascist platform of the W.C.F., the youth participated enthusiastically. Youth speakers addressed radio audiences, election rallies and general meetings. The youth section assisted in putting out election posters and hand bills. Ten of the W.C.F. candidates were nominated on the Democratic ticket.

The action of these young people shows they are moving in a militant direction, but better still they are moving in a united manner. They are bringing forward the demands of young people until those who seek office must recognize them.

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People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

HIVES AND NERVOUS EXHAUSTION

DEAR DR. BISSELL: I'm 38 years old and my ailment is Hives. I noticed whenever I have worries—and lately in connection with losing my job I had plenty to worry about—I'm apt to get extremely nervous, which in turn affects my stomach, with the result I have hives all over my body.

ANSWER—Hives, or scientifically, urticaria, consists of attacks of angry red bumps on the skin on all regions of the body. The hives generally itch very much, appear suddenly, and disappear just as suddenly.

Previously, all attacks of hives were considered to be caused by certain foods each sufferer having his own individual set of foods which did the dirty work. Modern medicine now classifies this disease among those that are caused largely, by conditions in our social order. The above letter shows how the worry caused by the loss of a job makes the hives worse in the writer. This is typical.

Dr. Becker, Professor of Skin Diseases at the University of Chicago, states that 50 per cent of all the practice of city skin specialists consists of hives and other diseases with similar causes.

High Nervous Tension Is Commonest Cause

He states, "Marriage, with its necessity for all sorts of adjustments, financial and social, has been the aggravating factor in some cases, and sexual difficulties are common among those patients. A high-tension position, such as that of private secretary to an exacting employer, or that of teacher or salesman, may be due to periods of mental or physical strain in the patient's occupation or daily life. One of our patients, a social secretary, had hives only during the busy season of her exacting employer."

"Unfavorable business conditions have been factors. Illness in the family, a disagreeable family, disagreeable working conditions all may be to blame. Holding a position in business and at the same time keeping house at night and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are factors which may bring on the disease in women."

Dr. Becker mentions only middle-class people working under speed-up conditions in business. The same applies to the workers even to a greater extent, as they are under a constant nervous strain due to speed-up, low wages, insecurity, and bad living conditions.

The type of patient, such as "Sympathizer," is of a very nervous disposition and the strain of life under the capitalist system causes nervous exhaustion. Some of the diseases that may be caused by such nervous exhaustion are pruritis (itching disease), baldness, albino skin, easy fatigability, irritability, stomach trouble, migraine, low backache, and asthma.

Learn To Relax If You Would Cure Hives

Rest and relaxation are very important in the treatment of nervous exhaustion. The best aid to this end if at all possible, is a nap in the afternoon. The best time for this is directly after lunch, although late in the afternoon or just before or after supper may serve just as well. There need be no loss of time, as the patient may go to bed an hour later.

In spite of bad living and working conditions, the patient should try to learn to relax. Dr. Jacobson has written two good books on the subject, "Progressive Relaxation" and "You Must Relax," which give methods of teaching oneself this function.

Sun baths are usually of benefit in such cases. Nervous children who suffer from hives should not be disciplined too severely. They should not be allowed to play too hard and should not be allowed to go beyond the normal grade for their age in school. It is important that they have the daily nap.

VOICES OF LABOR

EDITOR: I have just read Mary Garfield's article on the need of organizing the houseworkers. I know from personal experience that there are no conditions more unbearable than those of the house workers.

I am a needle trades worker, but work is so slow in the industry that I had to take house work. Some places I've had a room to myself, but in most places I share the room with children. Always 6 in the morning until 11 in the evening. In some places the meals for me were only scraps off the kitchen table. I have put up with children so spoiled as to smear dirt

on clean clothes so I could wash them again. Some women who hire one girl are so heartless and mean that they think she should be able to serve ten people, be an excellent cook, nursemaid, seamstress, laundress and scrub woman.

And they call the girl "my maid" and the children will say "ask the maid to bring you some water."

At one place the man asked me to clean his shoes. I told him I had not learned that trade yet. Every time I go back to the shop to work it seems like a vacation, with a thousand pounds lifted off my back.

Two more days, just like the first. His Mexican friends shared food with him. He had six dollars coming.

The morning of the fourth day Mack felt feeble indeed. He started with the others, but at ten o'clock his hands groped after the golden balls, reached, and missed. Dimly, he heard a voice above him cursing and swearing, and felt the toe of a boot in his ribs. Then dimly an other voice.

"Take the goddamned s— of a b— to some hospital. That's the worst of these no count whites. If we let him die here in the orchards some goddamned lawyer or investigator from these

Unions or Labor Organizations will come snooping around making trouble. As Mack lost consciousness he wondered dimly if he would be as disappointed in Heaven. He had read about that, too.

GOD'S COUNTRY

A Short Story About A Fruit Picker . . .

By Fred Leroy

IT probably was Mack's fault that he got married, but he could hardly be blamed for the fact that a Standard Oil Scout, looking over his little Missouri filling station, decided a station a quarter of a mile above his would make money, and a Shell man saw possibilities in a station a quarter of a mile below

his. The drought might be laid to Roosevelt. Hardly to Mack. His wife's people had very little, but he sent her and baby to them, and started to California. Mack loved his wife and baby. Had he not promised to care for and protect them? Evening after evening hadn't Mack read California literature

dropped from cars that, in better days, had stopped for oil and gas? "Happy-faced people in orange trees picking golden colored fruit. Pictures of prune trees, long feathery branches white with bloom. Palm trees. Flowers. And apricots, small golden globes, so pictured they looked as if they would melt in ones mouth. He would go to California. He really had been invited. MACK hitch-hiked. The good natured man and his wife, who picked him up, told him at the border to say he was one of their party; then he would have no trouble in getting past. Mack did not understand this at all. His great-grandfather had fought in the Revolution; his grandfather in the Civil War, to free the slaves. His own big red-headed Dad, was resting in France under waving poppies, where he had gone to make the world, and especially the great United States, free for his children. Mack felt any state belonged to him.

Mack dropped off at Banning, being told apricot picking was on. He tramped five miles through apricot orchards, all just like the pictures except for the faces of the men, Mexicans, scurrying along on their hands and knees. Their faces did not have the happy look of the pictures. In fact they looked just plain wooden. Mack thought probably due to the fact they were of another nationality. He got a job from seven a.m. to seven p.m. picking apricots at two dollars a day. Still, he thought, with care he could send the wife twenty-five dollars at least one month—and now for a place to live. But there was no place. That night he slept under some trees with the other pickers. Fine for one night, but before morning he felt that California had been over-rated on climate; at least warm climate. In the morning he got up stiff, sore and hungry, and with the rest washed in an irrigation ditch. The Mexican beside him gave him some hot, black coffee, told him to hurry. "Boss cuss like hell!" Mack looked at his watch. They had an hour before seven but his new friend

explained they were to line up forty-five minutes before time to start picking. Why? "The Boss says." At five minutes before seven as they were all lined up, the boss took out his watch and at seven sharp down came a rain of apricots, just as gold as Mack had visioned, and every man of the fifty dropped on his hands and knees and started after them. The orchard was gravel. In fifteen minutes Mack's pants were cut through and in thirty minutes his knees were raw. He spoke to his Mexican friend working beside him and got "No talk—boss fire," and a sack was slid to him. As he was wrapping this around his knees a voice from above was heard. "What the h— do you think this is, you s— of a b—? A rest cure? Get busy!"

At twelve Mack stretched under a tree, hardly able to swallow the cold tamale his Mexican friend gave him. At 12:30 all up again, the rain of gold started and all of them started after it, much as one might expect in the cities if one would open a

California Organized Labor Hits Fascism and Vigilantism

FASCISM THE GREAT MENACE TO ALL LABOR

"Defeat of Spanish Workers Would Be Terrible Loss"

Resolution presented by John H. Presley of Carpenter's Local 25, Los Angeles:

WHEREAS, The Spanish workers are engaged in a life and death struggle with their ruthless oppressors, and

WHEREAS, The defeat of the workers' cause in Spain would be a terrible loss to the laboring masses everywhere, and

WHEREAS, Victory for Fascism in Spain would only mark the beginning of another great campaign to abolish all labor organizations and drown all resistance in blood; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Thirty-seventh annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor go on record as affirming before all workers of every race, color and creed that Fascism is the most monstrous menace ever to confront labor; and be it further

RESOLVER, That we advocate moral support to all who struggle against Fascism.

Grocers' Hair Made To Stand

PASADENA—A terrible, terrible plot by organized labor was discovered by the California Retail Grocers' Association, which recently held its convention here.

"If you don't take action," W. J. Hindley, manager of the Washington Merchants Assn. of Seattle told the frightened grocers, "the union will select the butcher who sells your meat, the man who drives your wagons, and every person you employ." Horrors!

Unionism is a great peril, the grocers were told time and again. No one told the grocers that the unions bring about better wages, making possible the purchase of more food from groceries.

Filipinos Tie Up 50 Ranches

SANTA CRUZ.—The 200 Filipino artichoke and brussels sprouts workers struck here during the Salinas strike tied up nearly every ranch in the Santa Cruz-Davenport area. They severely crippled shipments right at the peak of the early season peak.

The Filipinos have their own independent union but sentiment is strong for affiliation to the A.F.L.

They demanded a 5-cent wage boost to 35 cents an hour.

Three of the 50 ranches affected by the strike gave in at once.

Role of State Police Is Hit

Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 51 (Rodeo) wanted to make sure that the action of the state highway police at Salinas would never again be repeated, and its resolution, as follows, was passed at the State Federation convention:

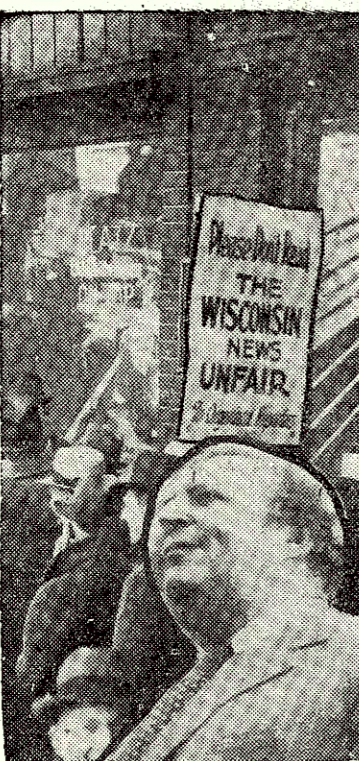
WHEREAS, It has been noted that the State Highway Patrol have been used in many parts of the State in labor disputes to the disadvantage of labor; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By Local No. 51, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, to request the coming Convention of the State Federation of Labor to lodge a protest with the proper authorities at Sacramento, and to demand from said authorities that hereafter the State Highway Police be confined to their regular duty and that it be enjoined from further interfering in industrial disputes between Labor and Capital.

J. CASEY RESIGNING? SO THEY SAY

SAN FRANCISCO.—An unconfirmed report states that Joe Casey, member of the miners and organizer for the I. L. for many years, has ten days resignation to William Green to take effect October 1. Casey is said to have taken the

HEARST LICKED



THE NEWS GUILD made gains in its long strike against the Hearst Wisconsin News, Milwaukee. Hearst was forced to take the strikers back without discrimination; a bitter pill for him to swallow.

U. S. FASCISTS RAPPED AT CAL. AFL CONCLAVE

"Forces At Work In This County To Wipe Us Out"

Presented by International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers No. 51, Rodeo.

WHEREAS, Under any form of color, Fascism is the modern tyranny forced upon the free will of the people; and

WHEREAS, There are forces at work in this country that would wipe out the labor movement of America, just as it was wiped out in Italy, Germany, Poland, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The danger of Fascism, growing with the American Liberty League, the Hearst syndicate of newspapers and magazines and many more cure-all panaceas would annihilate our liberties, if they could; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the "Carquinez Local No. 51," ask this Convention to go on record condemning all Fascism, under whatever name or color; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the California State Federation of Labor calls upon the Unions to carry on a campaign against Fascism.

AFL Referendum On CIO Is Urged

NEW YORK.—C.I.O. unions suspended by the A.F.L. Executive Council have been urged by Pres. Dubinsky of the I.L. G.W.U. to send delegates to the A.F.L. convention in Tampa.

At the convention they should work for submission of the C.I.O. issue to a referendum of the entire A.F.L. membership, said Dubinsky.

"I believe that the conscience of the labor movement will not permit the suspension to continue," he said.

2000 Tie Up Minn. Flour Mills; Thugs Shoot Pickets

MINNEAPOLIS.—A strike of 2000 workers paralyzed the vast flour-milling industry in this area.

Four hundred national guardsmen had been mobilized and are being held in readiness, although Gov. Peterson, Farmer-Laborite, promised that they would not be used against strikers.

Deputy sheriffs around the Archer-Daniels Co. plant have already shot one picket. The strikers are members of the Flour and Cereal Workers Union.

FOR DEFENSE BODIES AGAINST VIGILANTISM

Labor Will Protect Itself Against Fascist Thugs

Presented by Fred West of Window Cleaners' Union No. 44, San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Vigilantism is becoming more prevalent each year, more widespread, and more vicious in its attacks on workers, their sole aim being to destroy workers' organizations and to subjugate labor to the will of the employers; and

WHEREAS, As long as vigilantes are allowed to roam the State killing, hanging, shooting, beating, tar-and-feathering, and terrorizing workers, industrial disputes cannot be expected to be peaceful, or quickly settled; and

WHEREAS, Constituted law enforcement bodies fail to cope with this force, or else condone and encourage actions of vigilantes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the California State Federation of Labor reiterate its stand of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention; and further be it

RESOLVED, That we go on record as being tired of the activities of these elements and organizations that persist in taking the law into their own hands and we are as equally as fed up with the weak-kneed and spineless excuses of the civil authorities who continue to ignore their flagrant disregard of all civil law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the California State Federation of Labor proceed at once to ask all affiliated organizations to set up defense committees to the end that the rights of labor will be protected and defended, also that the Executive Committee shall devise such methods and means as conditions may demand from time to time and advise the various unions as to their conclusion.

Chamber For San Jose Open Shop

SAN JOSE.—With the San Jose Laundry strike of several hundred workers still on, led by the Laundry Workers Union, directors of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, after a so-called "investigation" went on record in favor of the open a shop.

This knocked nobody out with surprise.

The union, stated the Chamber, said it will continue to insist on replacement of present non-union employees with union members.

The Chamber repeated the lie, hoary with age, that discharged union members were "inefficient or disloyal."

It attacked "outside influences"—referring to support of the strike by organized labor all over the state, which has been donating funds to the strikers.

Typos For Social Insurance Laws

INDIANAPOLIS.—The International Typographical Union now stands committed to federal old age pensions and unemployment insurance.

Its recent convention urged that this be obtained by taxing incomes exceeding \$5000 a year, inherited wealth and excess profits. This proposal was endorsed in preference to one endorsing the Townsend plan.

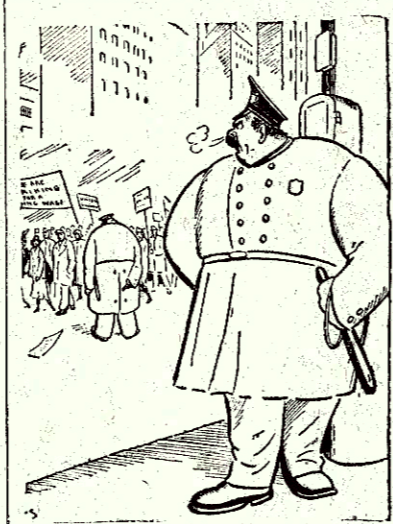
The convention petitioned Will Hays to allow the filming of "It Can't Happen Here," "so that the American people may be enlightened as to the aims of fascism."

American Labor Party Runs Own Candidates In N.Y.

NEW YORK.—The American Labor Party, formed by the New York state affiliate of Labor's Non-Partisan League, will have one or more local candidates in New York City on its own ticket and will not endorse other parties' candidates in the metropolitan area.

This was announced by the state executive committee. Over 300 union groups are behind the American Labor Party.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO PICKET



BERKELEY JUDGE has just declared anti-picket law perfectly O.K. Unions face serious menace in existence of anti-picketing laws in many California cities. A real campaign against them is necessary.

KERN COUNCIL HITS H'WY COP

Says H'way Police Break Strikes

BAKERSFIELD.—The Kern County Central Labor Council joined the roster of organized labor groups which hit the part played by the State Highway Police against the Salinas strike.

It passed a resolution protesting the use of the highway police "to break strikes" and "herd strikers." The strong resolution was sent to Governor Merriam and other state authorities.

Salinas Union Gets Stockton Aid

STOCKTON.—Real union support was given the Salinas lettuce strike by Agricultural Workers Union 20221 of Stockton.

It issued the following appeal, or you may call it warning:

"The agricultural and shed workers of Salinas, Calif., are on strike. They are striking for higher wages and better conditions. The Agricultural Workers Union of Stockton, is calling all workers to help the Salinas workers win, by keeping out of the strike district. The big land and packing shed owners are planning to break the workers' strike, by using workers from the outside as scabs and strike-breakers.

"Remember working men, any working man who goes into the strike district of Salinas to take a job, is nothing but a common scab."

The union also had something to say about the grape harvest:

"Over two thousand workers are needed in the grape harvest in the next few weeks. Let us make it our business to see that all of them are union members. Don't be non-union workers. Join the Agricultural Workers Union. Demand the \$3.00 for the 8 hour day. Time and one half for all over time. Free transportation to and from all jobs.

"The initiation fee in the Agricultural Workers Union is only \$1.25. Will be raised to \$2.00 Sept. 14th. Don't delay. Join now."

Rubber Union Has Third of Industry Organized

AKRON, O.—Membership in the United Rubber Workers (C.I.O. affiliate) has increased 10 times in the past 10 months, and now nearly one-third of the industry is organized. This was reported by Pres. Dalrymple to the recently concluded convention of the union.

Membership is approaching 40,000, he stated. Adherence to the C.I.O. was reaffirmed.

Picket Line Threat Scares Scabby Bill Lemke

MILWAUKEE.—The scabby attitude of Father Coughlin's Union Party and its candidate Lemke was shown here at a Lemke rally.

Lemke insisted that a scab band be used.

Only the threats of a mass picket line by organized labor made him change his mind and a union band was hired.

MAJORITY OF UNIONS BARRED BY JOE CASEY'S NEW SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL SET-UP

Attendance Gets Smaller; Conditions Laid Down Aimed To Keep Out All Progressive Elements

By STANLEY HANCOCK

William Green's "solution" of the San Diego Labor dispute apparently hasn't solved anything. Recently when he authorized the reconvening of the Labor Council after an eight months' suspension, his California representative, Joe Casey, laid down such stringent restrictions for admission, that the majority of the local unions were barred from affiliating.

When the first meeting of the new Council was held on Sept. 2nd, 15 unions out of a total of 42 became affiliated. At this meeting, the reactionary delegates constituted the majority, and they elected themselves to all offices. A week later delegates from 11 unions attended, and last week only 6 unions were represented. Obviously the organization is dying on its feet.

To Keep Out Progressives

The conditions for admission, apparently calculated to keep the progressives out of the Council, are:

1. All per capita tax for the past 8 months must be paid in full. Despite the fact that no Council has existed since Jan. 15th, Joe Casey has ordered that no union can become affiliated until all taxes for this period are paid up. This amounts to approximately \$3,500 from the progressive unions.

2. John Lydick, Mrs. Worcester, Harry Steinmetz and A. C. Rogers, local progressive labor leaders, are forbidden to run for any office in the Council. In the event their unions affiliate, and they attempt to gain office, Joe Casey states, "The Council will be disbanded again."

John Lydick is secretary of the Plasterers' local, Mrs. Worcester is an Executive Committee member of the Teachers Union, Harry Steinmetz is Southwestern Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers, and A. C. Rogers is the past secretary of the disbanded Central Council.

3. The delegates must agree to accept the contract which the reactionaries have signed with Al Rogers, editor of the "Labor Leader" providing for his continuance as editor for another year. Rogers edits the worse excuse for a labor newspaper on the Pacific Coast and he fills the pages of the "Labor Leader" with slanders and lies about the progressive unionists.

4. The new constitution and by-laws must be approved by William Green before they become effective and any proposed changes in them must be approved in the same manner. This condition is expected to prevent any progressive actions from ever being passed by the Council, as Green will insist that progressive activities be declared illegal in the constitution of the Council.

The progressive unions, under the leadership of the Building Trades Council, have flatly refused to accept these outrageous conditions. Their main complaint is against the demand for \$3,500 in "back" per capita taxes, and they declare the other demands illegal and absolutely unacceptable.

The reactionaries are banking on the various International officers forcing the local unions into the Council, while the progressives are putting pressure on William Green to remove the prohibitive restrictions to affiliation with the Council.

Danger of Isolation

As the stalemate continues, the danger grows that the building trades unions, who compose almost half of the labor movement here, will give up in disgust, all efforts to establish a democratic central council, and instead, concentrate all their force on strengthening the Building Trades Council. This would isolate them from the balance of the labor movement and severely cripple the miscellaneous progressive unions, who urgently need the protection of a united labor movement.

Local unions, especially those of the building trades have shown a healthy growth in the past few months in spite of the absence of a central organization to co-ordinate the labor movement. Most members of building trades unions are working and in some crafts there is a shortage of labor.

But the labor movement has lost a great deal, due to the absence of a Central Council, in that no apparatus exists to rally the entire movement behind the drive to organize the Con-

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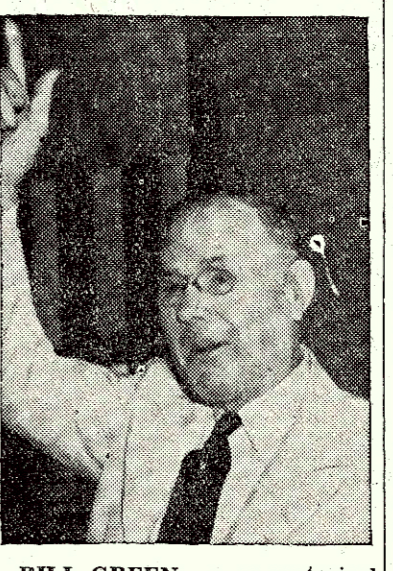
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IT DIDN'T WORK



BILL GREEN waxes oratorical before the recent Culinary Workers' convention in Rochester, in an effort to swing the convention against the C.I.O. But the Culinary convention hit the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions anyway.

SMELTER UNION RAISES WAGE \$2

From \$2.86 to \$4.68 A Day Is Gain

SELBY—Side by side with steady growth in membership, Mine, Mill and Smelter Union Local 51 has made big gains in its agreement signed with the American Smelting and Refining Co. here.

Wage increases amounting to 40 cents a day were granted—5 cents an hour increase for an 8-hour day.

The minimum wage scale is now \$4.68 a day. When the members first organized, some three years ago, the minimum scale was only \$2.86 a day.

Roy Scott, J. J. Sacco and Ambrose L. Powers composed the committee representing Local 51 in the negotiations.

Improvements in conditions were also gained—better locker facilities, increased shower baths, five minutes longer for lunch, to wash up in.

Gilroy Cannery Raise Forced

GILROY.—A labor dispute hit the Filice and Perelli Cannery here recently. The company fired a group of workers for demanding a 5 cents an hour wage increase, and then said they were fired because the pack had slackened up.

The company sort of admitted the workers were fired for demanding the raise when it said they had "wild ideas in their heads."

The cooking crew demanded the raise—from 35 to 40 cents an hour. The raise had to be granted, but the leaders in the demand were dismissed.

The company employs 450 workers at peak season.

Second Hung Jury In Machinists' Strike Arrest

OAKLAND.—Unable to agree that Victor Canada, Machinists Union striker, is guilty, the jury was discharged in the second trial to end this way.

At the first trial the vote was 11 to 1 for acquittal, on the charge that Canada threw rocks through a scab's automobile window at the Caterpillar Tractor plant on Aug. 17.

The possibility of another strike similar to 1934 has been given much publicity in the kept press, as well as over the radio. Should the shipowners persist in their attitude, as demonstrated when the negotiations for a new agreement with the International Longshoremen's Association took place recently, then the situation will be indeed grave and a tie-up of the maritime industry on the Pacific Coast, if not the entire nation, may be unavoidable.

Needless to say, the longshoremen on the coast will resist to the utmost the Fascist program of the shipowners, which is to re-establish the deplorable conditions that existed prior to the great maritime strike of 1934, and all maritime workers will rally, using their united economic powers to defend the gains of 1934 and to demand from the shipowners improvements and amendments of the present awards, which do not provide for wages and living conditions on board ship to which an American worker is entitled.

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GUILD TO JOIN PRINTING TRADES

WASHINGTON.—The American Newspaper Guild wants closer relationship with the printing trades unions, and is therefore seeking membership in the International Allied Printing Trades Association.

DONNELLY IS ELECTED PRES. OF PEDRO ILA

Outstanding As A Progressive, He Beats Hunt

SAN PEDRO.—With about 2000 San Pedro longshoremen voting Roy Donnelly, outstanding progressive leader, was elected president of San Pedro Local 38-82.

He defeated Clarence R. Hunt, reactionary, who had succeeded Elmer Bruce when the latter resigned.

Alf Neilson also ran against Donnelly.

Bruce has been out since the coastwide I.L.A. convention. He was a vicious reactionary in his policies and methods. San Pedro longshoremen will get a much better type of leadership from Donnelly.

The San Pedro longshoremen also voted thumbs down on arbitration of employers' demand for the new agreement.

Francis Fetzler was re-elected secretary-treasurer of Local 38-82. Elmer Bruce and C. A. Johnson were unopposed for publicity committee. C. Ramsden and E. K. Leeper were elected as delegates to the Central Labor Council. Bruce, W. Don Cox and Donnelly were elected delegates to Maritime Federation Council, District 4.

In a later run-off for vice-president, Ernie Bowen was chosen.

As a result of the 1934 strike, and through the efforts of the National Longshoremen's Board and the award which was handed down by this Board, some of the grievances and deplorable conditions under which the longshoremen worked were rectified. However, the awards that were granted to the seafaring unions did not result in establishing living wages, nor were the working conditions of the seamen improved to any visible degree. In fact, seamen still work for as low as \$60 per month, and are not paid for overtime hours. Their living quarters are uninhabitable, with sometimes eight and ten men sleeping in one room. The food is poor. Many of the men are married, and are attempting to keep their families on these low wages.

No radical demands are being made upon the shipowners by any of the maritime crafts, merely readjustments or amendments to the present awards in order to remove the cause of the just complaints of the workers.

Let any San Francisco citizen walk along the waterfront today. Let him visit the hiring hall and watch the men being dispatched to jobs. Let him talk with some of the longshoremen themselves. Such an investigation will tell the tale of what has happened on the waterfront. No longer will he encounter those crowds of shabby men hanging about the piers with desperation written on their faces. Today these men report to the central hiring hall and are dispatched in a prompt and businesslike manner to the place where they are needed. They do not have to hang around the waterfront saloons waiting for a chance to "treat" the hiring bosses. They do not have to fawn or lick anyone's boots to get a job. Neither do they have to worry lest the next fellow is going to do so and get ahead of them. In short, they can afford the luxury of being men.

Today there are no unemployed longshoremen. All are working and the work is evenly distributed. There are no "preferred gangs" working to the point of exhaustion. And there are no longshoremen on relief. Through the collective action of the men themselves the burden of their support has been removed from the backs of the taxpayers and is placed squarely where it belongs—upon the shipping industry.

The men do not want charity from either the taxpayers or the shipowners. They want a decent return from that industry whose profits they help to swell, and they intend to get it.

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