

# U. S. OFFERS AID TO FLOOD AREA

## GORKY MURDER DESCRIBED TO SOVIET COURT

Doctor Tells How He Killed 3 Others on Yagoda's Orders

(By Wireless to the People's World) MOSCOW, March 8.—Details of the murder of the beloved Maxim Gorky and three other prominent men, one of them Gorky's son, left the Moscow trial audience stunned this morning.

Gorky, outstanding literary man of his generation, was enormously popular in his later years, especially with the youth of Russia, groups whom made long pilgrimages to his home and never failed of a welcome.

The very trusted physicians these men consulted as their family doctors, and the trusted Genrikh Yagoda, chief of the department of public security, should have been their main protection, today in open court confessed their murder. The reasons given were that their death was necessary as part of the plot of 21 persons now on trial here to overthrow the Soviet government.

### Got Orders from Yagoda

Dr. Leon G. Levin, and Dr. I. N. Kazakov, declared that on the orders of Yagoda, they killed Gorky and Maxim Peshkov, Gorky's son ("Gorky" is a pen name, meaning "Bitter" of the writer Alexei Maximovich Peshkov). They also confessed that on the same instructions they made away with Vyacheslav Menzhinsky, head of the GPU, and Valerian Kubyshev, author of the First Five Year Plan for socialist construction.

Yagoda, hailed to the witness stand to confirm or deny, admitted freely that he ordered the death of Kubyshev and Gorky, but denied that he was guilty of the murder of Maxim Peshkov or of Menzhinsky, who was Yagoda's superior officer at the time of his death.

Dr. Levin testified to the cruel and inhuman treachery by which Maxim Gorky was eliminated. "We killed him because he had the confidence of the Russian masses and the Western literary people, and would have never stopped denouncing us if we overthrew the Soviet government."

"Gorky's state of health, with latent tuberculosis, was such that heavy exercise was bad for him. But we encouraged him to take long walks and work in the garden," said Levin.

"Gorky liked to watch the flames of bonfires, though this pastime unfavorably affected his health. Realizing this, Gorky's secretary, P. P. Kruekhov, at Levin's advice, caused bonfires to be lit everywhere after Gorky finished his labors in the garden.

"When Gorky's family had influenza, we contrived that he return from the Crimea and be with them, so he caught the grippe, too."

Then Levin and Dr. D. D. Pletnev, also one of the accused in this trial, "accelerated Gorky's death by giving overdoses of powerful heart medicines, Levin stated.

### Killed His Son

Gorky was murdered in 1936, and died June 18 of that year. His last two years of life were saddened by the death of his son, Maxim Peshkov—as they were intended to be. Yagoda ordered the death of Peshkov, Dr. Levin said, in an effort to influence Gorky against the Soviet government, as Gorky "loved his son very much."

Levin arranged for and carried out Maxim Peshkov's death by wrong treatment of a child.

"It was easiest to kill Kubyshev," said Levin. He and Pletnev managed it in 1935, with the cooperation of Pletnev, and Kubyshev's secretary, Maximov.

Menzhinsky, the sickest man of all the victims, had a heart disease, a sterna pectoris. He was one of the first they murdered, and it took them some time. On one occasion, Dr. Kazakov said, Yagoda called him in and threatened him with death himself unless he speeded up the process.

They finally got rid of Menzhinsky by giving him a mixture of "syringes"—something covered by Kazakov—in the morning, and heart stimulants in the afternoon, the combination finally being too much for Menzhinsky's heart.

### House for Salary Publicity

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—Rep. Fuller's amendment providing for publicity on corporate salaries of \$7,500 and more was adopted today by the House.

## HERE LIES Jess Flemmons, Texan SUICIDE

Couldn't Pay Off on His Mother's and Sister's Funeral Because He Was Laid Off By C. & H. Sugar

By John Broinan CROCKETT, Calif., March 8.—There's blood in your sugar. The California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp., Ltd., put it there.

Today, in a mortuary in Martinez, lies the body of Jess Flemmons, warehouseman, who shot himself through the heart Saturday night because he was laid off at the C. & H. sugar mill in Crockett. Every one here knows the corporation killed Jess Flemmons, ever though Jess' finger pulled the trigger of the .22 rifle and sent the bullet through his heart.

And far away in Stephenville, Texas, the impoverished family of Flemmons knows that C. & H. did it.

### Charge Breach Of Contract In Lockout

Union Accuses Building Bosses in Seattle Deadlock

(Special to the People's World) SEATTLE, March 8.—The struggle of Seattle workers to retain the 6-hour day, went into its second day with no noticeable change in the line up of forces.

The construction lock-out of yesterday by the big employers was keeping the majority of building trades workers idle.

A few small jobs still continued on the 6-hour basis that has been traditional here up to yesterday.

"The contractors have broken their agreement," F. W. Mohren, Secretary of the Building Trades Council said this morning.

Homor Bergen, manager of Associated General Contractors reserving 90 per cent of the job here, defended the lockout and denied contractors have broken their agreement with the unions.

"The contract is still in effect," he said, "but it deals only with wages, not working conditions. We are not trying to adjust wages; just raise the hours in the work-day."

Both sides sent representatives to yesterday's meeting called by Federal Conciliator E. P. Marsh and agreed to consider Marsh's proposal to end the lock-out.

Bergen said the contractors were insisting on the 8-hour day "to cut building costs," but he would not discuss Marsh's proposed plan.

Determination of the unions to defend the 6-hour day, thus keeping a maximum number at work was voiced yesterday by Harry J. Aymes, vice-president of the Building Trades Council. Aymes declared:

"We've been on the 6-hour day for years and aren't going to take a step backward now."

### Sailors Bolt S. F. Council Of Federation

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Although declared by spokesmen to be only "temporary as a protest," the action of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific headquarters branch in withdrawing delegates from District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation, was interpreted here today as another move by SUP officials in setting up the proposed "Seafarers Federation."

Last night's SUP meeting adopted the resolution to withdraw the delegates from the council, and to transfer the membership for per capita payments to the other three district councils, on grounds that District Council No. 2 was "framing up on us."

### Small Grocers Hit Milk Act As Price-Boosting Measure

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The state board of the California Retail Grocers & Merchants Assn., organization of independent store operators, today took a stand "definitely in opposition to the Milk Control Act," otherwise known as the Desmond Act, on the grounds it is "increasing prices to the consuming public."

Adoption of a resolution to this effect was announced by Secretary W. D. Hadelier.

Concluding a three-day conference with a policy session today, the state board announced that the organization's state convention will be held in Del Monte this year. Another resolution adopted by the state board called for cooperation with state and federal governments in opening vocational training schools for grocers.

## LABOR'S POWER REVEALED AS SESSION OPENS

Popular Pressure Forces Progressive Bills On Agenda

SACRAMENTO, March 8.—From the opening sessions of the special session of the State Legislature, it was evident today that the efforts of united labor organizations, both AFL and CIO, for a progressive program have had effect on even the reactionaries of that body.

Governor Merriam's statement that the 35 bills to be laid before the Legislature are not administration bills but were included on the agenda because of resolutions presented by various interests, was declared to bear out the effect of labor pressure.

Progressive legislators and people's organizations throughout the state are expected to rally quickly behind nine good bills introduced by Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson for this session, and behind a new move for legislative pardon for Tom Mooney.

These bills concern placing of unemployment relief on the agenda, cooperation with the federal government on relief, payment of living wages in single unemployment lowering of milk prices, reduction of toll rates on pay bridges, and a return to the Standard Oil Co. out of Huntington Beach oil wells.

Assemblyman Hawkins and others are sponsoring a bill on housing prospects for bills.

A possibility for progressive bills was indicated by adoption of a resolution to lay all measures before the House, rather than refer them to closed committees.

Assemblyman Samuel Yorty, Los Angeles, commended this procedure and remarked for publication: "The same old interests are in control."

Patterson said, "Organized labor has accomplished much," but added that the procedure is still unfair, that these vital measures must be considered in about three days, and that it will be difficult to accomplish all the purposes of the progressives in such a short period.

The Assembly adopted a resolution, 47-21, condemning the governor for improperly calling the session, by not making the program available at least two weeks prior to the session.

Sharply criticized for recommending the sum of only \$7,900,000 for relief, Governor Merriam also faced condemnation for his opening speech which minimized progressive measures.

Mooney Pardon Supported His speech placed more stress, time and attention on the question of state control and reparation of 15 miles of highway leading to Geyser Springs, Sonoma County, a place for paralytics and arthritis victims, than to the questions of relief for the unemployed housing and floor sufferers.

Assemblyman Paul Richie, San Diego, today sponsored the motion to free Tom Mooney from San Quentin prison, by legislative pardon.

Richie expressed confidence the Assembly would act favorably and urged friends of Mooney to concentrate pressure on the reactionary-dominated Senate. Attorney General U. S. Webb last year gave an opinion that legislative pardon is illegal, but contrary opinions have been expressed by leading attorneys.

A second resolution prepared for the session demands that Merriam pardon Mooney.

Merriam Straddles Relief Issue Mayor Rossi and other San Francisco city and county officials began circulation of a petition for another special session to approve \$15,000,000 in new taxes to local governments for their share of the burden of old-age relief, which indicated an increase in the land tax rate, already one of the highest in the nation, at the expense of small farm and home owners.

Relief, housing and cooperative enterprises are among the most important issues to be discussed during this session. Gov. Merriam blamed the federal government for failure to provide funds, although State Relief Administrator Harold E. Fomeroy, a close henchman of the governor, recently refused a federal grant of about \$1,000,000 for the relief of these homeless workers.

Some \$32,000,000 in losses resulted from the December and February floods in Northern California and the recent Southern California floods, according to surveys. Much of the emergency and disaster relief fund has been spent, said Merriam, but \$3,000,000 will be requested to aid in this crisis.

## UNPOPULAR



MAYOR FRANK SHAW

## Move to Recall Shaw Draws Wide Support

Petitions Swell With Names as Volunteers

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Despite flood and disaster that gripped this city's population of one and a half millions, more than 1000 people have already signed petitions demanding the recall of Mayor Frank Shaw.

Volunteer workers are swarming into the office of C. I. V. I. C. to obtain the petitions and city progressives and organizations are swinging into the campaign to give the city an honest government.

"Our workers report that about 85 to 90 per cent of the people approached to sign the recall, are willing to sign," said Harry Ferguson, secretary to Clifford Clinton, in charge of distribution of the petitions from the downtown Cliff cateteria at Olive and 6th streets.

Two thousand petitions, 25 names to each, have been issued and are now circulating among the citizenry, according to Ferguson.

Movement Growing In the meantime trade union and labor groups throughout the city are considering officially joining the campaign.

At large counters in the foyer of both Clinton catereries workers are accepting signatures to petitions and issuing the petitions to volunteers.

Hundreds of people pass through the catereries and most of them stop to sign up. Many take petitions to circulate among their friends.

Paid workers are stationed in the downtown area soliciting names. As organizations and churches swing into action, it is expected that the goal of 80,000 signatures will be achieved with comparative ease.

Grand Jury at Work The real political job, observers state, will be in defeating Shaw at the election.

Though flood news has momentarily swept exposure of corruption from the front pages, the Grand Jury continues to grind away at evidence of bribery and graft in high places.

Shaw will go hand in hand with the continued exposure of connections between the underworld and those in high office.

## Orders Study of Resolution for Mooney Pardon

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—Chairman Hutton Summers of the House judiciary committee appointed a sub-committee today to consider a joint congressional resolution request for the Governor of California to pardon Tom Mooney.

Mooney is under life sentence for the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing in San Francisco.

The proposed resolution was introduced by Sen. Murray and Rep. O'Connell.

## Convicts to Work Roads For Shortened Term

MEXICO CITY, March 8 (TP)—Officials in Sinaloa State have hit upon a novel plan for advancing their public works program with convict labor and yet remaining within the law.

## CHINESE AGES PLAN RAID ON JAPANCAPITAL

Orders Placed for 100 Speedy Planes To Bomb Tokio

(Earlier despatches on page 3) HANKOW, March 8 (TP)—A revitalized Chinese air force made plans today for a series of air raids on Japanese territory.

The flyers believe that an attack on Tokio with incendiary bombs might start fires that would destroy whole square miles of the city. Houses in Tokio are built of light wood to withstand earthquakes, and fires have been disastrous at various times in the past.

The new head of the Chinese air force, T. V. Soong, is understood to have appointed an American flyer as one of his chief lieutenants. Soong, formerly finance minister of China, was reported to have placed orders for at least 100 speedy airplanes of American manufacture.

The planes were built for use in the Sino-Japanese war, and will be shipped by way of a neutral port. The planes have a cruising speed of more than 200 miles an hour with full loads of bombs. The appointment of Soong is said to have made possible a war loan recently negotiated with a group of American bankers.

Renewed Activity Soong is the brother of Mme. Chiang-Kai-Shek, resigning chief of the Chinese air force. Mme. Chiang remains a member of the Chinese aeronautical commission.

The retirement of Mme. Chiang was said to be the signal for a more aggressive policy in aerial warfare.

The renewed activity of the Chinese planes showed plainly the influence of new leadership. The raid on the Japanese island of Formosa served to improve the morale of the Chinese flyers several hundred per cent.

High officials admit that a long flight to Tokio and back would be a much more difficult undertaking than the 90-mile dash across the straits to Formosa. Tokio and Yokohama are approximately 1500 miles from Hankow. However, young Chinese pilots believe they could raid both Japanese cities successfully.

Pupils of American The late American aviator, Lieut. Robert Short, trained some of the young flyers when he was the only foreign instructor in the aviation department in Nanking. Lieutenant Short was one of the first foreign volunteers to join the Chinese in their war against Japan.

Some of Short's former students are now the backbone of the Chinese air force. Hundreds of other flyers were trained in the central aviation academy at Chienchiow, near Hangchow, in Chiang province.

## TVA Debate Stirs Congress

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—The TVA row came up in both Houses of Congress today.

Senator Norris of Nebraska defended Directors Harcourt Morgan and David Lillenthal. Norris, as author of the TVA, denounced TVA Chairman Arthur Morgan as jealous.

Representative McLean of New Jersey brought up the TVA question in the House by introducing a resolution for removal of all three TVA directors.

## Shaw Apathy to Brutal Cops Boomerangs in Recall Move

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Charging Mayor Frank Shaw with purposely ignoring conditions in the Lincoln Heights Jail, the International Labor Defense today announced through its executive committee that they had joined with the Federation for Civic Betterment and other groups in spreading petitions.

"We have agreed to fill out 50 of the recall petitions and will work together with all organizations interested in the recall of Mayor Shaw," LaRue McCormick, executive secretary, said.

"The Mayor was adequately informed as to conditions existing in the jail a few weeks ago when a committee representing our organization paid him a visit."

"At that time the Mayor advised us that he was totally ignorant of how things were at the jail and that he would immediately press for an investigation. So far, he has succeeded in hushing the matter up as he usually does," Miss McCormick said.

Officials involved in the World's

## FR Orders Agencies Use All Resources To Relieve Distress

Los Angeles City Council Petitions for State and Federal Aid—Appropriates More Funds to Clear Wreckage Left by Disaster

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—Senator McAdoo of California said today that President Roosevelt has instructed government relief agencies to go the limit in aiding sufferers in the California flood area.

McAdoo declared that Mr. Roosevelt had ordered government agencies such as the WPA and RFC to give all possible aid to those in distress as the result of the California floods.

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—The Los Angeles City council met here in emergency session today to deal with the havoc and destruction left in the wake of the costliest flood in Pacific Coast history.

The council wired President Roosevelt asking "immediate assistance" to check the ravages of the flood and rehabilitate tens of thousands of homeless citizens driven from their habitations last week.

The council asked the President to place \$2,070,000 at the disposal of the Works Progress Administration to aid in repairing the frightful toll of damage.

Unofficial estimates placed the number who died when normally dry rivers broke their banks and covered metropolitan Los Angeles with a sheet of water at 400.

Death Toll Unknown The total list of dead will not be known for days, until debris and wreckage is cleared.

The council also voted to ask help from the state.

Council members heard City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich declare that \$25,000 appropriated to clean up debris had been expended in three days.

The council voted to appropriate another \$84,000, which Aldrich stated would see the work through until the end of the week.

Aldrich likewise asked \$100,000 to construct temporary bridges across the Los Angeles river where original bridges had been washed away with heavy loss of life. The council deferred action on the matter.

More Victims Found As Los Angeles residents commenced to return to normal after a frenzied week of terror, additional reports of deaths filtered into the flood-bound city.

Nine men working on a construction project at Hansen's Lodge, one mile below Tujunga, were swept up by the raging waters and drowned, one report stated.

Six men on the same project were rescued today from the island on which they had been marooned for days, when three Los Angeles men penetrated to the lodge. Others may likewise have met death at the lodge, the survivors declared.

Meanwhile, as flood areas fought frantically to dig out, rain fell again in intermittent showers last night and this morning.

To quiet the fears of nerve-shattered Los Angeles, however, weather bureau predicts no heavy rain.

## Farm Security Raises Grant To Flood Area

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The Farm Security Administration announced today that the emergency fund established for the aid of the migratory agricultural workers who have suffered severe losses in the flood ravaged areas in Madera and Fresno counties has been raised to \$15,000.

The original fund of \$5,000 has already been spent, over \$2,000 being spent on Tuesday alone for food.

It is estimated that more than 300 families are without food at present, and 470 are homeless.

The Simon J. Lubin Society of San Francisco is gathering a truckload of food and clothing which will be rushed immediately to stricken migrants, in a truck furnished by the Farm Security Administration. This latter body is also sending a thousand blankets to be distributed immediately.

With the grave emergency among the migratory workers increasing daily, 700 families have been transported from the inundated fields where their tents were washed away, to the outskirts of Madera, where a temporary camp has been set up on the school grounds. Families are housed in army tents supplied for this purpose, and the schoolhouse is being used as a hospital.

# LANGLIE MUM ON QUERY ON RED BAITING

## Communists Ask Seattle Mayorality Aspirant to Clarify Stand

SEATTLE, March 8.—On the eve of elections, Arthur B. Langlie who is opposing Lt. Governor Victor A. Meyers for the post of Mayor, here, had refused to clarify his stand with regard to the Beck - Dore machine which turned to him after the defeat of Dore in the primaries.

Although Langlie has made public statements that he will put the case on its feet again and restore the financial credit of the city, he has failed consistently to state how this would be done.

In view of these facts, M. Raport, District Organizer of the Communist Party, sent an open letter to Mr. Langlie, asking him to make clear his stand on important issues. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Langlie:

The general developments in the election campaign have prompted me to write you this letter. The defeat of Dore is the greatest victory for the people of Seattle. The people of Seattle were fully conscious that Dore's policies were detrimental to the well-being of their community.

### Red-Baiting Wasted

Despite the barrage of vilifying lies and fictitious propaganda of Mr. Dore against the Communist Party, despite the fact that Mr. Dore tried to make Communism the issue in this election campaign, the citizens of Seattle recognized his sinister intentions of open racketeering, destruction of civil liberties, defending monopoly prices, permitting the underworld to go unchecked, and above all, his help in promoting war in the ranks of organized labor. But the citizens repudiated Dore the same as the people in New York repudiated Mr. Mahoney, the same as the people in the United States repudiated Mr. Landon and Knox.

In light of this, we can be proud that the citizens of our city went to the polls and "dumped" the outstanding reactionary red-baiter who besmirched the name of our city.

However, while Dore the reactionary, was defeated, the forces of reaction did not give up their struggle. They are looking for a candidate who will conduct and extend their policies of reaction. Since the primaries, a re-shifting of forces has taken place. For instance, Mr. Whetstone, Dore's number-one stooge, is coming out in your support. Mr. Humes, who was named in Hartley's reactionary Republican machine, endorsed you with a very vicious red-baiting statement. A gentleman by the name of Emmons has endorsed you, a man who purposely split one local of the Workers Alliance, a man who was expelled from the Communist Party because he is an admitted strike-baiter, and an admitted strike-breaker of the railroad strike in 1922. So on down the line, we can continue to point out that the reactionary red-baiters are rapidly mobilizing in your camp.

### Public Has Spoken

Of course I realize that maybe they came to your camp without your invitation, but nevertheless the citizens of Seattle who have defeated red-baiting at the polls have given you a mandate to both candidates in the finals to choose a different path, that is, a New-Deal path, a path against racketeering, etc., these citizens are surely entitled to know whether or not you will carry out their mandate.

I feel it would be appropriate that you issue a statement to the citizens of Seattle and refute the red-baiters who are conducting a vicious anti-American campaign in our city.

It is already being rumored that your Republican campaign manager, Mr. Ross, is mobilizing all the red-baiters to develop a red-baiting campaign, and at the same time that you are to keep silent on this question.

Mr. Langlie, on the night of the primaries, you made a statement that "Communism is not an issue in this election campaign." I wish to inform you that we fully agree with you, and the defeat of Dore has proven that the citizens of Seattle are against red-baiting and are for a progressive Seattle.

Therefore, before our citizens go to the polls on March 8, it is imperative that you disassociate yourself from the red-baiters who are supporting you.

I wish to repeat again, the present situation has prompted me to write this letter, and the citizens of Seattle are eagerly awaiting your reply.

Respectfully yours,

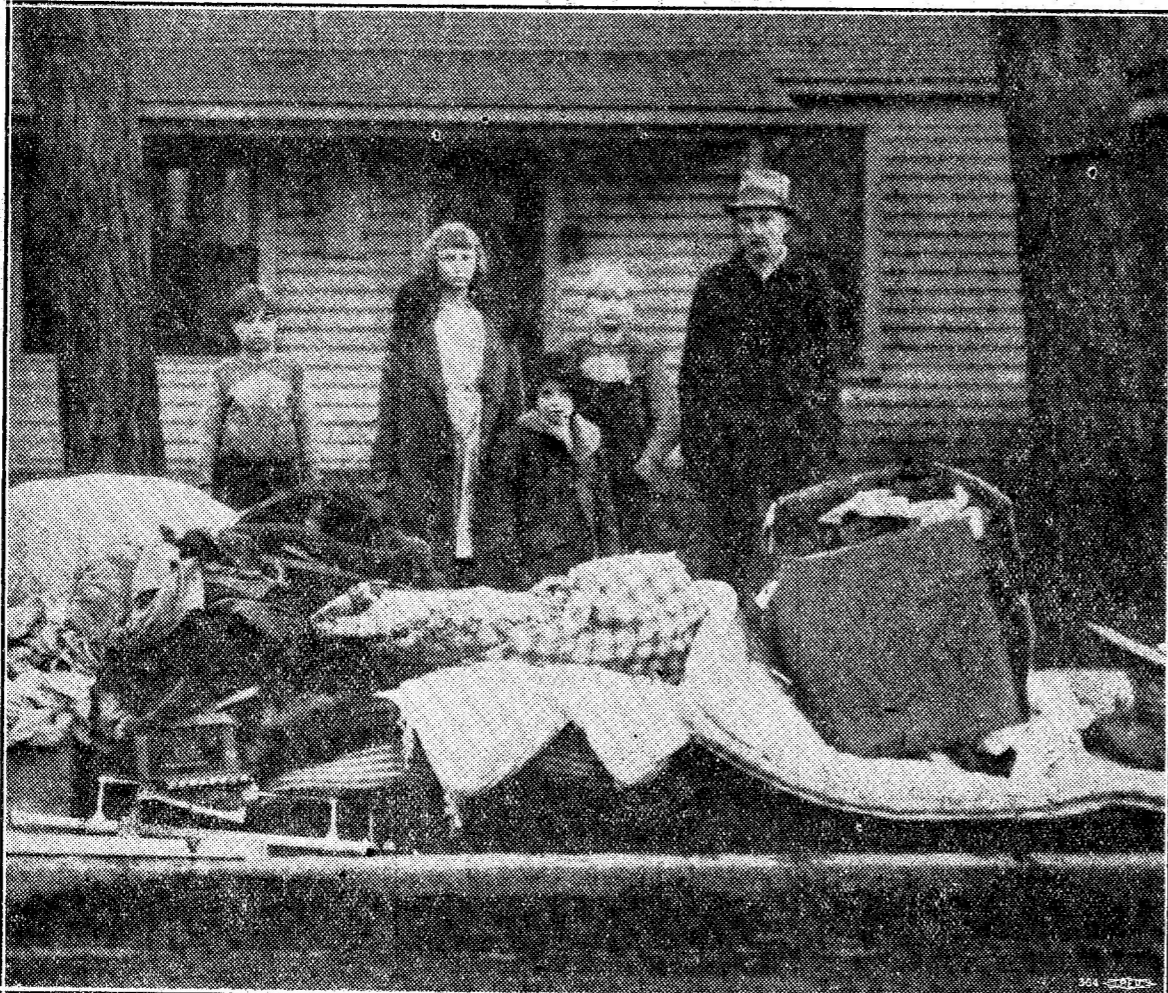
M. RAPORT, District Organizer, District 12, C. P., U. S. A.

## U. S. Authorities Aid in Smashing Narcotic Ring

PARIS, March 8 (AP)—French police announced the arrest of eight persons today in connection with an international narcotic syndicate reported to have wide ramifications in the United States.

The arrests were made in cooperation with U.S. authorities. A number of other suspects were being sought in Paris on the basis of information furnished by American authorities.

# 5 Motherless Children Evicted While Dad Was Away at Work



ABOVE are the five children of the Kanitz family, thrown into the streets of Spokane in freezing weather, while their father, Frank Kanitz, was away at work on a WPA job. The hasty landlord refused to wait for a WPA check due in several days which would have gone for payment of one month's back rent. (Left to right) with their worldly possessions, before them and no place to go, are Dewayne, aged 10; Gertrude, 14; Robert, 7; Harvey, 12, and Frank, Jr., 16.

(Special to the People's World)

SPOKANE, Wash., March 8.—Workers' Alliance officials of Local 66, with over 600 members, were today making a complete investigation of eviction cases, after Frank Kanitz, W. 2409 College Avenue, member of the local, and his family of five motherless children, were evicted into the street for alleged non-payment of rent.

The People's World correspondent was on the scene of the eviction a few hours after John C. Lawyer, Kanitz's landlord, had hired two men to dump the worldly possessions of the family into the street while the father was away working on a \$35-a-month WPA job, and heard an amazing story of hardship and desperation: from members of the family and outraged neighbors.

### Freezing Weather

Deputy sheriffs had visited the family home in the morning to serve eviction papers, it was learned from Frank Kanitz, Jr., 16-year old youth and eldest child of the family, but had left when finding the father away at work. Despite the fact that the temperature was below freezing, and the five children of the Kanitz family were dressed only moderately, Lawyer hired two men to throw the possessions of the family on to the street.

The children were walking the streets nearby when the correspondent arrived, and with the cooperation of the Workers' Alliance Grievance Committee and neighbors, provision was made to care for the family until other accommodations were found.

Neighbors told of the plight of the family during the past few months. Mr. Kanitz had been working for the WPA only a few weeks, had received one partial check and had paid all of it towards payment of rent on the four-room apartment at \$18 per month, depending on direct relief for food and clothing. Payment of rent had been made from March 1 to 15, with the next pay check of Mr. Kanitz the back rent of one month would be made upon receipt of check due within a few days.

### The Seventh Eviction

Despite the payments made and assurances of Mr. Kanitz and neighbors, Lawyer ordered the eviction made on the excuse that "the Kanitz's were undesirable tenants." Neighbors stated that Lawyer had evicted six different families within recent years and that a movement was being made to boycott the landlord by warning possible tenants of past actions of the landlord.

Neighbors further stated that Lawyer was a man of considerable means who had only a wife to support and had a comfortable bank

# Youth Delegates in Schooner Zoom East to See President

TUCSON, March 7 (Delayed)—The California delegation en route to the annual American Youth Congress in Washington D.C., where they boast they have dated up the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, blew in from the West, blared, and blew out again yesterday.

There were five riding in what they call their Twentieth Century Prairie Schooner, a stream-lined trailer donated for the trip by its builders, members of the Christian Youth Council in Los Angeles.

Emblazoned with signs reading: "Go East Young Man," and "We're going to Washington, 'cause we've broke," their schooner left Los Angeles on Saturday and its spirited passengers expect to reach Washington on Wednesday.

"We gonna ask the President and Congress to support youth's needs for work and education," a spokesman of the group volunteered, and continued without invitation, "they must stop cutting educational expenditures. "And we are tired of being mili-

account, other property holdings, and had recently been refused relief and a pension when investigators found evidence of considerable wealth held by the applicant.

All of the children of the Kanitz family are of school age and had been motherless since the youngest child of seven years was eight months old. Mr. Kanitz had acted as mother as well as father of the family since the death of the mother.

The family came to Spokane several years ago and the father had only partial work during all the time in Spokane. Several times the family was on the verge of starvation, living on potatoes and bread at times, yet valiantly fighting "keep things going," as stated by Mr. Kanitz. It was only within the last few months that new hope came to the family with Mr. Kanitz getting a WPA job. It was then that difficulties arose with the landlord.

### Alliance to Investigate

Arthur Furnish, business agent of Local 66, Workers' Alliance, stated that "this is a case for complete investigation. First, we believe that Kanitz family was illegally evicted in not having the deputy sheriff on hand at the time. Then also, this case goes to show the exorbitant rent demands made for cheap and small apartment rooms in Spokane and the need for better housing. This family had four rooms, very small, with hardly any accommodations. Then, too, this is a test case and a good time for publicity of such outrageous evictions when landlords could easily wait for a coming pay check.

"Even if no pay check were coming, the relief authorities must have their attention called to the need for more allowance on relief checks for rent. Lastly, it exposes the outlandish position of holding rentals so high that a large per cent of the working class have to live in cheap and outmoded shells of houses. Governor Martin of this state must be shown convincingly that Spokane needs better housing, as well as other cities of the state, and that it is ridiculous to refuse to call a special session of the state legislature to pass an enabling act so that the State of Washington may have millions in funds from the national housing act, to build better homes and to improve them."

### Smith Bill Favored

WASHINGTON, March 8. (AP)—The House Committee on Military Affairs reported favorably today on the resolution by Rep. Martin Smith of Washington State calling for erection of a military memorial at the Vancouver, Washington, army barracks. The resolution now goes before the full House for a vote. The memorial would be a reproduction of a Hudson Bay trading post.

### Stockton Messengers Sign Up in CIO Union

(Special to the People's World) STOCKTON, Calif., March 8.—All messenger boys of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph are signed up 100 per cent by the CIO in Stockton.

The clerks of Postal Telegraph are all signed up also, and Western Union clerks are expected to join soon. There are 30 in the organization. They were organized with the aid of the CIO Industrial Union Council, and the charter will be here about the middle of this month.

(Special to the People's World) STOCKTON, Calif., March 8.—Gold Medal Winner for Quality Dairy Products. Call OSCAR ROTH, 2-5880. Distributor Independent Dairies, CIO Driver, Prompt Service.

Only Live Food Cafeteria in United States—Live Food gives permanent health. RICHTERS, 325 W. 3rd St.

DAIRIES Gold Medal Winner for Quality Dairy Products. Call OSCAR ROTH, 2-5880. Distributor Independent Dairies, CIO Driver, Prompt Service.

WANTED—AT ONCE—CARRIER BOYS for Home Delivery Routes. Apply at PEOPLE'S WORLD OFFICE, 583 Market street, TODAY.

FOR RENT—720 Hubert St. Sunny room, three windows, hardwood floor, good bed, hot water. Cars E-F-16-Powell. Call DO. 2723.

FOR SALE—House, trailer, yacht style, 12 ft., sleep two, radio, gasoline stove, inner spring mattress, \$266. Terms: J. E. Jones, Randolph 2171.

FOR RENT—Cosy room, newly renovated, opposite park. Cars 6 7 17. Private family. \$15.00 month. 805 Buena Vista Ave.

# Workers Order Benefits Near 2-Million Mark

NEW YORK, March 8.—Disbursements of benefits amounting to \$1,894,729.99 have been made by the International Workers Order from March 30, 1930 to December, 1937, according to a report released today by Max Bedacht, General Secretary.

During this period, Mr. Bedacht said, the membership of the Order has grown from a little less than 5,000 to a figure which at present is 135,000. This growth during the first few years of the life of an organization is probably unique in the experience of fraternalism, the General Secretary of the Order declared. The International Workers Order is the youngest national fraternal organization in the United States.

# Council Set to Fight Violence At Harvest Time

DELANO, Cal., March 8.—The last meeting here of the San Joaquin Valley Industrial Union Council, CIO, was largely one of preparations for defense against the illegal vigilante violence that always develops in the valley during the harvest.

The council called on all local CIO unions in the valley to discuss the adoption of the People's World as their publicity organ.

The council affiliated to the International Labor Defense, and urged all local CIO unions to do the same.

A resolution was adopted demanding protection of government authorities from employers' violence during this coming summer. Educational directors were called upon to begin a campaign for disciplined union procedure, and distribution was made at the council of the International Ladies Garment Workers little pamphlet on parliamentary law.

It was decided to call on all locals affiliated to the San Joaquin Valley Industrial Union Council to join the county organizations of Labor's Non-Partisan League. If there is no such county organization, the resolution recommended that the locals get into the Committee for Political Unity.

(Special to the People's World) STOCKTON, Calif., March 8.—The clerks of Postal Telegraph are all signed up also, and Western Union clerks are expected to join soon. There are 30 in the organization. They were organized with the aid of the CIO Industrial Union Council, and the charter will be here about the middle of this month.

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# CANNERY UNION CASE BEFORE HIGH COURT

## Judges Quiz St. Sure on Interstate Commerce of Oakland Plant

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The California fruit packing case that will determine whether the National Labor Relations Act applies to the cannery industry is now in the hands of the U. S. Supreme Court.

The court heard arguments yesterday and took it under advisement.

The case is an appeal by Attorney Paul St. Sure for the Santa Cruz Packing Company, of Oakland, against a decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which upheld a National Labor Relations Board decision that the company must re-hire and pay back wages to 31 employees.

St. Sure represented the company before the Supreme Court yesterday, and the Board was represented by Attorney Charles Fahy.

Justice McReynolds asked St. Sure how the case differed from that of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., and the company attorney answered that the cannery product entered interstate commerce to the extent of only 37 per cent of the total product.

"But you are in interstate commerce," commented Chief Justice Hughes. "You send hundreds of cases of fruit every day into interstate commerce, isn't it? The only question whether a labor dispute in your plant would affect such commerce?"

St. Sure would admit that this could happen "only under a court ruling, but not ordinarily."

The Board's attorney contended that the Wagner Act applies when "any substantial portion of the plant's product" goes into interstate trade.

SEATTLE, March 8.—Amendments to the Social Security Act were urged upon the Washington Congressional delegation by Howard Costigan, executive secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, and Homer Huson, of the Washington Old Age Pension Union.

The present 65-year eligibility age should be lowered to 60 years, and federal matching funds raised for old age assistance.

In telegrams to the senators and congressmen at Washington, D. C., Costigan and Huson declared: "In view of the pressing social security problems raised by the current business recession, and in view of public sentiment for larger old age pensions, we urge the immediate introduction of an amendment to the social security act which will remove the present limit of federal matching funds to states for old age assistance purposes, as well as lower the present age limit of 65 years for eligibility, to 60."

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# Expose White Slavers Behind Bride's Death

## Brutal Murder by Coastwide Ring Is Uncovered in Sensational Disclosures; Ask Death for Defendants

SEATTLE, March 8.—A young bride of four days was murdered in cold blood in a shabby hotel room here last October to prevent federal agents from uncovering a white slave ring operating on the coast.

This was the startling disclosure of Deputy Prosecutor Henry Clay Agnew as the state versus Dell Richardson and his sister-in-law, Claire, went to trial yesterday.

A coroner's jury blamed the Richardsons for the death of the girl after they learned that she had suffered a brain concussion, a fractured wrist and bruises. She died from burns received in a bathtub of scalding water.

Mrs. Clara Compton Richardson and several other young girls came to Portland, Ore., from California, it is the contention of the prosecutor.

The death penalty will be asked for both defendants, it was indicated.

"This girl was not the first that Dell and Claire had led into life of commercialized sin," Agnew asserted.

The deceased—after three of them had been held for investigation in Portland by federal officials—knew that all she had to do was to let the federalists know and they (Dell and Claire Richardson) would go to the penitentiary for the rest of their lives."

The Richardsons refused to testify at the inquest but explained that the girl had plunged into a tub full of scalding water after he had refused to give her a sedative.

Defense attorneys Jerry I. Finch and John F. Carvin strove to prevent white slavery implications from entering the trial on the grounds that it might "prejudice" the jury.

SEATTLE, March 8.—Recreational facilities at the University of Washington will be improved with a \$140,370 WPA project, it was learned today in word received from Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach.

Approval has been given by the WPA and the work now awaits budget approval.

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Sewing rooms, which have been operating in rural districts of the King County, will continue if the \$121,800 grant now waiting is approved by the comptroller general.

Don G. Abel, state WPA administrator, stated that allotments totaling almost \$100,000 have been approved for improvement projects in King County.

Other Projects The total allotment of \$490,773 for this and nearby counties will provide road and bridge improvements to provide shorter routes for school buses and mail delivery.

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# MEAT DEALERS BALK AT PAY FOR OVERTIME

## Menace Seattle Supply in Attack on Union During Parleys

SEATTLE, March 8.—"Ten thousand dollars to fight unions; not one cent for overtime."

That was the challenge of the Retail Meat Dealers Association facing the meat cutters union today.

As negotiations deadlocked over pay for overtime, the union took a strike vote. Federal Conciliator E. F. Marsh entered the negotiations.

The union declared its willingness to take no action until he has had an opportunity to confer at length with both sides.

"We are standing on the eight-hour day," said Joseph Hofmann, business agent of Meatcutters' Union Local 81.

"The dealers are asking us to go to work an hour earlier on Saturdays, to work fifteen minutes after closing time every day but Saturday, and to work thirty minutes extra on Saturday nights for cleaning up the shops. That would amount to 142 hours a year for each man."

I. W. Ringer, secretary of the Retail Meat Dealers' Association, countered with the statement that working conditions are good enough and declared his association had a \$10,000 fund to spend if necessary to "advise the public."

Ringer urged that the matter be taken out of the hands of the local and submitted to national officers of the union and association for settlement.

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BRITAIN OKAYS U. S. CLAIM TO PACIFIC ISLES

Stars and Stripes Flying Over Site of Commercial Air Base

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated today that the occupation of the disputed Pacific Islands, Canton and Enderbury, by U. S. citizens was with the agreement of Great Britain.

The Secretary of State said that "tailored arrangements" between two nations had been made before plans were made to place the colonists on the islands. Four Hawaiians were placed on the islands by a Coast Guard cutter yesterday.

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—The Interior Department announced today that parties of Hawaiian colonists have been landed on both of the newly acquired U. S. islands of Canton and Enderbury in the Pacific.

Flag Raised

The colonists were taken to the islands by the Coast Guard cutter Taney. Messages from the islands said that the two groups already had raised the American flag over the islands and begun building camps.

The "colonists" were landed on the islands soon after President Roosevelt issued his executive order placing the islands under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department. The islands previously had been considered British possessions.

Canton and Enderbury are about 1800 miles southwest of Hawaii. They are said to be valuable as bases for military and commercial aviation. However, the White House has declared that Canton and Enderbury were acquired solely for the use by American commercial air lines.

Fear 'Goon' Tactics As Beck Presses Raid on Miners

BELLINGHAM, March 8.—Attempted membership raid by the teamsters upon the United Mine Workers brought a threat that goon tactics practiced by teamsters of S. may be introduced here.

Beck's man here, Cecil Dunlop, declared a boycott against Bellingham coal three weeks ago in a sudden move to raid the CIO union.

Mayor Bureligh E. Hanning's attempt to end the controversy ended when Dunlop declared that his union was determined to exercise control and refused to accept a single point on the proposed conciliation agreement.

In a mass meeting attended by over 200 the move was branded as a union-splitting tactic. An AFL local invited speakers from the United Mine Workers of America to appear before their membership and explain the most recent example of Dave Beck's attempts to cripple labor unions.

Students Strike Against Dean; All Are Ousted

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., March 8 (TP)—Dean Cletus Gooding dismissed every one of the 175 students at the school today and ordered them off the school grounds by 5 p. m.

The decision came after a strike by the students which began yesterday. The students demanded that Dean Gooding be fired for what they charged was his incompetency.

The dismissal notice said that parents and guardians would be notified by telegram. Many of the students are without funds to return to their homes in 22 states and as far away as Cuba.

They declared that they would stick to their original demands and remain at the school until the dean is ousted.

All but two of the school's 30 faculty members appealed this afternoon to the board of directors to the strike before nightfall and the school.

Waitress Head Deplores Arbitration as Labor Aid

FALO ALFO, March 8.—Arbitration as a means to settle labor disputes was strongly criticized here Sunday by Margaret Werth, member of the San Francisco Waitresses Union, in a talk before a forum at the Women's Clubhouse on the Stanford University campus.

After five months of arbitration following the San Francisco hotel strike, she said, the employees in many cases still are given work that requires more than eight hours to complete, despite the understanding for an eight-hour day.

"That's Bullet Hole Number 10"



M. E. PARR, who owns the grocery at 2610 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, points out the latest bullet hole in his store window. The shots are fired at night by unknown marauders. Mr. Parr doesn't know who did it, but he does know that he is keeping his store open after 7 p. m., in defiance of the big chains.

Pastor's Case Still Shaking Church Circles

Delegation of Farmers Demands Release of 30 Churchmen

BERLIN, March 8.—Representations from the Nazi seizure of Pastor Niemoller continue to reach here from the rural districts, where the fight between Church and the Nazis is intense.

Delayed reports tell of a delegation of farmers from East Prussia demanding, several days ago, the release of some thirty East Prussian pastors who had been arrested for confining to take up collections from the rural districts, where the fight between Church and the Nazis is intense.

The delegation further demanded the release of District Superintendent Krueger, who not only was a world war officer and decorated with the Iron Cross, but is now pastor of the Goidapf garrison.

The superintendent and most of the ministers were released.

CIO Council Backs Mexico Labor's Call

Group Votes Measures Against Fascism, Reaction

OAKLAND, Cal., March 8.—The Alameda County CIO Industrial Union Council delegates can report back to their unions this week that they have embarked on a many-sided struggle for progress and democracy.

The council meeting last night accepted the Mexican unions' call for a world congress against monopolists and fascists.

It condemned the Fascist government of Brazil and urged on President Roosevelt the advisability of combining with Mexico, and the more liberal of the South American countries to defend democracy in the Western Hemisphere against Fascist encroachments.

The council applauded the British Labor Party struggle against reaction.

Fight Fingerprinting The council also launched into a real fight against fingerprinting.

Secretary Ward related that Louis Albertelli, of the local branch of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, has at last put up signs in his office that declare fingerprinting to be optional.

But, said Ward, a CIO man went down for a test last week. He ran a gauntlet of three officials who alternately ejected and threatened him in the effort to get the prints taken.

Ward says he complained about this to Albertelli, and the latter practically called him a liar.

The Industrial Union Council gave Ward authority to put a picket line around the Motor Vehicles Department office if it is necessary.

Much attention was devoted to the relief situation. The council concurred in a resolution received from Labor's Non-Partisan League, urging state officials to liberalize the granting of unemployed insurance benefits to locked-out workers.

To Hear Pomeroy The council heard a report that State Relief Administrator Harold E. Pomeroy will address it next Monday night for half an hour, and will then answer questions for half an hour.

Expects More Bullet Holes Any Day Now

OAKLAND, March 8.—M. E. Parr is one of those small independent grocers who refused to close their stores at 7 p. m. after the agreement for early closing had been demanded and won by the big chain stores from the Retail Food Clerks Union.

Mr. Parr remained open. His store is at 2610 Coolidge Ave. And now every small grocer who wants to, keeps his store open despite the efforts of the chains to keep them closed even by city ordinance.

Counts Bullet Holes Every morning when he opens his store, Mr. Parr carefully counts the number of bullet holes, which have collected in his store windows.

On Feb. 26, the total reached ten. All were fired during the night. Every large pane is now punctured at least once.

"I am expecting another any day now," he told the People's World. "Why?"

Mr. Parr does not pretend to know, and does not accuse any one but the impression has somehow been spread in the neighborhood that "union trouble" is the cause of it all.

Of course it is the chain stores who are most anxious about enforcing closing. The union never once picketed his place.

Police "Bluffed" Police who investigated after each of the successive shots could find no clue, but they told the People's World that numerous other small grocers had complained of similar shots as well as of bricks thrown through windows.

James Suffridge, business agent of the Retail Food Clerks Union had never heard of the incident until the People's World asked him about it. But he said:

"Whatever the aims of the people who fired those shots, they certainly are not union men. Very likely whoever fired those shots was trying to frame up on the union."

County Charities Director S. H. Thompson interviewed Ward last week, seeking to discover what questions Pomeroy might come up against.

"It will be an interesting session," one delegate commented, "and everybody and his brother should attend."

The council affiliated to the East Bay Citizens Committee Against Police Brutality after a representative of the Committee, Nathan Yanish, had related its struggle to prevent such incidents as the recent shooting by police of a Berkeley boy "by mistake," and the beating of McClaymond High School strikers.

Whitney & Co. Folds Up; Big Wall Street Brokers

NEW YORK, March 8 (TP)—The important Wall Street brokerage house of Richard Whitney & Company was suspended for insolvency today by the New York Stock and Curb Exchanges.

An investigation into the failure was immediately launched by the State Attorney General. Efforts were made to arrange a hearing this afternoon.

Suspensions were announced simultaneously in the Stock and Curb Exchanges with an announcement in the stock exchange disclosing that the committee on business conduct had preferred charges against the firm. The suspension was the first for insolvency since 1934 in the stock exchange.

The head of the firm, Richard Whitney, was president of the stock exchange from 1930 to 1935. The nature of the charges made against the company was not disclosed.

Limit Set on Czechoslovak Shoe Imports

State Department Tells of Trade Agreement Conclusion

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Limits on imports of cheap shoes from Czechoslovakia constituted the dominant feature of the trade pact with that country the conclusion of which was announced by the State Department yesterday.

The provision concerning shoes was the most hotly contested feature of the negotiations which agreed to the seventeenth trade agreement to the department's record of concluded pacts.

Vigorously opposed by the shoe monopolists of New England industrial centers, the pact is said to contain important trade concessions for American products. Some of the provisions are:

- 1. Reduction of duties on 7.8 per cent of imports from the United States.
2. No increase of duties on 4.4 per cent.
3. No increase in duties on 64.5 per cent of imports on the free list.
4. Inclusion of raw cotton and copper products as principal American items on the free list.

The new agreement is the seventh to be signed with European countries. It placed on shoe imports an upper limit of one and one-fourth per cent of the total annual American production of cheap shoes during the last five years.

In exchange for the concessions granted American exporters, Czechoslovakian manufacturers will enjoy tariff benefits on 55 per cent of the products exported to this country.

Colorful feature of the negotiations came when the pact was formally signed in the office of Secretary Hull and Czech Minister Vladimir Hurban. The signatures were inscribed on the 88th anniversary of the birth of Czechoslovakia's patriot and first president, Masaryk.

21-Year-Old Captain of Lake Tug Is Saved

PORT BURWELL, Ont., March 8 (TP)—The 21-year-old captain of a fishing tug lost for five days in the Lake Erie ice fields, Cecil Martin, was brought ashore today.

Young Martin was weak from privation abroad the boat, the "Cecil M." He and his father were lost for five days, with only a meagre supply of food. Three rescue tugs became stranded in the ice. Seven teamsters came ashore with Martin.

CIO Auto Workers Re-elect Officers

OAKLAND, March 8.—Leading officers of both East Bay locals of the United Automobile Workers were reelected at annual elections held here Saturday, by the local CIO office.

At the same time Local 76 of Oakland announced an achievement in the renewal of its agreement with the USL Battery Company at 98th Avenue and Hillside for the coming year. Improved terms include a week's annual vacation with pay. The company further agreed to discuss pay increases within six months.

Reelection of officials in both locals was generally regarded as a vote of confidence in progressive policies marking their administration. Local 76 re-elected Frank Slaby, president; Jack Montgomery, vice-president; Harold Vanucci, financial secretary-treasurer, and Ed Britton, recording secretary.

In Local 560, Richmond, the re-elected officers are Vincent McKenney, president; Renon Bacigaluto, vice-president; Mike O'Donnell, financial secretary-treasurer, and Eugene Fry, recording secretary.

Tax Ruled Out

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—An attempt to amend the tax bill to permit taxation by state governments of Federal salaries and interest on Federal securities was ruled out today on a point of order in the House.

BRIDGE, POWER ISSUES AWAIT FURTHER STUDY

Ferry Purchase, PG&E Franchise Rouse Progressives

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—"Delayed action" today had postponed two vital issues facing San Francisco—the question of the purchase of South-Western Pacific Railroad Corp. ferry routes, and the question of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steal of Hetch Hetchy power.

The proposed \$3,750,000 ferry purchase plan, which has been strenuously opposed by East Bay civic and labor organizations, met decided opposition when the question of its recommendation to the Toll Bridge Authority arose in yesterday afternoon's Board of Supervisors' meeting.

George H. Allen, president of the Central Council of Civic Clubs, and Andrew J. Gallagher, representing the Southern Promotion Assn., told the supervisors that their organizations are against the purchase proposal, which has been branded as a swindle by Fred E. Reed, president of the East Bay Regional Plan Assn.

McSheehy's Resolution

Supervisor McSheehy submitted to the board an East Bay resolution, in which he concurred, opposing purchase and favoring toll bridges. This resolution, adopted last meeting by the Alameda County supervisors and representatives of municipalities, urged the TBA to "defer consideration of the purchase of the ferry franchises for a period of not less than 30 days" and to reduce the tolls on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to an individual toll not greater than that at present paid per automobile on the ferry boats.

"This, we believe," continued the resolution, "will determine the advisability of purchasing the ferry franchises and will at the same time demonstrate whether or not the financing of the bridge can be carried on a sound basis at this reduced fare."

Five San Francisco supervisors attended this East Bay meeting, and McSheehy spoke for the resolution while Roncovieri took the stand that it was a state question. Dewey Mead, Adolph Schmidt and John Ratto also attended the meeting.

Consideration Put Off

Yesterday's meeting postponed consideration for a week and wired Gov. Merriam that it had been postponed upon the understanding that the Toll Bridge Authority, meeting which would take no steps toward purchase.

A letter from Rep. Frank Havenner, former board chairman, forced postponement of action or a resolution authorizing City Attorney O'Toole to notify P.G.&E. to apply for a franchise, on electricity and gas used for power and heating, now illegally sold to the people of San Francisco, P.G.&E. now holds only franchises to distribute electricity and gas for illumination purposes.

Havenner urged that the franchise action be held in abeyance pending the determination of the federal government's charge that the city is violating the Raker Act under which funds were made available to build the Hetch Hetchy project.

Havenner's Arguments

"Obviously, if the court should order the present agency contract cancelled," wrote Havenner, "San Francisco would have no practical way to dispose of the valuable output of the Hetch Hetchy power plant unless it could acquire a municipal distribution system.

"If this should occur, San Francisco would be in a somewhat similar position to that of Los Angeles last year when it successfully negotiated the purchase of its municipal distribution system as a condition precedent to the granting of a new franchise to the local power company."

Deny Charge FR Wants Control of Foreign Affairs

WASHINGTON, March 8 (TP)—Administration leaders were ready today to answer minority report charges that the big navy bill would give the President sole authority in foreign affairs.

Leaders denounced the report as politically biased.

What's On

Notes: 15 words, 50¢ per insertion, in advance. Deadline, 12 noon.

Sacramento Non-Partisan Labor Forum

Meets Sunday evening at 7 p. m., Forester's Hall, 714 E. St., Sacramento.

San Francisco Come as You Are

138 Valencia, Saturday March 12. Dancing, Hula, Barbecue, Beer, novelty entertainment. Industrial Section, C. P.

POTATO-PANCAKE PARTY

Waller St., Apt. No. 4, March 20th, 4 p. m. Good program arranged. Admission Free. Proceeds Progressive Political Action.

Coast Maritime Men World's Best Fighters, Says Loyalist Officer

Commander Amlic Arrives With Milly Bennet, His Wife and Former San Francisco Newspaper Woman, for Tour for Spain

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The west coast maritime workers are the greatest fighters in the world, according to Commander Hans Amlic of the Lincoln Battalion, home from the wars. He arrived here this morning with his wife Milly Bennet, the San Francisco newspaper girl who rose to the position of chief of the English department of the Spanish Government press bureau.

Hans Amlic, brother of Wisconsin's progressive congressman, Tom Amlic, is a former Montana miner, and is widely known in progressive circles in Sacramento where he resided before leaving for Spain a year ago.

Recovering from some bad wounds, his hair graying rapidly, Amlic was glad to see San Francisco again, as was his wife who quickly was surrounded by reporters, mostly her old friends.

Larry O'Toole Typical "Larry O'Toole," Amlic said, "is typical of the western boys. It's his spirit that stands out. Four times Franco sent O'Toole to the hospital, and each time he escaped from bed to get back into the trenches."

Amlic was next to Harry Hynes at Mosquito Ridge near Madrid when that tall, quiet sailor, beloved leader of militant workers in the West, died of wounds received in the first Loyalist offensive, that set Franco's drive on Madrid, back on its heels.

Bradly, Roy Ticer, Wallace Burton and others were also spoken of fondly by Amlic, who said, "The Germans in the Thaelmann Battalion were wonderful fighters, too. They never retreated, even when they should have. But they lacked the dash and spirit of the Americans."

Intelligent Soldiers

The International Brigades are made up of the most intelligent soldiers the world has ever seen, Amlic says.

"They know they are fighting for their own interests and the interests of humanity in driving back the fascists."

In addition to this fact, Amlic pointed out there were 30 school teachers who had given up their jobs in America because they were convinced that entering a rifle was more important than teaching school.

Assails 'Neutrality'

Though confident like all returning from the Spanish front, Amlic, whose calmness and modesty are marked in every gesture, becomes angry at two things: our Neutrality Act, and the Catholic hierarchy in America.

"Do you know that American boys are being killed by vests and bombs 'made in America'?" he asks. "The neutrality act does not stop the agents of Hitler from buying munitions in this country and running them into Franco's territory. But the Loyalists could not buy a cap gun here!"

As for the Catholic Church, Amlic asks, "How does it happen that the great majority of the Catholics in Spain are for the Loyalists and against the foreign invaders, whereas the Catholics here are being led around by the nose by fascist agents?"

To Speak at Meetings

A series of speaking dates are being arranged for Hans Amlic and Milly Bennet, whom he met and married in Spain, by the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion that is raising funds and other support for the American forces fighting in Spain.

On Friday, Milly Bennet will be interviewed over NBC, though the hour of the broadcast could not be ascertained.

Hans Amlic's biggest thrill did not come when the battalion he was commanding, led the five-day assault that captured Belchite, even though Belchite was one of the few cities in the world that Napoleon had been unable to capture. Instead he says the receipt of 19 issues of the old Western Worker thrilled him more than any one happening. Amlic had subscribed the day he left San Francisco, and three months after his arrival in Spain the papers caught up with him all in one bundle.

"You should see the excitement among the West Coast boys when that bundle arrived," he said.

PEERS PONDER BUDGET FOR JAPANESE ARMS

China Guerrilla Fighters Wreak Havoc on Invaders

TOKIO, March 8.—Japan's House of Peers today was studying the special military budget of 4,850,000,000 yen (about \$1,406,500) which was approved by the lower house yesterday.

Early approval is expected on the measure which will finance Japan's aggressions in China. Yesterday the House of Peers approved the regular budget of \$834,910,000.

Meanwhile Japanese troops sought vainly to liquidate attacks by Chinese guerrilla fighters who are harassing the invaders' columns to the rear during their advance through Shensi province. Yesterday, Japanese entered Puchow-Fu, southern terminus of the Tung-Pu railway, after Chinese had evacuated the town and eluded pursuit.

The recent advance places Japanese troops in position for an advance into the territory formerly occupied by the Chinese Communists. But Chinese army reports indicated the advance would be countered by a statement made here by Foreign Minister Hirota. The diplomat told the Lower House of Parliament that negotiations were "progressing" but he declined to explain further.

Negotiations 'Progress'

TOKIO, March 8.—Status of American-Japanese negotiations regarding salmon fishing rights in the Bristol Bay area were not revealed in a statement made here by Foreign Minister Hirota. The diplomat told the Lower House of Parliament that negotiations were "progressing" but he declined to explain further.

Debate Power Control

TOKIO, March 8 (TP)—The minister of communications, Ryutaro Nagai, asserted in the Japanese House of Peers today that the government's plan to take control of power companies would safeguard the interests of foreign investors.

The minister defended the government's power control bill against a bitter opposition attack in the upper chamber.

The lower house in the Japanese parliament passed the government's supplemental war budget, then turned to the bitterly fought national mobilization bill.

Members of the cabinet prepared to face a barrage of questions on the mobilization bill, but its ultimate passage seemed assured. Official circles said as soon as the drastic measure for complete government control of finance, industry and labor is passed, it will be applied in Japan's possessions, Korea, Formosa and Japanese controlled territory on the mainland.

Seek Milk Funds for Spain Loyalist Kids

BERKELEY, March 8.—A party for the benefit of a Spanish Loyalist Children's milk fund will be held here Saturday night at 2223 Roosevelt Street at 8 p. m., according to an announcement today by the Youth Committee for Spanish Relief which is sponsoring the affair.

Spanish entertainment, including dancing, will be featured. There will be a 10 cent admission charge.

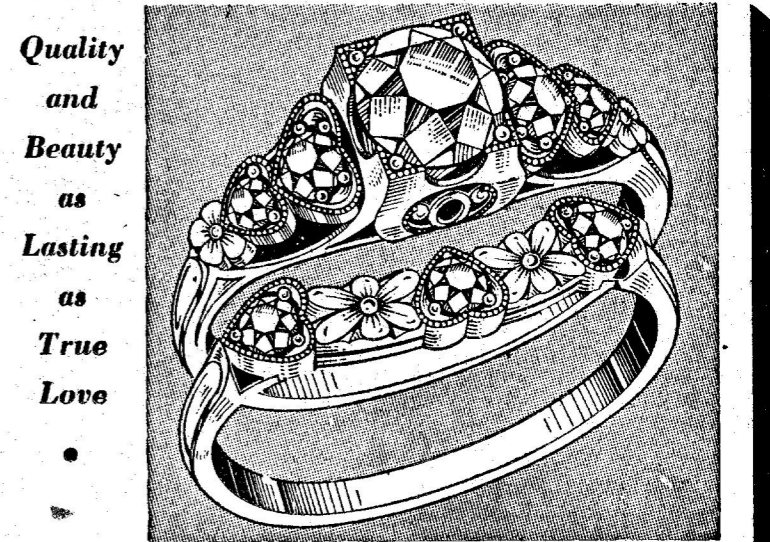
Search Continues for 9 and Missing Plane

FRESNO, Calif., March 8 (TP)—A TWA transport plane took off today to search for the missing airliner. Officials have plotted out the course supposedly taken by the missing plane. The searching transport will follow the theoretical course over the wild area east of Fresno.

Meanwhile, two army bombers hopped off from March Field to aid the search for the missing airliner and its nine occupants.

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Care Could Save Them!

PERHAPS the San Francisco Chronicle, which gives Trotsky plenty of space to bemoan the fate of a few of his accomplices at Moscow...

Perhaps the San Francisco News, which "can't get excited about" fascist spies in America, but gets plenty excited about the fate of those on trial in Moscow...

Perhaps the Hearst papers, which campaign for "America needs a purge" against Communists, but weeps and wails because "the best Communists" (the Hearst definition) are being shot in Moscow...

Perhaps all of these papers might spare a little space for the thousands of common people of America who are needlessly dying for lack of medical care right here in the United States...

"One-third, perhaps one-half of the population of the United States is too poor to afford the full cost of adequate medical care on any basis..."

Thousands of American mothers tragically dying from childbirth. Hundreds of thousands of victims of tuberculosis, diphtheria, syphilis. Thousands of American babies—your babies and mine, babies of the toiling people—dying for lack of proper care!

What a nightmare of suffering and death! What a toll of sorrow and tears, of wasted lives and broken bodies!

And all so needless, so easily preventable by what the Public Health Service demands. Its demand is: "A national program for the conservation of health."

And who is opposed to that?

The reactionaries who scream "Don't tax us!" And "Balance the budget!" What do the "60 families" care about the ocean of suffering endured by the common people? About the sacred budget of human life? Nothing!

And who else opposes?

None other than the American Medical Association, which wails "Socialism!"—fills its official journal with lying attacks on the socialized medical system of the Soviet Union, and tries to blacklist and defame those of its own eminent members who even timidly support the extremely moderate program of the Public Health Service!

And who has stood in the forefront of the struggle for a public health program? None other than the Communists, who, through the article of Wm. Z. Foster more than six months ago warned of the need for a Federal program for health insurance for the common people.

The sacrifice of thousands of babies and mothers and ailing people, workers and farmers and small income people—is a sacrifice to profits. Get more revenue out of the rich, the corporations and coupon-clippers, and save the babies! We can sacrifice billionaires, but not babies!

Questions That Require Answers

OVER two hundred men, women and children dead.

Thousands homeless, hungry, suffering. The figures representing the human misery of our neighbors and friends keep mounting. The damage in property loss runs into millions of dollars. Some estimate \$50,000,000.

The loss in human life, in human misery, no one can estimate.

There are two things that must be done. First, a program for immediate and adequate relief and rehabilitation of these homeless stricken thousands must be put into action.

Second, it must be determined whether this catastrophe was really unavoidable.

Isn't it true that, had there been an adequate flood control program with adequate funds, with elimination of graft, that this tragic flood would never have happened?

Isn't it true that there were and are thousands of people unemployed who could have been put to work in a great public works program to build adequate flood control?

If it is then the men who blocked that program are murderers.

True Service To the People

THEY did not ask: "Do you belong to the CIO or the AFL?"

They did not ask: "Have you some relatives on whom you can chide?"—nor did they ask the other million questions "official charity" demands answers to before it lends a grudging hand.

They did not ask: "Are you an American citizen?"

No, but they poured forth, organized, upon a public duty to the people of California's stricken Southland, to give help, and cheer and material aid.

And who are "they"? They are the Communists! Doing their duty as fellow citizens of the sufferers. Though the roll is not yet called, no doubt many of the

members of that Party, which is a cross-section of the people, are among the sufferers. They were doing their simple duty—that's all!

Throughout the night, Station KMTR broadcast the message:

"Special notice to all Communist Party members, sympathizers: All members and friends of the Communist Party in Los Angeles and vicinity, are asked to mobilize and give aid to residents in areas flooded by heavy rains. Special attention should be given to the following areas: Central Avenue; Compton, Bay Cities, Lynwood, Inglewood, Culver City."

What stories may be told by those who answered that call, the People's World has yet to hear. But stories are undoubtedly there which would grip the heart.

Even the bare bones of this message, radioed through the night of tragedy, is sufficient to show how different is the Communist Party from what its defamers would have people believe.

Where were the bold editors who man the Los Angeles Times and Examiner or the two "Newsances?"

Where were those "Neutral Thousands?" Where were those heroes of "The Better American Federation?"

Where were all those "Committee of Ten Thousand" in Long Beach?

But that message from KMTR told where the Communists were! They were proving their devotion to the welfare of the common people, working in storm and peril to give them immediate aid, just as they show them, in less tragic moments, that socialism is the road to a happier life for all humanity.

Scripps Liberalism Died Long Ago

IN commenting editorially on the death of Robert Paine Scripps, the San Francisco News—a Scripps-Howard paper—points out that "Edward Wylliss Scripps started in Cleveland a little newspaper devoted to the interests of the great masses of people."

This is quite accurate, but what the News did not point out was the great gulf which lies between the little paper which the father started and the chain of papers which he handed to his son. The former was truly for the people—the other a hypocritical organ of reaction.

The News states that the elder Scripps and his son had in common the desire to "represent the great bulk of the American people who were too often without a spokesman," but fails to show that the younger Scripps spoke in a whisper for labor and did his shouting for monopoly interests.

Today the Scripps-Howard papers follow closely on the heels of Hearst. The same policy may be seen in the increasing number of sexy or sensational stories, in the stress given to pronouncements of the reactionaries; when it is impossible to slant a story as they might like, they give it as little play as possible. They have become red-baiters of the best tradition, as witness the Stolberg articles.

The worst of it is that they gloss over their treachery with a veneer of "liberalism." A mere one or two columns, such as Heywood Brown's, cover a multitude of drivel from the Peglers and of venom from the Gen. Johnsons. They run the articles of President Roosevelt, because they know they profit by his prestige. But they strangle that prestige in editorials.

Public sentiment is strongly in favor of Loyalist Spain and yet the Scripps-Howard papers soft-peddle even news favorable to this democratic nation.

To quote the News further, the younger Scripps "believed that the first essential toward that end (the greatest good to the greatest number) was strict adherence to the basic civil liberties written into the first ten amendments of the American Constitution." But just where is this belief when an editorial in the selfsame paper condemns the Communists for speaking openly in favor of the laboring masses, while it praises Hitler for his bootlicking gesture in asking German-Americans not to work in avowed militaristic Nazi organizations?

In the final words of Edward Wylliss Scripps to his son, according to the News, he said: "Being a gentleman, you cannot fail to devote your whole mind and energy to the service of the plain people who constitute the vast majority of the people of the United States."

But where the one built from a sincere desire to help his people, the other took over a vast property and used it as a weapon against the interests of the people it was made to serve. The only thing both had in common was a yacht on which to die.

Cities May Learn From the Woods

SOMETHING is happening amidst the beauty of the giant Redwoods of Northern California, which should win applause of all progressives.

The AFL lumber workers union there, in places like Fort Bragg and Arcata, have joined hands with the CIO International Woodworkers of America locals in Eureka, Crescent City, etc., in a program of unity not merely for better wages and conditions, but also for joint participation on the political field.

Labor's Non-Partisan League is being built in the Redwoods through that unity. In every lumber town and hamlet, it is expected that a League will shortly be existent.

The attitude of the leaders of the AFL lumber locals in Northern California has been one of contempt toward the arbitrary decrees of Green and Hutcheson that AFL unions are to have no connections with Labor's League.

Our congratulations to the lumber workers of Northern California, both AFL and CIO. Together, in unity, they will organize the many thousands of still unorganized workers in the terrible company towns of Northern California. Together they are pointing the way for all labor.

AT THE MOSCOW TRIAL

How the Traitors Served Foreign Spy Departments

MOSCOW, March 5 (Delayed)

This is the fourth day of the trial here of 21 persons already blackened by the testimony of part of them with the foulest crimes against their country and its workers. All have pleaded guilty, but they give more and more details of their shame, and lay bare to the sight of the world the methods and deeds of traitors and Fascist war makers.

Christian Rakovsky, some time Soviet ambassador to Germany, France and England, one of the accused in this trial, testified first in the morning session.

Rakovsky admitted that since 1924 he had been an agent of the British Intelligence Service. He related that British Agents Armstrong and Leckert visited him in 1924 and showed him a document which he had signed in 1915. The document was addressed to the German intelligence service and contained espionage information. It was about Rumania.

Becomes British Spy

Armstrong and Leckert proposed to Rakovsky that he collaborate also with their intelligence service in order to "avoid complications."

As a result of negotiations with these men and subsequent negotiations with another responsible representative in the British intelligence apparatus, Rakovsky gave his consent to collaborate with them.

Rakovsky attempted today in court to deny the authenticity of the document mentioned.

But Vyshinsky, chief prosecutor, drew him out by a series of questions about his activities in the world war, and disclosed many damaging features, which the cross-examiner then summed up in a remark:

"I have a suspicion that you had commenced your espionage activities for the German intelligence service already in the years of the world war."

Rakovsky did not answer this at the moment, but admitted that he supplied the British intelligence service with information regularly from the end of 1924 onwards.

When Rakovsky informed Trotsky of what he was doing, Trotsky approved of it.

Rakovsky further testified that in 1929, when Trotsky was about to go to his exile in Alma Ata, he told Rakovsky of a plan for flight abroad. To Rakovsky's question as to how Trotsky proposed to make his way from Alma Ata (which is close to the Chinese border) across the deserts and mountains of Central Asia, Trotsky told him that he hoped for assistance from the British intelligence service.

British Agent

Then and there Trotsky told him, testified Rakovsky, that back in 1928 Trotsky had established connections with the British intelligence through the medium of a representative of the Lena Gold-fields Company. In return for certain services rendered him by that organization, he in turn assisted the English Conservative circles to effect the rupture of relations with the United Soviet Socialist Republics, and that he indicated to them a raid on "Arocs" as the most suitable method. ("Arocs" was the Anglo-Russian Trading Corporation, in London, which handled all commerce between the two countries, and naturally had some diplomatic functions likewise.)

Trotsky explained to Rakovsky that through one of his trusted men who worked in "Arocs," in particular, through a certain Captain Meller or Mueller, specially composed and provocative documents were discovered by the British on the premises of "Arocs."

Rakovsky said he enlisted a number of people to spy for the British, including Prince Mdivan (who was tried last year).

During the first period of his espionage activities in London and Paris, said Rakovsky, he maintained contact with the British intelligence service through a journalist named Farban.

Woman Contact

After his first exposure as a Trotskyist plotter, and his exile, Rakovsky lost contact with the British spy masters. But when he pretended to be reconciled to the Communist Party and came back from exile to Moscow, he was visited in 1934 by the English philanthropist Lady Pagett, who was passing through Moscow. During their meeting, she told him that it was necessary to re-establish this espionage contact.

Rakovsky testified that in 1936 he transmitted a number of secret bits of information for the British intelligence service to its Moscow agent.

When Rakovsky attended an international Red Cross conference in Tokio in 1934, a prominent Japanese statesman negotiated with him and told him that in the interests of the movement Rakovsky represented, it would be useful for him to collaborate with certain organizations in Japan.

Rakovsky, who had Trotsky's instructions, gave his consent to collaboration with the Japanese intelligence service.

"We played three cards—German, Japanese and English," said Rakovsky to the court.

Yurenev, then representing the Soviet Union diplomatically in that capital, of the negotiations with the highly placed Japanese about the establishment of contact between Trotskyite organizations and the Japanese intelligence service.

"Yurenev was greatly embarrassed," testified Rakovsky, and said: "We Trotskyites find ourselves in such a mess that it is hard to know what to do. I fear that by satisfying one contracting party we may offend the other. Right now there is antagonism over the Chinese problem between Japan and England, and we have to work both for the Japanese and for the British intelligence services."

Satisfying Both Rakovsky said he spent some time convincing Yurenev of the necessity of satisfying both sides, somehow.

In Tokio, said Rakovsky, a prominent man he knew introduced him to one still more highly placed. This latter person told Rakovsky: "We know that you are Trotsky's most intimate friend, and I request you to convey to him that a certain government resents his articles on the Chinese problem and also the behavior of the Chinese Trotskyites."

He is entitled to expect from Mr. Trotsky a different line of conduct. Mr. Trotsky must understand himself what a certain government wants. It is unnecessary to state details, but it would be clearly desirable to cause an incident in China in order to have intervention in Chinese affairs."

Rakovsky told the court: "I wrote to Trotsky about this,

and also communicated it to Yurenev as a member of our Trotskyist organization."

At the close of his testimony, Rakovsky with an appearance of deep shame made a voluntary statement that he felt that he had betrayed the Soviet Union and the international labor movement by his treacherous activities.

Zelensky Examined

THE court next proceeded to the examination of the accused Izek Zelensky, formerly head of the Union of Cooperative Societies.

Zelensky admitted freely that he was in the service of the Czarist secret police ever since 1911. He had betrayed workers in the underground Bolshevik organization, and received for that a regular monetary remuneration.

Zelensky said his brother was also an agent provocateur. Since he was an active member of one of the counter-revolutionary organizations of the "Rights" (after the revolution), Zelensky disrupted collectivization in Central Asia. He also supported nationalist-capitalist organizations there.

Later, when chairman of the central committee of the union of Cooperatives, Zelensky testified, he organized systematic sabotage.

For instance, said Zelensky, he had crushed glass and nails mixed into the butter. At another time, he caused 50 cartloads of eggs to



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a preventative war on the part of Germany.

In the conversation with Bure, Rakovsky gave him to understand that this was not just his personal opinion.

However, Rakovsky, who was guided by his Trotskyist orientation on Germany, failed in his attempts. Bure answered:

"France cannot remain isolated in the face of the growing militarization of Germany. The aggressor must be put in a straitjacket."

Cross-examined further about Tokio, Rakovsky testified that in 1934, when he was there, he in-

spoil by holding them too long in Moscow. He disrupted the regular process of goods turnover, by which the population was to be supplied with such necessities as bread, salt, butter and sugar, creating shortages on these foodstuffs in definite localities. He assisted in the embezzlement of funds and stealing of goods, from the cooperatives.

Spreads Slanders

Zelensky selected "Socialist Revolutionary," Anarchists and White Guards for the working forces in the cooperatives in order to create rebel groups.

Through the foreign bureau of the Central Committee of Cooperatives, Zelensky distributed abroad all sorts of slanderous and false "news" of the work of the Soviet cooperatives.

Negotiations were conducted with Alexander, a leader of the English cooperatives, by which Zelensky secured Alexander's promise to give support of the British cooperatives in case the "Rights" came to power in the Soviet Union.

After a recess, the court continued in the afternoon with the examination of the accused Akmal Ikramov, former Secretary of the Communist Party of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic.

Ikramov was a member of a capitalist-nationalist youth organization, Zelensky distributed abroad all sorts of slanderous and false "news" of the work of the Soviet cooperatives.

Murders Confessed

The two bands also conducted wrecking activities in the construction of cotton gins and in other factory building.

Ikramov estimated, in his testimony to the court, that they had damaged 14,000 tons of cotton in 1935.

The National Fascists, Ikramov testified, did not stop at the murder of any who opposed their counter-revolutionary plans. Thus, the National Fascists killed Abisaidov, an Uzbek leader who was about to expose them. Then Koliaiev and Ikramov saved the murderers from judgment.

In 1933, Khodjaiev and Ikramov, who by that time had entered into unity with the "Rights," received from Bukharin instructions to intensify the plotting activities.

In conformity with these instructions, Ikramov testified, they began as rapidly as possible to build up rebel groups, drawing into them Kulaks (village money lenders) and the Mohammedan clergy and fanatics. These groups conducted "diversions" (wrecking to injure the defensive capacity of the country) and other sabotage. They were organizing more strictly terrorist bands before they were caught.

The National Fascist organizations aimed at the separation of Uzbekistan from the rest of the (Continued on Page 6, Column 2)

COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

Starving Russians Insist on Living To Spite Hearst



THE Hearst papers are boasting that they were "first" to tell, and even foretell, the virtual bouncing of Anthony Eden by Chamberlain, by agreement with the fascist dictators. Naturally because Hearst is one of their fascist gang. But that's hardly something to boast about. Moreover this paper long ago exposed the split in the British cabinet, while Hearst papers were dumb on that subject.

But if Hearst papers are first on what happens, they are way out in front on what doesn't happen. On Feb. 22, they were still playing wild with truth on the case of the Soviet Charge d' Affaires in Rumania, Feodor Butenko, although four days previously the fascist lie that Butenko had appeared in Rome with "tales of horror" about "fleeing from OGPU assassins" had been completely exploded even by such conservative papers as the N. Y. Times.

The Times Feb. 18, told how a secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Rome, who had known Butenko when both were in diplomatic school, went repeatedly to the Rome hotel where "Butenko" was supposed to be, but was as repeatedly refused access to him. This clinches the Soviet claim that the real Butenko was murdered by Rumanian fascists, and that a fake "Butenko" showed up in Rome to spread wild tales of "OGPU assassins" and terrible tales of life in the Soviet Union—for the Hearst papers.

So the San Francisco "Examiner" used the fake "Butenko" for all he was worth—"Veil over veil lifts on the Russian twenty-year horror," being the opening line. The rest was about what the fake "Butenko" said of Soviet life: "atrocious slavery," "workers practically starving," "suffocation of thought," etc., etc.

Now it happens that mails still function between here and the Soviet Union, and Soviet papers come through to San Francisco. The daily trade union paper "Trud" (Labor) of January 29, giving the following increases in sales to consumers of the Soviet Ukraine from 1934 to 1937: Butter sales rose 327%; Meat, 300%; Sugar, 450%; Confectionery, 200%; Woolens, 400%; Shoes, 300%; Ready-made clothing, 150%. Only a vegetarian could be "horrified" by having his meat supply increased 300 per cent.

The Jan. 22nd issue of "Trud" mentioned that in 1937, there were 60,000,000 cakes of what is known as "strawberry" soap manufactured, but that it is planned to make twice that many this year. Also, that these "starving" Russians bought 42,500,000 bottles of eau de Cologne in 1937, and that 2,000,000 more bottles would be made this year for those whom Hearst's papers are going to starve to death meanwhile.

It is quite obvious that Stalin cannot use 120,000,000 bars of soap, and he doubtless abhors using eau de Cologne. And what about the 505,000 phonographs and 34,000,000 records made last year to cheer the "slaves" in their idle hours? The only faint hint of "slavery" visible in figures given in "Trud" of Feb. 4, v the manufacture last year of 550,000 alarm clocks. The infernal din of those things IS horrible!

But this "horror" is somewhat softened when we see that workers in a Rostov Shoe Factory called "AGO-1," work a seven-hour day and five-day week, and got increased wages of from 8.12 Roubles during December, 1936, to 11.89 Roubles in December, 1937.

We are embarrassed to mention the "suffocation of thought," however, when we note that 110,000,000 copies of Lenin's books have been sold, and if Russians can read Lenin without thinking, they can do more than we can. Then we observe that a library at the Cheljabinsk Tractor Plant has 62,000 books for 10,000 readers. Doing well despite "suffocation."

We also note that workers at the Voroshilov Locomotive Works got 241,000 Roubles in prizes for inventions they suggested in 1937. That the manufacture of electric irons with automatic heat regulators, facial massage machines, refrigerators, and motor-driven children's size autos is now on a mass-production scale.

All of which is rather puzzling for anybody who reads Hearst, perhaps.

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Gannes

NOW that the immediate excitement of Eden's resignation has passed and the Tories, behind the scenes, are getting out the actual deals with the fascist dictators, neither Chamberlain nor Mussolini seem so sure of themselves.

Reports from both London and Rome stress the signs of difficulties in trying to put the deal through.



William H. Stoneman, Chicago Daily News London correspondent, on March 2 cabled that "developments of the last few days, without exception, have tended to destroy these (the Tory hopes) and to support Eden's theory that it would be futile to bargain with Mussolini without having some definite token of his good will beforehand."

This is now reported because Mussolini, having gotten Chamberlain to fire Eden, is turning on the screws to get even more than was promised.

Mussolini at this time holds the trump hand, because he can always threaten to bolt, which would mean the end of the Chamberlain government. He knows that Chamberlain has staked his political existence on coming to some terms with the fascist alliance.

SINCE that time the difficulties have increased over the issue of Spain. Hitler and Mussolini are afraid that slightest weakening of foreign fascist aid to Franco might prove fatal to their Iberian stooge. Chamberlain feels the same way about it. But it was on a phony promise that he got from Mussolini that Italian and German troops would be evacuated from Spain that he was able to prevent an open rift in parliament, and failure on this point would blow the whole scheme sky high.

The fascist dictators want delay on this issue, but procrastination on this point delays the whole scheme and the fascists need speed on all other phases of the agreement. Their hope that the Soviet Union in exposing and fighting the British Tory schemes, would give them an out by blaming "Moscow" for all delays and inability to settle this point, failed. The U.S.S.R.'s agreement to evacuation of foreign troops completely upset the fascists and increased the bickering between the Tories and Mussolini over the methods of getting around this point.

DIFFICULTIES are arising over the agreed British loan to fascist Italy. From Wall Street sources we learn that the City (London's Wall Street) is adamant in its opposition to loans to Italy, unless guaranteed by the British Treasury. Opposition attacks in parliament can be sufficient to stop the treasury from guaranteeing these loans. But without loans there is no real consideration for the whole criminal contract. However, the British government will get over this obstacle by granting Italy export-credit guarantees under the cry of "reviving Anglo-Italian trade."

The Suez Canal question remains much of a mystery. Reports vary in saying that Rome or London was responsible for spreading the rumors that Mussolini insisted on participation in the Canal's control. The Canal is owned by a French company but is controlled by British directors and army heads. Suez is a nose around Mussolini's schemes of empire. Joint French and British agreement could ultimately choke Mussolini's ambitions to do Mussolini wants an interest in the nose. And he is likely to get it. Otherwise he will continue to stir up trouble in all approaches to the canal, from Palestine and Syria to all of Egypt.

In order to avoid adding fuel to the fires of the opposition, the Chamberlain government will try to settle matters by the secret diplomacy route. As much will be given to Mussolini as possible without publicity. To parliament the Tory ally of world fascism will try to present as many as possible of the points of agreement with the dictators as accomplished facts.

# SEEING RED

With Mike Quin

SOONER or later a fight is going to have to be made to establish labor's right to broadcast on the radio. Theoretically, labor already has that right. But in practice, it works out differently.

Nine out of ten broadcasting stations will refuse to take a labor program. The few that will accept will censor it to suit themselves. Usually that censorship is so extreme that it is not worth whole putting on the mild stupid mush that meets their approval. Some of the very small and weak stations will be half-way responsible, but even then with great trepidation.

Pressure will be brought against them by employer groups, and these small fry do not feel they are strong enough to buck million dollar corporations. As a matter of fact, they are not. Their influence in Washington is small, whereas the complaining employer groups have Congressmen and Senators dancing on the ends of their buzzer-buttons. It is an easy matter for the Federal Radio Communications Commission to revoke their license on some pretext. Small stations know the existence of corrupt powers and fear them.

## Air Waves Belong to Public

ACCORDING to law, station owners have no right to either refuse or censor a program unless it is obscene or has to do with lotteries. Broadcasting stations own their equipment, but they do not own the air waves on which they are broadcasting. The air waves are public property. The government grants licenses for the use of these waves subject to definite obligations.

The Federal Communications Act reads quite nicely. It states as its purpose, "to make available, so far as possible, to all the people of the United States a rapid, efficient nationwide, and world-wide wire and radio communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges. . . . The Commission has authority to prevent or destroy monopoly of telegraph, telephone or wireless communications or facilities. . . . Nothing in this Act shall be understood or construed to give the Commission the power to censorship over the radio or to regulate or condition or condition shall be promulgated or fixed by the Commission which shall interfere with the right of free speech by means of radio communication. . . . Decisions of the Commission can be appealed to the Federal Courts."

It reads all right. But what are the facts? Facilities are not available to all the people. Rates are exorbitant. Big Business has a monopoly and can choke off anything it doesn't like by practically all station owners. The Commission itself can and does silence any station or program it desires to.

It's all very well to point to the law and say, "They can't do that." They do it! They do it every day and get by with it simply because no one challenges them.

## Peculiar Interpretation

THE supreme authority of the Commission is based on a peculiar interpretation of a clause in the Communications Act which empowers it to regulate radio in the "public interest, convenience and necessity." The Commission therefore decides for itself whether a program is or is not in "the public interest."

You may challenge any decision of the Commission, of course. But this is a procedure so costly and prolonged that only a very wealthy concern could attempt it.

Such an interpretation is obviously cockeyed. It negates the most vital provisions of the Act itself. Still they get by with it because no one challenges them. Big Business won't challenge them because employers are permitted to do any damned thing they please with the radio. They go on the air any time they want with no censorship at all. Their slightest utterances are broadcast over nationwide and even international hookups.

And on what do station owners base their unlimited censorship? They base it on the fact that according to law if any libelous statement is broadcast on the air, the station is held responsible and can be sued.

Foolish as this sounds, it is true. Not the sponsor, nor the writer, but the station itself is liable. No insurance company will even protect a station against libel.

This is as illogical as it would be to hold the printing shop responsible for libel in a publication instead of the editors. Yet that is the way the law stands at the present time. Obviously it must be corrected if free speech is ever to be achieved on the radio.

Station owners further extend their censorship by declaring this act to be "not in the public interest." This is purely a matter of their own opinion or prejudice, but they will point out that if they broadcast anything not "in the public interest," or that can be construed as such, the Communications Commission will revoke their license.

## Free Speech Stronghold

THESE factors succeed in completely negating free speech on the air and reducing all the fine phraseology of the Communications Act to nonsense.

Lack of knowledge on this subject has caused many unions to back down when refused time on the air or when confronted by censorship. This is wrong. If your union wants time on the air and it is refused, raise a heavy protest with the Federal Communications Commission; picket the station; bombard it with phone calls and letters; exert every form of mass pressure. The laws of the United States entitle you to time on the air without censorship. But you'll never get that right unless you demand it. The station is privately owned, but the air waves are public property. Don't stand for any censorship. Men fought and died to win that right of free speech. It is your duty as an American to protect it.

Employers go on any station they want and say what they damned please. Labor can do the same. Personally, I think a lot of those phony legal angles like the libel technically and the one about "public interest" are there for a conscious purpose. Don't let them worry you. So far as labor is concerned, free speech means free speech, and nothing else.

We'll say more about the radio in future columns.

# BEHIND THE SCREEN

With Don Blackwell

## Week in Review:

The company union, Screen Playwrights, Inc., took the count again last Friday. . . . Formal judgment was handed them by Judge Robert Kenny in SP's \$200,000 libel action against the Screen Writers Guild, making the Playwrights responsible for court costs and counsel fees. . . . Incidentally, autonomy, the issue on which the producers originally split the Guild and set up the Screen Playwrights, has been approved by the Authors League of America. . . . Now the National Labor Relations Board is reported to be about to hand down a decision granting the petition of the SWG for an election of writers to select a bargaining agent. . . . a decision which would make the Guild winner in all legal actions it has taken since the date of its revival with Dudley Nichols president and Charles Brackett as vice-president. . . . On the basis of this, it is said that certain Screen Playwrights are feeling out officials of the Guild with the idea of the SP moving into the SWG in a body.

## Flood Aftermath

WHEN Bob Burns phoned Paramount last Wednesday to send pumps to drain the water out of his Bel-Air home, he waited three hours before the bell rang. . . . When he opened the door, he was greeted by the studio's publicity man and a photographer. . . . Ralph Bellamy claims all he has left out of the flood is three suits. . . . His San Fernando home was swept away and he hasn't as yet been able to tell his wife who is in New York. . . . The story of the inflated rubber prop whale that was said to have floated off a Warner Brothers set into the Los Angeles River, was the figment of a publicity man's imagination.

## "Zola" Wows in Stockholm

"ROSTY," recently closed Broadway play authored by Martin Berkley, was bought by MGM for \$11,500. . . . In Stockholm, the Life of Emil Zola, playing simultaneously at four theatres, has been running for fourteen weeks and continues to be held over at all four. . . . Snow White, at the New Gallery theatre in London is doing business 392 per cent above normal. . . . Helen Hayes has turned down leading role in Sinclair Lewis' play, Queeny. . . . Orson Welles, Broadway's boy wonder has an idea to produce a musical adaptation of all of Shakespeare's plays dealing with the passing of monarchs. . . . They will probably be week-end stagings at the Mercury Theatre. . . . Metro's "Test Pilot" is understood to be the final picture Uncle Sam will permit studios to make showing this year's fighting equipment. . . . Jane Cowl, Lillian Gish, Burgess Edith and Orson Welles gave approval of the Coffee Federal Arts Bill last week before a senate sub-committee.

## "The Women" Brings a Tidy Sum

20th Century Fox expects to show a \$3,000,000 profit for the year 1937. . . . MGM has bought the screen rights to the Max Gordon play, "The Women," for \$250,000. . . . Joris Ivens who directed Spanish Earth, is now in Hankow to produce a film showing China's fight for freedom. . . . he is financed by a company called History Today, Inc. some of the backers being Archibald McLelish, Clifford Odets, Herman Shumlin, Lillian Hellman and Louise Rainer.

# New Life in the Polar Region

## USSR Makes History in Frozen North

By Clint Duff

WHEN four men hang onto an iceberg for nine months and ride 1500 miles through all frenzies of an Arctic winter, that is news.

But when these four through thick and thin take constant weather records, make hazardous studies of ocean antics and even haul up strange forms of life from the shivery depths, this is history.

Professor Ivan D. Papilin, radio operator, Ernest T. Krenkel, Piotr Shirshov, Eugene Federov, and their dog Jolly are now happily on their way back to civilization aboard the ice-breaker Taimir.

## Precious Records

THEY are even happier, however at the thought of precious records and specimens neatly tucked away in their equipment. And Soviet laboratories are eagerly awaiting the evidence of what is possibly the most thorough study of the Arctic Ocean.

Already the information which "Sparks" Krenkel has radioed into Moscow is a "vast addition to human knowledge," according to Walter Duranty writing in Moscow.

Krenkel flashed information into Moscow as often as three or four times daily. Some of this material has been published, but there is a mass of additional data now being studied by the various institutes.

## Gigantic Project

BUT even this enormously important expedition is just one small part of the whole gigantic project which the Socialist nation has set itself in the Arctic.

This fact is often lost sight of by "outsider" observers. It is never forgotten by the Soviet explorers, however. To each of the four valiant scientists, their ice flow trip was not their first expedition nor do they expect it to be their last.

For the Soviets are set to transform the forbidding Arctic. And these amazing people are actually changing Siberia from a forbidding land of exiles into a flourishing region of industry, farming and recreation.

## New Life to Polar Region

DR. OTTO SCHMIDT, head of the Northern Sea Route Administration—Incidentally he means to the Russian kids every bit as much as Lindbergh means to the American—tells us some startling things:

"Russia has embarked upon a great scheme of industrialization, navigation and aviation in the Arctic. We are building towns and ports in Polar regions, factories, mines, vegetable plantations, aerodromes, schools and hospitals.



"People believe that the Arctic is waste-land, incapable of development, useless to mankind, a frozen desert. They are utterly wrong.

"Our new Polar towns grow rapidly. One, Igarka, has up to 20,000 inhabitants during the summer (of 1936), the permanent population is 12,000. Their life does not differ very much from that of other Russians. They have cinemas and theaters, dance halls, restaurants, kindergartens and clubs.

"We fully believe the word stamped by the American Polar explorer Stefansson: 'The friendly Arctic.' But we do not only believe in it, we are really making friends with the Polar world, we are bringing it to life and life to it."

For those interested in details of how everything from kindergartens to hot houses are being established in the North, the writer recommends the well-written "40,000 Against the Arctic" by H. P. Smolka and published in New York by Morrow & Company.

Now it can be seen where the four drifting scientists and their work fits in. Weather and transportation are two knotty problems that confront these new pioneers of the Arctic.

With a few more such expeditions most of the vagaries of wind, temperature and current will be mapped out. Then the voyage from Leningrad and Murmansk out through the Bering Straits into

the Atlantic Ocean as was done in 1932 by the ice breaker Sibirakov will be a common trip.

In this way, too, the mighty riches of Siberia can be brought out for human use.

## Rich Resources

SIBERIA'S timberland is ranked quantitatively and qualitatively supreme. In the Kuznetz basin alone is buried coal enough to supply the entire world for 300 years.

In all, its iron ore, its oil deposits, its untapped metals, its rare earths and not least its potential water power of at least 128,000,000 kilowatts, single out this northern empireland for the most prosperous industrial area of the future.

To make these treasures of this planet open to the people, Soviet officials, technicians and workers push tirelessly on. Over a dozen expeditions—some small and some large—are sent out each year.

## Cheliuskin Expedition

ONE of these was the spectacular Cheliuskin expedition. This now famous ship set forth from Leningrad in July of 1933 with 104 members. The party pounded through the ice to come within a heart-breaking 15 miles of the open ocean. Then the ice closed in and swept the Cheliuskin northward and finally split her from bow to stern. But with admirable discipline, not only the entire crew but an airplane was unloaded without disaster. At last a series of thrill-

ing air rescues brought all the party back to civilization. Another venture well-remembered by coast inhabitants, was the daring Moscow to United States trans-polar flights.

## Pioneers

MORE quietly, but nonetheless important and heroic are the thousands of men and women who go up each year to settle the Arctic just as the brave pioneers of America once pushed out to settle the West.

These polar expeditions of the Soviet Union are not to be looked upon as adventures. They are scientific and carefully planned trips to bring new riches to human beings.

## Inspiration

BUT at the same time, there is certainly the inspirational side of these historic trips.

As Walter Duranty, veteran Moscow correspondent of the New York Times declared about the four "floating scientists": "These men went to set such an example of selfless devotion to science, to their fellow-countrymen and the rest of the world as to prove that the new Russia now ranks on full equality with the earlier trail blazers of other lands."

So the Socialist people push confidently ahead into this great venture which will go on for many years, while other nations shiveringly await the next capitalist crisis.

# Loyalist Exhibit Confirms Final Victory Confidence

By Al Richmond

"To tell the truth, I don't know exactly when the war in Spain will be finished, but I believe it will be soon," said Leon Dalry, official representative of the Spanish Government upon his arrival in San Francisco. "I do know, however, that the Loyalists will win."

Mr. Dalry's tone confirms his confident words. Shortly he will present to San Francisco an exhibit which will partly explain his confidence. Entitled "Loyalist Spain at War," it is a graphic picture of the 14 months war in Spain.

## Anti-Fascist Token

PERHAPS, it is the unexploded bomb that stretches out his arms to full length to describe its size to the exhibit that contributes to his confidence. The bomb was picked up at Teruel before the recent fighting. It was made in Italy and inside, instead of death dealing powder, was a note:

"A token of solidarity!"

"It was written by an unknown hand, but to Mr. Dalry it is a symbol of the outstretched hand of the international brotherhood of workers in the anti-fascist cause.

He also has a Florentine dagger, as beautiful in design and craftsmanship as any Benvenuto Cellini might have used. But it was found in no garden leading to a romantic balcony—it was picked up at Guadalajara after the famous rout of Mussolini's legions.

There is a pennant, too. When

## At Loyalist Spain Exhibit



Sculptural Group by Ignacio Asinsolo

asked to which fascist regiment it belonged, Mr. Dalry smiled.

"People don't go into battle carrying flags any more," he said. "They used to. But now flags are captured at headquarters far behind the enemy lines. Oftentimes, the flags have long outlived the regiments that originally carried them."

The exhibition proper will be displayed in eight sections, entitled (1) the army, (2) Spanish women during the war, (3) bombardment, (4) invasion, (5) culture, (6) acts, (7) industry, and (8) refugees.

A feature of the exhibit will be a statue by the famous Mexican sculptor, Ignacio Asinsolo, done at the request of the Mexican government. Many other art features were created by Catalan artists whose organization prepared the entire exhibition.

San Francisco will be the first city in the United States to see it, the exhibit coming directly from Mexico City where it ran for 12 days and was seen by 45,000 persons. There it was sponsored by the government, the Ministry of Education, the Spanish embassy, the governing National Revolutionary Party, the Mexican Labor Confederation, the League of Revolutionary Writers and Artists (LEAR) which includes Mexico's greatest writers and artists) the Communist Party, the Friends of Spain and numerous other anti-fascist organizations.

## Many Sponsors

IN San Francisco, it will be sponsored by ten organizations friendly to the Loyalist anti-fascist cause. Each day of the exhibition April 29 will be sponsored by one of several of the groups as follows:

Saturday—Grand Opening and preview. Sunday—Accor. Democracia Espanola (a coalition of Spanish societies.) Monday—International Workers Order and Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion.

Tuesday—Friends of the French Popular Front. Wednesday—American League for Peace and Democracy. Thursday—United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

Friday—Italian-American Anti-Fascist League. Saturday—North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The show will run for its duration at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

# Abbey Players Handicapped by Unfunny Script

By G. P. Hitchcock

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The theatre holds few agonizing experiences which can compare with the pain of witnessing great talents grapple with a meaningless and worthless play.

It was with such a play that the Abbey Players of Dublin opened their run in San Francisco (at the Curran) Monday night.

Lennox Robinson's "The Far-Off Hills" is definitely an unfunny play. It is, despite the decorations of Irish whimsy and its air of what the Chronicle's John Hobart calls "a delectable Gaelic gambol," a play very much on the order of those Samuel French, Inc. sell by the gross to the high school drama department from Klickitat, Oregon, to Bangor, Maine.

And this is all the more deplorable when one sees the poise and finished acting which go into building up this unfunny little farrago

## Better Plays Coming

BUT enough of the play. You won't go to see it if you take my word, and you will go to see the Abbey players when they present Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock" on Thursday and Friday nights, or J. M. Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" Saturday, or next week to the productions of "Riders to the Sea" and "The Plough and the Stars."

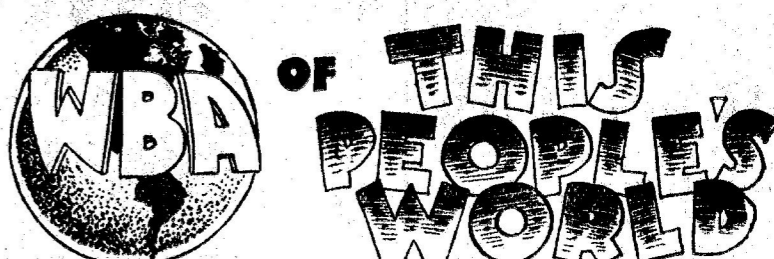
These are the plays which have justly elevated Irish drama and the Abbey Players to a level where they may exchange fraternal glances with Chekhov and the Moscow Art Theatre.

And in these the acting abilities of such beautiful craftsmen as F. J. McCormick, Michael Dolan, Aiden O'Connor and Froile Mulhern will have an opportunity to test itself on plays which are worth the effort.

## Magnificent Team Work

FOR even the banal stupidities of "The Far-Off Hills" could not disguise the magnificent teamwork and careless grace which the troupe revealed.

They express themselves with a marvelous economy of motion, timing each gesture to its single moment of adequacy. Their diction, is, of course, of a great excellence, and apparently scored a sentimental success with such professional Irishmen as Supervisor McSheehy and ex-Supervisor Andrew Gallagher, who were in the audience. Wait for "The Plow and the Stars" and "The Playboy of the Western World." Then the Irish will really give a good accounting for themselves.



# SAN FRANCISCO SHOWS THE WAY!

ON SUNDAY, March 6th, the World Builders of San Francisco, in response to the call to a mass mobilization, had one hundred of their WBA'ers come out!

Despite the driving rain, these World Builders went out to visit the monthly trial subscribers. Covering San Francisco, they had unearched forty-five charter half year subscriptions. While out, they had also turned in five additional trial subs.

Putting some fine frosting on this marvelous accomplishment, the Frisco World Builders had also received the same number of invitations to come back at some later date to pick up more charter subs!

Bravo, San Francisco!

Of the whole San Francisco World Builders' Association, these groups deserve special commendation. . . . THEATRE UNION, after a performance of their current production, "Valley Forge," on Saturday, had ten of their group report for WBA duty!

The Industrial Group had the largest turnout with twenty-six World Builders ready for action. The Waterfront Group also contributed their share of the swell work, more than likely feeling at home in the rain storm.

The Women's Group had a firm finger in the "forty-five charter sub pie," with the 20th, the 22nd and the 23rd A. D.'s helping in baking! Again. . . Bravo, San Francisco!

## Circulation Drive Standings

As of Monday, March 7, 1938

County	Quota	Subs In	% of Quota	Yet to Go
CONTRA COSTA	100	130	136.0	0
UTAH	100	99	99.0	1
TULARE	20	18	90.0	2
SAN FRANCISCO	1,000	886	88.6	124
SAN MATEO	100	88	88.0	12
SAN DIEGO	200	165	82.5	35
NEVADA	50	40	80.0	10
SANTA BARBARA	100	76	76.0	14
ALAMEDA	750	562	74.7	188
LOS ANGELES	3,000	2,229	74.3	771
SONOMA	75	54	71.8	21
ARIZONA	50	33	66.0	17
FRESNO	50	29	58.0	21
SANTA CLARA	100	57	57.0	43
MERCED	50	28	56.0	22
MSC.	185	90	48.6	95
SACRAMENTO	250	116	46.4	134
MONTGOMERY	125	55	44.0	70
WASHINGTON	1,000	426	42.6	574
SAN BERNARDINO	75	31	41.2	44
FORT BRAGG	20	7	35.0	13
EUREKA	50	15	30.0	35
BAKERSFIELD	50	7	14.0	43
Total	7,500	5,217	69.6	2,283

## Comment on Standings

CONTRA COSTA still retains first place with their 136.0%. Utah is still one away from completing their quota. San Francisco moves to fourth place with 88.6% of their quota in. This figure does not include the returns of the Frisco mass mobilization. Los Angeles is slowly overtaking the Alameda World Builders, with only four-tenths of one per cent between them. Washington continues to do fine work, considering the handicaps the north west World Builders are working in—they have turned in enough subs to rate them with 42.6%. 5,217 charter subs have been turned in—just 69.9% of the complete quota of 7,500 subs—we have 2,283 more subs to go! So, LET'S GO!

# TUNING IN with Mary Hurley

REPRESENTATIVES of American labor, Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, an affiliate of the CIO, and John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Department of the AFL, will present their views on the labor question to the nation-wide audience of America's Town meeting of the Air, Thursday, over the NBC Blue Network from 6:30 p.m.

These two labor men will attempt to answer the question, "How Can Labor Settle Its Differences?" Following the formal presentation of speeches, George V. Denney, Jr., president of Town Hall, Inc., will lead the studio audience in a question and answer period, directed at the speakers, Homer Martin is a comparative newcomer to labor. He was a preacher, but left his Kansas City church more than two years ago to become a labor organizer. His rise from organizer, local chapter official and strike participant to a position of international importance has been unusually rapid.

Wednesday's Tip-Tops  
12:15—NBC Symphony, Mutual; 12:45—Metropolitan Opera Guild, NBC Blue.  
1:00—Club Matinee, NBC Blue.  
4:00—American Progressive, KFVD; Fulton Lewis, commentator, Mutual.  
4:45—Science on the March, NBC Blue.  
5:30—The Raleigh and Kool Program, NBC Red.  
5:45—Agriculture Today, NBC Blue.

Evening  
6:00—Andre Kostelanetz, Columbia; 6:30—Labor on the March, KGGG; Fulton Lewis, commentator, Mutual.  
7:00—Your Hollywood Parade, NBC Red; Gang Busters, Columbia.  
7:30—NBC Minstrel Show, NBC Blue; Hobby Lobby, Columbia.  
8:00—Negro Male Quartet, NBC Blue.  
8:30—Hawthorne House, NBC Red; Eddie Cantor, Columbia.  
9:00—Fred Allen, NBC Red; Cavalcade of America, Columbia; Jewish Art Program, KGGG.  
9:30—Sports Review, Columbia.  
10:00—Richfield Reporter, NBC Red.

DANCE TO THESE  
8:30—Eddie Duchin, NBC Blue  
9:15—Guy Lombardo, Mutual  
9:30—Jack Russell, Mutual  
10:00—Louis Panico, NBC Blue  
10:30—Jimmy Grant, WCCO  
1:00—Larry Kent, Columbia

## STATION FINDER

Network	Stations	Cities	Kilowatts
COLUMBIA (Col.)	KSTP	San Francisco	560
"	KZLN	Portland	640
"	KIRO	Seattle	650
"	KXN	Los Angeles	1050
"	KSL	Salt Lake City	1150
NBC RED (Red)	KFO	San Francisco	680
"	KGW	Portland	620
"	KOMO	Seattle	990
"	KFI	Los Angeles	840
"	KDYL	Salt Lake City	1290
NBC BLUE (Blue)	KGO	San Francisco	790
"	KEX	Portland	1190
"	KJR	Seattle	970
"	KCCA	Los Angeles	1430
MUTUAL-DON LEE (Mutual)	KFRC	San Francisco	610
"	KABL	Portland	1300
"	KJL	Seattle	970
"	KJL	Los Angeles	900
INDEPENDENT	KGGG	San Francisco	1420
"	KFVD	Los Angeles	1300
"	KLS	Oakland	1300

# Armstrong To Try for Ross' Title

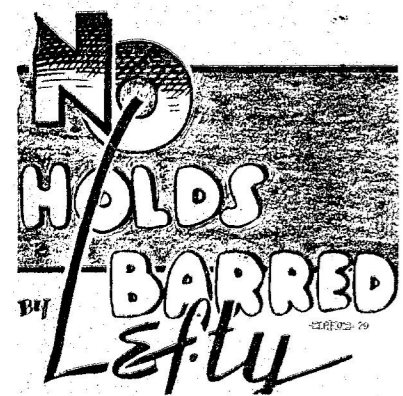
## Will Fight Welter

New York, March 8. (TP)—World's welterweight champion Barney Ross today agreed to defend his title against world's featherweight king Henry Armstrong, the two champions will meet in an outdoor stadium in New York on May 26th.

Armstrong has knocked out 31 of his last 35 opponents. More than half of the victims were lightweights.

In meeting Ross, the featherweight champion moves two rungs up the weight ladder. He will be outweighed at least 10 pounds by the welterweight boss.

Should Armstrong defeat Ross, it will be the first time in ring history that one man has held two world titles two divisions apart.



# NO HOLDS BARRED

**OF COURSE, OF COURSE.** Department: "Why, the Baron (Von Cramm) is a wonderful fellow and a loyal supporter of Hitler." Don Budge, quoted in the San Francisco Examiner on the arrest of Von Cramm by the Nazis on "moral" charges.

On the other hand, LEFTY isn't so sure that the arrest is incompatible with Budge's statement.

If Von Cramm is a "loyal supporter" of Hitler that might be grounds enough for his investigation by a morality commission.

Budge follows with: "He's a good sportsman and a good friend of mine."

Now it's all as clear as a piece of lemon meringue pie to LEFTY. The Baron is a loyal supporter of Hitler, ergo, he's a good sportsman.

LEFTY herewith enrolls himself as a sponsor for Congressional Bill No. 1495864, designed to offer tennis players an elementary education as to what consists of "sportsmanship." With the proviso Don Budge be compelled to enroll. Tuition free, of course.

**HARVEY STOREY**, the Seals swatting outfielder, is something of a fisherman. But the strangest fish story he has to relate concerns a trip his brother and he took a few years back in search of piscatorial victims.

They each got one—but it turned out to be the same one.

The fish, with a voracity which put a Japanese warlord to shame, gobbled both their hooks one after another, and when the Storey brothers attempted to pull him out they found themselves engaged in a tug of war.

Well, that's Storey's story, and it's a story Storey's stuck with.

**THE Los Angeles International Workers Order** basketball team dropped into the office yesterday afternoon on their way back to the South and spent most of their time taking pennies away from LEFTY via the matching route.

The chief villain in this little melodrama was Nate Hittleman, who depleted LEFTY's sales tax account to the monstrous total of eight cents.

Incidentally, although the boys encountered plenty of rain and a rather scant audience on their visit up here, there is one member of the squad who has no complaint coming.

He is Nat Rosenfeld, who displayed a surprising bit of acumen by placing \$25 on Stageshand across the board in the Handicap. With the Rosenfeld backing Stageshand got that extra confidence that it takes to win.

**Fritz Zivic Wins**

PITTSBURGH, March 8.—Fritz Zivic, Pittsburgh welter, TKO'ed Tommy Bland of Toronto in the eighth round of their scheduled 10-round appearance here last night.

**Stroms Defeat Y.M.I.**

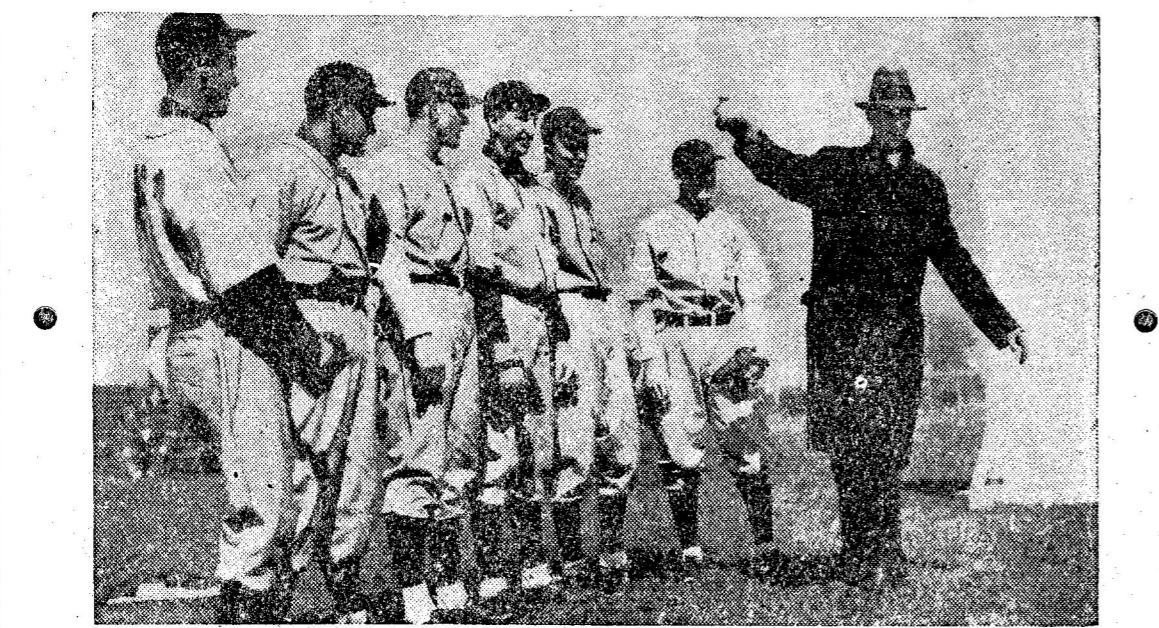
SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Stroms' Clothiers of Oakland defeated the Y.M.I. in a close baseball game here last night. The final score was 3-2. The game was one of the play-offs to determine the Northern California entrant in the A.A.U. championships.

**Lynch Wins**

SALT LAKE CITY, March 8.—Tommy Lynch, Kalispell, Montana cruiserweight, won the International heavyweight championship from Jack Howe here last night.

# Oregon a Tough Team, Opines John Bunn

## YEARS DON'T MEAN A THING TO CON



CONNIE MACK, veteran manager of the Portland team, conducted his unit on the court yesterday, but it didn't mean that Conn was going to be on the sidelines. Here he is showing the A's how to do a little plain and fancy pitching.

# SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1938

## Cahill TKOed In Fourth at National Hall

### Rodriguez Loses Close Decision

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The fortunes of Harry Cahill, promising local middleweight, took a sharp reversal last night at National Hall as he was smacked to the canvas in the fourth round of a scheduled 6-rounder for a technical knockout.

The victor was Johnny Shumway of Idaho.

The fight was fairly even until the fourth, but Cahill couldn't keep away from Shumway's stiff

## LOSES



EMILIO RODRIGUEZ, progressive young Porto Rican featherweight who lost a close 4-round decision to Gilbert Santiago in San Francisco Monday.

right in that round. The Idahoan caught him a neat clip on the jaw which sent him reeling to the floor.

Cahill was up at eight, but Shumway nudged him into a corner and went systematically to work with a series of one-two's until referee Jack Downey considered that he had had enough and stopped the fight.

In one of the most hotly fought of the 4-rounders Emilio Rodriguez, hustling young East Bay Porto Rican progressive, was decisively defeated by Gilbert Santiago, 126.

Other results:

Danny La Verne, 124, drew with Chick Delaney, 116, decided Bob Couser, 4.

Don Benzler, 135, KOed Tommy Hawks in the first when Hawks sprained his shoulder.

Pete Romero, 120, stopped Manuel Viera by the first.

Eddie Norris, 138, decided Otis Garnett, 4.

## MORE ON TREASON

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Soviet Union, and naturally embarked on direct negotiations with representatives of the capitalist countries.

### Seek Turkish Aid

Ikrarov testified that at one time Khodjaev negotiated with Turkish adventurer Enver Pasha. In October of 1936, Ikrarov and Khodjaev received instructions from Bukharin to start direct negotiations with the representatives of England and to endeavor to secure her assistance in the realization of the original designs of the Rights and the nationalists. They would offer England in exchange a British protectorate over Uzbekistan.

After Ikrarov's examination Prosecutor Vyshinsky put several supplementary questions to S. A. Bessonov, the first to testify when the trial opened. Bessonov used to be an attaché at the Berlin embassy of the USSR.

Bessonov answered that in the summer of 1935, at Pyatakov's instructions he visited the Socialist-Revolutionary Maslov, who was an emigre from the Soviet Union, living in Prague. (Pyatakov was the leader of the Trotskyite group tried and convicted of treason last year.)

The purpose of the visit, said Bessonov, was, of course, to join the Socialist-Revolutionaries to get in the counter-revolutionary and

## FOSTER VS. OVERLIN NEXT WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Boxing took a rest for the remainder of the week in the Bay District, but local fight fans turned their eyes on the forthcoming Overlin-Foster bout a week from Wednesday at the Civic Auditorium.

Dick Foster is the Berkeley middleweight who has victories over Dale Sparr, Harry Cahill and other local boys and who gave a good accounting of himself against Young Corbett III last fall.

Overlin has a win over Fred Apostoli to his credit. He comes to the coast from New York, where his last fight was against Henry Woods, eastern Negro.

Odds currently seem to be about a toss-up.

Overlin is training at Paddy Ryan's, while Foster is going through his paces at Dolph Thomas' training parlors.

## STARLIGHT WINS

HAVANA, March 8. (TP)—Starlight, owned by Albert Fay of Texas, was the first yacht across the finish line today in the annual St. Petersburg to Havana yacht race.

Starlight's elapsed time for the 284 mile voyage was 70 hours 32 minutes. Fay piloted his own craft.

anti-Soviet plot of the "Bloc of the Rights of Trotskyites."

Maslov, said Bessonov, is in the pay of reactionary capitalist circles in Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and is closely connected with Henlein's organization of agents of German fascism in Czechoslovakia.

know all about the anti-Soviet struggle of the Rights and the Trotskyites in the USSR. He promised to give instructions to the underground organizations of Socialist-Revolutionaries in the USSR to support the plot of the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites."

### Bukharin Called

As the main condition for cooperation, Maslov demanded monetary payments by the Trotskyites and the "Rights."

The examination of Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin, editor and writer, and once for a very short time, secretary of the Communist International, began next.

Bukharin started by pleading guilty to belonging to the counter-revolutionary organization known as the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites," aiming at the restoration of capitalism in the USSR, the overthrow of the Soviet power through the aid of foreign states, the defeat of the USSR in war, its dismemberment, and the severance of the Ukraine, White Russia and the Pacific Coast maritime provinces.

Bukharin admitted the "Bloc of the Rights and the Trotskyites" had agreements with Germany, Japan and England, and these countries were to benefit by Soviet territories being given to them.

Prosecutor Vyshinsky asked about Bukharin's part in the murder of Kirov. (Kirov was assassinated by a Trotskyite in 1934.)

Bukharin and Alexei I. Rykov, on trial in this case, both spoke up and declared the "Rights" which they represented, did not know of the preparations for Kirov's murder.

### Kirov Plot Told

The accused Genrikh Yagoda, formerly head of the GPU, but now on trial with the others, declared that Rykov and Yenukidze (formerly secretary of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union and a leading "Right") participated in a meeting of the central apparatus of the conspirators which adopted the decision to murder Kirov.

Prosecutor Vyshinsky then asked Bukharin whether in 1918 he was in favor of the murder of the Bolshevik party and government leaders.

Bukharin denied that he was, and admitted only that he was in favor of arresting Lenin and Stalin and Sverdlov.

The prosecutor then requested and the court agreed that the witnesses Lakovleva, Osinsky and Man-

## WEBFEET OFF!

EUGENE, Ore., March 8.—The victorious Oregon Webfeet will entrain here tomorrow morning for their trip to San Francisco for the play-off with Stanford in the Pacific Coast basketball conference.

Coach Howard Hobson declared that 10 or 11 men would make the trip, depending on the condition of Bob Hardy, forward, who suffered a broken ankle early in the season.

Laddie Gale, the Northwest's highest scorer, was likewise in rather bad condition. He suffered a pulled back muscle in the Oregon State game Saturday.

Players who will go South for the series: Gale, Dave Silver, Urgel (Slim) Wintermute, Wally Johansen, Bob Anet, Ted Sarpola, Matt Pavalunas, Ray Jewell, John Diek and Ford Mullen.

## PLENTY OF SNOW FOR SKIING, L. A. NATURE FRIENDS DISCOVER

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Winter sports may come at \$20 a day at Saint Moritz or Lake Placid, but for one group of Los Angeles sports enthusiasts its price is little more than the regular costs of living in the city.

## Camilli Sez Nix to 14 G's

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 8.—(TP)—General Manager Larry McPhail of the Brooklyn Dodgers said today that first baseman Dolph Camilli had turned down an offer of \$14,000 for the 1938 baseball season.

Camilli was purchased yesterday from the Philadelphia Phillies. Said McPhail: "It's our top offer. Camilli can take it or forget about playing first base for Brooklyn."

## MORE ON SUICIDE

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said Joe Meloncelli, hotel manager, who found the body at 9:30 p. m. Saturday.

"He went over to Richmond Friday to look for a job. He had breakfast here Saturday morning, but I guess he was too bashful to come to eat the several days before."

### Denied Insurance

A proud Texan, Flemmons did not want to eat what he could not pay for. He went to try to get unemployment insurance, but because before working at the mill, he had been an agricultural laborer near Martinez, and had not paid unemployment insurance long enough, he could not get it. He was hungry, very hungry, when he pulled the trigger.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at Brunser & Connolly mortuary, 1124 Ferry St., Martinez. Rube McNamara, ranch owner for whom Flemmons used to work, is paying the expenses. The Warehousemen's Union is also taking up a collection which, if not needed for funeral expenses, will be sent to Flemmons' family.

Burial will be in Martinez; his family asked it—wired they could not afford to bring the body back to Texas.

The Warehousemen's Union is sending pall bearers and a delegation to the funeral. The United Sugar Refinery Workers Union will also be represented at the services. The pall bearers are Business Agent Albert Paoli, Richard Picard, chairman of the union committee handling arrangements; Richard Donohue, Gene Machado, Geo. Braz and Ernest Touzer.

## THAT'S TOUGH

By DAVE WILLIAM

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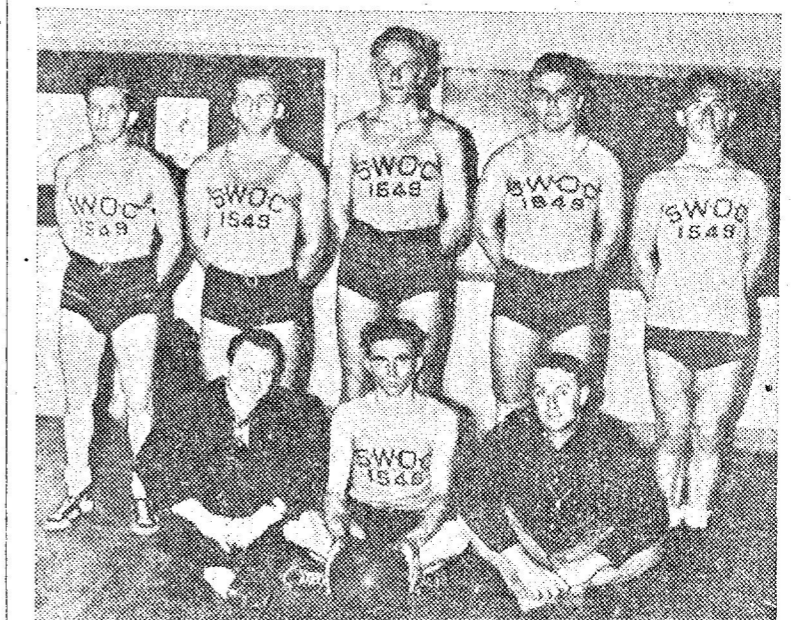
THAT'S TOUGH — Smith A nickel to spend for milk or bread Decision makes him scratch his head.

But pity the rich with all they've got

Deciding between a yacht and a yacht.

tex, former leaders and active participants of the so-called "Left Communists," and Karelin and Kamkov, former members of the Central Committee of the party of "Left Socialist-Revolutionaries" be called in the case.

## WIND UP SEASON



Another Los Angeles union basketball team which has been touring up the circuit is the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (S.W.O.C.) squad, pictured above. Left to right (standing): Anderson, forward; Patsford, guard; Marlake, center; Flick, forward; Proavacic, forward; (seated) Phelps, coach; Captain Rhoades, guard; Klapp, manager.

## Jeez! Am I Tough! Says Horrible Cy

By LEFTY

OAKLAND, March 8.—"I'm about the toughest guy in the industry, and nobody even comes close to me," shouted Cy Williams, beating his bosom with his meathooks and scowling fiercely at your correspondent.

Cy is in growing practice for his ear-chewing affray Friday night at the Oakland auditorium where he meets Billy Hanson of Salt Lake City in a two-hour three fall wrestling match.

"If I lose to Hanson, I'll retire from the game for good," Williams declared in between taking delicate bites from his manager's vest. "I'm after another match with Rasputin and nothing is going to stand in my way."

RASPUTIN WON FIRST

Cy lost his first encounter with the Russian message artist and is now seeking a return bout for Rasputin's Pacific Coast heavyweight belt.

Other bouts on Friday's card:

Glen Wade, Nebraska, meets George (Crybaby) Zelmaris in a 30-minute, one fall affair.

Luffy Bloomfield, Australian champion, vs. Hank Metheny of St. Louis.

Frank (Crusher) Foster, Georgia, vs. Al Periera, San Jose, in a 30-minute one fall contest.

Ted (King Kong) Cox, Lodi, vs. Alex Kasaboski, Detroit, in the 30-minute, one fall opener.

PLENTY OF SNOW

"Despite what the scoffers may say about snow in Southern California," he told me, "there is plenty. We have a lovely ski section with years of experience in that line, which will be most helpful to anyone who is anxious to feel the snow under his feet—and under other parts of his anatomy," he added with a laugh.

The Nature Friends is a part of the American branch of an old German working-class society. The organization was founded a good many years ago by German Socialists who liked hiking, camping and the outdoors life.

In Germany at present it has been taken over by the Nazis, but among German expatriates through the world it is known for its liberal turn of thought and the number of trade unionists who fill its ranks.

The Los Angeles local does a good many things besides ski, though.

## Maxie Spars For Tom Farr Fight Friday

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 8.—Max Baer sparred six rounds today in preparation for his heavyweight fight Friday night with Tommy Farr, British Empire champion from Wales.

Baer is attempting a comeback. He hopes to regain the world's championship he lost to James J. Braddock nearly three years ago.

Friday's fight will be Baer's first appearance in America since he was knocked in four rounds by Joe Louis in August, 1935.

He fought Farr in London last year and lost a 10-round decision.

Farr will probably be favored to repeat his win.

## OOSTERBAAN GETS NEW POSITION

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 8. (TP)—The noted University of Michigan athlete, Bennie Oosterbaan was appointed today as head basketball coach to succeed Coach Franklin Capon. Oosterbaan also will coach the freshman baseball team. Capon goes to Princeton as assistant football mentor.

## Speaker Deals With Life in the USSR

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—First of a series of weekly lectures and movies on the Soviet Union will be given Wednesday evening, March 9th, 8 p. m. at the Trinity Auditorium, Dr. Helmar Bergman.

Recently returned home after working two and one-half years in the USSR Dr. Bergman will deal with the life of the people under Socialism. "The Life of the White Collar Worker Under Socialism" will be the subject of his first lecture. On Wednesday, March 16, Dr. Ferguson will speak on "Soviet Social Security."

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## But Cards Don't Lack Confidence Themselves

### Play-Offs Friday

By Martin Taylor

Stanford's Indians, southern division basketball champs, thrive on northern division teams. In 1936 they won the coast title by taking Washington two straight and repeated in 1937 by winning two straight from Washington State.

This year it's the Oregon Webfeet, and according to Coach John Bunn, they promise to be the strongest northern division club Stanford has faced in the last three years.

Bunn and his star center, Art Stofien, have just returned from a scouting trip up north where they saw the Webfeet defeat Oregon State, 33-32, to win the northern division title.

## Soviet Unions Raise Sports Appropriation

29% Increase for 1938 Voted

MOSCOW, March 8.—Soviet trade unions have voted a 29% increase in their annual appropriation for sports it was announced here today.

The unions voted over 140,000,000 rubles in 1938 for sports activities as compared to 109,000,000 rubles last year.

Besides the above appropriations the sports fund provides for ten million rubles for remodeling gymnasiums and stadiums, and twenty-five million rubles for new equipment.

## CASH FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Construction of new playgrounds, ski-stations, rowing clubs, etc. will take an additional 32,000,000, while mountain climbing and hiking troops will be provided for with 24,900,000 rubles.

Altogether the trade unions will spend 205,300,000 rubles for sports, or 41% more than in 1937.

At present the unions have 644 playgrounds, 163 stadiums, 505 gymnasiums, 145 ski stations, and 45 rowing clubshouses, in addition to swimming clubs, track fields and the like.

## JUST TRADE UNIONS

These athletic organizations are purely trade union enterprises and do not count the many great athletic organizations embracing millions of members in cities, villages, universities, schools and in the Red Army.

The trade union sports planned for 1938: skating, skiing, football, track and field events, marksmanship, motorcycle races, volleyball, basketball, tennis, boxing, chess, checkers, bowling, the Soviet equivalent of baseball, walking races and cross-country races.

Over 300,000 sportsmen are expected to participate in these events, comprising more than 1000 teams.

## Kentucky U Puts Football Under Arts Department

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 8. (TP)—The University of Kentucky presented a new athletic set up today. The athletic council was dissolved and replaced by an advisory committee.

Kentucky's president, Dr. Frank McVey heads the athletic advisory group. The college of arts and sciences now controls the athletic department.

The new athletic director is the former University of Illinois All-American football guard, Bennie Shively. Shively formerly was line coach at Kentucky. A former Louisville high school mentor, Ab Kirwan, was named head grid coach.

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