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Communist Unity Proposal Tabled at Socialist Convention

Thomas Again Heads Ticket; George Nelson of Wisconsin Is Nominated Running Mate

Discussion of Proposals Is Cut Off by Kreuger Motion

By Sandor Voros (Daily Worker Ohio Bureau) CLEVELAND, May 25.—The first act of this morning's session of the national convention of the Socialist Party, meeting here in Public Auditorium, was the adoption of a motion tabling a letter from the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

The letter in the form of a greeting to the convention, proposed joint action on specific issues in line with the declared policy of the leaders of the Socialist Party. It suggested "the establishment of systematic joint consultations" between the two parties, especially urging "that such joint consultations take place in connection with our joint policies in the forthcoming national, state and local elections, in the furthering of our efforts to build the Farmer-Labor Party and in exploring the possibilities of a joint Socialist-Communist presidential campaign."

Communication Read The letter was read together with other communications as part of the regular routine of all opening sessions and before all the delegates had arrived. The spiritless manner in which it was read by Clarence Senior, executive secretary of the party, made it difficult for delegates to hear and understand its content.

Evidently anxious to satisfy the Hoan Wisconsin group, as well as the right wing Hoopes (Pennsylvania) and McLevy (Bridgeport) groups, Maynard Krueger, Chicago Left Socialist, took the floor and, ignoring the specific proposals in the letter, declared that the Socialist Party wants Socialism through the Socialist Party and not Communism through the Communist Party, and therefore is opposed to a joint presidential ticket.

Evading the main issue of united action, Krueger asked if there was any delegate who thought the contrary, and then proceeded with a motion to table. This was quickly put over, thus cutting off any discussion since this motion is not debatable.

It is obvious that the Left Socialists now in control of the convention, with the "toleration" of Hoan, did not wish to have the delegates discuss the contents of the letter since there is some sentiment for united action with the Communist Party among the delegates, reflecting a much larger sentiment among the rank and file.

New Party Formed The reactionary Old Guard group, who bolted the Socialist Party when the convention refused to recognize their delegates and formed a new party, called the Social-Democratic Federation, have chosen James H. Maurer of Reading, Pa., twice Norman Thomas's running mate as candidate for Vice-President, chairman

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2 Arabs Die As British Raid Homes

JERUSALEM, May 25.—Two more Arab deaths were reported today as an Arab girl was killed at Kafrikenna in the northern district when she resisted police search of Arabian homes for leaders of the independence movement and another Arab was shot down at Gaza when police fired into a demonstration before the British district office.

NOMINATED



Norman Thomas

Socialists Draft Platform

8 Main Planks Are Placed in Program by Committee

CLEVELAND, May 25 (UP).—The Socialist convention resolutions committee today drafted a platform calling for public ownership of key industries and wide congressional control of agriculture and industry.

The committee then prepared to place its recommendations before the convention, where approval was expected to be a mere formality. Eight main planks were written into the document by the committee. They provided:

- 1. Public ownership of key industries. 2. Adoption of the Farmers' and Workers' Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would give Congress broad control over agriculture and industry. 3. A slum clearance program, old-age and health pensions and other social legislation programs. 4. Thirty-hour week, minimum wage, abolition of the injunction in labor disputes, prohibition of company unions, company spying and private guards, prohibition of use of police or troops in labor disputes. 5. Government aid for farm financing, shifting of taxes on farm property to taxes on incomes, inheritances and excess profits. 6. Increase in income and inheritance taxes on high levels, reorganization of the entire tax system on the ability to pay and a constitutional amendment permitting taxation of government securities. 7. Abolition of all laws interfering with the right of free speech and free assembly, repeal of the espionage laws, enforcement of constitutional guarantees of equality of Negroes and enforcement of drastic anti-lynching laws. 8. Curtailment of armaments, elimination of compulsory military training in schools, non-interference in Latin-America, abandonment of imperialistic adventures, relinquishment of extra-territorial privileges in China, continuation of friendly relations with the Soviet Union, development of world peace societies. Adoption of the platform was the first order of business at the afternoon session.

Paris Reactionary Journals Assail Parade of 500,000

PARIS, May 25.—Reactionary papers today assailed the French Communist and Socialist as yesterday's gigantic nine-hour parade of 500,000 Paris workers presented impressive proof of the tremendous mass movement behind the gains registered by the working class parties in the recent elections.

The parade observed the anniversary of the Paris Commune of 1871. Seas of red flags were in evidence as the workers marched past the reviewing stand signed by the International and the Carmagnole, French revolutionary anthem, Leon Blum, next Socialist Premier, flanked by Jacques Duclos and Maurice Thorez, greeted the marchers.

Standard Bearer Hailed by Laidler Gets 15-Minute Ovation

CLEVELAND, May 25.—Norman Thomas today was nominated for President of the United States by the Socialist Party convention. George Nelson of Wisconsin was nominated for Vice-President. Thomas, who led the Socialist ticket in 1928 and in 1932, was chosen by acclamation. His name was placed before the convention by his long-time associate, Dr. Harry W. Laidler of New York.

Dr. Laidler was given a great ovation when he said Thomas realized "that only Socialism could assure a world."

Thomas Gets Ovation "We need in this crisis a candidate who realizes that not in a patched-up capitalist machine, but in the building of a new machine, a Socialist machine, may be found the way to a secure and abundant life for the workers and farmer of America," Dr. Laidler declared.

When Laidler concluded with the name "Norman Thomas," delegates and visitors jumped to their feet and staged a colorful fifteen-minute demonstration.

Only a dozen "noes" were heard against Thomas on the viva voce vote taken by Chairman Darlington Hoopes of Pennsylvania. They came from the back of the hall, apparently from members of the Pennsylvania "Old Guard" which had tried vainly to seat the "Old Guard" New York delegation.

Thomas has been an ardent Socialist for 20 years. The convention which chose him to lead the party for the third time was "rubber-stamped" for him throughout its three-day session.

His influence was first evidenced when Thomas' militant delegates from New York were placed in the 44 seats from that State.

The "Old Guard," which differs with Thomas' faction because of approval of massed resistance against war in the 1934 Detroit declaration of principles, later bolted and set up a new party.

Unanimous nomination of Thomas for President was prevented by a small group of the "Old Guard," principally New York, Maryland, and Connecticut. Mayor McLevy of Connecticut took pains to call press attention that he also voted against Thomas. Nelson was nominated as Vice-President, running mate by Andrew J. Bismiller.

Unions Aid 31 Arrested in Akron

(Special to the Daily Worker) AKRON, Ohio, May 25.—Akron plants of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company were closed down briefly last night in a sit-down protest against the arrest of thirty-one union members, taken into custody at the instigation of the Goodyear Company.

The thirty-one strikers, who had taken part in Tuesday's victorious "sit-down" strike, were charged in frame-up affidavits with having violated Ohio's riot act. Company officials claimed that the rubber workers had "forcibly" blocked non-union workers from their machines during the "sit-down."

LABOR PARTY AID ASSURED BY HILLMAN

Clothing Union Chief Upholds Industrial Union Committee

(Special to the Daily Worker) CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 25.—Local and State Farmer-Labor Party groups will have the support of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers despite endorsement of Roosevelt, declared Sidney Hillman, general president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, in his opening speech at the eleventh biennial convention today.

Hillman upheld the Committee for Industrial Organization. He also advocated constitutional amendments and urged the defeat of the Liberty League, the holding company of the Republican Party, the advocates of strikebreaking and black reaction.

House Leaders Ask Punishment Of Dr. Townsend

WASHINGTON, May 25 (UP).—House leaders today demanded early punishment of Dr. Francis W. Townsend for refusing to testify in the old-age pension investigation.

Speaker Joseph W. Byrns and Majority Leader William B. Bankhead, Democrat, Ala., agreed that Townsend's "walkout" was contempt of the House.

Chairman C. Jasper Bell, Democrat Mo., announced the investigating committee will meet in executive session tomorrow to attempt to work out procedure for handling the case.

Possibility of coalition between the Townsend old-age pension forces and Huey Long's "Share the Wealth" movement was strengthened today when the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith announced a series of six mass meetings under joint sponsorship.

Scab Runner Used Yacht in Steel Strike

PORTSMOUTH, O., May 25.—Pickets around the Wheeling Steel Corporation plant here discovered today that Frank Kinskey, president of the milk company, was smuggling twenty men at a time on his private yacht into the steel mill Ohio river entrance, where 5,500 men are striking since last Friday.

After being discovered, Kinskey took the ship back to his yacht club, and came to the picket line in an automobile.

In the course of an argument that developed there over his right to run scabs through the lines, Kinskey was dragged, he says, out of his auto and beaten up.

A conference of plant officials, heads of the Amalgamated Association of Iron Steel and Tin Workers has been going on all day with R. M. Pilkington, representing the U. S. Department of Labor.

Agree on Navy Bill WASHINGTON, May 25 (UP).—The Senate today agreed to a conference report on the Naval Appropriation Bill and sent it to the House for action.

BELGIAN VOTE SHOWSTHREAT OF FASCISM

Vanderveelde Slated As Premier—Communists Gain 6 Seats

BRUSSELS, May 25.—Fascism as an organized, immediate threat was forcibly brought to the attention of every Belgian worker today as full returns of Sunday's election show that the extreme reactionaries gained ground at the expense of both the Catholic and Socialist parties.

Although the Communists tripled their influence in the Chamber, increasing their seats from three to nine, the Socialists lost three seats for a total of seventy. Because the Catholic Party lost even more, the Belgian Labor Party now is the single largest party in the Chamber and will probably organize the next government with the cooperation of the Catholics and Liberals.

Emile Vanderveelde, Minister without portfolio in the Van Zeeland Government, is slated to be the next Premier. Vanderveelde was formerly president of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International.

Fascists Gain The Rexist fascists, led by Leon Degrelle, former Catholic youth leader, gained 21 seats while the reactionary Flemish Nationalists increased their representation from eight to sixteen. The Catholic Party lost sixteen seats, practically all to the Rexists and Flemish Nationalists, for a total of sixty-three. The Liberal Party held its own with 23 deputies compared with 24 in 1935.

The official results of the election, compared with that in 1932, follows:

Table with 2 columns: Party, 1932, 1936. Rows include Socialist, Catholic, Liberal, Rexist, Flemish Nationalists, Communists, and TOTAL.

The Communist vote rose from 12,600 in 1932 to 34,780 in Sunday's ballot. Only in Limburg province did the Socialists and Communists put up a joint ticket. This was the only province where the Socialists gained in votes.

Socialists Did Not Gain The real trend of the election is shown by the fact that all three government parties—Catholics, Socialists and Liberals—lost in seats. In March, 1935 the Belgian Labor Party, headed by Emile Vanderveelde, joined with the Catholics and Liberals in a National Union Government with Paul Van Zeeland, Catholic, as Premier. Although the election showed that the Van Zeeland government was thoroughly discredited, the Socialists did not gain what the bourgeois parties lost because they supported reactionary measures put forth by the "National Union" cabinet.

The Communist gains are attributed to the united front campaign successfully put forward by them. The Communists proposed a united working class front to replace the Socialist coalition with the bourgeois politicians. When this was rejected by the Socialist leaders, the Communists ran independent candidates wherever they stood good chance of election but threw their support to the Socialists wherever it appeared that a Communist victory was not to be expected.

Emile Vanderveelde is reported as (Continued on Page 2)

Madrid Workers Will Strike If Employers Ignore Pledge

MADRID, May 25.—As service workers in Madrid threatened to strike in order to make the Employers' Association abide by its pledge to rehire all workers fired for political activities, a general strike was declared in Oviedo in protest against fascist provocations.

The general strike in Oviedo was declared by workers angered over disorders provoked by fascist gangs in a street fight last night in which more than 30 persons were reported injured.

All stores and factories were tied up today, and there was no distribution of bread or milk this morning.

The service unions in Madrid, including waiters, cooks, chambermaids, telephone operators, bell-

U. S. Dictatorship Goal Of Hooded Terror Band, Detroit Prosecutor Says

CHARGED WITH MURDER



Twenty-five members of the hooded Death Legion have been implicated in the killing of Charles M. Poole. The Legion has been charged with the slaying of more than fifty workers during the past few years.

12 of Band Refuse to Enter Pleas Before Judge

DETROIT, May 25 (UP).—Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrea charged today that the Black Legion, terrorist organization which he is investigating, planned to establish a dictatorship in the United States.

The prosecutor charged the dictatorship after 12 members of the band appeared before Judge Ralph W. Liddy and were arraigned on charges of slaying Charles A. Poole, a WPA worker. Investigators alleged that Poole was slain along a roadside because he knew too much about the organization.

Unshaven and disheveled, the accused Legion members stood mute before the court. They had refused to enter pleas on the ground that the charges were inconsistent.

The court ordered pleas of not guilty to be entered for the 12 men who were taken back to the county jail immediately after the brief court session. Judge Liddy ordered them held without bail for examination Wednesday.

McCrea said that he heard about the report to establish the dictatorship while questioning the 12 alleged ringleaders in the slaying of Poole.

"It is not inconceivable that if this organization was as extensive as has been said, that such a dictatorship was planned," he said. "However, our investigation to date does not substantiate this as a basic aim of the Legion."

The accused men, through their attorneys, fought bitterly but unsuccessfully for admission to bail. Attorney Bernard J. Cruze entered into the records the charge that the suspects had been subjected to police brutality.

Dayton Dean, one of the men named in the murder warrants, today confessed, according to police, that Poole was shot "because the rope didn't show up in time."

Detectives Joe Harvill and Charles Mehan, of the homicide squad, said that Dean told them plans of the vigilantes had embraced hanging but Poole was shot because the automobile bearing the rope did not arrive at the place designated for his execution.

"It was planned to be a one-way ride for Poole," the officers quoted Dean as saying.

Twelve members of the Black Legion, arraigned on charges of kidnaping and murder in the slaying of Charles A. Poole, 32, refused to enter pleas before Judge Ralph W. Liddy today on the grounds the charges were inconsistent.

Murder warrants charging twenty-five members of the hooded and robed "Black Legion" with the slaying of Charles A. Poole 32 years old, were issued today, while authorities extended their investigation of the band's terrorist activities into

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Michigan Leaders To Aid New Party

Auto Union Officers, Delegates Decide to Attend Chicago Conference

DETROIT, May 25.—Farmer-Labor leaders of Michigan, who have been invited to the national Farmer-Labor conference in Chicago Saturday and Sunday, told the Daily Worker today that they would support the formation of a new national party this year.

The conference has been called by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party to discuss the launching of a new national party and the promotion of local, state and Congressional Farmer-Labor tickets.

Judge Edward J. Jeffries, who said he would "most likely be at the conference," declared that definite formation of the new party cannot come too soon.

Auto Union Leaders "Either I or Wyndham Mortimer, our first vice-president, will surely be there, possibly both," Homer Martin, International President of the United Automobile Workers, said. "We have had no chance to get into the Farmer-Labor Party question because immediately following our convention we had our executive board meeting and had to go out of town on several matters. But, as you know, our convention went on record for a Farmer-Labor Party and we will support every possibility to bring into existence such a Party."

Michigan's delegation will also include Mrs. Mary Zuk, Labor Councilwoman from Hamtramck.

"I will certainly be there," she said. "A national Farmer-Labor Party can't be formed too soon for me. We in Hamtramck are practically sold to the bankers and must (Continued on Page 2)

End Terror in Arkansas, ILD Demand

Protest against the terror against tenant farmers and sharecroppers in Arkansas, and against the arrest of Aron Gilmartin, secretary of the Socialist and Labor Defense Committee, there, was made yesterday by the International Labor Defense to Governor J. Marion Futrell of Arkansas.

Gilmartin, who was in Arkansas making an investigation of the terror against the tenant farmers there, was arrested in Crittenden County, Saturday, and is held in jail on a charge of "interfering with labor."

The I. L. D. wire, signed by Anna Damon, Acting National Secretary, demanded his release, as well as the release of all other arrested tenant-farmers, abolition of the concentration camps established for strikers, and restoration of constitutional rights to the tenant farmers and farm work

### Black Legion Took Scores As Victims

#### U.S. Dictatorship Goal of Terror Band, Says Prosecutor

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every populous center of the state. A shocked and indignant public here is demanding a sweeping investigation of the murderous "Black Legion" that is known to have brutally murdered one worker and probably "executed" scores of others in the past few years.

Startling bits of additional evidence dribble through the fast current of secrecy behind which the "Black Legion" held itself. It is now known that both police and even county political officials were actually members of the "bulldog and bullets" organization.

**Press Inquiry**  
Under pressure of a growing bitter mass indignation, authorities are pressing the investigation. They have ordered every violent death of suspicious nature during the past few years investigated once again. They expect to find that scores of victims, held by police to be suicides, really fell before the blasting guns of the "Black Legion" execution squads.

The suspicious death of one of the organizers of the unemployed Council in Lincoln Park last year is being looked into by workers' organizations to determine whether or not he was murdered by the gunmen of the Black Legion.

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As more information came to light on the sensational disclosure, after police traced the murder of 32-year-old Charles Poole to the Black Legion, the belief was strengthened that the source of terror against labor organizations in Detroit can also be traced to these elements. It is now practically certain that the Black Legion operating in Detroit under cover of the Wolverine Republican Club and in Oakland County as the "Bullet Club" are among the terror organizations that are today harbored and protected by the Liberty League-Republican alliance in Michigan and other parts of the country.

**City Employes**  
From Pontiac came the report that according to former police chief Eckhard about one-third of the police force and city employes are members of the Black Legion. The Black Legion branch there.

Police here are searching for Arthur F. Lupp of Highland Park who is reported to be head of the Michigan Division of the Black Legion.

Prosecutor Owen Dudley of Jackson County named three Jackson prison guards as members of the Black Legion who kidnaped and flogged Paul Evers to a point that his death was caused shortly afterward, on April 14.

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## Chinese Red Army Troops Continue Drive in Shensi

By J. R. Barrett  
(Special Daily Worker Correspondent in China)

(In the following sensational news-beat, the Daily Worker is able to present the first true account of the struggles of the Chinese Red Army in Shensi province, North China.)

The importance of this latest campaign of the Chinese Red Army is that it is taking place in the heart of North China which Japanese imperialism is now preparing formally to annex.

Forty thousand Red Army men, supported by the peasants and workers in the towns, fields and villages, are succeeding in keeping half a million counter-revolutionary troops at bay notwithstanding lying reports in the capitalist press.

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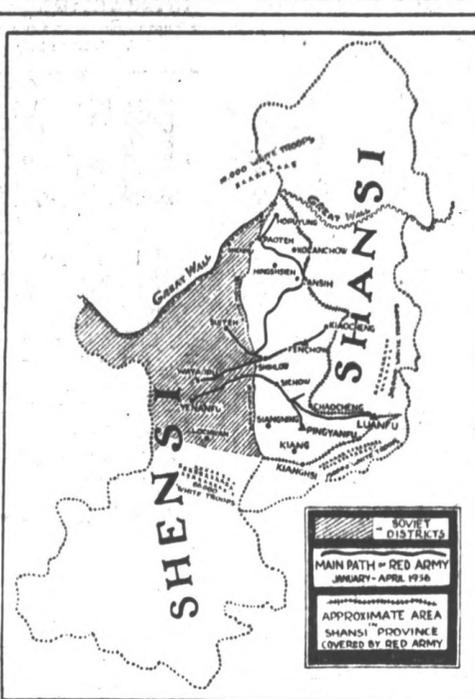
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Harry Colburn, chief investigator for Wayne County Prosecutor Duncan McCone, learned in Jackson that the national head of the Black Legion is one William Shepard known as "Shotgun Shepard" who lives near the West Virginia-Ohio border.

### CHINESE RED ARMY CONTINUES FIGHT



This map shows the march of the Chinese Red Army in the period from January to April. The Red Army of 40,000 men are fighting 500,000 troops under the command of the pro-imperialist war-lords, led by Chiang Kai-shek.

them with the aid of the masses of workers and peasants.

**Red Army Position**  
The position of the Red Armies in Shensi about the middle of April was approximately as follows:

**Districts Taken**  
During the first two weeks of their advance into the province, the Communists captured or surrounded the cities Hsihsien, Pengmen, Kaomiao-shan, Kuanshan and their neighboring districts or counties.

**Use Swift Attacks**  
The Red Army answered by swift, successful sweeps across the areas strongly held by the whites. Linshih and the district west of this city were captured. The city of Siaozi and its whole district fell into the hands of the victorious Red Armies.

**Coast Seamen Sue**  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 25 (FP).—The Sailors Union of the Pacific and Secretary-Treasurer Lundberg have filed suits for libel against the San Francisco Chronicle. Each suit asks \$50,000 and grows out of an editorial in the newspaper, in which acts and strikes of unionists and their organization were termed "mutiny."

**Big Business Plans to Dodge Social Act by Speedup, Cuts and Layoffs**  
By HARRY RAYMOND

While attempting to kill off the weak Social Security Act by having it declared unconstitutional in the courts, big corporations are also planning to meet the excess tax on payrolls, progressively increasing to 6 per cent under the act, in one of three ways, all of which involve passing the tax on to workers.

Big business, according to a survey of 200 leading corporations conducted by the Wall Street Journal, aims:

1. To offset taxes levied under the act by "increased efficiency," explaining this means "speeding up the mechanization of industry" to save labor costs, and weeding out inefficient workers.
2. To pass the employers payroll tax to workers by cutting wages.
3. To raise consumer prices.

**Machines, Not Men**  
Motor makers, for example, are planning to install "more high-priced machinery which does not have to be pensioned, to replace men who do," according to the Wall Street Journal survey. Where ex-

### Action Asked Of Roosevelt On Wagner Bill

#### Slum Clearance Advocates Fear Plan to Knife Measure

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Alarmed at the betrayal of low-rent housing legislation by the Roosevelt forces who have agreed to table their own program in deference to the wishes of Republican-Liberty League reaction, slum clearance advocates are calling upon Senators to fight for the passage of the Wagner Housing Bill (S. 4424).

An appeal was sent to Roosevelt. The appeal, sent last week to the White House and all Senators, urged speedy action on the measure, sponsored by Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York Democrat. The appeal was addressed to the Senators by the National Public Housing Conference "in the name of millions of men, women and children in every section of the United States now obliged to occupy dwellings which are a continuous hazard to their health and safety."

**Fear Plan to Kill Bill**  
Early passage of the measure, which would appropriate \$75,000,000 for public housing, was urged. Until such action was decided, the conference said, "the early adjournment of Congress can be viewed only with dismay."

**Many Groups Sponsor Bill**  
The letter to the Senators was signed by Miss Helen Alfred, secretary of the conference. Attached to the appeal was a list of organizations which had approved the Wagner Bill. Among these were:

American Federation of Labor; American Association of Social Workers; Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; National Women's Trade Union League; National Federation of Settlements; American Home Economics Association; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Recreation Association; National Urban League.

### Belgian Vote Shows Threat of Fascism

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having declared immediately after the returns were announced that the Rexistists constitute a "fascist danger" against which "adequate methods must be formulated." The Rexistists polled a total of 177,919 votes. In Liege province, they received 55,588 votes.

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**Sugar to Attend**  
Maurice Sugar, outstanding leader of the Wayne County (Detroit) Farmer-Labor Party, was particularly gratified that at last something definite was in sight.

### One-Half of Nation's Jobless Ignored in Work Relief Plans

#### More Than 6,000,000 Unemployed in Nation But Work Plans to Provide Jobs for Only 3,000,000 This Year

WASHINGTON, May 25.—New Deal plans for the 1936-1937 fiscal year will fall far short of taking care of the unemployed, WPA statistics revealed today.

Despite Administrator Harry L. Hopkins' estimate that 6,385,740 of the nation's jobless are "employable," the work relief plans for the coming year provide only for employment of 3,000,000. The present New Deal plans are for a \$3,071,000,000 program, centering around a \$1,425,000,000 appropriation pending in the Senate subcommittee on appropriations.

**High Court Kills Discharge Pay Bankruptcy Act Pacts Held In 5-4 Decision To Be Illusion**  
WASHINGTON, May 5.—Bondholders in Cameron County, Texas, were making whoopee today over the latest reactionary decision of the United States Supreme Court, which held unconstitutional the 1934 Municipal Bankruptcy Act.

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### Anti-Imperialist Leader in Haiti Dies in Prison

#### Jolibois-Fils, Former President of Senate, Believed Poisoned

Jolibois-Fils, former president of the Haitian Senate and outstanding opponent of American imperialism in Haiti, died suddenly in his prison cell in Port-au-Prince, without having suffered any previous illness, it was learned here yesterday. The mysterious circumstances surrounding his death, together with the failure of the government to provide any explanation, have created a wide-spread opinion in Haiti that he was poisoned.

**Mich. Labor Party Parley in August**  
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**Auto Leaders Will Go to Chicago**  
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pay them more than two million dollars interest this year.

**Senate Group Approves Relief Methods Inquiry**  
WASHINGTON, May 25 (UP).—The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved a resolution creating a special committee to investigate unemployment and relief methods.

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# Sharp Increase in New York Relief Rolls During May

## 1,645 Cases Are Reported In One Week

### Applications for Aid in All Boroughs Are Rising

Relief cases increased 1,645 in one week in May, the Emergency Relief Bureau reported yesterday.

The bureau reported 204,328 relief cases for the week ending May 15. On May 8 case-load figures showed 202,683 families and individuals receiving unemployment relief in New York City.

Meanwhile applications for relief rose sharply. For the week ending May 15, the bureau received 5,528 applications for aid as compared with 4,946 applications for the week ending May 8.

Applications accepted during the week totaled 3,394 as compared with the May 8 figure of 2,717.

The 89,707 Manhattan relief cases for May 15 represents an increase of 798 cases over the previous week. Bronx relief cases increased by 76 over the May 8 number.

In Brooklyn the home relief population increased by 912 during the week, the figure for May 15 being 62,386, while the May 8 total was 61,476.

A rise of 113 cases occurred in Queens, where the May 15 total was 11,151 compared with 11,038 for the previous week. Only eight cases were added to the Richmond relief rolls, which now stand at 2,122 as compared with 2,114 for the previous week.

## Soviet Court Ruling Cited

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 25.—The death sentence meted out to I. D. Simenichuk, former chief of the polar station at Wrangel Island by the Supreme Court was characterized today in Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet government as part of a "sensational and fierce struggle between the new world and the old."

Simenichuk was charged with ordering S. P. Startseff, his dog-team driver, to murder Dr. R. Wolfson. Both were given the death sentence. The decision of the court is final, and cannot be appealed.

The indictment against Simenichuk also included charges of disrupting the work of the native population, and of deliberately starving the Eskimo hunters.

Replying to anti-Soviet attacks on the occasion of the trial, Izvestia declared: "This is not a mere criminal trial. It is part of a fierce and sensational struggle between the new world and the old."

"We take justifiable pride in the Leninist-Stalinist solution of the national question which has brought a genuine rebirth of the even the most poverty stricken peoples in the distant corners of the Soviet Union."

"Simenichuk attempted to revive the oppression of a minority people by deliberate violation of Soviet law," Izvestia says. "We strike Simenichuk from the list of our polar workers as the sentence of the Supreme Court decrees his death. But the splendid work of the bold conquerors of the Arctic will continue with redoubled vigilance despite danger and privation."

## Canadian Relief Found Inadequate

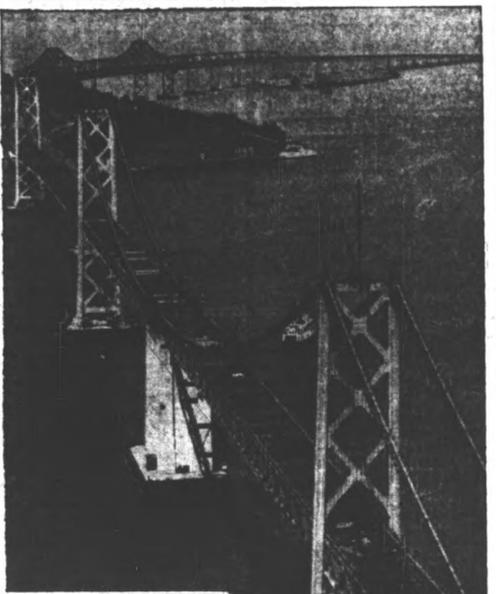
TORONTO, Ont., May 25.—To supply a 13-year old boy with the minimum standard of food set by the health division of the League of Nations or the standard set by the Ontario Medical Association, Toronto's relief allowance is inadequate, Marjorie Bell, director of the Toronto Visiting Home-Makers, told the social service group of the Canadian Dietetic Association at its annual meeting at the Royal York Hotel.

"How can you say there is no malnutrition?" she asked. "I went last week to Toronto's stores with the essential standard of the League of Nations and of the Ontario Medical Association for a 13-year old boy and I found it would cost 27 cents a day for the League's standard and 22 cents for the Ontario Medical Association's. Yet the most available for a 13-year old boy on relief is 18 cents."

## Ask Ice for Jobless

WINDSOR, Ont., May 25 (ALP).—Consideration was promised by the city council to the request of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ward 4 Protective Association that ice be supplied to relief recipients during the hot weather.

## WORLD'S LARGEST SPAN



An aerial view of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, which when it is finally completed will be the largest bridge in the world. Linking the two cities on either side of the Golden Gate, the bridge presents a sight of unusual beauty as ships slowly steam into the California harbor.

## Harlem Policeman's Trial Set for June 8

### Charged with Simple Assault on Clubbing Negro Worker—United Civil Rights Committee Aired Case and Will Prosecute It

Patrolman Charles Brown, Harlem policeman who clubbed down John McNeil, a Negro worker, on March 29, must stand trial on charges of simple assault on the morning of June 8, in the General Sessions Court.

This information was given yesterday by Samuel Chassy, one of the impressive battery of attorneys, representing McNeil, the chief complainant in the case.

A delegation organized by the United Civil Rights Committee of Harlem will go to the office of Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine today to demand the dismissal of Policeman Brown and the dismissal and prosecution of the officers who shot Leonard Brown, 13-year-old Negro schoolboy, about ten days ago.

Meeting Today  
The delegation will meet this morning in the lobby of the Harlem Y. M. C. A., 134th Street, near Seventh Ave., at 11 o'clock.

Full authority to conduct the prosecution of officer Brown, however, rests in the hands of the United Civil Rights Committee of Harlem. This group came into being last Saturday at a Civil Rights Provisional Committee for Civil Rights merged into the United Civil Rights Committee.

The Provisional Committee at the request of McNeil originally organized both a legal and a community-wide movement for the prosecution of Patrolman Brown, and for the defense of McNeil, who was framed on a charge of "attempted felonious assault" by the officer.

Case Well Aired  
A five-day hearing on the charges of assault brought by McNeil against Brown, resulted in his being ordered held for trial—the first time a policeman has been known to be held for police brutality in the course of his duty.

McNeil and his complaining witnesses will be represented on June 8, by Samuel Chassy, noted labor lawyer and leading counsel, Samuel Chassy and J. Englander, of the International Labor Defense, and Lester Marks of the American Civil Liberties Union. Brown will be represented by Ben Gold, city corporation counsel.

The McNeil-Brown case was aired thoroughly at the Civil Rights conference held in Harlem last Saturday. Attorney Chassy led the discussion.

## SHIP ARRIVALS

Ship and Line	From	Dock
NORFOLK, French	Havre, May 26	W. 49th St.
KUNGBOLM, Swedish-American	Ostend, May 18	W. 51st St.
PENNINGTON, Red Star	Antwerp, May 18	W. 49th St.
CARLISLE, Cunard White Star	Liverpool, May 18	W. 14th St.
TRENTON, Anchor	Liverpool, May 18	W. 55th St.
PENNSYLVANIA, Panama Pacific	San Francisco, May 9	W. 21st St.
HAITI, Colombian	Cristobal, May 17	Peck Slip
ARCOW, Panama Railroad	Cristobal, May 17	Peck Slip
SCANTON, American Caribbean	Trinidad, May 14	Market St.
NERISSA, Porto Rico	Trinidad, May 15	W. 24th St.
BORNEO, Trinidad	Trinidad, May 15	Hubert St.
DUE TODAY		
BERGONIA, Cunard White Star	Southampton, May 25	W. 14th St.
NEW YORK, Hamburg-American	Hamburg, May 17	W. 49th St.
ALBA, Banker Am. Merchant	London, May 16	W. 17th St.
RELIANCE, Hamburg-American	World Cruise	W. 44th St.
SAINT BARBARA, Grace	Valparaiso, May 8	W. 23rd St.
ORIZABA, N. Y. & Cuba Mail	Yera Cruz, May 20	Wall St.
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico	San Juan, May 21	Maiden Lane
DUE TOMORROW		
BATORO, Odessa America	Odessa, May 18	W. 51st St.
OSPREY, Swedish-American	Ostend, May 18	W. 17th St.
EXCALIBUR, American Caribbean	Bonao, May 9	W. 23rd St.
SOUTHERN PRINCE, Prince	Bonao, May 9	W. 23rd St.
ALBA, United Fruit	Santa Marta, May 21	Morris St.

## Quarry Strike Hearing Set Memorial Day

### Defense Conference Is Called by Committee in Rutland, Vt.

An opportunity to add a new significance to Memorial Day is offered by the United Committee to Aid the Vermont Marble Workers which has called a general defense conference and hearing to be held in Union Hall, Rutland, Vermont, on Saturday, May 30.

Two meetings will be held on that day, one at 2:30 P.M. and the other at 7:30 in the evening. This is the second general mobilization to be held in the cradle of rugged American revolutionary traditions.

The first, held on Feb. 29, resulted in a polarization of public opinion behind the striking marble workers. The committee expects this second general meeting to usher in the mature and final period of the marble workers' strike for elementary American living conditions.

Owners of cars who wish to attend, and who are able to leave New York City not later than 7 A.M., are urged to get in touch with the committee at GRamercy 5-9627.

## Strike Continues Firm

WEST RUTLAND, Vt., May 25.—The epic struggle of the Vermont marble strikers has rounded out six months, with the lines of the strikers holding firm despite frame-ups, beatings by company deputies and the railroading of five union leaders to 1-to-2-year prison terms on breach of the peace charges.

Representing the Proctor Marble Co. and the stuffed-shirt pretensions to benevolence of the Proctor family is running high. "Whereas the company has paid in the last five depression years as high as 16 per cent dividends, it has never paid a living wage to its employees," comments a minister in the marble area, whose main mission is to safeguard his job. "Violence practiced by drunken company deputies has only swung sentiment to the strikers' cause."

The strike began when marble workers were refused a 20-an-hour increase for their skilled labor, for which maximum pay was 37.5c. Work was irregular and a rule had just been made that no one could work more than three out of every four weeks. Deductions for house rent, water, gas, electricity, compensation insurance and a large number of pay slips showed average weekly earnings of \$3.83. In one case a man owed the company \$6 for working five days.

Complaints to Vermont's Gov. Charles Smith that marble workers' babies were starving brought the response that Mrs. Proctor had her troubles too—that she had to dismiss one of her three butlers. Light on the much-advertised Proctor philanthropy is thrown by the experience of a 12-year-old boy—son of a striker—whose fingers were blown off by a dynamite cap he found on a dump heap. The Proctor's company doctor withheld medical attention for three hours, demanding a financial guarantee, finally treating the innocent lad only after pressure had been brought on the overseer of the poor.

With strike relief funds inadequate for even emergency rations for the 600 strikers, the United Committee to Aid Vermont Marble Workers, 7 W. 14th St., New York City, is making a renewed appeal for funds.

## Indians Starving As Law Forbids Hunting of Game

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., May 25 (ALP).—Starvation among Indians in the James' Bay region, white man's laws prohibiting them from customary hunting, and white man's trading companies refusing them food was the story carried by newspapers of the northern regions here.

Indian Chief John Nakoutchee of Attawapiscat has come to Mooseonee to tell of the starvation of his people because of rumors of laws which they thought restricted them from hunting certain animals much relied upon as food, and of trading companies in the district who refused his people supplies because they had failed to settle their fall accounts.

He told of the story of John Wapano, one of the best hunters and fanners of the tribe who had set out in despair for Attawapiscat, 118 miles from Ekwan River where the tribe had migrated hoping to catch enough fish to last them until spring—a futile effort, since each family was provided with but one small net. The body of this brave had been found 18 miles from his destination, buried under snow. Snowshoes, sticking out of the drift aided in the discovery of his body.

Government officials have sent authorization to trading posts of the district to do everything possible to relieve the situation.

## Milk Fund Drive Volunteers Called

Assistance of volunteers for the drive of the International Labor Defense to provide milk for the 250 children of political prisoners during the summer, was called for yesterday by Rose Baron, secretary of the Prisoners Relief Department.

Friends of labor's prisoners and their families were asked to report for volunteer work in the drive to the national office of the I.L.D., Room 610, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

## "The Victory of the Republican Party-Liberty League-Hearst combination would throw power on to the side of the war-makers."

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, speaking at Madison Square Garden on May 27

## Alfred Miller Defense Fund Receives \$100

### Workmen's Sick and Benefit Fund Answers Appeal

The National Executive Board of the Workmen's Sick and Benefit Fund has contributed \$100 to the defense of Alfred Miller, anti-Nazi facing deportation to Germany.

Miller, a member of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, was arrested and held for deportation in 1934 while editing the Producers News, a militant farm weekly published in Plentywood, Montana. His deportation has been appealed to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born and about \$250 is needed immediately for the mandatory printing of the records in his case.

The \$100 contribution for the Alfred Miller case is the first response to the wide appeal issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born for funds to carry on the defense of anti-fascists held for deportation to fascist countries of Europe. The committee is actively defending Alfred Miller, ten other anti-Nazis held for deportation to Germany and other anti-fascists facing deportation to Italy, Hungary and Poland.

Trade unions, fraternal, benevolent and church organizations and individuals are urged to follow the lead of the Executive Board of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund and contribute to the defense of anti-fascists facing death and persecution in their homeland. Contributions should be sent to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## Foreign Delegations Acclaim the Successes of the Soviet Union

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, (By Cable) May 25.—One hundred members of various foreign delegations departed from the Soviet Union yesterday via Leningrad, following a twelve day survey of factories, farms, and summer resorts. The delegates were from France, the United States, England, Spain, Belgium, and the Scandinavian countries.

William Hill, Negro delegate from Pittsburgh, was particularly impressed with the steel mill at Krivoye, the Ukrainian theatre in Kiev, and the children's palace in Kharkov.

Following a visit to the Donbas mines, Andrew Stone, 74-year-old checkweighman in the mines at Treharri, South Wales, said: "In my fifty years in coal mines, I have never seen such fine pits as those at Shakiy on Donbas, with regard to mechanization, cleanliness, and conditions of work. I am certainly convinced that workers can build better than capitalists."

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## HORSE IS ONE UP ON FIREMEN



When three trucks full of New York smoke-eating firemen arrived with equipment at the scene of a call, all they found was this gentle-looking milk wagon nag nuzzling the fire box. Fireman John S. Smith gives "Bob" a good talking to on the delinquency of pulling false alarms to which "Bob" answers "neigh."

## A. T. & T. Chiefs Paid Pensions Ranging Up to \$4,624 a Month

(By Labor Research Association)

Pensions ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,624 a month are paid to employees of the largest private business in the world—American Telephone and Telegraph Co. The company devotes much space to the benefits of this pension plan in its annual reports to stockholders. It all sounds nice until we learn that the "employees" who receive these fabulous monthly sums are pensioned company executives.

Records produced at Federal Communications Commission hearings showed that company executives made up only 0.7 per cent of the total number of pensioners, but received 8.5 per cent of the amount paid out in pensions. Between 1920 and 1934, 1,270,000 employees had resigned, been fired, or laid off, but only 5,588 were added to A. T. & T.'s pension rolls. Thirty-three executives averaged \$903 a month in pensions, while 2,394 employees averaged only \$92 a month and 2,300 received only \$36 a month.

The A. T. & T. pension system applies to employees 65 years of age after 20 years' service, and is based on average earnings during the last 10 years' service. More than 2,000 workers who went out on strike, however, lost their service credit.

Here's how the pension system is inevitably framed against rank and file workers: the latter's wages seldom range above \$2,000 a year after 10 years' service; executives' salaries, on the other hand, become stationary only at 50 years' service. Thus one executive received \$599 a month

## Coronation Set

LONDON, May 25 (UP).—King Edward VIII will be crowned May 27 of next year, the Sunday Express said it had learned today. The Express said the King will sign an order in council at the Privy Council meeting Thursday authorizing arrangements for the event.

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# Youth Plan Anti-War Meeting Thursday Before Morgan Firm

## To Mobilize For City-Wide March Friday

### Memorial Day Paraders Plan to Assemble at Madison Square

Young people affiliated with the American Youth Congress will demonstrate on Thursday on the steps of the House of Morgan, 23 Wall Street, at 12 noon, in preparation for the United Youth Day demonstration on May 30.

James Wechsler, student leader, and editor of the Student Advocate, and Nancy Bedford-Jones, one of the leaders of the Youth Congress, will speak to a mass meeting on the steps of the Wall Street firm.

With this demonstration, youth congress leaders will dramatize their contention that the House of Morgan, and other large industrial and banking firms were responsible for the World War, and are today heading the United States toward another war.

The Youth Congress is continuing its demand for Washington Square Park for the May 30 demonstration. Park Commissioner Robert Moses has refused to permit the marchers to hold a mass meeting in Washington Square Park, offering them the use of Union Square instead.

The paraders will assemble at Madison Square and the line of march will take them east to Second Avenue, south to Houston Street, and into Washington Square where they will hold their meeting. If the permit is granted by Commissioner Moses.

## Philadelphia Dyers Drive to Organize Bridgeton Plant

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 25.—An organizational drive to unionize the Martin Dye Works at Bridgeton, N. J. was announced yesterday by William F. Kelly, vice-president of the United Textile Workers Union. The Martin Dye Works has long been known for its notorious anti-union policy.

George M. Powell, organizer of the Dyers Federation, is in charge of the campaign. Hitting the "open shop" policy of the firm, Powell stated that the workers are receiving 25 cents an hour less than in union shops.

## WPA Federal Theatre To Bill City Boroughs

The WPA Federal Theatre will embark on an open-air summer theatre program late in June that will provide a score of free shows in all of New York City's boroughs. Philip W. Barber, director for New York City, announced today.

Each borough will have six sites, some to be located in public parks possessing natural amphitheatres and others in ball parks and stadia with seating facilities for 2,000 to 20,000 persons. Shows will open on a Monday evening in one of the boroughs, play the remaining sites in the borough the succeeding five nights and open in another borough the following week. At the completion of the circuit, the program will be changed.

The summer repertoire will include vaudeville bills, plays, musical comedies, circus and operettas.

## Falcoz Dies in France

PARIS, May 24 (UP).—Henri Falcoz, 52, former Undersecretary of State, died today as a result of being struck down by an automobile yesterday.

H. Falcoz was defeated in the last elections. He was a member of the Tardieu Cabinet of 1928.

## CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS IN ANTI-WAR RALLY



Abolish the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, these students demand in the Jingo Day meeting on the school's campus. The meeting was addressed by Joseph Lash of the American Students' Union.

## Girl Testifies in Court Of Rule by Torture

### Thelma Jordan Tells How Luciana Kept Sway By Burning Girls With Cigarettes and Slashing Tongues That Talked

Rule by torture was the method by which Charles (Lucky) Luciano extended his sway over the city's vice centers, according to charges made today at the trial of the brother baron and nine of his associates, by Thelma Jordan, plump brunette.

This accusation was wrung from the witness when she was asked by David P. Siegel, counsel for Abe Wahrman, one of the defendants, why she had not talked sooner.

"I was afraid to talk, that's why," Miss Jordan replied. Siegel repeated his question, only to have the witness shoot back at him that she knew what happened to the girls who talked. "Plenty of girls who talked have had their feet burned, and their stomachs burned with cigarette butts, and their tongues slashed," she said.

Caught off-balance by this unexpected reply to his query, Siegel tried to stop her, but she went on, speaking rapidly now. Siegel shifted his attack.

"But you're not afraid to talk now?" he insisted. The witness tossed her head. "I'm not afraid now because I have confidence in the people behind me," she shot back.

Identifies 8 Defendants Thelma Jordan has been the state's most telling witness in the case it is attempting to build up against the ten alleged vice overlords. Earlier in the day's proceedings she had named eight of the defendants, identifying them with the positions they are alleged to have held in the vice ring.

Reporting a meeting in the spring of 1935 with Benny Spiller, one of the ten defendants, Miss Jordan, also known to police under the name of "Buddy" Stevens, said that he was a member of the combination formed for the purpose of "making madams pay bonds."

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## Garment Union Plans Union Drive Here

### Runaway Shops Are to Be Center of Wide Campaign

Members here of the International Ladies Garment Workers expressed great interest yesterday in the reported plan adopted by the General Executive Board now meeting in Los Angeles, to appropriate \$150,000 to unionize a whole series of trades around New York, particularly white goods, children's dresses, coats and brassiere, embroidery, novelties, knitted underwear, etc. Most important of all, the union will concentrate on the runaway shops, which have fled from the better unionized urban centers to small towns in New Jersey and New England and up-state New York.

The membership here, while welcoming the decision to go after the runaway shops, expressed grave fears yesterday that another decision of the G.E.W. would result in serious infringement of trade union democracy. That was a resolution passed yesterday to institute a school for candidates for union office and to permit no one to take office without a certificate of graduation from this school.

It was felt here that no such fighting rank and file as that of the New York needle trades would permit anyone, no matter how qualified an expert on industrial education, to decide for them who is a good officer or who should represent them in delegated capacities.

Others who heard of the plan were much disturbed over the possibility of an administration entrenching itself by simply refusing to give certificates of graduation from the school to those who might be running for office against the group in power.

The G. E. W. voted to continue athletic activities, and radio programs.

Abraham Elmer was appointed manager of Unity House, to succeed Jacob Halpern, who is retiring. The board members are enjoying themselves in Los Angeles, where they will remain until May 27. Then a two day trip up the coast will bring them to San Francisco, where they will reconvene on May 29, and adjourn June 1, to return to New

## Barbers' Agreement

NEW ORLEANS, May 25 (FP).—Union and master barbers in Louisiana have agreed on a legislative bill empowering 75 per cent of the barbers of a town to fix minimum prices. The bill is designed to permit barbers to make a living wage and discourage competition making for insubstantial service.

## Actors Equity Progressives Make Gains

### George Abbott Protests Campaign Methods of Administration

Actors of stage and screen, members of the Actors' Equity Association, balloted yesterday at their annual meeting at the Hotel Astor for ten members of Equity's council and for four additional vacancies. In a contest in which the progressive forces seemed to have the edge, the campaign preceding the annual meeting has shown a rising tide of progressive sentiment in the actors' ranks. Such nationally known stars as Fredric March, Helen Gahagan, Edward Arnold, Ernest Truex, James Cagney, Groucho Marx and Jimmy Durante have been among the many distinguished actors and actresses who have sponsored the nomination of the progressive ticket.

Raised "Red Scare" The present administration, evidently disturbed by the growing strength of the progressives, had issued a statement (appearing on the bulletin boards back stage in the theatres) declaring that the progressive ticket is manned by "dangerous radicals."

George Abbott, outstanding producer and actor, resented this method of campaign on the part of the administration, expressing his sentiments in a letter to the members of the Actors' Equity Association, which has also appeared on the bulletin boards.

Protest Undue Pressure "When I read on our bulletin board a letter which implies that the independent ticket is representative of radicals of a dangerous nature I feel, even though its signatories are some of the most illustrious in our theatre, that unfair tactics are being used. I happen to know, personally, most of the candidates running on the independent ticket and if it is fair to call Allyn Joslyn, John Brown, Anne Revere, Mary Morris, Burgess Meredith, Eric Dressler, Edith Van Cleve, Shepard Strudwick, Edward McNamara, John Littel, Paul McGrath, Alex Kirkland, Edward Everett Hale and Richard Gordon dangerous radicals then I am afraid it is fair to them to call those in power 'Bourbons'."

Abbott protests against "undue pressure" on the part of the administration "to prevent a free election." The actors to whom he refers in his letter are the candidates independently sponsored by the progressive forces.

## Support Wider Choice

The progressives disavow that they are running on an "opposition slate" but state that the members should have the opportunity to vote for a wider list of candidates than those put up by the nominating committee, a peculiar practice which has been maintained in Equity from its beginning.

## ISU Strikers Ask for Vote On Agreement

### Joseph Curran, leader of the seamen's strike, and a committee of three other union seamen arrived in Chicago yesterday, the strike headquarters here reported, in their effort to present to the executive board of the International Seamen's Union a request for a referendum on the agreement with the shipowners, and for a restoration of other democratic union rights.

The statement to the executive board declared that the present strike has "only one aim in view—to force the shipowners to meet those demands decided upon by the membership last December to secure a union agreement that would not only bring improved wages and working conditions, but would lead to the strengthening of the International Seamen's Union." The statement appealed to the executive board to restore democratic rights to the seamen and to intervene in the New York strike to that end.

Strike headquarters here also reported that the crew of the S.S. Pennsylvania, which had signed on the picket lines on its previous cruise to the Pacific, indicated yesterday that they would now join the strike. It was also said that the crew of the S.S. Huguenot struck at Providence, R. I., yesterday.

Both strike committee and Citizens Committee to Aid the Striking Seamen are making preparations for the open hearing on the strike, to be held tomorrow night at the Central Opera House, 205 East Sixty-seventh Street.

## Lettuce Strike Ends

SALINAS, Cal., May 25 (FP).—Striking lettuce workers have returned to work pending arbitration of closed shop demands. The arbitration committee, agreement to the appointment of which was secured from both sides by Timothy A. Reardon, director of industrial relations, will consist of two workers, two growers, and a fifth member to be chosen by the other four.

## To Bare Conditions

NEW ORLEANS, May 25 (FP).—A publicity committee to place conditions existing in the Gulf maritime industry before the public has been appointed by the Crescent City district council of the Maritime Federation of the Gulf Coast. The committee will place together before civic and social organizations and bring pressure for a national investigation

## May's Strike Action Weakened by Riven

### Rank and File Ignore Threats of Feder and Schonbrun in Their Attempt to Restore Nemeser to Position in Union

The sudden and extraordinary zeal of Samuel Riven, fifth vice-president of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, to aid the comeback of Hyman Nemeser, Old Guard reactionary official, has not been confined to the seizure of the office of Local 1006, it was learned yesterday. It has also led to the handing over of the May's Department Store strike to Local 1125, in which Nemeser henchmen rule the roost.

For more than a month the Daily Worker has been receiving inquiries on the new status of affairs prevailing before the notorious department store at 510 Fulton Street. The anti-union management of which has been so closely linked up with District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan of Drukman murder fame. At the same time that the alliance of Leon Byck, slot machine czar, with the May's store and with the district attorney's office has been glaringly disclosed, the mass picket lines have ceased at May's. Picketing continues in a perfunctory manner.

What is the cause? Has been the question asked from many quarters. Given Jurisdiction of Strike One cause is that jurisdiction of the strike was turned over suddenly from Local 1250, Department Store Employees, to Local 1125. Investigation revealed yesterday. Local 1125 is one of the two locals in which Nemeser reigned supreme, before the progressive revolt against him and his indictment for coercion in August, 1935. At that time Riven wrote a letter to Jack Altman of the militant Socialists, scathingly denouncing Nemeser and his tactics in the union.

Members of Local 1006 indicated clearly yesterday that they were angered by Riven's action in superseding their regularly elected executive board for a board composed of Nemeser henchmen. They are supporting their chairman of the board, Al Gadd, and continue to

pay their dues to their regularly elected secretary-treasurer, Morris Bershad. Among Riven's appointees, members pointed out, are two members in bad standing, Leon Schechter, who was suspended for non-payment of \$21 in dues and Mac Epstein, suspended for non-payment to the amount of \$35.

## Summons to Board

The eight out of 22 members of the local executive board who joined with Riven in the arbitrary ousting of the majority of the board have been summoned by the executive board to appear before the membership meeting which opened last night at 10:30 o'clock at Irving Plaza, to answer for their actions in the seizure of the office and records of the local. The executive board stated yesterday that it did not recognize Riven's arbitrary action, which is in violation of the wishes of the members.

Efforts of David M. Schonbrun and Sam Feder, business agents of Local 1006, who are participating in the seizure of the office by Riven, to intimidate the membership have failed, active rank and file leaders of the local declared. Schonbrun and Feder have threatened the membership, saying "Lie low; don't be martyrs." Al Gadd and other members of the regularly elected executive board pointed out yesterday that Riven's autocratic pro-gram threatens the conditions maintained by the local, and that the members realize that this is the anti-labor set-up of the Ku Klux Klan, all its officers-and-backers, into the open, with full punishment of every one.

## Court to Try 1936 Election 40 Demanding To Be Analyzed Home Relief By Krumbein

The International Labor Defense called for financial support of the Tampa Committee, 112 East Ninth-street, New York. The organizations represented on the committee include the International Labor Defense, League for Industrial Democracy, American Civil Liberties Union, General Defense Committee, Local 22, I. L. G. W. U., New York Dressmakers Joint Board, I. L. G. W. U., Labor and Socialist Defense Committee, Suit Case, Bag and Portfolio Makers Union, Workers Alliance of America, Department of Social Relations, American Unitarian Association, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners.

## Brooklyn Police Attack Victims Booked for Disorderly Conduct

Thirty-eight young men and two women brutally assaulted by police while demanding relief at the Fulton Street Home Relief Bureau in Brooklyn last Wednesday, will be tried on charges of "disorderly conduct" in magistrates court, Gates Avenue and Marcy Street, this morning.

## Tenth Assembly District Workers Called to Meeting

Charles Krumbein will analyze the position of labor in 1936 at an open membership meeting of Section 2 of the Communist Party tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the Hotel Delano, 108 West Forty-third Street. A discussion period will follow his talk which will also deal with the Communist attitude toward the Labor-Non-Partisan League and with the significance of the Socialist Party convention.

## 180 Window Cleaners Picket Business Area Of Newark in Strike

NEWARK, N. J., May 25.—Because employers, big real estate men for the most part, refused to sign a contract giving window cleaners a ten per cent wage raise and three holidays a year, 180 are picketing the business area here. The strike covers all Essex County. The contract was to have expired next week. The window cleaners ask an eighteen-month contract this time, so as to insure conditions during the summer.

## Gilbert and Sullivan WPA Festival to Open

The WPA Federal Theatre Operetta Company will hold a three-week Gilbert and Sullivan festival, starting on Thursday evening, at the Bronx Coliseum, 177th Street and West Farms Square. The festival will open with "The Mikado," followed by a double bill, "Trial by Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore," and will close with "The Pirates of Penzance."

## Labor Defense Hails Verdict In Klan Case

### Urges Wide Support to Committee Drive Against KKK

Hailing the verdict against five Tampa ex-police men, members of the Ku Klux Klan, as a victory for united front against reaction, the National Executive Committee of the International Labor Defense yesterday called for an even greater united drive against the Klan to decisively smash its power.

The International Labor Defense pointed out that the higher-ups in the Florida lynch-murder of Joseph Shoemaker have so far entirely escaped, and that even yet the present victory is not complete. An appeal is being taken by the Ku Klux Klan to the Florida Supreme Court, against the verdict of the Bartow jury. The Supreme Court has never yet been known to deny a motion or appeal brought before it by Pat Whitaker, Klan attorney. In the course of the present case it showed its distinct Klan friendship by setting a precedent to rule in favor of the murderers.

The present organization drive being put on in Florida by the Ku Klux Klan, with the help of Miami and other newspapers, and the disclosures of the murderous activity of the Black Legion, a Klan organization, in Detroit, show clearly that the fight started around the campaign to force punishment of the murderers of Joseph Shoemaker is only just beginning. The International Labor Defense said.

"We call on all labor organizations to support the work of the Tampa committee, to smash the power of the Ku Klux Klan. Trade unions were called on to press the fight for full exposure and smashing of the Klan, by resolutions addressed to Governor Dave Sholtz, Tallahassee, Florida, demanding full and vigorous prosecution of all the remaining defendants and such an open public investigation as will bring the whole anti-labor set-up of the Ku Klux Klan, all its officers-and-backers, into the open, with full punishment of every one.

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## Soviet Metal Plants Show Yearly Profits

(By Cable to the Daily Worker) MOSCOW, May 25.—Kuznetsk's metal plant, named after Joseph Stalin, worked without a loss for the first time this year, as the metal industry throughout the country showed a large profit last month. Leading metal plants recorded a profit of 49,000,000 million rubles. The Magnitogorsk plant showed a profit of 6,300,000 rubles.

## Clarence Hathaway

will speak at a SPECIAL MEETING of Unit and Branch Daily Worker Representatives and Fraction Secretaries on WED., MAY 27th - 8 P.M. IRVING PLAZA 15th St. & Irving Place

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**WHAT'S ON**

**Tuesday**  
NANCY BEDFORD JONES of American Youth Congress, author of New Masses article "My Father is a Liar," speaks on "The American Youth Act" at the open meeting of the Boro Park Br. C. P. 803-48th St. 8:30 p.m. Adm. free. Bklyn.

BETHOVEN Record Cycle. Program XXI. Ninth Symphony (Weingarten). Quartet, 127 Flonksley. Adm. 35c at Disc Club, 336 W. 95th St. Aupp. Disc Club, 8:30 P. M.

A MEETING of the Ovation Br. of C. P. will be held at 800 48th St., Brooklyn, 8:15 P. M.

**Wednesday**  
UNIT Branch, Daily Worker reps, fraction secretary, special meeting in circulation Clarence Hathaway, main speaker, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl., Wednesday, May 27.

HEARTS & DEMOCRACY — A symposium, speakers: Oswald Garrison Villard, Ferdinand Lundberg, James Wechsler, Ciria Commercial High School, Union St. and Classon Ave., Bklyn. Aupp. Bedford Progressive Council. Adm. 10c. Wednesday, May 27 at 8:15 p.m.

**Moonlight & Magic SAILING UP THE HUDSON • NEW THEATRE • SHOWBOAT • THIS FRIDAY, MAY 29th MEMORIAL EVE • Dancing - Floor Show - Magical Enfield - Etc. Etc.**

**WILL LEE, Master of Ceremonies BOAT LEAVES BATTERY PARK AT 8:30**  
Tickets: \$1.50. On sale in advance: New Theatre League, 55 W. 45th St.; New Theatre Magazine, 156 W. 44th St. and all Workers' Bookshops.

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# Milwaukee Unions Plan General Stoppage Against Hearst

## Locals to Aid Foundry Strike And Reporters

**Publisher Is Condemned as Chief Labor Foe in Central Body**

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 25.—A delegate body of 90 representatives of local labor unions here is preparing a larger meeting Thursday at which further consideration will be given the question of general strike in support of the Lindemann-Hoverson Stove Company strike and the strike of newspaper men against Hearst's Wisconsin News.

The delegate body, assembled to investigate means of support for the two strikes, voted last week that its "membership should take up the question of general strike of six or eight hours and prepare to put same over in central body," and "that a committee of seven be appointed to draw up a resolution to be presented next Thursday night on general strike."

This means that all delegates present will return, and in their next union meetings, move to instruct the union delegates to the Federated Trades Council to support there a motion for general strike. It means that the committee of seven will bring a general strike resolution to the larger strike support delegate meeting Thursday and if adopted there, the same resolution will be put to a vote in the Federated Trades Council meeting June 3. There are 156 locals affiliated with the central body.

The committee of seven, appointed by John Nash McRae, strike chairman at the News' strike, is composed of J. Blair, Machinists Local 66; R. Berberich, R. R. Trainmen; G. Schwichtenberg, Corrugated Metal Workers; William Koehn, Pulp and Sulphur Workers; G. Wilbur, Teachers' Union; G. Mickelson, American Newspaper Guild and J. F. Hopkins, Steel Workers 19606.

Of the 90 delegates at last week's meeting 53 represented 30 trade unions in the city.

The main speaker of the last meeting was Saraline Loewe, of the Chicago Federation of Labor, director of their labor school and speaker's bureau. Correctly linking up the strike on the Wisconsin News and the strengthening of the trade unions and pointing out the necessity of building a strong labor party rooted in organized labor, she met with the most enthusiastic response.

"William Randolph Hearst is the spearhead of the anti-labor forces in America. His defeat in Milwaukee will be a victory for labor all over the United States," she said.

A considerable portion of the discussion at the meeting was occupied with the subject of craft unionism versus industrial unionism. It was pointed out that the greatest obstacle to the immediate winning of the News strike was the fact that the four craft unions in the plant are bound by contracts with the News. There is no question that if they would walk out for even a day it would probably end the strike. Inasmuch that if a newspaper misses a day's publication the advertisers are virtually through with it.

## \$3,000 Mark Is Reached In Radio Fund

Received Saturday and Monday \$122.10  
Total to date \$3,029.94  
Still to go \$1,979.06

A.H.M.B. gave the Browder Radio Fund a real boost yesterday with a \$50 dollar contribution. On the side, A.H.M.B. has also given \$25 for a free distribution of copies of Browder's Radio speech.

All money orders and checks should be made payable to Earl Browder.

The following contributions were received Saturday and Monday:

Section 2, City	\$15.00
A. Mann, Atch.	.75
Sec. 2, Unit 3, Dist. 10, Trinidad, Colo.	10.00
Mh Ward Br. C.P., Chicago, Ill.	17.50
W. S. City	.25
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Proletarian Poker Players, City	1.00
F. W. City	1.00
Waterbury Sec., Torrington, Conn.	1.00
Czechoslovakian Women's Club, City	5.00
Sec. 4, Unit 6-S, City	2.00
Sec. 17, City	2.17
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A.H.M.B., City	20.00

(Also for distribution of Browder's Speech) 25.00

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: For 15 words, 50c Mon. to Thurs.; 50c Fri.; 75c Sat.; 10c Sun. No per additional word. DEADLINE 11:00 A. M. the day before appearance of notice. Notices for Sunday Paper must be in by 10:00 previous Tuesday 11:00 A. M. Money must be sent in advance.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**  
"Frontier," dramatic epic of the Soviet Eastern border, will be shown at the U.S. Auditorium, 1235 Center Ave. Adm. 35c, children under 12, 15c. 7:30 P. M.

**Philadelphia, Pa.**  
Attention Philadelphia Reserve Sunday, July 12 for the "German Summer-Festival" (Picnic) on the grounds of the Workmen's Home for the Aged, near Warrington, Pa. on U. S. Route 611. Or by bus from Willow Grove to Grounds. Music, dancing, entertainment, sports. Admission free. A.M.P. German-American Workers Club.

**Jamestown, N. Y.**  
Anti-War Rally and Picnic, Sunday, May 31. All day. John Gustafson, Sec. Nat. Scandinavian Male Chorus, Refreshments and speakers. Free. Proceeds Jamestown Sec. C.P. Direction: Take Palmyra car to Palmyra—free ride to farm from there.)

# BROWDER TO SPEAK IN CHICAGO FRIDAY

## Protest Is Planned As WPA Fires 800 On Bridgeport Job

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 25.—Eight hundred workers were dropped from the WPA during the past week. Hundreds more are expected to be dropped shortly in Bridgeport and in the rest of the State.

The local Project Workers' Union has announced that it will offer strong resistance to the attempt of the government to curtail the WPA. Furthermore it will demand the reinstatement of men who have lost their jobs.

A mass meeting has already been planned for Thursday at 8 P.M., at Redmen's Hall.

## 500 Teachers Drop Charter

### Memphis Reactionaries Level Attacks at Trade Unions

By Rex Pitkin

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 25.—Ordered by the board of education to abandon their local of the American Federation of Teachers, which is affiliated with the A. F. of L., five hundred instructors in the public schools returned their charter to the national body.

The ultimatum issued by the Democratic Party political machine here was the result, labor observers say, of the campaign to crush unionization of municipal employes in Memphis. Fifteen firemen were previously discharged because they had affiliated with an A. F. of L. union. A petition signed by thousands of citizens demanding the reinstatement of the firemen was of no avail. School custodians were also ordered to disband their union.

The drive against unions came as the result of the break between R. S. McCann, head of the local trades and labor council and president of the Tennessee Federation of Labor, who embarked on a campaign to unionize WPA workers.

The board, in its resolution ordering the teachers to give up their union or be dismissed, set July 1 as a deadline. The teachers action came this week. Although the instructors are turning back their charter they are retaining group insurance, maintaining their credit union and will continue to meet for professional and social development of class room teachers.

When told of the teachers' action in breaking the chain between them and organized labor Mayor Watkins Overton, reactionary voice of the machine, said that he "can't discuss the matter without first talking to the school board."

The Memphis local of the American Federation of Teachers was 18 years old.

## \$12,000 Reward Offered For Arrest of Murderer Of Cleveland Unionist

(Daily Worker Ohio Bureau)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 25.—Reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Arthur Whitelock, president and business agent of the Ice, Coal and Water Wagon Drivers Union was boosted to a total of \$12,000 by the addition of \$1,000 voted at the meeting of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, Wednesday night.

A statement adopted by the Ice, Coal and Water Wagon Drivers Union lauding the achievements of Whitelock was unanimously adopted as its own by the Federation. The statement paid tribute to Whitelock's great devotion to his union and the organized labor movement and condemned the local newspapers that forever hounded and persecuted him while he was alive and serving the best interests of the membership.

After adopting unanimously a motion made by Thomas A. Lenehan, secretary of the Federation, to post a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of Whitelock's murderers, the meeting paid a one minute standing silent tribute to Whitelock and adjourned without transacting any other business, to honor his memory.

The \$1,000 voted by the Federation brings up the total reward to \$12,000, out of which \$5,000 was voted by Whitelock's union and \$6,000 by the other teamsters' union and Teamsters District Council.

## Everett Massacre Heroes Honored By Central Union

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—Honoring the memory of those who died in the Everett Massacre, Nov. 5, 1916, the Everett Central Labor Council at its weekly meeting on May 20 endorsed the second Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism and elected two delegates to officially represent the Council.

This is the fourth Central Labor Council in the state to take such action. Previously the Congress had been endorsed by labor bodies in Seattle, Kelso and Longview, whose delegates will attend the Northwest Congress in Seattle May 30 and 31.

"The victory of the Republican Party-Liberty League-Hearst combination would throw power on to the side of the war-mongers," Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, speaking at Madison Square Garden on May 20.

## WPA Leader Is Reinstated In Cleveland

### Workers Alliance Wins Fight for Rehiring of McNamara

CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—Thomas McNamara, former President of Project Workers Union, has been declared eligible for re-assignment by the Washington Office of the WPA after a drawn out battle for his re-instatement by the Project Workers Union. Results were definitely obtained after the Workers Alliance of America decided to take up the case on a state and national scale.

This decision on the part of the Washington WPA headquarters is a decided victory for the union. It is now up to the local administration to re-hear the case and decide on his reinstatement.

The Project Workers Union, which is completing a referendum on affiliation with the Workers Alliance on May 29, is demanding complete vindication of all charges against McNamara and that those responsible for the vicious frame-up shall be dismissed from the WPA.

McNamara was fired only a few days before the dismissal of Waldo F. Walker, former WPA head because effective. The dismissal of McNamara was also timed to make it easier to carry through a layoff of 3,100 WPA workers.

The union is now pushing an organization drive with the following demands as the objectives of the WPA workers in Cuyahoga County:

- 1—Immediate abolition of the double shift per day system.
- 2—Six-hour day, 30-hour maximum week, no work Saturdays.
- 3—Seventy cents hourly minimum rate for common labor—minimum 120 hours per month.
- 4—Fifty cents street car pass for WPA workers.
- 5—Establishment of an impartial complaint board.

## Brown Candidate Of Republicans In Connecticut

NORWICH, Conn., May 25.—Arthur M. Brown of Jewett City, state's attorney for New London County, opened his bid for Republican nominee for governor at a large mass meeting held in the City Hall here this week.

The subject of his speech was "Connecticut under Roosevelt" and was filled with right-wing, American Liberty League criticisms of the Roosevelt administration. Brown failed to offer any solution to the most pressing problems facing the people today, such as unemployment, social security, defense of peace and of democratic liberties.

Republican circles all over the state are boosting Brown and indications are that he will get the nomination for Governor. Brown comes from Eastern Connecticut, where a Farmer-Labor Party has already been organized with wide support from the thousands of textile workers there. Leaders of the Farmer-Labor movement here believe that one of the reasons the Governor is to attempt to capture thousands of Farmer-Labor votes for him by playing on the sectional feelings of the workers.

The Farmer-Labor Party of Eastern Connecticut, Second Congressional District, is making every effort together with other groups in the state, to make a success of the July 12 state-wide convention of Farmer-Labor forces at New Haven, in order to be able to run a third party ticket in the field.

## Partial Victory Scored As State Intervenes In New London Strike

NEW LONDON, Conn., May 25.—Two hundred and seventy-five young strikers, mostly girls, are back at work today in the plants of the New England Collapsible Tube Co., and Sheffield Dentrifice Box Co.

The strike was ended by a bargain worked out by the state labor department, in which the company gains most. The girls agreed to a ten per cent wage cut, instead of the twelve the company first demanded. They will have a 40-hour week, and their elected shop committee will be recognized for purposes of collective bargaining. The company grants elimination of several minor differences.

The workers are in a Federal Labor Union, chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

## Ford Cuts Work Week Indicating 1936 Season May End Early in June

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., May 25.—Automobile production took a sharp dip and the Ford Motor Company announced a four-day schedule this week. Shorter time was reported at Briggs Body and other plants.

The cut in the work-week by the Ford Company indicates that the 1936 auto season will end sooner than expected—most likely by the middle of June.

## Communist Leader To Talk on Election

### Silver Bow Charter Lifted By Green Attempts to Smash Industrial Union of Butte Miners

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—A feature of the opening, public session of the Communist Party State convention in Chicago, Friday, will be a gift to Whirlwind Larson, champion subscription getter for the Sunday Worker. Earl Browder, general secretary of the Party, will make the presentation, after his keynote speech. Part of the speech will be broadcast over station WLS.

Larson has set a fine example by his persistent Communist work for the Sunday Worker," said Morris Childs, District organizer, in announcing the award. "He has been an inspiration to other workers in the districts where he has gone on soliciting campaigns. He has not chosen the best fields, either, but often the worst, in many ways. He has braved the Southern Illinois coal fields, where nickels are scarce and there are many ways to go, for 300 subscriptions in three weeks. At the same time, he trained four or five other workers there, to carry on the campaign for subs after he left. The Southern Illinois field, as a result, is far out ahead in the Sunday Worker drive."

It was to recognize this persistent and successful work by Whirlwind Larson, that the Chicago District proposed that Earl Browder make the presentation of the District's award to its best sub getter. The ceremony will close Browder's speech on the Communist Program for 1936.

Thirty minutes of the speech will be broadcast over Station WLS, Chicago. The broadcast will begin at 7:30 Chicago Time, or 6:30 Central Standard Time. Browder's complete speech will be much longer than this half hour, however, and is only one feature of a big program planned for the one convention meeting that will be open to the public.

Special squads are mobilizing groups of Communist, Socialist and sympathetic workers to pack Ashland Auditorium, before the broadcast begins. Warning has been issued that the audience must be in its seats before 7:30, Chicago time, to hear the Communist Program for 1936.

Ashland Auditorium, where the meeting will be held Friday, is at Ashland Avenue and Van Buren Street.

## Landon Silent Laborers Win On Kidnaping 9-Year Fight

Letter from Salzman Sets Forth Details of Abduction

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 25.—A letter from Max Salzman, District Organizer of the Communist Party for the State of Kansas, giving actual details of his kidnaping more than a month ago, has been sent to Governor Alf M. Landon, at the executive mansion in Topeka.

The letter reveals bushels of evidence implicating the State Highway patrol and other police officials with the kidnaping and bearing which Salzman received on April 18.

It asked Governor Landon, Hearst candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, whether it isn't time for "you as Governor to see that the State Highway Patrol ceases its interference with labor organizations and the rights guaranteed to the people under the constitution of the United States and the State of Kansas."

State authorities have refused to make a searching investigation of the kidnaping charges made by Salzman and numerous progressive and workers' organizations.

Although Governor Landon received the letter almost a week ago, he has failed to send Salzman an answer.

Salzman also demands his private papers, which were stolen from him during the kidnaping, including a picture of his wife.

"I am convinced that everyone who does not wish to see murderous fascism come to this country indignantly condemns such anti-American deeds as this outrageous kidnaping of myself because of my political convictions," the letter said.

On April 18, about 8:30 P.M., Salzman was kidnaped two blocks from the State Capitol in Topeka by two men who acted as police officers. He was hit over the head a number of times, and had his hair pulled violently, as he was being driven about 18 miles out of Topeka.

Here both men drew guns on him, and threatened to kill him, daring him to return to Topeka. But Salzman returned to Topeka immediately and resumed his work.

A number of workers and progressive organizations have already sent protests to Governor Landon, demanding an investigation of the crime and the prosecution of the kidnaping thugs. Among them are the American Civil Liberties Union, the League for Southern Labor, the International Labor Defense and others.

## Rochester Y.C.L. Doubles Rolls, Reports Show

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 25.—Substantial gains in membership, and increased activity on all fronts, were reported by delegates to the sub-district convention of the Communist Party, which opened its sessions here Saturday.

Among the achievements heartily applauded by the convention was the doubling of the membership in the Young Communist League.

The total membership of the Communist Party in this territory has been increased by 223 members during the past few months.

## Negro Attacked Bessemer

BESSEMER, Ala., May 25 (F.P.).—Vigilantes pulled George Brown, Negro union worker, on a local construction project, from his bed, carried him 27 miles into Tuscaloosa county, and beat him into unconsciousness.

## New Rates Set Vallejo

VALLEJO, Cal., May 25 (FP).—The Vallejo carpenters union has announced increased rates from \$1 to \$1.12 an hour, in conformity with the new scale recently set for San Francisco carpenters.

## George DeWitt Foss To Represent Kansas At Chicago Conference

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TOPEKA, May 25.—The executive council of the recently formed committee for the promotion of a Kansas Farmer-Labor Party has announced that George DeWitt Foss has been designated to represent Kansas at the national Farmer-Labor Party conference in Chicago on May 30-31.

Foss was secretary of the committee that formally called the State Farmer-Labor Party conference on May 17. He is also executive secretary of the Kansas Civil Rights Commission.

The meeting will be held at the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, Federal and Ohio Streets, Monday, June 1 at 6 P. M. sharp.

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## Butte Miners Aid New Party

### Farmer-Labor Group Is Formed with the Unemployed

BUTTE, Montana, May 25.—A united front committee to promote the Farmer-Labor Party has been set up here with representation from the Butte Miners' Union, the Public Works and Unemployed Union, and the Communist Party. This committee was organized after weeks of activity on the part of the Miners Union.

The sentiment here for a Farmer-Labor Party has been rising steadily especially since the WPA has been reducing men and those in industry are faced with reduction in wages and lowering of working conditions.

Paul Smith of Denver refers to Section 8, Article 11 of the A. F. of L. Constitution as the rule applying to the revocation and further cites Section 17, Article 13 for guidance for the Council regarding their books and papers and funds.

## Browder Talks In Pittsburgh On June 1

### Guffey Act Decree of Supreme Court to Be Analyzed

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 25.—in response to intense interest among tens of thousands of miners and steel workers in Western Pennsylvania aroused by the Supreme Court's action in killing the Guffey Act, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party will come to Pittsburgh, June 1, to address a mass meeting explaining the Communist Position in the 1936 Elections and dealing especially with the question of the Supreme Court and the Guffey Act.

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# An Open Letter

## Dear Readers:

A number of our readers have reported that they were unable to secure the Daily Worker at their regular newsstands during the past week. This brings up an important question relating to the growth and distribution of our paper.

More than three weeks ago we announced a new circulation policy, whereby the Daily Worker would be sold to the newsdealers on a non-returnable basis, commencing May 18th. The reason for this is plain. There are some 8,000 newsstands in Greater New York, not including the subway and elevated stands. To distribute our paper to this number of stands on a consignment basis greatly increases both our production and distribution costs, since even delivery must be paid for whether the papers are sold or not.

Both as an economy measure, and as a means of establishing a steady day-to-day sale, it was decided that the Daily Worker must stand on its own feet as far as newsstand sales are concerned. We, therefore, urged all of our metropolitan readers to place standing orders with their newsdealers, so as to assure themselves of getting the paper regularly without loss to either the dealer or the Daily Worker.

If you are a sincere reader of the Daily Worker . . . if you believe in the principles for which this paper stands . . . you will aid us in solving the problem of distributing the Daily Worker to the greatest number of workers at the least possible expense.

Remember, there is no substitute for the Daily Worker . . . no other voice to speak so honestly and fearlessly in behalf of the underprivileged . . . in behalf of the millions whose jobs, security and happiness depend upon the speed with which the American working class can be organized and united!

By fulfilling this simple task . . . that of ordering and buying the paper regularly from your newsdealer . . . you will enable us to divert wasted funds to the improvement and expansion of our "Daily."

Fraternally yours,  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**DAILY WORKER**

Mooney Case Bares Duplicity of Brennan

Lawyer's Pose as Labor Friend Exposed at Hearings

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The hearing on Tom Mooney's petition to the State Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus resulted in a valuable contribution to the education of the people when the mask of hypocrisy was stripped from the face of a San Francisco politician, revealing the venom and duplicity of a character who has often posed as "a friend of labor."

James F. Brennan, Assemblyman and aspirant for a seat in Congress, went on the stand for the prosecution. As Fickert's assistant, Brennan had handled the prosecution of the Billings case. For many years, he has given the public the impression that he should be numbered among those who have repented of their part in the Mooney frame-up and have endeavored to right the wrong, but under the cross-examination of Defense Attorney Eddy, Brennan was revealed as the conscious ally of Fickert and Cunha, more vicious even than either of them because he was more cowardly and sought to cloak his poisonous propaganda under the guise of, as he said, "leaning over backwards to give the petitioner a square deal."

Brennan was involved in all the early moves of the frame-up gang. He knew he had no case at the time. He admitted spending many hours trying to induce Billings to turn State's evidence and help frame Mooney. He admitted that he still holds to the vicious conspiracy theory which Judge Dunn had not allowed him to use in the Billings case. This is the theory that Cunha and Fickert use to justify their methods of prosecution when they are confronted with the fact that they never had sufficient evidence to make any case against Mooney.

Brennan resigned from the prosecution forces after quarreling with Fickert, and for years he has allowed the public to infer that it was because he was aware that Fickert was not giving the cross-examination a square deal. The cross-examination revealed that he had a great contempt for Fickert, that he despised his former chief, but it was evidently because of Fickert's crudeness and carelessness in constructing the frame-up.

Brennan denied under cross-examination that the exposure of O'Connell's perjury with the publication of the O'Connell-Rigall letters and the danger of his being implicated in charges of subornation of perjury had frightened him out of the case; but he admitted his quarrels with Fickert over the sharing of the notoriety they were winning in the case, and he revealed a malice as deep-seated as that of Cunha when he said that "Mooney should be stuck on a central peg with Emma Goldman on one side and Alexander Berkman on the other, and you would have a trinity of anarchists the world could not equal."

Letters Not Found Later, he went out of his way to accuse Mooney of having withheld funds contributed to the Schmidt and Kaplan Defense, and stated that he had seen letters supporting the charges in the files seized at the Hammerbergs, but when challenged to produce the letters, both he and Assistant Attorney General Cleary suddenly found they were not available. This accusation, which Davis characterized as "false, malicious, libelous and without foundation," Brennan refused to apologize for and Cleary even tried to secure a ruling that Davis was in contempt of court.

Brennan has sought to make political capital out of moves to secure freedom for Mooney and Billings, since the exposures and recantations of the prosecution witnesses have proven their innocence, but his move in the Assembly for commutation of sentence has been exposed as an attempt to fasten upon them forever the implication of guilt. By his testimony last week, he stands revealed as one of the bitterest and most cowardly, peevish cause-covering enemies of Tom Mooney among all those involved in the frame-up conspiracy.

Cleveland Painters To Elect Agents

CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—Four locals of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America will meet to elect business agents here within the next three days. Progressive forces in the union have declared in favor of the following candidates: Steve Lesco and J. Schellhouse, in Local 897, which meets tomorrow (Mon.) 8 P. M. to 9 P. M. J. MacFarlane and Dave Rothstein, in Local 765, which meets Tuesday. Brother Cooper in Local 128, which meets Tuesday. A. Myerly, in Local 129, which meets Wednesday.

Sanctions Hit Italy

GENEVA, May 25. (UP).—The League of Nations yesterday published its latest sanctions report showing that Italy's exports continued to decline sharply during March compared with the previous corresponding period.

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13 Negro Strikers Held in Stockade

5,000 Eastern Arkansas Cotton Choppers Out in Fight to Raise Wages — Armed Guards Force Workers into Fields on Plantation

By Rex Pitkin (Special to the Daily Worker) EARLE, Ark., May 25.—Thirteen Negroes, members of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union now on strike, are locked in a concentration camp near here. They were taken from jail and placed in a newly built stockade. Armed guards stand over them. Workers throughout Eastern Arkansas have been constantly terrorized since the strike was called Monday in those areas where the union is weak cotton choppers have been forced back into fields at the point of sawed-off shot guns.

Conditions of forced labor exist only where the union cannot rally cotton day laborers. In counties where the Southern Tenant Farmers Union is strong the strike is reported solid. The strike was originally called for Cross, Crittenden and St. Francis counties but has now spread to Poinsett County.

Offer Dollar In Cross County where the union is especially well organized planters are already offering their labor a dollar a day. Rates before the walk-out were seven to five cents. The union is demanding a dollar and a half for a ten-hour day. The planters twenty-five per cent increase has been refused.

Officials of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union report forced labor existing on the Blackfish plantation near Widener and the People's plantation near Proctor.

Sherwood Eddy, former national head of the Y. M. C. A. and militant minister, visited the plantation on which the concentration camp is situated. He says that the Negroes who are locked up are "too terrorized" to talk. D. H. Peachers, wealthy plantation owner and deputy sheriff, told Eddy: "We'll run Arkansas and you keep out of this state or you'll be sorry."

Although the Southern Tenant Farmers Union reports that 5,000 cotton choppers have laid down their tools the landowners in Eastern Arkansas are unanimous in their statements that there isn't a strike. There are no "outside agitators" in the strike zone. The organizers of the union are all native Southerners.

The current walkout was planned over a period of two months and was strategically timed so as to hit the planters when they are most vulnerable. Weeds are now choking the short cotton bushes and un-

Real Estate Tax Repeal Asked by City Council Of Chicago in Resolution

CHICAGO, Ill., May 25.—The City Council has passed a resolution calling for repeal of the three mill real estate tax, and expressing their opposition to any increase in taxes on real estate. Denouncing the present tax as wholly inadequate, the resolution demanded the present relief set-up be continued until the end of the year. Present plans call for its end by July 1, by which time the townships are supposed to take over the administration of relief.

The funds for this are supposed to be provided by the three mill real estate tax and one-third of the proceeds of the sales tax. Localities have joined in denouncing this scheme as one that will throw impossible burdens on the townships. The special session of the legislature is supposed to "consider" this question.

Tax Rich for Books, University President In South Urges

RICHMOND, Va., May 25. (FP).—Tax the rich to provide libraries for the 45,000,000 Americans who have no access to books. "This was the gist of a talk by President Frank Graham of the University of North Carolina to the American Library Association at its Richmond convention. "Books are a defense against dictators and demagogues," he declared. "Ideas let loose by old manuscripts broke down and led to new discoveries." Declaring that farmers and workers must have facts with which to check the "generalizations of demagogues," Dr. Graham said that the rural south was witnessing a race "between the boll-woolly and the public library, farm tenantry and regeneration."

Spanish Masses Stride Forward to Political Unity in People's Bloc

By JOSE DIAZ The proletariat and the working men of Spain are marching forward at a rapid pace on the path to organizational and political unity, the indispensable prerequisite of the victory of the revolution. The amalgamation of the C.G.T.U. and the U.G.T., preparing the way for the complete unification of the whole trade union movement, has been followed by a fresh step of historical importance by the working masses of Spain: the unification of the Communist and Socialist Youth.

The fraternal relations between the Young Communist League and the Socialist Youth Federation go back to July, 1934; that is to say, they commenced a few months before the October uprising in Spain. In July, 1934, as the rising wave of the revolutionary movement increased in strength, the leaders of the Young Communist and Young Socialist met for the first time, in order to discuss a joint platform and to establish united action between Communist and Socialist Youth, by which the broad masses of toiling youth might be trained for the revolutionary struggle.

The events of October, 1934, interrupted these negotiations: the conference between the leaders of Communist and Socialist Youth were broken off. Nevertheless, the young Socialists and Communists had the opportunity of getting to know one another better, for they were fighting together and generating deeper into the Marxist-Leninist ideas. Period of Repression The lengthy period of repression and illegality following the events of October served to strengthen the ties between the Young Communist and Young Socialist. The openly reformist line adopted by the majority of the Socialist Party leaders, their opposition to the united front, the negative attitude of the leaders of the Second International, and the Young Socialist International towards the October uprising, the full support given the revolutionary movement of Spain by the Comintern and the Y.C.I.—all this contributed to the r-

Textile Mill Strike Arrests Reach Ninety

All Picketing Barred as Police Rope Off the Highways

By Paul Crouch SPARTANBURG, S. C., May 25.—Several more strikers were arrested here last night for walking in the vicinity of the Spartan mills where a strike is in progress. This brings the total arrested in the strike to more than 90.

No picketing whatever is permitted in Spartanburg and anyone who approaches the mill is likely to be arrested. The highway in front of the mill has been closed by steel cables extending away. Large forces of police and special deputies guard all approaches. A car was wrecked when the driver failed to see the steel cable across the highway.

Another large mass meeting was held in a field near the mill village Saturday afternoon. The company is making a pretense of operating the mill one shift with a skeleton force which is daily becoming smaller. In Gaffney four of the five mills in that mill town remain completely closed and are surrounded with large picket lines.

The mills closed by the strike in Gaffney are the Alma, Hamrick, Limestone and Gaffney. The Spartan mill in Spartanburg, where the most terror has been used by the mill owners, is owned by the company operating the Gaffney mill. At Newberry, S. C., the Mollahan mill is completely closed by the strike while another mill at Rock Hill, S. C., is involved in the strike. At present more than 2,500 workers are on strike in the textile region of South Carolina, and the Tupacau mill is expected to close soon. There is considerable talk of a general strike in the textile industry.

Cooperative Congress Call for October In Columbus, Ohio

(By Federated Press) Representatives of 2,000,000 organized consumers will meet in Columbus, O., Oct. 8 to 10 to survey cooperative developments and plan expansion.

This 10th biennial congress of the Cooperative League of the U. S. A. will bring together managers, educational and recreational directors and member delegates from farm purchasing cooperatives, cooperative gas stations, grocery stores, bakeries, credit unions, creameries, restaurants, apartment houses, student cooperative eating establishments, dormitories and bookstores, cooperative insurance companies and hospitals, and several consumer-owned cooperative mills and compounding plants.

Old Guard Moves To Withdraw Aid To Allentown Strikers

ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 25.—Delegates of the Social Security League under control of Old Guard Socialists, were withdrawn from the joint action committee to aid the Freilhofer Bakery strikers, at its last meeting, May 19. The joint action committee is made up of representatives of all labor and political organizations in the city.

Only a Farmer-Labor Party gives any hope of checking and defeating the Republican-Liberty League threat against our liberties.

Splitting of Hair

J. D. Louisville, Kentucky, writes: "For the past six months, I have been using the treatment recommended for dandruff in Health and Hygiene. The dandruff cleared up in short order, but the hair continues to fall a little, especially after a vigorous massage. I notice also that many of the hairs are split at the ends and that the root has a slight enlargement. Is this an indication of some other diseased condition and can anything be done about it? How long does it take a hair to reappear again after it has come out if the root cell is still alive?"

Splitting of the ends of the hair is not abnormal. That is the way hair is kept from growing to an indefinite length. When a hair gets long, it splits and the end part breaks and falls off. The root may appear swollen to you because your attention has been drawn to your hair.

In some cases, there seems to be some progression, although slow and minimal loss of hair; even when the dandruff appears to be treated adequately. Do not get discouraged, but continue the treatment, since you are preventing a rapid and great hair loss.

Your last question is a bit vague. The normal hair cycle is about three months; that is, a hair grows for about three months, falls out, and a new hair starts to grow from the same root. Perhaps this answers your question, if you mean to ask whether a hair root can be alive but dormant and then at a later period grow hairs, we do not know much about that question.

YOUR HEALTH

By Medical Advisory Board

Doctors of the Medical Advisory Board do not advertise.

All questions to this column are answered directly. Correspondents are asked to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Crusts on the Eyelids

P. A., Toronto, Canada, writes: "I am troubled with a crust-like formation on my eyelids. My local doctor says it is Blepharitis and prescribed yellow oxide of mercury and mercurochrome. After using these medicines persistently for some time, the crusts gradually disappear, but always come back before and during spring. This year I had it all winter. Is there any way I could get rid of it permanently? My eyes are good. I am a printer and another worker in the shop developed it lately. Did he catch it from me? Has printers' ink anything to do with this disease?"

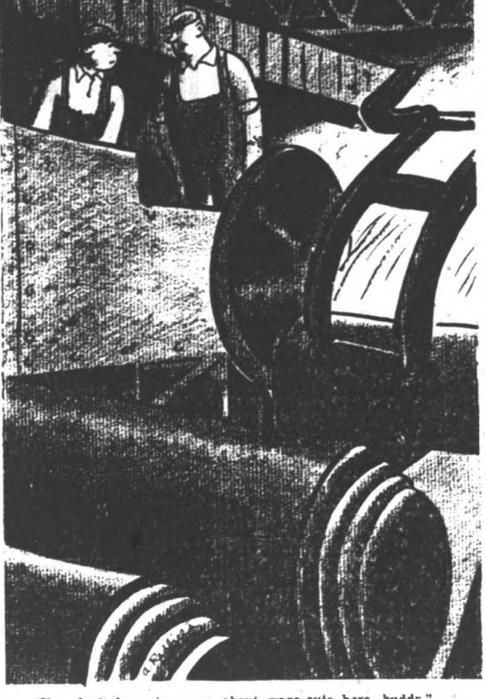
The first step to take is to have a careful examination made by an eye doctor to determine if glasses will help this condition. The next is to keep the scales from adhering to the lids by removing them morning and night with a piece of cotton dipped in weak solution of baking soda: 1 teaspoon to a glass of hot water. After the scales are thoroughly removed, rub a little cold cream into the lashes; do not use the yellow oxide of mercury, as this irritates the lids.

Be sure the hands are thoroughly washed before handling the eyes. This condition is not contagious and is not produced by printers' ink. The simple treatment outlined is usually effective, but it must be kept up several times a week, even after the lids look well, as the Blepharitis has a tendency to recur.

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3:45-WEAF-The O'Neills-Sketch
WJZ-Description, Midget Auto Races, Indianapolis
WEVD-"Uncle Abner," Juvenile Stories
4:00-WEAF-Woman's Review
WOR-Variety Musicale
WJZ-Betty and Bob-Sketch
WABC-Hector Orch.
WEVD-Kalvaryskia Orchestra
4:15-WJZ-Basketball-Wife-Sketch
4:30-WEAF-Ranch Boys, Songs
WJZ-Newark Harmonica Band
WBC-Concert by A. Seems
WEVD-Italian Music
4:45-WEAF-Women's Club Talk
WOR-Strange as It Seems
WJZ-Magic Voice-Sketch
5:00-WEAF-Top Hatters Orchestra
WOR-News, Omar the Mystic
WJZ-Little Opera House, Music
WABC-Jimmy Farrell, Baritone
WJZ-Minority and Company
5:15-WABC-Mills Orchestra
5:30-WEAF-Manhattan Guardmen Band
WOR-Story Teller's Hour
WJZ-Singing Lady
WEVD-Clemente Gigli Players
5:45-WEAF-Dick Tracy-Sketch
WOR-Little Opera House, Music
WABC-Wilderness Road-Sketch
6:00-WEAF-Flying Time-Sketch
WOR-Uncle Sam
WJZ-News, Male Quartet
WABC-Benay Venus, Solo
6:15-WEAF-News, Midwest Hymn Song
WOR-News, Sports, Drama
WABC-News of Youth-Sketch
6:30-WEAF-Press-Radio News
WOR-Press-Radio News
WJZ-Press-Radio News
WABC-Press-Radio News
6:35-WEAF-Basketball Returns
WOR-Guest
WABC-Alexander Cores, Violin
6:45-WEAF-Billy and Betty-Sketch
WOR-News, Sports, Drama
WJZ-Lowell Thomas, Commentator
WABC-Retiree of the Mounted
7:00-WEAF-Amos in Andy
WJZ-News, Sports, Drama
WABC-Mable Jennings, Commentator
7:15-WEAF-Edwin C. Hill, Commentator
WOR-Little Opera House, Music
WJZ-Tony Russell, Songs
WABC-Black Orch. Jerry Cooper
7:30-WEAF-News, Sports, Drama
WABC-Citizens Family Welfare
WOR-Thank You, Statue-Sketch
WJZ-Lum and Abner-Sketch
7:45-WEAF-Fred Hufsmith, Tenor
7:45-WEAF-The Delegation of Powers
WOR-Dickinson, Assistant U. S. Attorney General
WJZ-Pancho Orch.
WABC-Vivian Della Chiesa, Songs
WABC-Boake Carter, Commentator

The Ruling Claws



"You don't have to worry about wage-cuts here, buddy." "Yeah—they start you so low there's nothing to cut."

WOMEN OF 1936

By Ann Rivington

COMRADE Medical Director has sent me some little pictures of woman patients: "How They Talk," he calls his contribution. "I'm not stringing the beads. They do that in Japan for four cents an hour, working sixteen hours a day. I'm only putting on the locks to each string of beads. I'm doing about 600 locks a day—nine hours. In the ad that my boss put in the papers, he asked for good-looking, well-dressed girls. How could I be well-dressed on ten dollars a week, with a child at home and a husband out of work? But I can't understand it, and new workers is doing more than I, and all she gets is eight dollars a week. She says she needs it bad. I'm afraid pretty soon they'll pay me less, too. So I told her not to be a fool, and she promised to ask for a raise. Who knows?"

A forty-seven-year-old woman. A dressmaker. Suffering from heart disease, general weakness and anemia. Very skinny. "She should not work. Somebody should take care of her. But she has nobody. She works in a dress store, making alterations for customers. Bad hours. Till 8 or 9 evenings. Saturdays till 11 p. m. "She says, 'I only want to know how long my heart will keep up. I'm not afraid to die. What is life for us, anyhow?'"

WIDOW, 55, seven children. Youngest nine years. Cough, advanced, cyanosis, constipation. Headache, tuberculosis in spite of her age. "Eight persons living in two rooms. "Very much housework, from 5 in the morning to 11 at night. Scrubbing floors, washing clothes. She has been treated a great deal. She is humorous. I would have died, but the doctor died first. "She has had much trouble with her children, much worry. Three years ago a son of 17, suffering from blood poison, had a leg amputated. Since then her condition is naturally worse. "She says, 'Rest? When they cover me up with earth, I'll rest. I see such a big world full of riches and health and strength, and I have nothing."

YES, Comrade Medical Director. "I have nothing—when they cover me up with earth, I'll rest." Which of us has not said these words, or heard them from the mouth of someone dear to us? We have nothing. We cannot rest. But because we have nothing, we are able to fight, because we have nothing, no peace, no security, no future in the world the way it is, we are going to take the world for ourselves. We are learning fast. We are getting together. The strength of courage in our growing purpose is carrying us forward.

I am hearing from more and more groups of women, women alike, like these, carrying the pitiful wounds of their slavery in their bodies; I am hearing from such groups stories of struggle and action.

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Congress of the S. P., which will take place in June, will have to decide in favor of one tendency or the other. Had the present temporary form of the unification of the youth been rejected, the Young Socialists would have had to sever their relations with the Socialist Party, which would have narrowed the fighting front of the revolutionary camp. The adoption of this temporary form of unification—on the basis of the Young Socialist Federation—signifies the reinforcement of the ranks of Socialist Youth by many thousands of Young Communists, and the strengthening of the fighting front against the reformist centrist tendency. The important point for the unity movement, and for the whole advance of the revolution in Spain, is that the line represented by Largo Caballero gains the victory in the Socialist Party. There is no question whatever of an incorporation, or of an organizational victory, or of capitulation on the part of one or the other Youth organizations. A new Youth organization is being formed, which in its own interests, and in the interests of revolution, adopts for the time being a temporary form of organization until the time of the next Congress of the S. P. and until the Unity Congress. The bourgeoisie and the reactionaries are extremely angry at this decision, and are shouting about the "Red Danger" and the "Hand of Moscow." The reformist and centrist leaders of the S. P. are passing the matter over in silence. The few Trotskyists in Spain have started a slander campaign and are spreading as much confusion as they can. The broad masses of the workers and peasants, on the other hand, welcome the historical step taken by the Young Socialists and Young Communists; they realize that the unification of the Youth is the first step on the path of trade union unity, and that the Bolshevik Party is the guarantee of victory for the revolution in Spain.

Decision Must Be Made Even before October, 1934, there was a fierce struggle between two tendencies in the S. P. of Spain: between the Left, the revolutionists, the adherents of the united front, the unity party, and the revolution on the one hand, under the leadership of Largo Caballero, and the reformist Centrists, the foes of the unity of the proletariat and of the revolution, on the other, under the leadership of Besteiro and Prieto. It must be recognized that it was the Socialist Youth who took up the struggle against the Reformists and Centrists in the Socialist Party after the October events. The instructions on this point are contained in a circular sent by the Central Committee of the Y.C.I. and the National Executive Commission of the Y.S.L. to their sections. All Communist and Socialist Youth organizations must make a determined start in bringing about fusion on a local, provincial and regional scale and must elect new committees. The Young Socialist and Young Communist central committees have formed a co-ordinating committee, each sending three representatives. The committee has the task of dealing with all questions connected with unity and of calling within a short time a National Unity Congress, which will work out in a democratic way and in its final form the principles, the final program and the structure of the new youth organization and elect its leadership. "The National Unity Congress, which will finally settle the question of unity will take place on the basis of the Young Socialist Federation and the latter will retain its present relationship with the Socialist Party." This form of fusion is only a temporary one, until the Unity Congress, and more especially until the next congress of the Socialist Party, which must decide the inner struggle in this party between the unity of the proletariat, to secure the victory of the revolution. The ideological, political and organizational basis of the unification has been laid down as follows: "A new organization of the Youth, based on Marxism-Leninism, and affiliated as sympathizing body to the Y.C.I., working in collaboration with the Communist Party of Spain and the Left-wing of the Socialist Party of Spain until the time comes when the political and organizational unity of the Spanish proletariat in one single Bolshevik Party has been achieved."

National Unity Congress How is the unification of the Communist and Socialist Youth being carried out in actual practice? Instructions on this point are contained in a circular sent by the Central Committee of the Y.C.I. and the National Executive Commission of the Y.S.L. to their sections. All Communist and Socialist Youth organizations must make a determined start in bringing about fusion on a local, provincial and regional scale and must elect new committees.

WOMEN OF 1936

By Ann Rivington

COMRADE Medical Director has sent me some little pictures of woman patients: "How They Talk," he calls his contribution.

"I'm not stringing the beads. They do that in Japan for four cents an hour, working sixteen hours a day. I'm only putting on the locks to each string of beads. I'm doing about 600 locks a day—nine hours. In the ad that my boss put in the papers, he asked for good-looking, well-dressed girls. How could I be well-dressed on ten dollars a week, with a child at home and a husband out of work? But I can't understand it, and new workers is doing more than I, and all she gets is eight dollars a week. She says she needs it bad. I'm afraid pretty soon they'll pay me less, too. So I told her not to be a fool, and she promised to ask for a raise. Who knows?"

A forty-seven-year-old woman. A dressmaker. Suffering from heart disease, general weakness and anemia. Very skinny. "She should not work. Somebody should take care of her. But she has nobody. She works in a dress store, making alterations for customers. Bad hours. Till 8 or 9 evenings. Saturdays till 11 p. m. "She says, 'I only want to know how long my heart will keep up. I'm not afraid to die. What is life for us, anyhow?'"

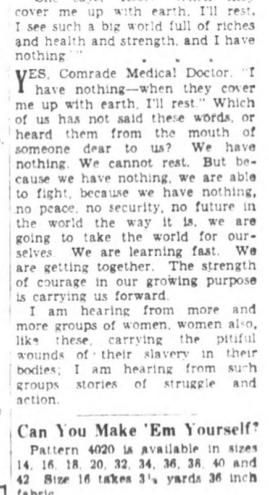
WIDOW, 55, seven children. Youngest nine years. Cough, advanced, cyanosis, constipation. Headache, tuberculosis in spite of her age. "Eight persons living in two rooms. "Very much housework, from 5 in the morning to 11 at night. Scrubbing floors, washing clothes. She has been treated a great deal. She is humorous. I would have died, but the doctor died first. "She has had much trouble with her children, much worry. Three years ago a son of 17, suffering from blood poison, had a leg amputated. Since then her condition is naturally worse. "She says, 'Rest? When they cover me up with earth, I'll rest. I see such a big world full of riches and health and strength, and I have nothing."

YES, Comrade Medical Director. "I have nothing—when they cover me up with earth, I'll rest." Which of us has not said these words, or heard them from the mouth of someone dear to us? We have nothing. We cannot rest. But because we have nothing, we are able to fight, because we have nothing, no peace, no security, no future in the world the way it is, we are going to take the world for ourselves. We are learning fast. We are getting together. The strength of courage in our growing purpose is carrying us forward.

I am hearing from more and more groups of women, women alike, like these, carrying the pitiful wounds of their slavery in their bodies; I am hearing from such groups stories of struggle and action.

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# A Letter from Arkansas

By JEEMS ADAMS

Mena, Ark.

"Down in the Tennessee Mountains—away from the sins of the world—"

DOLLY BRISTOW was born and reared in the piney Anderson County. But, contrary to the old ballad, Tennessee is not without its sins. It is filled with the great sin of oppression of the poor and black.

Dolly had the good fortune to be born with a white skin, but she came into the world as one of the youngest of a family of poor whites. She was reared to a life of toil and drudgery. "Things have been rocky ever since I was born," she says.

Dolly's parents were poor, honest, hard-working. Her father, who died when she was ten, worked long hours in the black dust and muck of the coal mines that he and his wife and children might live. Dolly grew up with little or no chance to get an education. There was something more important to think about: the struggle for existence.

A deputy sheriff killed her father. A while before he was killed the miners of the notorious Brushy Mountain mine where he was employed came out on strike. The striking miners liberated the convicts who were forced to live in the mines. Militiamen were rushed into the strike zone and a pitched battle followed in which many militiamen and some miners were killed. Dolly's father was in this battle, fighting beside his comrades, his fellow workers. The powers that were (and are) didn't like men, or workers, who would fight them for their rights. A gun-thug shot and killed Dolly's father.

THEN Dolly saw her eighteen and twelve-year-old brothers march off to the yawning mines to dig for a living for their mother and little sisters. Dolly's brothers couldn't go to school and get themselves good education like the mine officials' sons. Their child's bones and muscles bore the strain of long, bitter hours toll in the foul pits. But there's one good thing about the mines. It makes militants. It makes fighters of those it doesn't kill.

Dolly's people have always been good unionists since the organization of unions in their community. Dolly says: "I was asked to go with a scab boy. If a boy asked to escort one of us from a meeting we always asked him whether or not he was a scab or a union man. If he was a scab we'd have nothing to do with him. So it came about that when she married, she chose a union miner."

Dolly had been married only a few months when her miner husband was crushed in the mines by a fall of slate. It didn't kill him. He lived nearly twenty years, unable to walk a step. The injury had deprived him of the use of his legs and one arm. "But," Dolly says, "anywhere he wanted to go I carried him on my back." Till he died in 1922.

DOLLY comes of rugged Cumberland Mountain stock. Her father was one of the Tennessee Hawkines, whose mother was half Cherokee. Her mother's people are sturdy Dutch. She has worked hard wherever she's lived. In Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma, western and northeastern Arkansas.

Dolly has made railroad ties, run rafts, cut sawlogs and made piling. She's loaded lumber and hauled it with teams. She did this kind of work over a period of nearly twenty years to support herself and her invalid husband. Life to her has been filled with hard work and though it may have left its mark on her body and calloused her hands it has not robbed her of the merry twinkle of her kindly eyes nor abated her spontaneous laughter. She takes great pride in her honest toil. With a partner she's made as high as fifty railroad ties a day. When her husband became unable to work she had no one to turn to for aid. There was none of her people who was able to help her.

In Tennessee they won't let women work in the mines. So Dolly came west and timbered. She hasn't seen any of her people in nearly twenty years.

AFTER she moved from western Arkansas in 1925 Dolly has interested herself in the struggle of the sharecroppers of her new home community in the northeastern part of the state. They are the kind of people she fights for. The sharecroppers, white and black, are the worst exploited people she knows of.

She joined the Southern Tenant Farmers Union when it was organized. She has worked by the side of her comrades in toil. In 1935 the landlords, officers and business men formed a mob and shot up the home of a member of the union in which Dolly and other union members had held a meeting. One fifteen-year-old girl was shot through the head.

Dolly tells how the sharecroppers are denied the right to trade, how they must deal only with the planter-owned or controlled firms. How the very poorest of the croppers, Negroes and whites, subsist on refuse from the tables of the planters which they are permitted to have only after it has become unfit for food. How their children are unable to attend school because they can't get clothes and must help their parents make a living. How they are forced to live in the meanest shelters constructed in many instances of lard crates and bits of tin.

Dolly likes Commonwealth. Money was raised by the school to permit her and six other sharecroppers to attend the Spring term. She hates to see the time come when she'll have to leave. She is studying public speaking and intends to go out from Commonwealth on speaking tours to raise funds to educate others of her people so that they may awaken to their plight.

## Facts to Know

Quit Your Kidding, Sen. Borah!

SENATOR BORAH, who seeks the Republican presidential nomination, bases his opposition to the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching bill on the ground that it "violates state's rights." If he were President, he says, he would "unhesitatingly veto it."

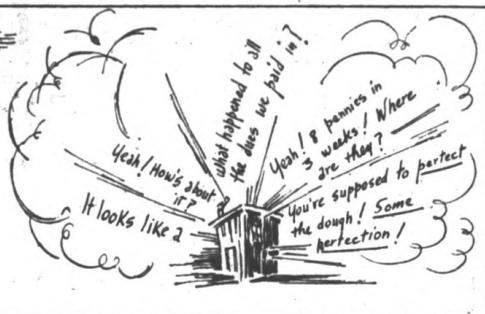
State's rights caused Senator Borah no difficulty, however, when it came to supporting the federal liquor prohibition amendment. Perhaps the real attitude of this professed "friend" of the Negro people is to be found in his declaration, during a debate on suffrage in 1914, that it had been a mistake to give Negroes the vote after the Civil War and that he favored the repeal of the 15th Amendment. And in 1920 he spoke as follows to a Mississippi Senator in reference to the South's evasion of the 15th amendment: "I am not discussing whether the South could submit to the domination of the inferior race. I am not discussing the justification of what you have done. We would do the same thing in the North if the situation was the same."

## LITTLE LEFTY

WELL, DON'T SIT THERE LIKE A BUNCH OF STATUES—HOW'S ABOUT MY TREASURY REPORT?



## Fighting Words!



I EXPLAINED WHERE IT WENT, DIDN'T I?



by del

SAY!! ANY OF YOU MUGS THINK I'M A CROOK, BY ANY CHANCE?



# Sketches from Two Worlds

## PARIS

By M. C. S.

I WANT the reader to take a walk round Paris with me—not the traditional Paris of Beaudelaire, with its numerous picture-galleries, churches and museums; nor along the straight, broad streets and boulevards, erected by Haussmann in the fifties with the deliberate aim of making barricade fighting more difficult; nor down the Rue de Rivoli, where every window displays the latest creations of Worth and Molyneux and jewels worth millions of pounds; nor down the Boulevards of Montmartre and Montparnasse, bristling with bars and cafes, where tired cabaret dancers nightly lift their legs for the entertainment of pleasure-seeking tourists and business men.

No, we will get into the Metro and travel for some ten stations, getting out at the Port d'Italie, right in the north of the city.

I AM with a friend who is employed as a District Medical Visitor. Every morning she does the rounds of some 20 families who have applied for medical assistance and tests the veracity of their applications, since medical services under a capitalist organization have only limited funds at their disposal.

In the first house, after a laborious climb up five flights of stairs, we find a Negro worker; he has been unemployed for two years, but has worked since January until his illness in a shoe factory, earning 170 francs a week (about \$11). He is crippled with rheumatism, and hasn't stirred from his tiny garret for over a month. A skylight lets in a negligible quantity of light and air.

THE next family we visit consists of a young man and his wife, who have put in an application for free milk for their child. In the badly ventilated room most of the space is taken up by the bed and by a feverish, unhealthy looking baby of 14 months, rolling on the floor.

The father, a truck driver, and the mother, a factory worker, both unemployed, have but recently come up to Paris to look for work.

Between them they get 18 francs (\$1.20) a day (10 for the man, four for the woman and four for the child) and the rent of their miserable lodgings is 100 francs a month (\$6.60).

The next flat is larger and consists of two rooms and a hall, but the occupiers, an old woman of 80 and her niece, who used to be a singer in the Nice casino, only get 15 francs (\$1.00) a day (old age pension and unemployment benefit) and cannot meet the rent of 2,000 francs (\$133) a year.

I suspect they starve themselves in order to pay as much as they can. The old aunt, with tears in her eyes, tells us, "My niece used to be so beautiful and now her coat is threadbare, she hasn't had a new one for twenty years."

NUMBER 4 on the list is another old woman, bed-ridden, stone deaf and suffering from acute rheumatism. She lives in a single room, for which she pays 600 francs (\$40) a year—the rents vary enormously. She thinks my friend has come for money and cries out: "I can't pay you—I haven't a penny," and then: "Je vais me pendre, I am going to hang myself, I am no use to anyone on this earth."

AND so it goes on—house after house, each telling a tale of misery, unemployment and despair.

## NEW C.I.

RICH in Marxist-Leninist theory, the new No. 5 issue of The Communist International holds special interest for American readers because of the splendid article by William Z. Foster, entitled "The Industrial Union Bloc in the American Federation of Labor." E. Varga, brilliant Marxist economist, contributes "The Capitalist Way Out of the Crisis" and from the vigorous pen of Tim Buck, beloved leader of the Communist Party of Canada, comes a keen analytical article, "Canadian Capitalism Re-shapes Its Line." A vivid account of the tremendous advances in the social, cultural and economic life of the peoples of Soviet Georgia under Socialism is given in Laurence Berta's "The Victory of the National Policy of Lenin and Stalin." Harry Pollitt contributes "Against the Instigators of War and Those Who Abet Them," a sharp attack on the National Government of Britain and its policy of encouraging Hitler. In his revealing "The German People Want Peace—Hitler Wants War," E. Fisher points out the rising tide of resistance to the fascist war-instigators and war-mongers in Nazi Germany. A. Sergeev contributes a stirring article "Dimitroff Before the Fascist Court" and C. Bobrovskaya, veteran Bolshevik and friend of Lenin, writes on "The Comrade-in-Arms of Thaelmann."

The new C. I. is one of the finest in many months. It is a real and permanent addition to every Marxist library. Do not miss it.

## MOSCOW

By Eugene Gordon

TWO writers meet medical workers. . . . In Paris, a tour of the slums with a medical officer . . . in Moscow, which has no slums, Eugene Gordon, noted American Negro writer, learns how a Socialist land treats alcoholics. . . . Two worlds—one where the workers hold power, the other where the People's Front today faces the dramatic struggle against the 200 "best families" who live from the misery and degradation of the millions.

THE rent alone amounts to 40 francs a month.

Though it was round about midday when I was in the Zone, I did not see a single sign of any meal being prepared. The diet seems to consist largely of bread and thin coffee, taken at any hour of the day.

YET there are hopeful signs, even in this black district.

A Socialist municipal council has just come in; there are Communists on it; and it will tackle the problem of the Zone as efficiently and energetically as it is tackling the housing question in other parts of Paris—Villjuif or Alfort, for example.

Already I am told many of the hovels have been taken down and the inhabitants transferred to new and spacious flats and tenements, at low rents, and perhaps within another year the Zone will be a nightmare of the past and the space used as parks and playgrounds for the children.

THIS election is going to make a change in Paris. The Front Populaire with its cry, "Make the rich pay; Bread, Peace and Freedom," has won the day. And so, if this victory can be consolidated, no longer will the wealth of France be concentrated as it has been for so long in the hands of about 200 families.

# A True Play of the Civil War

By ELIZABETH LAWSON

BATTLE HYMN, a play by Michael Blankfort and Michael Gold, presented by the Federal Theatre Works Progress Administration, Experimental Theatre, 63rd Street, West of Broadway.

"BATTLE HYMN," a play about John Brown, opened Friday night and the opening marked an event of major importance in the development of the left-wing theatre. Before this play closes its run, someone with more knowledge than I have of the technique of playwrighting and acting should make a detailed technical criticism. To me the play seemed adequate, and the acting competent. The most important thing about "Battle Hymn" is that left-wing playwrights have at last begun to use the rich dramatic materials of American revolutionary history.

The play comes at an opportune time. Our bourgeois playwrights and our motion-picture producers—not to speak of novelists and historians—have been hard at work distorting American history, particularly the history of the slave epoch and the anti-slavery struggle. A modern ruling-class, face to face with mass discontent and the specter of revolution, looks back with affection on a ruling-class of the past—the slavocracy—and attempts to convince us that it did not deserve the fate that overtook it. The most shameless lies of the slavocracy—particularly the lie of a happy and contented class of slaves—have become the stuff out of which the bourgeois theatre and the movies are today re-creating the past. If the apologetics of the slavocracy were the truth—and the playwrights, movie producers, novelists and historians are working overtime to convince us that it was—then a former ruler stands vindicated by history; the abolition movement, one of the greatest mass movements of all times, is discredited, and a major portion of our revolutionary heritage is wiped out.

I HEARD a number of people in Friday night's audience wondering whether certain speeches in the play represented sentiments actually expressed in pre-Civil War days, or whether they had been slyly injected into the drama to drive home the revolutionary lessons of abolition times. There is no room here to go into the story of

the period in detail; but it is certain that the authors of "Battle Hymn" have introduced nothing into the play which is not recorded in history. But they have—and this is one of the play's greatest virtues—emphasized those aspects of the class struggle of the pre-Civil War era which have special bearing on the class struggle of today.

Such treatment of history is by no means a matter of course. Our official historians, our makers of text-books, have effectively stripped the anti-slavery crusade—and, for that matter, all the great progressive movements of the past—of their mass revolutionary character. They have presented the abolition movement as the work of a few middle-class reformers. It was, actually, a struggle with its roots in factories and workshops, and among the farmers of the north-west; it drew its first strength from the toiling sectors of the people. As the aggression of the slaveholders increased, the movement broadened, sweeping into its ranks first one and then another stratum of the population. The rising industrial bourgeoisie gave its most talented leaders to the fight. Clergymen and physicians, students and professors, attorneys and scientists, joined in the battle. A list of the writers who served the literary standard-bearers of the anti-slavery crusade reads like an international honor-roll of the literature of the period. The Negro people, slave and free, were in the front ranks of this army of liberation.

LIKEWISE, the methods of the abolition movement bore a mass revolutionary character. Mass meetings and mass demonstrations, mass agitation and mass boycott, and a widespread network of illegal activities, of which the most important was the Underground Railroad over which slaves were spirited away to free soil—these were the weapons of the abolitionists. At all times the movement found itself in direct conflict with the government, which the slavocracy held in the hollow of its hand. The abolition struggle was thus a mass movement arisen to combat the advancing pro-slavery forces; it is comparable to the mass movement arising today to combat the advancing forces of fascism.

Here is first-class material for the drama. —but the bourgeois playwrights have turned their backs on it, for the need of the bourgeoisie

TURNING at the sound of our feet, the nurse coming from a room near the end of the corridor lifted a warning finger. Our guide, the young chief physician, whispered to us. "This is the rest period. They are asleep."

He opened the first door on the left and we saw four beds, on each of which a man lay asleep beneath a blue blanket. On a chair near the head of a bed a book lay open face down. Pale sunlight of an early spring afternoon entered from the quiet courtyard. The doctor indicated the scene with a gesture.

There returned to me his answer to a question I had asked him in his office upstairs. "No, we don't look upon chronic drunkards as a crime, and we don't punish the drunkard. It is an illness and we treat it as an illness."

"That means then," I asked, "that these men don't lose their wages while they are here? Their jobs are waiting for them and their pay goes on?"

Yes, that was true. While the men are receiving hospital treatment, their wages are paid to their families.

PATIENTS of the Moscow Psychiatric Hospital for Chronic Alcoholism come from different sections of the population, but those from educated groups are fewest. Special emphasis is laid on raising the material and cultural level of the younger generation. Today the majority of chronic drunkards are above 30.

In this report at the session of the Central Executive Committee of the USSR early this year, A. I. Mikoyan, Peoples Commissar of the Food Industry, cited statistics to show that consumption of spirits had greatly declined since the October Revolution. Before that war, he said, "96 per cent of the total output of alcohol was used in the manufacture of vodka, wines and liquors." Today, however, only 50 per cent of the alcohol output is used for vodka and five per cent more for wine. The remainder goes into industrial production.

V. M. Molotov, Chairman of the Council of Peoples Commissars, in a report at the same session declared that parallel with the rise in the people's cultural level there is a reduction in the consumption of vodka. "In 1913 the consumption of vodka amounted to 8.1 liters per person. Since the Revolution the consumption has never been as high

as that. In 1931 the consumption of vodka amounted to 4.5 liters per person, which was a little more than half the prewar rate. In 1935 the consumption of vodka dropped to 3.7 liters per person." (A liter is about 40 ounces.)

MOSCOW'S hospital for chronic drunkards states that those who do not injure their health through immoderate drinking may often blame unfortunate home or family conditions and inferior cultural equipment. Striking evidence to this effect is furnished by the fact that cases of chronic alcoholism among women have been so greatly reduced that the special hospital once maintained for them has been closed.

"As prostitution disappears," the head doctor told us, "chronic alcoholism among women tends to disappear also." Records show that most drunkards among women were prostitutes.

It was in 1924 and 1925 that dispensaries were first organized throughout the Soviet Union to care for chronic drinkers. These dispensaries enlisted the services of physicians, specialists in treating alcoholism, and psychiatrists. Most of these institutions were intended to treat out-patients able to come to the dispensary for regular consultation, but in some large cities, such as Moscow, regular hospitals were established.

This hospital has an emergency section for men who fall drunk on the street and might die of exposure if neglected. Brought in by a militiaman, a relative or an attendant of some health center, the man immediately assumes the status of a patient. He is registered as he would be in any other emergency hospital.

FOR the next 24 hours the patient is strictly under the doctor's orders. At the end of this time he is sent to the dispensary. His organization has meanwhile been notified when to expect him back at work. (It is sometimes his organization, incidentally, which sends him for treatment.) His office or shop is requested to see that he returns to the dispensary daily until it is officially notified that further attendance is unnecessary.

This emergency section also takes care of occasional cases—those who, for example, succumb to the entreaties of friends to "have just one more glass." These persons are treated for poisoning and returned to work.

Patients whose condition requires their remaining in the hospital are registered and assigned to a ward, like the one described above. The hospital's 90 beds are divided among seven physicians (not counting the head doctor), 13 patients to each. There are 17 nurses, eight instructors in the shops where certain patients work from three to four hours a day, and 35 or more other workers.

The men are supplied with clean linen, books, newspapers, writing materials and amusements between work and rest periods. Many are given special diet.

When the patients are not in the shops (they are allowed to work only on a doctor's recommendation) or sleeping, they look and behave like men in their own club. They are divided into groups of 20, each with its own little library, chess and checker boards and musical instruments.

THE treatment, as in all Soviet hospitals, is free. The patient's family receives his pay allowance from the social insurance fund, as in other cases of sickness. Treatment goes on under the supervision of the hospital's clinical, biochemical and psychological departments. It includes hypnosis, psychiatry, electrical therapy and light work in the hospital's carpentry, shoe and mattress shops. Ninety-five per cent of the patients are discharged as cured.

Records show that a third of them do not drink again, another third refrain for at least three years, and that the final third, even though they may drink, are so far able to control themselves that they do not have to leave their jobs. This latter group is frequently given further treatment.

Discharged as cured, the patient nevertheless is visited at his home regularly by a trained nurse for a certain probation period. For two years and sometimes more he is expected to report regularly at the hospital. The organization for which he works is also asked to maintain sympathetic surveillance, especially to make sure that his home environment is favorable. If it is bad, steps are taken when possible to improve conditions.

At present the hospital staff is engaged in a large scale research investigation with the object of determining scientifically why people drink to excess.

# Questions and Answers

Many more questions are received by this department than can be answered in the column. Many have recently been answered here or in articles in the Daily Worker. Questions are asked to enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for a direct reply. Address all questions to Questions and Answers, care of Daily Worker.

Question: I wish to know whether Henry Ford has an automobile factory in the Soviet Union.—A. Sympathizer.

Answer: Henry Ford neither owns nor operates an automobile factory in the Soviet Union. All factories, mines, plants and industrial enterprises in the Soviet Union are owned and operated by the Soviet workers themselves, through the Soviet Government. There is consequently no exploitation of Soviet labor, either by foreign or domestic capitalists.

Several years ago the Soviet Government concluded what is known as a "technical assistance contract" with the Ford Motor Co., in connection with the Nizhni Novgorod—now Gorky—automobile plant.

Under the terms of these technical assistance contracts, a number of foreign engineering concerns undertook to cooperate with the Soviet Government in the design, construction and operation of mines, electrical plants and installations, and industrial enterprises in the U.S.S.R. The majority of these contracts—about a third of them with American firms—were concluded in 1928-1930, and most of them have now expired. With the remarkable progress made in recent years in developing a capable corps of highly-skilled Soviet technicians, the need for importing foreign technical skill through these technical assistance contracts has become correspondingly less.

A. M. E. S., Chicago: There is no Communist Party in Ethiopia.

A recent item in this column stated that World Peaceways was organized by E. R. Squibb and Sons. This was incorrect. World Peaceways was organized independently in 1931, and later came under the sponsorship of the Squibb Co.

A recent item in this column stated, incorrectly that Upton Sinclair originated the character of Jimmie Higgins in a novel by that name. Ben Hanford, Socialist Party candidate for Vice-President in 1904 and 1908, created the character in an article written a number of years before Sinclair's book was published.

## RADIO

News—Views—Reviews  
By LUCIEN ZACHAROFF

SOCIALIST CONVENTION: Adequate editorial analysis of the speeches at the Socialist national convention in Cleveland is provided elsewhere in this newspaper. This department considers the broadcasting aspects of the opening session Saturday, as gleaned through the NBC and CBS hook-ups. To those who had to depend on their receivers and sense of hearing the one dominant impression was the special enthusiasm manifested by the delegates for the militant passages in the speeches and for the speakers distinguished for class-consciousness rather than for class collaboration. Those heard at the opening broadcast included Clarence Senior, Leo Krzycki, Daniel Hoan and Norman Thomas.

Technical Novelty: The CBS preparations for the Socialist convention were detailed here last week. One of the noteworthy features of the NBC coverage was that for the first time in history a micro-wave transmitter was utilized for political broadcasting. After two years' research the engineers presented the transmitter, no bigger than a cigar box, that is a complete though tiny broadcasting station in itself, unexcelled for picking up the on-the-spot reports from the floor. It was carried freely to any spot in the crowded hall. Since no trailing wires were used, all danger of tripping over or interfering with power lines on the floor was removed. At all times the transmitter was controlled from a special point on the chairman's desk.

At Capitalist Conclaves: Perfected with the convention especially in mind, it is slated to be used at the Republican and Democratic gatherings—and, if mass pressure succeeds in inducing the broadcasters to put on the air the Communist convention, at that one, too.

LIBERTY LEAGUE-INSPIRED: The Crusaders—LWOR, Thursdays, 9:45 P.M.—are improving their technique. They now have a theme song, with the refrain containing the following delineation of their breed:

"Not a red, not a pink, not a yellow;  
Every man is true blue."

Their national commander, Fred G. Clark, who does get blue in the face at the mention of Communism, last week discussed the Supreme Court's invalidation of the Guffey Bill, prattled about the balance of power, claimed that "all the Supreme Court does is inform Congress that it exceeded its authority." It's time for Congress and the people that it is supposed to represent to inform the court that it is exceeding its authority.

Piercing Through the Fog: While Philadelphia suffocates in the miasmic atmosphere generated by the Democratic convention, that city's Station WIP will air Earl Browder's address—July 1, 10:30 P.M. It will be one of the twenty summer broadcasts under the auspices of the Communist Party, Philadelphia District.

MACFADDEN JUSTICE: WMCA's Good Will Court will be heard for a full hour beginning June 7—Sundays, 10 P.M.—but, alas, under the sponsorship of Macfadden Publications. Advance publicity states: "Practically every ill known to society has come to the attention of the Court, and many cases considered unfit for the air are presented to the Judges following the broadcast." The social blight inflicted by society by the pornographic brand of fascism, represented by Macfadden and Hearst, is presumably in that category.

Signals Mixed Up: From his corner at the CBS Little Playhouse last Wednesday night, your Radio Reporter watched the peripatetic artists of the Cavalcade of America, presented by Jo Pons, the outfit which manufactures death-dealing explosives, although its radio periods are designed to glorify its alleged contributions to American industry and science. Its slogan is "Better Things for Better Living. . . Through Chemistry." We earnestly suggest the substitution of "Dying" for "Living."

