

For Negro People's Rights—Hear Ford Speak At Eastside Auditorium, L. A., On Oct. 11

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UNIONS FAVOR 48 HR. GENERAL SALINAS STRIKE

AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE BOSS' TERROR

Anti-Picket Laws Are Voted By County Supervisors

SALINAS—A 48-hour protest general strike of all Monterey County unions was approved in a resolution adopted by 163 to 13, at a meeting of all crafts Monday night.

The resolution must be submitted to each union and approval obtained from international officials before it can be placed in effect.

Presented by shippers-growers attorney Theile, an anti-picket resolution for the city of Salinas itself was yesterday passed by county supervisors.

SALINAS—The militancy of the lettuce shed strikers leaped to new heights, in an answer to passage of the Monterey County anti-picketing ordinance.

Eleven strikers were arrested Sunday night, as several hundred strikers and sympathizers faced police and armed vigilantes on Main St., near Market.

The police and deputies bristled with arms and were well-equipped with gas-bombs.

The strikers met and severely trounced a group of strike breakers who had ventured out to the city's main streets.

All strikers in the city streets had to be rounded up by police and herded back into the barricaded lettuce sheds.

One hundred and fifty private detectives were placed at the sheds by the growers and shippers.

These events occurred as Monterey County labor was preparing for a general mass meeting (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 2)

New Intimidation On Filipinos

LOS ANGELES—On the pretext that Filipino workers in Los Angeles were "preparing an armed invasion" of the Salinas district to aid fellow countrymen, sixteen police, headed by Detective Lieut. Robert Chambers, swept down on dance halls and cafes and arrested thirty-two men.

This is part of a drive to intimidate local Filipinos from engaging in any militant labor action.

Several of the men arrested were charged with possessing deadly weapons when pocket knives were found on them.

New Marine Board Takes Broad Power

WASHINGTON—Extremely broad powers have been claimed by the Federal Maritime Commission, consisting of three admirals appointed two weeks ago by President Roosevelt.

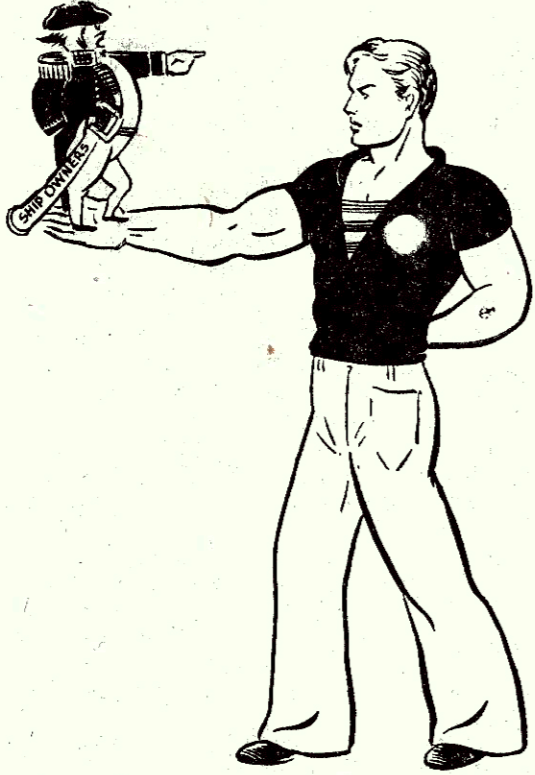
The Commission is reported to have assumed the authority to regulate hours and wages, a United Press report states.

According to the U. P., the Commission "is in a strong position to prevent protracted disturbances which would hamper it in fostering and encouraging the maintenance of a merchant marine capable of serving as a national military authority in time of war."

In view of the type of appointee to the Commission, such powers in the Commission's hands is liable to be of great danger to the maritime unions.

It has not been made clear by the Dept. of Commerce or of Labor whether the Commission will also take power to determine methods of hiring.

SHIPOWNERS CAME DOWN A PEG



MEANING OF WATERFRONT TRUCE; UNIONS' POSITION STRENGTHENED

(Reprinted from the "Maritime Worker," weekly bulletin of the Waterfront Section, Communist Party.)

A fellow-union member writes into the MARITIME WORKER asking just what advantage, if any, was gained by the Unions in the 15-day extension of the old agreements.

It might be well to answer this in detail, since, while practically all the fellows on the front agree that the averting of a lockout on Sept. 30th was a big victory for the unions over the shipowners, not everyone is clear as to how the truce will strengthen the position of the unions.

The shipowners' ultimatum demanded COMPULSORY ARBITRATION of all basic union principles, which cannot be arbitrated, such as the 6-hour day, union hiring-hall, and penalties. They were ready to go through with a lockout, in the hope that such a crisis would starve the unions out and eventually force arbitration down their throats anyway, with the help of the government Maritime Commission and "public opinion," meaning paid newspaper propaganda about "paralysis of business," etc.

The demand of the unions for a 15-day extension in order to settle all major questions through direct negotiations placed the employers in a tough spot.

If they had gone through with the lockout, the blame was clearly on their shoulders, and Organized Labor and public opinion generally was on the side of the maritime unions.

The effect of this mass pressure was even felt by the gov- (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 2)

Dubinsky In C.I.O. Spanish Workers Peace Offer

NEW YORK—If the A.F.L. Executive Council would guarantee the drive to organize 500,000 steel workers, C.I.O. organizations would be willing to give up their movement, according to David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers and a C.I.O. leader.

Dubinsky made this statement in an address to the convention of the Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union.

Max Zaritsky, president of the Millinery Workers, endorsed Dubinsky's statement, it is reported.

Dubinsky is reported to have said he was speaking "in the name of his own and other C.I.O. organizations."

William Green is to address the Millinery Workers convention on Wednesday.

Oil Workers Aid King Defense

RICHMOND, Cal. — Support for the defense of Earl King, Frank J. Conner and Ernest G. Ramsay, in the Point Lobos frameup case, is coming from Contra Costa County labor.

Oil Workers Union No. 5, which heard a report recently from their delegate to the defense conference, R. Erends, will aid the defense.

A talk by E. Barish of the Marine Firemen's Union, on the meaning of the frameup, has also stimulated support for the defense.

The local has donated to the defense fund.

Workers are urged to pack the court to protest this attack on constitutional rights.

FORD SPEAKS IN OAKLAND, LOS ANGELES

Thousands To Hear C.P. Nominee In S.F. Meeting; Programs For E. Bay, L.A. Rallies; San Diego Meet Tuesday

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO—Adopting a Jim-Crow policy, the Whitcomb Hotel here refused hotel reservations to James W. Ford, Negro leader and Communist candidate for Vice-President. The Communist Party will press a suit for damages under the state's civil code.

Rally to hear the Communist Party program from its vice-presidential candidate, thousands are expected at mass meetings during the next few days in Oakland, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Ford will be greeted by a committee on his arrival in San Francisco at the Ferry Building at 7:52 a.m., Wednesday.

James W. Ford, who was to speak to a large crowd Wednesday night in Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco, will speak Thursday night, 8 o'clock, at the Municipal Auditorium Theater, 12th and Fallon Sts., Oakland.

An overflow crowd is expected for Ford's Los Angeles meeting at Eastside Auditorium, 3400 E. Pico St., near 9th and Lorena Sts., on Sunday night, October 11th, 7 p.m.

In San Diego the Communist nominee will speak at Germania Hall, 9th and G Sts., on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, at 8 p.m.

(For Ford's radio broadcasts in California, see other story on Page 1.)

William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will be chairman at the Oakland rally for Ford, with other speakers including Lloyd Harris, candidate in the 6th Congressional District, and Leon Vannier, Negro leader and Communist nominee in the 17th District.

Los Angeles Rally A huge reception committee will greet Ford on his arrival in Los Angeles. Chairman of the Sunday night meeting will be Harold J. Ashe, candidate in the 14th Congressional District. Louis Rosser, Negro youth leader and Communist candidate in the 62nd Assembly District, will also speak. A special feature will be a Negro chorus.

Free transportation to the Eastside Auditorium will be provided from the Youth Center, 3718 South Central Ave. Automobile traffic is directed out East 9th St. to Lorena. Other transportation is via the East 9th St. bus to Lorena, or via the "R" car. Admission is 25 cents.

Start Free Speech Frameup Trial

LOS ANGELES—Four workers went on trial last week on charges framed up after a lawless police attack on a Communist party election rally in the free speech zone at Brooklyn Avenue and Breed Street, last September 12th.

The defendants, Malone, Freeman, Edward McDowell, James Carter and Jim Dell, are being defended by Grover Johnson and Leo Gallagher. The charges are "inciting to riot, resisting arrest, malicious disturbance of the peace, and assembling for the purpose of disturbing the peace."

Deputy City Attorney Everett Leighton lied to reporters, saying the arrests had so angered the crowd listening to the speeches that it later charged the jail to attempt a delivery of the prisoners.

Actually, about 100 workers picketed the police station in protest against the arrests.

36 States To Have C.P. On Ballot

At least 36 states—four more than in 1932—will have the Communist Party ticket on the ballot, predicted Alexander Trautenberg, national campaign manager, as he mapped the final drive to put a number of doubtful states over the ballot.

"We've made the grade against the greatest odds in many states," said Trautenberg.

"In Illinois, where we have filed 31,000 signatures from 64 counties, the American Legion and other reactionary forces whipped up by the Hearst press and the Chicago Tribune, are trying to keep us off the ballot."

"Indiana, where Earl Browder was arrested and prevented from speaking, adopted laws aiming at minority parties, but we will file the required number of signatures and will put up a fight to be placed on the ballot. Missouri, where we have to file 32,000 signatures to qualify, also requires tremendous effort since our organization is not too strong there."

Americans Want To Fight For Spain

WASHINGTON, D. C.—More than 300,000 Americans have volunteered for service on the side of the Spanish government in the civil war, declared the Spanish Embassy here in an official statement.

ANTI-FASCIST



Spanish anti-fascist militiamen, fighting in the Catalanian peoples' forces wear this new uniform displayed by their commander, Perrez Parras.

FASCISTS ARE BOLD-BROWDER

Browder and Ford In Radio Broadcasts

BOSTON—"The forces of Fascism in the United States are becoming very bold, indeed," declared Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, before 6500 in Boston Arena last Sunday, in his first public speech since his arrest in Terre Haute, Indiana, on a "vagrancy" charge to prevent his keeping a speaking engagement there.

"They are preparing the ground to change the result of the November election, if they don't like it."

In a radio speech, Browder termed his arrest in Terre Haute "by a couple of peanut storm-troopers, the mayor and the chief of police," as "Hitlerism in full bloom."

Explodes Charges Hearst-Liberty League charges that the Communist Party sup- (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 3)

Convict Jew Baiter In L.A.; Fascists Reveal Plans

LOS ANGELES—Self-admitted "Silver-Shirt" Henry Allen was convicted last week of passing out "White Guard" anti-Semitic handbills on the streets, by a jury in Municipal Judge Leo Aggeler's court.

Allen was defended by Kenneth Alexander, personal representative of the nationally-known Fascist, William Dudley Pelley, leader of the "Silver-Shirts."

Judge Aggeler postponed sentence until October 13th, when he will hear Allen's probation plea, to give time to check Allen's background.

Active Fascists Interested citizens doubt if authorities will uncover the fact that both Allen and Alexander are in charge of "Silver-Shirt Legion" headquarters, located in Room 713, Arcade Building, here.

Vomiting their Jew-hating propaganda, Allen and Alexander talked to a Western Worker representative last week, imagining him to be a prospective "Silver-Shirt," and revealed that secret (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 4)

Nationwide W.P.A. Strike Called

WASHINGTON—A national sit-down strike on Federal work-relief projects has been called by the Workers Alliance. The strike is called for the week ending October 24.

The membership of the Workers Alliance, with which the Unemployed Councils have been amalgamated, has been estimated to be as high as 800,000 on a nationwide scale.

Strike demands include increased wages.

REAL PRIZES IN C.P. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

You, Too, Can Be A Winner—Visit Your Friends And Contacts!

Hard-working Party builders in the Browder-Ford Membership Drive will receive as reward more than the knowledge that they are doing their best in the fight against Fascism and reaction.

Real and practical awards will go to these shock-brigaders

Negotiations Progress For ILA In Truce

15-Day Armistice Hailed As Victory By Maritime Workers; Shipowners Block Firemen's Negotiations

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly set-up Maritime Commission has called on unions and employers to send representatives to a conference in Washington on the West Coast situation.

Negotiations by the various maritime crafts with the shipowners are continuing daily, with progress reported in most cases.

However, a snag was struck in Marine Firemen's negotiations, when shipowners notified that union that issues still in dispute must be submitted to arbitration.

SAN FRANCISCO—"The winning of a 15-day truce on the waterfront was a victory for the maritime unions," Harry Bridges, reporting as a delegate from I.L.A. Local 38-79, told the San Francisco Labor Central Council last Friday night.

Bridges, President of the Pacific Coast District I.L.A., said that progress had been made toward negotiations since the truce began.

"We'll bend every effort until Oct. 15 to get the main issues out of the way," he said. "Then we can talk of arbitrating any of the other points left."

Bridges told the Council that "while the shipowners had planned a lockout for midnight, Sept. 30, the unions cooperated in all cases with the Dept. of Labor, which exerted pressure on the Maritime Commission."

The Commission finally wired the employers asking that they accept a 30-day extension without any conditions attached.

Why I.L.A. Wanted Truce "In proposing an extension it wasn't that we were fearful of a battle that might come—we knew that we had the support of the Gulf and the East Coast. We were concerned to avoid a show-down on the employers' terms and we did not wish to embarrass the other unions with another struggle unless it was a last resort to save our unions."

Bridges scathingly blasted Judge Sloss, "who as usual ruled for the employers. We told Edward F. McGrady (assistant secretary of labor) that it was about time the Maritime Commission, which had at first proposed a 60-day extension on the employers' terms, bore down on the shipowners for a change. We had agreed to three suggestions (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 6)

L.A. Labor Council Okehs ILA Stand

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Central Labor Council unanimously endorsed the stand of the International Longshoremen's Association in its present fight with the shipowners. Endorsement came at the Council's regular meeting last Friday night.

Elmer Bruce and A. H. "Pedro Pete" Peterson, "publicity committee" of the San Pedro local of the I.L.A., reported briefly on the activities of the San Pedro situation. Bruce asked the delegates to cooperate with the I.L.A. in getting the stand of the longshoremen before the public.

Bruce reported the I.L.A. in San Pedro is broadcasting over radio station KGER every Tuesday at 6:30 p. m.

NO DOUBT THAT SF SHIPOWNERS PAID FOR GAS

There seems to be little doubt that they were the shipowners. Grand jury testimony has identified the "public spirited citizens" as waterfront employees.

The more Police Chief Quinn denies that the gas equipment stored in the Hall of Justice was ever paid for, the more certain (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 8)

Quinn Denies It, But McCarty Has The Proof Of It

SAN FRANCISCO—Who are the "public spirited citizens" who paid for \$15,000 worth of gas and munitions bought by the San Francisco police department during the 1934 waterfront strike?

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BUMS RUSH FOR ALASKA CANNER REACTIONARIES

Union Votes Them Out In Sweeping Changes

SAN FRANCISCO—Sweeping organizational changes to rid the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union of reactionary leadership were voted overwhelmingly at a meeting held here Sunday.

Budgeters Would Let Them Die

LOS ANGELES—"Why Keep Them Alive?" is not only a book title, but is also a slogan of the County Bureau of Budget, if its recent report to the Board of Supervisors can be taken at face value.

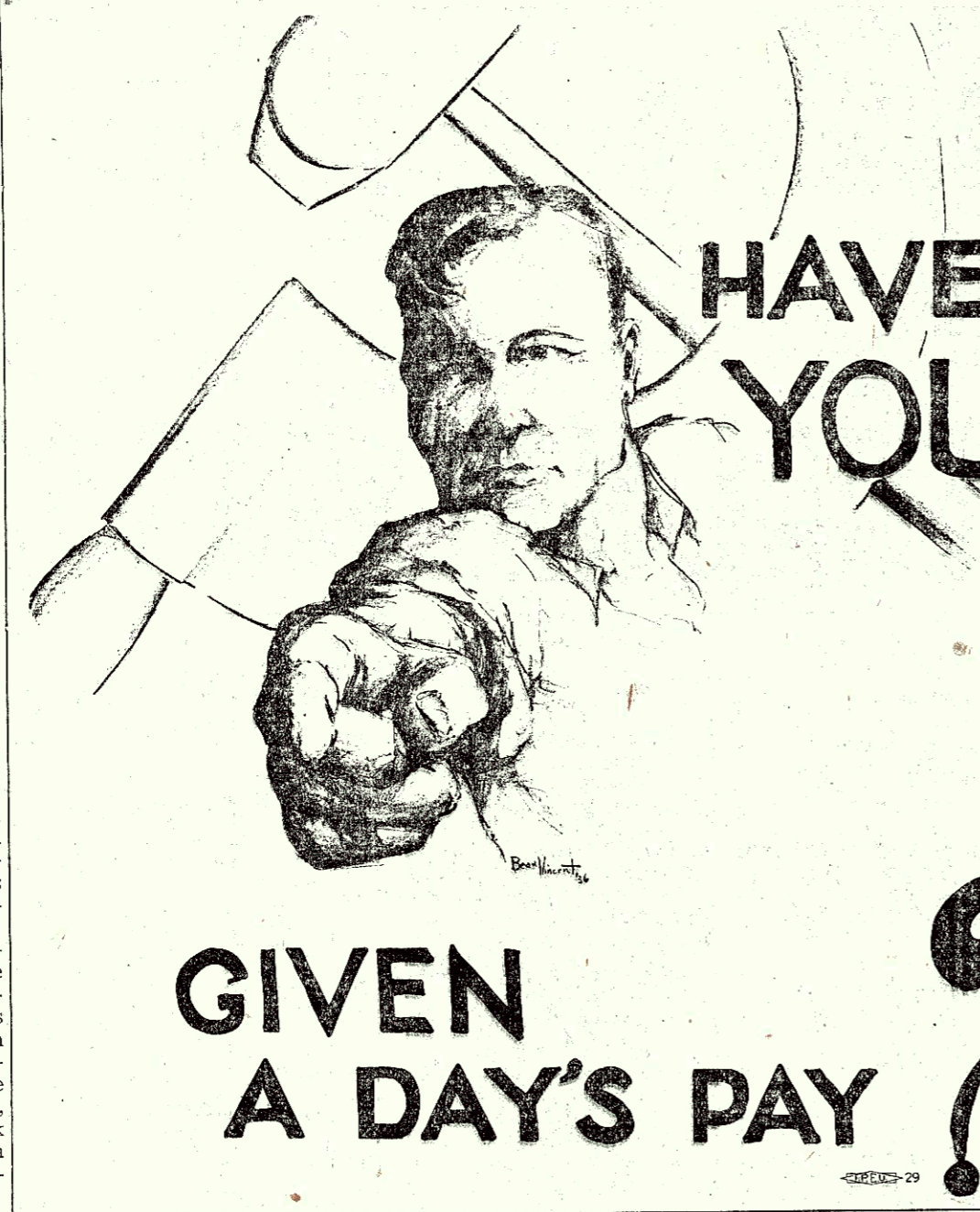
Spanish Workers Counter-Attack

(Continued From Page One) attempted to go through the pass near Iba leading into the valley at Oviado, but were completely blasted by the miners throwing "tarjetas postal," or postcards, as they call their dynamite charges.

HITLER WAR MOVE

BERLIN—A new decree by Hitler ordering construction of a new second flotilla of submarines, is reported in the local press.

Elections Only Three Weeks Away— Donate NOW!



MEANING OF WATERFRONT TRUCE

(Continued From Page One) erment, as was evidenced by the position the Maritime Commission was finally forced to take in agreeing to the unions' demand, after at first supporting the shipowners' position.

Vote For 48-Hr. Salinas Strike

(Continued From Page One) Monday night, called by the Monterey County Central Labor Council, at which the members of organized labor were to vote on a 72-hour general strike in support of the lettuce strikers.

Fascists Are Bold, Says Browder

(Continued From Page One) ports Roosevelt were completely explained by Browder. "We Communists were the first to criticize Roosevelt," he said.

FARMER-LABOR COOPERATION IN MILK FIGHT

East Bay Employers Fear It May Become Political Tie

OAKLAND—How the bosses dread a Farmer-Labor Party was revealed at the negotiations in the East Bay milk distribution controversy.

Anti-Fascists Firm In Paris, London

PARIS—"Remember Spain!" was the slogan for unity against Fascism at a gigantic mass meeting of more than 100,000 at a Communist Party demonstration, while Col. Francois de la Rocque's new "French Social Party" vainly tried to stop the demonstration.

Merriam Tells ILD Highway Cops OK

SAN FRANCISCO—The State Highway Patrol, which beat and gassed workers in Salinas, is a "splendid organization" which acted in a "most considerate and humane manner."

Let's Go Over The Top For Labor's Fund For Spain!

With only \$120.65 left to be raised on its quota of \$1000 for the Labor's Red Cross for Spain, the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party urged rushing collections to help the heroically fighting Spanish workers and peasants.

Negotiations of I.L.A. Progress

(Continued From Page One) by the Commission, yet they told us to accept the employers' conditions.

Real Prizes In C.P. Membership Drive

(Continued From Page One) Worker, three months sub to Western Worker, year's sub to Health and Hygiene, three months sub to Daily Worker, three months sub to New Masses, year's sub to Woman Today; OR choice of "Fatherland" by Billinger, "Fascism and Social Revolution" by Dutt, "France Today" by Thorez, "History of the American Working Class" by Bimba, "Labor Facts No. 3," "Great Crisis," "Coming War," "Lenin," "October Revolution," "Nature of Capitalist Crisis," "Ten Days That Shook the World."

FASCISTS CAN'T AGREE IN THE UNION PARTY

LOS ANGELES—The Coughlin-Lemke Union Party, which failed to qualify for the November ballot in California, is having factional struggles.

EASTMAN, IN TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT, DAMNS SHIPOWNERS; FOR HIRING HALL

Shows Terrible Conditions for Seamen On Shipboard; Possibilities of Abuses In Hiring From Piers

WASHINGTON—Joseph B. Eastman was never any too partial to labor in his job as Federal transportation coordinator, but his report under his now expired authority, just made public, blasts the shipowners and justifies the unions in every respect.

SF SHIPOWNERS PAID FOR GAS

(Continued From Page One) it seems that Quinn is trying clumsily to shield the waterfront employers.

Try Modesto Boy In Marine Frameup

MODESTO—One of the nine Modesto boys-dynamite frame-up victims was "released" but not given his freedom.

Workers Bailed Out By I.L.D.

SAN FRANCISCO—Charged with posting handbills advertising the meeting for James W. Ford, Communist vice-presidential candidate, Jesus Sanchez and Albino Besnik pleaded not guilty in Judge Michelson's court here and asked for a continuance, granted to October 7th, 10 a.m.

Cops Violate Free Speech Rights

(Continued From Page One) of the mayor that a certain Communist speaker is slated to appear in this city. The mayor states now that we do not need any Communist speakers in this city.

Cigarmakers Strike

SAN FRANCISCO—A strike of 120 union cigarmakers for a \$5 per 1000 wage increase, has broken up five major plants.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

When I was a small boy, my main object and pleasure in life was eating. I could work up a lot of enthusiasm over what there would be for dinner, but I used to worry a bit about how the food got there. I knew that would be taken care of without my doing anything about it.

Now Socialism is a swell thing. We Communists are all for it, and we are working hard to prepare for the time when we can put Socialism into life in America. But we know—and Comrade Thomas apparently does not know—that the great majority of the working people of our country are not yet ready to fight for socialism.

Like An Ostrich
Thomas, like the ostrich that sticks his head in the sand at approach of danger, pays practically no attention to the dangers that threaten the American people from the hands of the Fascist-minded, anti-labor elements.

He wants Socialism, all right, but apparently he thinks it's going to fall like manna from heaven. If Thomas really wants to pave the way for Socialism, there is only one course for him to follow. He and the other Socialists must enter into a United Front with the Communist Party for the building of a people's front against reaction, a Farmer-Labor Party that can teach the majority of the working people how to organize to win their bread-and-butter demands, and teach them through their own struggles that Socialism is the only final solution.

How, Comrade Thomas? Apparently Thomas thinks Socialism is going to be achieved by just talking about what a fine thing Socialism is going to be when we get it.

What does this accomplish for Thomas and the Socialist Party? It sets them off in a little airtight compartment with those people who agree with them, but the great masses of people are out struggling for their day-to-day demands, to win better relief, to build their unions—out in the front-line trenches fighting against capitalism, even though most of them don't know right now that they are fighting against capitalism.

What a narrow, sectarian program Thomas has, is proved beyond a shadow of a doubt by the fact in California, a total of 2500 in Los Angeles and San Francisco very small audience he received combined, compared to almost 100 that heard Browder, our Communist candidate.

For example, when the strike at Salinas is one of the most important issues before the workers of California, Thomas gets up on a pedestal and says: "Why should I talk about Salinas? What we need is Socialism."

Set For Farmer-Labor Party
The working people of California and the United States are ripe for a Farmer-Labor Party, because such a party will be a bread-and-butter proposition for them. It will enable them to win higher wages, to organize into trade unions, to stop vigilante terror against them. All working people want what a Farmer-Labor Party can give them.

What does Thomas say? That so far the formation of such a party has no principles or program, that so far there is nothing but a hue and cry set up such a party.

He said this in a press interview in Los Angeles, but he did not mention the historic Farmer-Labor Conference held in Chicago last May, which laid out a program, or the work being done by the American Labor Party in New York State, backed by the progressive trade unions.

The Communist Party believes in taking conditions as they are and working with them to better the condition of the working masses toward the goal and solution of Socialism. And this is the position the Socialists also must take, if they don't want to condemn themselves to being just a memory.

Report Townsends So Toss Out Fascist Reverend Smith

The Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, who wants to organize storm-troops a la Hitler and Mussolini, is about to get tossed out of the Townsend movement, records the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column.

LIES OF ELKS' DIRECTORS ARE HIT BY PERRY

'Excuse' For Barring Ford Banquet Is Exposed

LOS ANGELES—Action of the Board of Directors of the Elks Club in denying use of its auditorium for a banquet for James W. Ford, Communist vice-presidential candidate, was branded as a complete denial of free speech rights in a letter to Chairman Frank White of the board from Pettis Perry, well-known Negro leader and Communist organizer.

Perry pointed out that there is no basis for the assertion that the Communist Party believes in "force and violence," the excuse given for refusal of the auditorium.

Perry demanded the right to explain to the Elks membership the position of the Party, and demanded retraction from White of the accusations he had made against the Party.

Stool's "Testimony" Too Raw Even For Dept. of Labor

SAN FRANCISCO—Too raw even for the reactionary Department of Labor was the "testimony" of Stoolpigeon Stanley Doyle, lawyer, in an attempt to get Arthur Hertz deported to Nazi Germany. Leo Gallagher, Hertz' attorney, has been informed by W. E. Walsh, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, that "the preponderance of evidence is not such as to sustain the charges."

Hertz was arrested on complaint of Doyle, notorious stool, who said he had seen Hertz at a "very secret meeting of Communists." The meeting was a public banquet in honor of William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party.

Doyle, who works with the "Subversive Activities" Committee of the American Legion, is partly responsible for the framing of De Jonge and Pugh in Oregon on Criminal Syndicalism charges, introducing false evidence that Communists had advocated robbing banks, etc.

China Warns League Of Far East Peril

GENEVA. — Wellington Koo, Chinese delegate, warned the League of Nations of the "veritable danger of explosion" in the Far East, interpreted as references to Japan's plan to "move in" on all of China.

Koo said developments in the Far East might have serious repercussions in Europe.

Coughlin Would Be Hitler Of U. S.

(Concluded)
The Supreme Court's usurping of power to stifle all social legislation, is defended by the Union Party by similar silence in its platform, but both Coughlin and Lemke make Liberty League speeches defending the "nineold men" who wiped out all New Deal legislation, inadequate as it was for the needs of the masses.

Typically Fascist in demagoguery is Coughlin's stand on monopoly—two-faced. On the one hand the Union Party urges Congress to protect all industry and private enterprise, and at the same time comes out demagogically for the reactionary and utopian proposal of breaking up large-scale industry.

Like Hitler, Coughlin hopes in this way to win the small shopkeepers by conducting a wordy crusade against the trusts and chain stores.

With the war danger hanging ominously over the entire world, the Union Party stands for the program of America's worst linguists and militarists, who propose conscription of labor during war. Coughlin has called for armed intervention in Mexico, for war on the ground that the Cardenas government there is a "Red" and "Communist" government which is "persecuting the Catholics," and thus shows definitely his Hearst-Liberty League character.

The Union Party, as everyone knows, has absolutely no chance of winning; Lemke will still be on the outside of the White House after the November elections. Then why was this "third party" launched?

Priest Can't Answer
One of Coughlin's own followers asked this question in the following telegram, published in the priest's "Social Justice" paper last June 29th: "Listened your splendid address and enthusiastically with you on need for progressive

ANITA WHITNEY



TRADITION OF '76 CONTINUED

Red Candidate For Congress In 4th Dist.

The revolutionary traditions of the American people carry into the Communist Party, in the person of Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Party and candidate for Congress in the 5th District, San Francisco.

Anita Whitney was born in S.F. of a long line of American ancestry dating back before 1776. For years her mother was treasurer of the California Chapter of the Colonial Dames of America, and her father was at one time Senator in the legislature.

Graduated from Wellesley College in 1889, Anita Whitney taught in private schools, and then did social service work in Oakland for seven years, serving as first Juvenile Probation Officer for Alameda County. She served for several years as vice-president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, and one year as president of the Northern California Association of University Women.

Anita Whitney joined the Socialist Party in 1912, and the Communist Labor Party, as the C.P. was then known, in 1919. She ran for U.S. Senate on the Communist ticket in 1928, and for State Controller in 1934 when she polled 100,800 votes.

Drive On "Chiselers" Is Attempt To Slur Those On Relief

SACRAMENTO.—In a new attempt to discredit those on relief, Controller Riley reports a drive against so-called "chiselers."

He mentioned the arrest of 11 persons in the past few days as "chiselers." In Los Angeles district two relief recipients are serving jail terms, and three other cases are pending.

Jim-Crow Issue Pressed With L.A. Hotel

LOS ANGELES — Telephone refusal of accommodations for the Rosslyn Hotel for James W. Ford, Communist vice-presidential candidate, was explained to the hotel management in a letter from John Leech, for the County Committee of the Communist Party.

The identity of the clerk in the Rosslyn Hotel, who refused our reservation on the basis that Mr. Ford is a Negro, is unknown to us," stated the letter.

"We are sure that the Rosslyn Hotel does not follow this policy of discrimination against racial minorities and that your establishment is also familiar with Sections 51 and 52 of the Civil Code and with Section 365 of the Penal Code. We are inclosing copies of this matter for your convenience.

"May we hear from you immediately regarding the reservation for Mr. Ford, that we may comply with all requirements."

Ford will speak here at East-side Auditorium on Sunday, October 11th.

Elect Official State Executive Committee Of Communist Party

SACRAMENTO.—Casting more than 100 votes, proxies and otherwise, the Communist State Central Committee elected a State Executive Committee here last Saturday, as follows:

Chairman, Harold J. Ashe; secretary, William Schneiderman; campaign manager, George Maurer; Anita Whitney, Pettis Perry, Lawrence Ross, Oleta O'Connor, Betty Gannett, Leon Vannier, Alexander Noral, Peter J. Garrison, Edward Paterson, Carroll Barnes, Wm. A. Standridge, Harry Schneider, Henry Rainer, and Esco L. Richardson.

31,000 Communist Petition Signers Disfranchised

CHICAGO.—Disfranchisement of 31,000 signers of Communist Party nominating petitions, barring Communist candidates from the ballot in Illinois, will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Party announced.

The State Supreme Court judges, sitting as an electoral board, were openly influenced by the Hearst press and the American Legion in ruling the Party off the ballot after a two-day legal battle.

The Party charged signers of Communist petitions were intimidated by Legionnaires to renounce their names on the nominating petitions.

The District Federal Court here will also be asked to rule on constitutionality of the state ballot statute.

Pass Buck To Stop C.P. Candidate From Speaking

FRESNO—Local officials of city and county are all in a sweat passing the buck to prevent Carl E. Patterson, Communist candidate for Congress in the 9th District, from speaking at a public meeting here.

H. S. Foster, City Clerk, has replied to the State Election Campaign Committee of the Communist Party, that he asked the Commissioner of Public Works, who said there were no available open dates for the old auditorium or playground pavilion, and that the new auditorium would not be available until about the last of October or first of November.

The County Board of Supervisors has refused free speech to the Communist Party in its election campaign in the County Courthouse Park.

Protests against this violation of constitutional rights should be sent to Mayor Z. Leymel, City Hall, Fresno, and to the Board of Supervisors, County Courthouse, Fresno.

Filipino Group In Symposium On Elections

SAN FRANCISCO.—With representatives of youth sections of all political parties invited, the Filipino Protective Association will sponsor a public symposium on the presidential elections and a dance on Saturday, October 3rd, 8 p.m., Y.W.C.A. Hall, 620 Sutter St., corner Sutter and Mason Sts.

Archie Brown, Communist candidate for Assembly in the 22nd District, will speak for the Young Communist League. Invitations have also been sent to Young Republicans, Young Democrats and Young People's Socialist League.

Question of the symposium is: "What does your party offer to the Filipino people in the 1936 presidential election?"

Admission will be 50 cents for men, free admission for women. Workers who can't afford to pay will be admitted free.

The Filipino Protective Association is a welfare and progressive organization whose membership is composed of politically-minded Filipino workers in California.

U.S. Steel Workers Donate To Spain

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Smoke-shrouded Lackawanna flamed with a magnificent spirit of solidarity with the heroic Spanish people recently when brawny Spanish steel workers donated \$260 to the Spanish workers. The meeting was under auspices of the Spanish Workers' Anti-Fascist Committee.

United Group In Endorsement Of C.P. Nominee

COMPTON.—Ray Garner, Communist candidate in the 67th Assembly District, was endorsed for election by the Coordinating Committee for United Political Action in this district, in line with its policy of backing progressive candidates against reactionaries.

Raise \$12 So Lettuce Packers Can Hear C.P. Broadcasts

From the scene of the lettuce packers' strike comes this letter to the Communist State Election Campaign Committee:

"The enclosed postal money order for \$12 is given by workers in Watsonville who hope to see our radio election campaign fund grow, so our voice will be heard.

"In these small towns we really need leaflets or cards announcing time and station of broadcasts. We recommend and request the committee to do this, so as to make our broadcasts better known to the people. Please give this a thought, and for Lenin's sake, do something about it."

I.W.O. Opens Office In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Northern California District Committee of the International Workers Order has opened a new office here at 830 Market Street, Rm. 515, corner of Market and Ellis.

District Secretary Fields said the office will fill a much felt need, as countless workers who have been interested in securing information about the I.W.O., have not known where to obtain it. The office will be open daily from 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 6 p.m.

ARE YOU A SHOCK-BRIGADER IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE 1936 COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN?

Less Than Four Weeks Until Elections, With Funds Desperately Needed To Help Fight Against Reaction

Ranks of the shock-brigaders raising funds for the Communist election campaign, are swelling fast, but must be increased tremendously with less than four weeks left before the voters go to the polls on November 3rd.

The following gave day's wages, coupon books and donations:

A. Levine, L.A., \$2.50; Belvedere, \$3; Downtown, L.A., \$3.50; Hollywood, \$9; San Fernando, \$2.35; S.L., No. Hollywood, \$4; San Fernando, \$1.50; So. Pacific, \$8.50; Harbor Section, \$11.20; J. H. Goodyear, \$5; S. Dittone, L.A., \$1; Goodyear K-3, \$2; San Pedro, \$2; Hollywood, \$15; Hollywood J-9, \$20.

L. H. Riverside, \$5; J. A. Banning, \$2; Riverside, \$1; Friend, Bakersfield, \$2; W. F. Oregon, \$1; Watsonville Radio Party, \$12; Nevada Section, \$5; Sta. Barbara, \$2; Contra Costa Finnish Club, \$2; Pittsburg, \$2; Vallejo, \$6.50; Santa Rosa, \$24.

Unit 101, S. F., \$27.90; J. B. Golden Gate, \$5; G. S., \$1.50; Unit 100, \$25; D. P., \$1; E. B., \$1.70; Unit 103, \$8; M. No. 23, \$3.25; Unit 108, \$9; Unit 104, \$9; Unit 105, \$13.50; Waterfront, \$16; Golden Gate No. 2, \$5; Waterfront Unit, \$13.

E. E., El Cajon, \$1; El Cajon, \$1.10; B. C., El Cajon, \$4; San Diego, \$5; La Mesa, \$10; San Diego Miscellaneous, \$5.25; B. C., \$5; La Mesa, \$5; J. L., San Diego, \$5.

Mrs. M., \$5; K., \$5; J. S., \$5; Waterfront 105, \$5; F. S., \$5; 26th A. D., \$1; Unit E, 26th A. D., \$2; 23rd A. D., \$1; 22nd A. D., \$4.25; Unit 7, \$5.90; 20th A. North China.

Japan Makes New Arrogant Demands

SHANGHAI.—While Japanese marines with bayonets took over the Honkew area in the international settlement in a sudden and unexplained move, Japanese military authorities were reported to have made further arrogant demands upon General Sung Cheh-yuan, head of the Hopei-Chahar Provincial Council.

Seeking complete annexation of the Hopei-Chahar area under an "autonomous" set-up, the Japanese demands were: Withdrawal of the 29th route army from the Peiping-Tientsin area, with a Japanese garrison established at Ping Han, 40 miles south of Peiping; dismissal of all anti-Japanese political and military officials; supervision by Japanese of schools, including textbooks and student activities; aid to Japanese in gaining access to all natural resources of North China.

Advertisement for James W. Ford, Communist Candidate for Vice-President, featuring a portrait of James W. Ford and details about the Eastside Auditorium event on Sunday, October 11th, 7 P.M. at 3400 E. Pico Blvd. (9th and Lorena) Los Angeles, Calif. Admission 25c. Includes directions for auto and bus.

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"Democracy Or Fascism?"

THE ARREST of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, dramatically demonstrates the correctness of the Communist analysis of the chief issue in this election campaign—Democracy or Fascism.

The broken and contemptuous disregard of the fundamentals of Americanism by the police chief of Terre Haute is nothing to be wondered at; it expresses the entire trend of the most reactionary elements in American life, the unmistakable trend toward Fascism. However, to many people hitherto unaware of the danger of Fascism in America, the arrest of Browder came as a shock; of these, a good number, we hope, were shocked into a realization that the traditional American liberty faces a great danger; that all liberty-loving people must unite in joint action to successfully combat this Fascist menace.

Browder's arrest certainly was noticed by both President Roosevelt and Landon. Yet both were silent on this outrage against democracy. Landon, representing those forces which inspired Browder's arrest, naturally was silent. Where, however, was Roosevelt, who speaks of himself as a champion of the rights of the people against "the economic royalists?"

Just as the Communist analysis of the chief issue in 1936—Democracy or Fascism—is correct, just so is the answer proposed by the Communist Party the only guarantee for the success of democracy, for the defeat of Fascism: the unity of all anti-Fascist forces in a powerful people's front, a Farmer-Labor Party.

A New Shipowners' Weapon

MANEUVERS across the conference table, threats, even murder frame-ups have failed to make a dent in the splendid united front of the maritime unions against the open-shop drive of the shipowners. Now a new weapon appears on the San Francisco waterfront to serve the interests of the shipowners.

It is a tabloid called the "Maritime Mirror," and its editors and publishers (anonymous) have the gall to label it "for union labor, by union labor." What is the policy of this new shipowners' weapon? It declares, in bold-faced type, "We are not red-baiting." Yet its main editorial on policy contains an attack against Communists in the maritime unions. In an editorial on Sanborn, the vicious statement is made that Sanborn is as much a menace to democracy as are the Communists; another story is headed "Labor Leaders Awaken to Menace of Red Propaganda"; another carries the head "Right Wing' Union Chiefs Battle Reds." What do the publishers call this, if not red-baiting? A cleverer kind of red-baiting, it is true; a red-baiting that attempts to cloak itself behind "militant" phrases against the employers.

The editors declare the year "in sympathy with the editorial policy" of the "Voice of the Federation," and they will do all they can to boost the "Voice." We look for an immediate and uncompromising repudiation of this "sympathy" and "support" by the editors of the "Voice of the Federation."

The Maritime Mirror declares it will publish the names of its editorial board next issue, and that these will include some of the "most able and most well-liked leaders." We state emphatically that no matter who these people are—if they exist—their support of such a union-smashing sheet is nothing more or less than playing the game of the shipowners!

Free McNamara and Schmidt

TRADE UNIONS, other progressive organizations and individuals should at once take action to support the movement for the pardon of James McNamara and Matthew Schmidt, imprisoned in connection with the L.A. Times explosion in 1910.

A petition urging these pardons be granted, signed by prominent labor leaders, legislators, educators, authors and churchmen, has been forwarded to Governor Merriam.

McNamara and Schmidt are the oldest labor prisoners of the world, the former having served 25 years, and the latter 21. During the time they spent behind the bars, every prison in the world has been cleared of labor and political prisoners at one time or another through general amnesties, or individual releases or pardons, except San Quentin, where these two have been confined until a year ago, when McNamara was removed to Folsom. Schmidt is still in San Quentin.

Pressure by trade unions and other organizations to support the petition for the release of McNamara and Schmidt can get results. We urge all such organizations pass resolutions asking for their immediate and unconditional pardon and forward them to Governor Merriam.

Copies should be sent to Elinore M. Herrick, at present campaign director for the American Labor Party in New York, which initiated the petition in conjunction with Clarence Darrow, famous criminal attorney, and the late Lincoln Steffens.

State Teachers Strikebreaking

THE state of California is using money wrung out of the hides of the working class through sales taxes to teach the tactics and strategy of strikebreaking.

The R.O.T.C. students in the University of California are trained to become leaders of strikebreaking through being fed the most vicious kind of anti-labor propaganda in their course; they are told to assume that a waterfront strike has been going on for two months, and that a general strike is in its third day. They are told that a mob armed with clubs and firearms are on the way to the campus to break up classes and destroy state property. The problem to work out is what orders to give to a company of the National Guard on duty at the campus.

This is one of the most vicious means of developing fascists, and training them at the expense of the people's money—and must not go unchallenged by organized labor and by all other anti-fascist and pro-labor organizations and individuals.

Protests should be sent at once to Governor Merriam, to the State Department of Education and to Robert Gordon Sproul, president of U.C. The demand should be not only that such strikebreaking training be stopped, but that the entire R.O.T.C. system should be abolished.

Crush Out Vigilantism

THE RECENT convention of the State Federation of Labor adopted a determined stand against the evil of vigilantism. Now it remains to put this into life throughout the state.

Central Labor bodies and local unions should immediately go on record to concur with the anti-vigilante resolutions passed at the Convention, and to translate this concurrence into action by calling conferences, in the various central labor council areas, to set up functioning machinery to crush out vigilantism wherever it raises its ugly head. All trade unions should send representatives to these conferences. In agricultural areas, representatives should also be sent from small farmers' organizations.

These conferences should set up permanent committees to guide and direct the struggle against vigilantism. Every vigilante action must be thoroughly exposed and publicized; all business men who are members of vigilante gangs, or support their action, should be boycotted; all candidates for public office must be made to tell their stand on vigilantism, and those who fail to take a determined stand against it should be exposed as anti-labor candidates; defense committees should be set up ready to spring into action in defense of the democratic rights of organized labor and the people generally.

Such action by the organized labor movement will help to develop that much-needed independent working class political action—a Farmer Labor Party—which alone can defeat fascism in California and throughout the country.

SUSPENSION



The Union Labor News, organ of the Committee for Industrial Organization, looks at the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions by the A.F.L. Executive Council.

Terrorism - Weapon Against The Working Class

By J. M.

THE question of terrorism has assumed an immediate importance in San Pedro, especially on the eve of the great struggle looming in the maritime industry, when the question of our attitude toward terrorism becomes of immediate practical importance.

What is the Communist attitude toward terrorism?

In the program of the Communist International, Chapter VI, The Strategy and Tactics of the Communist International in the Struggle for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, Section 1, IDEOLOGIES AMONG THE WORKING CLASS INIMICAL TO COMMUNISM, the question of terrorism is dealt with as follows:

LEAVES WORKERS POWERLESS

"Anarchism, the most prominent representatives of which (Kropotkin, Jean Grave, and others) treacherously went over to the side of the imperialist bourgeoisie in the war of 1914-1918, denies the necessity for wide, centralized and disciplined proletarian organizations and thus leaves the proletariat powerless before the powerful organizations of capital. By its advocacy of individual terror, it distracts the proletariat from the methods of mass organization and mass struggle."

This attitude of the Communists toward terrorism is not dictated by sentiment or cowardice; it stems from the iron necessity of adapting our methods of struggle to the existing conditions confronting us.

We have a highly industrialized capitalist economy with the means of production in the hands of the capitalists, who have a strong, centralized state apparatus to protect their property rights, i. e., their "sacred right" to live by robbing the workers of their product. All history has shown that only a working-class aroused in mass, and enjoying the support of the middle class of town and country, can make any fundamental change in this set-up. Violence not only can be crushed with ease, but actually harms and impedes the struggle to win the majority of the exploited masses for the struggle for a socialist society.

Intelligent Mass Action

On the other hand, mass action—such as a demonstration, a strike, mass picketing—for recognized, justified objectives, enjoys moral authority among the masses. It is the use of force by employers and their agents that arouses indignation in previously untouched circles.

A case in point is the Salinas Strike. The brutality of the police and the vigilantes against the unarmed strikers aroused the Convention of the California State Federation of Labor to heights never before reached in its 37 years existence, so that the convention as a body marched around the State Capitol, to protest against the use of State Highway Police against the strikers. This action dramatized the Salinas events sympathetically to the strikers and gained notice which even the bourgeois press could not obscure.

The best proof of the effect of terrorism on the class struggle is the number of examples when faked charges of terrorism have been used by capitalists as a provocation to justify violence of the state against working class organizations. The

Reichstag Fire and the raids on Communist, Socialist, and trade union organizations in Germany; the McNamara Case in Los Angeles; the Mooney case; the Mosto frame-up in the tanker strike of 1935; the King-Ramsey-Conner case in the current waterfront situation, where the shipowners are crudely attempting to convict these marine union leaders of a six-months-old murder.

All these cases are living proof to the thinking, class-conscious, revolutionary worker that terrorism is a weapon of the bourgeoisie. Not only must class-conscious workers not use this method of struggle, they must carry on a vigorous agitation against it, pointing out the effects and must suspect any advocates of the use of terrorism by workers as possible provocateurs sent into working-class organizations by the police.

In the great Maritime strike of 1934 there were countless instances of militant workers being taken off picket lines by the "Red" Squads, enjoying deputy sheriff authority, put into cars, beaten into insensibility and thrown by the roadside. Or, they would be escorted to jail and on the way up the jail elevator would be stalled between floors, where torture and terrific beatings were meted out to the workers.

Such abuse naturally gives the victims a great thirst for vengeance. However, these tendencies must be restrained. The reason such a condition arose in the last strike was that the leaders of the A.F.L. organizations in San Pedro, playing the game of the shipowners, allowed the abuses to go on without hindrance. Had the power of the I.L.A. and the San Pedro Central Labor Council been used to expose the horrors of police brutality to the world and to urge sympathetic action by neighboring labor organizations, enough political pressure could have been brought to bear on the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Governor of California to check the police excesses.

Extra-Legal Terror
 Extra-legal terror by vigilante bands also is a provocation to the workers. Reactionary labor leaders of San Pedro have employed "beef"-squads against the militants in their organization, in order to stifle opposition and stay in control.

In one instance, militant workers who were threatened with death by these beef-squads, armed themselves with clubs and banded together for self-defense. A clash occurred between them and an armed beef squad. One of the beef squad was so badly injured that he later died; and the militants became fugitives on a murder charge. It made no difference that they had been acting in self-defense, they had allowed themselves to be provoked into meeting violence with violence, and capitalist "justice" was prepared to take their lives for it. The charges were dismissed, but as a result, the reactionaries managed to retain control of the union at the time.

How much better would it have been if the militants had resolutely avoided a clash and had carried on a campaign of exposure in the union, arousing the members to the danger to them if democracy in the organ-

ization were to be sacrificed in such a fashion!

How much better if the "beef" squads were exposed, their identity made known, and they were expelled from the unions along with the officials who sponsored them! This is the line along which the fight against vigilantism must be made. The significance of beef squads, their democracy destroying effect in unions, must be made known to the membership. Committees of honest rank-and-filers must be set up to investigate beef squads whenever their activities become apparent.

Case of Sonoma
 A good example of the way to combat vigilantism is the Sonoma case. Militant workers who were tarred and feathered and beaten by a committee of local businessmen, instead of responding with violence, continued public agitation on this score, raised mass pressure on the district attorney's office, and finally, a year later, have had the vigilantes brought to trial for kidnaping.

Beef squads and vigilantes are the fore-runners of Fascist stormtroopers. They must be met by a working-class which resolutely refuses to be provoked. Their sinister significance and their threat to freedom and democracy must be explained to and understood by all sections of the workers and wide sections of the middle class. They must be combated by mass action.

The violence of the police and hired gun-thugs must be the subject of all-sided and immediate exposure whenever it occurs. The political conclusion—the necessity of a Farmer-Labor Party for the protection of democratic rights—must be drawn again and again, until it is understood and applied by the masses of workers and middle class people.

Our Goal—A Mass Communist Party

By ANITA WHITNEY
 State Chairman of the Communist Party of California

Not a day should be lost in bringing our recruiting drive into activity. We have an opportunity today never before presented to the Communist Party. The voices of Browder and Ford are speaking to the American masses from north to south, from coast to coast. People are waiting to hear and are listening to our message. The bogey of the "red scare" is ceasing to cause terror except to the bankers and big industrialists who—in spite of growing profits—see their moneyed supremacy threatened.

Get Down To Work
 What are we doing to take advantage of this situation? Our Central Committee has sent out a call for us to double our membership but this cannot take place automatically. To accomplish this task means that you and I must go to work to bring the aims and work of the Party to our friends, our sympathizers, our fellow-members in trade unions and all mass organizations. Comrade Browder has said "that we must learn to work among the masses convincingly. That cannot be done merely by proclaiming that our Party is correct. We have to prove it by patient, persuasive, stubborn, systematic work." And I would like to add that "good manners" may be an important asset in winning over the workers to our

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,

California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

"Labor Is Licked."

IF ONE WANTS to judge the sincerity behind the employers' loud protests about their desire for peace on the waterfront, and their indignant denials that they aim to smash the maritime unions, a few back pages from not-too-ancient history might be interesting. At the end of the San Francisco General Strike, a mouthpiece for the Industrial Association was quoted in the press on July 20, 1934, as follows:

"The strike is the best thing that ever happened to San Francisco. . . . It's solving the labor problem for years to come, perhaps forever. . . . When this nonsense is out of the way and the men have been driven back to their jobs, we won't have to worry about them any more. . . . Labor is licked."

And that's the secret behind the shipowners present program for a Coast-wide lockout. Another struggle on the waterfront their opinion, will be the "best thing that ever happened." They are willing to provoke it to solve the "labor problem," which means to re-institute the open shop, "for years to come, perhaps forever," by smashing the maritime unions as the first steps in an offensive against all Organized Labor.

Because their prediction that "labor is licked" miserably failed to come true in 1934, because on the contrary the militant and progressive tide started by the maritime unions has swept the entire labor movement, as witnessed by the recent California State Federation of Labor convention, the employers are prepared to make another supreme attempt to solve the "labor problem."

Another Page From History

IN 1935, THE SAME OPEN-SHOP employers who are now mass-quarantining as angels of peace seized upon the "hot cargo" issue to institute a lockout, abrogate the 1934 arbitration award, and make war on the militant rank-and-file leadership of the maritime unions. At a secret conference of two hundred representatives of big business on the Pacific Coast, including the Waterfront Employers Association, the Industrial Association, and the Chambers of Commerce, held in San Francisco on September 8th and 9th, Roger Lapham of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. said: "We fear that we will be maneuvered into a position where you other business men will demand that we arbitrate."

Herman Phleger, attorney for the Waterfront Employers' Association, told the meeting:

"We have endeavored in the last year to encourage responsible union leadership among men whom the employers could depend upon."

A. H. Lundeen of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce said: "We are afraid that we will be jockeyed into a position where other business men will demand that we arbitrate. We must have the backing of every branch of business if we are to win this struggle. And if we do not win, union labor will move in and organize your workers as it has organized ours."

Lapham said:

"Bridges is stronger today than he was a year ago, and unless his influence is eliminated, we can't get anywhere."

The report of this conference was suppressed by the entire capitalist press. It was exposed in the organ of the Maritime Federation, the "Voice of the Federation," in its issue of Sept. 13, 1935, and by the Western Worker. It was never denied by the employers or the capitalist press. The "Voice of the Federation" charged:

"The Associated Press placed a story of the meeting on leased wires to coast paper at 12:30 p.m. and fifteen minutes later flashed an imperative order to all clients to kill the item. This 'kill' was sent out at the insistence of Herman Phleger, attorney for the Waterfront Employers Association, and the officers of the Industrial Association and Chamber of Commerce."

"Further, the Associated Press reporter was permitted to remain in the conference only on promise that none of the proceedings would be made public."

"In addition to muzzling the gigantic Associated Press, largest news-gathering and news-distributing agency in the world, the employers also gagged the four daily local newspapers, the United Press and the Hearst news syndicates. The story of the meeting and its purpose were in type in two of the local daily newspapers when the executives of those publications received a sharp order from Industrial Association executives to 'KILL THAT STORY.' "And the 'free press' of San Francisco again obeyed the order of its master."

Some of these facts should be remembered, in weighing the present role of the capitalist press in carrying out the shipowner commands during a waterfront crisis.

(Another page from waterfront history will appear in the next issue.)

CORRECTION

A bad typographical error was made in the column "As We See It" which appeared in the issue of Monday, October 5.

A sentence at the end of the first paragraph read "But we Communists recognize that the majority of the American working class does not yet see the need to fight." This should have read: ". . . to fight for Socialism."

freedom and security of the people are at stake in this year 1936." Hearst and the Liberty League are not asleep! Comrades, shall it be said of us that we are not awake to the need of the hour, the call of our Party, the preservation of democratic liberties?

To combat this menacing situation our strongest weapon is a mass Communist Party and that can only be brought about by our determined, increasing activity in increasing our Party membership and in building the circulation of the Western Worker and the rest of our Party press.

A word more about the election campaign. It must be closely tied up with the recruiting campaign. What the workers want to see is activity—action and tangible results. An energetic, vigorous election campaign—one full of life and spirited action so the workers see us alive and at work will do more to attract recruits than the repetition of words and distribution of leaflets—important as these may be.

Our answer to the Communist call for a free, happy and prosperous America must be a unified, disciplined, mass Communist Party rooted in the shops, mines, factories, and fields. Our opportunity is here in this election campaign. Forward, one and all!

Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S fantastic story, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," has its modern parallel in the peculiar gyrations of the San Francisco Chronicle... Only in this instance it is Chester Rowell and Mr. Paul Smith.

"Love thy neighbor," shouts Mr. Smith.
"Lynch thy neighbor," screams Mr. Rowell.
And all in the pages of the same newspaper, while the public looks on in bewilderment.

This self-professed experiment in honest, impartial journalism has produced a literary hybrid that more nearly resembles a hairy ape with the wings of an Angel than anything else.

It reminds you of a school teacher reading "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and imitating all voices. At one moment, the reader squeaks like little Eva, and in the next, sneers like Simon Legree.

Consider the spectacle of a newspaper masquerading as a friend of the people and an enemy of Fascism, and, at the same time, vigorously campaigning for the election of William Randolph Hearst's wonder boy, Alfred Landon.

This sensational honesty and impartiality turns a sickly green color when examined under a microscope.

Paul Smith has done an excellent job of exposing the gun-toting Salinas oligarchy. Employers armed themselves and attacked the general populace under the excuse that the citizens were "Communists."

Mr. Smith points out that the citizens were not Communists and that therefore the attack was unjustified and outrageous.

Mr. Smith calls this honest and correct reporting.

LET US EXAMINE the matter more closely. What is honest and accurate reporting?

In the case of Salinas, Mr. Smith was reporting illegal acts committed by the armed employers. In order to achieve honesty and accuracy, he must necessarily report exactly WHAT the employers did and WHEREIN these acts were illegal and in violation of the rights of the citizens.

Did Mr. Smith do this?
Mr. Smith did not.

Mr. Smith reported that the crime of the growers was in attacking striking workers and accusing them of Communism.

So far as that reporter goes, it is true. But it is only part of the truth and, consequently misleading and prejudiced.

The real crime of the growers was in attacking anyone for being Communist. Mr. Smith excludes all mention of the fact that every citizen of Salinas has a legal right to be a Communist.

What kind of state of affairs has come about when the adherents of one political party can arm themselves and openly attack the adherents of a rival political group?

It is true that in Salinas the workers attacked were NOT Communists. That doesn't make any difference. As far as the employers are concerned, anyone who favors greater political or economic power for the working class is a Communist. They aren't interested in fine distinctions.

They don't attack Communists because of any superstition or special animosity. They attack Communists because Communists consistently advocate strong working class organization, higher wages, unemployment insurance, socialism, security and every other measure that might give the working class more power and a better life. That's what Communism means to the employers.

Socialists, Communists, liberals, trade-unionists and every progressive element in the community get slugged when the vigilantes go on a rampage. It isn't because they are all "mistaken for being Communists." Every one of them is attacked for the same reason. They all stand for greater working class power—in one sense or another. When a liberal or progressive gets slugged by a vigilante, he isn't being mistaken for anything or anybody. He's being slugged on his own merits, and if he starts yelling back: "See here! I'm no Communist," then he's acting like a chump. He's playing right into their hands and yelling just what they want him to yell.

THE SAILS of Fascism billow in the wind of a million liberals yelling, "I'm no Communist!"

Sunny Sacramento

By PERRY HILL

(Communist Party Congressional Candidate, 3rd District)

HERE in Sunny Sacramento, Where free speech is still suppressed, Where a hand-full live in mansions, Countless thousands are oppressed;

Workers live in fire-trap houses, Work long hours for meager pay, Where "Old Faithful" Robert Ennis Gets a pension every day.

Robert rules the Labor Council, Like the rule of ancient Rome, But when we need progressive guidance Robert always stays at home.

In the heart of this great city Lives our Governor, brave and true; Tries to crush all workers' struggles Like "Dictators" always do.

From here Frank Buck is sent to Congress, And when other methods fail, All his "honest" opposition Is framed and sent to jail.

Frankie lives a life of luxury In a mansion on a hill, While on his ranch a thousand Peons Bend their back to Frankie's will.

Frankie breaks the labor unions, Throws small farmers off their land, Rules his ranch by force and violence, With a vigilante band.

From here eight workers went to prison For opposing Frankie's rule, For organizing starving workers And teaching in a school.

House-wives, youth and intellectuals Raise your voice for Liberty, Build a mighty workers' army, Help set California free!

Now a word to Townsend followers, WORK and work with all your might, Defend your right to old-age pensions, Show the fakers how to FIGHT.

Workers, farmers, weld your forces, Build a party of your own, Build a Farmer-Labor Party, Kick these monarchs off the throne.

University Hands Out Wisdom

LOS ANGELES — What the University of Southern California teaches its students is a mystery, judging by a review issued by its Bureau of Business Research, which reports the following as facts:

"A great deal of published material on the labor situation is decidedly partisan." And here we find another learned conclusion: "The labor situation is insoluble so long as it is profitable for professional adjusters representing either side to direct warfare on issues which can only be settled by peaceful negotiations."

Movie Fans Give the Works to Landon

HOLLYWOOD—Hearst's wonder boy, Alf Landon, is getting so much hissing in Hollywood movie houses that exhibitors are either cutting all shots showing Landon or doing away with their newsreels entirely. Recently at the Egyptian Theater on Hollywood Boulevard came the usual hissing for Alf, plus scattered handclap. When a flash of Mussolini followed someone shouted: "Okey, you Republicans. There's your head-man. Now shout your heads off!"

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES W.P.A. Lodge 139, American Federation of Government Employees of Washington, D. C., has called for the seating of the delegates from the C.I.O. unions at the next A.F.L. convention.

ACCENT ON YOUTH

By EVELYN JAMES

NOTICE TO YOUTH!!

The Western Worker and the Y.C.L. are making an offer of six months' subscription to the Western Worker and six months' subscription to the Champion of Youth as first and second prizes for the two best letters expressing opinions on the effect and value of Comrade Browder's talk: "A Message to Young America." Anyone on the young side of twenty-five is eligible. Send in your contributions to Evelyn James, care Western Worker, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

THEY were just kids, the 400 of them, but they weren't too little to pick tobacco for nine dollars a week, working nine hours a day in the heat and dust of the tobacco tents. And they weren't too little to strike for higher wages, and win!

The fields were in Westfield, Massachusetts. The shade-grown tobacco is laid out in three-foot rows. Inexperienced pickers were brought in when the boys struck, but they weren't thin enough, agile enough; they ruined the plants.

For three mornings the trucks had come to Kane Park to take the boys to the plantation. They stood there, silent, peaceful, letting their penciled signs, tacked up on a ruined concession, speak: "Down with the rich!" "Soak the big fellows!" "We want \$2.50 a day."

Then, on the fourth day, the Westfield chief of police came to plead for the companies. He offered them two bits a day increase. The 400 strikers, speaking en masse, finally agreed. No leader acted as spokesman; the companies, the police, even the reporters, could not find out who organized the strike! That meant that nobody could be red.

Those four days of solidarity gave them an increase of a dollar and a half a week; and the experience of a successful strike. Worth while? They think so.

Social Pressure Throws Behind R. O. T. C.

MILITARY strategy at Mission High School! The three companies which drill regularly on the tennis courts across from the high school are a tribute to the cleverness of the second lieutenant in charge of the R.O.T.C.

For military training is not compulsory here. The boys drill only if they want to. But what clever manipulation determines their wants!

This is the set-up. By taking R.O.T.C. a boy is excused from gym and escapes "wasting time" getting exercise and sunshine. He is loaned a fine looking uniform for 50 cents a year; to boys with few clothes that's a blessing. Furthermore, he drills before the eyes of schoolmates and even a girls' gym class, whose basketball playing is located next to the courts. The girls run around in their bright blue shorts, showing off for the soldier heroes, who in turn show off for the girls. The second lieutenant reviewing the companies, stands up, slim, straight, handsome, a model of what every boy expects to become shortly.

When the commandant can offer such attention, admiration, glory to young fellows who need all of these things, getting in exchange "voluntary" R.O.T.C. units, it is plain that to remove compulsory R.O.T.C. is only the first step. R.O.T.C., compulsory or voluntary, serves to prepare American youth to fight another war to make the world safe for plunder and poverty. Young people will learn that it is necessary to wipe R.O.T.C. entirely out of our schools!

Supreme Court To Hit People Anew

WASHINGTON—Their weary old bones rested by a four-months vacation, the nine old men of the U.S. Supreme Court will reconvene on Oct. 5, all set to strike new blows at the peoples' democratic rights.

The Wagner-Connelly Labor Act is expected to be one of the first measures the Court will declare unconstitutional.

Such an action will wipe out the National Labor Relations Board, which was established under the Wagner Act.

A.P. In Wagner Case The Wagner Act case will come up through appeals by the Bradley Lumber Co. of Arkansas and the Associated Press, both of which lost their contests in lower courts.

The court, impartial in hitting farmers and organized labor alike, is expected to throw out the Frazier-Lemke farm-mortgage moratorium, and government grants to publicly-owned utilities.

RIPTIDES

By D. L. Saunders

WELL—Well—have you heard, or rather seen, the latest? Dirty Willie Hearst's Examiner has inspired to a new baby—dedicated especially for "Union Labor on the Waterfront."

If it isn't an offspring of the San Simeon Skunk, it is a damn close kin. The new baby is called "MARITIME MIRROR," a four-page tabloid newspaper—"reflecting the opinions of the Rank and File"—so the by-line states very coyly.

Although it proudly bears the Union Bug on page one, bordered by two "ears" which state bluntly: "For Union Labor by Union Labor," the front page cartoon (worthy of any after-noon edition of the Call-Bulletin) bears nary a sign of an engraver's label.

Its "editorial policy," decried at great, although somewhat tortuous length, really is a piece of handiwork worthy of Paul Scharrenberg—nay it is even worthy of the past master of confusion—Trotzky, of Fascist-terrorist "fame."

From page one to page four (it was a nauseating job to have to read it that far), it foams red flecks as it "attacks" the Communists. But very naively it states most, oh most emphatically: "We are not red-baiting."

Why certainly not—they are only "attacking" the Reds. But there is a difference, I'm sure.

Dirty Insinuation of Support by "Voice"

THERE is only one thing about this sheet that really burns me up—and I'm sure it arouses the rage of every honest maritime worker on the front. It is the sly but calculating manner in which it attempts to give the impression that the "Voice of the Federation" is supporting this filthy out-and-out shipowners' sheet.

This Hearstian yellow rag offers, big-heartedly enough, to take care of the overflow of rank and file letters which reach the Voice.

Says this rag: "We feel, however, that the Voice has grown to such proportions now that lack of space prevents publication of a large amount of material coming in by mail from the rank and file. It is to those who have something to say in print that we dedicate our paper."

Swell, now all those stool pigeons and shipowners' agents who have "something to say in print" have a lovely little paper all of their own. Gee— isn't that nice.

If the very union-splitting tone of this shipowner sheet is not enough to expose its ownership, the very fact that it badly states: "No solicitations or appeals for funds will be made from any source," offers convincing proof as to who is financing this filth.

The Honest Leaders Will Repudiate This

ONE OF its headlines reads: "Right Wing Union Chiefs Battle Reds." S'funny. That same head appears regularly in that other union-busting vigilante sheet, the "American Citizen." Just a coincident—just a coincident.

Further on this so-called "Maritime Mirror" (two-faced mirror) states: "And we have found that, your union leaders and your fellow workers unhesitatingly declare the need for such a paper as the Maritime Mirror."

Industrial Assn. Hits Salinas Union

SAN FRANCISCO—In view of the waterfront situation, the notorious open-shop San Francisco Industrial Assn. has felt itself called on to put its two cents in to the Salinas strike.

"California farmers will never submit to the closed shop by force," the Industrial Assn. said in a signed statement. "Let us hope," the open shop association stated a bit too optimistically (from the employers' point of view), "that the Salinas incident will put an end to the attempt to impose the closed shop upon California farmers."

The open shoppers, using the word "farmers," resorted to an old trick. The preferential hiring demand of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union in Salinas was fought, not by the small independent farmers, but by the big shippers and growers, who cannot be called "farmers."

OUR LEADERS

(At first sight the wealth of society under the capitalist system presents itself as an immense accumulation of commodities.—KARL MARX.)

IN BERLIN and in Tokio, In London and New York, They sell all sorts of merchandise

Like perfume, pans and pork, And cigarettes and bayonets And calico and sables And movie stars and prison bars And wine and racing stables.

In Paris and Chicago, In Melbourne and in Rome, They put a price on everything— Yes, even Peter's Dome; The virtue of a virgin, The honor of a judge, The courage of a soldier And a box of chocolate fudge; A poet's lyre, an orator's fire, The lessons of a teacher, A merchant's note, a senator's vote

And the sermons of a preacher.

It would seem that the face of the human race Should be black as the smoke of hell, That our ears should heed but the voice of greed In this world of buy and sell, That the worst and the best and all the rest Should be bound with a golden rope,

But up through the slime of shame and crime There rises a pillar of hope; For this is the truth that feeds our faith And lifts our spirits high,— There's an army of folk who scorn the yoke; Whom money cannot buy.

In many parts, these stubborn hearts Beat under clouds of dread, Some know the pain of prison-strain And some the torture-bed, And some go down, at the enemy's frown, To join the unnumbered dead.

In all the lands, these steadfast bands Rise from the mass as leaders; They are guarantee of our victory In the war against our bleeders,— For on they stride, with strength and pride, In union with our aims; And out of the dark, they strike the sparks That set the world aflame.

—CARLITOS.

Anna Louise Strong Writes on Trial Of the Terrorists

Anna Louise Strong makes a searching analysis of the motives of the sixteen terrorists recently sentenced to death in an open trial in Moscow for the murder of Kirov and for plotting to kill Stalin and other Soviet leaders, in the October issue of Soviet Russia Today, now on the newsstands.

Miss Strong gives an illuminating account of the trial of the members of the Trotsky-Zinoviev group in an explanation of the confessions of the defendants. The magazine also contains a valuable summary of the trial proceedings based on the official record.

Johannes Steel writes of the German preparations for a war of conquest, giving a detailed picture of the extent of German rearmament on land, sea and air, as well as of the intense campaign of propaganda, terrorism and espionage, economic penetration and diplomatic intrigue that the Nazis have been carrying on throughout Europe.

People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissell, M. D.

THE MEDICAL SERVICE for the general population in Soviet Russia of today is infinitely, incomparably better than that of pre-war Russia. These are the enthusiastic words of Dr. Leo Eloesser of San Francisco, one of America's leading surgeons, who has just recently returned from a three-months' period of work in a hospital in the Soviet Union.

Dr. Eloesser spoke before a meeting of about 300 in Berkeley, organized by the Eastbay chapter of the Inter-Professional Association. He went on to say, "I was in Russia in 1905 for two months. The medical care for the masses of the people at that time was characterized by the fact that there wasn't any."

Worked in Hospital Eloesser thought that the best way that he could observe medical conditions in the Soviet Union was to work as a surgeon in one of the hospitals. The authorities gave him some wards in one of the larger hospitals to direct during his stay. For this reason and because he certainly has never been classified as a radical, what he tells us about Soviet Russia cannot be termed "red propaganda."

What interested Eloesser the most was the research being carried out on industrial diseases, their prevention, and measures being taken to put into effect the knowledge gained through such research. He said that there is a central "Institute For Industrial Hygiene" in each district, where research is carried on. He told of his visit to the Institute in Charkow where 250 doctors are employed.

At the time of his visit, the entire institute with all employees was engaged in the study of dust in industrial plants. One department was studying the mechanics of dust: the effect on it of winds and drafts, the speed with which it settles in still air, etc. Another department was studying the chemistry of dust; still another studied its action on various organs of the body, checking on the symptoms of those workers in dust-laden industries.

All this struck this eminent physician as "most extraordinary."

Doctors Well-Off ACCORDING TO DR. ELOESSER, conditions for Soviet doctors compare favorably with incomes of American physicians, whose average runs around \$1800-\$2000 a year. Moreover, "Every-one, including physicians gets two to four weeks' vacation with pay every year, old age pensions, sickness benefits, and other social security besides regular income."

Eloesser also said that research opportunities are very good and that the quality of equipment is on a fairly high level.

Women on the March

By MARY GARFIELD

Jingles and jest, the Community Chest, and a man with a quavering voice A Lady so fair, "Marchand" on her hair, your time are prepared to consume. They tell us to give that others may life (yer gotter, yer ain't got no choice), It's figured and done before speakin's begun, the percentage they'll take from your roll, It all sounds so sweet, it's done up so neat in paper and string and perfume, But jingles and jest and Community Chest, it's your hard earned wages they stole.

WOMEN MARCHING with wet mops, or cleaning windows or in a good strategic position to meet the lardies who drive up in limousines to collect for the Community Chest. The lady with any of the equipment just mentioned is armed to the teeth and need know no fear. She must value her field equipment, and train herself to use it in emergency.

To clear this up a bit, I want to say that the Lady in the fur coat and the cute make-up, marcel, etc., who stepped out of the limousine to rob the Lady with the mop, won't advance on a wet mop. . . Use your imagination.

You know we get a little grim sometimes; we think it's weak to laugh and be a bit foolish. Forget it. . . It makes you brave to laugh. Haven't you found that you are not much afraid of things you've learned to laugh at?

Let's stop fooling around with a measly thing like a chest and build something worth while like the Frazier-Lundeen Bill and the Youth Act.

Women in the Trade Unions and the Auxiliaries, in the P. T. A.'s can bring these two measures forward through personal contacts, they can bring them up on the floor for discussion. They must familiarize themselves with the contents of these two bills and explain them patiently at every opportunity, and also make opportunity to do so. They will show to women how their children will take their proper and natural place in their own land through the Youth Act.

The Frazier Lundeen Bill must be offered to all women, and especially to those elderly women who are disappointed in the outcome of the Townsend Bill. Create the demand and bring the pressure on our Congressmen, and we can get these bills enacted.

Active elderly women suffer a daily crucifixion over the prospect of dependency or charity on their "Last Round-up." Such women will be eager to work for the Frazier-Lundeen Bill if it is well explained to them.

Working with these weapons that are at our hands to use is the correct way. The wealth that has been produced by us all will be used for us all in a systematic orderly way. We will not take from those who have practically nothing for then we pyramid our needy. We will take what we need from the great hoards of accumulated wealth through correct legislation.

We will then say, ha, ha, ho to such subterfuges as the Community Chest.

LAST NIGHT we ate this at the "House by the Side of the Road." 6 onions sliced thin, cooked slowly in 2 tablespoonsful of butter in a covered pan, just steam for about 1/4 hour. Then make a biscuit dough with one cup of flour, 2 tablespoonsful of baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons shortening, 1-3 cup milk mixed with 1/2 of a beaten egg. Line a pieplate with the dough, fill with cooked onions, pour over 1/2 cup of sour cream mixed with the other half of beaten egg, and bake in hot-oven about twenty minutes.

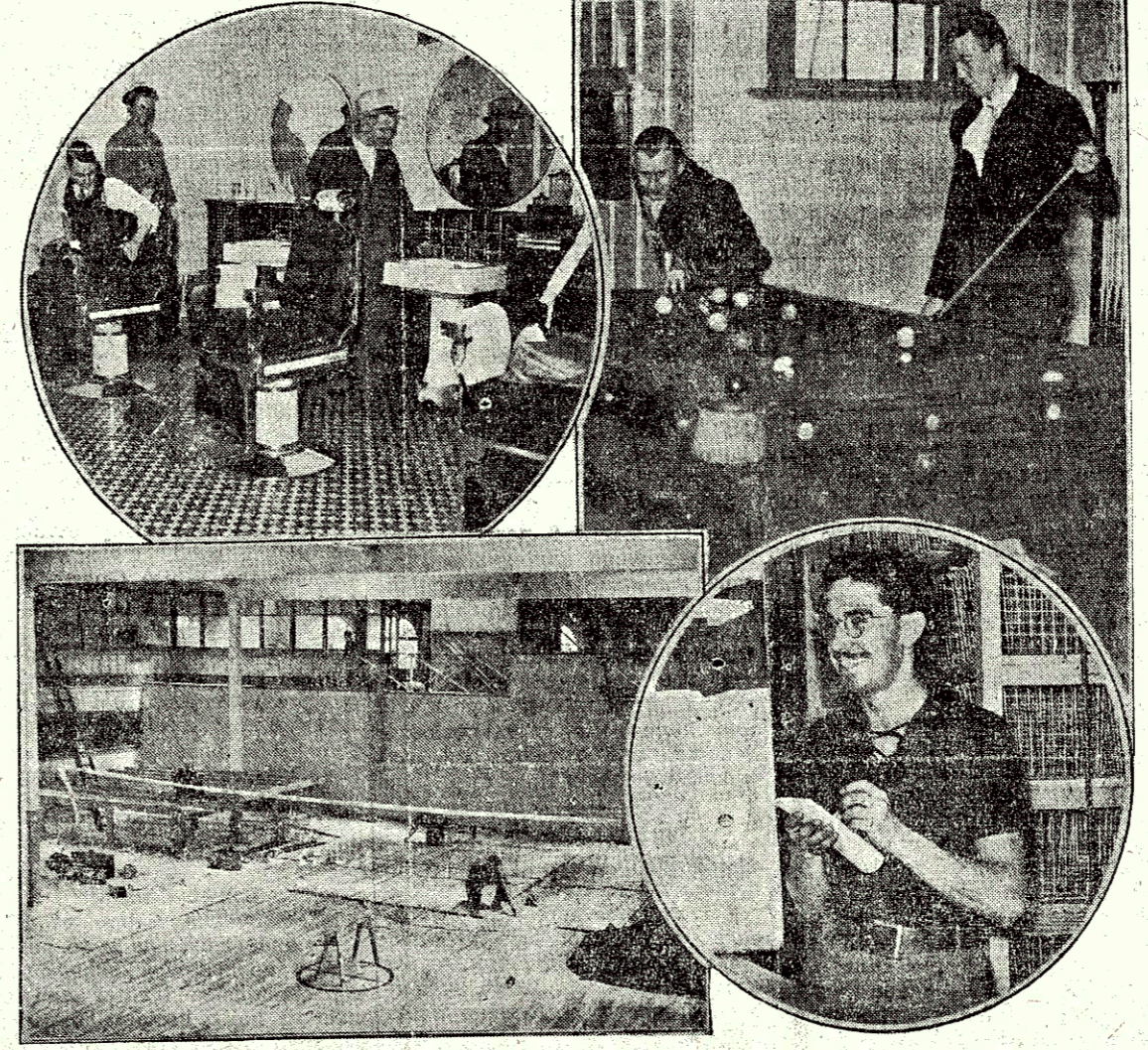


PHOTO SHOWS a few of the features of the center, where maritime labor enjoys itself.

ACTION NOW IS ESSENTIAL FOR KEEPING PEACE

Soviet Organ Praises Litvinoff Speech As Clear Guide

MOSCOW—Mere talk will not halt the Fascist powers now driving towards war, warned Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government, in an editorial on the speech of Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, to the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva last week.

How to Stop Fascists
Only by the strength and determination of the peaceful nations can the Fascists be stopped, declared Izvestia.

"Litvinoff gave a brilliant analysis of the line-up of international forces and pointed out the path for effective struggle for peace and against aggression," declared the editorial.

Litvinoff did not bother answering the mad ravings of the "hysterical clique at Nuremberg," as Izvestia called Hitler and his henchmen, and "did not use against them the expression which they more than deserved."

Gave Real Picture
"In calm, clear terms," said Izvestia, "the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs clearly outlined the real picture of the danger which is more and more creeping over Europe, and which will become inevitable if timely measures are not taken."

"He analyzed the actions of those countries, including the most powerful, which while they realize the approaching of the inevitable danger, only make verbal declarations of their adherence to the principle of collective security but do nothing to carry out this policy of security."

In conclusion, Izvestia said: "One cannot apply the tactic of endless concessions instead of practical agreements."

NAZI NEWSPAPER DOUBTS FRANCO WILL WIN OUT

BERLIN.—Serious doubts about the possibility of General Franco's winning out in Spain, are expressed by the "Berliner Tageblatt" in a lengthy editorial.

After thoroughly reviewing the military situation in Spain, the newspaper frankly shows that the sympathies of the Spanish people are not with the Fascist generals, Franco and Mola, and that without outside aid, Franco will soon find himself unable successfully to maintain his rear guard and the vital connection with Morocco.

"It remains to be seen how far Italy will tolerate a possible center of Bolshevism in Madrid," concludes the Nazi newspaper.

DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN SLAVERY



SPANISH CHILDREN in a demonstration against Fascism, while their fathers fight in the workers' militia.

Communist Party Of USSR Admits New Members

MOSCOW—For the first time since 1932 the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has opened its ranks to new members. The Central Committee of the C.P.S.U. announced that the utmost care will be used in selecting new members, in order to prevent counter-revolutionaries from gaining admittance to its ranks.

Socialist Attacks Anti-Soviet Lies

NEW YORK.—Defense of the '6 Trotsky-Zinoviev terrorists executed in the Soviet Union, which has been conducted in its columns by the New Leader, organ of the Socialist "Old Guard," does not meet favor with one of its readers, Gertrude C. Seaward.

In a letter printed in the September 26th New Leader, the writer states:

"It does, however, hurt my sense of loyalty to the world revolution to see our one great Socialist state so bitterly and vindictively criticized."

"Nor can I see that the recent executions the government has done otherwise than as any other would do to confessed plotters against the lives of its leaders."

"As to the confessions being extorted from innocent men by threats to inflict injuries upon the families of the prisoners, we have no evidence of it; and there are considerations which seem to me to weigh heavily against the assumption."

INDEPENDENCE FOR ISLANDS NOT BELIEVED

Leaders Of Filipinos In Cal. Express Opinions

What "freedom" under the Tydings-McDuffie Law really means to the Philippine Islands, is exposed in the latest issue of the Philippines Commonwealth Times, Filipino paper published in Guadalupe, Santa Maria Valley, California.

In his column, "At Dawn," Al de Guzman writes, in part:

Disbelieve Politicians
"I have interviewed several known Filipino leaders in California as to their opinions if 'real independence for the Philippines be granted at the end of the 10-year probationary period as provided in the Tydings-McDuffie law."

"I find that 90 per cent of the Filipinos in the United States have expressed their honest and sincere opinion that it will not be granted; others are pessimistic about it and do not want to commit themselves; while 10 per cent believe that independence 'ought to be granted or revolution will follow.'"

Wall Street Influence
"Just as long as the Philippine Government is dominated by big industrial interests, we will never see the Philippines free," says one from Los Angeles who pointed out that the "present government in the islands is folded inside the palm of the sugar barons and Wall Street."

"Talking of such independence," says one, "is like begging and arguing to a mean landlord for your failure to pay rent."

Attacks Rich
"We know very plainly that the poor people no longer own their lands, their homes, their personal lives—it belongs to the rich," expressed a college student from Seattle with a little bit of sarcasm.

"If we are really sincere for independence," remarked a field worker, "we must get it by ourselves through organization and not by the dog-gone politicians in Manila. Revolution is the only way," he added, "then they may call us names as they please."

PEOPLE'S FRONT WINS OUT IN ARGENTINE

BUENOS AIRES.—The People's Front won out in the 23rd Congress of the Socialist Party of Argentina, reports the new Argentine magazine, "The People's Front."

Those supporting the People's Front program won out, the spokesman for unity being named on the controlling body of the Congress over such well-known leaders as Repeto.

Storms of applause broke out when the People's Front idea went over.

The People's Front is already a reality in Brazil and Chile in fighting against reaction. Argentine is a rallying ground for German Nazis in South America, and Mussolini's Fascist groups, who are particularly bold in Buenos Aires are Rosario.

Open Bookshop And School In E. Bay

OAKLAND.—The recently-formed Central Oakland branch of the Communist Party has opened a new attractive bookshop and school at 567 12th St., almost in the very heart of the business section.

The store is to be known as the 20th Century Book Shop, with the 20th Century School in Economics dealing primarily with trade union classes and economics and tactics classes.

SPAIN POPULAR FRONT SEEKING BLOCKADE LIFT

Future Depends Upon Spain, States Committee

PARIS—Attempting to raise the choking blockade against the Spanish government, fighting a world-important battle against Fascism, the committee from the Spanish People's Front has issued the following statement to the press:

"The origin and development of the military rebellion against the legal government have been deliberately distorted on certain points, and on others misjudged, to the great detriment of justice and truth."

Publicize Truth
"It is our endeavor to make the truth known and secure justice, and to this end we have imposed on ourselves the duty of informing the public of the world in detail, with the aid of documentary evidence."

"This is the object of our mission, one which we know to be just, and which must indeed be not only respected, but recognized by all who are aware, whatever their practical tendency, that the problem facing Spain at the present time is that of the continued existence of republican democracy and of the legality of the will of the people as expressed in the elections."

"We advance our claim to be judged for what we are, and we demand that the declaration of neutrality which we regard as being incompatible with the rules of international law—should not be made, as it is at present, a punitive measure against the legal government, which is refused any aid whatsoever, while certain countries are giving the rebels constant and open aid."

"These actual and effective sanctions against the legal order in Spain are something new, and both dangerous and disastrous. We are certain that public opinion shares this view."

Spain and the Future
"We state the situation and its essential features in the above statement, certain not only that we shall be victorious, but fully aware of the consequences secured by this victory. We expect confidently that everyone will face his responsibility for the future in his present attitude."

"The future depends to an enormous extent on the result of the struggle now going on in Spain, and we lay the facts of this struggle before the world for impartial judgment."

The committee includes Dolores Ibaruri, better known as La Pasionaria, the famous woman Communist of Spain; Marcelino Domingo, leading Left Republican; and Antonio Lara, an ex-minister.

La Pasionaria added: "I am sure that the French people and the other peoples will understand that the present struggle in Spain is the struggle of international democracy against international Fascism."

Workers' Militia Determine 'They Shall Not Pass'

MADRID.—Government troops at the front are receiving leaflets dropped from government planes, as the best way to send information to them.

"The climax of the fight against the traitors has arrived," stated one leaflet. "The future of Spain and our liberty depend on defeat of the criminal Fascist seditious in Toledo. Militia, your password 'they shall not pass' must find its heroic reality in these solemn hours in which the entire world has fixed its eyes on your action."

HERE U.S. IMPERIALISM RIDES HIGH



IN ONE OF THE giant pineapple canneries of Hawaii, where big American financial interests pay starvation wages. Organized labor is growing on the islands.

Spain Proves That Fascist Nations Intervened

GENEVA.—Documentary evidence that Italy, Germany and Portugal, three Fascist nations, are furnishing arms to the Spanish Fascist in violation of the European non-intervention pact, was presented last Wednesday to the League of Nations by the Spanish delegation.

The documents contained letters from Spain to France, Italy, Germany and Portugal denouncing the "neutrality" pact as a blockade against the legitimate Spanish government.

If the Fascists had not received armed aid from Germany and Italy, the Fascist insurgents would have been crushed at the outset, declared the Spanish documents.

The communication demanded abolition of arms embargoes on the Spanish government.

The charges specifically charged that the Fascists had received arms, ammunition and men from Germany, and that Fascist Italy had sent 24 war planes to the Spanish Fascists.

U.S.C. Sponsors Whitewash Of Mussolini

LOS ANGELES.—"Modern Italy" of "Duce" Mussolini was completely white-washed in a lecture given recently at the so-called institute of higher education, University of Southern California, by Dr. Peter Silberman, German professor at the University of Rome.

Speaking to about 150 students, professors, etc., most of them notably well dressed, Silberman praised the efficiency and discipline of Italy under Fascism, reviving the time-worn example that "railroads ran on time."

Silverman failed to mention the mass misery for the workers and peasants of Italy under Mussolini, or the war program of the Fascists.

Dr. Rufus von KleinSmid, president of the university, beaming to justify Silberman's brutal dictatorship. The president recently remarked that he believes Fascism to be a "less costly social experiment than Communism."

French Socialist Hits Policy Of 'Neutrality'

PARIS.—Socialists are far from united behind Blum's "neutrality" policy, which is playing into the hands of the Spanish Fascists, many prominent leaders attacking the policy.

In the "Free Tribune" section of Le Populaire, Jean Zyromski, well known left-wing Socialist leader, writes:

Spain Needs Aid
"It must be known—it would be a crime to want to close one's eyes to it—that at the present time the Republican Army, despite its courage, despite its numerical strength, does not possess sufficient amounts of the necessary means for victory."

"For quite a few weeks, the situation of the insurgents has been sharply improved because of their war materials. Germany and Italy have not stopped and are not now stopping the sending of supplies directly to the rebels."

"Hence the Spanish republic is in the greatest danger if the embargo, this spontaneous and one-sided measure, which the French government believed it had to begin on grounds I care in no way accept, is not lifted in the shortest time."

France Must Change
"The lifting of the export embargo does not mean a possibility of a steady, extended, genuine shipment, it does mean the application of international law. Today, in view of the visible concrete fact of steady shipment of supplies to the rebels, in view of the position taken by Portugal, we can no longer hold the opinion that the position of the French government should not be changed."

"To the assertion that every change of position must of necessity lead to war, I answer that the defeat of the Spanish republic would lead much more certainly to war, and under much worse strategical conditions."

TO PREVENT ORGANIZATION

Two thousand men and women employed by the Chase Brass and Copper Co. of Cleveland, O., got a 5 per cent wage increase plus time and a half for overtime after forty hours per week. The company's move came after an organizational drive had been launched by the Mechanics Educational Society of America.

No "Race Suicide"
SVERDLOVSK.—Figures showing growth of population during the last six months, have just been published by the local district government.

In comparison with a similar period of 1935, the population grew 29.8 per cent. Birth-rate increased from 33 per thousand in habitants to 40 per thousand.

Study Soviet Cities

KIEV.—French architects arrived here by plane to study the municipal program of the U.S.S.R. The large delegation is headed by Henri Sellier, a French Minister of Health and General Secretary of the French Association for the Improvement of Cities and Planned Municipal Construction.

He thanked the U. S. S. R. for its spirit of friendship and cooperation in the preservation of general peace.

Workers' Tour
MOSCOW.—Headed by Com. Bulgarian, chairman of the Moscow Soviet, a large group of responsible workers have left for a tour of the largest cities of Europe to study municipal improvements.

Praises U.S.S.R.
KIEV.—Departing for France, M. Bossuto, of the French Aviation Delegation, stated in an interview:

"The visit to the Soviet Union was absolutely necessary for us. Our delegation has learned a great deal from the industrial, technical and agricultural growth of the Soviet Land. We congratulate you on your magnificent achievements and splendid organization of your aviation."

WHAT'S BEHIND BLUM GOVT.'S MONEY CRISIS

French CP's Program Against Effect Of Devaluation

PARIS—Had the Blum government adopted the Communist Party program against devaluation of the franc and for a capital levy and taxation of the 200 rich families who own and rule the economy and finances of France, there would be no financial crisis in France today, as Jacques Duclos declared for the Political Bureau of the C.P. of France.

Blocks Fascists
However, the Communists will not allow the Fascists to use the crisis to overthrow the Blum government, and will not allow any attack on the living standards of the working people and on the savings of the peasantry and the middle class.

Therefore, the Communists came out with a clear-cut program against the effects of devaluation, which, if adopted, will paralyze the reactionaries and Fascists.

Defending the Masses
The Communist Party proposals are:

(1) A sliding scale of wages to meet rising prices under devaluation; (2) Protection of pensions, fixed incomes and salaries of government employees and other workers; (3) Compensation to small bondholders and other middle class people who stand to lose heavily by devaluation;

(4) Requisition of the huge gold hoards of the 200 rich families so they cannot profit by speculating on devaluation of the franc; (5) Most stringent measures against the panic-mongers and Fascist provocateurs who are plotting to re-enact the rioting of 1926 and February, 1934; (6) Lifting of import taxes on commodities required by the masses.

Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the C.P. of France stated in a speech at Bordeaux:

Oppose Devaluation
"I declare in the name of the Communist Party that we have been and remain adversaries of devaluation of the franc. Devaluation means an increased cost of living and diminution of the buying power of the workers. It will benefit capital."

"We are going to demand modification of collective (wage) contracts toward the creation of a mobile (sliding) scale of salaries. We are going to demand compensation for functionaries and small bondholders."

"We wish to say simply and openly what we think; but we will vote for the government, as we will not permit an attack on the People's Front."

BRITON ATTACKS NAZIS' BLAST AGAINST USSR

LONDON.—Reactionary Sir Austen Chamberlain, former British foreign secretary, blasted the Nazis' Nuremberg Congress which called for war of aggression against the Soviet Union, in an article written for the Daily Telegraph.

"I shall not be thought to have any sympathy with the Soviet system of government," said Chamberlain. "Be that as it may, it will, I think be difficult to find a parallel for such a gross attack (as that at the Nazi Congress) by the rulers of one country upon the government of another."

"What meaning, I ask, can we attach to Hitler's peaceful assurances, of the peaceful purpose of German policy, when they appear only as irrelevant asides in the midst of such language as this?"

BRAVE WORKERS FIGHT FASCISM IN NAZILAND

How brave the German workers are in demonstrating their solidarity with the Spanish people, is shown by a report from underground Naziland.

In a recent issue of "Saarbruecker Zeitung," Nazi newspaper in the Saar region, the following amazing headline is printed over a typical Nazi invention about "Bolshevist terror in Spain":

"Fascist Murder Gangs In Spain!"

A large number of copies were run off and shipped out before the "mistake" was discovered. Police immediately arrested eight workers and the editor-in-chief, Vogt. Three days later Vogt was released, but no word has come about the eight workers.

ANTI-FASCISTS IN JAPAN
TOKYO.—Despite government persecution of its active representatives, the movement for a united anti-Fascist Front is growing.

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The March Of Socialism In The Soviet Union

MOSCOW.—First anniversary of the Stakhanovite movement was celebrated enthusiastically by the entire Soviet press.

"At the very outset of this movement," said one newspaper, "Comrade Stalin predicted the magnitude of the industrial revolution started by the Stakhanovites. The results of it are beginning to show very clearly now."

Amazing Progress
"Toward the end of the First Five-Year Plan and the beginning of the Second, the total volume of our industrial production grew from 8.3 to 14.3 per cent a year. As a result of the Stakhanovite movement, however, the total volume of production of 1934 grew 20.3 per cent; in 1935, 22 per cent."

"During the first seven months of 1936, volume of production of our heavy industries grew 33.6 per cent over the previous

year. General labor productivity in industry has increased over 26 per cent.

"The number of industrial workers during the last year have increased 8 per cent, their average wage during the same period increased 24 per cent; the number of sicknesses, professional accidents and injuries is systematically continuing to drop, and the whole country is composing songs about the joyful and happy life so marvelously renewed and enriched by Stakhanovite labor."

Manchuria during the Civil War of 1918-21, and, under leadership of the infamous Semenov, hired themselves out as mercenary soldiers to Japan.

The Japanese army evidently no longer needs their services, because the White Guards were tortured and testified as directed by the Mikado's officers.

The Japanese communique was plainly false and provocative, to cover up the fact that all those arrested and executed were active White bandits and agents of the Japanese hiring Semenov, and that there was not and is not a single Soviet citizen involved.

Soviet Culture
MINSK.—The Palace of Pioneers and Octobrists is to be officially opened soon. The building contains a theater and 60 meeting halls, besides laboratories and special studios for music, painting, sculpture, a reading

room, a library, chess room, and a special hall for military drill. Recreation and education for children are provided.

These White Guards escaped to

VEGETABLE OIL MEN PICKETED DESPITE COPS

Berkeley Anti-Picket Law Defied By Warehousemen

By a Worker Correspondent.

BERKELEY—The strike at the Eldorado (Vegetable) Oil Works here is beginning its sixth week, and if anything the men are more determined now to stand together and fight it out. The tie-up is complete at the Berkeley plant and in Oakland, where the Company has wharves and a new plant under construction.

As soon as these workers, about 135 of them, organized themselves into a union and were making demands on their employers for an increase in pay and decent working conditions, they were molested by a squad of the Berkeley police, who told them not to loiter on the street and informed the public of the strike condition at the Eldorado plant—that this was against the notorious Berkeley anti-picketing law.

However, the bluff of the police department was called and the picket line continues effective. Up to the present writing, only one picket has been arrested.

These workers have seen what the city government and police have done for them. They must also learn that in order to get real protection from the use of political power against them is to organize a farmer-labor party controlled by the organizations of workers and farmers.

Organized Last January
Organization of the workers at the Eldorado Oil Works began late in January. Within a few weeks the men were 100 per cent organized in the wharves and warehousemen, I.L.A. 38-44.

Terms drawn up by the strikers, with the assistance of Warren G. Denton, president of 38-44, are as follows:

1. Recognition of the Warehousemen's Union for the purpose of collective bargaining between employers and workers.
2. A minimum wage of 62½ cents an hour, rasing up to 90c an hour for some jobs.
3. Time and a half for overtime and holidays.
4. A forty-hour week, written agreement, and the closed shop.

The strike was called after the workers had for months attempted unsuccessfully to get a conference with a representative of the company. Approval of the strike has been voted by the Alameda County Central Labor Council, the Alameda County Central Metal Trades Council and the district council of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast.

The Old Speed-Up
The greater part of the work in the plant had been tremendously speeded up, especially on the hydraulic presses, sacking, storing, shipping, unloading copra and many other jobs.

The company used a smooth method in achieving this. Several years ago the labor boss and stool pigeon informed the men a pay cut was coming unless the men layed off and the remainder speeded up.

When 20 per cent of the men had been laid off and the speed-up was in full effect, a notice was posted announcing a pay cut effective immediately.

A few months later another pay cut was announced, the two cuts totaling 40 per cent of the previous total salary.

It would surprise few to know also the meaning of the company's policy of "save all and waste nothing." All dirt, filth and soap is thrown into the system and worked over again.

Farmers, Take Notice
Moreover, the farmers would be interested to know that all wornout bonecoal and used filtering clay is shoveled into the meal by the ton and sold to the farmers as stock food. The men refer facetiously to this work as "feeding the cows."

This practice should be of interest to poultry raisers of this state who last week heard an attack on the warehousemen's union, which was charged with trying to cut off the supplies of the small producers.

Negotiations are under way now, and the result may be the ending of the strike on a basis satisfactory to the workers.

With a dividend of \$300,000 this year, besides an addition of \$30,000 to the company's reserves the employers moan their inability to pay a minimum wage of \$5 a day, threatening to move the plant to the Philippine Islands, where the cost is temptingly low. At the same time company executives are getting huge salaries.

BRITISH MURDER ARABS
JERUSALEM.—British imperialism took another large toll of lives here last Friday, when bombing planes wiped out an Arab village, killing 41 inhabitants.

Cotton Planters Have Big Year In California

By a Research Worker

How do the cotton growers fare? Says the Los Angeles Times of September 18: "With farmers receiving from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 more than last year, harvests in Tulare County for 1936, will gross \$30,000,000 in the opinion of Farm Adviser W. E. Gillfillan.

The estimated return for Tulare growers is \$6,000,000. And, says the Fresno Bee of September 22nd: "Local gins are running night and day now to accommodate the flood of cotton being brought in from the fields. Good prices, good grade and heavy yields are bringing joy to the hearts of Wasco growers."

Increased Acreage
The State Crop Reporting Service announced this week that the 1936 cotton acreage in this State is estimated at 364,000 acres or an increase of 146,000 acres over last year; in addition, the report states that there will be 419,000 bales of cotton produced this year or 180,000 more bales than last year. Proverbially, the California farmer does not put his money in crops that don't pay!

And obviously, the non-productive gamblers in cotton are interested. A Washington market news dispatch states in part: "Traders on the New York Cotton Exchange termed the government report 'sensational' as cotton spurted 75 points or about \$3.75 a bale."

Prosperity Doesn't Seep Down
Meanwhile, the productive workers in the cotton fields are struggling for a \$1.00 per hundred weight wage. Back-breaking work, to earn enough for food only. We won't mention clothing and shelter.

The workers in the cotton mill in Oakland just won their strike for better working conditions of struggle.

On July 10th, 1936, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that six children were found starving to death: "Six emaciated, hungry children, the eldest 13, the youngest 5, were found wrapped in dirty blankets and huddling together on the floor of

the shack for warmth. All of them worked in the San Joaquin Valley picking cotton."

Let the consumer know that when he buys cotton goods he pays the follows:

- 1) A premium for the non-use of a labor-saving invention because the money-changers cannot get their cut out of its invention.
- 2) Starving wages to the field workers.
- 3) Profit to the large-scale absentee farmers who increase production on the rising market.
- 4) Coupon-clippers' profit to speculators on the cotton exchange.

COLUMBUS PRINTING PRESSMEN.
Columbus, O., Printing Pressmen & Assistants Union No. 82 went on record endorsing "the action of the C.I.O. for the organization of the unorganized workers."

Jack Blumberg, business agent for the union, reported to the Central Labor Council that the workers were determined to carry the fight until their demands are granted.

Los Angeles M. & M. Attempts To Use Negroes To Scab and To Disrupt Black and White Solidarity

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES—Revealing the desperate attempts of the Merchants and Manufacturers and the Waterfront Employers Association to smash the Maritime union, a Negro worker who asked that his name be withheld, disclosed that the Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers Association has been secretly organizing Negro workers for the past 30 days to go to San Francisco to work on the waterfront after October 1.

Following the strategy of rising Fascism by fostering friction between black and white workers, the M. and M. has already organized 200 Negro workers for strikebreaking purposes.

Questioned on Unions
Workers seeking jobs at Richfield, Standard Oil and other industries are questioned as to whether they are members of a union, or if they believe in trade unions, following which they are handed a card to Captain C. Williams, chief fink of the Southern California M. and M., 111 West 8th Street, rooms 304 and 404. Room 304 is used for recruiting marine workers, longshoremen and others. Room 404 for agricultural workers.

At the employment agency of the Los Angeles Water and Power Department, 775 S. San Pedro, a billboard advertises this M.

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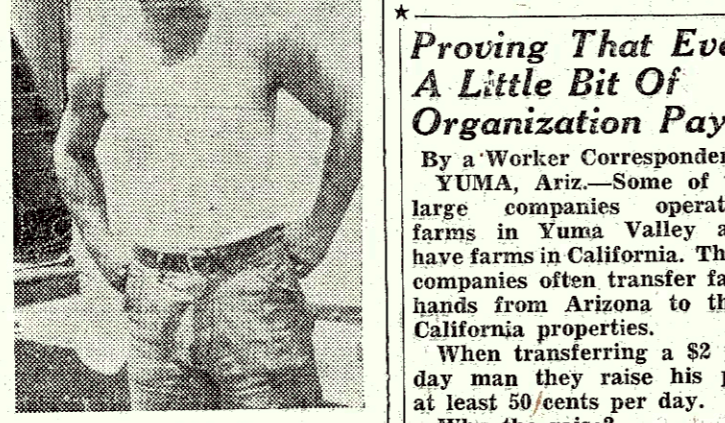
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Proving That Even A Little Bit Of Organization Pays

By a Worker Correspondent.

YUMA, Ariz.—Some of the large companies operating farms in Yuma Valley also have farms in California. These companies often transfer farm hands from Arizona to their California properties.

When transferring a \$2 per day man they raise his pay at least 50 cents per day.

Why the raise?
That is simple. In California the farm workers, to a very small extent, are organized. The growers fear they will become more organized.

Now, every time the sun goes down, every worker's toil is done, every worker should think: "I have lost at least 50 cents today because we have no organization."

The merchants should total up the number of workers and multiply by 50 cents and say: "We, too, have lost the sales of that amount, because the workers have no union."

Strike Continues In Rosenblum, L.A.

LOS ANGELES—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union are still striking Rosenblum, Inc., for union recognition and wage increases.

Jack Blumberg, business agent for the union, reported to the Central Labor Council that the workers were determined to carry the fight until their demands are granted.

Kraftile Workers Close Plant After Demands Refused

By a Worker Correspondent

NILES, Calif.—The Kraftile Co. plant was completely closed down here Sept. 30 as a result of strike of the employees precipitated by the firing of the chairman of the shop committee after he presented demands of the workers.

These workers are organized into the Federal Laborers' Union with headquarters located in Oakland. Last August a group of workers circulated a petition to start a union in the plant. The result was that the leader was fired. This only spurred them on and a committee was elected to go into Oakland to get some help.

They were referred to the Federal Laborers' Union who has jurisdiction over all factories where the workers are not eligible to join any other craft union. In the process of signing up members three more workers were fired. The work of organizing was carried on until 44 of the 56 employees in the plant had joined the union.

An agreement was worked out and presented to the company. The management refused to raise pay, recognize the union or even discuss collective bargaining. The company forced the workers to attend meetings held on the lawn in front of the plant, at which time it lied about the demands, attempted to confuse issues and even forced workers to sign a petition saying they were satisfied with present wages and working conditions.

Women workers are paid at the rate of 25c per hour and the men get only from 35c to 40c per hour. This for work in hot kilns and the important work of tending those kilns day and night.

On Sept. 27th the workers voted to strike. They sent their demands to the company, setting Sept. 29th at 5 p. m. as the deadline.

Only the burners are left in the plant to car for the kilns so that no tile will be destroyed. As soon as the present batches are properly baked, these workers will turn off the heat and walk out, leaving the kilns to cool.

Mass picket lines have been established as well as a soup kitchen and commissary. Relief, defense, publicity and entertainment committees have been elected.

The morale and spirit of the strikers is splendid and it is reported that they have the support of the merchants and many farmers in the community.

A LITTLE SOLIDARITY BRINGS BETTER FOOD FOR THE CANNER

By An Alaska Canner.

(The continued story of the Alaska Cannery Expedition. The men are at camp at Bristol Bay, Alaska.)

The men had located water at a small lake about 200 yards behind the camp. The lake was reached by a mushy, water-seeping trail. From a small rise, on the way to get some water to wash with, it looked to me as though the heavy frosts had forced the land out of shape. As though the land had undergone a heavy bombardment and the low spots were the shell holes.

These low spots were always filled with water which seeped from the higher ground. There were a half-dozen small lakes within a radius of about 7 miles.

13 Days Out
The men were in a rage. We were by this time about 13 days out of San Francisco with no chance to take a bath or wash our clothes. Some of the "little Orphan Annies" who had been to Alaska before tried to make us out to be a bunch of "sissies" because we had objected to all of these inconveniences.

At supper we got the typical run of food: rice, chicken beans, tea and bread. Along with the same excuses. We were through with excuses. The rank and file finally got going. We got together.

Some of the boys heard that they were going to ask us to turn out the following morning. We ate another rotten supper and again we got together. The delegates said that the bosses had broken down a little.

Some Results
The following morning we had small cubes of butter. The milk was reduced from about five parts water to about four (although they claimed three). Sugar was put on the table to be used according to need. The mush was there, scrambled eggs, prunes and coffee. Some of the boys claimed that even the mush tasted better with stronger milk.

The demands presented for a 10 percent raise, 40 hour week instead of the present 45 hours, recognition of the union, time and a half for overtime and one week vacation with pay each year.

This strike is being conducted by the Federal Laborers' Union. This union, organized only last spring, has a membership well over one thousand. It has already conducted five successful strikes, gaining better conditions in many plants, some of which gave in only after strike votes were taken.

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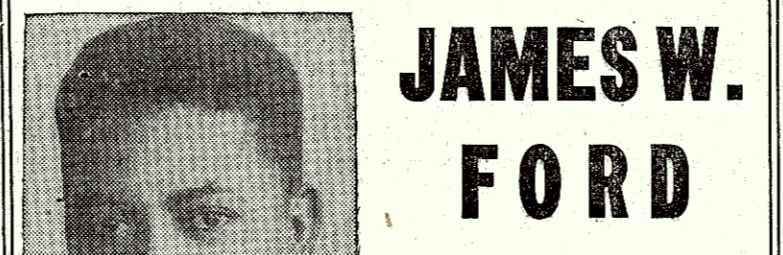
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With only 11 members, the unit pledges sale of one coupon book per member and \$5. day's wages per member toward the Communist election campaign fund, totaling \$124. So far \$30 has been raised, and the unit expects to raise \$20 more, at a turkey dinner.

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International Longshoremens Association Gives Position

SHOWS STAND OF SHIPPERS TO BE UNJUST

Points Out The Huge Profits of the Shippers

(This is a continuation of the I.L.A. Pacific Coast District's explanation of the waterfront situation. It was sent to the press in general. It will be concluded in the next issue.)

That is why they are trying to discredit the maritime unions. That is why they are trying to provoke them into calling another strike, in the hope that they can defeat the unions and establish once again their old-time "peace and harmony." It is the employers who will be responsible if another strike comes to the waterfront. They are engaged in the old game which has been played by blind and ruthless men from time immemorial. The longshoremens understand it but the shippers believe that the public in general can be fooled. Out of this belief has grown the red-scare headlines and the rest of the campaign to discredit the union—including the repeated charge that the I.L.A. has broken its agreements.

Blanket Arbitration Refused

Negotiations between the International Longshoremens Association and the committee for the shippers with respect to a few minor demands on the part of the union were flatly refused. In turn the ridiculous, outrageous proposals of the shippers were turned down by the committee representing 14,000 longshoremens organized in the I.L.A. and affiliated with the Maritime Federation. (Altogether there are 37,000 maritime workers affiliated to the Maritime Federation.) A blanket arbitration of their proposals was demanded by the shippers. This demand was made even before negotiations commenced. To this the I.L.A. committee could not agree. However, a referendum vote of the membership will be taken in order to determine if the members wish to submit to an arbitration board the demands of the employers. It is anticipated that the membership will vote "no" almost unanimously upon the arbitration matter.

(Ed. Note: This vote has been taken and the vote was, as predicted, overwhelmingly "no.")

Shipping has enjoyed one of its busiest and most prosperous periods in the past seven years. The financial pages of the press report enormous profits by the several companies operating their vessels out of Pacific Coast ports. The American Hawaiian Steamship Company reports a profit of nearly a half-million dollars during the first five months of 1936.

The profits of the other operators run parallel to those earned by the American Hawaiian Steamship Company.

Yes, in the face of these profits, subsidies and rich government mail contracts, the shippers are determined to resist the work opportunities of the longshoremens, force the men to work twelve consecutive hours on a straight time pay basis, and eliminate the six-hour day as established by the National Longshoremens Board.

The wages are to be paid on an efficiency basis (piece work). This, of course, is a subterfuge to bring back to the waterfront the vicious speed-up system which existed prior to the strike and was one of its causes. The American Federation of Labor has fought for years against such practices as speed-up and the "harmony" could not be maintained in the industry, and cut-throat competition for jobs would result as a means to earning a livelihood.

Depression Profits and Bonuses

In 1920 the net income of the Matson Navigation Company was \$1,245,284. In the same year the monthly wage of second assistant engineers on the Matson Line was \$200.

In 1927 the net income of the Matson Company had risen to \$2,375,826. But the wages of engineers had dropped to \$165.

In 1932 (the worst year of the depression), the Matson Company showed a net income of \$1,397,929, or \$152,645 above the 1920 figure. But engineers' wages had dropped to \$140 per month.

In 1934 the net income rose to \$2,982,305 (the highest figure in the company's history). But engineers' wages had dropped again to \$130 per month.

From 1920 to 1934 the net income of the Matson Company increased 243 per cent. Meanwhile it has paid \$14,593,495 in dividends and \$27,711,700 in

NEED UNIONISM



A GIRL who slaves in the Hawaiian pineapple plantation. Organized labor is making fast gains on the island territory, as witness the maritime unions' growth. The plantation workers need the benefits of organized labor.

HOW I AM HEADS BREAK STRIKES

Reactionaries Okeh Charter Jerking

OAKLAND—More than seven hours' hot debate preceded the Machinists Union reactionaries' action in sustaining the revocation of Local 284's charter.

The action came at an executive session of the Machinists Union Convention in Milwaukee. The Grand Lodge Executive Board jerked the charter in July, at the beginning of the East Bay machinists strike, which tied up 39 shops.

Walter P. Nash, the Grand Lodge representative, recommended the revocation because Local 284 dared to call a strike for recent wages.

The suspended lodge had 1000 members, but led close to 2000 on strike.

The Grand Lodge reactionaries officially recognized dual lodge No. 149, set up by Nash to break the East Bay strike.

There was no record vote on the convention decision.

Sta. Monica News Guild Is Formed

SANTA MONICA.—A Santa Monica Bay District Newspaper Guild has been organized.

Miss Joy Rutherford has been named Guild delegate to the Santa Monica Center Labor Council.

The Guild's membership takes in a majority of editorial employees in this district. Newspapers in Santa Monica, Venice, Culver City and West Los Angeles are represented.

Much FLP Feeling In Machinist Meet

VALLEJO.—The Vallejo delegation to the international convention of the Machinists in Milwaukee introduced the resolution which called for endorsement of the C.I.O. drive to organize the steel industry.

The proposal was voted down. The reactionaries steered the convention in the direction of endorsing the C.I.O. suspension.

Delegates from New York City, Gary, Ind. and Newport, Ky. put resolutions calling for endorsement of a Farmer-Labor Party. The resolutions pointed out the part played by both Republican and Democratic officials against organized labor.

Seattle, Minneapolis, Kenosha, Wisc. and Chicago warmly endorsed these proposals. Reactionary President Wharton opposed them.

stock dividends. Certainly the depression hit this company very, very hard!

Other shipping men have been equally "hard hit."

From 1923 to 1932, inclusive, four officials of the Dollar Line—R. Stanley Dollar, J. Harold Dollar, Herbert Fleishhacker and H. M. Lorber—piled up a grand total in salaries, bonuses and profits of \$14,690,528. Contrast with the rise in salaries and bonuses of R. Stanley Dollar of 281.4 per cent, the wages of engineers on Dollar ships showed no change from 1923 to 1931 and subsequently declined. We have already indicated what happened to longshoremens' earnings during this period.

SHOW-DOWN IN STEEL GETTING CLOSE IN SIGHT

C.I.O. Has Over 3000 Veteran Organizers In The Field

WASHINGTON—The time is getting ripe for the steel workers to strike—both figuratively and literally.

One million and more members of the C.I.O. unions are behind the C.I.O. and Steel Workers Organizing Committee campaign in the steel industry.

Five billion dollars are behind the Steel Trust, but that doesn't frighten Philip Murray, chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

More than 300 veteran labor organizers are in the key steel areas of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Illinois.

\$500,000 War Chest

A war chest of \$500,000 as a starter is behind the steel organizing drive.

Murray says the campaign is progressing swell. Company unions are coming over to the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers.

Then will come the showdown. The S.W.O.C. will then, about next spring, be in a position to demand an agreement from the steel companies.

If they refuse, then one of the greatest strikes the country has even seen will break out. A half million steel mill workers will be directly affected, and probably a half million more workers in steel fabrication plants.

Buzzell Warns Of Injunction Menace

LOS ANGELES.—A sharp warning against the danger in injunction suits has been issued to organized labor by J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council.

While the union movement is growing in this area, the recent injunction suits entered by open shop concerns in Judge Schmidt's court are a serious danger, Buzzell said.

"The effort on the part of labor's enemies to make it unlawful to picket for union recognition, if successful, would greatly injure the cause of unionism," he said.

Union Will Crack Refrigerator Co.

LOS ANGELES.—O'Keefe and Merritt, refrigerator manufacturers, thought the Stove Mounters' Union would quake when the concern announced its readiness to spend \$1,000,000 to keep open-shop.

A Lewis, Stove Mounters' international organizer here, said that "the company can spend its million dollars and be organized anyhow."

The Stove Mounters have called on all unions affiliated with the Labor Council to help them bring O'Keefe and Merritt to time. Skilled union members now working in the plant are especially urged to aid.

The company had union men beaten up by thugs. One member, Ralph Hernandez, was beaten unconscious and dragged into the plant. The company superintendent then said Hernandez has been "hit by a truck."

We know we are up against one of the toughest anti-union shops in Los Angeles, but we are determined to win, and it's up to all unionists to show their solidarity in this fight," Lewis challenged.

Seattle Labor Council Asks Aid For P-I Strike

SEATTLE.—The Seattle Central Labor Council has issued an appeal for funds to aid the American Newspaper Guild strike against the Hearst Post-Intelligencer.

Results of hearings before the Labor Relations Board will be announced in 30 days.

STRIKE HELD OFF

HOUSTON, TEX.—A small pay increase granted by the Humble Oil & Refinery Co. here, plus a large gathering of armed gunmen and guards, has led to the calling off of a scheduled strike in the Baytown Refinery.

HE WAS FRAMED



PHOTO AT RIGHT shows Louis Souza, one of the tanker seamen framed up and serving imprisonment in the Modesto case. At left, his mother. The fight for the Modesto boys is organized labor's fight.

LA. RAILROAD STRIKE A TEST

Unions Watch Walk-out Carefully

SHREVEPORT, La.—Railroad brotherhood officials are watching the strike on the Louisiana and Arkansas lines closely.

They believe that altogether the L. and A. lines are not first class roads, the big railway companies are watching the showdowns between the L. and A. management and the men closely, to see if standard agreements and federal awards can be broken and ignored as easily elsewhere as on the L. and A.

Gummen Hired

The L. and A. is owned by Harvey Cough, autocrat of Arkansas, and big shot in the utility world. Cough refused to restore the June 3, 1933, wage schedule, even though President Roosevelt's emergency board ordered him to.

Cough has hired gummen in this strike. Railroaders on connecting lines are getting restless at having to work at junction points under the guns of armed thugs. It seems likely that the road will be unable to interchange traffic soon.

Carpenters' Pact Extended A Year

SAN FRANCISCO.—Extended until the end of 1937, the agreement between the Bay Area Carpenters District Council and the Associated General Contractors covers San Francisco, Alameda, Marin and San Mateo Counties.

The agreement keeps up the \$9 a day wage scale and the 40-hour week, grants preferential hiring. It sets up a joint conference to deal with disputes.

No stoppage of work is allowed, pending settlement of a dispute.

The tendency is for organized labor to seek a 6-hour day, but the Carpenters' officials signed for the 40-hour week nevertheless.

Clothing Union Denies Violence

LOS ANGELES.—"Red" Hynes, notorious "Red Squad" head, was answered by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union with a flat denial that union members have used any violence in the Rosenblum strike.

Hynes is helping the open shoppers in this strike.

Union organizer William Shainak answered Hynes' lies that union members had thrown rocks through windows of scabs' homes.

"Joe Hoff, one of our members arrested for assaulting Frank Duarte, a strike-breaker, was identified not by Duarte but by Morris Schwartz, the shop foreman," Shainak asserted. "Joe May, another striker, was arrested three or four blocks from where the alleged assault was supposed to have taken place, without any identification by Duarte."

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, said Shainak, has introduced provocateurs into the strike against Rosenblum's, in order to raise the cry of "violence."

21 Browder Votes In Cudahy Plant Poll

LOS ANGELES.—In a straw vote conducted here recently at the Cudahy Packing Company, the day shift cast 1000 votes as follows: Roosevelt, 800; Landon, 50; Browder, 21. The remainder were divided among Socialists, Progressives, Prohibition, and the like.

STATE AFL IN ENDORSEMENT OF ILA STAND

Resolution Adopted At Convention In Sacramento

(Proposition No. 113, presented by H. R. Bridges, J. Shoemaker, E. Harris, L. Mallen of I.L.A. No. 38-79, San Francisco.)

WHEREAS, the 1934 maritime strike resulted in the International Longshoremens Association and the Waterfront Employers' Association of the Pacific Coast become parties to an award that eliminated many grievances and abuses being the direct cause of the 84-day strike; and

WHEREAS, Other marine unions that were involved in and supported the strike received awards which failed to rectify the main grievances of the seafaring unions; and

WHEREAS, The International Longshoremens Association, Pacific Coast District, has been notified by the Waterfront Employers' Association that their present agreements will automatically terminate on September 30, 1936, unless the International Longshoremens Association will accept or agree to unqualified arbitration of certain proposals offered by the Waterfront Employers' Association; and

WHEREAS, The Waterfront Employers' Association's proposals are designed to bring about a return of the deplorable pre-strike conditions, by containing such provisions as a piece-work and bonus system, longer working day, removal of the union dispatcher from the hiring hall, and a vicious black-list, the object being to re-establish the speed-up system and "open-shop" on the Pacific Coast waterfronts; and

WHEREAS, The Waterfront Employers' Association even insisted on arbitrating safety provisions which were originated and promulgated by themselves, many years ago; and

WHEREAS, The International Longshoremens Association, as an American Federation of Labor affiliated union, could not agree to arbitrate such "open shop" questions, as piece-work and black-listing systems, the lengthening of the work day, without violating the basic principles of the American Federation of Labor; and

WHEREAS, The Waterfront Employers' Association in demanding that the International Longshoremens Association submit to unqualified arbitration of such anti-union proposals does so with the intention of having an excuse for terminating the present agreement on September 30, 1936, and attempting to force acceptance of their proposals by the Pacific Coast Longshoremens; and

WHEREAS, In addition to resisting the attempts of the Waterfront Employers' Association to bring about a return of pre-strike conditions, for Longshoremens the low wages and deplorable conditions, in order that the necessary solidarity and cooperation that exists between the I.L.A. and the other maritime unions on the Pacific Coast be maintained; and

WHEREAS, This attack on the International Longshoremens Association is a part of the general program of the Pacific Coast employers to weaken and destroy the general labor movement; and

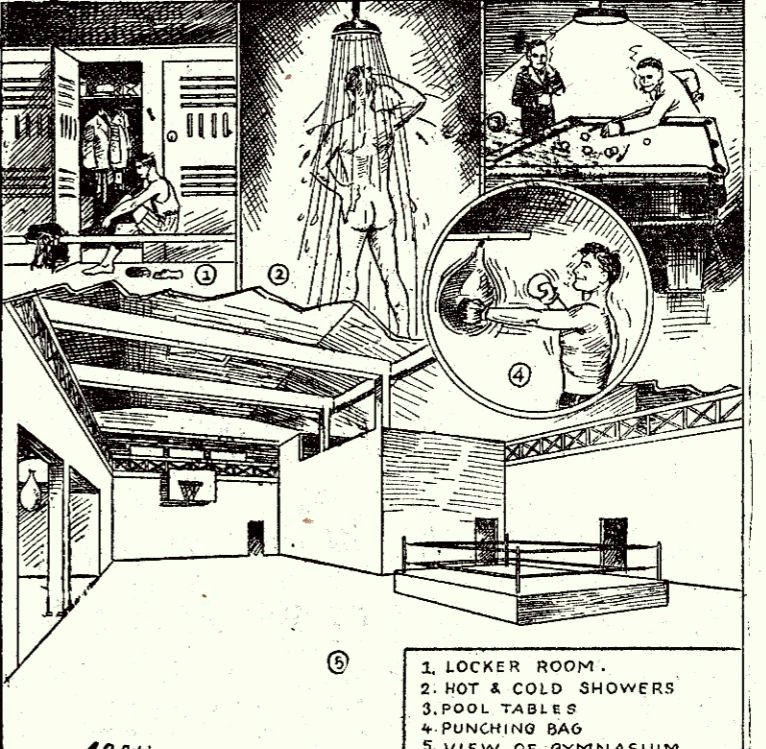
WHEREAS, In order to avoid strife and turmoil in the maritime industry, the International Longshoremens Association is willing to continue working, pending new agreements through peaceful negotiations by all maritime unions, but the waterfront employers with no consideration of the public interest definitely refuses to even consider this reasonable offer; and

WHEREAS, Persistence of the employers in this unreasonable attitude, and their threatened lock-out of the I.L.A., may result in a bitter and prolonged struggle similar to that of 1934, to the great detriment of industry and commerce and the general public, as well as to the workers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this body go on record as endorsing and supporting the position of the International Longshoremens Association, Pacific Coast District, which is as follows:

1. The International Longshoremens Association, Pacific Coast District, will support the maritime unions in their efforts to improve their present low wages and working conditions.

WHERE A SWELL TIME CAN BE HAD



SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME WORKERS Recreation Center, operated jointly by the maritime unions. It is located at 32 Clay St. State Federation of Labor convention endorsed idea of such recreation centers.

Cal. Federation On War Cargo

(The Western Worker is reprinting from time to time some of the progressive resolutions adopted by the recent convention of the California State Federation of Labor.)

SIMULTANEOUS AGREEMENTS FOR EMBARGO ON WAR MATERIALS

Proposition No. 144—Presented by Delegates Jas. D. Osborn and Harry Roy Pole, Drivers Local Union No. 34, San Francisco.

WHEREAS, It is to the mutual benefit to all organizations in a given industry to have their agreements terminate at the same time thereby presenting a unified front of labor toward the employers for the purpose of gaining new agreements; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the California State Federation of Labor in convention assembled at Sacramento, September, 1936, that we go on record as recommending to all locals that they strive through their councils to have all agreements affecting them and their allied crafts arrived at and terminated at the same time.

Merriam Ready To Use Militia

SACRAMENTO.—Trying to deny that he had been asked to send the National Guard to Salinas, Governor Merriam admitted that Monterey County Sheriff Abbott had asked that the militia "be placed in a position from which they could reach the city in a short time."

Merriam said that he would be ready to send the national guard against strikes freely.

"Whenever life and property are in danger their aid will be invoked."

He also intimated that the state highway patrol will continue to "stand by" for further use against the Salinas or other strikes.

Teachers Union In Fight For Tenure

SAN FRANCISCO.—The school teachers are fighting for tenure—something that would protect their jobs from politicians.

State tenure acts for teachers exist in many states. Local No. 61, American Federation of Teachers, is calling on other unions to support them in favor of the Teachers' Tenure Act, on the November ballot.

Hit Use of Tear Gas, State Cops In Strikes

LOS ANGELES.—Use of the State Highway Patrol for strike-breaking and the use of tear gas and bombs by police in labor disputes were condemned in a resolution adopted here by the Social Service Breakfast Club censuring the "lawless enforcement of law" by authorities in the Salinas lettuce workers strike.

RUNAWAY SHOP FOLLOWED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—With its San Antonio plant closed as a result of a strike, the Dorothy Frocks Co. moved to Dallas, but the International Ladies Garment Workers union will follow it with pickets.

L. A. CENTER OF "HOT" LETTUCE SHIPMENT EAST

But Open Shoppers Will Find Labor Not So Passive

LOS ANGELES—This city has become a distributing center for much of the seab-picked Salinas lettuce, a survey of the principal produce markets here revealed yesterday.

The commission houses, subsidiaries of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Safeway Stores, and other large distributors, after supplying their own local outlets, are amassing fabulous profits by re-shipping the banned produce to eastern markets, where they are taking advantage of the scoundriously high lettuce quotations.

"As a racket, used cars aren't in it with the produce game," one chain store produce handler said yesterday.

Wholesale prices for lettuce here have been skyrocketed from a normal \$1 to \$1.50 per crate to \$2 and \$2.50. In some instances the increase has been even greater.

It is in Chicago and the eastern centers where wholesale prices have zoomed to \$4, \$4.50, and even \$5 per crate that the western robbers find their greatest profit.

Re-Shipped to East

The A. & P. is supplying literally thousands of outlets in the United States with western lettuce. Normally much of this is packed and shipped direct from Salinas and the surrounding territory.

"By bringing this hot lettuce to Los Angeles for reshipment we are less apt to be involved in labor difficulties," this informant declared. Then he added: "You know you can get away with more in Los Angeles than you can in San Francisco."

Many persons, well informed in labor trends, stoutly question the accuracy of this assertion. As one labor leader here said yesterday: "The tyrannical Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association with its army of hired thugs, may suffer an unrecoverable shock when they learn that Los Angeles is not the same town it was six months ago."

Then he concluded: "Labor in Los Angeles has had a taste of the new freedom."

Mexican WPA Men Forced to Fields

PASADENA.—Mexican workers here are being laid off WPA projects in an attempt to force them to pick walnuts at wages beneath those paid on the projects.

Working for two days, three Mexican workers were able to total only \$7.25. They had been laid off the WPA. When they appealed to the officials on the main office, they were told nothing could be done because they had been laid off and to report back to local authorities.

Between 30 and 50 Mexican workers have appealed to the Workers' Alliance in Conoga Park for assistance in getting at least the same wages picking walnuts that they received on the projects or to be placed back on the WPA.

At a meeting called to take up this matter, several police were present; glowering and sullen they attempted to convey an attitude of intimidation.

Seattle Warehouse Strike Ties Up Big Concerns

SEATTLE.—The Warehousemen's Union of the I.L.A. tied up three big drug warehouses up in its strike for recognition and wage increases.

The McKesson-Stewart-Holmes concern was one of the main firms hit.

The warehousemen up and down the coast are strongly cemented through their I.L.A. affiliation.

S.F. Cigarmakers Reorganizing

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Cigarmakers Union, Local 128, was so inactive in past years, in typical craft union fashion, that cigarmakers have reached a wage as low as \$12 a week in many cases.

As a result reorganization of the Cigarmakers local is under way.