

# Sweetnam Refuses to Testify at Vice Investigation

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# AFL CHIEF AGAIN REJECTS UNITY

## LABOR BOARD STEPS INTO PEDRO CASE

### Claims Jurisdiction in Dispute Threatening Dock Tieup

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—The National Labor Relations Board in Washington today notified the San Pedro longshoremen that it was the only body that could give a decision on the contract in San Pedro and that it was satisfied the ILWU represents the majority of the men.

After this slap at Judge Reuben Schmidt's decision of Jan. 21 which turns over control of 4,000 ILWU men's right to work to a dozen men claiming to be an ILA local, the NLRB went on to withhold formal certification until further evidence is in.

The Board transfers the case to District 22, San Francisco, for hearing of evidence as to "who is the appropriate bargaining unit," the powerful ILWU and its thousands of longshoremen, or the "Dirty Dozen."

**Bridges Wire**  
Apparently the NLRB declines to accept the offer of President Harry Bridges of the ILWU to make San Pedro a separate case and render a decision there before deciding on the coast as a whole, even if this prevents deciding on the coast as a single unit. Bridges had wired the board:

"Hereby request decision by Wednesday on certification of the petition of the San Pedro longshoremen to prevent possible coast tieup. We understand that the decision of this case prior to hearing of the coastwise petition of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union will interfere with the chance of obtaining a bargaining unit, but the emergency here requires a decision on the San Pedro petition before a decision on the coastwise petition."

To avert a lockout by the ILA and Judge Schmidt's receiver, the ILWU is ready to make a considerable strategic sacrifice and involve itself in the arduous task of a separate petition to the NLRB for each separate harbor along the Pacific Coast.

**Justice Confused**  
The story of Judge Reuben Schmidt's juggling with the decision in the longshore case here is a weird one—in which justice apparently knoweth not in one case what she ruleth in another and the judge's judgment orally is in flat contradiction to his judgment in writing.

The whole thing turns on the fact that the "phonies" in ILA Local 38-82, to retain their grip on the membership, had the local incorporated. The articles of the new "corporation" stated that the local is part of the ILA nationally and cooperates only with AFL unions.

Last September, when the ILA tried to get an injunction from Judge Schmidt to restrain the local from joining the ILWU, the judge declared he would decide later whether the local's membership could order the articles of incorporation amended to allow it to join the ILWU.

**Schmidt's Ruling**  
On December 8, he did give an oral decision allowing the articles to be amended. And on December 17, he local submitted this amendment to the Secretary of State of California. On December 15, Attorney Aaron Sapiro, who brings all these cases for the ILA, sued before Judge Schmidt to have the Secretary of State enjoined from accepting the amendment to the articles of incorporation. But on January 15, Judge Schmidt ruled that the Secretary of State could accept the amendment, which meant that the local could go on and join the ILWU, formally and, legally. And it did.

Now, on January 21, the Judge rules in a written decision that the local in San Pedro can not join the ILWU because its articles of incorporation forbid, and thereby claims he knows nothing of the amendment of these articles, though he himself rendered the decision that they could be amended.

**New Gun Target**  
SAN PEDRO, Jan. 31 (TP)—Officers of the 63d Coast Artillery, an anti-aircraft unit, prepared today to test a new kind of target. The target will consist of a robot plane directed by radio.

## American Flag Lies Torn Beside Mangled Barcelona Children

### People's World Correspondent Describes Scenes of Horror Left by Fascist Bombers; Raiders Struck as People Were Rising From Sleep

By Joseph North  
(By Cable to the People's World)  
BARCELONA, Jan. 30 (Delayed)—Twice today I sat down to write an article about the tomorrow's opening of the Cortes

HENDAYE (French Spanish Frontier), Jan. 31 (TP)—The Spanish Loyalists opened a surprise attack today on Rebel siege lines west of Madrid. The Madrid front had been quiet for many weeks. The Loyalists claimed to have advanced their lines west of the old capital as a result of the engagement.

An opening was ripped in the siege lines when the Loyalists exploded a mine under buildings housing insurgent machine gun nests. The Spanish Rebels claimed an advance of about seven miles in southwest Spain where they attacked Loyalist positions in the vicinity of Alamedralejo.

but was unable to finish because black-winged Capronis were giving Barcelona its most devastating raid of the war.

Early estimates place the number killed as high as 350. I have just come in after the second visit of raiders in two hours.

You just can't help but be heart-sick after viewing what the bombs did to crowded parts of town.

I have tatters of an American flag in my room this morning. Shreds of it lay all along main street where the Vacuum Oil offices lay in a heap of debris.

**Warning Ignored**  
The flag had been draped over the entrance, warning all comers: "This place is American." Then the fascists came along and dropped their bombs.

Barcelona has witnessed nothing like it before. The government declared yesterday that only after 19 months of warfare did it decide to bomb the fascist cities of Salamanca and Seville. It stated that if the fascists halted their attacks on open cities, Loyalists would do likewise.

**Fascist Answer**  
A bright sunny morning—most of the people looting in their rooms over the Sunday papers—then the raiders came.

That was 9:05 a. m. You could hear bombs whistling as they cut through the air. Then the deep boom of landings—Boom! Boom!—five times in all.

I hurried down and saw a huge cloud of black smoke rise up near the cathedral. When I got there, nothing much was to be seen; just a heap of ruins in a jammed working class section.

On the single bare wall which was left standing, their picture of President Manuel Azana swayed slowly.

**Raiders Return**  
I returned to my room to finish the piece about the Cortes. I had just typed the first paragraph when the siren went on again.

Lieutenant Conrad Kaye, member of the New York Central Trades & Labor Council, was in the room. We stood by the window watching fountains of debris shoot up. Bursts of anti-aircraft shrapnel appeared near the "V" of the fascist planes as they scudded across the blue sky.

Then, Boom!—and one of the windows of my room shattered. A bomb had landed by a few yards down the street.

We hurried down, meeting Lieut. Sanford Land on the street. We helped rescuers inside the remains of a handsome apartment building. Wreckage was piled 20 feet high.

**Flag Destroyed**  
The American flag lay in shreds on the pavement, while part of the stripes hung in tatters from the top

## 51 Guns Thunder As Baby Is Born to Dutch Princess

AMSTERDAM THE NETHERLANDS, Jan. 31 (TP)—Hollanders greeted today over the birth of a girl to Crown Princess Juliana. The birth of an heir to the Dutch throne was the signal for country-wide celebrations.

Salutes of guns from both the army and navy announced to the Dutch people the arrival of the Royal youngster. The tiny princess was greeted with a salute of 51 guns in Amsterdam, the Hague, Arnhem, Breda and Amersfoort. All the vessels of the Navy, all army barracks and all public buildings have been bedecked with flags. The day following the birth of Juliana's child has been proclaimed a national holiday.

## COMMITTEE CALLS BLUFF OF SWEETNAM

### South Side Cop Welshes on His Promise to Testify

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Police Lieutenant Sidney Sweetnam, reputed kingfish in Central Avenue's vice swim, had his bluff called today and he welshed.

The hard-boiled Texan had previously stated he would testify before the State Coordinating Committee investigating vice in order to clear his name. When boldly asked to take the stand, he refused. His attorney had previously advised him that the committee had no more power to investigate vice than the people in Pershing Square.

"When a high officer's reputation is impugned and he refuses to testify to clear his reputation, that's pretty bad," commented State Assembly Speaker Mosley Jones, heading the committee. "That was a bluff of Sweetnam's and we called it."

Attorney Ryan, advising Sweetnam, said they would submit evidence to the State Committee on Public Morals.

**Said Assemblyman Henry McEhan, committee member, "Tell us the facts and we'll turn them over to that committee."**

This offer, too, was met with refusal.

Judge Ben Lindsey today issued writs ordering witnesses previously refusing to testify to appear before the committee on Wednesday.

**Outlines Plans**  
Assemblyman Jones told the press that he would not grant immunity to any "real crooks." All suspected State Income Tax evasion will be investigated, he added.

At the proper time, the entire investigation will be turned over to either the Assembly Judiciary Committee or the Public Morals Committee. That depends, however, he said, on the possibility of obtaining funds. Only \$7,000 remains, he disclosed, adding that there was no question at all as to jurisdiction of the committee in this matter.

When interviewed by the People's World, Augustus Hawkins, Negro Assemblyman from the South Side, said he was taking a neutral attitude to the investigation until he could determine the Committee's desire to carry through the investigation to the end.

He favored the investigation taking in the entire city, not only the Central Avenue district.

Although heartily favoring a clean-up of vice, he expressed the fear that should the investigation be confined entirely to Central Avenue, it would be used to blackmail the Negro people as gamblers and grafters. However, he was unwilling to prejudice the committee and was willing to wait until they had an opportunity to develop the investigation.

**League States To Aid China—But Singly**

GENEVA, Jan. 31.—A somewhat shaky agreement for aid to China by individual members of the League is said to have been reached tonight by the League of Nations Council. The reported decision was reached at a private session of the council.

Such action is considerably less than demanded last week by fiery Dr. Wellington Koo of China or the economic sanctions on Japan as urged by the Soviet Union delegate, Maxim Litvinov. An unofficial declaration by U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull to the effect of America's non-cooperation in collective action against Nipon was seen as a vital factor in the weakening of League resolutions.

Exact terms of the agreement were not disclosed. But its submission at the public session tomorrow is expected when war in the East comes up for debate.

**Canada Employers Stall**

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 31 (TP)—The Canadian Manufacturers Association of Quebec asked the government fair wage board today to postpone the inauguration of the ordinance calling for a 48-hour-work-week.

## Not Innocent Bystanders at Vice Probe



THE GENTLEMAN on the left is Police Lieutenant Sidney Sweetnam, reputed vice czar in Los Angeles Central Avenue District, whose suspension was requested by the State Coordinating Committee investigating vice in the Southern California metropolis. He seems to be intent upon the proceedings at the hearing. With him is an unidentified aide.

## Miners Meet After Drive For WPA Jobs

### Lewis Urges Workers to Press Congress for Big Relief Fund

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Nearly 2,000 United Mine Worker delegates to the union's national convention met here again this morning after a week-end of visits to home-state congressmen whom they asked for another billion dollars for WFA.

The matter has come up several times at the convention itself, and there is no doubt that the entire 600,000 strong miners' organization is back of the Schwelienbach-Allen bill for repeal of the Woodrum bill limiting WPA spending. The Schwelienbach-Allen bill would start a house building campaign, and open up many WPA jobs in other ways.

**Urges Pressure**  
Meanwhile, U. M. W. A. President John L. Lewis, sent a letter in his capacity of chairman of the CIO Council to all unions affiliated with that body.

"Put pressure on your congressman for 3,000,000 new WPA jobs," was the gist of the communication. In it Lewis reminds President Roosevelt that the latter several times pledged that "no one shall go hungry." The CIO leader then points out:

"There are no more work relief jobs available. In spite of the President's promise that the government would not permit any needy American who can and is willing to work to starve because the Federal Government does not provide work, hundreds of thousands of workers today in this country are faced with desperate need and even starvation."

In his letter Lewis calls on Congress to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for WPA jobs, in addition to the billion Roosevelt has budgeted, and asks another two billion for the 1939 fiscal year.

## Jury Action Will Be Asked In B-Girl Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Grand Jury action in the case of 19-year-old Jeanne Wittaker, who was forced into a prostitute's life will be asked as part of the drive against vice traffic, it was announced here today by Assistant District Attorney August Fournier.

"We're going to give them the whole story," declared Fournier. "And we're going to ask indictments against quite a few people, not only those already arrested, but several others."

Representatives of church organizations and fraternal, patriotic and civic groups were to meet at night at the Hotel Whitcomb to organize a League of Decency to combat graft, vice and corruption.

The movement is "a campaign for decency through proper administration of present laws for the control of liquor, gambling and vice," stated Dr. Paul H. Buchholz, executive secretary of the California Church Council.

Ten women were arrested by the police "special service squad" and held to answer on charges ranging from vagrancy to keeping a disorderly house.

## Artificial Siamese Twins Separated in Novel Cure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (TP)—The scientifically created Siamese twins were two normal individuals again today after having been joined together for two weeks by surgery.

## Lynch Bill Laid Aside By Senators

### Maverick Asks Probe of Monopolies by Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (TP)—The Anti-Lynching Bill was laid aside by the Senate today when Sen. Wagner of New York called up the conference report on the housing bill.

Wagner's act put aside the Anti-Lynching bill and the filibuster against it until the housing report is disposed of. It was the first break of any importance in the filibuster since the talking began on Jan. 31.

In the house, a resolution was introduced by Rep. Maverick of Texas calling for a Senate-House committee investigation into monopolies. The resolution would include the T.V.A. in the monopoly inquiry. The resolution was sent to committee as the House Naval Affairs committee opened hearings on the bill implementing the navy building program by hearing the chief of Naval operations, Admiral Leahy.

**Reed Sworn In**  
The court dissolved all injunctions against the board.

Early in the day, the newly appointed justice, Stanley Forman Reed, was sworn in and took his seat on the extreme left end of the bench. His presence divides the court into five usually liberal justices against four usually reactionaries, whereas before it was the other way around, and much NRA and labor legislation was smashed by five to four decisions. Reed, however, had nothing to do with the present decisions.

The judgment freeing the NLRB from interference by lower Federal Courts was read by Justice Louis D. Brandeis, and was unanimous except for Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo, who was sick and did not participate.

## GREEN SPURNS PROPOSAL OF FATHER HAAS

### Action Follows Similar Rejection of Peace Bid by Lewis

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 31.—William Green, American Federation of Labor president, dismissed as "impractical," another proposed plan for unity between the AFL and the Committee for Industrial Organization, here today, only a few hours after the plan had been broached at the United Mine Workers convention in Washington, D. C.

The prominent Catholic labor mediator, Father Haas, advanced a three-point plan before the UMW convention.

Said Green: "I have a high regard for Father Haas, but his plan for labor peace is impractical."

"An agreement had been reached. We waited for the CIO to carry it out. Only one man is to blame for the dispute—the man is John L. Lewis."

The proposal of the Catholic Father is a mild one providing for the aid of outside mediation to resolve differences.

Only a few days ago Green refused to consider the proposal made by Lewis that all CIO unions, comprising some 4,000,000 members, go back bodily into the AFL, and that all details of labor unity be worked out at a convention.

The CIO has recently pointed to an article by Daniel Tobin, Brotherhood of Teamsters president, that the AFL was responsible for the breakup of AFL-CIO unity negotiations, to controvert Green's statements that the CIO (today, John L. Lewis) was responsible for the split.

The AFL executive council is still in session here.

## Film Distributors Face Anti-Trust Law Suit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(TP)—The Supreme Court accepted for review today a suit brought by the government under the anti-trust laws against leading motion picture distributors.

The government charged that the companies violated the anti-trust laws by imposing price restrictions on second run motion picture houses.

## Labor Board Is Upheld by High Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Supreme Court in two decisions today ruled that Federal Courts cannot grant injunctions against National Labor Board hearings. The effect is to greatly strengthen the board, legal authorities here agree.

The main decision came in the case of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, which had got a Federal District judge to order the NLRB not to investigate charges of unfair practices against labor in the yards of this huge shipbuilding trust.

The other case was that of the Newport News Shipbuilding Corporation, which argued in addition that it was not under the jurisdiction of the board.

# 10,000 Railroad Men Start Labor Election On Santa Fe System

### Eight AFL Groups Vs. Company Union Is Choice Before Shopmen in Mediation Board Poll on Last Open-Shop Line in West

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—More than 10,000 railway shopmen, employed by Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad from Chicago to San Francisco, today were preparing to vote for their collective bargaining agency in a Railway Mediation Board election, starting tomorrow.

The workers will choose between eight American Federation of Labor craft unions and a company union.

"This is the last open-shop railroad in the West," said Denver T. Johnstone, assistant chairman of the Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, for the Southern Pacific Railroad system.

"This will be the first opportunity for the Santa Fe workers to have genuine unions, since the 1922 shop crafts strike was broken."

Six mediators and crews have been assigned to take the vote, between Feb. 1 and 16. They will cover the respective territories from Chicago to Emporia, Kan.; Ottawa, Okla., to Pueblo, Colo.; Purcell, Okla., to Winoka, Okla.; Raton, New Mexico, to El Paso, Texas; Los Angeles to San Francisco. Workers in all the Santa Fe shops and round-houses will vote.

Crafts to be represented on the ballot are the Machinists, Carmen, Boilermakers, Blacksmiths, Sheet Metal Workers (including Moulders), Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Firemen & Oilers and the Stationery Engineers.

The Engineers are on the ballot with the Firemen & Oilers as one unit, due to a jurisdictional dispute which is to be heard out later. The Engineers recently conducted a raid on the Firemen & Oilers Union, taking away some 10 or a dozen stationary engineers in San Francisco, and in other points, but the Stationery Engineers Union is not a recognized union in the railroad industry.

The raid was conducted on a decision by AFL President William Green, awarding these stationary engineers, who had been under the Firemen & Oilers jurisdiction for many years, to the Stationery Engineers Union.

The seven regular shop crafts have been conducting an organizational campaign on the Santa Fe Railroad for the past six months, securing signatures to authorization cards.

It is anticipated by union leaders that the election will go strongly in favor of the AFL shop crafts over the company union.

## COLOSSAL!

### New York Envisions Plan for Total Slum Clearance

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A housing program to rehabilitate 130,000 families, a number comparable to the entire population of San Francisco, engaged the attention of the New York Board of Estimate today.

The breath-taking plan which Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and Laborer B. Charney Viadeck of the City Council laid before the board Friday aims to clear eighteen and a half square miles of city slums.

"For the first time in the history of American cities," declared Viadeck, "our own New York is laying the basis for a low-cost housing program which will eliminate slums from a broad angle and which will lead the nation to real recovery."

The Mayor proposed to put the program into operation during this year with an issue of housing bonds, to be later extended with State and Federal funds. It is thought possible that with the resources of city, state and Federal government combined, the 130,000 families can be rehoused in ten years and slums eliminated within a period of twenty years.

Labor Party Councilmen will sponsor the big enterprise in the City Council after the plan clears the Board of Estimate.

### Youth Fought for Negro Rights; Face Return to Germany

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Carl Ohm, 30, whose Jewish wife is a naturalized American citizen, has been ordered to surrender at Ellis Island Tuesday afternoon, February 1, at 2 o'clock, to be deported to Nazi Germany the following day, it was announced here by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

Ohm entered the United States legally in 1929. Arrested in 1932 during a demonstration protesting the persecution of Negroes in New York, Ohm was ordered deported on the charge of membership in the Young Communist League. In 1936 the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals held that his case be reheard by the Labor Department, which again ordered his deportation.

Officials of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born stated that Ohm faces persecution as an anti-Nazi if returned to Germany, and that every effort will be made to win asylum for him in this country.

## Convoy Brings Disabled Ship Back to Port

### McCormick Freighter Lost Cargo in Storm Off Oregon

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31 (TP)—Mackay Radio reported the McCormick freighter Nabesna proceeding slowly toward San Francisco today after losing her deck load of lumber in heavy seas off Cape Blanco, Ore.

The Nabesna carrying a crew of about 20 men, sent out a distress call at 2:10 A. M. today saying "Engine broke down. Drifting about ten miles southwest of Cape Blanco. Any ships in vicinity answer."

During the raging storm the deck load of lumber and pilings was reported swept of the ship which was enroute from Astoria, Ore., to San Francisco.

Three hours after sending her first distress call, the Nabesna radioed, at 5:30 A. M., that the Union Oil tanker Warwick had reached her side and would convey her into San Francisco. The Nabesna radioed that she had made temporary repairs and was proceeding, very slowly, toward San Francisco.

A stiff southeaster was reported raging off the Oregon coast as the two ships slowly proceeded southward.

## Two Dual Unions Fighting Alaska Cannery Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The Alaska Filipino Cannery Workers Union, Inc., which filed articles of incorporation in Sacramento last Friday, was branded here today as a second dual union to the CIO Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 5, by Karl G. Yoneda, of the Local 5 publicity committee.

"Filomero Masael, who was listed as president of the union, is a former foreman in the Alaska salmon canneries, who was ousted from the CIO Cannery Workers & Farm Laborers Union of Seattle," declared Yoneda.

"The other dual union is the setup of the AFL here. Ours is the only bona fide union for the Alaska salmon canning industry."

Many Filipino workers belong to the CIO union, which is soon to start negotiations for its 1938 contract with the packers.

Miners Protect Coal Deliveries Against 'Goons'

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 31.—Members of the United Mine Workers of America accompanied trucks making local coal deliveries here today to prevent any possible interference by Teamster officials "goon squads."

In a speech over Bellingham's radio station KVOZ, Roy Egan, president of the local UMWA chapter, assured the public that deliveries of coal here would not be stopped and that, if necessary, the mine workers would undertake the task of furnishing additional trucks and drivers.

The situation arose when the local AFL Teamsters Union, headed by Cecil Dunlop, sought jurisdiction over two truck drivers, who have been members of the UMWA for the last four years and who have been delivering coal to local fuel dealers.

## Western Union Sure of Merger, Cuts Personnel

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—If you don't get your urgent telegram today you can blame it onto Western Union preparations for merger with the Postal Telegraph Co., according to reports of the American Radio Telegraphists Association to the CIO Industrial Council.

Western Union is so sure of the present before Congress to dispense with the anti-trust laws in this case and permit the formation of one big telegraph monopoly, that it is firing right and left.

Out of 393 messengers and others formerly employed at main office here on Geary Street, there are now left only 139.

## SRA AIDS CAMPS HELD THREAT TO FARM PAY

### Single Men Are at Mercy of Big Growers in Present System

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The State Relief concentration camps will help this year as land in beating down the wage of agricultural workers, is the interpretation that labor leaders here place on recent statements of SRA officials.

"Seeking to ascertain the official policy, the People's World requested information of the Simon J. Lubin Society, statisticians and agricultural experts, and was told the policy had been informed by J. C. Byrne, assistant state administrator of the State Relief Administration as follows:

"The policy of the SRA is to extend relief to family cases in the home, but for single, unattached men, the policy is to extend it by way of camps. This year the camp program is being enlarged because in such areas as Sacramento, Stockton and Los Angeles there are otherwise no housing facilities, not even bunk houses."

The areas mentioned have a large intensive agricultural industry. "If opportunities for work come on in the spring," Mr. Byrne is quoted as saying, "the men will automatically leave the camp."

"Not Our Problem" "As for harvest labor, that problem of releasing single men for harvesting the crops is not our problem. It is the function of the California State Employment Service."

The State Employment Service registers all on relief. They can't get relief otherwise. When a call for field labor is received the California State Employment Service selects from the names in its files, and orders the "release" of these men from camps.

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Other points in the NMU legislative program are:

1.—Establishment of four seamen's training schools, to be controlled by a board on which the Commission and the union will be equally represented.

2.—Denial of operating subsidies to steamship companies which ignore the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

3.—Defeat of compulsory arbitration legislation for maritime unions.

4.—Defeat of legislation allowing subsidized companies to build vessels in foreign shipyards with U. S. taxpayers money.

## Strike Impends As Management Rebuffs Guild

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The Guild has definitely rejected the contract offered by the management, as totally inadequate and not in any way comparable to guild contracts negotiated on newspapers in Los Angeles county.

Charging that the management is deliberately attempting to force employees into a strike, guild leaders stated they would have no other recourse unless there is a complete change in the management's attitude.

## King Leads Off Opposition to Jackson Approval

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (TP)—Sen. King of Utah hinted today that he may oppose the nomination of assistant Attorney General Jackson for solicitor general.

He said that he had requested the senate judiciary subcommittee to hold off final consideration of the Jackson appointment until he can study Jackson's record.

## In Dreamland



SINCLAIR LEWIS has outstandingly progressed. Some years back he wrote, "It Can Happen Here." Tomorrow he will lecture on the topic, "It Has Happened Here," under the auspices of the California League of Women Voters.

## Seamen Ask Union Rights On U.S. Ships

### National Maritime Union Wants Wagner Act Enforced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The National Maritime Union ended the first month of the year with a demand on congress to make the government obey its own logic and bargain collectively on its own ships.

Ralph Emerson, legislative representative for the union, offered the Senate Commerce Committee amendments to the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 to include among employers the Maritime Commission, and bringing it under the National Labor Relations Board along with any other shipowner.

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## Mine Workers Map Plans to Protect Murchie Strickers

(People's World Oakland Bureau) OAKLAND, Jan. 31.—Tunnel, Shallow and Aqueduct Workers Local 53, of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, and the Intl. Labor Defense of the East Bay are planning a joint fight in defense of the Twin Cities Miners Union, Local 283, it was announced here today.

The ILD is planning to send a Trade Union Committee to Nevada City to investigate the attempted frame-up of six strikers on "riot" charges, and to protest police terror against the Murchie Mine pickets.

The joint committee plans to keep all East Bay Unions informed of events in the strike of the Nevada County gold miners.

## GROUP ACCUSES WPA OFFICIALS OF FAVORITISM

### Alliance Names Officials' Families in Charge of Discrimination

OAKLAND, Jan. 31.—While a needy unemployed artist has been discharged, two families alone were drawing a total of \$700 per month from the WPA Federal Music Project and earning money on the side as well.

This charge was flung here yesterday by James Chevalas, leader of the Greek Committee of the Democratic Party; Fred P. Carson, Workers' Alliance job steward, and Nicholas Demetri, the baritone soloist who was discharged.

Political patronage, nepotism and connivance of the leadership of the AFL Musicians' Union was blamed by the three in making the charges.

At Morris, business agent of the Oakland Musicians' local; Dr. Alois Reiser, director of the Alameda County Federal Choral Project, and Miss Harle Jarvis, state director, Federal Music Projects, are among those accused of responsibility.

Striker Fined Carson said he was dismissed from the WPA project last year during the Workers' Alliance strike. Morris had threatened to expel any member of the Music Project who joined with the Workers' Alliance in the strike, and Carson declares that the AFL official used his influence with Alvin Gerneshausen, assistant district supervisor, to bring about the discharge.

In the aftermath of Demetri's recent dismissal, it was revealed that people drawing WPA checks were at the same time getting salaries from Radio Stations KFRC and KGO and from the Presbyterian Church of Oakland.

One family involved consists of Charles Keck, procurement officer; Miss Louise Keck, his sister who worked in the office of Walter Koeltz and is now on a similar project in Los Angeles, and Gerneshausen's assistant district supervisor who the accusation says is secretly married to Miss Keck. Together they draw \$525 a month from WPA.

## WPA'S Amateur Legislators Pass Peace 'Act'

PROVO, Utah, Jan. 31.—To make it work possible for the WPA class in Parliamentary Law, an "Act" of this city has resolved itself into a congress to draft and pass resolutions of "vital interest" especially to workers.

Keeping in step with the times the class taught by E. D. Mitchell passed a resolution for peace last week. Branding the neutrality act as "a law which favors the criminal aggressor, nations and injures the helpless attacked ones," the resolution declares in closing:

"We resolve that the government of the United States should declare open hostilities against the aggressor nations and its people, and that this nation and its people be ready to join with them now to effectually quarantine the aggressor nations by withholding from all trade, commerce and finance until they cease and desist from their wars of aggression."

Copies of the resolution were sent to Washington.

## Frame-Up Feared In Arrest of Three Alliance Leaders

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 31.—All indications point to frame-up following the arrest and conviction of three leaders of the Workers' Alliance here for "possession of deer meat out of season."

A fourth member is reported being held for "questioning," and so far the district attorney refuses to reveal where he is being questioned or to allow anyone to see him.

According to the wife of one of the defendants, the three families each given a portion of venison by an acquaintance. Rarely able to afford meat, they accepted it. Immediately after this, the game warden placed the three men under arrest.

Those arrested were George Hale, financial secretary, who has a family of three; Jack Deffley, job steward, with a family of six; and Harry Harper, whose wife is recording secretary and a strong fighter on the grievance committee. All were receiving a wage of only \$39.50 a month and the "gift" of deer meat looked like a godsend for their families.

## 9 Miners Slain

KILSYTH, Scotland, Jan. 31.—Nine miners were killed in an underground fire in the coal mine near here while their wives prayed for them above ground at the pit head.

## Taxi!



YOU MAY be shouting "Taxi!" at a monster like that one of these days. Right now it is only an exhibit that will be shown at the World's Fair in New York. This taxi will look like a real sea-going hack, with both ends rounded and a three-wheel chassis to facilitate moving in congested areas.

## Seattle CIO Fights Pritchett Deportation

### Council Also Protests San Pedro Court Award Against Stevedores—Support for Wagner Act Is Voiced

(People's World Seattle Bureau) SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The CIO Industrial Labor Union Council today had gone on record protesting the decision of Superior Judge Reuben Schmidt of Los Angeles in awarding a receivership for the "Dirty Dozen" of ex-stevedores over 3000 San Pedro longshoremen.

The council also rallied to the support of the Intl. Woodworkers of America, which is faced with loss of leadership by the attempt to deport President Harold J. Pritchett. They moved to protest vigorously the attempt of lumber operators, aided by a few AFL officials, to deny entry to Pritchett from Canada.

Longshoremen's Local 1-19 reported it had already telegraphed President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull protesting the discriminatory action against a union head.

Other actions taken by the council were:

1.—Telegrams sent to the Washington Congressional delegation calling upon them to resist attempts to cripple the Wagner Act either by amendment or by reduced appropriations.

2.—An official communication to the U. S. Senate urging that body to free itself from the renegade Southern Democrats and to end the filibuster.

3.—A resolution protesting the attempted frame-up of Tom Johnson, employee of the Los Angeles Fishermen's Union.

## Fishermen Lose \$10,000

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Jan. 31.—Fishermen gave up all hope today of ever recovering nets worth \$10,000 that became fouled in an ice floe. The nets were put out by the fishing schooner "Caraque" Friday but were lashed on ice floe into the middle of the sea and the nets were torn loose from the ship. An airplane search was made for two days in the Gulf of St. Lawrence but no sign of the nets was found.

## NEGROES ISSUE CALL FOR NEW COUNCIL IN S. F.

### Body Will Co-ordinate Local Fight on Jimcrowsism

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—On the birthday of Frederick Douglass, the great Negro leader in the Abolitionist movement, San Francisco will join the ranks of over 70 cities which have set up Local Councils of the National Negro Congress.

On February 13, both in commemoration of Douglass and the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, in Franklin Hall, a Conference on Negro Rights will be held, to form the Council.

Who May Attend The conference may be attended by deputies of any Negro organization or any organization friendly to the Negro people. It is called by the San Francisco Labor Committee of the National Negro Congress.

Outstanding in the committee's citation of facts showing a Local Council of the Congress is needed here are the following:

Sixty to seventy per cent of the Negro people in San Francisco are on relief, in contrast to less than 15 per cent of the general population.

Negro women are barred from various trade unions in the city.

Negroes are discriminated against in Civil Service employment and public utilities.

Negro youth and youth in general lack proper opportunities and facilities for education.

All these problems will be considered at the conference Feb. 13, and a program of determined action mapped out, the Labor Committee declares.

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# 7000 Denounce Hitler, Hail Democracy in L. A.

## Unity of Progressives Called Death of Fascism in Keynote Speech by Dorothy Parker at Big Meeting; 500 Organizations Participate

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Seven thousand friends of American democracy thundered their approval at the Shrine Auditorium here last night as they heard speakers from various walks of life denounce Hitlerism and extol peace and freedom.

It was the monster anti-Hitler rally sponsored by the Community Conference on American Democracy, comprising more than 500 civic, fraternal, labor, religious, veteran, and other organizations. Broadest united front ever achieved here, the conference was formed on the initiative of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy.



WILLIAM E. DODD

Film director Herbert B'berman opened the meeting and introduced as chairman, Dorothy Parker, famous screen writer, wit and poet.

Sounding the keynote, Miss Parker, declared that the union such as ours is the death of Nazism.

"Miss Parker, slight and darkly dressed, spoke with intense feeling as she pointed the contrast between the two events signified by the meeting: the birthday of President Franklin Roosevelt and the fifth anniversary of the coming to power of that man over in Germany." The meeting broke into a storm of applause as she said "The CIO and AFL are both here!"

Harking back to the birth of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, Miss Parker remarked that "As I stand here in myisle stockings and look back at our growth from 30 members to more than 5,000, I am convinced that such a growth would not have taken place if the organization had not been a real necessity."

Dodd introduced Miss Parker concluded by introducing former ambassador to Germany, William E. Dodd, who spoke by amplified telephone from Washington, D. C. After tracing historically the effects of post-war U. S. policy in helping prepare the way for the rise of Hitler fascism in Germany, Ex-Ambassador Dodd concluded: "Isn't there something American democracy can do for world democracy? What we want is freedom for individuals and prosperity for the masses."

John Ford, director of the prize-winning film, "The Informer," introduced Representative Jerry O'Connell, Montana Democrat, to the audience.

O'Connell brought greetings from "one hundred members of Congress banded together in a bloc fighting for peace and democracy."

These hundred progressives, he said, wanted to thank the sponsoring organization here and urge them to continue giving them support in their democratic and anti-war activities.

O'Connell decried the persecution of Jews and Catholics in Germany, and outlined the "world strategy of fascist aggression."

"We propose," he said, "that you sacrifice, that you invoke in every way you know a boycott against Germany, Italy and Japan."

The meeting voted to send a telegram to Congress urging passage of the O'Connell amendment to the Neutrality Act which would make it possible to quarantine aggressor nations.

Revealing that only a few days before the meeting, local Nazis had distributed handbills threatening and slandering him and his organization, Dr. John R. Lechner, chairman of the Americanization Commission of the Los Angeles County American Legion, branded Herman Schwinn, West Coast leader of the German-American Bund, and Manfred von Killinger, Nazi consul at San Francisco, as being actively engaged in activities inimical to American democracy and national security.

"We have concluded," he said, "that it is unwise to continue diplomatic asylum for von Killinger and we have asked authorities in Washington to look into the citizenship status of Schwinn."

Dr. Lechner expressed his gratification at participating in "such a great meeting as we have here tonight."

The federated organizations which sponsored last night's meeting were the Los Angeles American Legion, the AFL Central Labor Council, the CIO District Council, the Canadian War Veterans, the Jewish Labor Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban League, the Municipal League, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the American League for Peace and Democracy, the California Christian Youth Council, United Korean Societies to Aid China, Japanese Round Table, United Anti-Nazi Conference, Cosmopolitan Federation Association of Liberal Freemasons.

Prior to and during the meeting, the committee in charge received greetings and messages of support from prominent individuals throughout the country.

These included Mayor LaGuardia of New York, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John A. Ryan, President William Green of the AFL, Charles Chaplin, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin of Los Angeles, the Rev. A. Clayton Powell of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York, and the Descendants of the American Revolution.

CIO Announces Drive  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The CIO announced plans to form a commission this week to organize about 200,000 utility workers in the electric light and power industry. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) claims jurisdiction over them, but leaves them unorganized and unprotected.

## Film Cartoon Guild Faced With Invasion

### I. A. T. S. E. Heads Start Raid in Schlesinger Animated Studios

(People's World Hollywood Bureau)  
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 31.—Efforts of the International Alliance of Theatrical & Stage Employees officials to encroach upon the domain of other labor organizations in the film industry here cropped up in the animated-cartoon field over the week-end.

The petition was circulated by one Griff Jay, layout man at the Schlesinger cartoon studio. It got small support, and the Screen Cartoon Guild at once went into action to denounce it and instruct members not to sign. Moreover, Art Babbitt, president of the Independent cartoonists' organization at the Walt Disney studio, told the Cartoon Guild that the Disney organization would join the guild in efforts to keep the IATSE out of the cartoon field.

The Disney organization at a meeting last week declared itself opposed to the IATSE, and the threat of this racketeering outfit seems to be bringing the Disney independents and the Screen Cartoon Guild closer together. The guild, which holds its annual election meeting tonight, has obtained a majority at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer cartoon studios, and has asked the company to negotiate a collective agreement.

Because they were turning the matter over to Pat Casey, producers' association labor contact man.

## Two Counties Press Search For Lost Boy

COVELO, Cal., Jan. 31. (TP)—Forest rangers and deputy sheriffs from two counties searched the mountains west of Willows today for a year-old boy missing from his home since Saturday afternoon.

The boy, Ted Thompson, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, Thompson works on the SERRA.

Because the boy was lightly clad it was feared that he might perish in today's cold weather unless he already had died of exposure.

## Federal Workers Protest Ratings Of Supervisors

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Declaring that employee ratings for government workers in the Home Owners' Loan Corporation were based entirely on personal opinions of supervisors, the United Federal Workers of this city sent a strongly worded protest to a dozen high officials, including President Roosevelt.

Union members have been discriminated against in ratings, it is charged, and a company union "H.O.L.C. Club" has been fostered to further intimidation.

The union at 409 de Young Building, is an organization according to the resolution, based on "a principle which has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court" with the purpose of securing "the just rights of Federal employees."

## JAPAN AGAIN APOLOGIZES IN 'SLAP' INCIDENT

### 'Extremely Unfortunate' Says Note Closing Nanking Affair

TOKIO, Jan. 31 (TP)—The Japanese government apologized today for the slapping of Secretary Allison of the U. S. Embassy in China.

At the U. S. Embassy in Tokyo it was said that Ambassador Grew considered the incident closed. The Japanese foreign office issued a formal statement concerning the incident in which it said:

"Under whatever circumstances the incident occurred, the slapping by a Japanese soldier of the American consul at Nanking was an extremely unfortunate incident."

"A Staff officer of the Japanese forces at Nanking, Major Honda went to the U. S. Embassy and tendered in the name of the highest Japanese commander at Nanking an expression of regret and apologies which are reported to have been accepted on the part of Mr. Allison."

"In view of the serious character of the incident the Japanese government wishes to give assurance that on completion of strict investigation steps will be taken to punish those responsible."

"There exists a considerable difference between the versions given to the slapping of the U. S. consul by Japanese soldiers and the report received from Japanese authorities and since the facts will be brought to light only after careful and thorough investigation, the carrying out of the investigation must necessarily be reserved until a later date."

## AFL Council Favorable to Labor League

SAN MATEO, Jan. 31.—At the last meeting of the Central Labor Council of this city, a favorable report of the Law and Legislative committee in regards to Labor's Non-Partisan League was adopted with enthusiasm.

The accepted proposals were: non-affiliation of the Council at this time but recommendation that individual locals affiliated with the council affiliate to the League and that the present delegate of the Council be allowed to retain his seat on the State Executive Board of the League.

The San Mateo Carpenters, local 162, announced the following resolutions were adopted at their Tuesday meeting:

1.—That delegates to the district council of carpenters be instructed to request the National Office of the Brotherhood to stop the squabble between the AFL and the CIO.

2.—That the members should boycott Japanese goods for the duration of the invasion of China.

## Wife of Spain Hero on Speaking Tour

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Here on leave from absent from her husband's outfit of Spain's defenders, Mrs. Robert Merriman will be home on Feb. 1, to fulfill several speaking engagements.

Mrs. Merriman was personal director under Captain Merriman, former University of California instructor who is now Chief of Staff for the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. She followed her husband to Valencia after his left arm had been shattered by a bullet.

The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade with offices at 320 Market St. and phone EXbrook 5785 are sponsoring Mrs. Merriman's tour.

## What's On

Rates: 18 words, 50c per line in advance. Deadline, 12 noon.

Sacramento  
NON-PARTISAN LABOR FORUM—Meets Sunday evenings, 8:30 p.m., Forester's Hall, 714 Eye St., Sacramento.

Los Angeles  
HOUSE PARTY—Honor of Leo Gallagher, 5430 Barton Ave. GL 292. SAT. Feb. 5, 8 o'clock. Admission 25c. Auspices Hollywood Branch, I.L.D.

## Why Spain Needs Ambulances



BOUND FOR a hospital, two wounded Loyalist soldiers of the Teruel front, return from the front lines on a donkey as ambulances are reserved for those more seriously injured.

## Canada Menaced by Fascism, Woman Says

### School Teacher Who Became 1st Woman Member of Canadian Parliament Discusses Trend of Politics and Babies in Northern Country

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—A country schoolmarm elected as the first woman member of Canada's Parliament who has held that position for the last 17 years—that's the success story of the Hon. Agnes MacPhail who is in San Francisco to address a Town Hall audience at the Curran Theater today.

Turning herself as an advanced liberal—"more liberal than the liberals"—Miss MacPhail has to her credit prison reforms, active work in the feminist movement and an intense interest in consumer co-operatives in which she was active even before she was elected to Parliament.

Fascism, says Miss MacPhail, is the greatest danger Canada faces. She cites as an example Premier Dupleiss of Quebec who has set himself up as a virtual dictator though still adhering to Parliamentary procedure, whose most flagrant act has been the "padlock law" which gives him the power to suspend for a year the publication of any newspaper guilty of Communist activity.

The act of Communism is not defined and can be interpreted to mean any point of view which does not coincide with that of Premier Dupleiss.

Names Reactionaries  
Prime Minister Hepburn of Quebec also has Fascist tendencies though of a milder form than Dupleiss, says Miss MacPhail. Premier Eberhardt of Alberta, famous for his social credit theory which failed to prove the pances for Alberta's economic ills some time ago, also leans toward Fascism.

In Montreal a radical meeting was broken up tumultuously by students of the local university, who later received congratulations from the Mayor of Montreal for the action they had taken, according to Miss MacPhail.

Tall, silvery-haired and attractive, Miss MacPhail still looks the school teacher she was seventeen years ago when she closed her desk to take her seat in Parliament. She speaks with fervor of the important part women are playing in politics—women have a gift for government and will take an increasingly large part in the administration of world affairs, she says.

She laughed when she heard the inevitable query about the Dionne quintuplets.

"They're all they seem to be in pictures and newsreels," she said. "I saw them recently and they are charming and delightful little girls. To me they are a shining example of what can be done with children born in poor and unfortunate circumstances."

Mention of the famous stork derby brought another laugh.

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## Legislator Calls Labor To Meeting

### Montana Unions Will Discuss Political Strategy

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 31.—Delegates of labor organizations in Silver Bow County will convene here next Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. to discuss a plan for political action by labor, prepared by Sam Spiegel, prominent labor leader and major floor leader in the House of Representatives of the last Montana legislative session.

The meeting will be held at the Musicians Hall, 41 1/2 North Main Street.

Spiegel proposes that each and every labor union should send two delegates to a meeting for the purpose of organizing a labor legislative committee, that this committee should pick candidates from the ranks of labor upon whom they could reasonably rely and request that they support the platform of labor legislation which would be adopted by such a committee.

Asks Endorsements Withheld  
Further, Spiegel proposes that labor unions be requested to refrain from making any other endorsement of candidates for these same offices so that the issue would be clear cut and the workers would be enabled to support the 10 men chosen without such support being split as in the past.

Spiegel has contacted every labor organization in the state, advocating the adoption of this same plan in their respective counties so that a majority of representatives and senators favorable to labor would dominate the next session of the state legislature.

Silver Bow County has shown a strong response by labor, resulting in the meeting being called for this Sunday to hear Spiegel amplify his plan.

Cites Past Instance  
Spiegel pointed out that in 1937 a Farmer-Labor group was organized and although many labor organizations did not refrain from individual endorsements, five original Farmer-Labor candidates were elected and had enough influence upon the others so that Silver Bow County was represented by nine men who returned with a batting average of 100 percent for labor legislation.

However, he declared, the labor unions became careless in the 1936 campaign, with the result that 35 candidates received labor endorsements for 10 jobs, many of whom

did not deserve such endorsement on their records in the past.

As a result, said Spiegel, many labor bills were killed by a reactionary senate, and the eight-hour collar-to-collar bill, which would have affected thousands of miners throughout the state, was killed with six of the Silver Bow County representatives voting to kill it, thus acquiring the title of the "Servile Six."

## ITALY BOASTS OF FASCISM IN LATIN AMERICA

### Official Journal Cites Penetration Into 7 Countries

ROME, Jan. 31.—Fascism in South American countries is going ahead full steam, according to the Italian foreign policy weekly, the "Corriere Diplomatico and Consulare," today.

The weekly listed Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Paraguay and Uruguay as countries where strong fascist trends brightened the hopes of the fascist dictators.

Hailed as cementing relations between Mussolini and Dictator Vargas of Brazil was the landing in Rio de Janeiro of two Italian planes last week. With Bruno Mussolini at the controls of one, the cop was the second leg of a 6,000 mile experimental and propaganda light from Rome.

But the Italians admit that their progress in Brazil has not been nearly so speedy as that of the Nazis.

Using a barter system with no money changing hands, German exporters during the first ten months of 1937 provided almost one-fourth of Brazil's total imports. This sprang forward put in second place the United States whose exports amounted to about one-fifth though she exported one-third of Brazil's total export products.

Thus the compensated mark and direct radio broadcasts from Berlin extolling the Nazi regime have gained an extensive source of cotton and coffee while America has gained an extremely unfavorable balance of trade.

Enviously following the example of their sister nation, Italy is rumored to be trying to interest Vargas in military airplanes and submarines while Japan is reported to be dangling toys, light bulbs and silk before the South American Fuehrer. Both nations have war-fueled eyes on Brazil's huge cotton crop (2,000,000 bales in sight) as well as her scrap iron.

But Hitler has an edge on Mussolini and Araki and it is reliably said that he intends to keep it even in the face of friction with the other two legs of the fascist triangle.

## Jobs Help Jobless Build Organization

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 31.—With the Whatcom County Emergency Welfare Committee acting as the spearhead of the drive, local progressive unions today were getting behind a campaign to strengthen the Workers Alliance in this vicinity.

Leading unionists have gone to WPA projects to speak to the workers, and leaflets are being circulated on the various jobs.

The Emergency Welfare Committee, composed of delegates from the Alliance, the Intl. Woodworkers of America, United Mine Workers and Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union was set up last fall to assist jobless workers in securing immediate relief.

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An Honest and Simple Proposal

IN THE face of the proposal, clear and unequivocal, of John L. Lewis, for unity of the AFL and the CIO, the evasions of William Green sound rather pathetic. Green tries to shift the issue, and hide behind President Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

But what can either Green or Dubinsky make out of Lewis' proposal, so simple and straightforward, other than what it is? Lewis upset all their fancy "explanations" of who was to blame for the breakdown of unity negotiations, when he told the United Mine Workers' convention:

"If the AFL wants peace, I will recommend to the 4,000,000 members of the CIO that on Feb. 1, 1938, they march into the AFL, if the AFL will issue a charter to every CIO union, and then call a convention to arrange the details."

There is nothing of dark and mysterious subterfuge about that. And now it rebounds upon Dubinsky that Green, the enemy of unity, has to fall back upon his, perhaps well-intentioned but certainly questionable interpretation of past unity negotiations.

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Teamsters, has again made clear that the AFL negotiations committee, actually had no power, and that all decisions had to be referred back to the die-hard Hutchesons and Whartons on the AFL Executive Council. Tobin thus confirms the statements of Philip Murray and Charles P. Howard as to what took place, in reality, at the conference table. And Dubinsky's version does not do him any credit.

Still another proof of the sincerity of the CIO has been brought out by the Washington correspondent of the New Republic, which in its current issue tells how, at the final day of the unity negotiations:

"Mr. Lewis, with deep feeling, urged that a joint, united front committee of the AFL and CIO be established to represent labor in its dealings with Congress and on all broad general questions affecting the interests of workers."

All those inside the AFL, who want unity, should let the AFL Executive Council know of it, and demand that negotiations be reopened—as they must be ultimately, by acceptance of the Lewis proposal for the CIO to be taken into the AFL and the creation of joint machinery to adjust differences later.

Man Bites Dog—and Shipowners Are Neutral

ALMON E. ROTH must have been reading the German Nazi classic: "How to Fight and Still Be Neutral."

Just as Hitler is "neutral" between Franco and the Spanish people's government, so is Roth "neutral" and shows "no favoritism to either AFL or CIO in the present longshoremen's dispute."

The Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific Coast, which Mr. Roth represents, can therefore see no difference between the "faction" of CIO longshoremen in San Pedro, some 3,000 strong, and the AFL faction of the 12 ex-stevedores, known far and wide as the "Dirty Dozen."

Mr. Roth said a mouthful last Friday at the Commonwealth Club luncheon in San Francisco, so let him continue:

"We have been accused of trying to break the unions. As a matter of fact, the disruption of the unions is the last thing we as employers want."

Then, Mr. Roth, why not recognize the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union as the collective bargaining agency for the Pacific Coast longshoremen, officially and legally, when you already admit the ILWU members do the work on the waterfronts?

Why not stop encouraging, to put it mildly, the handful of so-called "AFL longshoremen"? Why not stop such things as the promise of a certain shipping line to hire only through the "Lost Battalion" of ex-stevedores as soon as this body could recruit enough scabs to do the work?

And why not take your labor spies out of the Marine Firemen's Union, the Longshoremen's Union and the Warehousemen's Union, as exposed by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee report?

Of course, Mr. Roth told the Commonwealth Club that the Waterfront Employers aren't using labor spies, but who else would put spies in the maritime unions?

The Waterfront Employers Assn. claims it doesn't want to break up the unions and believes in collective bargaining. If this were true, and if anybody would believe it, it would be headlined in every paper up and down the coast, yet the San Francisco Chronicle headlined Roth's speech: "We Can't Take Sides in Dock Tilt, Roth Says."

Maybe, if Mr. Roth wanted his protestation of friendship to unions to be headlined, he should have done it more spectacularly. Maybe he should have punctuated his remarks by biting a dog.

Don't Tie Your Own Hands!

OUR forefathers fought for more than a century to win the right to strike and picket—and the right is held very insecurely even now. When government falls into the hands of the more reactionary sections of the employing class, the first repressive laws passed are anti-picketing laws.

Labor fights these laws. Labor recently fought and smashed an attempt to put through an anti-picketing law in San Francisco.

With all due respect to the good intentions of the San Francisco Labor Council's committee on picketing—that law was blocked on a matter of principle. The anti-picketing campaign was smashed because San Franciscans believed in the right to picket. It was not a bargain that the unions would themselves set up rules that were about as drastic as the employers asked the law to establish!

The committee's recommendations about no signs bigger than 36 inches by 36 inches, prescribing the colors of sashes, one picket to each 15 feet of frontage, only two pickets to a door and those pickets: "dressed as neatly as possible" and relieved from their duties by "fresh, clean pickets!"

It sounds something like a cross between the medieval laws for a Jew leaving a Ghetto, and the Open Shop Association's model ordinance for "labor troubles."

Probably, in many cases, these rules do describe peaceful picketing as it actually goes on. But not everywhere, and not all the time anywhere, and in no case can Labor afford to be bound by such regulations.

Once you vote for such things, you will find every anti-labor legislator bringing up your statements as the perfect argument for a law. If you admit they are good, if you agree that there should be one picket for every fifteen feet of property, then why should you object to having them made part of a law?

Of course all workers do object, and no worker admits such rules should be compulsory.

Let us leave all the complicated business of how to picket the boss to the boys and girls doing the picketing. One job has to be picketed one way and another job another way. Coordination between unions—O. K. Discussion with other workers and workers' leaders as to how far to go in any particular case—again O. K.

But none of these binding commitments ahead of time, binding us not to picket the employer in any certain way.

Hell in the Open Shop Heaven

FOR years the fungus of maladministration, corruption and graft has grown over the open shop government of Los Angeles.

The Chandler—Merchants and Manufacturers—Chamber of Commerce have kept their stooges in the city hall.

The police have been used to sleuth labor organizations and progressive movements, the district attorney's office to prosecute and persecute strikers, the City Council to smash labor through such attempted ordinances as the recent anti-picketing measure.

In the meantime the open-shop interests took a free ride at the expense of the workers and middle class of the county. They ran their scabby factories at the lowest wages and with the longest working hours in the country and advertised throughout the country that Los Angeles was the place for industrialists because of cheap labor.

The administration in return got a free hand in robbing the public. The city was honeycombed with graft and corruption regulated by one of the smoothest pay-off systems ever devised.

The present exposure is reaching into every department of the city government. The police, the mayor's office, and now the city council.

The henchmen of the open-shop are on the spot. Only when organized workers in a strong trade union movement combine with the decent middle class citizenry to oust these racketeers and put into office real people's representatives, will we have a city where the ordinary man and woman will get fair play.

Be Yourself, Chief!

IT IS to the vital interest of the community that its citizens have faith and confidence in their police department," says Chief Davis of Los Angeles grandiloquently.

But does the Chief ever read the newspapers or does he think the general public is illiterate? Police charged and convicted of drunk rolling, police involved in frame-up, police in Raymond bombing, police in jail poisoning, police suspected in Bruneman killing, police in Arcadia race track racket.

Why not be yourself, Chief. The cat's out of the bag now. Everybody knows that your department is crooked and corrupt from end to end. Everybody knows too that Fitts, at whom you are barking so belligerently, and his office, are just as deeply involved, are up to their necks in the muck of corruption.

Between you and Fitts and Shaw, with the support and help of the Chandlers, the Douglas outfit, and the underworld Gans, McAfee, Parrot, Robbins, Zemansky, et al., you have managed to mulct and oppress the public.

With the industrialists you have traded the open shop for a free hand in graft and prostitution and gambling. You have used your police to beat up workers trying to get a decent wage and to cover up crime and corruption.

But now on every hand are rising civic leaders, churchmen, labor leaders, who are determined to unite and to sweep you and your machine into the ash-bin.

Shhhhh! The first American settler in California wasn't a Fleishhacker, or a Hearst, or even a Dollar. He was a seaman, Tom Doak by name, who left the ship Albatross 122 years ago to start off the tradition of the maritime workers in California as pioneers.

Bei mir bist Du schoen



By Ellis

COLUMN LEFT

by Harrison George

Scripps-Howard Editors Playing Fly in Tanglefoot



WE CONCEDE that our knowledge of prize-fighting is limited, but we have never heard of one boxer hitting another "below the belt," and having his opponent concede the match, not to speak of accepting it as a blow struck in "good faith."

We never heard of such a thing, at least, until we read the "explanation" of the San Francisco News of the Scripps-Howard chain, which it tacked onto the reply of the local CIO to Stolberg's incredible lies about the San Francisco waterfront unions.

Said the CIO statement, in part: "When the Scripps-Howard people go far outside the CIO, and find themselves a super-Communist to accuse the CIO of being communistic, in a series of articles called INSIDE THE CIO, we have good reason to suppose we are being hit below the belt."

THE Managing Editor of the S. F. News, Mr. Clarvoe, trips blithely over such a blunt accusation, and in his "explanation," which is run directly under this accusation, he says: "The efforts of all Scripps-Howard editors to help make the Stolberg series factually accurate have been described to CIO officials, who have accepted the evidence of these newspapers' good faith."

If anybody can find an "acceptance" of that sort in the San Francisco CIO's charge that the Scripps-Howard papers hit it "below the belt," then I have no understanding of the English language.

Further, in another part of the CIO's statement, it is said: "The Scripps-Howard newspapers published them [Stolberg's articles] with a purpose. What that purpose was, we can only judge from the character of the articles and the result. The result was very damaging to the CIO in the eyes of the public."

Can you, or anyone except the S. F. News' editor, wrangle any "acceptance" of the Scripps-Howard editors' "good faith" out of that? No, indeed! They have been caught with their pants down.

"MR. STOLBERG'S opinions and interpretations are his own," said the S. F. News' editor, introducing Stolberg's seventh article on the West Coast maritime unions. And his present "explanations" show that "all the Scripps-Howard editors" helped (1) make Stolberg's articles "factually accurate." They, therefore, stand responsible for the facts.

Now, then, Mr. Clarvoe, squirming to dodge the proof that the New York World-Telegram gave a different set of "facts" than his own San Francisco paper did, says in his funny "explanation": "This difference in text between that found in the News and in the World-Telegram, was due to failure to make a correction supplied by the central office of Scripps-Howard Newspapers."

(Note that he doesn't explain that the New York World Telegram is itself the central office, whose "failure" to correct itself is an amusing explanation.)

"MR. STOLBERG'S articles," the News' explanation adds, "were read by all editors for errors, and corrections were sent through our central bureau before publication."

If this means anything, it means that the San Francisco News' editor, reading Stolberg's original statement that the Maritime Federation of the Pacific is "broken up" and "today is on its last legs," sent in his "correction," which changed the text to say that some mysterious "Stalinist" influence—"threatens to break up" the Maritime Federation.

By this change, the editor of the S. F. News himself, without any help from Stolberg, took responsibility for what he claims as a "fact"—that Communists "threaten to break up" the Maritime Federation. But does Mr. Clarvoe want to prove that statement? He cannot, for the facts are otherwise.

And what a fine "national authority on labor"—as the News told its readers—Stolberg has turned out to be! A flourishing industrial federation of 40,000 members is "broken up" by his tripe-writer! And left on the brink of destruction by another liar "in good faith."

WORLD FRONT

by Harry Gannes

MUSSOLINI'S mouthpiece in the United States, William Randolph Hearst, has come out with a frantic appeal for U. S. recognition of Italy's conquest of Ethiopia.

Right after U.S. Ambassador to France, William Bullitt, called Mussolini's son, Vittorio, a "murderous clown" for his barbarian exploits against the Ethiopian people, and not long after Secretary of State Hull threw a draft proposal of an Italo-American trade treaty into Mussolini's face because the Italian Fascists had tried to smuggle Ethiopian recognition into the commercial pact, the U. S. spokesman for the Fascist triple alliance would have the American people underwrite Mussolini's attempt to hold onto Ethiopia.

The cable from Rome to the Lord of Saint Simeon that called forth that editorial must have indeed been a pleading one. Ethiopia has made a blood-stained rent in the nearly empty treasury bag of Italian fascism. Unless Mussolini can plug that hole with American or British loans the continued resistance in Ethiopia will go on a long way to bankrupt Italy.

The antics of Hearst to get American agreement with those British Tories who favor Ethiopian conquest recognition, and of the Rome Fascists to try to refute the news of unceasing and effective Ethiopian resistance to Italian "rule," are amusing, to say the least.

Hearst never loses an occasion to berate "perfidious Albion," and to prevent any collaboration of this country with Great Britain for peaceful purposes. Yet Hearst's front-page editorial of Wednesday is a fervent plea for the U. S. to snatch at the bait of Tory Chamberlain and jointly with Britain to recognize the crimes against Ethiopia. In fact, Hearst and Mussolini realize full well that the U. S. is the key to Ethiopian recognition. Without American support, the Tories will have a hard if not impossible time to get Ethiopian recognition through the London parliament.

ROME'S gymnastic hysterical efforts to "answer" the claims of the Ethiopian legation in London that 6,000 Italian and Italian-trained Askari troops have been killed by Ethiopian fighters really help to confirm the Ethiopian report. That the Ethiopians would release their news to coincide with the meeting of the League of Nations so as to arouse the British public to help head off Chamberlain's advertised attempt to recognize Ethiopia is true and understandable.

But the Italian London embassy's denials, saying that only "roving bands of brigands" are making any trouble are refuted by the Italian army official organ, Le Forze Armate. Not long ago the Trotskyites tried to explain away the former Red Army of China by calling them "Red brigands."

The Italian army journal admits that "large bands (not brigands) operated within 35 miles of the capital, between Addis Ababa and Mergio." At two places, the Italian air force dropped 6,831 bombs, a large number against "roving bands of brigands." Arnaldo Cortesi, Fascist correspondent for the N. Y. Times, says that some 200 miles from Addis Ababa the Italian air force has to drop 130,000 tons of ammunition supplies to trap Italian forces. The Times editor says: "This figure is so high that it must obviously be a misprint." The Herald Tribune special story asserts that nine tons of ammunition alone were dropped at one place.

Le Forze Armate goes on to confirm the Ethiopian reports by saying that from August to October, 113 planes were used against the Ethiopians.

Because it has only one tiny, small-gauge railway and practically no roads, and because Ethiopia is the most mountainous country in Africa, and because the Ethiopian people have historically proved their fighting ability, and because Mussolini is so violently over-anxious to get recognition, we may be sure that Italian Fascism is far from dominating Ethiopia.

BEWARE OF ISOLATION: IT'S DIRECT PATH TO WAR

By Harry Gannes

(This is the second of two articles by Harry Gannes dealing with the vital problem of American foreign policy and its meaning for the masses of Americans who hate war and are striving for peace.—The Editor.)

THE No. 1 fascist spokesman

In this country, William Randolph Hearst, who is handsomely paid to present Hitler's views on all foreign political questions to the American people, is in fundamental agreement with Thomas Bliven, et al on the question of collective security.

Hearst, like the Trotskyites, hits right out against collective action for peace, saving his choicest vituperation for the Soviet Union. The Journal-American on Nov. 12, 1937, editorialized thus:

"An alliance with England and France means an alliance with Soviet Russia... with all the subversive Communist elements on our own soil."

Hearst Formula

The day previous, Hearst had given his own formula for "peace," a formula which draped in different language is taken up by Norman Thomas, by Bruce Bliven (New Republic, Jan. 22, 1938), and by Homer Martin, auto union head. Defending "isolation," Hearst goes on to say:

"America can have peace but not by making our weakness an invitation to invasion, not by allying ourselves with nations that are headed for war and would drag us into their wars."

In the same manner, Bruce Bliven, having accepted isolation, and being intelligent enough to understand that locking oneself in a house in the midst of a raging forest fire cannot insure one against the flames, looks around for means of protection. Similarly the United Auto Workers' resolution on war, a prize product jammed through by Lovestoneite, looks to isolated security. And both arrive at the idea of "national defense." The famous Ludlow amendment also had left a loophole for war even without the demagogic verbiage on the declaration of war on "national defense."

Bruce Bliven and Homer Martin and the others may argue about just how big or small artillery and armies are needed to "defend our shores," but they are agreed on the fundamental principle of isolating this country behind an armed force instead of trying to prevent any increased armaments or war of any kind by collaborating for peace.

And, as Hearst's advocacy makes it clear, this is chauvinism of the worst kind; the precise arguments used by the Social-Democrats in the last world war.

Democratic Unity

By abandoning the field entirely to the isolationists (who include the most rabid big army and navy men) those who honestly wish peace are defeating their own aims.

One of the most revealing contributions of the foes of collective security was the letter to the Nation (Jan. 22, 1938) signed by 40 individuals. A majority were Trotskyites, and Lovestoneites, with a sprinkling of trade union leaders, mainly under Lovestoneite influence, a couple of Socialist leaders, and a misled writer, Mauritz A. Hallgren, who had the misfortune

to write a book (The Tragic Falley) in which the most tragic fallacy was Mr. Hallgren's blasted prediction (before the war in China) that war in the Pacific would result from U. S. aggression.

The letter has two main points (1) It demands enforcement of the act that helped fascism in Spain, a law which the Socialist signers of the letter once admitted in their press would help Japanese imperialism in the Pacific and fascism everywhere else. Senator Gerald P. Nye, who on the floor of the Senate, describing the act, declared, "Neutrality is not!" also asked that this unilateral neutrality act, which experience proves facilitates aggression of the aggressor be enforced.

(2) The spurious argument is made, that collective security invites war. When accusation is made against the fascists that fascism is war, they reply, in their own defense, that "collective security is war."

The Nation's reply to the second "argument" of this letter effectively refutes it in the following words:

"If the drift toward war is to be checked, collective economic restraints are essential. We do not admit for a moment that this policy must be backed up by military sanctions, or that it involves a serious risk of war. It is one thing to say, as many do, that military cooperation between the democracies might stave off world conflict under the present circumstances; and quite another to say, as we have repeatedly, that in the long run peace can only be assured by the development of a non-violent technique for the enforcement of law. It is precisely this which the isolationists, including many signers of this letter, have opposed on many occasions."

Trotskyite Policy

In fact, the majority of the signers (Trotskyites) abhor peace, and consciously oppose collective security because they want the Soviet government overthrown and believe that a fascist-instigated war is their best bet.

The policy of Trotskyism, which like a necessary cog, fits into the entire fascist war machine, favors the extension of the present fascist aggressions into wars against the Soviet Union and all the democratic nations as a "solution" to world problems.

And yet they now have the audacity to pose as "defenders of peace" when their entire "theory" favors war. Trotskyism and Lovestoneism, despising the Soviet Union, adopt the same "theory" with the more immediate objective of regarding the Soviet Union and its leadership as the main enemy.

Panay Proof

The U. S. procedure on the Panay incident is proof of this fact. Anti-war agitation INCREASED in Japan after President Roosevelt's collective peace action speech at Oct. 5 and extended still wider following the Panay incident protests. The significance of collective peace action of the U. S., Britain, France and the U.S.S.R. would penetrate the fascist censorship barriers and create disturbances among the people which would further act to prevent carrying out of the fascist war plans.

It is axiomatic in Japanese circles, that for Japan to conquer in the Far East, she must play on the Anglo-American antagonisms, and try to prevent their collaboration with the Soviet Union.

Japan was able to conquer Manchuria in 1931, only because the British Tories and Hoover refused collaboration for peace, egging Japan on with the hope that she would attack the U.S.S.R.

A change in the international situation, and a consolidation of the fascist triple war alliance, have created the basis for successful collective action which Japan cannot overcome—except by relying on internal American forces to divert the movement of the American people who more and more favor international collaboration for peace.

The stark truth of the situation is: isolation makes world war inevitable, collective action for peace will block the fascist aggressors without resort to war.

Accomplishments

What could cooperative peace action accomplish? It would cut the fascists off from their main sources of war materials by collective economic sanctions. Under these circumstances, instead of extending its precarious war, Japan would sue more energetically for peace on the basis of trying to retain whatever it could of its plunder in China.

A nation does not commit hari kari; and collective security, which would threaten Japan's military schemes in China, must lead to an internal political crisis that would make impossible even continuation of the war in China, not to say

# SEEING RED

with Mike Quin

THERE'S a little union in America that's not making much sense, but is making a lot of headway. And it has had to work against the severest handicaps from the start. That's the CIO United Office and Professional Workers.

In San Francisco alone, they have signed eleven agreements with large firms in the past month and a half. That's remarkable progress.

From this you mustn't gather that the office workers have suddenly become union conscious on a large scale and are in hilariously upsurge. They're not. When you get out to organize office workers, you sign them up one at a time and buck head-winds all the way.

Office workers occupy the vest-pocket of the employer, so to speak. He has them right at his finger tips and has been able to infuse them with a lot of his ideas. Individual initiative, personality, shrewdness, alertness—all these things sound very proper and advisable to the office worker.

Perhaps in their real definitions, those things are desirable. But when individual initiative becomes disregard for the welfare of your fellows; when personality becomes self-seeking affectation; when shrewdness becomes unscrupulous profit-seeking; when alertness becomes the desire to outdo your neighbor, come what may; then these virtues take on the character of a public menace.

## Preserving Competition

SURELY we can preserve healthy competition without encouraging a philosophy of "every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost." And who is it that would recommend a civilization in which security and comfort would depend solely upon a man's so-called "business ability."

Surely buying and selling and foisting about merchandise is not such a vital human function that it should dominate life. The important reason for transporting a box of crackers from one point to another is so that some man can eat them with his soup. Not so that the cracker broker can make a profit.

The philosophy of Montgomery street is the philosophy of business. They eat it, sleep it, breath it, dream it. To them it becomes the dominant thing in life.

Whenever anyone sets out to picture the typical American, they picture an office worker. That holds good for cartoonists, scenario writers, novelists, magazine artists, and all the rest.

That alone is remarkable. If all the office workers in the country vanished in a flash, we would still have every necessary function in life still active. But if all the workers except office workers vanished, we would have very little of importance left.

## A Change Taking Place

WHY then has the office worker become the symbol of the American? Because this basically trivial thing called business, has in the past, been the dominant thing in American life.

Admittedly, a change is taking place. More and more overalls are appearing in cartoons and stories. That is because the pressure of organized labor has forced itself on the psychology of the nation and restored, if only to a small extent, a more realistic sense of values.

But the sensation of being close to what is "important"—being close to the boss—being close to the possibility, by dint of cleverness, of raising one's self to the estate of bossdom—still holds sway in the office worker's mind.

If office workers believed they were going to be office workers all their lives, they would organize tomorrow and be as class conscious as any man in overalls. But they don't. In each one's brain is the germ of optimism that he or she will duplicate the marvelous performance of the hero or heroine of last week's Saturday Evening Post story.

Thus they fall prey to the notion that they don't need unions, that if they have the "stuff" they will rise like bubbles, and that if they do not have the "stuff" they are unworthy creatures and do not deserve anything anyhow.

No more space. Keep up the good work in the office union. We'll discuss this some more in a future column.

# CHANGE THE WORLD

with Mike Gold

## More Reflections of A Man in a Hurry

THURSDAY—Strange obligations fall upon us at times, and for the sake of the movement, (no kidding) I had to allow myself to be taken to a Broadway night club last night. It was the first night club I have ever been in. My host tossed away the equal of two weeks' Daily Worker wages on the evening. Everything in this glittering place had a tariff on it. If you looked at the waiter, he added a dollar to the check. If you sneezed, or went to the toilet, or asked for water, there was a charge. Just sitting there cost three dollars.

And what did you get for it? Some chorus girls came out and trotted listlessly around, that awful fixed smile on their faces that I hate to see, for it means these poor kids are bored, just working for a living, a living that forces them to pretend to be full of eternal passion and pleasure. Then a little sissy man with painted eyebrows came out and crooned some of those awful Tin Pan ballads.

At the tables gray-headed, rich old bums in dress suits drank and drank and then sobbered over their bored young partners of the evening. The place was actually dismal. I haven't been at a single dance or party in the poorest hall of a Workers' Club that hadn't more warmth, humanity and fun for a quarter.

No, it was my first and last time in a nightclub. Don't ever believe a word those Broadway gossip writers write about the glamor of these places. There is just a job of balhyho and advertising—it is commercial glamor, false as the eyebrows of that crooner. No I've never envied the rich their pleasures; I've seen it at various times at close hand.

They are a stupid and unimaginative group, these American cash-grabbers, and they have no more inner resources than a pig. To be happy they must be stopy-drunk and throwing money around. I'd go nuts if I had to live for a week amongst such folk; and many a decent boy and girl born into this class has felt the same, and has broken away.

No, I'm not getting moral about it, though there is a fundamental and hideous immorality about such ostentatious waste while masses of other Americans must starve. It's not only a question of morality, but a life—these people lead degraded lives, cheap worthless, empty lives, and why should workers pay for it with their own lives, anyway?

FRIDAY—Bravo for Dorothy Parker! She refused to act as chairman for a Sinclair Lewis lecture in Hollywood, but wired back, "Suggest you get Tom Girdler." The reviews that have appeared on his new red-baiting novel justify the attack I made on Lewis in the press a month or so ago. The critics say it is the worst book he has ever written.

What in the world happens to such writers, former Socialists and liberals? The answer is easy: I have seen it work in at least a dozen other cases. While the writer is poor and unknown, all his contacts are with simple people, working men and women. He meets them on an easy and intimate plane, and writes about them as intimately. This gives him his strength, because the daily life of normal, working humanity is the only possible theme for good writing.

Then the author makes a success. He becomes wealthy and famous, like Lewis. Without realizing it, he becomes more and more insulated from the common people. He lives in tourist utopias and flashy hotels. His friends are now the drones and parasites of society—the small, limited, artificial world which only consumes and has forgotten to create. A writer can only write best about the daily life he knows.

But what can any writer produce in such an environment? More drawing room comedies? He really comes to forget everything he ever knew about the great realities—and that is the point, he begins to fake his material. He is like a fine machinist who has been out of work for years—he loses his touch.

I say I have seen it happen before, and it has happened to Sinclair Lewis. He had a fine talent, a fine ear for the daily life of the American lower middle class. Now he has been de-classed. Despite all the hateful and harmful things he is now doing, like a man in a frenzy, I am genuinely sorry for him. Luxury has robbed American literature of another of its best men.

# Murder With Clean Hands

A Short Short Story

—by ED ROBBIN

LAMBERT was slumped in an easy chair. His vest was open, his collar unbuttoned and his tie loose. There was a fuddled drunken grin on his round face. One lock of damp hair fell over his forehead. His plump cheeks were flaming red.

Gertrude Lambert was pouring drinks and John Stewart, long necked and gangling, changed the record on the victrola.

"Here's your drink, John," said Gertrude, sweeping close to him with a cocktail glass in her hand. "I don't know whether to give Bill another or not." She looked back at Lambert dubiously.

"Gaze upon him, gentlemen of the jury. This inebriate slumped in his chair was formerly a man and what a man," John declaimed with a broad gesture. "William Lambert but yesterday was a prominent judge, one of the youngest and most respected jurists in the state of California. What is he today? Besotted and sunken in a drunken stupor, his wife, poor woman, look at her tears—"

"Don't make 'em of me. I won't stand for it," said Lambert suddenly sullen.

"HE WON'T stand for it," roared John in his best courtroom manner. "And did you think of that before you committed this vile act, before you disgraced your family, your community, your state and your country? You pointed his finger ferociously at Lambert. 'The people of this state will put you in the gutter where you belong.'"

"No, no, not in the gutter. Don't put me in the gutter," Lambert writhed and clung to the chair as though someone were trying to drag him from it.

"OH, JOHN, stop it," Gertrude laughed, grabbing his arm and pulling it down. "Now drink your drink like a good boy. Don't tense him," she said in a low voice. "He's a different man when he's drinking. You have to treat him carefully."

"You can't make fun of my official position and get away with it," said Lambert thickly. He started to take off his tie. He mumbled something about settling it outside.

"All right, all right," said John. "Don't get all steved up. You're acquitted of the charge. The jury finds you not guilty. You know I think you're a swell judge. The best on the bench. And that's not because you gave me the decision in that oil case yesterday."

"You're impugning my honesty," said Lambert. "You're trying to say I decided in favor of the company because I was bribed," he shouted.

"Forget about it, dear. No one is accusing you of anything." "Let's dance," said John. He had swallowed his drink. His ears, which stood out from his head, were flaming red. There was a blooming smile in the corner of his lips as he danced and he watched Lambert out of the corner of his eye.

"Let him alone, please," Gertrude pleaded in a whisper. "He gets awfully angry over trifles when he's drinking. He's so tense"



and worked up all week that when he let loose he seems to lose all control.

LAMBERT stumbled over to the table and took another drink. He spilled half of it on his shirt and half on the carpet. He laughed in a cracked voice and then sat flat on the floor. John and Gertrude danced around him laughing. Lambert brooded head in hands.

He was conscious of the silken swishing of Gertrude's blue gown and the long thin legs of his friend John Stewart. They were whispering about him and dancing close.

"Tim Judge William Lambert," he muttered. "You can't push me in the gutter."

"Next case," he said out loud. John laughed uncontrollably. Lambert saw himself sitting on the bench. The whole courtroom was rocking with laughter and jeering and John was pointing a long mocking finger at him.

He stumbled to his feet and reeled toward the door. "I'm going to bed," he said slyly, tearing at his shirt.

"Need any help, honey," Gertrude moved toward him. "No, stay where you are."

HE LAY on his bed. His head throbbed and the room seemed to be tipping from side to side. My hands are clean, he said to himself. Like hell they are, a voice replied. One after another the faces of prisoners passed before him, men he had sent to the penitentiary, men he had released. How swiftly he had climbed. He had powerful friends. Nothing to fear. My hands are clean. Like hell they are. In the meantime his ear was listening avidly to sounds from the other room. The victrola was playing. There was a shuffling

sound, low laughter. "THE bastard, the slyster, he's laughing at me with my wife. So he knows about the oil deal, so he'll push me in the gutter—with my wife—the slut—laughing at me—" He had fumbled a revolver out of the bureau drawer. Through blurred eyes he saw them

dancing cheek to cheek. He levelled the gun. John lifted his hand to stop—Lambert saw the long accusing finger and shot twice, three times. Gertrude opened her mouth to scream and Lambert emptied the gun into her open mouth. "My hands are clean," he screamed, "clean!"

# Mae West Lambasts Radio Monopolists

Popular Actress Hits Big Advertising Company in 'Adam and Eve' Charge; Local Press Suppresses Story

(People's World Hollywood Bureau) HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 31.—Mae West romps in where the angelic respectables fear to tread, and, like certain star performers on the political stage, carries the people with her despite the scowls of the masters of finance capital.

Part of the story is the fact that despite the sanctimonious hullabaloo raised against her for her "Adam and Eve" broadcast in December, her personal appearance current at the Paramount theater in Los Angeles is running well ahead of the all-time box-office high previously held by Eddie Cantor.

That's only a small part of the story, but it serves to illustrate the point that the howl that was raised against her with the angels current at the Paramount theater in Los Angeles is running well ahead of the all-time box-office high previously held by Eddie Cantor.

But there's another angle. The big blonde Bertha the other day did what few if any entertainment stars would have dared: she personally delivered a public broadcast against radio's colossus, the National Broadcasting Co., and against the advertising agency which handles her sponsor's account. How much TNT this salvo carried may be judged from the fact that although the United Press sent the story out by wire, not one paper carrying the UP service locally dared to print it.

It might have looked like a publicity stunt, but the People's World has learned that the publicity office of Paramount Pictures, which is handling her current film, "Every Day's a Holiday," was in a dither about the story. You'd have thought that the newspapers would have been glad to publish a story which took a sock at their competitor, radio, but it must be remembered that the J. Walter Thompson Co., which handles the Chase & Sanborn coffee program on which Miss West appeared, also controls millions of dollars worth of newspaper advertising. So the story didn't appear in print in the town where it had the greatest news value.

Slaps Executives The interview that Frederick Othman, United Press Hollywood correspondent, sent out Jan. 28 said that Miss West "shrugged a svelte hip in disdain for the National Broadcasting Co. and accused its executives of impolite, disrespectful, ungentlemanly, and ungracious conduct for leaving a lady in the lurch. The same indictment went also for the heads of a coffee advertising company. The story went on to say that they, not she, had chosen the "Adam and Eve" skit for the Chase & Sanborn program, but when the furor began, blamed it all on her. 'If I'd had any idea anybody would complain,' she was quoted as saying, 'I never would have done it.'"

Appropos the failure of the papers in the radio and film center to print the story, J. P. Morgan & Co. has a large interest in the National Broadcasting Co. and the J. Walter Thompson Co.

"Suspect" Starting Run at Curran The return of Pauline Frederick to the legitimate theatre is an event of importance for she has always been a great favorite in San Francisco. Miss Frederick came to the Curran Theatre, San Francisco, yesterday in the London success, "Suspect."

Arthur J. Beckhard is presenting Miss Frederick in "Suspect." The play is a murder play, but not a mystery. Rather it is a psychological study of people involved in a murder case. For this reason, it is not proper to reveal the story of the play, but it can be relied upon that it will have one of the most unusual and effective twists that any play has had in years.

For support of Miss Frederick, Mr. Beckhard has assembled a splendid cast, including Grayce Hampton, Morton Lowater, Virginia Baranto, Raymond Lawrence, Russell Hicks and William Griffith.

WPA Production Shown at Benefit for "World" SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—The Seattle Committee for the People's World is sponsoring a showing of Elmer Rice's "Counselor at Law," WPA production. They have taken over the house for Friday, Feb. 4.

The Federal Theatre project, occupies its own theatre here in the heart of the Italian area.

# Soviet Dancer Is Acclaimed At N.Y. Debut

CHINESE dancer from Soviet Russia has just appeared on the horizon of American art. She is Si-lan Chan who Sunday made her American debut in New York under the sponsorship of the American Friends of the Chinese People. This event marked the first time a Chinese artist has appeared in formal recital on Broadway since Mei Lan Fang.

This however, is no debut performance for Si-lan Chan. She has been in the public eye since 1930 when, at the Moscow Conservatory, she received an ovation from an audience composed of the leading artists of the Soviet Union which lasted over twenty minutes and established Si-lan as one of the outstanding artists of the Soviet Union.

Si-lan, frail, but with a vivacity and enthusiasm that leaves one breathless, received her early dance training in the Stedman Academy of England. The little Chinese girl finally saw China in 1925 when her father, Eugene Chen, then Prime Minister for Mme Sun Yat-sen, recalled his four children from England and made plans for them to spend the rest of their lives in their native land.

There, although she and her family lived with Mme. Sun Yat-sen and were in daily contact with government diplomats, Si-lan nevertheless walked through the streets of Nanking and saw for the first time the Chinese people living the ricksha coolies, the Westernized students, the Chinese factory workers and their feudal overlords, and the Chinese revolutionists.

China was in a period of intense revolutionary upheaval. Si-lan was a wide-eyed observer of these historic days which left an indelible impression on her mind. With the fall of the Wuhu government, the Chen family and Mme. Sun found refuge in the Soviet Union and Si-lan plunged in earnest into her professional career.

Natural Gifts When she first performed in Moscow the critic Ivin of "Izvestia" hailed her as "one of those few who are naturally gifted for the dance." But for her the most important problem was to evolve a means by which she could transfer into her art those impressions and reactions to the world she lived in. In several concerts including one at the Bolshoi Theatre she confirmed her reputation as an exquisite dancer and master of dramatic expression. She received tremendous popular ovations and was sent on extended tours throughout the Soviet Union and the Scandinavian countries.

It was with her recital at the Vahtangov Theatre, however, after years of testing new forms, that Miss Chen arrived at her distinctive and original approach to the dance. For Si-lan is a modern dancer in the real sense of the word. She fuses her art with a realistic contemporary ideology that recognizes the dance as a sensitive medium for the portrayal of social themes.

At her American debut, Miss Chen presented to her American audience dances of modern China and the Soviet Union. The proceeds of the recital are being sent to Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek and Mme. Sun Yat-sen, both friends of the dancer, for medical relief.

# Berkeley Artists Show New Works

BERKELEY, Jan. 30.—For its second show opening Tuesday, Feb. 1, the East Bay Theatre Union Art Gallery, 2036 Addison Street, Berkeley, presents paintings by John Howard and Bernard Zachheim, and sculpture by Valerie Kaun and Sargent Johnson. These well-known first line artists have seldom been shown in the East Bay, although three of them make their home in Berkeley.

Howard is the son of John Calen Howard, famous architect of the campanile and other campus buildings. Zachheim has just completed a large fresco at the University of California Medical School in San Francisco depicting the history of medicine.

Sargent Johnson is the winner of the San Francisco Art Association's sculpture prize. His delicate masks and figures of Negro subjects are as fine as anything done in the field of sculpture. Valerie Kaun is extremely well known for her work, and especially for her excellent bust of Maxim Gorki. The gallery hours are 2 to 5 p. m. daily except Monday.

# One-Act Play Tops Town Hall Topics

EVELYN Grover, the well known character artist, comes to San Francisco to present one of her "one-act plays" in the Curran Theater next Tuesday, (February 8) at 11 a. m. under Town Hall Forum auspices.

The play is divided into three acts. It concerns the life cycle of a prospector's wife who attempts to crash New York society after her husband strikes it rich, then finds herself back in the prospector's shack at Leadville, Colorado, when their fortunes crash.

"Suspect" Starting Run at Curran The return of Pauline Frederick to the legitimate theatre is an event of importance for she has always been a great favorite in San Francisco. Miss Frederick came to the Curran Theatre, San Francisco, yesterday in the London success, "Suspect."

Arthur J. Beckhard is presenting Miss Frederick in "Suspect." The play is a murder play, but not a mystery. Rather it is a psychological study of people involved in a murder case. For this reason, it is not proper to reveal the story of the play, but it can be relied upon that it will have one of the most unusual and effective twists that any play has had in years.

For support of Miss Frederick, Mr. Beckhard has assembled a splendid cast, including Grayce Hampton, Morton Lowater, Virginia Baranto, Raymond Lawrence, Russell Hicks and William Griffith.

# Satire Sharpens Technique Of French Lithographer

By Lou MacLean AT THE San Francisco Museum of Art in the War Memorial Building the lithographs of Toulouse Lautrec continue on display. This is one of the best, most satisfactory shows it has been my pleasure to see in some time.

Toulouse Lautrec most evidently had a keen and satiric wit and no sense of reverence if one is to judge from some of these. Distortion and exaggeration he uses effectively. And it interested me a great deal to notice how intelligently his technique varies with the different types of subjects.

In many of the "Elles" series for instance, he uses a very soft and sensual flow of line and delicate values. In the satirical "Cafe Concert" series; "Candide"; "American Singer"; "Madame Abtala"; "American Checks" and others are sharper and the lines more forceful.

Humor Derisive THIS series is simply swell, full of good humor, which is sometimes outright derisive. In some of the "Elles" series, "Woman Walking"; "Hand Mirror"; "Conversation"; etc., as well as in the "Madame Lender" series the attention is drawn to the heads or the upper part of bodies, while at first glance the rest may seem casual and even scratchy.

He shows here his excellent command of line and his excellent command of details, for every picture is complete in effective suggestion and thereby gains immensely in comparison with drawings where detail is too carefully considered.

# Modern Types

IF YOU are a regular gallery-trotter this is by all means a show you should not miss. If you are not, this is a grand one to start on. In spite of the fact that the models for these pictures belong in the past, you see their counterpart in the streets, shops, and street-cars every day in the week. It is good to see them drawn with such piercing wit.

Notice "Strolling" and "Conversation" and see if you don't think that the artist had small use for the avaricious people he saw around him.

### ART SHOWS OF THE WEEK

In San Francisco

ART CENTER, 1133 Broadway street. Paintings and lithographs by Theodore Polos.

CITY OF PAISIE, Paintings by Edmond Pizella.

COOPERATIVE CENTER, 166 Broadway. Paintings by Frances Brown.

FOUR VOISIER CENTER, 323 Geary street. Paintings by E. Othon Priesse.

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, Polish graphic art, Chinese album paintings, American prints, Textiles and lacers.

BLDGR, 237 Post street. Photographs by Edith Walters (opening Saturday).

DELBER LILIENTHAL, 338 Sutter street. Sculpture by Eltore Gion.

HUMP, 250 Post street. "Thirteen Watercolorists" group show.

EWING COMMUNITY CENTER, 3200 California street. Post Impressionists in reproductions.

REGION PALACE, Selected paintings from the 15th biennial exhibition of Coronado Gallery of Art. Ceramics and French costume prints by Mrs. A. B. Spreckels. "Impressions of Leadville" by Edith Walters (opening Saturday).

SOPIENGER KOTZBIECK, 2621 Phillips. Lithographs by Arthur Murphy.

SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF ART, Textiles from the collection of the late Mrs. W. H. Crocker. Lithographs by Toulouse Lautrec. Oil and water colors by Frank Bergman. Photographs by Nicholas Dunphy. Photographs sculpture, Lauren Chaney.

# Sinclair Lewis Speaks in Dreamland Tomorrow

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Sinclair Lewis, novelist, Nobel Prize winner, and husband of Dorothy Thompson, conservative newspaper columnist, will speak in the Dreamland Auditorium, Post and Steiner streets Wednesday evening at 8:15.

Mr. Lewis' topic is "It Has Happened Here" a play on his now famous work, "It Can't Happen Here." The lecture is under the auspices of the San Francisco center of the California League of Women Voters.



# THE RADIO DIAL

SO IMPORTANT that all should make plans here and now to be in the vicinity of a radio at that hour is a spontaneous forum on "What Does Democracy Mean?" to be heard on Thursday, February 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m. over the NBC Blue Network.

Salvatore De Madariaga, former delegate to the League of Nations from Spain, one time Spanish Ambassador to the United States and a world-famous statesman, will be the first speaker to express his views. At the conclusion of the round table discussion he also will summarize the positions taken by the speakers, following which the Town Hall audience will ask questions.

Taking the more conservative viewpoint will be Max Lerner, editor of "The Nation" and Dr. Ruth Alexander, writer, economist and lecturer. Dr. Alexander, who received her Ph.D. at the age of 20 describes herself as a "defender of capitalism."

Clarence A. Hathaway, editor-in-chief of "The Daily Worker," the official publication of the Communist Party in America, and another speaker not yet selected will take the opposing side. Hathaway is a member of the central committee of the Communist Party.

Tuesday's Memos 8:15 a. m., KSPQ Madhouse Rhythms. 9:00 a. m., KGO, Originals. 9:30 a. m., KPO, Library Jack. 9:30 a. m., KGO, National Farm and

Home Hour. 10:00 a. m., KSPQ, Gold Medal Feature Time. 10:45 a. m., KGO, Rochester Civic Orchestra, Educational Concert. 11:30 a. m., KGO, NBC Music Guild. 12:15 p. m., KSPQ, Academy of Medicine Program. 1:30 p. m., Hughes Recd. 1:45 p. m., KSPQ, Current Questions Before the House. 2:00 p. m., KGO, Lady of Millions. 2:30 p. m., KPO, Harry Kogen and his orchestra. 3:00 p. m., KGO, Ralob's Orchestra. 3:15 p. m., KSPQ, American School of the Air. 3:45 p. m., KGO, Dinner Concert. 5:30 p. m., KGO, Chaussonette; KPO, Walter Kelsey and His Music. 6:15 p. m., KSPQ, Moving Stories of Life. 8:00 p. m., KGO, Horace Heidt and His Orchestra. 8:30 p. m., KGO, Labor on the March; KSPQ, Caravan, Jack Oakie; KPO, Hollywood March, Pres. and Mrs. Hoover. 8:45 p. m., KSPQ, Cuddling All Cases; KPO, Jimmy Fisher. 9:00 p. m., KGO, Bonnie Walker's Amateur Hour. 9:30 p. m., KSPQ, Watch the Fun Go By; KGO, Pearson and His Gang; KPO, Death Valley Days. 9:30 p. m., KGO, Roger Pryor's St. Francis Hotel Orchestra. 9:45 p. m., KSPQ, Buddy Rogers and his orchestra. 10:00 p. m., KSPQ, Joe Sanders' Orchestra. 10:30 p. m., KGO, Jack Winstan's Bolshoi Orchestra. 11:00 p. m., KSPQ, Henry King's Orchestra.

### FEDERAL THEATRE

Elmer Rice's poignant social drama "COUNSELLOR AT LAW" February 1 to 5, 8:30 p. m.

Prices—25c, 40c

Reservations, CA-1522 Div. of W.P.A.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1938

SWISS KICKERS UPSET VERDI A. C.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The Swiss Athletic Club Soccer team pulled a dramatic upset which left Hans Specht and his Verdi Italians more or less breathless out at Ewing Field yesterday.

The Swiss won 2-1 on Goals scored by Aldo Baccala and Cantagnas.

SPECHT SCORES ONCE

But Specht, who has done all of Verdi's scoring in her last two games and who is certainly one of the neatest soccer players LEFTY has ever laid eyes on, got his score in for the afternoon on a pass from Gino Campi.

The international character of soccer was never more strikingly illustrated than in Sunday's games. In the preliminary game the Italian A. C. nosed out the French A. C., 2-1.

Then the Swiss A. C. beat the Verdi Club (Italian, with the exception of Specht and Schneider) and in the feature match the Rovers (Anglo-Scottish) trounced the Mercury Club (Russian).

FEATURE MATCH DULL

The feature event was a loosely played affair which didn't match the Swiss-Verdi game in excitement. The Rovers, champions for two years amused themselves at the Russians' expense in running up a 5-1 lead in the first half.

Finlayson, Rover forward, scored in the opening seconds of play and after that it was easy sledding, with Schmidt, Wicklow, Roberts and Finalyson again slipping it past the goalie.

Willie Bogdanoff scored once for Mercury and in the second half Anatole Kolossoff and Boris Stashut got a marker apiece. The final score was 8-3.

CARDS VS. CAL FRIDAY

Gus H. Fan to See Hot Basketball When Luisetti Takes on Bears

By Martin Taylor

The "Big Game" and the question of conference leadership both tied up in one game.

That's what northern California basketball fans like and that's just the situation created when California outpointed the Trojans in a two game series while Stanford was doing the same to the helpless Bruins.

Stanford, coming out in second place after the smoke blew away last weekend, will not be able to wrest the lead from the high flying Bears, but they can make it pretty uncomfortable for Cal by winning Friday night at Palo Alto.

STANFORD CONFIDENT After their tussle with the Bruins, Stanford regained most of her lost confidence and will make it tough for Nibs Price's lads if they get hot.

Victory for the Golden Bears Friday night would put them three full games ahead of their nearest rival, with six games remaining in their schedule.

Two of these six games are home games with U.C.L.A. which look like a cinch for the Bears.

TROY STILL THERE Despite the Trojans slide to third place they can't be counted out of the picture. From now on they have the best schedule in the conference.

They get two games apiece with both Stanford and California on their home court and should fare better than they did up to here. Then considering two set-ups with U.C.L.A., they have an envious schedule.

There you have a picture of how the conference looks now, with the final picture easily changed by the outcome of Friday's game at Stanford.

Reno Made Safe for Divorce Minus Dope

RENO, Jan. 31. (TP).—Narcotics agents said today they believed they had cut off the source of opium traffic in Reno with the arrest of two men charged with supplying narcotics to divorce-seekers.

The two, Leon Hansen and Sal "Tar Baby" Terrano, were charged with transporting dope from San Francisco to Nevada and were held for arraignment today before U. S. Commissioner Anna Warren.

Agents said the arrested men were gambling dealers in Reno's most prominent night club.

Railway Labor To Be Discussed

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—General and Brotherhood matters will be discussed at the regular Fifth Monday District Meeting Assn. of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, here next Monday. The meeting will be held at 1 p. m. in the Pacific Bldg., Room 934.

For Oakland

Eastbay subscribers, readers, correspondents and advertisers of the People's World are notified of the opening of an Eastbay office at Rm. 17, 357 12th St., Oakland, The telephone is TWIn-oaks 1788.

Both editorial and business matters are handled by the new office, for the better service of the paper to the community.

New Navy Chief Steps In

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (TP).—The new commander-in-chief of the United States Naval fleet, Admiral Claude Charles Bloch, will take over his duties tomorrow. Admiral Bloch succeeds Admiral Arthur Hepburn, who becomes commandant of the 12th naval district in San Francisco.

CARMEN LOSE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The Municipal Carmen's Union baseball nine was the victim of a no-hit, no-run pitching feat put on by George Ragghianti of the Daly City Club Sunday.

Garby, pitching for the Carmen, allowed 8 hits and 4 runs.

NAZIS LICKED

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan. 31. (TP).—Adrian Quist and John Bromwich of Australia won the men's doubles tennis championship of their native land today. Quist and Bromwich defeated Baron Von Cramm and Heiner Henkel of Germany, 7-5, 6-4, 6-0 in the final round.

Must Shanties Be Preserved?

By Beverly Doone

With the disappearance of the old sailing vessels, it may be open to question whether or not the shanties sung on them should be preserved. It is well, however, to remember that they were labor songs sung by sailors of the merchant service only while at work and never by way of recreation.

This accounts for the lack of veracity in most books of shanties, for their collectors never heard them unless they had been to sea. It would always have been a difficulty to get a regular salt sea sailor to sing them on land.

It reminds one of the story told by Richard Terry in his collection "The Shanty Book." He tells of a visitor to Kerry County who wished to hear some of the old traditional keepers. An old woman reputed to be the best keeper in the district was brought to the house and made several attempts to sing the funeral chants. Finally she said, "I can't do it; there's no body."

A rope, a capstan and plenty of hard work made the background for a shanty. There was nothing picturesque or romantic about them, two qualities which singers and collectors try to put into them.

The general term sea song is, of course, quite different and may be applied to the songs that sailors sang in hours of play. These might be all sorts of popular tunes and ballads. But the various kinds of shanties had an exact relationship to the many varieties of heavy physical toil involved in handling a square rigger.

Hard days at sea did not disappear with the passing of the sailing ship, though the shanty did. But faded food, foul sleeping quarters and unnecessary toil are disappearing through the solidarity and fighting spirit of the men themselves.

Druggist Fined for Illegal Sale of Sulfanilimide

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Fined \$50, one half of which was suspended and released on six months probation, was druggist Thomas Matheny of Florence Avenue and Compton Blvd., who pleaded guilty to having sold the deadly elixir sulfanilimide without a prescription.

The newly discovered cure for gonorrhea and many other ailments, sulfanilimide, recently killed over a hundred people when a drug manufacturer put it out in a commercial solution without having first given the drug a proper test.

Resulting from these tragic deaths, a campaign is being waged in Washington for more stringent control of medical supplies and the commercial drug industry.

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Braddock Quits

JIM GETS OUT WHILE HE'S STILL HEALTHY

Baer May Get Bout With Farr; Armstrong Tonite in L. A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—James J. Braddock, the prize ring's Cinderella man, today added his name to the list of those boxers who are smart enough to quit when they can still stand up.

Braddock, who crashed ring headlines when he beat Max Baer for the heavyweight title in 1935 and kept up his reputation as a comeback artist with a decision over Tommy Farr earlier this month, made his surprise announcement after consulting with his wife and his manager, Joe Gould.

"I am retiring from the ring," he stated. "I have won my last fight, and I think I could still beat most of the outstanding contenders for the heavyweight championship, but I have spent 15 years in the game and in fairness to everyone, but especially to my wife and children, I believe it is time for me to withdraw."

The declaration came as a distinct surprise to almost everyone but Mrs. Braddock, who has been after her hubby for some time to retire and live on the proceeds of Braddock's recent fights.

It had been generally thought that Braddock would fight Farr again on April 11 in Madison Square Garden. Jim won an earlier meeting by a close 10-round decision over the Welsh minor.

BAER VS. FARR? NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Promoter Mike Jacobs declared today that former champion Max Baer of Livermore, California, might be matched with Tommy Farr for a Madison Square Garden bout March 11 as a result of Jim Braddock's retirement from the ring.

Max had been promised a crack at the winner of the recent Farr-Braddock go, but Jim had refused to fight the Livermore Larruper on the grounds that it would be a step backward.

ARMSTRONG TONITE LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Henry Armstrong, featherweight champion of the world, will make his 1938 bow to his home town audience here tomorrow night when he takes on Chaiky Wright in a 10-round non-title bout.

Heavy odds prevailed that Wright would go into the ring upright and return in the manner in which 31 of his predecessors have left—horizontal.

Peninsula Group To Hold Meeting For Aid to China

PALO ALTO, Jan. 31.—"Can China Win?" will be the question answered at the Community Center here by Dr. Victor Quong, Chancellor of the Chinese Consulate General, Wednesday evening, February 2nd, 8 p. m.

Rev. Herrick J. Lane, pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian Church, from San Francisco's Potrero, will also speak at the meeting, which is scheduled for the Children's Theatre in the Palo Alto Center.

Chairman of the affair, held under the auspices of the local Committee to Help Check Japanese Aggression, is Professor Holland D. Roberts of the School of Education of the Leland Stanford University, situated near here. Dr. Roberts is past president of the California Federation of Teachers. Admission is free.

Freezing Weather Hits Middle Western States

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. (TP).—The mercury went down to below zero in a half dozen midwest states today as a new cold wave moved toward the east. The wintry weather was expected to last for two or three days.

In Chicago, the official temperature this morning was zero. It was 23 below at Fargo, N. D., 14 below in Minneapolis, 10 below at Madison Wisconsin, eight below at Des Moines, seven below at Omaha, and six below in Milwaukee and Iowa City.

Spokane Rally Marks Lenin Anniversary

SPOKANE, Jan. 31.—The Communist Party ended its two-day annual Spokane County convention with a Lenin Memorial mass meeting Sunday.

Lewis Sass, organizational secretary of the Party's district organization, and Jim West, secretary of the Young Communist League were guest speakers.

HOLLYWOOD

Free Watch Crystals

Advertisement for Chas. Lewkovich Jewels & Watches, featuring watch crystals and repair services.

THEY GO 'ROUND AND 'ROUND—AND NEVER ARRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Nine teams, representing practically every major nation in the world, have signed up for the six-day bicycle races to start at Drexland here next Saturday.

Promoter Eddie Saunders announced today. The teams which will enter the 'round and 'round contest are:

Canada — Peden Brothers, Torch and Doug. Ireland — Henry "Cocky" O'Brien and Russell Allen. Italy — Tuo Keboni and Angelo de Bracco.

Belgium — Gerard "Jerry" Debates and Archie Bollaert. U. S. France — George "Shipwreck" Shipman and Ray Bevard.

Poland-Spain — Jerry Rodman and Bobby Echeverria. Argentina-Germany — Remigio Saavedra and Cecil Behringer. United States — Buck Mauners and Johnny Eiler.

COOPER WINS

Lighthorseman Grabs Golf Gray to Tune of \$1200

OAKLAND, Jan. 3.—Light Horse Harry Cooper, the "mechanical man" of golfdom, upset the calculations of some dozens of golfers cameramen and sportswriters yesterday when he won the \$5000 Oakland open golf championship.

The crowd of cameramen and reporters were about to crown Jimmy Hines and Charley Sheppard of Castlewood co-champions in Northern California's richest golfing event, when Cooper pulled his surprise.

SOME COMEBACK

Coming up on the last hole he needed an eagle (two strokes under par) on the 18th hole to win the match. He needed it and got it. A drive and a long wood shot put him on the green and he sunk an eight foot putt for the title, scoring a 3 on a hole the handicappers say it takes a good man to make a 5 on.

Cooper won \$1200 with his total of 275 strokes.

Hines and Sheppard, with 278's took home \$650 apiece, while John Perrelli in fourth place, snared \$450.

Others who placed, in the following order: Paul Runyan, Marvin Gray, Ben Hogan, Dutch Harrison, Ted Longworth, Vic Ghezzi, Fred Wood, Al Zimmerman, Johnny Revelta.

PAINTERS WIN

BAKERSFIELD, Jan. 31.—The Painters' Local hoopers whipped the Druids' five here during the week by a score of 30-25.

The Painters' line-up: L. Hackney and L. Carlson, forwards; Gudmonson, center; V. Carlson and Hampton, guards.

Kovacs Trimmed In Florida Open

ORLANDO, Fla., Jan. 31.—Elwood Cooke, Portland, Ore., tennis expert won the Florida open championship here today by defeating another westerner, young Frank Kovacs of Oakland.

Cooke won in straight sets, 8-5, 6-2, 6-0.

Kovacs, a junior amateur champion, was thrown badly off his stride after the furious first set and Cooke had little difficulty in finishing well out in front.

Martha Barnett, Florida amateur tistit, picked up the women's open championship by defeating Mrs. Lila Porter of Mobile, Ala., 4-6, 6-0, 5-4.

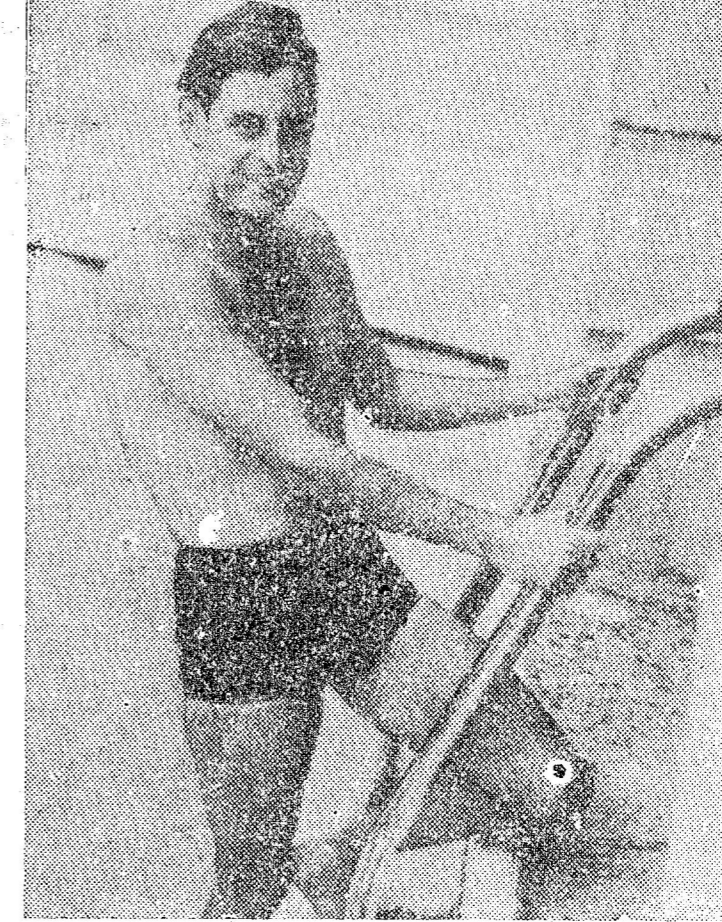
FELLER TO SIGN

VAN METTER IA, Jan. 31. (TP).—The youthful Cleveland Indian fireball pitcher, Bob Feller, said today that he would sign his 1938 contract at New Orleans next month.

Feller and the Cleveland Club agreed on terms a week ago after he sent his first contract back for what he said were minor adjustments.

Feller will get \$17,000, plus a bonus.

AQUATIC SPEEDSTER



RALPH FLANAGAN, speedy young Florida swimmer, who shattered three national swimming records at a meet held in the Coral Gables pool. He's only 20 years old and captains the All-American swimming team.

OAKLAND-CROCKETT ILWU SERIES SPLIT

OAKLAND, Jan. 30.—The Oakland warehousemen's "Blues" pulled a surprise rally to win over the Crockett ILWU "A's" in a fast Northern California CIO League game over the weekend.

On the scorer's book, however, the series was just a dead heat, because the Crockett "B's" evened everything up with a 17-15 victory over the East Bay "Whites."

SCORING SENSATION

Crockett loosened a sensation in the "Blue" game. He was Bill Muth, speedy center. Muth romped through the Oakland defense, scoring almost at will. He rolled up a total of 26 points, an aggregate which even Stanford's Hank Luisetti wouldn't sneer at.

Dick Alcala, Oakland center put in his ticks, too, with 14 points, but the game was costly to both Alcala and the team, for he received a nasty two-inch gash over the eye while scrumming under the Crockett basket and may be out of the game for some time.

DUNN BACK

Dill Dunn, who has been out of uniform for a week or two, was back in the game and acquitted himself well, as did the brothers Vukas.

Crockett led nearly all the way, until Alcala and Tony Vukas got their eyes on the basket and stepped out in a narrow lead.

In the "B" League game, the Robinson brothers were high scorers for Oakland, while Leonard led the Crockett sharpshooters.

It was a closely-fought contest with strong defensive work on both sides, but the extra height of the Crockett hoopers accounted for the winning margin.

RETURN CONTEST

Coach Bill Peterson of the Oakland eagles announced after the game that a return contest has been scheduled at Crockett on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile the warehousemen stepped into a heavy schedule for the next few days. Tuesday evening they play the Grace Brothers Beer quintet at the Emery High School in Emeryville.

On February 9 they play a return match with the Athens Club Acorns on the Club courts. They also have tentative contests Tuesday night.

COCHRAN FAILS TO WIN BILLIARD TITLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Gus Schaefer of Chicago defeated Welck Cochran of San Francisco yesterday in their match for the 28th backline billiards championship of the world.

Schaefer took the final block, 250-92, to run out with 3500 points to Cochran's 2675.

Cochran lost his world's 182 championship to Schaefer two weeks ago.

But Maxie Displays Nothing DULL BOUT

FOORD LASTS FULL TWELVE ROUNDS IN SLUGGISH EXHIBITION

HAMBURG, Germany, Jan. 31.—Before a crowd of 35,000 which included high Nazi officials and squads of storm-troopers, Max Schmeling won a 12-round decision over Ben Foord of South Africa here yesterday.

Schmeling was escorted into the auditorium by a body of helmeted brown-shirted storm-troopers and both men gave the Nazi salute as they entered the ring.

SOME FLOP! But the "hero" of official Nazi athletic circles put up a very dismal showing.

He was obviously superior to Foord, who everyone admits would have difficulty crushing a robin's egg, but he fought a sluggish fight and was unable to knock the South African out.

Special trains, occupied largely by military authorities and storm-troopers, were run to Hamburg from Berlin for the fight. It was Schmeling's first appearance in Germany for two years.

From the sixth round on, Schmeling battered Foord badly, but the former British Empire champion who lost his title to Tommy Farr of Wales, stood up under everything the Nazi had to offer and was still on his feet at the end of the 12th.

As a matter of fact, although badly pummeled throughout, Foord was never knocked down. He was severely cut about the face.

Berlin, Jan. 31. (TP).—Schmeling was in Berlin today to discuss with promoter Walter Roubenberg the details of a bout on April 1. Roubenberg wants the former heavyweight king to meet a fellow German, Walter Neusel, in the German Capital.

Schmeling is understood to prefer an American opponent, preferably young Steve Dumas for the next bout in his wartime campaign for his title match against Joe Louis in June.

Preacher Averts Crisis

ARCADIA, Calif., Jan. 31.—(TP) A preacher was credited today with saving Arcadia the cost of a special election.

By agreeing to serve as a member of the City Council the Rev. Milo Fliske averted a crisis. He was elected to the post succeeding a deceased councilman.

If the Rev. Fliske had refused to serve, a special election would have been mandatory under Arcadia city laws.

Advertisement for The Daily People's World, featuring a woman in a dress and a man in a suit, with text about subscriptions and advertising rates.

Subscription form for The Daily People's World, including fields for name, address, city, and rates for one and two-year terms.