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LOS ANGELES COURT FREES SRA PICKETS

Workers Alliance Wins Full Victory as Last 6 Are Dismissed

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—The Workers Alliance won a complete victory here today when the last 6 of its 25 members jailed for picketing a State Relief Administration office, were ordered dismissed by Municipal Judge Landreth.

After having dragged on the trial for weeks, the state, in the person of Prosecutor Shinn, admitted that there was a lack of evidence.

As the case closed, members of a jury approached defense counsel Leo Gallagher and congratulated him upon his defense.

"We were moved by your speech," said one juror. "We feel that the Workers Alliance and you are doing noble work. Right will win."

Three of the jurors requested that they be notified of meetings and other functions conducted by the Workers Alliance.

Trial a Boomerang Thus the trial which was originally intended to be an attack on the unemployed and the right to picket turned out to be a complete boomerang.

Eighteen other defendants were released Friday, and the other one was dismissed earlier when none of the prosecution witnesses could identify him.

Those freed today were: John Winton, John D. O'Donnell, Albert W. Atness, Stanley Kohn, Jess Murphy and Jack Rose.

The trial was highlighted by heated interchanges between Gallagher and the prosecution. First break came on selection of the jury when the great majority of the panel turned out to be women and no workers were represented.

Clash on Support The next clash occurred when Gallagher asked the court to sustain the defendants and their families, claiming that their presence in court cut off all their sources of income.

One of the most telling pieces of evidence for the defense was introduced by the prosecution in the form of a film purporting to show that there had been disorder on the picket line.

Importance of the trial's outcome is tied in with the present open-shop drive in Los Angeles, aimed at all labor organizations.

Senate Weighs Bank Holding Company Curb

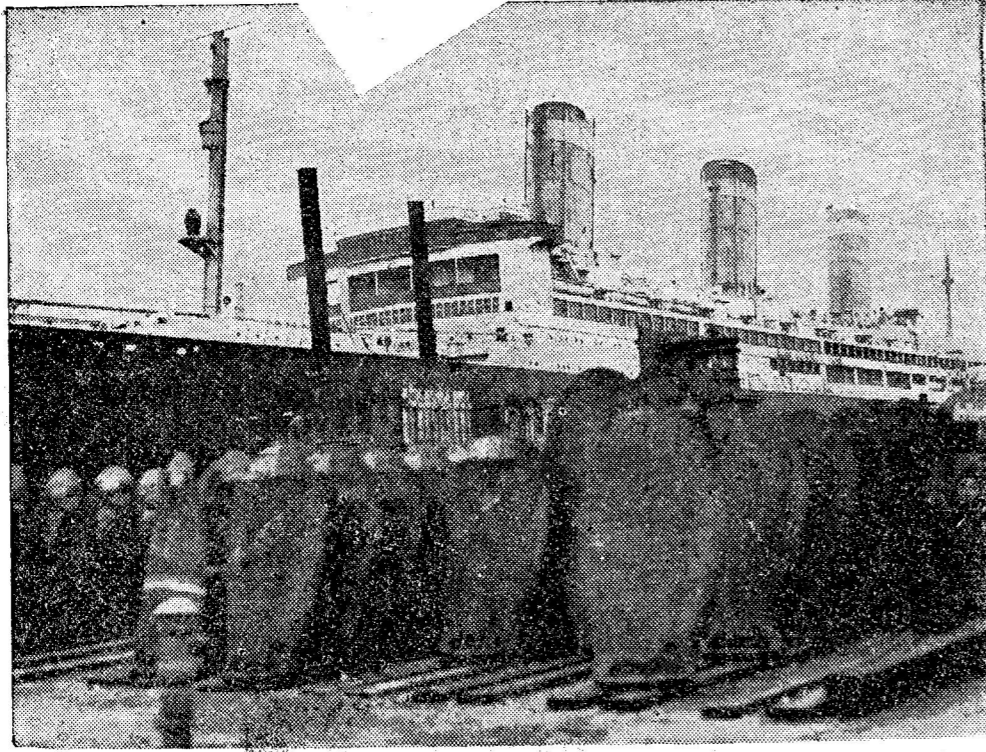
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (TP).—Administration leaders announced a study of bank holding companies today as Senator Glass of Virginia disclosed that he is preparing a bill to eliminate such corporations.

The Glass bill would tentatively set a deadline of five years at the end of which all bank holding companies would have to be liquidated.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced that he has invited an informal committee of government agency representatives to talk over the question with him.

The agencies represented will be the RFC, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve and the office of the comptroller of the currency.

The Glo... as the Leviathan



ONCE the queen of the American merchant marine, the S. S. Leviathan has fallen on sad days. Sold for junk to Great Britain, the liner's sailing from New York was delayed yesterday when British seamen sent here to take her to England struck for an American scale of wages.

Night Session Begins to Stop Filibusterers

Tories Threaten Adjournment for Killing Lynching Ban

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Opponents of the anti-lynching bill in the Senate defied the majority's drive to dispose of the bill as Senator McKellar of Tennessee went into lengthy arguments in favor of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

By a decision of Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D., Ky.), the Senate today began meeting one hour ahead of schedule and will hold night sessions until action is taken on the legislation.

"After two nights they'll have to abandon night sessions," boasted Senator Connally, strategist for the Southern opposition. "I seriously question whether it will be possible to keep a quorum present at night."

If at any time a call from the floor fails to produce a quorum, or 49 senators, all business must be suspended until the requisite number have been rounded up. During such suspension, the only motion in order is to adjourn—an act which would automatically bury the anti-lynching legislation.

Ellender's "Record" Senator Ellender, a former lieutenant of Huey Long's in Louisiana, has now held the floor for six successive days in the frantic fight of the Southerners to block prevention of lynching.

To date this has been only a five-hour daily job and he has had frequent relief from colleagues.

Administration forces now plan to make the Senator's schedule a tougher one and by keeping sufficient members on the floor to defeat any attempt at adjournment.

AFL Council Convenes With The CIO As Biggest Issue

MIAMI, Jan. 24.—The AFL Executive Council met here today in its first quarterly session of 1938 and speculation is rife as to what it will do about the CIO.

The official statement by President George M. Harrison, president of the railway clerks, in the name of the Council said:

"Before taking any action, the council will give serious consideration to the recent peace negotiations with the CIO, the reasons for the failure of those negotiations and the fact that certain CIO leaders have since publicly admitted the CIO was to blame for the failure."

This is a reference to the statements of President Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers' union, and accompanied by a declaration of loyalty to the CIO. It is known that a flood of resolutions from AFL locals and other bodies demand resumption of peace negotiations. It is also known that many AFL state and city central bodies move very slowly to carry out Executive Council orders that CIO locals be ousted.

But it is also known that employers' associations, the press, and various individuals in the Executive Council grouped around Wm. Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters, are trying to stampede the

Alaska Cannery Adopt the 'World' as Official Organ

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—By unanimous vote of over 300 members present, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 5, today had adopted the People's World as the official organ of the union.

The action was taken on a resolution at the local's meeting yesterday afternoon, and five yearly subscriptions immediately were taken for the union office.

The Alaska Cannery Workers Union is an affiliate of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Cuban Authorities Bar Five Fugitives Of Devil's Island

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 24 (TP).—Five fugitives from the French penal colony on Devil's Island faced the prospect today of becoming men without a country.

The five arrived at Santiago de Cuba last week in a small schooner. Cuban immigration authorities refused to let them remain in Cuba. The French consul said he would not take charge of the men unless they consented to return to Devil's Island. The fugitives refused to go back, declaring that they had completed their sentences.

F.D.R. Message Delayed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (TP).—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt's special naval building message will not be ready until the end of the week at the earliest. The message had been expected today.

25,000 Infants Are Victims of Japan Invaders

Starving Parents Leave Children on Doorsteps of Foreigners

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (TP).—The Pu Shen Benevolent Association estimated today that since the war began it has buried in nameless graves the bodies of 25,000 refugees—most of them children.

"Foreigners in Shanghai sometimes find the bodies of small children outside their doors in the morning. Starving parents evidently put the babies near the foreign homes during the night in hopes that the whites will care for the infants. Since the refugees do not communicate with the inmates of the houses, the infants are usually dead by morning."

Even in times of peace, 10,000 babies are abandoned in Shanghai every year. The number has increased greatly since the hostile sent thousands of refugees wandering hungry and homeless through the streets.

Kidnap Slayer Arraigned, Won't Enter Plea

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (TP).—The kidnap slayer, John Seadlund, was arraigned this afternoon, and held without bail on federal charges that he kidnaped and murdered the retired Chicago manufacturer, Charles Ross.

Seadlund, who also is known as Peter Anders, refused to enter a plea. U. S. Commissioner Walker entered a formal plea of not guilty and ordered the prisoner held without bond. The hearing was continued until Feb. 2nd.

Seadlund has admitted that he abducted Ross last September and that he killed Ross and his kidnap companion, James Gray, in an isolated Northern Wisconsin spot.

Nearest Phone 12 Miles for Michigan Village

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich., Jan. 24 (TP).—The little Michigan village of Harbor Springs is without telephones, doctors or nurses today.

Recently the general store had to abandon its telephone. Now the nearest wire connection is in another town, 12 miles away. Harbor Springs has been without either doctor or nurse for some time, and it will probably continue without them until Spring.

Floods Peril Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 24.—Flood perils existed today in some parts of Oklahoma. Four and a half inches of rain fell on Sunday to make a total of ten and a half inches since last Thursday.

Residents near Broken Bow are using boats to reach their homes. The Red River continues to rise.

A NEW RECORD

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Jan. 24.—Katherine Rawles, Olympic swimming star, broke the national 220-yard free style record over the 200-yard Miami Biltmore course here yesterday. Her time was 2:32.5, three-fifths of a second better than the record held by Mary Lou Petty.

BRITONS, NAZIS FILE PROTEST WITH JAPANESE

Aroused Over Invasion of Foreign Property by Tokio Troops

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24 (TP).—British and German consular agents filed strong protests with Japanese military authorities today over continued invasion of the property of the International Tsingtao.

The British protest cited four cases where Japanese soldiers had trespassed upon the private property of British subjects in the Shantung seaport. The German official gave details of two cases of illegal entry.

Dispatches from the Suchow battle front today reported that the Japanese had approximately 100,000 men in the armies marching on the vital rail junction. The Japanese were said to be making slow progress toward their objective in the face of stiff Chinese resistance and bad weather conditions.

Traitor Executed

HANKOW, Jan. 24 (TP).—A firing squad executed General Han Fu-chu today after a court martial had found him guilty of failing to prevent Japanese from conquering nearly all of Shantung province, high treason, misappropriation of funds, disobedience of orders from his superiors and other "serious charges."

Gen. Han, commander of the Shantung province for seven years, was ousted by Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek several weeks ago in a purge of all elements not cooperating with the Nationalist drive to push the Japanese out of China.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (TP).—The British Cabinet devoted its attention today to foreign affairs including the Far Eastern situation, the Spanish War, and the forthcoming session of the League of Nations Council.

Prime Minister Chamberlain and his colleagues were reported to have been satisfied by the conciliatory tone used by Japanese Foreign Minister Hirota in his speech before Parliament Saturday. Hirota stressed the desire of Japan for British friendship. The general opinion prevailing was that there would be no more incidents such as the attacks on the U. S. gunboat "Panay" and the British gunboat "Ladybird."

Foreign Secretary Eden had a final discussion of the forthcoming League Council session before departing for Geneva tomorrow. Eden plans to stop in Paris for a conference with Foreign Minister Delbos before proceeding to Geneva.

NMU Opens Office Here

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The National Maritime Union representative more than 50,000 seafaring men in the cooks and stewards, engineer and deck departments of merchant marine vessels on the East and Gulf coasts and Great Lakes, is opening an office in San Francisco, it was announced here today.

Ralph Rogers, organizer for the NMU on the Great Lakes, has been chosen to have charge of the office, which probably will be located at 10 Embarcadero.

"This office," Rogers declared, "will collect no dues, sign up no men in the NMU, but will function strictly as a business office."

"It will care for the interests of NMU men who are in need. It will arrange to obtain relief for members and will handle disputes arising on vessels manned by NMU men."

Rogers added that the office will cooperate with all other maritime unions and, in turn, expects to have the full cooperation of Pacific Coast maritime unions.

The NMU representative formerly was third patron for the Sailors Union of the Pacific here.

Rogers will also make a tour of the branches of the various Pacific Coast maritime unions in accordance with a resolution adopted by the West Coast caucus of delegates for such a representative of the NMU to be present at branches when they discuss the convention resolution recognizing the NMU.

Seamen Plan Coast Unity Convention

One Industrial Union of Pacific Seafaring Crafts Is Envisioned as Stepping Stone to National Maritime Federation

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The convening of a unity convention of all Pacific Coast seafaring unions today loomed as the next step in the cementing of a National Maritime Federation.

Representatives of every important seafaring union, with the exception of the Sailors Union were today working to put into life the most important objective they adopted at the recently-concluded national unity convention: "Industrial unionism for West Coast seamen—as a means to national unity!"

Indicted Judge Raises Bail of Mine Pickets

Six Miners to Appear Before Man Out on Federal Bail

(Special to the People's World) NEVADA CITY, Cal., Jan. 24.—Justice of the Peace Mobleby today became a central figure in a rail-roading move against seven arrested strikers, as a result of a deputy sheriff's and State Highway Patrol attack on the Twin Cities Miners Union picket line last week.

A union press release declared Mobleby, who set the exorbitant bail of \$2000 each on the six charged with "rioting," is himself out on federal bail and under federal indictment for "highgrading" (dealing in stolen gold).

It was rumored that the mining company which secured the indictment of Mobleby and another man, now convicted and in a federal prison, is the Empire State, Ltd., subsidiary of the Newmont Mining Corp., which owns the struck Murchie mine.

The six miners arrested for "rioting," a high misdemeanor, are: C. E. Circle, 29; Grant Spear, 24; former Grass Valley high school student; Henry Yuen, 22; James Vassion, 42, former World War veteran; Peter Zederich, 43, and Roy Staton, 25.

Bail was first set at \$250 each by Justice Mobleby, then jacked up to \$2000. Saturday, Attorney George Anderson, of the Intl. Labor Defense, attempted to secure a writ of habeas corpus to get the bail lowered, but the request was denied by Superior Judge Raglan Tuttle, on grounds that "damage to property had resulted over the country in the last year." District Attorney Vernon Stoll appeared to defend the high bail set.

The miners will be arraigned in Justice Mobleby's court here next Wednesday morning.

After Saturday's hearing, when the courtroom was packed with union members and their families, strikers commented: "The political machine of Nevada County is working perfectly."

Morale High However, the miners are holding their morale high, in the firm belief their own power and unity will win ultimate justice.

"This is not only a fight against the Murchie Mine," declared International Organizer Scott Irwin, "but against all of the gold mining industry of California, which took \$40,000,000 out of the ground in 1937."

Spear, who suffered two severe head wounds at the hands of the deputies last week, was the first and only one bailed out by the Intl. Labor Defense, due to lack of funds when the bail was jacked up.

Spear didn't belong to the union until the strike was called a week ago, but immediately signed up.

Fasting Dean Given Food In Effort to Save Him

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 24.—Dreams of immortality of the Rev. Israel H. Noe were frustrated today as doctors injected liquid nourishment in a last-hour attempt to save the starved priest's life.

The 22-day fast, which had reduced the dean to a shriveled ashen figure ended abruptly with his collapse at home late yesterday. In a state of coma he was rushed by ambulance to Baptist Memorial Hospital.

He was placed under sedatives to still his protests against physicians pumping life-giving fluid food into his emaciated body.

SHAW CLEARS POLICE HELD IN SCANDAL

Mayor Says He Sees No Evidence Linking His Appointees

(People's World L. A. Bureau) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Mayor Frank L. Shaw's powerful political machine swung into action today to absolve the police department of blame in the bombing of Harry Raymond, ex-San Diego police chief and ace investigator.

The Mayor blandly announced that the investigation of the bombing will remain in the hands of Police Chief James Davis, 13 of whose prize special officers were jailed for alleged complicity in the bombing scandal.

Sees No Evidence "There is no existing evidence that any member of the police department is implicated in the ramifications of the Raymond bombing," said Shaw, following with a complete whitewash for his police chief.

"After a thorough and complete investigation of all angles of the case," he continued, "I am satisfied beyond doubt that no member of the police department had anything to do with the Raymond bombing."

"Kynette's (Captain Earl Kynette of the Metropolitan Squad was jailed by District Attorney Byron Pitts) surveillance of Raymond was a routine matter prompted by the knowledge of the latter's connection with groups antagonistic to the city government. This is part of the intelligence unit's work—to investigate such groups inimical to the government of the nation."

With the Shaw machine in motion, Officer Ray Allen, who had disappeared when the arrests of his fellow-officers took place, bobbed up ready to talk.

Popular Anger Rises In the meantime, popular indignation at the scandal disclosed by the series of recent events, continued to mount.

Typical of citizen opinion was the sermon preached by the Rev. Roy L. Smith yesterday.

"This city now faces a crisis involving the whole question of government," he told his congregation. "This is not merely a question of the arrest of two police officers. It is a question of public confidence in organized government. Every lover of liberty has desperate stakes involved."

The Rev. Smith's sermon was one of many preached throughout the city yesterday. This campaign from the pulpit is an outgrowth of a meeting of citizens, labor and religious groups on Saturday at which a provisional committee was set up to lead the fight for a clean-up in the city's government.

Both Kynette and Lieutenant Donald M. Draper, jailed with him, are members of the Metropolitan Squad, operating under direct orders of the police chief, the Mayor and the Mayor's brother, Joe Shaw.

Shaw described the arrests of his two "spy" lieutenants as an attempt "to get" Chief Davis on the part of Pitts.

However, Pitts declared that "we are on the right track."

Chemical Workers Seek Pay Boosts As Plants Boom

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(TP)—Chemical workers were urged today to fight for increased wages in anticipation of a boom in the industry. The plea came from President James Nelson at the meeting of the By-Product Coke and Chemical Workers, affiliated with the United Mine Workers.

Nelson declared that the chemical industry is in for one of its greatest booms as a result of the armaments program.

The union leaders said that the big chemical plants now pay fair wages but said that the smaller plants hold their workers to smaller wages.

Hugo Eckener Is Ill After Minor Operation

BERLIN, Jan. 24 (TP).—The veteran German dirigible designer and pilot, Captain Hugo Eckener, was reported to be in a critical condition tonight. Capt. Eckener underwent what was described as a minor operation Saturday and his condition immediately after the operation had been described as satisfactory.

LOS ANGELES TNT BLASTED OFF THE AIR

It's Not Dynamite, But the Neutral Thousands Explode on Unions

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—The Neutral Thousands, who are neither neutral nor are they thousands, have dropped their radio programs.

Evidently the T.N.T., as the "ladies" delight in calling themselves, has not been paying the Los Angeles Industrialists the dividends it should.

Neutral Thousands is one of the off-shoots of the open-shoppers' campaign against organized labor. It is one of the most subtle of the several attacks because the T.N.T. poses as a friend working for "industrial peace" and pretends to be neutral and non-partisan, and appeals particularly to the women to help bring to an end the industrial strife.

In the meantime, it fights with the employers to break the unions, to lower wages, to break strikes, to bolster company unions.

Anyone who wishes to be convinced of this has only to visit the office and meet the staff. Neutral Thousands occupies a suite of offices on the ninth floor of the Helen Cutts buildg. at 706 So. Hill St. for which it pays no rent.

Mrs. Ochs Heads
The group is headed by Mrs. Bessie Abbot Ochs, whose father was Tracy Abbott "dean of the citrus industry in California."

Mrs. Ochs is the head of the California-Asia Company manufacturing rattan furniture with offices in Los Angeles and New York and a factory in Hong Kong employing between 800 and 2000 Chinese.

This staunch defender of labor has turned her attention to industrial peace when she listened to an appeal of some strikers in a local plant which impelled her to see aside her own personal interests and see what help she could give them.

Next in line in this "women's organization" are Clay C. Rittenhouse and G. L. Huff under the tutelage of Bessie's brother, W. T. Abbott.

Company Union Tools
It was revealed at the Firestone Rubber Co. hearing now before the National Labor Relations Board, that Rittenhouse and Huff were until recently officers of the company union at Firestone and are still officers in the so-called League of Independent Unions which is the central agency for flint unions.

The work of these men is to herd workers into company unions. Advance publicity agent for the organization was the Downtown News, controlled by the Broadway Department Stores and the Merchants and Manufacturer's Assn. This paper distributed as a throwaway in tens of thousands of homes, heralded the coming of the T.N.T. and widely spread the gospel of women organizing to put an end to strikes.

Ask Incorporation of Unions
One of the demands of the Neutral Thousands is: "The independent incorporated union which has distanced legal responsibility to its members, industry and the public."

Here is a quote from an editorial in their bulletin showing how these pernicious people operate.

"Furthermore, the manager of the closed plant says it would increase his corporation's profits to abandon manufacturing in Los Angeles altogether. Still, they dislike doing so, but they have decided never to reopen until they are assured that there will be no more unjust demands made by racketeer-controlled unions.

"This will mean 1000 men will permanently lose their jobs in the factory. Some will, of course, find other jobs but many will not. These latter will be a permanent burden on the relief agencies and necessitate another advance in tax rates."

Worried About Employers
Bessie and her friends as usual are worried about the employers; poor fellows, losing money, and about too many people going on relief.

Under the title "We Are Against Employer Abuse of Honest Labor," Bessie lists this:

"A waitress states that she receives 25 cents an hour now that she has joined a national union. Before she received 35 cents and 40 cents per hour."

Though the T.N.T. is temporarily off the air, it still represents a menace. It is heavily subsidized by the Southern Californians, Inc., distributes tons of literature, and appeals everywhere to workers who have not yet had the experience to distinguish the spuriousness of the organization.

Neutral Thousands is the arm of the company union reaching out with the collaboration and money of the employers into homes and factories to break unions, lower wages, lengthen working hours, destroy relief and crush working people.

Chiang Foe Dies

HANKOW, Jan. 24 (TP)—The death of the governor or Szechwan Province, Gen. Liu Hsiang was reported today from his capital at Chengtu.

The despatches failed to give any details of Gen. Liu's death. The general had been a powerful leader in central China for the past 15 years. He was regarded as a political rival of Chiang Kai Shek. The general's death was believed to have strengthened Gen. Chiang's position in interior China.

President Makes Up a Budget Shortage



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT unconsciously demonstrates that he places human needs before a balanced budget. Here he is donating the first contribution for the fund to aid victims of infantile paralysis, to Surgeon-General Parran of the U. S. Public Health Service. But he had to borrow one dollar from his secretary to make his contribution.

Seattle Coal Price Fixing To Be Probed

Senator Bone Replies to Plea of Joint Labor Group

(People's World Seattle Bureau)
SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—Inquiry into the price-fixing agreements existing in the coal industry here will be made next month, according to word received from Senator Homer T. Bone.

The investigation is an outgrowth of a resolution passed by the Labor Unity Coordinating Committee, composed of both AFL and CIO unions, several weeks ago.

The resolution protests "discriminating practice against the United Fuel Truck Drivers by certain coal companies operating in collusion with Local 174 Teamsters leadership. Discrimination takes the form of a black list and refusal of the company to sell coal to legitimate union men, members of the union of their own choosing."

The resolution, it is stated, would strengthen an existing monopoly in the sale and distribution of coal. This price fixing monopoly, the resolution claimed, had already lifted the price of coal between retail yard and consumer in many cases \$2.00 per ton and over.

News Guild Man Is President Of Seattle CIO

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—Robert Camozzi was today the new president of the CIO Council. He is an employee in the circulation department of Hearst's Post-Intelligencer, and recently this month was elected international vice president of the American Newspaper Guild in a nation-wide poll.

Hugh R. Bradshaw, member of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and retiring president of the Council, was unanimously elected vice-president when H. Richard Selzer, international representative of the American Newspaper Guild, withdrew as a nominee.

Other officers are Eugene V. Dennett, executive secretary; Gus C. Johnson, of the United Auto Workers, sergeant-at-arms; Trustees include T. J. Van Erman, of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association; N. E. Braafat, of the ILWU and Louis O'Callahan of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee.

Greyhound Bus Ballot On Union Choice Is On

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—From El Paso to Portland, the Greyhound Lines began balloting today in a National Labor Relations Board election to determine their collective bargaining agency.

The drivers will choose between the AFL Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees of America, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, one of the independent "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods.

The territory involved is bounded by Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Diego, Albuquerque and El Paso.

Plea to White House in Puerto Rico Strike

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 24.—A meeting of businessmen and bankers here cabled today to President Roosevelt asking mediation in the waterfront strike.

The longshoremen are led by the CIO and have been out since Jan. 3, asking 75 cents an hour. They were being paid as low as 30 cents an hour.

Reed Appointment Favored
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (TP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee returned a favorable report today on the nomination of Solicitor-General Stanley Reed to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Thousands Ill-Clothed; 35,000 Garments Idle

Warren Held Responsible for Withholding WPA Sewing Project Products From Needy in Oakland—Jobless Body Set Up

(People's World Oakland Bureau)
OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—Men, women and children are going without sufficient or adequate clothes in Alameda County—and there are 35,000 garments made by the WPA sewing projects lying unused in warehouses.

Responsibility for this situation today had been placed on reactionary District Attorney Earl Warren's office by the Trade Union Unemployment Council here, which condemned that office's ruling that because Alameda paid \$3.50 to the federal government's \$5 on the sewing project, the garments could only be issued through the county charities department.

Groups Elect Delegates to Relief Parley

Washington Citizens Map Statewide Drive for Unemployed Aid

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—A wide variety of labor and public organizations throughout the state are electing their delegates now for a relief conference here February 7.

The Labor Unions Relief Council last week sent out an investigation to all unions regardless of affiliation, all Grange units, all County Welfare Departments, Federated Clubs and local unemployment relief bodies.

Ninety-five regular delegates attended, representing 29 unions in the two counties, of which 16 were AFL, 11 CIO and two railroad unions. Ten observers were present.

The conference adopted a resolution asking that WPA and SRA compile their budgets for families according to need, not according to "subsistence" standards, and condemned the practice of forcing families to borrow on insurance policies before giving them SRA relief.

A motion to establish relationship with Labor's Non-Partisan League, including exchange of minutes, was adopted.

County Hospital Employs Protest Chief's Dismissal

Petaluma, Jan. 24.—Employees of the County Hospital were today among those taking the lead protesting the dismissal of Dr. James G. Anderson as superintendent of the institution.

More than 40 members of the staff, and all the patients, signed the petitions calling for his retention.

Despite his own efforts and those of his friends, Dr. Anderson was unable to get the supervisors to file any charges against him other than the argument that they had "lost confidence" in him.

The "lost confidence" developed suddenly, following Dr. Anderson's dismissal of Mrs. Marie Nelligan as head of the nursing staff. She is a close friend of Supervisor Frank Churchill and had been appointed by Dr. Anderson at Churchill's urging.

The supervisors immediately asked Dr. Anderson to resign and fired him when he refused to quit under criticism in which no reasons were given.

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STANDARD OIL SIGNS SECOND SHIP CONTRACT

3,000 Men Covered by Nat'l Maritime Union in N. Y. Division

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The National Maritime Union today had scored another victory over the Standard Oil octopus, by signing a contract with the Standard Oil Co. of New York, covering 3000 to 3500 seamen.

The contract was said to be almost identical to the N.M.U. contract signed with the Standard Oil of New Jersey 10 days ago, which provided \$5-\$15 wage increases, eight-hour day for all hands, 75 cents per hour overtime, three weeks vacation with pay, and hiring through the union hall.

Nine other oil companies are signing similar contracts for their tanker fleets.

Company Union Signs Pact SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The Standard Oil of California is the first non-union West Coast firm to crack under the impact of the contract wrung by the National Maritime Union from its Eastern partners.

The company today announced a "contract" with its company union of the "Standard Marine Employees' Association" which grant wage increases that are "from \$5 to \$20", higher than before, according to J. H. McEachern, a company spokesman.

McEachern claims that the company union contract is "as good or better than the East Coast pact," but details are shrouded in mystery; and have been the scene of many inquiries.

Some Comparisons

Section 13 of the contract made in the East by the N.M.U. reads: "The company shall furnish safe gear and working equipment and make every effort to provide safe working conditions at all times."

Have the California men got it? Section 20 of the eastern contract reads: "After one year of continuous service from April 1, 1938, every unlicensed member of the crew shall be entitled to an annual vacation of 21 days with pay."

Overtime Rules

Also, the eastern contract allows a week's pay to any man quitting or fired after six months' service. And Section 4, of the Eastern contract calls for overtime pay for a man who works less than an hour and is worked, and for half hour periods after one hour, any fraction of a period to count as a full half hour. Overtime money shall be paid at the time of signing off, or within 48 hours after completion of the voyage.

Have the California men such little conveniences as a "full length locker" provided in the eastern contract?

What about a refrigerator furnished for night lunches, as provided for in the eastern contract?

When board and room are not furnished, the National Maritime Union contract with Standard Oil of New Jersey provides they shall result in extra pay to the members of the crew as follows:

Sixty cents for breakfast, seventy-five for dinner, same for supper and \$1.25 for night's lodging.

The wage scale in New Jersey is as follows:

Deck Department: ordinary seaman, \$65 a month; A.B. seaman, \$85; boatswain, \$100; quartermaster, \$87; carpenter, \$115; first pumpman, \$115; second pumpman \$95.

Engine Department: wiper, \$75; fireman, \$85; oiler, \$90; electrician, \$115; machinist, \$115; storekeeper \$90; water tender, \$90; water tender, fireman, \$90.

Stewards Department: Chief steward, \$140; chief cook, \$120; second cook and baker, \$100; utility man, \$60; P.O. and officers messman, \$65; crew messman, \$60; galleyman, \$70.

That is what the N.M.U. contract gets, among other things for the Standard Oil of New Jersey crews. Seamen here say they would like to know whether the Standard Oil of California is going to enforce such a schedule, and if not, what the men will do?

Textile Union Seeks Improved Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Negotians will be sought by Local 71 Textile Workers Organizing Committee, in negotiations starting this week with operators of eight bag factories, it was announced today by Sonya Baltrum, national organizer.

The union will seek wage raises, a week's vacation with pay and elimination of the peak week season. Four operators have already agreed to negotiations for change in the agreement.

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Film Jobless Conference Enlists Support of Labor

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 24.—Instantaneous favorable reaction to the proposal of Studio Painters Local 644 for an industry-wide labor conference on unemployment was noted here today as other unions agreed to participate.

The Studio Carpenters responded favorably to the conference call and named a delegation consisting of William Hassan, president; Cliff Mace, business agent, and Ben Simmons. Similar action was taken by Studio Utility Employees Local 724, who named President M. M. Moore, H. C. Rührback, financial secretary, and L. C. Helm, business agent, to represent them at the forthcoming conference.

Next Thursday has been chosen as the date for the parley, which will take place at the headquarters of the Studio Plastering Union, 6414 Santa Monica Boulevard. As yet there is no word from the "creative" Crafts represented by various guilds. Invitations, however, have been sent to all labor groups in the industry, regardless of whether they are independent or affiliated to the A.F.L. Every effort is being made, it is understood, to obtain the widest possible participation.

Metal Workers Ready to Talk With Employer

Won't Accept Wage Cut, Open Shop Proposal of Firm Heads

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—"We are willing to negotiate with the American Smelting & Refining Company on the basis of our demands for a 75 cents per hour minimum wage and for a closed shop," Harry Norman, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, Local 50, vice-president, told the People's World here today.

Norman stated that a meeting with Samuel Jacobson, general manager of the company here, last Friday afternoon collapsed due to the attitude of the company.

"They're very hard to deal with," said Norman. "They want us to negotiate on their terms, and not on anything we put in."

"They said their last terms, for 62½ cents an hour, which we were unable to accept, were final. They said they couldn't afford to pay 75 cents an hour, and that it was against the company's national policy to sign for a closed shop, or preferential hiring."

"The company offer of 62½ cents actually means a cut for 20 men, amounting to as much as eight cents per hour."

"We asked them to reconsider and to make us another offer, which we would consider. The next move is up to them."

"The union is conducting 24-hour picket lines on both American Smelting & Refining Co. plants here."

Company Union Woes Chamber of Commerce

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The "California Gas and Electric Employees Assn.," company union of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., has presented a contract to the company in which it pledges to "co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Assn. in bringing business to San Francisco."

It was stated here today by leaders of the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America.

The UER & MW has charges on file with the National Labor Relations Board, accusing the P & G & E of dominating and controlling the "California Gas & Electric Employees Assn.," and charging that the company intimidated and coerced its employees into voting for it in the NLRB election in December.

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HAGUE'S MAN FRIDAY TAKES SENATE POST

Labor Protest Fails to Stop Seating of Boss' Henchman

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Despite formal charges filed with Vice President John N. Garner by Labor's Non-Partisan League, John Milton was formally seated in the U. S. Senate today.

The charges intended to block the seating of Milton were filed shortly before the oath of office was administered.

They were based on Milton's close association as personal attorney of Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City Hague is fighting the CIO.

Milton, who became a millionaire acting as stooge for Hague, was appointed by Governor Moore of New Jersey to his seat. His record is one of the worst of any man sent to the Senate in recent years.

He left direct political life in 1928 when he was forced to give up his job as Hudson County prosecutor in the middle of his term as the result of the findings of two legislative committees.

At that time, he was working for Boss Hague, and he admitted that he averaged \$75,000 to \$100,000 as city prosecutor, or over ten times his salary. In one three-month period in 1928 he admitted cleaning up \$150,000.

Since losing his political job, he stepped into a more lucrative one; that of acting as Hague's "cover" and errand boy in sweatshop, racketeering and buildings supply rackets. Milton did the dirty work in the open, while Hague supported and protected him.

When the coming of the CIO threatened Hague's hold, he turned on the CIO with a ruthlessness and lawlessness that has attracted world wide attention.

Placing Milton in the U. S. Senate enlarges Hague's scope of power in blocking social legislation and enacting reactionary laws. It also opens up new fields of graft and enrichment for Mayor Frank ("I am the Law") Hague and his stooge, Milton.

CIO Committee Seeks Redress For WPA Worker

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—A CIO Industrial Union Council committee will confer with the County Commissioners at 9:30 tomorrow over the dismissal of Volney Bennett, relief worker who was fired when he reported for work the Monday after he was beaten by three goons in the County-City Building.

Having fired Bennett, Relief Director Kenneth Wadleigh passed the buck to the commissioners when the protest committee called on him.

One of the goons who took part in the beating had told the victim that the "A.P.L. is taking things over" in the County-City building and warned against any efforts to organize into the CIO.

Bert Spizley, identified as one of Bennett's assailants, was charged with assault and released on \$100 bail.

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PUBLIC WARNED TO KEEP EYE ON MILK PRICES

Political Group Advises Watch on Merriam Commission

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—An urgent appeal to watch and criticize the functioning of the Merriam-controlled Milk Commission was given out today by the California Committee for Political Unity in a letter addressed to its assembly district committees.

Individuals appointed to the commission by Director of Agriculture A. A. Brock, the Committee said, are "apparently more interested in additional profits accumulating to their companies than in reducing the price of milk to the consumer."

While the committee declared that "a milk commission is not necessarily a liability to the people of a state," it declared that the Desmond Act in this state is definitely benefiting the big dairy companies through a number of their representatives on the commission.

Several steps are recommended to consumers as a means of combatting this heavily over-weighted commission's activities. Hearings... are not generally given publicity by the Committee said. After discussion with your Assembly District Committee, Mr. Brock should be written and asked what 'shed' your community is in and where the meetings are to be held in your territory.

The Giannini Foundation made the study that the Commission is using as a basis to raise prices. A letter should be directed to them asking for a copy of this study. If they refuse to give it, as has been indicated at the present time, they should be challenged on their refusal to make available to the public the figures on which they base their reasons for why an increase should be granted the distributor.

Dairy farmers should be interviewed and figures collected as to their cost of production of milk and their profits realized at the present rate of sale. Wherever cooperation can be secured from a dairyman, permission should be sought from him to have someone competent to do so analyze his cost so that we can secure actual figures on the cost of operation to present at the Commission hearings.

Any attempt to increase the price of milk or its by-products in your community should be protested and the state office notified as to the time and place of the hearings. The present method of the operation of the Merriam Milk Commission with its resultant increase in milk prices should be brought to the attention of your assemblymen and state senator.

The Committee declared that large dairy companies are seeking increases in price even where this results in decrease of cash volume of direct milk sales because of the fact that five or six of these large companies dominate the industry in California and can make a larger profit on sale of processed milk products.

A state law makes it mandatory to pay a minimum amount to the farmer for milk that is sold as such. This is around 5.6 cents per quart, and is practically the maximum as well.

Milk bought for processing, on the other hand, has no minimum control price. If, therefore, the consumption of milk drops, it does not increase the worry of the large distributor. He can buy this milk on a competitive basis, frequently as low as two cents, and, as there is a large profit in the production of milk, he makes more profit in processing than in distribution to the consumer.

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Police Shot Floors Liquor Store Burglar. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24. (TP).—A man describing himself as Ralph Waidman was being treated for a leg wound today. He was also being treated with suspicion by police.

St. Hyacinthe Wears Black As Fired Dead Are Buried

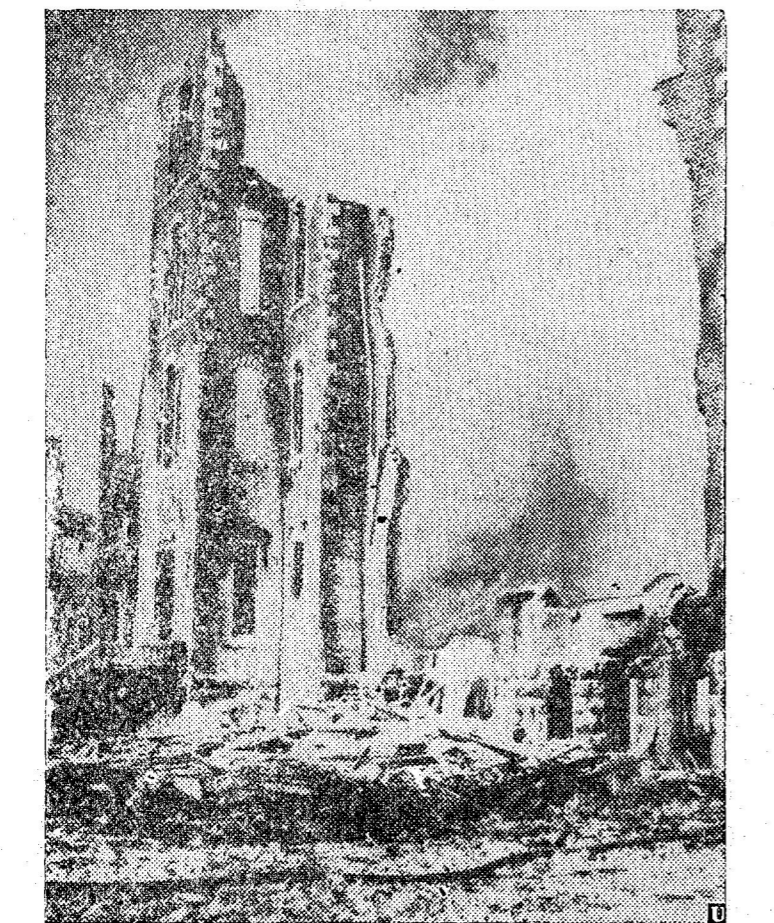


PHOTO SHOWS the ice-coated ruins of the College of the Sacred Heart immediately after the tragic blaze brought death to 29 students and teachers

ST. HYACINTHE, Quebec, Jan. 24 (TP).—The little college town of St. Hyacinthe wore deepest mourning today as the 29 victims of the Sacred Heart College fire were buried.

Mass funerals were held for those known to be dead in the fire that swept through the college's frame building and killed many in their sleep.

The 68-year-old janitor and nightwatchman at the school, Marcel Quessel, meanwhile was formally booked as a material witness in the investigation into the fire. He will be held pending the inquest.

Authorities said that the coroner's report showed that Quessel told an erroneous and unsatisfactory story when called as a witness in the inquiry into the cause of the blaze.

Diary of an American in Spain

The Typical Day Behind the Lines

Standby orders are off for the time being and again we're unrolling our blankets in the barracks of this little town and trying to make ourselves comfortable while waiting for Franco's next move.

Our officers however tell us that we must be in readiness to move at an hour's notice. Otherwise the old schedule which was issued just before the standby order has been taken up again. Reveille at 6:30 a.m., breakfast at 7, drill from 8-11, dinner at 12. In the afternoon there is either more drill or lectures on Spain and world politics. Supper is between 5 and 5:30 P. M.

Perhaps it would be of interest to describe a typical day—yesterday, for example. Before 7 A. M. we line up in the square in four long queues for the Battalion in full uniform strength and you wait a good time before you get your breakfast. The sun has not yet shined over the horizon and the cold sets us to stamping our feet and shivering even under parkies or overcoats. It's amazing how cold it can get in this country, especially when the skies are clear.

Your Breakfast. At last your turn arrives and the K. P. fills your can with hot coffee and hands you a slice of bread with marmalade on it. If you're not very hungry you find yourself a spot before you consume your breakfast. If you are hungry you take up position at the rear of the long line and eat your first breakfast while waiting your chance at "seconds." If you are very cold you can always take your coffee into the upstairs bar on the square and buy a shot of cognac to put in it. Then back to quarters to sweep up and fold your blankets.

At eight, we fall in with rifles and are marched to the square where we are lined up at attention, company by company, around the flagpole. The battalion officers arrive, orders for the day are read and we present arms as the Republican flag is raised. From the square we are marched out of the town a mile or so into the country side for maneuvers. The terrain is hilly, with ravines, clusters of rock and olive groves offering good protection. The first company maneuvers against the hill and every effort is made to make the action realistic. Scouts we sent out, light and heavy machine guns mounted in advantageous positions, we are made to leap low and crawl over exposed areas. Afterwards, our battalion commander analyzed the movements of both companies. Then the moves are still further discussed in the company meeting. Following this we are marched back to barracks where we clean our rifles.

THROGSHONOR LENIN, HAIL USSR VICTORY

Cline Portrays Leader as Opposed to Rule by Minority

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Over 1000 persons thronged Eagle's Hall last night to honor Vladimir Ilyitch Lenin, great leader of the Russian Revolution who died Jan. 24, 1924.

Paul Cline, speaker of the evening, Los Angeles Secretary of the Communist Party, spoke from a platform dominated by a huge portrait of Lenin. Graphic pictures flanking the portrait charted the program of the Soviet Union from the time Lenin's Communist Party took power until today. American and Soviet Union flags were prominently displayed.

The meeting opened with the spirited singing of America and closed with the International, under the direction of J. Rantz. A call for subscriptions to the newly established United Front paper, the Daily People's World, made by Joe Wilson, resulted in 50 responses. Wilson was chairman of the meeting.

Cline's talk, "America's Road to Peace and Security," stressed the role of the Communist Party in the present world situation. "With historical events happening with express train speed," said Cline, "it is well that we do not for a moment forget the lessons that Lenin has taught us. He placed his faith in a party steadfast in its devotion to its revolutionary principles. Yet with this ultimate goal constantly in view, Lenin was sufficiently flexible in tactics to raise on one occasion the slogan of 'hot water for tea.' He recognized that this slogan was immediate to the needs of the workers, and would serve to unite them in a small struggle and school them for the larger struggles to come."

Cline cracked down on a widespread notion that the Communists are aiming to seize power as a well organized minority. He pointed out how Lenin always strove for a mass Communist Party, leading a majority of the people.

Fought Conspiracy. "Throughout his activities Lenin fought against the anarcho-syndicalist conception of a conspiratorial action by a small group, who would turn the state over to the working class."

The speaker further illustrated the role of the Communists by citing their work in unifying the progressive forces in California. "The 42 years of uninterrupted rule by the reactionary forces in this state must be broken," he said, "and our Party has the task of unifying the numerically dominant progressive forces for this end."

"As part of our task, we have abolished our own newspaper and borne the brunt of financing and establishing a broad unit front daily paper as a weapon in our struggle to bring together the unions, liberals and other progressives that will smash the reactionaries' grip on California."

Cline concluded by telling of a mass meeting to celebrate Lenin's birthday in Long Beach on February 12. "The Soviet motion picture, 'Three Songs About Lenin' concluded the meeting.

To an emergency plea for support of the nine strikers at Nevada City, brought in by Elaine Black, secretary of the International Labor Defense, the audience responded enthusiastically.

500 Hong Kong Japanese Defy Conscription Order. HONG KONG, Jan. 24.—The Japanese Consul-General of Hong Kong has instructed Japanese subjects to return to Japan and join the Army.

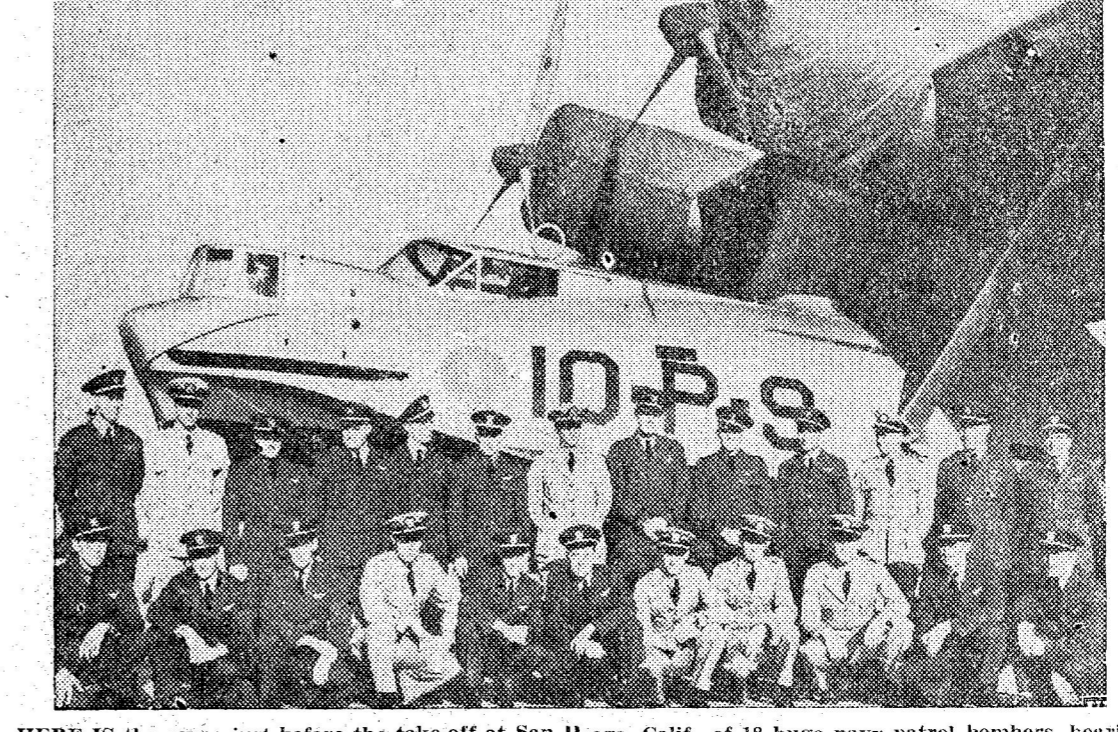
This demand met a violent opposition with more than 500 Japanese recently signing a petition to refuse to leave Hong Kong.

WHAT'S ON. Los Angeles. LENIN MEMORIAL MEETING—Good Program—Music—Entertainment—P.M., Wednesday, Jan. 25, Trinity Auditorium, 847 So. Grand Ave.

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SACRAMENTO. NON-PARTISAN LABOR FORUM—Meets Sunday evenings 8 p.m., Forester's Hall, 714 J. St., Sacramento.

Navy Bombers Complete Record Flight



HERE IS the scene just before the take-off at San Diego, Calif., of 18 huge navy patrol bombers, bearing 127 officers and men, which successfully completed the 2,570-mile flight to Honolulu, largest over-ocean mass flight ever attempted. Lieutenant-Commander Spencer H. Warner, flight commander, is in the center, wearing a white uniform.

Tokio Diet Objects to Fiscal Policy

Cabinet Blocks Efforts of Deputies to Get Budget Facts

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—Mild objections in Parliament on the Japanese government's fiscal policies led to a hasty conference between party leaders and cabinet today after the adjournment of the diet yesterday.

Cabinet ministers, as formerly denied the demands from the floor for "more frankness" on the usual grounds that financial matters were of a "confidential" character.

Although the lower house of 466 elected deputies has the right to discuss budgetary drafts presented by the Government, the cabinet ministers have the power to make allocations regardless of the disapproval of the house. The cabinet is appointed by and responsible only to the Japanese Emperor.

Finance Minister Okinobu Kaye was the target of most of the veiled remarks. It was implied that he did not have "complete confidence" in Japan's vast financial and economic resources.

At the core of the deputies' concern, many of whom are the representatives of the banking houses of Mitsubishi and Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank, was the soaring public debt which now amounts to an estimated 11,532 million yen (\$2,958,000,000) and the rapidly increasing naval and military expenditure which last year amounted to about 1,409 million yen (\$352,000,000).

Unions Asked to Sponsor Camp For Children

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Calling upon all unions in the Bay Area to participate in a permanent foundation for the operation of Bonanza Springs Children's Camp, the Camp Committee has just issued the annual report of labor's first children's camp in the West.

The report deals with the future of the camp as well as the successful first season. One hundred and twenty-five boys and girls were served in the camp which is located in Lake County, 100 miles from San Francisco. The property, which is owned by the foundation, contains 22 well equipped buildings located on 160 acres of beautiful health resort country.

The future plans include turning over all property, valued at \$25,000 and its operation to a delegated trade union committee selected by unions that decided to participate in the new foundation. Unions may elect to participate in the Foundation by becoming members and paying a small yearly fee which is based upon the number of members in the union.

Indications are that the majority of unions in the Bay Area will join this project which has already received favorable response from many large unions both AFL and CIO.

SAN FRANCISCO. The United Committee for Boycott of Japanese Goods. Consisting of CIO, AFL and other organizations will meet Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1:30 p.m. 268 Market Street, Room 29. All organizations are urged to send delegates. Visitors Welcome.

July Fourth Fetes Costlier Because of War in China

SEATTLE, Jan. 24 (TP).—American importers predicted today that Independence Day celebrations will cost twice as much this year because of the war in the Far East.

Prices of firecrackers made in Kansas already have advanced 50 percent. Importers said the great bulk of fireworks made in China probably will skyrocket in price by the time Uncle Sam celebrates the Fourth of July.

Postponement Of Pacific Confab Seen

Japan Spokesman Fears War Will Prevent Discussion

TOKIO, Jan. 24 (TP).—A Japanese member of the Institute of Pacific Relations said today that the institute's 1939 conference probably will be postponed on account of the Sino-Japanese war.

The Japanese also believe the meeting next April of the Pacific council of the institute in Nanking will be postponed for the same reason. Spokesmen said the situation in the Pacific would not be clear until peace is arranged between Japan and China. The Japanese feel that since the Pacific conference is to deal with Pacific problems it would be impossible to conduct the program until the future is clear.

The institute has arranged to conduct a two-year study of the friction over fishing rights in the Pacific. The chief friction is between Japan and the Soviet Union. The two nations have been at odds for years over the fishing rights off the coast of Saghalien and Kamchatka. Disputes between the U. S. and Japan regarding the Alaska fisheries also will be investigated. The institute will seek to arrange a compromise between the two countries.

Lumber Union Asks New Trial for King

(Special to the People's World) SUSANVILLE, Cal., Jan. 24.—With the Klamath Basin District Council of the Int'l Brotherhood of America, on record demanding a new trial for Earl King, Ernest G. Ramsey and Frank J. Conner, IWA Local 83 has gone on record concurring in this stand, it was announced here today by President Harold Allinger.

The resolution, which pointed out the frame-up on murder charges of three former Marine Firemen's Union officials, provided that copies be sent to the King-Ramsey-Conner Defense Committee, to Gov. Merriam and to the press.

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PARTY SYMBOLS BARRED FROM RUMANIA POLL

Goga's Surprise Move Takes Advantage of Illiteracy

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 24.—Pulling out of his hat the first of an expected series of election tricks designed to give him a 40 per cent vote at the March elections, Premier Goga has decreed abolition of party emblems on the ballot.

Instead, a system of dots will appear on the ballot blanks for the coming elections. Since the pro-fascist Goga government alone knew of the surprise decree in advance, it applied for and received first position on the ballot with one large black dot.

Excitement of opposition leaders is explained by the illiteracy of the Rumanian peasants who compose a large part of the electorate. For them, a circle for example has meant D. Julius Maniu's National Peasant party and they voted by recognizing such symbols.

Now through a stroke of the Goga pen, the peasants will have quickly to learn another system as well as how to count, for the last party on the ballot will have 23 dots. The decree will not impair chances for success of the government National Christian Party for its symbol was little known or liked by the Rumanian Peasants.

Restriction on political campaigning is the rule here as newspapers appear with many blank spaces because of last minute Goga censorship.

Oakland Drivers To Carry Appeal To International

OAKLAND, Jan. 24.—Elected officials ousted from office by Local 70 here by Joe Casey, representing the Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters, will leave here Saturday to present their case before the International Executive Board on February 8 at Miami, Fla., announced Cliff Lester, ex-president of the local, here yesterday.

A rank-and-file committee of teamsters in Alameda County has been functioning to fight the ouster of Local 70 officers, and has been holding regular meetings. Local 70 has had but one meeting since last spring when it was ruled to be in "bankruptcy" by Casey, because it voted to respect Warehousemen's Union picket lines.

Removed with Lester by Casey were Vice-President John Carvalho, Al Applebaum and Pete Marshall, trustees; and Charles Leopold, conductor.

Geneva Conference Aims at Association Of World Science

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 24.—Dr. Thorvald Madsen, for many years President of the League of Nations Health Committee, has announced his intention to arrange a Geneva conference for scientists of all the democratic countries.

The Doctor's action is directed along the plan for a permanent organization of world scientists recently approved by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Professor Nils Bohr, collaborator with Lord Rutherford on the theory of the atom and a Nobel Prize winner, also is supporting the plan. "The proper place for insuring the freedom and protection of scientists for the good of mankind" is in connection with the League of Nations according to Dr. Madsen.


UNION MOVE TO TEST HUNTINGTON PICKET BAN. HUNTINGTON PARK, Cal., Jan. 24. (TP).—Union attorneys moved today for another test of the Huntington Park anti-picketing law.

The new legal skirmish was begun after a city judge had ruled a test case did not involve violation of the ordinance. Union attorneys protested dismissal of the case. They said they had taken care to violate the law and felt they were entitled to the legal test.

The judge ruled that no violation had occurred because the picket had paraded in front of an establishment solely for the purpose of being arrested. This constituted no violation of the ordinance, the judge maintained.

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Labor Offers Alliance To the Farmers

IF EVER there was a group more praised and at the same time more skinned and swindled than the American farmer we don't know of it. The farmer is always the savior of the nation and the backbone of American independence in Fourth of July speeches. But even the very mild Roosevelt legislation was too strong for the Supreme Court when an attempt was made to help the farmer that way.

Chicken or the Egg?

YOU'VE probably heard of the soup that was so thin it was said to have been made by boiling the shadow of a homeopathic pigeon that had starved to death.

Alas, the "Poor" Railroads

THE Association of American Railroads wants sympathy—YOUR sympathy. That's why it placed a full-page advertisement in the latest issue of "Life," the picture magazine. The American public has heard this plea before—to be exact, every time the railroad barons wanted more freight and passenger rate increases. And to hear the Association plead, you'd think that the railroad companies have been operating at a loss ever since Stephenson invented the locomotive.

Further, the rail barons say they have been "compelled" to cut down forces and to curtail purchases of equipment, ostensibly because they couldn't afford to do otherwise. What are the facts? Between 1920 and 1930, the railroads took out five billion dollars in profits and seven and one-half billion dollars in fixed charges (chiefly interest to Wall Street banks), a total of \$12,500,000,000 or enough to build an entirely new railroad system for the United States!

Profits for 1937 were substantially in excess of profits for 1936, it is reliably estimated. These profits have been wrung out of the workers in speed-up and low-pay, and out of the farmers by high freight rates, and out of the general public by resultant high commodity prices and by high passenger rates.

Suggestions for L. A. Ministers

THE People's World welcomes the entrance of 100 ministers of Los Angeles into the struggle to clear their city of the incredible gang of vice racketeers that have fastened upon it as City and County officials. Vice, we remind them, is a product of an evil and unjust economic system—capitalism. But while vice may go on in one form or another so long as capitalism is endured by the people, the organization of it as Big Business, and the commercialization of it by the very officers of the law supposed to control it, is something else entirely.

Redder Tape

WHILE robbing WPA office: "Hands up! Give me all the money you've got!" Case Worker: "One minute—kindly fill out this application card."—Workers' Alliance Organizer, San Diego.

Not Final Enough

"YOU can't believe a thing Hearst says," declared a worker the other day. "Last night the Call Bulletin was labeled 'Final Edition,' but today it's continuing publication."

Hell Bent



WHERE RED-BAITING LEADS

By Bill Schneiderman AN ALL-TIME low is being reached by the "West Coast Sailor" in its recent issues, for red-baiting that recalls the worst days of Paul Scharrenberg. Its columns are open to Trotskyites and a few misguided ex-Wobblies (I.W.W.—Ed.) to vent their hatred and venom against the CIO, the Communists, and anybody else that doesn't agree with Harry Lundeberg and his camp-followers.

Lundeberg fronts for an anonymous Trotskyite who edits the "West Coast Sailor," and Malone, the secretary of the Marine Firemen, fronts for another anonymous Trotskyite who edits the "West Coast Firemen," and they vie with each other in their red-baiting tirades.

Both slander the CIO, but handle the AFL gently, although the Sailors voted 10 to 1 for the CIO against the AFL last May, and the Firemen voted twice for the CIO and national unity overwhelmingly, in spite of the barrage of misrepresentation and confusion raised by the red-baiters. No wonder Hearst's Examiner beams every time it gets the chance exclusively to headline their line, which is right down Hearst's alley. And the shipowners are making use of it, to make new attacks on the longshoremen.

Misleading Seamen The most serious result of such a policy is the attempted utilization of one group of seamen against the longshoremen, to ultimate detriment of both. The longshoremen have been a bulwark of strength to the seamen ever since 1934, when the progressive longshoremen under Bridges' leadership fought and defeated Ryan's attempt to put over a phoney agreement which would have left seamen out in the cold.

Again in the 1936-37 strike, the longshoremen refused to enter negotiations with the shipowners until they had first reached some agreement with the seamen. The stevedores and their leaders have time and again proven their loyalty to the Maritime Federation, in building which they, together with the seamen, played an instrumental role.

Whither Lundeberg It is just as dangerous to create a rift between the West Coast seamen, who are organized in separate craft unions, and the seamen of the Atlantic and Gulf, who are organized in a CIO industrial union. Lundeberg's policies have led to just that. The National Unity Convention of the seamen, which met in San Francisco last week, worked out a program to unify both Coasts on concrete questions like jurisdiction, transfer of members, legislation, and uniform agreements. This program, if carried out, will put an end to friction and disunity, and lay the basis for one national industrial union of the seamen, and eventually a National Maritime Federation.

Letters From Our Readers

Letters to the Editor should be brief and accompanied by the writer's name and address. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names to signed letters will not be published without the writer's express permission.

Inland Boatmen on Lundeberg

Editor, People's World: Please find enclosed a copy of write-up from this organization which would be greatly appreciated if entered in the next issue of the "People's World."

The latest move on the part of the "straight toward the rocks" "SUP (Sailors Union of the Pacific) officials to "strengthen" the ranks of West Coast maritime labor, takes shape when we discover the Lundebergite officials of the SUP passing through picket lines established by a component organization of the Maritime Federation, the Inland Boatmen's Union.

Invited to Join Then the SUP officials brought these 34 gun toters into a meeting of the SUP with the recommendation that they be accepted as members—that the SUP members should embrace these creatures and call them "brothers." The SUP membership, feeling there is a large stink of undetermined origin in the recommendations, have consistently refused to consider the applications of the IBU "bolters."

Organized for 18 Years The IBU has been given jurisdiction over the inland maritime workers by the Committee for Industrial Organization—they have maintained jurisdiction over their craft for 18 years by their efforts in behalf of their members. They have not been ordered to come under the banner of the SUP by any international, and they are not going to submit to any resolutions blindly adopted by packed SUP meetings at the behest of union-wrecking and reactionary officials.

cerely have the unity of the Federation at heart, should bear this in mind. If it were not for Lundeberg and his allies, such a national union could have been created at the Jan. 17th convention. It will yet be created, because the seamen want unity. But the sabotage of anti-CIO elements will not prevent the rank and file of the seamen from achieving unity on the West Coast, and national unity, on concrete questions that effect their daily interests and welfare in spite of Lundeberg and his allies. And such unity in action will eventually lead to a national industrial union of the seamen of all Coasts, because the membership want one union, one book, one constitution, and those who fight it will have to answer for it.

besides being good company men, they also packed rods during the 1934 and 1935 strikes. They naturally desired to remain slaves to the open-shop and vigorously opposed calling the strike.

The "men" appeared before a meeting of the Southern California District Council No. 4—a meeting called at the request of several IBU members who did not believe the IBU should represent them. In other words, individual members evidently have the right to call for a meeting of the District Council in San Pedro when they feel the organization they belong to has discriminated against them! This effort was very apparently OK'd and adopted at the behest of the SUP officials, but was voted out of order by the meeting.

Save the Federation? It appears that the wrong word has been flung around too freely—that they mean is: "Sabotage the Federation!" INLAND BOATMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC San Pedro Division.

By Ellis

COLUMN LEFT by Harrison George Radio Urges a Higher Power and Lower Wages

HISTORIAN Hittle's remark upon the "determination not to be imposed upon" among early Californians, reminds me that the Californians of today ought to sit up and take notice that tradition requires something of them. We speak of radio programs. With Heywood Brown we hold that, if folks don't like Mae West, just turn her off. A lot of folks don't like censorship, but they can't turn that off. Radio station managers, however, every time some progressive labor man or organization hands them a script, turn pale and tremble. "I fear this is so controversial we can't take it."

THEN, the other morning, at 9:45, we chanced to be tuned in to KYA, and a program, preceded by soothing music, introduced some honey-voiced chap who later said he spoke for "Unity," an organization that is supposed to give religious teachings. That's right and they're a right to teach religion. But if what I heard is religion, then any working man should prefer Mae West. "If you work for wages," said the chap from Unity "then you should not feel that you work for the individual employer or company, but for the Higher Power." He repeated it, to let it sink in, and assured his hearers that this was one way to attain contentment in this vale of sorrows.

WORLD FRONT by Harry Gannes

FASCIST finances, one of the chief military secrets, are surrounded with the greatest mystery. This is true of Germany, Italy and Japan. So when we hear loud huzzas from Berlin about the "oversubscription" of the latest Reich loan of 1,000,000,000 marks, we are inclined to ask: "If you are so hilarious about your financial condition why don't you let the people know all about it?"

ANY EFFORT to arrive at the total amount of Nazi indebtedness would be guesswork. The most important figures are hidden or juggled. The N. Y. Times correspondent, Otto D. Tolchus, states that the total long-term loans since 1935 amount to \$3,262,000,000 marks, and he estimates that the savings banks and insurance companies have, during the same period, been drained of some 20,000,000,000 to 24,000,000,000 marks.

FINANCIALLY, Italy is the weakest angle of the fascist war triangle. It was drained by the Ethiopian adventure, and carried the heaviest cost of the Spanish intervention. Nearly the entire merchant marine of Italy is engaged in ferrying to Franco men and munitions. Moreover, Mussolini has had to pay gold for additional shipping facilities.

Mussolini is striving desperately to obtain loans in New York or London, thus far with little success. The trade negotiations with the U. S. broke down over recognition of Ethiopia, and Count Volpi di Misurati, president of the Fascist Federation of Industries, admitted failure in his negotiations in London. Coupled with the defeats delivered to Franco, this situation largely accounts for Mussolini's order for murderous bombardments of Spanish civilians. If he can't get receipts for his money in Spanish territory, Il Duce wants it in the blood of Spanish women and children.

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Soccer Official Asks Union Participation

VERDI BEATS OLYMPIC

By Lefty

"I think increased trade union participation in soccer would certainly be a great idea," Alec Mackenzie, secretary of the California Football (soccer) Association, told me. "In England all the unions enter teams, and I feel sure that the trade unions here could put some very good teams in the field."

Mackenzie is a wiry Scot, who has himself played soccer for nearly 30 years, first with the Argyll juniors in Scotland and then with various San Francisco clubs.

A SOCCER ENTHUSIAST
He is a man whose chief enthusiasm is soccer, or simply "football," as he calls it, and if the games regularly played out at Ewing field are any indication, soccer is really a game which merits his enthusiasm.

It is a fast, open game with far greater opportunity for a display of individual skill than American football has and, like baseball, every play is clearly visible to the spectators. Albert Gates, time-keeper and referee for the association, is another veteran who is enthusiastic about trade union participation in the game.

"All throughout England the unions—tramway men, locomotive engineers, butchers and grocers—play in their Wednesday afternoon leagues," he commented. "There are more people playing soccer in the world today than there are in any other sport."

Gates should know whereof he speaks, for he played for many years with the Burnford Reserves in the south of England before he came to America.

A LABOR LEAGUE?
"There should be ample players among the stevedores and warehousemen to make several good teams," he remarked with a soft British accent. "And there is one thing about soccer—there's plenty of opportunity for a great many players to take part, and it's a game that relies more upon all-round individual ability than American football."

And Sunday's games showed sufficient action to satisfy the most exacting spectator.

The main game of the day lasted for 90 minutes of playing time. It was played between the Olympic Club eleven and the Verdi Athletic Club.

ITALIANS WIN
Verdi won by a score of 2-1, but not until after the Olympic clubmen had put up a stubborn defense which kept the outcome in doubt until time-keeper Gates fired the pistol ending the game.

Neither team scored until late in the first half. Then Hans Specht, star center forward for Verdi, relayed a neat pass over goalie Fox's head for the opening tally.

Olympic retaliated early in the second half from a corner kick which was picked up by Williams and butted in with his head.

The deadlock lasted for another fifteen minutes which saw both teams see-sawing back and forth the length of the field in vain attempts to penetrate the opponents' defense.

SPEECH SCORES AGAIN
Finally Specht again received a long boot which caught the Olympic fullbacks off guard and with one neatly placed kick put Verdi out in front.

The latter half of the game was marred by a good deal of unnecessary roughness, for which Verdi appeared chiefly responsible. Gino Campi Verdi inner right forward, was put off the field for commencing a short-lived fist fight.

In the preliminary games the Teutonia "A" team trounced the Union Espanola "A" handily, 4-1 and the Swiss Athletic Club took the measure of Maltese, 2-0.

The feature match in next Sunday's play will be a California Football Association cup match between the French and Italian Athletic clubs. Kick-off time, 11:15. Verdi will play the Swiss A. C. at 1:00 p.m., and the Rovers will go up against the Mercury A. C. eleven at 2:45.

FORMER LOGGER HERE FOR BOXING CAREER

Rookie Heavyweight Learned in Lumber Camps; He's Strong for Unions

By George Hitchcock

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Neal Evans, rookie heavyweight from Seattle whom trainer Billy Wells is grooming for his premier local appearance, is one boxer who is right behind labor in its struggle for organization.

For Evans has worked throughout Northern California in the logging camps run by the big lumber barons and is a hefty at handling a peavey as he is with his fists.

FIGHTS HERE SOON
Neal is tentatively scheduled to appear on a National Hall card two weeks from today if he can scale down his weight a bit. He tips the beam at 210 now and Wells wants him to get down under the 200 mark before he enters the ring.

Evans grew up just around the corner from Seattle's middleweight champion Freddie Steele, but at the moment it's another middleweight who is the object of his fistful admiration.

"There are two middleweights in the ring who can whip Steele," he told me. "Apostoli is one—and he showed he could do it in New York."

HOT FOR HOSTAK
"The other? It's Al Hostak. I think he can best any middleweight in the ring. He carries too many guns for Steele."

Hostak is the Seattle fighter who has been scoring a sensational series of knock-out wins in the Northwest. He is generally recognized as the third or fourth ranking contender for the title.

Evans is a hulking big 20-year-old. He looks as if he packed a considerable wallop and he admitted with a grin that he thought "maybe he was a better hitter than he was a boxer."

But if Billy Wells works him over for a while he is likely to develop. Wells is the trainer who gave Al Citrino his start and if

LONDON WANTS FARR, BRADDOCK REMATCH

But Mike Says Nix

RETURN ENGAGEMENT IN AMERICA LIKELY

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Promoter Mike Jacobs today frowned on a British bid to bring Tommy Farr, champion of the British Isles, into the ring with Jim Braddock.

Jacobs declared he received a cablegram from Arthur Eldin, owner of the Wembley stadium in London, offering Braddock a bout there on a 50-50 basis. He rejected the offer.

Braddock defeated Farr in Madison Square Garden in a 10-round bout last Friday.

BOXERS MEET TODAY
Jacobs announced that he planned to meet with both Farr and Braddock some time today to see if a return engagement in America could be arranged. Friday's bout, although a rather

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (TP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs announced today that Jim Braddock and Tommy Farr will clash in a return bout April First at Madison Square Garden.

Jacobs said the bout would be a twelve rounder.

The bout was arranged today during a conference among Jacobs, Braddock and his manager, Joe Gould and Farr. Braddock told newsmen, "Sure, I'm ready to fight Farr again. That is, if my wife will let me."

Braddock won a close ten round decision over Farr Friday night.

er listless affair from a fistic viewpoint, bid fair to return heavy-weight fighting to its position of pre-eminence as a money-making venture.

The Garden was sold out for the fight.

IS MAXIE SORE!

If Braddock signs to fight Farr in a rematch, as it appeared today he would, Maxie Baer, the Livermore playboy and an ex-champion himself, is likely to reach a high pitch of disgust.

He was originally scheduled to meet the winner of the Farr-Braddock bout on March 11.

But Jimmy, fresh from his come-back victory which thrilled sentimental Irish hearts throughout the nation, declared today:

"If I fought Baer, it would be a step down. I want to keep going up."

There is little doubt but that Jacobs wants to get his old protegee from Livermore back in the upper brackets of the game, but Joe Gould, Jim's manager, has a keen eye set on the probable intake from a Braddock-Farr rematch.

Baer is generally reckoned finished as a box office attraction.

Glendale to Fire 20 City Employees Over 65

GLENDALE, Cal., Jan. 24. (TP)—City employees more than 65 years old faced loss of their jobs today.

About 20 employees faced discharge because they failed to measure up to standards set forth in a city health ordinance. The dismissal is provided in the ordinance which was voted several months ago.

Six to Die

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 24 (TP)—The six convicts who were found guilty of murdering state prison guard Captain Sanders today were sentenced to die in the electric chair or March 25. Circuit Judge Featherstone overruled a motion for a new trial for the six convicts.

McNutt Back in Manila

MANILA, Jan. 24 (TP)—Philippine High Commissioner Paul McNutt returned to Manila today aboard the U. S. S. Augusta after conferring in Shanghai with Admiral Harry Yarnell of the U. S. Asiatic fleet. McNutt is scheduled to fly from Manila Friday or a trip to the states to report to President Roosevelt.

SPRUCE UP! Paint and Clean-up 121 DANCE

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CAKE FOR JOE



SAN FRANCISCO'S wallowing Joe Di Maggio received this outfielder's glove when he put in an appearance at Philadelphia recently. No, he doesn't ordinarily grow his fingertips like this. But this glove is made of cake, so Joe can have his glove and eat it, too.

SNATCH DI MAG? Jim Thompson Leads Field

Ross Abductor Out To Kidnap Joe, Sez Winchell

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Was Joe Di Maggio slated to be the kidnap victim of Peter Anders, abductor and slayer of Charles Ross, Chicago manufacturer?

So declared Walter Winchell, the gossiping wind-bag of Broadway, in a feature article published here today.

Windbag Winchell declared that his source for this bizarre turn in the widely-publicized Ross kidnaping was none other than G-Man Edgar Hoover himself.

He likewise announced that Anders had planned to abduct Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, pitcher for the St. Louis Cards, and hold him for \$50,000 ransom, the same amount he subsequently obtained from relatives of Ross.

G-man Hoover, however, refused to comment upon the "revelation."

Anders, who slew Ross and James A. Gray, his partner in the crime, was captured at the Santa Anita race track in California, when he was attempting to lay a bet with some of the ransom money.

THIRTY NAGS MAY START IN HANDICAP

SANTA ANITA, Jan. 24. (TP)—One of the largest fields in its brief history is slated to start when the \$100,000 handicap is run at Santa Anita in March.

According to early word from stables at the track, as many as 30 horses may be ready to go to the post March 15 if the various owners consider "the going right."

Last year only 18 horses galloped away from the starting gate, while 19 participated in the first running of the rich classic in 1935.

"Track followers say these 30 nags will be broken easily this year, despite the fact that the only real rivalry appears to be between Seabiscuit and Pampou.

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ARMSTRONG ILI' Citrino Go Here Off

Henry Falls Victim to Ptomaine

FIGHT FEB. 9

Negro Champ Laid Low While on Tour in Arizona

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Henry Armstrong, Negro featherweight champion of the world, will not appear in San Francisco for his scheduled Wednesday night bout with Al Citrino, local lightweight.

Promoter Tony Palazola received word today from Eddie Mead, Armstrong's manager, that the boxer was suffering from an attack of ptomaine poisoning contracted last week in Arizona where Armstrong was fighting.

Rather than substitute another fighter for the sensational Negro who has 30 knockouts to his credit in the last year, Palazola announced that the entire card would be postponed until February 9.

Mead is arranging to cancel a bout scheduled for Henry in Detroit during that week in order that the champion may appear here.

Armstrong, fresh from two knock-out victories in Tucson and Phoenix, was to have arrived here this morning to complete his workouts before the affair Citrino.

There will be no bouts in Dreamland this Wednesday.

Riggs Whips Sab For Tennis Crown

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 24.—Bobby Riggs, former Californian now of Chicago, won the Dixie tennis tournament singles here today.

Riggs defeated Wayne Sabin of Los Angeles, 6-3, 6-0, 7-5. Sabin put Bryan (Betsy) Grant of Atlanta, defending champion, out of the running yesterday.

Frank Kovacs, Oakland, and Elwood Cook, Portland, teamed up to beat Riggs and Sabin for the doubles championship, 5-7, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

The hard singles matches earlier in the day had obviously tired Riggs and Sabin, and although they fought back to even the sets at 4-all, they were unable to produce the necessary punch in the last set.

RUDDY WINS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The California rugby team defeated U. S. F. yesterday by a score of 3-0. The Olympic Club seconds beat the California seconds, 9-0. The Olympic Club varsity trounced the Argonauts, 23-0.

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