

# COAST CITIES HOLD CONFERENCES TO SPEED WESTERN WORKER DRIVE

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## MASS STARVATION IN COLO. STRIKE LOOMS; RUSH RELIEF NOW

Workers Winning Fight in Face of Hunger and Police Terror

### Aid Spells Victory

Tents, Clothing, Cash Must Be Sent to Maintain Morale of Strikers

DENVER, Colo., June 20.—With the spectre of mass starvation hovering over them, 18,000 workers in the largest agricultural strike since the World's war, are making a last firm stand in the fight to defeat the Colorado sugar beet bosses' attempt to lower wages to a starvation level. The strike has now narrowed down almost entirely to a question of relief.

Organizers Gwynn and Sanchez send a telegraphic appeal for help, as follows:

"Situation critical. Imperative relief reach workers on many fronts immediately or the fronts will be broken, due to mass starvation. Meetings everywhere good, spirit splendid. Very few scabs working under heavy police guard."

Thirty-three strikers were arrested on the picket line in Avondale, after farmers armed and organized had threatened to shoot them down. Two Mexican workers were held incommunicado for deportation.

In Greeley six were given jail sentences for violation of the state anti-picketing law. The workers had been charged with intimidation, trespassing, disturbance, etc., but the state's prosecution charges collapsed under the defense of Comrade Pat Toohy, defending the strikers.

The center of the terror against the workers has shifted to Fort Lupton, where the strike had made but little headway until a few days ago. Last week only six struck against the starvation wage. Four carloads of pickets from nearby fields came, and after a short meeting 150 walked out. Now no one is working.

Sam Lee, notorious butcher who led in the massacre of the mine workers in 1927, was sent into this area by Governor Adams personally. Workers' homes were raided without warrant and three arrested, including District Organizer Gould. Women and children, arrested for picketing, were handled roughly and later released.

Lee openly announced that he told the farmers to shoot to kill (Continued on P. 5, Col. 2)

## PRAVDA BLASTS U. S. ATTEMPTS TO INCITE JAPAN

Calls on U. S. Workers to Defeat this Action

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—June 20.—Flatly charging that "certain imperialist circles in the United States" are inciting Japan to make war on the Soviet Union, Pravda, Central Organ of the Communist Party, called on all workers in the United States to defeat this effort.

The editorial went on to state that the U. S. hopes thereby to weaken its chief rival in the Pacific (Japan), and is at the same time strengthening its naval bases in the Pacific.

American armaments firms are granting credits for munitions to the Japanese government in hope that Japan will launch an attack on the Siberian frontiers of the Soviet Union.

Speaking of the crisis now ravaging the U. S., Pravda declared that, "Separation of the working masses from the bourgeois parties is not completed, and the problem of the Communist Party in American is to make a revolutionary issue by using the electoral campaign to organize the masses against a dictatorship of the bourgeoisie."

## City Spends \$100,000 To Treat Parasites While Jobless Starve

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—But for the splendid fight of outstanding militant workers in the rank and file of the A. F. of L. building trade workers, \$3.50 per day would have been the maximum pay for carpenters constructing the Shriner's reviewing stands here.

Officers of the union had put their okeh on the \$3.50 scale, agreeing with the bosses that idle men should be glad to get even that much, but an undercurrent of resentment on the job forced the fakers and the bosses to pay the scale.

The stands are for the convention to be held here next month. Five thousand will march the streets of San Francisco, parading their wealth and make "whoopie" while countless thousands of workers from whose sweat and toil they wring this wealth, are unemployed, and in want and misery.

This is making a mockery of the misery of the unemployed. The city spends nearly \$100,000 to entertain these parasites. When unemployed ex-servicemen and workers march it is police clubs and terror—not reviewing stands.

## POLICE CLUB, JAIL WORKERS ASKING RELIEF

Workers Fight Back. Cops Raid Book Shop and Worker's Home

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Demanding relief for 10 starving families, a delegation of 25 unemployed workers were viciously attacked in the offices of Mrs. Newton, head of the County relief office, by the infamous "Red Squad." 5 workers were taken to the hospital, one in danger of losing his eye, one with his ear almost torn off, others savagely beaten about the head. 10 workers were arrested after the fight.

The quarters of the charities were wrecked. The workers fought back as best they could against overwhelming odds, using their fists and broken chairs. 2 of the police were taken to the hospital. A crowd of thousands of workers outside tied up traffic for two hours.

The following ten workers were arrested and booked on charges of "suspicion of criminal syndicalism": Basil Dell, Russell Dell, J. Murphy, J. H. Dickson, Harry Pea.

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## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN VICIOUS EFFORT TO DEFEAT BEET WORKERS

Fakers Do Bosses' Dirty Work by Leading Workers Away From Struggle

DENVER, Colo., June 19.—The capitalists of Colorado are using another very vicious weapon against the workers in this strike which it is particularly necessary that the United Front use every possible method to expose. For years they have carefully cultivated race-hatred between the so-called Spanish-American workers, meaning those born in America of Spanish descent, and the Mexican-born workers. This is a particularly vicious example of race hatred among workers as the Spanish-American worker is for the most part just as badly exploited and lives under conditions just as appalling as the Mexican worker.

The bosses aided by the Catholic church have succeeded in creating a fascist organization known as the Spanish-American Association. This has been used in the most frank and shameless way against the Communist Party in American as to make a revolutionary issue by using the electoral campaign to organize the masses against a dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

The bosses do everything possible to fan these race hates, stirring up fear in the Mexicans that the Russians will take their jobs if they strike, cultivating among the Spanish-Americans and Germans a feeling of "superiority" over the Mexicans. These are the same tactics

## 30,000 SEATTLE WORKERS DEMAND DORE KEEP PLEDGE

United Front is Big Blow to Corrupt Leaders of U. C. L.

### International Sung

Mayor Attempts Evasion; and is Exposed by Communists

SEATTLE, Wash., June 20.—John F. Dore, recently elected mayor of Seattle, had much of his demagogic ardor chilled on his inauguration day here June 6, when he sought to utilize an unemployment demonstration as an inaugural reception, and the affair resulted in his exposure as a faker and betrayer of the working class.

Members of the Unemployed Citizens League, realizing that their organization leaders were the tools of the bosses, formed "committees of action" within the rank and file, and effected a united front with the Unemployed Council for the demonstration. Dore announced he would tolerate no police terror or brutality in connection with the demonstration—and warned that he would allow no mobs to "harass" his police department.

### Workers Sing "International"

Between 30,000 and 35,000 unemployed workers gathered at the city hall steps. A speaker's stand equipped with microphone and loudspeaker was provided. Comrade Wylet, city organizer of the Unemployed Council, was chairman of the meeting. On the platform were Mayor Dore, his political henchmen, rank and file representatives of the Unemployed Citizens League, the Young Communist League and the Communist Party.

The meeting was opened by singing the "International," and was closed by singing the "International," the mighty chorus indicating the trend of the workers in Seattle. Chairman Wylet said the demonstration of the unemployed was to emphasize to the mayor their demand that he carry out his pre-election promises. The first speaker was Comrade Forrest of the U. C. L. committee of action, who outlined the suffering of the unemployed, the discriminations, the failure of relief agencies to provide sufficient food and other necessities.

### Dore Breaks Promises

He was followed by Mayor Dore who wretched on his pre-election pledges, and in typical demagogical fashion, occupied twenty minutes, feeding the workers the same line of verbal boloney, passed along from Hoover down.

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## MONSTER MEETINGS FOR FOSTER THROUGHOUT WEST; EXODUS OF SOC. PARTY MEMBERS TO C. P.

### MISLEADERS TRY TO DISORGANIZE RANKS OF VETS

Army Officers, Priests and Socialists Unite to Fight Marchers

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—A deliberate attempt by the self-imposed leadership to betray the organization of the veterans who marched to Washington to demand payment of the "tombstone bonus," follows the refusal of Congress to meet the demand. Walter W. Waters of Portland, "leader" who skipped out when the marchers clashed with police at East St. Louis, and later turned up in Washington, speaking at a rally immediately after the vote in the Senate, urged all the veterans to "stay in Washington until the bonus is paid." This policy is an attempt to prevent an organized retreat, which is necessary to prepare for the coming intensive campaign of organization outlined by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

In a fighting army, retreat is just as important a tactic as advance! Despite all efforts of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Socialist Party to discredit it, and notwithstanding the priests, army officers, etc., who tried to inject "patriotism" (advising veterans not to demand, but to go home and vote at the next election for candidates favoring the issue), the march on Washington proved to be the biggest demonstration against unemployment, wage cuts, starvation, and imperialism that the U. S. has yet seen. (Cont. on Page 5, Col. 3)

## Oakland Challenges Seattle to Double Quota in Sub. Drive

A pledge to double their quota of 250 new subs by August 1st, and a challenge to the Seattle Section to do the same were the keynotes of the initial meeting of the East Bay Western Worker Conference held in Oakland June 11th.

Delegates representing the International Labor Defense, South Slav Workers Club, Finnish Workers Club, Red Builders Club, and three units of the Communist Party discussed the strong influence the Western Worker in the recent signature campaign to put the Communist Party on the ballot, the Colorado beet workers' strike, and many other struggles throughout the West.

Urgent necessity of building the circulation of the Western Worker on the basis of the 33,000 voters who signed the Communist Party petitions was especially stressed, and plans for systematic circularization outlined. Next meeting of the conference will be on June 25th.

## S. F. Plans New Conf., June 27; All Militant Workers' Organizations Urged To Send Delegates

A conference was held in San Francisco which laid plans for carrying out the drive in this section. At this meeting 18 delegates were present, representing 12 mass organizations and four San Francisco party units. The attendance of the delegates is a clear indication that party members are not realizing the necessity of intensifying this drive.

The next conference is to be held at 1164 Market Street, June 27, at 8 p. m. sharp.

This subscription drive covers all Western states, and we want to know what other sections are doing. Reports must be sent in immediately and should be addressed to the Subscription Drive Committee.

Los Angeles is the first section to report results, sending in 68 subscriptions. Oakland has challenged Seattle in the drive, and Seattle has accepted. This is the proper spirit, and the Drive Committee hopes that the example will be followed by other sections.

QUOTA REPORT	QUOTA	Subs to date	Balance to go	Achieved per cent of quota
San Francisco Section—				
Los Angeles Section.....	1000	68	932	6.7
Unit 1 .....	50	6	44	12.0
Unit 5 .....	50	1	49	2.0

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## EUREKA FISHERMEN TIE UP 100 BOATS STRIKE AGAINST CUT

EUREKA, Calif., June 19.—Striking against a cut in salmon price from 4c a pound to 3½c, the Eureka Fishermen's Union succeeded in tying up about 100 boats. The 4c price is too small to guarantee support of the fishermen's families thru the winter (last year's price was 7c) and this additional cut of 12½% has angered the fishermen, who are determined to stay out (Cont. on Page 5, Col. 3)

## FRUIT WORKERS PREPARE STRIKE AGAINST HUNGER

BRENTWOOD, Calif.—Following the exposure of the rotten conditions and starvation pay given the fruit workers on the Balfour Guthrie ranch which appeared in the June 1st Western Worker, a strong well disciplined union has been formed, and is preparing for a strike. The union, the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial League, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League has the bosses terrified as it represents an iron United Front of white, Filipino and Mexican workers.

The bosses realize that a mass strike will kill their chances of profit. They are frantically organizing stool-pigeons to prevent union from gaining strength. The following stools have clumsily exposed themselves: Hasteters, Vick, Lee Carpenter, Archie Lynch and wife, Bancroft, and Dock.

## HOUSE RUSHES THRU DIES BILL FOR WHOLESALE DEPORTATIONS

Hoover Asks Congress for \$2,000,000. Ham Fish Behind New Drive

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## California Supreme Court Rejects Petition of 33,000 Voters; To Conduct Write-in Campaign for Foster-Ford

Seattle Socialists in Statement Expose S. P. Treachery and Declare for Communist Party

## COURT DISREGARDS DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF OFFICIAL FRAUD

County Clerk Handwriting and Other Important Evidence Given

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 18.—Refusing to give its reasons, the Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal of the Communist Party to instruct the county clerks to accept the petitions signed by over 33,000 registered voters demanding the name of the Communist Party on the ballot. This refusal was made in the face of documentary evidence produced by Attorney Leo Gallagher to show that the petition had been approved by election officials including the original petition issued by Wm. Kerr, Registrar of Voters, County of Los Angeles.

Also accompanying the appeal were photographs of a letter from the Secretary of State informing the Communist Party Election Campaign Committee that a petition issued by Registrar of Voters Kerr would be what is necessary to satisfy legal requirements.

In addition to these two there was also submitted a letter from Attorney General Webb's chief deputy Harrison in which he explains matters concerning the petition. He says that insofar as the technical makeup is concerned "it is not within his province to declare." It is this same Harrison who acted as attorney against accepting the signatures in Supreme Court case. (Photographs of all these documents completely exposing the cheap trickery and obvious subterfuges are published on page 2 of this issue.)

At the time of the Supreme Court action nine counties had already filed their petitions. (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

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## SHOW S. P. - GOV'T ALLIANCE AGAINST WORKERS, U.S.S.R.

Fakers Refuse Debate with Militant Workers Leaders

### BULLETIN

The Communist Party today called upon all workers throughout the West to turn the Foster meetings into huge demonstrations to protest the action of the bosses and their agents (from Cameron King of the Socialist Party to the reactionary Supreme Court which sent the Imperial Valley boys to prison) in taking the Communist Party off the ballot.

Beginning with Oakland, Foster's meetings are scheduled as follows:

Oakland—June 23rd, 12th Street Theatre, 12th and Clay at 8 P. M.

San Francisco—June 24th, Polk Hall, Civic Center, 8 P. M.

Los Angeles—June 26th, Open Forum Hall, 232 So. Broadway at 8 P. M.

San Diego—June 27th, Woodbine Hall.

Phoenix—June 29th.

In answer to the continued treachery of the Socialist Party against the working class, dozens of honest rank and file workers in the Socialist Party throughout the West are resigning and joining the Communist Party.

In Seattle, Washington, five Socialist Party functionaries have issued a statement denouncing that organization and announcing their affiliation with the Communist Party. These include Winifred Black, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 2, S. P., Ira Ball, member of the County Executive Committee; Olga Hognud, Secretary of the County Executive Committee; Anna Bolin, Chairman of Local 2; George Ferris, member of Local 2. In a scathing denunciation, these new recruits to Communism declare:

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## GENERAL STRIKE GRIPS ALL CHILE

Fascist Terror Promised to Strikers Resisting Dictatorship

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 20.—A general strike of all railroad workers has paralyzed transportation here since last Saturday, forcing the Socialist faker, Davila to force his fascist role.

The strike which is an expression of non-confidence on the part of the working class in the fake Socialist government, has been met by Davila with orders to the men to return to work or face military trial. This means death by shooting for the workers. A reign of "white" terror is imminent.

The men in the army, navy and air forces are supporting the striking workers. The Communists are standing firm and pointing to the way to freedom for the Chilean workers: ousting of Davila and the fascists, expropriation of the factories and farms of the rich foreign and local ownership, and a workers and farmers government: freedom, bread and peace.

EDITORIAL COLUMN

ALL OUT TO THE FOSTER MEETING!

In the greatest Communist convention ever held, the militant labor movement chose for its standard bearers in the coming election campaign two outstanding figures in the fight against hunger, terror and imperialist war—William Z. Foster and James W. Ford.

WHITE AND BLACK UNITED!

During the past 14 years Comrade Foster has participated in or led every militant strike for better conditions. Comrade Ford is the first Negro ever to be chosen as a national leader of a political party of any class in any election campaign.

This month Comrade Foster speaks throughout the West. We are not certain that we will have another opportunity to hear him during this campaign. Watch for his meetings. Make Every Meeting an Overflow Meeting!

All Out to Hear and Demonstrate with the Communist Party and Its Standard Bearer—William Z. Foster! VOTE COMMUNIST!

HELP THE BEET STRIKERS!

As this goes to press, the strike of the Colorado beet workers is in its sixth week. The workers are showing splendid fighting spirit in the face of the severe terror of the bosses. Sixteen thousand agricultural slaves are learning that the government is on the side of the bosses—on the side of wage cuts.

The Communist Party and its western organ, the "Western Worker," can make these things clear. Both must be brought before the masses.

SEND FUNDS AND FOOD

The beet workers must not be allowed to stand alone. Through their heroism the bosses everywhere have notice served on them that the working class will not accept cuts lying down. If we can help the strikers to win then it will be the biggest blow yet dealt to Hoover's wage cutting program.

The strikers need help; money, food, and clothing. Everyone should put their shoulder to the wheel. Send all donations to Strike Headquarters, 1154 Eleventh St., Denver, Colorado.

LIBERTARIANS-MISNAMED "LIBERTY PARTY"

Among the new crop of demagogues, the Liberty Party is making the most bombastic claims of all to "solutions" of the crisis. For months the formula of their "solution" remained a deep dark mystery. Now we have a paper calling itself "Public Information," dated June 1, 1932, containing the magic words in their proposed platform.

POINT 9—POLICE REGISTRATION

We leave to our readers to judge! After a list of planks copied practically outright from the major capitalist parties we find:

"Point 9.—Enactment of a Federal amendment co-operating with the State that each and every human residing in our United States should be registered."

"Our" can only be the bosses. The millions of unemployed and wage cut workers have nothing and have no reason to say "our!" And registering everyone is the Fish committee proposal for depriving the toiler of their last vestiges of personal rights and subjecting every worker to the terrorist practice of police records for all instead of only for those arrested.

INFLATION—THEY PROPOSE A WAGE CUT

To solve the unemployment they would issue a sufficient amount of money to put all idle labor at work, thus ending the industrial and financial depression and bringing prosperity at once.

This is the time-worn reformist remedy of "inflation." During the coming period it will undoubtedly be proposed by many liberals. The Scripps-Howard press and Norman Thomas both advocate inflation "within reasonable limits." The Liberty Party only differs in that it puts no limits.

Inflation is a wage cut in an indirect form. When the amount of paper money in circulation is increased, the price of goods immediately rises. This is a law learned through bitter experiences by the European peoples especially during the war.

A million social-democratic marks or a hundred million of Kerensky's rubles couldn't buy a sack of potatoes. What good was a worker's wages to him? And now the Liberty Party holds this forth as a "solution" to the crisis. It may add to the profit of the speculators and solve their crisis but it only means added misery for the workers, in the city and on the farm.

"CRIME FOR TAXES"

The prize proposal "solving" the crisis is

Point 7.—The enactment of a Federal amendment for the benefit of the people of our United States that fixed price be set upon any felony charge; that when same has been repaid by the offender and society has received its desire, then the offender be released thereby eliminating maintenance of all penal institutions, and relieving the people of heavy taxation.

The Democratic Party demands "beer for taxes," the Liberty Party wants "crimes for taxes." A felony is a major crime. The Liberty Party proposes "fixed prices" upon every felony. Thus, raping a girl would cost \$1,000.00; killing someone would cost \$5,000.00, etc. Tax collectors would become "pimps" and the government balance its budget easily. They should change their name—not Liberty Party but Libertarian Party would be much better. A millionaire could have a paradise under such a system—a worker, would probably be shot for stealing a loaf of bread. What else is proposed if there are to be no jails?

And this party claims to have a solution for the crisis! It sounds to us suspiciously like the fraudulent fascist patent medicine which poisoned the working class and saved the profits for the bosses. Such demagogues deserve only the deepest contempt of the masses!

Documents Expose Government By Fraud, Evasion and Proof that Ballot Box is Fake!

Legal documents from the State of California, Department of State, dated February 16, 1932. Includes a letter from the Secretary of State's Office and a photostat of a petition for registration for the Communist Party. The documents expose fraud in the registration process, including the use of a fake ballot box and the manipulation of signatures.

Boss Organizations Set Peach - Apricot Starvation Wages

FRESNO, Calif.—The convention of the Chambers of Commerce held here the other day joined with the Farm Bureau in fixing wages for the Apricot and Peach season so low that it means starvation for us next winter.

Day labor is to get 15c an hour as compared with 25c-30c last year. Apricot cutters for drying get 5c for a 50 lb. lug. The average woman will make about 50c a day on small cuts; a little better on big ones. Last year the pay per lug was what we thought ridiculously low at 9c-12c.

Many workers say they will bum for a living rather than slave for starvation wages while others talk strike, but as yet there are not enough workers organized to win a strike.

20% Cut for Reno A. F. of L. Painters

RENO, Nevada.—Nine big contractors here were able to deliver an ultimatum to the A. F. of L. Painters local cutting wages 20% from \$10 to \$8 a day.

The union leaders made a slight show of resistance to fool their members, but when the contractors imported three men from out of town, they gave up. Like everywhere else, the A. F. of L. puts up a front of labor organization only to sell the workers out.

The workers of Reno must realize that the A. F. of L. is only a mask of an organization behind which the bosses can do what they want. Only by forming rank-and-file opposition committees within the union can the workers expect to protect themselves from the well-paid officials whose interests are against those of the workers.

John Reed Club Raided by Police

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., June 17.—A raid on the headquarters of the John Reed Club 2417 1/2 North Broadway, was made by the "Red Squad," and a meeting of the Executive Committee broken up here recently. The raid, which directly followed the visit of a stool pigeon to the headquarters, ended in an attempt to intimidate the members by warning them that the club is a Communist organization and they would "get into trouble" unless they discontinued their activities.

The members were released one by one after each one had been extensively grilled by the police and threatened with arrest.

This attack on the John Reed Club is part of the campaign of terror which has been launched by the "Red Squad" within the last few weeks, and which has resulted in the breaking up of many workers meetings, and daily raids on workers headquarters.

Fight Over Potato

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Police were called to separate two unemployed workers who were disputing over who had been the first to discover a raw potato in a back yard on Tehama St. The real enemy of the workers, the capitalist system was untouched.

MOONEY MOORE MEETINGS GET GREAT RESPONSE

Over 600 Sign Pledge Cards to Continue Fight

3,000 at Portland Telegram of Protest Sent to Supreme Court

GREAT FALLS, Mont., June 19.—Responding to the worldwide call to action for the release of Mooney and the Scottsboro boys, 1500 workers here jammed the Grand Theatre to hear Mother Mooney and Richard B. Moore. 139 signed cards pledging to carry on the fight for the freedom for political prisoners. The Mooney and Scottsboro issues were broadcast over the radio for 15 minutes.

300 workers attended the largest and best meeting held in Portland. Over 600 signed pledge cards. A collection of \$200 was taken. 3000 Seattle workers heard Moore and Mother Mooney at 4 great rallies following a march from the railroad station.

One thousand took part in the reception at the station in Spokane, Wash. and attended an enthusiastic meeting.

WORKERS AWAKE TO ISSUE

The tremendous turnout at the Mooney-Scottsboro meetings on the nation-wide tour of Mother Mooney and Richard B. Moore, following the victory of the International Labor Defense in winning a stay of execution while the U. S. Supreme Court reviews the Scottsboro case, are an indication of the will of the workers to realize the demand "THEY SHALL NOT DIE."

Protest telegrams from all meetings are being sent to Gov. Rolph at Sacramento, to the U. S. Supreme Court and Secretary Doak.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CALLS FOR TERROR AGAINST THE C. P.

Urges Businessmen to Form Fascist Bands to Suppress Workers

Calling for the formation of fascist terror gangs to suppress militant workers' organizations, George Hatfield, United States District Attorney, and spokesman of the American Legion, concluded his address on "America vs. Communism" before the Mutual Businessmen's Association at the Palace Hotel here recently.

He urged his listeners, who for the most part were rich bosses and merchants, not to rely on the constitutional forces of the government to deal with the rapid radicalization of the workers, but to take the law in their own hands. He said: "Are you going to leave it up to the Constitutional authorities and let the other fellow do it, or are you going to do it yourselves?"

ATTACK SOVIET UNION

That Hatfield, who is becoming a popular speaker before boss-class clubs talking on the subject of Communism, is openly acting for U. S. imperialism in urging war on the Soviet Union may be seen in his constant reiteration of the lie that the Communist Party is financed and directed from Moscow. He implied that the best way to strike at the Communist Party in America was to destroy the workers' and farmers' government in the Soviet Union.

The United States Attorney is well aware of the organized power of the working class and its ability to do away with the old capitalist system of misery, mass starvation and imperialist war. To prolong the life of this system, beloved by all parasites, he urges extreme terror and murder as it is practiced against the workers in Italy and Germany by armed Fascist bands.

Hoan Threatens "Vets" With Clubs

MILWAUKEE.—Mayor Hoan, Socialist party Mayor of Milwaukee, not only refused to give bonus marchers arriving here any relief in the way of food or shelter, but also denied them the privilege of seeking funds from sympathizers on the street. "You'll have to take your chances with the police department if you try any street collections," was the virtual warning of Hoan. And the whole wide world knows that Milwaukee's socialist party police is not second best to any in America from a standpoint of terrorizing worker masses.

LETTER FROM WORKER IN JAIL CALLS FOR STRONGER FIGHT

Los Angeles County Jail, Los Angeles, Calif., June 9, 1932. WESTERN WORKER, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif. Dear Comrades:

We, the seven workers still being held in jail after the Long Beach raid and arrests, facing deportation to Fascist countries, want to congratulate the workers of California, and especially of Los Angeles, for the collection of more than 30,000 signatures to put the Communist Party on the ballot. In Los Angeles alone, the comrades filed over 15,000 signatures. We realize that the collection of these signatures was a splendid work and a mighty answer of the workers of California to the capitalist class, and its lap-dogs, the Red Squad. Nowhere are there any lower animals that crawl, leap or jump than the Red Squad! Not even are the immigration inspectors lower—and they have been asking us to answer "voluntarily, of our own free will" (marks on our bodies will show how "voluntarily" we answer) whether we read the Western Worker. The answer of 15,000 Los Angeles workers will send a shiver down their spineless carcasses! We realize that the job is not finished, and workers have to see that the Communist Party is actually put on the ballot (and the bosses will try to keep it off by tricks)! We hope the workers will roll up 75,000 to 100,000 votes for Foster and Ford in this state! The Western Worker, which also knows the Southern California brand of free speech, since its editor was arrested with us in Long Beach, should run special election campaign editions up to 50,000 each. Yes, comrades, this is possible if we all work hard. Put the Party on the ballot—and the rotten Criminal Syndicalism law will be smashed! No matter where we are sent, we say to you, Comrades, we'll fight for our class in any capitalist country! Revolutionary greetings to all class war prisoners! PETER PANAGOPOULOS, and 6 other comrades.

Bonus March C. P. DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL OPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO

By BILL MCGILL The poppies grow on Flanders' field, Where futile strife did nothing yield. To Washington the veterans go, In dirty box-cars travelling slow, To beg the bonus that they won In bosses' mud with the "Hun" On Flanders' Field. And when the dirty work was done, The Belgians fed? and peace was won? Then men, in optimistic mood, Returned to lose their jobs for good, And find that all those promises made, Were but political tirade, From Washington. What seek they now? A pittance bare, And will the puppet in the chair, Withold the common needs of life, From men baptised in battle strife? The bloody Wall Street Ogre gloats And eats and drinks until he bloats AH heedless of the misery, That followed his "democracy," From Flanders' Field.

The District Party Training School opened on Monday morning, June 13th. The 28 students present, represented practically all Sections of the district, especially those where the Party has been going thru rapid development during the last year.

That the school will prove of great political significance for the Party is already evident from the composition of the students. The composition is really a reflection of the fact that the district made considerable progress during the year, by more than doubling its membership, and penetrated many towns where there was previously no revolutionary labor movement.

The students have been especially picked from the ranks of these new elements in our Party. The selection was on the basis of nominations submitted from Party units and revolutionary organizations. Care was taken not to make the choice on the basis of active work in the Party and willingness to assume responsible leading work in the Party.

The following gives a picture of the composition: Of the 28 students 24 are industrial workers, one housewife, two office workers, and one salesman. Twenty-four are native born, one Filipino, one Norwegian, one Spanish and one English. The average age is 26. However it is of particular importance to point out that practically all the students (23) are 30 or below. There are five members of the Young Communist League, the rest are Party members.

Practically all are actively engaged in Party work. About half are either section or unit organizers. The rest are in leading work in the TUUL or in the mass organizations.

The type of students is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that of all the students 19 have been in the Party or YCL for only six months or less. There are five who have been in the Party from 18 months to two years, which is the longest any has been in the Party. This proves that the school is really an effort to develop new material.

# Marine Workers Pledge Defense of U.S.S.R. at Hamburg Meet

## ALL NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED AT WORLD CONGRESS OF SEAMEN

### Scottsboro Boy Mother and Russian Transport Workers Union Sec. Address Meeting

HAMBURG, June 18.—The First World Congress of the International Seamen and Harbor Workers has just ended. The ISH can proudly say that it has succeeded in its goal of a United Front Congress since here were represented delegates from reformist unions affiliated to the I.T.F., Anarcho-syndicalists, independent craft unions, opposition groups, as well as the various national sections of the ISH.

One hundred and seventy-four delegates from different countries—51 delegates coming from unions affiliated to the Amsterdam International! No wonder that the I.T.F. was so anxious to have the police prohibit our Congress! No wonder that the City of Hamburg under pressure from the shipowners, and the German Government under pressure of the British Empire, made such desperate efforts to break up this tremendous expression of the masses of the water transport industry for a united front!

#### Fight Against War

The will to struggle in a united front—against wage cuts, against worsening of working and living conditions—against the treacherous reformist leadership of the I.T.F. and the imperialists—permeated the entire Congress during the whole four days of its Session war. Time and again, as the various delegates took the stand to speak—whether English seamen, boatmen from the Rhine, fishermen from Brittany, longshoremen from Holland, dockworkers from Portugal—all repeatedly pledged a relentless campaign against any attempt of the imperialists to save themselves at the cost of the working class by means of war.

The present dangerous war in the Far East, its threat to the Soviet Union, and the duties of the water transport workers to prevent by every possible means the transport of war materials—every delegate present was conscious of the seriousness of all this, and when Comrade Ray from America declared that DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IS SELF-DEFENSE FOR THE WORLD WORKING CLASS, he was thunderously applauded.

#### Scottsboro Mother Speaks

During the Congress, a continuous stream of telegrams and greet-

ings poured in from revolutionary and sympathetic organizations the world over. Delegations from the ships and docks, from the railroad workers, Hindu and Russian crews in port, pledged the Congress their support and well wishes. Mrs. Ada Wright was given a rousing acclaim as she told of the struggles for the liberation of the Scottsboro boys. Resolutions for the release of Tom Mooney and Billings were accepted and telegrams sent to the American Embassy in Berlin, to President Hoover and other representatives of capitalist America.

The struggles of the colonial workers were pictured by African, Chinese, Japanese and Indonesian delegates. Their pictures of the appalling conditions, the inhuman oppression to which the colonial transport workers are subjected—a terror even worse than that described by the delegates from fascist Yugoslavia, Italy, and the Balkan States.

#### U. S. Sailor Killed

AMOY, China, June 2.—One sailor, Wilbert E. Leathers, second-class fireman, was killed and twelve others seriously injured in an explosion aboard the gunboat Tulsa off the coast of China.

The Navy Department refused to give out any details, but it is clear that the explosion occurred as a result of the policy of absolute disregard of the safety and lives of "common sailors" by naval officials.

#### Cut S. F. Iron Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The seventy-four men still working at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco subsidiary of Bethlehem Steel, received a 15% wage slash today.

#### De Valera in New Bluff to Fool Irish Masses

DUBLIN, Ireland.—De Valera's fake republican government is hard pressed to keep in power, as is clearly shown by desperate concession being made to the public. The latest play for public favor, advertised as a "big sacrifice," is an attempt to compromise on the so-called demand to abolish the oath of allegiance to Britain. This is offered in return for British approval of a "union" between the Ulster counties and the Irish Free State. A touching picture was lately staged when De Valera shook hands with the English labor-faker, J. H. Thomas, British dominions secretary in the reactionary Government.

#### Future Soviet Engineers



Young Workers, in the Factory School, at Their Studies.

## Seamen Stop Munition Shipments Answer Threat Against U.S.S.R.

### European and U. S. Armament Firms Working Full Time on Japanese Orders; French Block League Plan to Outlaw Private Arms Manufacture.

HAMBURG, Germany, June 21.—During the last three months large shipments of explosives, bombs, machine guns, airplane parts and munitions, have left harbors of the Elbe bound for the Orient. In February the Skoda Works of Czechoslovakia sent 700 cases of munitions to Japan via Hamburg and a huge shipment of bombs via Trieste. One order alone of the Skoda firm, which is controlled by the Schneider-Creusot firm in France which has a contract of twenty heavy tanks from Japan, calls for 18,000 bombs and 2300 gas bombs. The Dijon (France) automobile factory is constructing 4000 heavy airplane bombs for Tokyo's war department, which recently sent a Military Mission to various European countries.

France Loans Money M. Yoshizawa, Japanese Ambassador to France before leaving Paris in December to take over the job of Minister of Foreign Affairs at Tokyo, was made a Commander of the French Legion of Honor. France has loaned \$50,000,000 francs to Japanese imperialism in exchange for orders for war materials. Poland has not been forgotten as orders to the extent of \$3,000,000 have been placed for munitions while Great Britain (as far as can be learned) has already filled orders amounting to \$209,655 in January and December.

U. S. Sends Guns In the U. S. A. export of firearms, ammunition and airplane parts totaled \$147,212 in 1931, but reports from Geneva indicate that orders for war material totaling \$180,000,000 have been placed in the United States by Japan in the last year— for nitrogen "fertilizer" and cotton "textiles." The proposed abolition of private manufacture of arms, advocated by Geneva, has made no headway because of French and American opposition.

JAPANESE TRANSPORT SUNK Shanghai: Japanese troops of the Ninth Division were forced to disembark when the transport S. S. Bombay Maru, loaded with gasoline and munitions caught fire and sank. The vessel will be a complete loss.

MUNITION SHIPS TIED UP; SEAMEN JAILED Durban, South Africa: The 22,000 tons steamer, "New Amsterdam,"

recently sold to the Japanese government, was tied up when 23 of the firemen walked ashore. They refused to take the ship any further because of the dangerous nature of the cargo of war material and the fact that their lives were endangered by the delapidated condition of the boilers. They were accused of mutiny by the captain and with the assistance of the British police authorities, jailed.

DANISH SEAMEN AGAINST WAR This action is similar to that taken by the Chinese crew of the Dutch steamer "Leartes" also of the British tanker "Saxonia" in the port of Constanza, Rumania. There have been numerous strikes of Chinese seamen on Japanese ships in Japan and on the Yang-Tse river.

Shock Brigader A smiling man in a military uniform, possibly a brigadier, is shown in a black and white photograph.

#### Swiss Shoe Workers Strike Against Cut

GENEVA, Switzerland—The workers in the shoe factory in Wiesstar, went on strike against a proposal of a wage cut. A part of these workers are organized in the Leather and Shoe Union (Revolutionary Union) and part in the reformist union; some of them are unorganized. At a factory meeting they elected a committee composed of members of the two unions to see the manager. The delegation went, but the manager refused to answer any questions. The delegation then referred the matter to the factory meeting.

The secretary of the reformist union came from Bern, and told them that he took the initiative to speak with the manager and this was no time to talk strike. He also said that the workers were never satisfied.

Immediately the Leather and Shoe Union called a meeting of all the workers and decided to strike.

#### MOONEY-SCOTTBORO CONFERENCE IN OAKLAND, JUNE 17

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 20.—Following the recent successful Mooney-Scottsboro Mass-Meetings throughout the state, the International Labor Defense of Northern California is calling a Mooney-Scottsboro conference on Sunday, July 17th, 10:30 A. M.

This conference, organized for the purpose of establishing a permanent Mooney-Scottsboro committee for systematic work in behalf of the nine Negro Scottsboro boys, will be preceded by local conferences in Oakland on Tuesday, July 5th, in San Francisco at 1740 O'Farrell Street on July 5th and other parts of the state.

#### Shock Brigader



# FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

#### Workers Force Free Assembly in Argentine

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.—Vigorous and unceasing pressures brought by workers upon the government of Argentina, have forced the Congress to discontinue savage police attacks upon workers' meetings and demonstrations. The municipal and provincial regulations have been radically changed to permit free assembly, in direct response to militant demands.

#### Nicaraguan National Guard Deserts

MANAGUA, Nicaragua.—Thousands of regular soldiers, in open revolt against foreign imperialist domination, are deserting from the Nicaraguan National Guard to the revolutionary ranks of peasants and workers under General Sandino. A large body of students from the Leon University have also joined the revolutionary forces.

#### 88,000 Vote Strike in English Cotton Mills

MANCHESTER, England.—A bitter fight against wage cuts in English cotton mills is foreshadowed by the strike vote recently taken by 110,000 textile workers in the Lancashire cotton mills. 88,000, more than three-fourths of the workers involved, voted to strike against the latest of the series of robber wage-cuts in the textile industry.

#### Soviet Workers Subscribe Billion and a Half

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—On June 10 a third successive giant internal loan was announced in U. S. S. R. Workers and peasants of the Soviet Republic will subscribe a total of \$1,600,000,000. This gigantic loan issue, easily absorbed in the land of unemployment for all, signals the fourth and concluding year of the Five-Year Plan.

#### Portuguese Government Murders Strikers

LISBON, Portugal.—After a strict censorship of 3 days, news has leaked out telling of murderous attacks by government troops against workers who were out on a general strike against new taxes on wages (wage cuts). One worker has been reported killed and scores injured seriously at Oporto and other places.

#### Canada Deports Militant Workers

OTTAWA, Ontario.—Canadian capitalism shows its panic in the face of the rising wave of revolution, by wholesale deportations of militant workers. During one year alone, 1931-32, deportations from Canada numbered 7124. Of these, 4248 were deported to colonial slavery in other dependencies of the British Empire.

#### Greek Toilers Fight Hunger and Exile

PATRAS, Greece.—Armed troops have been moved in following a general strike against the shut down of local flour mills. Mill workers, bakers, stevedores, etc., answered the strike call.

KILKIS, Greece.—Chasing out of town the tax collector and his company of soldiers who opened fire on them, the 600 families of this village staged a tremendous demonstration against the government. The peasants barricaded themselves in their homes and raised the Red Flag on the church steeple.

With reinforcements from Lahana, the government forces arrested the entire village whose fighting slogan was "Food and Clothing; Not Taxes," and threatens to deport them from their native land.

#### Fascists Meet Stiff Resistance

ROME, Italy.—Mussolini's new attack upon the working-class occasioned by an attempt to balance the \$75,000,000 budget deficit, is meeting with stiff resistance by the workers who are staging hunger parades and circulating secret literature denouncing the Fascist terror. Wage cutting has driven the workers to desperation, and as a move to placate the population, the freedom of all political prisoners is being urged by black shirt leaders.

#### Italian Unemployed Demonstrate

MILAN, Italy.—Demonstrations of unemployed and starving peasants are reported in the provinces of the Marche, Ravenna, Licciano, Salerno, Gorizia, and Reggio Emilia. The unemployed assembled in the towns and in front of city halls demanding bread and work. Women were especially numerous and militant. Many were arrested but few held by police. In Licciano the chief of police was mortally wounded by the population in revolt.

#### U. S. Gunboat Fires on Chinese Soldiers to Protect British Steamer

SHANGHAI, June 20.—With a band of Chinese regulars soldiers as target, the U. S. gunboat Oahu, opened gun fire, killing many of the Chinese. The gunboat, patrolling the Yangtze River in the interests of foreign imperialist powers, came to the "rescue" of the stranded British steamer Wanliu, which was carrying \$110,000 in gold.

Capitalist dispatches assert that the Chinese were trying to compel the surrender of the British boat, and the American death-dealing guns were protecting British private property. This murderous attack on Chinese workers plunder, is only an extension of the policy of blood and plunder which the American government has been pursuing in China.

#### Machinists Strike in Zurich

ZURICH, Switzerland.—The Bosses decided, in conjunction with the leaders of the reformist trade union (controlled by the Socialist Federation of Metal Workers) to cut the wages of the Machinists 10%, but these answered by declaring a strike, which is continuing solidly. The leader of the union, seeing the militancy of the workers, called a compromise, promising that if they would return to work, they would be paid for the time lost in the strike. But the minority group of the union (T. U. U. L.) showed clearly the scabbing policy of the reformists and the workers decided to carry the strike.

# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

Last week Brazilian coffee exporters burned 6,565,641 sacks of coffee. They announce that before the year is over they shall have destroyed 18 million sacks. The reason for this terrible destruction is that they cannot find a market where to sell the coffee at a profit. Millions of workers the world over are broke and tramping the streets looking hungrily into restaurant windows hoping for a miracle that would give them a cup of coffee. And in Brazil millionaires drive up to their offices in expensive cars and order 18 million sacks to be destroyed because there is no profit in it.

Could the bankruptcy of the capitalist system be better illustrated? Could the need for working-class action be clearer?

Organize! Join the Communist Party! Through joint action of all sections of the Communist International with the Communist Party of Brazil that coffee could be distributed amongst the millions who need it—profit or no profit.

#### Believe It Or Not

Well, we've found the best joke of the year! Also the grimmest! In Japan tradition has it that every emperor can name his bull. It's a great opportunity for bull-throwing, and do they use it! Hirohito, the present butcher who holds the office has learnt a thing or two from American politicians.

Believe it or not, he calls his reign Showa or the "Reign of Enlightened Peace."

Isn't that a corker? The millions of dead Koreans, Chinese, Manchurians and other colonial people oppressed by Japanese imperialism are not enjoying the joke. As a matter of fact neither are we. The end of the system which Hirohito

## Brazil Destroys 6½ Million Sacks of Coffee; Slaughtered Koreans and Manchurians Living Under "Reign of Enlightened Peace"; Flags and Bands in '15—6 cent Stew in '32; A Party is Known by Its Leaders; German Literary Racketeer Gives Us the Same Old Lies.

represents would be the only real beginning of enlightened peace.

#### The Bonus Marchers

Are you under 40? If you are then the likelihood of your fighting in an imperialist war is much in prospect. And that being the case you might as well look into the question.

You might begin by getting interested in the position of the veterans of the last war. In 1917 they marched with brass bands and waving flags. They could almost say and do anything they wanted so long as they agreed to act as cannon fodder. Even then they returned there was considerable tinsel display to greet them. Of course many came back blind, legless, armless, syphilitic and otherwise disease ridden, and the tinsel didn't mean so much.

But several hundred thousands are even now, fourteen years after the close of the war able and ready to go to work. But now the bosses, especially the big ones, gluttony by war profits, look upon these men as nuisances. The war speeches are forgotten. The brass bands aren't playing. The only brass shown is that of police and government officials who treat the veterans as if they were scum.

The flags are still flying but this time they are displayed under the threat of police terror against the men, who driven by desperation, marched to Washington to demand the bon-

us, and own their souls so little under our "free" country's laws that they must show the flag in order not to give the police an excuse to attack them as reds.

The capitalist government can take little comfort out of such display. It adds nothing in the way of love by the veterans for the emblem under which they fought.

#### Preachers vs Revolutionists

It is almost inevitable that in the very lives of leaders there is a reflection of the movements they represent. Compare for example Lenin, with his stern years in exile, prison and struggle to McDonald or Vanderveelde with their years of bourgeois ministeries, and hobnobbing with capitalists in well appointed drawing rooms. Or to make the contrast even more clear consider the life of Stalin against that of the social-democrat Kerensky.

The former an uncompromising, hard-as-steel, activist working under unbelievable difficulties in the ranks of the revolutionary workers, the latter a pompous self-important lawyer, full of words and technicalities, who while events were going worse for his regime was found in his room, his head buried in a pile of silk pillows weeping.

Similar contrasts are brought on by the current elections. The so-called socialists have chosen for their leader Norman Thomas, a preacher, the hero of the university

campus, whose chief claim to militant workers' support was that he read the constitution in a free speech fight and got locked up overnight for it. For the Communist Party, the standard bearer is William Z. Foster, who has been connected with labor struggles for three decades. Any worker would be proud to be connected with the long list of important strikes in which Comrade Foster was a part of the leadership. The steel workers, packing house workers, coal miners, railroad workers, and a dozen lesser sections of the industrial proletariat.

Foster went to jail not for reading the constitution in a free speech fight but for leading 110,000 unemployed workers in a battle for Work or Wages. Few men have reached such heights of greatness that they are considered a threat to the existence of the system of capitalist robbery. Certainly Thomas is at the other end of the battlefield. He is the reserve for the bosses, should the workers and farmers get out of hand, so that the Hoovers and Roosevelts can't control the reigns that keep the workers pliable under the yoke of profit making, then the fake "radical" Thomas will be called in. There will not even be anything original in this process. It has already happened in England, Germany, Belgium, France, etc. In fact it is quite the style in post-war capitalist political fashions.

The same trick was tried with Kerensky in Russia but under the leadership of the Communist Party the working class understood how to handle the situation and Kerensky did not last long.

Instead of repeating the mistakes our fellow workers in England and Germany made, and continue to suffer hunger, terror and imperialist war, we should take the example of the Russian masses who are now enjoying the building of Socialism.

#### Foster on Coast Tour

Comrade Foster, incidentally is touring the West, at this moment. It is a wonderful chance for new militants to get acquainted with him, and for old militants to renew their acquaintances.

#### Page Ham Fish

While bourgeois wiseacres are solemnly predicting that Stalin is leading the Soviet Union back to Capitalism the USSR is confidently moving ahead in its course of Socialist construction. In a splendid book written by Ossinsky and others, all leading engineers in the 5-Year Plan and published by International Publishers, there is described in detail the tremendous growth of Soviet industry. The book declares in summary: "During the next three or four years, the Soviet Union will occupy the first place in Europe regarding

the volume of industrial production and in particular regarding the production and consumption of textiles, the level of electrification of industry, the provision of mechanical power for labour and the efficiency of labour in industry." The propagandists against the U. S. S. R. are multiplying. A character by the name of Sheffer, a journalist of the Berliner Tageblatt has just published a book called "Seven Years in Soviet Russia." This new Columbus is rediscovering for us all the lies that have been spread and discredited in the U. S. Being from Germany he does not know this and repeats them with monotonous stupidity. Mysterious leaders using the G. P. U. for stalking of other sinister leaders, a dictatorship using the methods of the Borgias, and other ultra-dramatic dime novel thrills ride through every chapter.

In the end it comes out however, that this baby was kicked out of the Soviet Union for being a cheap liar and a falsifier.

Don't worry however, Ham Fish and all the little fishes will eat his stuff up whole and even add a little dressing.

The labor delegation sent by western workers under the auspices of the Friends of Soviet Union several months ago have completed their tour and are now on their way back ready to report. Two went from California and one from Washington. We are confident that the report of their first hand investigations will be a thorough answer to the Sheffers. With imperialist war so near upon us we must build the F. S. U. into a mighty organization for close contact with the U. S. S. R. workers and peasants and for a common front against imperialists.

Workers who are not only in the forefront of the struggle in their own countries but also in the forefront of the struggle for the liberation of the oppressed peoples of the world, must not only be organized but also must be united in a common front against imperialist war.

### BOSSSES ESCAPE CRISIS BURDEN IN KNAPPA, ORE.

#### Workers Pay Double For Relief Crumbs

KNAPPA, Oregon.—The Unemployment situation is becoming more acute even though the summer fishing season is here. Those canneries that are packing are only paying the starvation price of 6 cents, with a further drop predicted. Also it is predicted that no more gillnet fish will be packed after August 1, shortening the season for the fishermen considerably. A number of fishermen are staying off the river altogether, because they say it is just the same whether you starve fishing for starvation prices or starve and not fish at all. Further a great many have not been able to secure gear this year.

The County bosses cut off all relief work on May 1, and eliminated the Sunshine Division (charity organization) with the lying statement that the pickup of work in the spring would take care of the unemployment situation.

Work in the woods is practically at a standstill except some small jobbers are logging.

Workers are becoming wise to the fact that "Prosperity" is certainly behind a corner, and it is not coming back until capitalism is destroyed once for all.

#### FORCED TO PAY DOUBLE

To show the hypocrisy of the relief work that the bosses gave last winter one must understand just how the hunger system works here. Funds were raised by donations of workers who are still employed, and by relief dances, programs, affairs, etc. Most of the persons present at these dances are workers who still have a few dollars. Very little of the funds come from the bosses.

Practically the whole burden of relief work is carried by the worker. Vegetables, chickens, meats, eggs, etc. are donated by the surrounding farmers to the Relief Agency. Those in need of groceries and foodstuffs from the Sunshine Division must work for them at the city park—groceries that have been donated or paid for out of workers funds—in actuality workers are paying a double price for relief. First, donating the funds for groceries and then working for them by clearing the park. The full brunt of relief is carried by the workers.

### WORKERS HEALTH

By S. E. KELY, M. D.

PNEUMONIA.—Inflammation of the lungs—is a disease well known to workers, particularly now when the physical resistance to disease is lowered in the bodies of at least half of the working class population.

Infection enters the system through the respiratory tracts (nose, throat, bronchial system of the chest). Workers with a "cold," with a consequently unhealthy condition of the mucous membrane are especially susceptible, and it is of the utmost importance that anyone so stricken, and running a temperature, should stay in a warm bed or at least in a warm room (always assuming they have one!).

If a chill is experienced, the person should call a physician, if they possibly can, for pneumonia always starts with a chill and a high temperature. This disease will usually heal if the physician allows it to. The trouble is, generally they do too much. In capital Europe the mortality is around 6% in this country about 30%. The difference lies partly in the fact that the physicians do not give the patient rest, which is most important. In the Soviet Union the record is enviable. There workers' rest homes are established and hospitalization is not only of the highest, but the interest in the patient himself as such—regardless of any factor—is paramount.

Further, here too little attention is paid to the heart. Fellow workers, if you or some member of your family contracts pneumonia, do not let him or her be removed from the place he or she is (unless to a hospital), and in no case or after the third day, for every move is a big strain on the heart, which already is working more or less abnormally. If this should coincide with an eviction notice, rally other workers to help you fight against removal. The Unemployed Councils will always stand in such a fight.

## WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

### Yakima Fakers Would Have Workers "Bum" For Food

#### RACIAL PREJUDICE HINDERS SALINAS WORKERS' FIGHT

Bosses Taking Advantage of Racial Splits to Starve Workers

SALINAS, Cal.—That the bosses are cashing in on their game of fostering hatred between the white shed workers and the Mexican and Filipino field workers can be seen by the recent wave of wage cuts sweeping through the Salinas valley. "Divide and rule," say the bosses. Make the shed workers fight the foreign workers, cut all wages, and buy a new limousine! Last year the field workers suffered because the shed workers refused to cooperate with them. Now the shed workers are catching hell because they have no organization with the poorer paid workers and the unemployed.

Specks packing sheds went out on a spontaneous strike. There was no organization, and no picketing. Naturally it failed.

So all sheds cut wages from 75c to 50c for packers; trimmers get 25c.

One hundred workers were thrown out entirely at the Tom Chung in Chualar, and the Garin at Gonzales.

In the fields the worst conditions in history exist. Migratory workers get 21c a hamper for peas, averaging 75c a day. As a result hundreds of families are destitute with no money to even buy gas to look for work elsewhere.

Filipino workers, most of whom owe the bosses money, must work from 5 A. M. to 10 P. M. They seldom see any cash, and there is little chance of ever getting paid up.

The Chamber of Commerce is organizing fascist bands to drive workers out of the county, and sending health officers into camps to condemn them and force the workers to move on.

The Agricultural Workers Industrial League is organizing all workers handling produce for the purpose of presenting a united front against the bosses' attacks. Though the union is young in this district, it is growing rapidly, as the workers realize they must organize for struggle or starve next winter.

—An Agricultural Worker.

#### Imperialist Brutality



Manchurian Peasants About To Be Shot for Defending Their Country.

### Workers Living in Utmost Poverty in Hooverville

The Fastest Growing Community in State. An Eye-sore of Human Misery

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—In the shadow of the state capitol, along the banks of the Sacramento River, is the rapidly growing town of Hooverville, named in honor of the present administration.

Men, women and children of all descriptions live here, victims of unemployment and eviction. The dwellings are small, one room affairs ranging in size from 6 to 10 feet square. The beds are made from discarded automobile cushions, with burlap and old filthy blankets, torn and moth eaten, as covers. The stove is outside. Generally it is an old delapidated can, upside down with a hole cut into it to allow the smoke to escape. The place has an air of utmost poverty. The shacks are built of old tin discarded signs, cardboard, burlap and drift wood.

STORY OF MARCELLO  
One of the residents is Anthony Marcello, who had been a barber in Detroit for over 21 years. About 12 months ago the acuteness of the crisis forced him out of business after exhausting his savings. He was told that California was short of barbers, so he came out.

Here he found the same conditions as in Detroit except the bosses are more cute with their laws. In order to practice as a barber here you must first be an apprentice or go to a barber school for three years. Marcello keeps alive by cutting hair for the richer residents of Hooverville at 5c a head and by making a raid on the city dump when things get tense.

Food consists of anything from old bread crusts to garbage. It is a common sight to see men looking in the garbage cans for food. Hooverville is conveniently located near the city dump, where the residents can satisfy their hunger.

A GRADUATE NURSE  
Another resident is Miss Thompson, a graduate nurse. She has worked all her life in various hospitals throughout the U. S. and was a research worker in Kansas City Hospital. For the past four years there has been no steady work. She has been able to live by doing odd jobs working in the fruit and selling newspapers. A friend of hers made her a present of a shack in Hooverville.

Miss Thompson now makes an average of \$15.00 a week taking care of a sick patient living at a nearby auto camp. Miss Thompson, when asked why she did not get relief from the charities, frowned and said: "Those people always find some excuse so as not to help a person out."

COUNCIL ORGANIZING  
The Sacramento Unemployed Council which organized the camp on the city property in North Sacramento, and so prevented a mass eviction and stopped all rent payment from the campers, is now organizing these residents of Hooverville to force the city and state to give them food. The workers know that organized they can take anything they want in Sacramento, and the bosses' fear of them will force the relief they must have to keep from further degradation and misery.

"THE WHISTLE," (S. P. Oakland) writes:  
"Ray Long Drops Dead on Job"  
"Speed-up kills worker. The bosses want profits regardless of how many workers lose their lives. S. P. WORKERS! ANSWER THE BOSSES! ORGANIZE AND FIGHT!"

"More than 50% were laid off since the 1st of the year. Wage cuts are still taking place. Most departments work 3-4 days a week, some only 1 or 2! only car cleaners work 6 days per week and about 100 of them got laid off."

"Get together into shop committees and organize into the Railroad Workers Industrial League. Write us for more information." Sacramento "R.R. Worker" will be reported in next issue of this column.

### BRIEFS...

#### Kress Store Speed Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—After laying off scores of underpaid girl clerks in the Kress Stores a new speed-up system has been established to harass the girls and make them nervous wrecks. A watchtower in the center of the building is connected up with buzzers at all counters. Girls must be on the alert to dash from one counter after another wherever the buzzer indicates a customer is waiting.

#### 3 Out of 38

SALINAS, Calif.—Three of the 38 packing sheds in this district are working. Two of these will finish in 10 days. Men get 30c an hour when the boss lets them work.

#### Fresno Cop Raves

FRESNO, Calif.—Captain Murphy of the Police Department warned us that if the Communist movement continues to grow in Fresno, all of the comrades would be sent to the morgue or the hospital. Following this we held an election rally when McKendricks spoke, that was the most enthusiastic yet.

#### 59 to 58 Vote on Cut

SAN FRANCISCO.—In spite of extreme pressure of the union officials to make the deckhands and firemen accept the 10% cut announced May 1st by the bosses of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, 58 voted against accepting the cut and 59 voted to accept it. The usual argument of the reformist union leaders used to justify their action in supporting the bosses, such as "helping the bosses" in hard times, impossibility of striking, etc., were in evidence. But it is obvious these arguments of class collaboration are losing power.

#### Disfranchized

BOULDER CITY.—Election activities of Communist workers among the 3,500 employed have revealed that the Six Companies dictatorship in making Boulder City a federal reservation has robbed all residents of their right to vote during the coming election.

#### Gets Action

ASTORIA, Ore.—The story in a recent issue of the "Western Worker" written by our correspondents club that told about the Trade Union Unity League and the struggle of the fishermen against their fake union resulted in several members of the union asking me about the T. U. U. L.

News come down the river now that a branch of the T. U. U. L. is going to be organized at Ilwaco, Washington.

—Worker Correspondent.

#### One Dollar a Day

WARENTON, Oregon.—One of the two saw-mills of Warrenton, which has been closed down for some time, opened, and is now paying \$1 a day. While wages have been cut repeatedly, the speed-up has been increased until an ordinary man can't hold a job more than a week. W. C.

#### Legion Stoolpigeon

DENVER, Colo.—Ben Hupper, head of the Negro American Legion Post of the Five Point District, is a stool pigeon spying on militant negro workers who are organizing to better their conditions. The police allow him to run a sporting and bootlegging house as long as he keeps the negroes disorganized and quiet. Recently he attempted to start a riot by turning his followers against the Unemployed Council which was preventing an eviction.

#### 17.7% Lose Jobs

According to figures just released from the State Labor Commissioner, employment shows a decrease of 17.7% in April 1932, compared with April 1931. These figures are considered to be ultra-conservative and do not adequately reflect the rapid deepening of the crisis.

### EXPULSION OF MILITANTS FOR EXPOSING LEADERSHIP OF CITIZENS' LEAGUE

Play "Bosses' Game"—To Throw Burden of Crisis on Backs of Workers

YAKIMA, Wash.—I had the experience of becoming a member of the Unemployed Citizens' League at 9:30 P. M., and asked to resign by 5 P. M. the next day. As soon as I found out that the purpose of the Progressive Producers, (formerly the U. C. L.), is workers' self aid, I saw that the leaders were fighting hand in hand with the capitalists against the workers and I started to expose them.

"They plan to put the capitalist class out of business by 'contacting' or in plain words 'bumming' other workers for food. They are leading the workers away from the struggle by opening up gardens for the jobless to raise their own food. The boss-class charities are glad of this bunch of fakery as they help in shifting the burden from the bosses to the backs of the workers. Thus the burden of unemployment due to the capitalist crisis will fall on the entire working class—employed and unemployed while the bosses escape.

The motto of the organization is "No work—no eat." For six months work, I received a 5c can of milk, a small loaf of bread, and less than two pounds of fish, not more than 30c worth of food. And the leaders try to make us believe that in this way we will break the capitalist class!

Militant workers that see through their game are put "on the spot." These leaders that tell us not to struggle and demand part of the food, clothing and homes we have produced and which the bosses hold, are telling us to starve to death. We will sink lower and lower to new depths of slavery and misery until we do the thing that will force relief: organize in militant ranks of struggle. The Unemployed Council and the Communist Party are such organizations.

#### Correspondent "At Large" Hunts for Prosperity Corner

SALT LAKE CITY.—I just arrived after turning all the corners on the Box Car Route from Frisco to Sacramento throughout Washington and Oregon, to Reno across to Butte and finally here.

I had expected to find the prosperity that Hoover advertised as being just around the corner, and have concluded he is a hoaxer, and conditions are either bad or worse wherever you go.

—Ted DuJean.

#### Workers Organize in Castroville

CASTROVILLE, Calif.—To prevent a further lowering of their standard of living which the bosses have succeeded in forcing to a starvation level, a local of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union was established here on May 6. Thirty-one joined at the first meeting. A Communist Party Unit which will lead the struggles of the workers in this district was also formed.

#### Modesto Bosses Get Around State Scale

MODESTO, Calif.—Between 75 and 100 women are working here in the California Cooperative Cannery for 25c an hour, though the state law calls for a minimum of 33 and a third cents an hour.

The bosses try to get around the law by saying that as we are not working eight hours a day the law does not apply. This hypocrisy means under-pay for us and profits for the canneries. The bosses know they have no legs to stand on in case we demand the state scale. If one of us demands it we get fired. We must all organize into the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial Union and send a committee to the management and tell them to raise our wages to a living standard or we will force them to come across.

Crystal Palace Wage Cut  
SAN FRANCISCO.—The bosses of the Crystal Palace are watching the reaction of the butchers to a wage cut of \$3.50 a week. If no resistance is shown, the food clerks throughout the market can expect further cuts.

Join the Communist Party—the Only Party of the Working Class! Defend the Soviet Union!

### PENSIONS OF MOTHERS CUT IN ONE HALF

Grays Harbor Bosses Victimize Mothers

ABERDEEN, Wash.—The boss class politicians that rule Grays Harbor County, faced with the necessity of raising taxes on the rich or else cutting down the relief of defenseless, destitute widowed mothers, chose the latter course.

The following insulting letter was sent to every poor widow in the county:

Owing to the extra drain on the Mother's Pension Fund for the current year, it has become necessary to cut all allowances exactly in half for the remainder of the year. This was done in order that all the mothers might receive some pension. Had it not been done, there would have been no money for any one after September.

"Your name will be furnished to the Red Cross Flour Distributor for your district, and as quickly as possible flour will be delivered to you.

"Prepare for the winter by canning all the fruit and vegetables possible. A County pressure cooker will be furnished for group canning.

Also make every effort to get your wood during the summer months."

—Board of County Commissioners, of Grays Harbor County.

The letter does not mention how the widows are to get the fruit, vegetables and sugar necessary for canning.

The widow who turned this letter over to me has five children, the youngest 18 months old. Formerly her pension was \$30 per month. I pointed out to her that this was a move to place the burden more heavily upon the backs of the working class. The capitalist system is reaching out to take food from the mouths of her children. The proper step is to organize all possible of the 150 widows on the fund in county, and stage a protest in the Court House. It makes no difference whether or not the County is broke; there is plenty of food, clothing and shelter to be had and that is what the poor people need.

United Producers Active

The fact that the funds of the County are low results in their action in fully accepting and encouraging the "self-help" organizations known as the "United Producers." But the Unemployed Council has been busy exposing them, and has held them in check. Their leadership is composed of those kicked out of the Unemployed Council for being crooked.

### SECOND WAGE-CUT FOR ROUGH-RIDERS

Workers Tricked Into Longer Hours

By C. D.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The second wage cut this year took place recently for the 150 workers in the Rough Riders Manufacturing Co., at 175 12th Street. The first was a direct slash. The second was in the form of an increase in hours.

The boss called us in for a hard luck story about his going broke and asked if we would rather have another cut or longer hours. The workers, tricked and off their guard, forgot that the flood of orders had encouraged the boss to install new machinery and hire extra workers to run them, so they accepted the longer hours. Now we must work six days for the pay of five and half. Therefore we are getting less pay per hour, workers will be laid off, soon the hours will be reduced and the new scale established.

The boss is tricky, alright. Workers who have been working faithfully for many years, and get a little higher salary than the rest are suddenly laid off. Then they are called back singly into the office and asked to work for a low salary or stay out. This has happened several times, and the rest are timidly waiting their turn. However, we are waking up to the fact that the bosses have us completely at their mercy, and talk of organizing a shop committee and a union is going around.

Workers in this shop should get in touch with the Needle Trades Workers Industrial League, Room 421, 330 Market Street.

—Mrs. H.



