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## OPEN WINTER RELIEF FIGHT!

### THOUSANDS OF WORKERS, FARMERS OF WEST DEMONSTRATE AGAINST WAR ON AUGUST 1, DESPITE POLICE TERROR

#### Protest Washington Murders, Shipment of Munitions to Japan—Demand Release of Mooney, Imp. Valley Prisoners

Denouncing Imperialist War preparations, and the murder of the Jobless veterans in Washington, many thousands of workers thruout the coast and Rocky Mountain regions, demonstrated on August 1st, the anniversary of the beginning of the world war. Meetings in many cities had to take place despite arrests, the refusal of the police to grant a permit.

All the meetings adopted resolutions, protesting against the Washington murders, against the shipments of munitions to Japan, and also demanding the release of the remaining Imperial Valley prisoners, and Tom Mooney who is beginning the seventeenth year in San Quentin.

In addition to the organizations usually represented, a new and a very rapidly growing one took prominent part—The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

**AT JAPANESE PIER**  
SAN FRANCISCO—About 6,000 workers took part in the August 1st Demonstrations thruout the city. At the Embarcadero noon time demonstration, police tried to interfere with the meeting by arresting workers distributing leaflets and pushing workers off the sidewalks.

Stool pigeons and detectives were in great numbers, looking for an opportunity to break up the meetings. At one point when Com. Collett, an Ex-Serviceman, took the stand and stated that 16 years ago he marched in preparadness day parade, an immigration officer stepped up and wanted to see the discharge, which was promptly produced. The dick walked away amidst a roar of boos and denunciations.

After the meetings the workers formed into a long parade and marched along the waterfront to pier 34, where the Japanese Shinyu Maru was being loaded with lead. A meeting was held in front of the pier, close enough for the workers on board to hear. A Japanese worker also spoke.

During the evening neighborhood meetings took place, finally coming together in a big mass meeting at (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

#### SEATTLE JOBLESS CONFISCATE FOOD AND OUST FAKERS

Citizens League Leaders and Chamber of Commerce Exposed

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Ballard local of the Unemployed Citizens League has been completely won over to the Program of the Unemployed Councils. Thereupon the officials, who are working hand in hand with Mayor Dore and the Chamber of Commerce commissaries, expelled the Local, hoping to starve the workers into submission, to their forced labor "self help" program. They also decided that the food should be delivered to the C. of C. commissaries across the street.

The Ballard local was fully prepared for such consequences. On Monday, July 18, a call to action was sent to all the block committees in the neighborhood, and six hundred were at the headquarters at seven in the morning. When the trucks of food began to arrive at the C. of C. commissary, the workers simply confiscated them and took them across the street to their own place. This was in defiance of numerous police, armored cars and motorcycled police, who were there but could not do anything in face of the militancy of the workers.

#### INT. LABOR DEFENSE WINS VICTORIES IN IMPERIAL VAL. CASES

Voluntary Departure Won for Horiuchi

**Erickson Released**

Fight Must Continue for Release of Sklar and Emery

The Department of Labor in Washington was forced, on the account of numberless telegrams pouring in from every corner of the States, to grant voluntary departure to Comrade Horiuchi, one of the first organizers of the agricultural workers in Imperial Valley. Horiuchi was sentenced 2 years ago together with 7 other comrades to serve from 2 to 42 years in Folsom under the Criminal Syndicalism law as an outcome of the Imperial Valley case. Last year, when the case came before the Appellate Court, the judges due to the mass demand of workers throughout the country in general, set the sentence to 5 years. When the case came finally before the Parole Board, early dates for the release of the Imperial Valley organizers were set.

Orosco and Herrera were already released early in the year and deported to Mexico and Panama respectively. On July 18th, four more comrades, Carl Sklar, T. Horiuchi, Oscar Erickson and Danny Roxas were to be released, the first two on deportation and the others to San Francisco.

**Horiuchi's Life Saved**  
The International Labor Defense started immediately to secure voluntary departure for T. Horiuchi in order to prevent having him turned to the military clique in Japan, who have just handed out (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)

#### FRESNO FARMERS DEFEY POOL JOIN UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE

Bosses Admit Campaign Big Failure So Far. Attack Communist Party.

FRESNO, Calif.—The campaign of the California Raisin Pool for a new contract so far turned out a big failure, according to Wylie M. Giffen, president of the pool. In a speech over the Fresno Bee Radio Station, on July 17th, he admitted that altho the time set for the campaign has almost expired only 31% of the acreage was signed up. The time for the campaign had to be extended and unless 85% of the farmers are signed up by August 1st, it will have to be given up.

This is despite the fact that every available resource and one thousand Business and Legion men have been mobilized to carry thru the drive. The contract not only forces the farmers to sell their raisins at a price set by the pool, but in addition gives the pool complete control over the land owned, rented or leased by the signer.

#### Arizona On The Ballot

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The Communist Party Presidential candidates will be on the ballot. Over 2,000 signatures which is more than the 2% of the last gubernatorial votes cast, were collected. These names came mainly from poor farmers and unemployed miners.

#### L. A. WORKERS HOLD MEETING DESPITE RED SQUAD

Grant Temporary Injunction Because of Mass Pressure

**Big Meeting is Held**

To Fight for Permanent Injunction

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—An injunction was granted the Friends of the Soviet Union of Los Angeles by Judge Harry A. Holtzer, restraining the Los Angeles police from interfering with a meeting scheduled to take place on Monday July 25th at the Co-operative Center. This is the first decision of its kind ever issued in the U. S. A. and is considered a great blow at the Los Angeles police and particularly the Red Squad, who announced that they will break up the meeting as they did in previous cases.

The injunction was a result of a great series of protest movements particularly for the past year, which rallied thousands of workers for the demand of free speech in Los Angeles. The fact that the brutality of the Los Angeles police did not halt, the growth of the Communist Party and the Unemployed Councils, and the fact that free speech has really become the principal issue in Los Angeles, is what really forced such a concession to the workers.

The injunction was temporary, and really held good for the one meeting, however, it is considered that this first victory should help in the hearing for a permanent injunction soon to come up. This (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)

August 1st in San Francisco



San Francisco Workers demonstrate at Pier 34, where the Japanese "Shinyu Maru" was loading lead for munitions. Sailors on board looking down were not permitted to go on shore.

#### Hoover's Bloody Thursday Challenge to All Workers

The Hoover Hunger Government launched a murderous attack against the unemployed veterans. For this attack against the unarmed workers, cavalry, infantry, machine guns, tanks, trucks of munition and gas bombs were mobilized. W. J. Hushka of Chicago and Eric Carlson are dead. Many are in the hospitals wounded. Once more the veterans who "saved the world for democracy" were engaged in a battle, but this time against the very masters who sent them into the world slaughter.

The battle at Washington expressed most clearly the sharpening class war. It is a demonstration of the fact that the Hoover government has billions for the Bankers and Railroad magnates, but bullets for even the veterans who made Wall Street the most powerful Imperialist group on earth.

The Thursday on which the attack was launched could be compared to "Bloody Sunday" in Russia in 1905 when thousands of workers and peasants headed by priests carrying crosses and ikons, came to beg bread from the Czar. They received bullets instead, leaving hundreds dead. These same workers eventually took power, led by the Russian Communists.

While this analogy should not be applied mechanically, the fact remains that such experience will make for the American revolution as well.

Such experiences likewise demonstrates to millions who are their friends and who are their enemies. The veterans who at first accepted the leadership of such as the stool pigeon Waters, fought heroically against Hoover's well equipped troops, despite his orders that government buildings be evacuated.

William J. Hushka, the first one killed, was a member of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. It was when Waters, Glassford, Robertson and his kind lost complete control of the veterans, when it was evident that the W. E. S. L. was getting the confidence of the veterans—in other words, when Hoover could no longer depend on his stool pigeons and demagoges, that he took a direct hand by calling out the troops.

It is also a fact that the President delayed the attack for a week. This delay was forced by the fact that 25 marines of those called out to attack on July 21st, threw down their guns. Hoover wasn't sure of his forces. This should prove that the American armed forces, the same as in Czarist Russia, or China, could be won for a united front with the workers.

It is due to the fight of the W. E. S. L. that the plan of Waters and the Mayor of Johnstown, Pa., to form fascist "khaki shirts" was exposed. The veterans soon were able to understand that such a movement meant organizing shock troops for the bosses.

Waters, who declared that he was through immediately as soon as the battle started, was ordered by his masters to again assume leadership of the workers driven out of Washington, so he could continue his treachery. This was proven as soon as thousands came to the new camp in Johnstown, expecting that reorganization for a new fight would take place, Waters advised all to go home.

The Democratic and Socialist Parties, as well as "progressive minded" republicans, are trying to utilize the plight of the veterans for election purposes. But these elements who have denounced the bonus army, or support the Hoover administration on other issues, really support the murders in Washington, which are not a departure from the policy of the government, but a further development of it.

Workers, Farmers; Veterans; Negro and White, Unemployed and Employed; "Bloody Thursday" is a challenge to all exploited people. You see now that the world (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

#### Attention! Voters! Directives On the Write in Campaign

The Communist Party, tho it will not be on the ballot in California, due to the trickery of the election officials and their Socialist Party henchmen, is urging all workers and farmer workers to support the Communist Party in the coming election by participating in a "write-in" campaign.

##### HOW TO WRITE IN

Where votes are cast on printed ballots, the law requires that a space be left on the ballot in the column designating the offices voted for, where the voter may write in the name of his candidate who does not appear on the regular ballot.

Where votes are cast by machine, there is a blank space where the names of candidates may be written.

The names to be written and in full:

- For President
- WILLIAM FOSTER
- For Vice-President
- JAMES FORD

#### WESTERN WORKER DRIVE LAGS FAR BEHIND QUOTA

Drive Must Speed Up If Foundation Is To Be Laid For Weekly

The following table tells its own story—a rather sad story, comrades. The drive to increase the circulation of the Western Worker, so we can go into a weekly paper, and

	Subs to date	Percent of quota	Quota
LOS ANGELES	188	18.8	1000
SAN FRANCISCO	135	31.5	1000
East Bay	32	10.1	320
Sacramento	9	12.0	75
Stockton	4	8.0	50
Fresno	4	8.0	50
Eureka	6	60.0	10
Petaluma	12	120.0	10
San Jose Section	11	17.0	65
Nevada Section	6	60.0	10
Washington	45	18.0	250
Oregon	23	9.2	250
Idaho	3	6.0	50
Misc. subs.	12		

The total percent for the drive to date is 11.9% of quota—or an increase in three weeks of only 3.9% on the entire quota.

Units 11 and 15 in San Francisco have not turned in a single sub. Units 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 have only turned in from one to

#### UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS AND W. E. S. L. TO ORGANIZE COUNTY HUNGER MARCHES

#### WINTERS HUNGER MARCH LEADERS GIVEN JAIL TERMS

Workers, Farmers of Yolo and Solano Counties Fight Terror

#### I. L. D. Appeals Case

Main Witness for Defense Dies of Starvation in Court

DIXON, Calif.—Three fruit workers were found guilty at Dixon, Calif., because they were leading a hunger march of 300 starved workers and children encamped in the Hooverville along the creek near Winters. Altho 10 were arrested, only four leading workers were held, and charged with "inciting to riot." The three workers, members of the Agricultural Workers Union were sentenced to 3 months in prison or \$180.00 fine.

The trial lasted three days. It was held amidst a shower of protests from all parts of the State. The court room was crowded with hundreds of enraged workers. The International Labor Defense of Sacramento is fighting the case. The three workers are now out on bail raised in Sacramento and the case is being appealed.

The I. L. D. has issued an appeal to all workers to support the defense of these workers, particularly in view of the present movement throughout the State for County Hunger Marches to demand relief for many Hoovervilles similar to the one at Winters.

Below follows the story:  
**By BEBEL ALONZO**  
(One of Sentenced Workers)

"Four of us were placed on trial on a charge of riot, after the sheriff and his thugs raided a peaceful meeting where over 300 unemployed hungry workers together with their families were assembling, ready to stage a hunger march thru the town of Winters to protest against the rotten relief given, which consisted of Red Cross flour and wormy prunes. Ten were arrested after which the sheriff of Yolo (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

Below follows the story:  
**By BEBEL ALONZO**  
(One of Sentenced Workers)

#### 600 SALT LAKE CITY WORKERS IN HUNGER MARCH

Governor Dern Forced to Promise Special Legislature Session

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—Six hundred unemployed workers including over 200 women, many with children in their arms, marched despite the terrific heat, from the County Building to the State Capitol, on Tuesday, July 27th, to demand a special session of the State Legislature for immediate relief.

The unemployed held a meeting inside the Capitol, along the stairway, placing the banners on the railings. The meeting was addressed by Oscar W. Larson of the Unemployed Councils, M. P. Bales, Communist candidate for Governor and Cornelia B. Johnson, Communist candidate for Secretary of State.

A committee was sent in to call out Governor Dern. The Governor came out and had to listen to the demands of the unemployed which were presented to him thru Com. Johnson. She stated that the demonstration was an outcome of a previous one, called to protest the cutting off of relief, gas and water shut offs, and evictions. The mayor at that time evaded the issue by stating, the city had "no right to

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#### SAN FRANCISCO DEMANDS ISSUED TO MARCH SEPT. 12

Farmers and Agricultural Workers To Take Part

During the month of September a series of County Hunger Marches will take place thruout California, under the Auspices of the Unemployed Councils, and The Workers Ex-Servicemen's Leagues.

The hunger marches are to include workers in the cities, poor farmers and agricultural workers. A provisional state Hunger March Committee has established headquarters at 1507 Eddy street, San Francisco.

Provisional county committees are being set up in Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, San Diego; Santa Clara and Monterey County; marches will take place during the latter part of October. Conferences are now taking place to mobilize for the marches.

The State Committee announces that immediately after the County Marches a State Conference will take place, composed of representatives from all counties, to organize a State Hunger March, to Sacramento in January, when the State Legislature opens.

A call issued for a conference to be held in San Francisco on August 21st at 1507 Eddy street, states in part:

The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and the Unemployed Councils of San Francisco are calling a United Front Conference of workers and farmers organizations to organize the largest Hunger March ever held in San Francisco, in order to bring about the necessary mass pressure for adequate relief.

Pending enactment of unemployment insurance, the following are the demands:

1. Immediate cash payment of the bonus by taxing the rich.
2. Immediate appropriation by the City of \$10,000,000 for winter relief.

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# Agricultural Workers Union Organizing Many New Locals

# WE NEED OUR OWN FRATERNAL ORDER

## CONCENTRATE ON SANTA CLARA AND PAJARO VALLEY

### Filipino and Mexican Workers Join

SAN JOSE, Cal.—Since the conference of the Agricultural Workers Union held in San Jose on July 18th, considerable progress has been made in the organization of new locals and strengthening of the union. New locals have been organized in Sunnyvale, Rocklin and Milpitas. The workers are responding well especially in East San Jose. Definite steps are being taken to launch new locals in Watsonville and Salinas.

Below in part is the resolution adopted at the conference at which there were delegates from many parts of the agricultural fields of California.

**LOWEST WAGES**

"Side by side with the approaching of the fourth year of the crisis, wages are the lowest ever recorded in California. The average wage paid for picking potatoes is \$1.25 per day (\$1.00 for board). Orange picking in the South was done mostly by city workers who were paid off only in groceries. Average wages in the southern part of the state were 17½ to 20 cents an hour.

"At the present time when the season is just starting in San Jose, workers are receiving as low as 5 cents a box for cutting cets. Thousands of agricultural workers are starving along the highways and in the jungles at the present time. Despite these facts, we have been unable to organize these workers into our union or to lead them in struggle against unemployment. Despite the fact that there were many spontaneous strikes in the past year, we have been unable to take the lead in these strikes and develop them into real mass struggles.

"1500 pea pickers struck in Half Moon Bay against the low wages and the miserable conditions (42c a sack and 17c a hamper). This strike could have been the basis for a real struggle of the AWIU but we failed to reach them until it was over. (The fact that we were able to organize a local of 35 members in spite of terror or shows that the workers believe in our organization). In Watsonville 100 workers struck in the lettuce field and we were not able to give them leadership.

### IMMEDIATE TASKS

"Our first task must be to elect and stabilize a real leadership in the field to be able to meet the growing needs of the workers. We must set up a center in San Jose as our immediate field of concentration in the Pajaro and Santa Clara Valleys at the same time not neglecting the sections where we have an organizational foothold.

"Special attention should be taken to drawing the women and Filipino and young workers into our union, winning them over on the basis of struggle against their special grievances such as less pay, more speed up and discrimination on the job, an energetic fight should be waged against child labor, which is more pronounced this year than ever before. Youth Sections must be organized. Youth and women directors must be elected. The Americans, Filipinos, women and youth must be drawn into leadership. A collective leadership must be established instead of the individual organizer having to do most of the work as has been the rule.

### MUST FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

"Discrimination and racial prejudice must be fought bitterly by the union. The practice of the bosses, using race against race must be smashed thru our exposing of this boss trick to keep workers divided. Our basic form of organization is farm and cannery committees, which should take up all the immediate grievances of the workers on the job and bring our slogans and demands to the forefront, rallying the workers in a militant struggle around these issues.

"Due to the low wages and drastic wage cuts which have

## WORKERS PROTEST JAILING OF 202 JAPANESE COMMUNISTS

### Workers Delegation Visits Japanese Consulate in Los Angeles

#### I. L. D. Calls for Wide Protest Against Terror

Japanese imperialism, bent upon carrying out its leadership in the world imperialist attack upon the Soviet Union, has started a bitter attack upon the Communist Party of Japan and the Revolutionary Trades Unions as a preliminary to carrying thru the Japanese military program beginning with intervention in Manchuria.

202 Communists, including members of the Central Committee have been convicted, one being condemned to death. Despite the suppression by the press, of news of these revolutionary struggles, word of the wholesale arrests and widespread discontent and demonstrations has been received here, in fact not a day goes by without arrests.

International Labor Defense, in conjunction with the Japanese Alliance of America has called for organization of a world wide campaign of protest against the persecution of Japanese workers and cablegrams demanding the release of the Communists have been sent to the Japanese emperor.

In Los Angeles a committee of fifty workers and intellectuals, representing various workers' organizations in that city presented a protest against the arrest and convictions of the Japanese Communists to the Japanese consul.

As the committee entered the consulate, housed in the building which is also the headquarters of the notorious Los Angeles "Red Squad," the consul left the office hurriedly "passing the buck" to the vice-consul.

In an obvious attempt to intimidate the committee, members of the "Red Squad" were summoned, but R. G. Menhennick, member of the John Reed Club of Hollywood, continued to read demands of the committee that persecution of Japanese workers cease.

The statement pointed to the murdering of thousands of Chinese workers by Japanese imperialists at Shanghai, the seizure of Manchuria as a war base against the Soviet Union, and the provocative acts being carried on daily against the Soviet Union by the Japanese war lords.

"At the same time that Japanese imperialists are seeking a way out of the crisis through war," the statement continued, "they are using increasing repressive measures against the millions of workers and peasants at home and ruthlessly exploiting them. The Japanese government has launched a brutal reign of terror against all workers who organize to struggle against unbearable exploitation, oppression and imperialist war. The brunt of this vicious attack is being borne by the Communist Party of Japan, leader of the toiling masses in their daily struggles."

"As an expression of international working class solidarity, the statement concluded, "we protest against the arrest and conviction of our Japanese comrades and demand their immediate, unconditional release."

International Labor Defense and the Japanese Alliance of America call upon all workers to organize to fight Japanese terror against the workers and peasants of Japan.

taken place, the dues of our union must be lowered so that all workers can join our organization. The following scale of dues and initiation shall prevail. The initiation for employed shall be 50 cents, for unemployed 10 cents. The dues for employed shall be 30 cents per month, for unemployed 5 cents per month. Membership books to cost 5 cents to all members.

"Our immediate task is to unite the broad masses for agriculture and cannery workers employed and unemployed in a struggle for employment insurance and immediate relief. We must unite with the workers of the large cities in organizing county-wide hunger marches, calling on the small farmers for support. Where there are no Unemployed Councils we must take the initiative in organizing the unemployed there by drawing them in and strengthening our union."

## AUG. 22, FIFTH SACCO VANZETTI MEMORIAL MEETS

### To Devote Meetings in Behalf of Scottsboro Boys

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Aug. 22 will mark the 5th anniversary since Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered by the bosses.

That day will be set aside for protest meetings in behalf of the nine Scottsboro boys. There is a sharp similarity in the two cases in that the same judges make up the Supreme Court now before whom the Scottsboro cases come up, as did at the time Sacco and Vanzetti were electrocuted.

The I. L. D. is arranging Open air meetings to take place at 6:00 P. M. at Fillmore and Ellis, Kearny and Jackson and 21st and Mission. These will be followed by a large mass meeting at California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts. The program will include prominent speakers and a mass chant by the John Reed Club.

Similar demonstrations are being arranged all over the West Coast.

## WORKERS SCHOOL FALL TERM WILL START AUG. 15

Register immediately for the Fall Term of the Workers School. Six courses are offered, 12 weeks each, as follows: Fundamentals of Communism; Trade Union Strategy and Tactics; History of the Labor Movement; Political Economy; Principles of Organization; Public Speaking and Worker Correspondence. The fee is \$1.00 per course. Unemployment is no excuse for not attending as special arrangements have been made for those who are not working.

Workers interested in courses other than those offered should inform the School, as special classes will be started as soon as a sufficient number register for them. Register at the Workers School, 116 Market Street, San Francisco. Office open all day and every evening.

## FIRST OREGON C. S. VICTIM CONTRACTS T. B. IN PRISON

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ben Boloff, who contracted tuberculosis while serving a ten year sentence imposed under Oregon's notorious Criminal Syndicalism law, has been removed to the Multnomah County Poor Farm tuberculosis hospital.

Boloff, tried in 1931, was convicted while 12 others arrested with him, were released when protests forced the boss courts to back down.

After spending 15 months in prison illness developed but repeated efforts to secure medical attention were unavailing. He was finally sent to the county hospital when workers' demands for his release could no longer be ignored.

In the advanced stages of tuberculosis, Boloff is now under the "care" of the same county doctors who by their criminal neglect are responsible for his condition.

## WARNING

### Militant Workers' Organizations

Be on the Lookout for: Abraham (Al) Strasser, private detective about 35 years of age, weight 135 lbs., 5 ft. 4 in. tall, dark eyes, dark hair, slightly curly, thin face, sharp features, and wears shell rimmed glasses. Has put in several applications to join the Communist Party. I. L. D. and the I. W. O. has been hanging around the Unemployed Council hall recently. Was formerly Secretary of the Auto Mechanics Union of Oakland and member of the Central Labor Council. He is now in the employ of a detective agency run by Chas. N. Watkins.

Has little understanding of the left wing movements, and depends on personal appeal to make contact.

Now living in Oakland at 3524 Sutter Street.

## EXPULSION NOTICE

JOE MARQUES and JOHN MILLIGUN stand expelled from the ranks of the Communist Party. TONY MARQUES is expelled from the Young Communist League.

They have been expelled for using the North Beach Sports Club against the Party, fighting the Party line, beating up comrades and making a loafing place out of the headquarters.

They are guilty of white Chauvinism in the worst form, they have especially directed their rowdiness against the Filipino and Chinese comrades.

They have likewise misused Party funds.

—Discipline Committee District 13.

## PORTLAND WORKERS PROTEST AGAINST MURDER OF VETS

### W. E. S. L. Post No. 45 in Leadership of Vets in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—More than three thousand workers and war veterans, at an hour's notice responded to the call of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League in a demonstration and parade here today, to protest against Hoover's murder of William Huskka, and the wounding and gassing of many veterans at Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called at 4th and Alder streets, where Comrade Dirk De Jonge spoke. Comrade Richard Loveless, Chairman of Post No. 45 of the W. E. S. L., a disabled war veteran, with two citations for bravery in France, and candidate for the medal of the Purple Heart, also spoke.

Although a demonstration had also been called by veteran-fakers, the W. E. S. L. proved itself to be the only organization which leads in the interest of the veterans who left these fakers without a following.

The parade, eight blocks in length, was made up of both men and women workers, veterans and non-veterans. A red streamer nine feet long, was carried by two women workers at the head of the parade, with the slogan "WE DEMAND OUR BONUS." Banners and slogans expressing the class struggle were also displayed. The parade turned into a second demonstration on the steps of the public library, at 10th and Yamhill streets, where several rank and file members spoke. A resolution addressed to Herbert Hoover, denouncing the government for the murder and wounding of veteran workers, was unanimously adopted. The resolution was dispatched by wire immediately.

## Small Prune Growers Refuse To Join Pool

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Prune Pool headquarters here admitted, that altho 12 days are left, in which to sign up 85% of the prune growers necessary to make the pool a fact, so far only 48% have signed up. This despite the fact that many business organizations and every available force that they control has been mobilized to make the campaign a success.

The resistance comes chiefly from the small farmers, to whom signing the contract means enslavement to the packers and bankers.

## Hoovers Bloody Thursday Challenge To All Workers

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war was for the Bosses and a new one is being prepared. You see what we get when we ask for bread. The blood of those who were killed at Ford's factory, in the Chicago and Cleveland eviction fights, in Harlan, Kentucky, and in Washington cries out for a powerful united front against hunger, against war and oppression.

Only the communist Party Platform is aimed against Hoover's Hunger and Terror program. Only the Communist Party leads the fight against war, hunger and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

Let us unite:

TO STOP SHIPMENTS OF MUNITIONS TO JAPAN AND DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION.

TO DEMAND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BOSSES.

TO FIGHT AGAINST WAGE CUTS AND SPEED UPS. AGAINST RACE DISCRIMINATION AND LYNCHING.

FOR FULL PAYMENT OF THE BONUS.

Veterans! Join the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. Repudiate the Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Those organizations are behind Hoover's drive against you. Join with the Unemployed Workers and Farmers in the county Hunger Marches on the West Coast.

## C. J. Ausmus



Sacramento delegate to U. S. S. R., who will report in our next issue.

## Berkeley Finns Sends Ton of Nails to Soviet Karelia

BERKELEY, Cal.—A ton of nails was sent by the Berkeley Finnish Workers Association to be used in Socialist construction in Soviet Karelia, a state made up largely of Finnish workers. The letter that accompanies the gift said, "The hammering done in this Socialist State is a smack on the mouldy nose of Capitalism, and the joining of the workers of the world into one great army, an army to build a Socialist Society."

## SLAVE MARKET SET UP IN L. A.; GIRL AUCTIONED

### Degenerate Elements Throng Plaza to Witness Sight of Barbarism

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—Wholesale misery for the 200,000 unemployed workers in Los Angeles county has driven hundreds of workers to submit to the humiliation of being sold on an auction block in the Plaza square to the highest bidder.

The auctioning off of pretty unemployed girls has brought out thousands of the rotten, sexually degenerate and impotent parasites who infest this city of retired capitalists, police terror and mass misery. To them the unemployment situation has become a highly amusing and exciting spectacle.

Young women with sick dependents are compelled to submit themselves to the gaze and humiliating remarks of these rotten elements. The auctioneer calls for bids, remarking: "Here is a nice young lady wanting to get married—or, how much am I offered?"

### MARRIED MAN—NO SALE

Married men with families don't fare as well. The father of six children, unemployed for two years, who the auctioneer said was in such desperate circumstances that he might commit some crime, did not receive one bid. Instead, the auctioneer passed the hat around for funds "to keep the man out of jail." The man left with the remark he wanted work, and not this kind of money.

Bosses who refuse workers jobs when they go to his place of business, buy workers on the block because it gives them free advertising.

Joe Roller, a candidate for the Assembly, got himself a "cook, maid and stenographer" for 50c an hour—also a little free publicity.

A worker was sold for 8c an hour. All of this goes on under two very prominently displayed American flags, which the bosses claim to be the symbol of freedom, equality, democracy, etc.

## MOONEY BEGINS 17TH YEAR IN SAN QUENTIN

### Warns Workers of Impending World War; Calls for Struggle

#### Calls for the Defense of the Soviet Union

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., August 1.—Tom Mooney, beginning his seventeenth year in San Quentin, at the time the workers poured out on the streets to protest the new imperialist war plans, called for the workers to stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight against war and for his release.

Mooney's anti-war message follows in part:

"It was during the period when the United States was preparing for the last world slaughter that I was framed. Like the majority of the working men of San Francisco and the United States, I was opposed to sending the working class to the trenches to kill and be killed so that Wall Street might coin dividends. (It will be remembered that Woodrow Wilson was elected President on the basis of the election slogan of 1916: 'He kept us out of war.') This in addition to my general militant activity on behalf of labor, was the reason for my being framed for the July 22, 1916 Preparedness Day disaster—a stupid and terrible crime against humanity.

"The imperialist governments are feverishly preparing a new blood bath. Already armed to the teeth, they continue to pile up armaments. The armed forces of imperial Japan are preparing to attack and destroy the glorious achievements of the only workers' and farmers' government in the world—the Soviet Union. The Japanese imperialists are wading through the blood of slaughtered Chinese and Manchurian workers and peasants, and stand at the gates of Siberia.

"On August 1, the militant and revolutionary workers of the world must stand shoulder to shoulder and demand that the imperialists call off their war-dogs. They must also remember that I am beginning my seventeenth year behind prison walls and they must make the world ring with their protest against this insult to the working class. They must show the ruling class of California that Governor Rolph's decision in denying my pardon did not end my case. They must raise a tidal wave of protest and accept the challenge thrown down to them by my continued imprisonment, and demand my unconditional freedom."

## "BLOODY FORD'S" THUGS ATTACK SEATTLE YOUTHS

### Cameraman Jailed for Taking Pictures of Extreme Brutality

SEATTLE, Wash.—The young workers of this city, led by the Young Communist League, added to the publicity given the opening of "Bloody Ford's" new \$3,000,000 plant by holding a demonstration in front of the plant to expose his speed-up, terror and murder system.

A cop tried to arrest Jack Tack, district organizer of the Young Communist League, when he started to speak to a crowd of about 200. But the crowd of young workers, many of whom carried banners, closed their ranks and forced the scared cop to retreat.

The Seattle Riot Squad, Mayor Dore's Own and the uniformed hoodlums that make up Ford's "Service Department," attacked the demonstration with clubs and black-jacks. They seized a speaker, but the workers prevented his arrest by forcibly taking him from their hands.

The cops finally caught a young worker who was trying to take pictures of the police terrorizing the crowd. Later he was released on \$25 bail which was furnished by the International Labor Defense. Many of the Ford workers asked about the Young Communist League.

Dick Person, the young worker arrested, had a hearing on Monday. The court was jammed with workers, and the judge thought it wise to dismiss the case before any more publicity resulted.

—Youth Correspondent.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The article below was submitted to the Western Worker, by the International Workers Order. It is hoped that it will stimulate a greater interest in the Organization.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE SECTIONS

Only in the land of the Soviets do the workers fully enjoy the real benefits of social insurance laws, and are taken care of in times of sickness, death, accidents and unemployment. In 9 out of 67 capitalist countries, where social insurance was introduced in one form or another, the capitalists are leading a continuous offensive with the aim to narrow the scope of insurance, to limit the number of persons eligible to relief and to throw the burden of expenses for insurance upon the shoulders of the insured.

The bourgeoisie of the United States, who knows no limit in increasing the military budget, continues, with the active cooperation of the American Federation of Labor, to oppose the introduction of Social Insurance. The American bourgeoisie has enough to spend for the army, fleet, spies and prisons; it willingly feed and sustains politicians and gangsters, but refuses to pay the bonus to the war veterans, and forces 15 millions of unemployed to hunger, misery, and suffering.

When a workers is sick or dies or loses his job, it is nobody's business, nobody is interested in his plight. Only through determined struggle for the introduction of social insurance at the expense of the government and the bosses, will it be possible for the workers to improve their position.

### I. W. O. BENEFITS NOW

But who will help the worker today? Which is the organization the worker can depend upon for aid when illness keeps him chained to his bed or when he is in need of simple medical attention or when death leaves his family destitute? The International Workers Order is the only social organization for workers material aid, based upon principle of proletarian solidarity. It guarantees to its members real benefits in cases of illness, provides for the family of the worker in case of death, etc. In case of sickness, a member of the I. W. O. is entitled to 15 weeks sick benefit in the first year of the sickness, 15 weeks half the usual amount during the second year, and the same during the third year. In case of death, the family of the deceased is paid from \$150.00 to \$2,000 according to the amount of dues paid by the member. The dues are far less than in any other organization or insurance company.

### NO RACE DISCRIMINATION

The I. W. O. is busy devising plans for the creation of a fund to aid the unemployed members. The growing unemployment and uncertainty makes such a plan necessary. Not a few members who are unemployed and thrown out of industries received the helping hand of the I. W. O. The I. W. O. does not exist like other private capitalist mutual benefit societies for profits and personal gain. The doors of the I. W. O. are open to workers regardless of their race or color, nationality or religion, political views or union affiliations. White and black, native and foreign born.

## 200 ATTEND NEV. COMMUNIST MEET AND 8 JOIN PARTY

### Organizations Request Party Speakers

FALLON, Nev.—Along with the campaign to collect signatures to put the Communist Party on the ballot, the Nevada section is making good progress organizationally. On Saturday, July 23rd a meeting of over two hundred was held across the street from the City Hall. The field organizer, comrade A. Houardy, spoke outlining the platform of the Communist Party, and particularly exposing some of the Socialist Party illusions that still remained in the minds of some workers. Eight workers joined the Party, many platforms were sold, and many signatures were collected.

Many organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Methodist Church have requested for Party speakers. The Party is also gaining influence in Fallon among the poor farmers. Steps are being taken to build a United Farmers League. There is also a good possibility for building a post of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and a branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union.

men and women—all are welcome, all are enjoying equal rights and treatment. In the I. W. O. instead of dictatorship of a profit seeking clique there is a wide self-government of the rank and file membership.

Within the I. W. O. there are sections based upon nationality and conduct their official business in their native languages: English, Jewish, Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Russian, etc. The recent merger of the Russian, Hungarian and Slovak sections with the I. W. O. opens great perspectives and possibilities for the order. The I. W. O. is growing fast and getting stronger and stronger. The I. W. O. is leading a successful struggle against the policy of the reactionary leaders, such as the Workmen's Circle and against every nationalistic patriotic and anti-labor mutual benefit organization, that is trying to break the unity of the working class. I. W. O. is actively supporting the struggles of the working class. For example: during the strike of the coal miners in Pennsylvania and Ohio, the I. W. O. raised \$8,000 for relief; during the strike of the needle workers in New York, \$7,000, etc.

It is in the interests of every worker to join the ranks of the Order, popularize among the broad masses of workers the aim and purpose of the Order and do all to help the growth of the I. W. O.

### PARTY MUST HELP

It should be one of the important tasks of the Party, revolutionary trade union and other proletarian mass organizations to participate in the work of this Order. Such cooperation is badly needed by the California branches of the International Workers Order. The membership in this state is still small in numbers; it did not succeed to penetrate into the broad masses of the proletariat, into the industries and shops. Isolated and burdened by the important routine of their daily tasks, without the necessary help of the Party and the revolutionary trade organizations, and without wide popularity among the workers, the I. W. O. was unable to give its work a broad mass character, and activate all its members. Meanwhile by its aims, by the real benefits for the workers, by the character of its activities, the I. W. O. has the power of attraction that gives it the possibilities to attain through an eradication of sectarianism and by competent leadership, a real mass activity.

It is imperative to remember that the I. W. O. may become one of the important channels through which the influence of the Party and revolutionary trade unions could successfully reach the workers in their shops.

The still prevailing underestimation of the importance of the I. W. O. must therefore immediately give place to a most energetic help, attention and wide development of its work among the mass of workers.

"Why Should the Workers Vote Communist"—read it in the Election Platform of the Communist Party—one cent.

## NEEDLE WORKERS CONFERENCE MEET HERE AUG. 13-14

### Los Angeles Delegates to Address Opening Mass Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Needle workers in San Francisco and Los Angeles will hold a conference here on August 13 and 14. The conference will open with a mass meeting at 1740 O'Farrell street on Saturday, August 13 at 1:00 P. M. and will be addressed by the Los Angeles delegates.

The conference will take steps for organizing the needle workers of the Coast. That the condition of the Needle Trades Workers is becoming unbearable can be seen from the fact that in many shops at present workers are forced to work overtime without pay. Wages, especially in the dress line are as low as 3, 4 and 5 dollars for a full week's work.

All workers are asked to popularize the mass meeting and bring Needle workers down from the shops after work. The plans of the conference will be outlined. The office of the Needle Workers Industrial Union is at 830 Market Street, Room 421, San Francisco.

# Soviet Wealth In Materials, Production, Greatly Increased

## CALIFORNIA DELEGATES TO SOVIET UNION ARE BACK

Report of Great Achievements in Workers Fatherland

### Will Tour West Coast

Enthusiastically Greeted Everywhere by Thousands

The two California Delegates to the May 1st Celebration of the S. U., Kelsey Cottle, Stockton, a river boatman, and Carl Ausmus of Sacramento, an electrical worker, are now back and touring the coast. Com. Ausmus is now in Southern California, and we will publish his report in the next issue. Below is the statement of Com. Cottle for the "Western Worker."

#### By Kelsey Cottle

"I only wish that all the workers in U. S. were able to go to the Soviet Union, and view what the workers there have accomplished under the Soviet Government. The great successes that they have won, shine out like a beacon on a dark night, to the rest of the working class of the world."

"My trip in the first workers' republic showed and proved to me that the workers are solidly behind the Soviet Government. True, you hear a murmur of discontent now and then, but it is drowned out by the overwhelming enthusiasm and accomplishments of the masses."

#### ECONOMIC SECURITY

"The fact that the workers have economic security regardless of whether they save their earnings or not, is to me one of the greatest achievements. They receive so many social benefits that it is really hard to enumerate them. Suffice it to say, that there is no capitalist country in the world that compares with them in this respect."

"While in Leningrad, a seaport in the Soviet Union, I visited some of their ships and found the conditions of the seamen upon a higher standard than that of any capitalist country. The crew works seven hours a day, and eat the same food as the officers and passengers. Their deck clothes are furnished and replaced at regular intervals, such as gloves, slickers, etc. Good accommodations prevail in all the rooms, with two men to a room. An American seaman

### Kelsey Cottle



would really find a home on one of these Soviet ships.  
**100 TRACTORS DAILY**

"The Karkhov Tractor plant that I visited gave me a real insight into the abilities and the enthusiasm that is almost universal in the S. U. This Tractor plant went into operation last October and the first month in operation did not produce fifty tractors. But today it is producing over 100 tractors a day. Eighty per cent of the workers in this factory had no industrial experience before. Right opposite this factory, 36 huge modern apartment buildings have been completed. These are the homes of the workers in the factory.

#### SAW DNEIPROSTROY

"I cannot finish this story without mentioning a few things about the huge dam, the Dneiprostroy. I have seen quite a few dams in the U. S., but nothing that could compare with this huge project. At the beginning of the erection of this dam, many large metallurgical factories were also under construction nearby so as to be able to utilize the power immediately upon completion of the dam. This dam serves three purposes, that of electrification, irrigation for thousands of hectares, and to make navigable the Dneiper river for hundreds of miles. The dam has raised the water level in back of the dam so that boats can travel where before huge rocks prevented navigation. Boats go through three locks in the dam in fifteen minutes. This dam will also produce 3 1/2 billion kilowatt hours per year, which will all be utilized. Quite a comparison with our power houses in these United States where many are half idle and people have their electricity shut off.

#### CALL FOR DEFENSE OF S.U.

"The workers in the S. U., before I left, told me not to go back to my country and tell the workers that they have a paradise. But to go back and tell as I have seen it. They said, 'We have not a paradise here, and we are sacrificing and sacrificing greatly to build socialism. At the same time we are

## 45 FILIPINOS EXILED FROM CANAL PT., FLA.

Terror Campaign Exposes Colonial Policy of U. S. War Dept.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—45 Filipino truck farmers and their families were driven out of Canal Point, Fla., by white one-hundred per centers, as the beginning of a drive to expel Filipinos from Florida. In statements issued by the Anti-Imperialist League of the U. S. A., with headquarters in New York City, the League holds the U. S. government primarily responsible and demands that the exiled Filipinos, who have been ordered to Cuba, be allowed to return. The statements demand the punishment of those responsible for the terrorist acts.

The Filipinos, who had gone to Florida from California in an effort to get a better chance to make a living, had repeatedly asked President Hoover, Secretary of War, Hurley, and the Filipino Resident Commissioner in Washington, D. C., for aid, but received nothing but fake promises of "some day" granting independence to the Philippine Islands.

#### RECALL CALIFORNIA TERROR

The Anti-Imperialist League quotes the brutal attack in Watsonville, Calif. by "patriots" in 1931, when one Filipino agricultural worker was killed and 60 others wounded.

84 Filipinos were driven out of Banks, Oregon, April 29 this year, as part of the general Colonial policy of American Imperialism to subject the Filipinos to the most brutal oppression and exploitation. The Anti-Imperialist League of the U. S. calls on all anti-imperialist organizations to protest to Governor Doyle E. Carleton, Tallahassee, Florida, and to Secretary of War Hurley, Washington, D. C., and asks that copies be sent to the League at 799 Broadway, Room 536, New York City.

building a better place to live in." The workers of the Soviet Union ask for the support of the workers of the world in their fight to build socialism. We can best give them our support by fighting against an imperialist war which is certain to involve the Soviet Union, and is now being cooked up by the capitalist countries of the world. The capitalist countries would drown the first workers fatherland in blood and set up the old capitalist system there if they could."

—Join the Communist Party, defend the Soviet Union.

### Protest Von Papen Rule



German Workers Demonstration under the leadership of the Communist Party during election campaign.

## CANADIAN POLICE ATTACK JOBLESS DEMONSTRATION

500 "On To Ottawa" Hunger Marchers Backed by 6000, Ask Relief

OTTAWA, Ont.—Despite the savage terror launched by the Provincial Police, Mounted Cossacks, and local cops, who have been guarding all highways leading into Ottawa, where the Imperial Economic Conference is taking place, the first National Hunger March in Canada's history arrived here. Over 6000 demonstrated in spite of the police ban, and voiced demands for immediate relief from unemployed workers and poor farmers. The workers defended themselves from attack. Many were injured and a number arrested. The Canadian bosses and other British industrialists at the Imperial Conference are greatly disturbed by the militancy of the workers, and especially at the fact that the Communist Party of Canada, which the government attempted to smash when it was declared illegal, is at the head of this movement.

## WESTERN DREISER COMMITTEE FORMED

One of the first acts of the newly formed Pacific Coast branch of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners was to demand the freedom of the two Imperial Valley prisoners whose paroles were held up on technicalities. On July 25, representatives of the branch attended the "public meeting" of the Parole Board at Sacramento to demand the release of Roxas, Erickson, Sklar and Emery.

Among the 24 Californians who form the nucleus of this group are Lincoln Steffens, writer; Col. E. S. Wood of Los Gatos, prominent lecturer and sociological writer; Noel Sullivan, San Francisco philanthropist; Orrick Johns, poet and Anita Whitney.

The local group branch of the so-called Dreiser Committee which conducted an investigation of the terror in the Harlan, Kentucky, mining districts last fall.

The purpose of the Committee, as announced by Melvin Levy, former National Secretary, is the recognition that all "persecution or prosecution of individuals or groups for participation in labor activities, is political persecution." Orrick Johns was selected as secretary.

## GERMAN COMMUNISTS WIN 500,000 VOTES SOCIALISTS LOSE

BERLIN.—The outstanding result of the elections here are the big Communist gains. The Communist vote reached 5,270,000 a gain of almost 5,000,000 votes in comparison with the votes obtained during the Spring presidential election.

The 700,000 votes lost by the Socialists went chiefly to the Communists. Likewise in the number of seats. The Communists gained 12, and the Socialists lost 10. The chief gain was in the industrial regions.

The Fascists now have the largest representation, polling 40% of the total vote. However, it is considered a defeat in view of the fact that Hitler failed to increase the vote, in comparison with the presidential election. This is considered as a sign that Fascist strength has passed its highest point, and will decline from now on.

The fact that the Communist Party has made such a great gain is looked upon with great alarm by the Government, as the chief object in the election was to crush the Communist Party.

The election campaign was accompanied by a campaign of terror on the part of the Fascist supported by the government. However, the Red Front fighters, the workers Defense Corps, repulsed them in every instance. During the height of the campaign, the Party central organ, the Rote Fahne, was suppressed.

At the present time the Von Papen dictatorship is considering further steps towards enforcing its dictatorship, using as an excuse the Fascist banditry against the workers, and therefore "Law and order must be established."

## Chinese Six Cos. Jail Young Worker

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Fred Chong, young Chinese worker was arrested on July 24th at mass meeting called by the Chinese Six Companies, an organization of business men who are raising money for Chang Kai Shek forces in China. Comrade Chong tried to get the floor at the meeting to speak. He was seized by thugs, beaten up, then jailed on the charge of disturbing the peace.

Fred Chong appeared in Judge Steiger's court after he had been bailed out by the I. L. D. for \$10 to \$100 because Chong was Chinese. Comrade Chong was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail without even the pretense of a fair trial.

## FOREIGN NEWS

### BRIEFS

#### Two Divisions Switch to Red Army

HANKOW, China.—Chiang Kai Shek's fifth "Communist Suppression" campaign received a smashing blow when the crack 30th and 31st Divisions of the Nanking Army, of forty thousand men and equipment, surrendered to the Chinese Red Army of Hupeh province, near Hankow August 4. After shooting some of their officers, the men joined with the Red Army and the combined forces moved against other Nanking troops now entering the province.

#### Revolutionary Upsurge in Manchuria

MUKDEN, Manchuria.—The workers and peasants movement in Manchuria is taking on greater scope, making it increasingly difficult for Japanese imperialism to carry out its policy. There are five definite insurgent movements, such as the "Big Knives" and "Red Spears," who, although lacking arms, outnumber the Japanese several times, and are taking on more of a revolutionary, anti-imperialist character. Their ranks are being increased by desertions from the Manchurian troops.

#### Shanghai Silk Strikers Win

SHANGHAI, China.—A raise in pay equivalent to 3 cents an hour, and a reduction of the work day from 12 to 11, were the partial victories of the Shanghai silk strikers.

The employees of the French controlled street car company are organizing a fight for a 15 per cent increase in wages.

#### Mass Strike in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—A great wave of strikes has spread over Belgium, involving 150,000 coal miners. The strike has developed despite the reformist leaders and has taken a very militant form. In many of the towns the workers came into collision with the militia, who fired into crowds, wounding many. At Marchien soldiers sent against barricaded workers, refused to shoot, fraternized with the workers instead, and red flags were hoisted on their trucks. In Montigniers the same thing happened and the soldiers shouted "Long Live the Strike."

The Socialist leaders trying to disrupt the strike forced a ballot vote in the central region, but were defeated, 5,552 voted to continue, 605 against it.

#### Newfoundland Bankers Kick Through

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland.—After a series of militant mass demonstrations of Unemployed, including the storming of the Premier's Home, the Bankers came across with a \$100,000 loan for relief.

#### Mexican Workers Maintain Militancy

MEXICO CITY.—Defying the terror of the Mexican government, 10,000 street car and railway workers marched through a huge force of soldiers armed and posted along the line of march.

The strikers were induced to go back to work two weeks prior, pending decision by the National Arbitration Board. But the continual delay forced the workers out in demonstration.

#### "Defend U.S.S.R." Campaign Wins

WARSAW, Poland.—A campaign of militant activity by the workers of Poland against attack on the Soviet Union, which fascist leaders have sought in conjunction with France and Rumania, resulted in victory today when Ambassador Stanislaus Patek of Poland signed the non-aggression pact offered by the Soviet Union.

#### 1000 B. C. Fishermen Win Strike

RIVERS INLET, B. C.—The strike of 1000 fishermen here succeeded in raising the price 2 1/2 cents per fish. Among other demands won by the militant united front was the freedom of all workers jailed for strike activity.

#### British Labor Party, I. L.P., Split

LONDON, England.—Resulting from a long fight over the most effective policy of betraying the British workers, the Independent Labor Party, (the "left" wing of the Labor Party, led by Broakway and Maxton, who cover their betrayals with "radical" talk, a la Mause), seceded from the Labor Party by a vote of 241 to 142.

#### Too Many Reds in Peru University

LIMA, Peru.—The Government closed the University and National College of Trujillo, charging that students of both establishments had participated in the recent Communist Rebellion there.

#### Mah's 'Corpse' in Tokyo as Mah Fights On

TOKYO, Japan.—In a desperate attempt to whip up patriotism, Japanese war lords have brought to this city a sealed coffin allegedly containing the body of General Mah Chan-Shan, who leads rebel forces against the Japanese conquest of Manchuria. Reports from Mukden tell that General Mah is still alive and fighting.

#### French Workers Fight War Preparations

DIJON, France.—5,000 workers demonstrated against the air maneuvers here. The Communist speakers were strongly applauded. The police attacked the crowd wounding several workers. The maneuvers had to be carried through without the spectators.

# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

### By S. A. D.

Ottawa, Canada and San Francisco, Calif., presented interesting and significant contrasts on August First.

In Ottawa the British Trade Conference was desperately trying to patch things up so that the empire might stay together a little longer. Outstanding was the demand of the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand bourgeois for agreements against the Soviet Union trade. Among these nabobs was J. H. Thomas of the second yellow "socialist" international. While these imperialists were conferring a ship's committee from the New Zealand liner Makura which had reached the port of San Francisco, came to the packed antiwar meeting at California Hall and in a simple straightforward appeal pledged themselves and the revolutionary workers of New Zealand to common struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

Amid a tremendous demonstration of enthusiasm they joined with spokesmen for the Japanese, Chinese and United States Communists in a solemn pledge for united fight to establish workers and farmers Soviet Republics in their own countries to forever abolish war.

#### AGAINST MUNITIONS SHIPMENTS

The same afternoon a thousand San Francisco workers marched 1 1/2 miles along the Embarcadero to pier 34 where the Japanese liner Shinyo Maru was loading lead for munitions. There all joined with the waterfront workers in a demonstration against the shipment of these imperialist war supplies. A Japanese comrade addressed the assemblage and the Shinyo Maru sailors, who crowded the decks and listened eagerly but were not allowed to go ashore.

## August First in Ottawa and San Francisco; Towards Revolutionary Internationalism; Thomas and Henderson "Socialist" Lieutenants of Imperialism; Comrade Litvinov Calls Hoover's Bluff and Exposes Him; Communist Victory in German Elections; Join the Communist Party and Help Steer World Events!

The next day capitalist newspapers reported that about seven thousand workers demonstrated in front of the imperial conference at Ottawa to demand that all war funds go to the unemployed. The conference (J. H. Thomas the "socialist" included) ordered through Premier Bennett, an attack by the police and the arrest of the leaders, which attack was promptly and brutally carried through.

#### TOWARDS REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALISM

Truly the class lines are being drawn on a world scale. Under the leadership of the Communist International, the revolutionary workers are strengthening their own international ties. But to be decisive we must count our numbers not in thousands but in millions! Few who were present will forget the promise of a glorious revolutionary future in the demonstration of working class representatives of four major Pacific countries in the San Francisco August 1st meeting. But hundreds of thousands must join our ranks for militant struggle to make that promise come true.

#### THE GENEVA FARCE

While J. H. Thomas was helping British imperialism fasten the yoke around the necks of the workers in the empire at the Ottawa conference his "socialist" colleague Arthur Henderson presided over the latest "disarmament" farce at Geneva. This session differed from most of those in previous years in that there was a representative

of the world there, in the person of the U. S. S. R. representative, Comrade Litvinov.

Right at the opening of the conference several months back Comrade Litvinov made a brilliant speech in which he completely exposed the conference for the fraud it was, and made proposals for complete disarmament; but predicted that the capitalist representatives there would adjourn amidst a cloud of pacifist talk with nothing accomplished. (This speech is printed in pamphlet form and can be bought for 1c, plus postage through the "Western Worker").

#### HOOVER'S BIG BLUFF

In the course of the conference Hoover made a big publicity spill making certain proposals for partial disarmament. They were obviously insincere and meant only to quieten the millions of starving people the world over. But the entire capitalist press, including that of the "socialist" party hailed these proposals and blamed all the other countries for not adopting them.

Last week Henderson called for adjournment of meeting until 1933. Immediately Litvinov called their bluff by demanding a decision on the Hoover proposals. Three times they voted, and each time GIBSON, W. S. representative, voted against the Hoover proposals, which he himself had originally presented. Was anything more needed to

show the hypocrisy and false pretense of pacifism?

#### "NO WAR IN CHINA!"

To add to the scene—W. W. Yen representing the Chinese Nationalist government proposed that the conference decide that all members abstain from warlike bombing of civil populations. He added that he meant Manchuria chiefly.

Sir John Simon, of the infamous Simon Commission which was sent by the "Socialist" McDonald to direct the shooting of the Hindustan masses three years ago, arose to declare that since "China and Japan are not formally at war" they could not adopt such a proposal since "it is senseless to prohibit bombing in peace time." With this utterly cynical and contemptuous attitude the matter was dropped. A short while after, the corridors buzzed with the news of the "rape of Jehol" by Japanese troops.

#### THE STATEMANSHIP OF BARBARISM

The magazine "TIME" reports an incident that occurred at Geneva that throws light on how imperialists can be "statesmen."

Dr. Benes had said, "Bombardment from the air is barbarous and inhuman." Sir John Simon pointed out that British planes often find it necessary to bomb rebellious tribesmen. Dr. Benes promptly ate humble pie, exclaiming, "Of course British flyers have never been guilty of barbarous actions!" Does this need comment? Men are not independent of their

times and their historic roles. "Statesmen" of the imperialist stripe cannot act other than as barbarians and murderers.

#### LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY!

Good news from Germany! The Communist Party won about 5,300,000 votes. Compared to the presidential elections held last Spring the Communist Party was the only major party which showed increased strength.

The whole capitalist press hails the elections as a tremendous victory for Fascism. As a matter of fact Hitler failed to make gains in comparison with the presidential vote in Spring. The social-democrats continue to lose strength. The American "socialist" party press have been carrying stories about how Communist "followers" went over the social-democratic party demonstrations against their leader's orders. These stories were completely false and manufactured by the S. P. fakery in an effort to stem the tide of rising distrust of the S. P. misleaders. How will they now explain the loss of about a dozen social-democratic seats to the Communists?

#### MURDEROUS TERROR OF HITLER AND VON PAPAN

The great significance of these gains can be grasped when one realizes that the chief purpose of these elections were to destroy the Communist Party. Von Papen in his broadcast over a national network in the U. S. in the last week

SACRAMENTO VETS  
DITCH DETECTIVE  
AT SALT LAKE CITY

Bonus March Correspondent  
Tells of Split

SALT LAKE CITY.—We organized as unemployed at Sacramento, Calif., to go to Washington, D. C., to back up the Ex-Servicemen, and left July 6 over the Southern Pacific and made camp with Bonus Marchers, but were shined (shoved around) and moved camp. Elected John W. Brown as captain and found that he was an Ex-Bull.

When the people of Sparks found out who we were they treated us fine and gave us plenty of grub and the railroad men assisted us as much as possible. While at Sparks I was elected as transportation man and when leaving Sparks, discovered several new men with us and we elected sergeants for each carload, but discovered two men supposed to be back from Washington, D. C., who complained of our regulations.

When we arrived at Ogden, Utah, I was detailed to find a camp site and while away on my duties, the group was split up and Capt. John Brown took the seceders uptown and got them one of those famous salvation dinners, and he also gave out a hot air statement to the press.

We reorganized and I went to see Mr. Jay the U. P. trainmaster and he asked for credentials from the American Legion as the unemployed cannot ride the U. P. trains. Then went to see U. S. L. yardmaster and he informed us as to train for Salt Lake City, and 22 of us came over and went to the Workers Center and reorganized and the writer was elected chairman.

It seems that the American Legion of Ogden met Brown on information received from Reno, Nev., and helped him and his part of the gang to go East direct by U. P., while we have to detour around to get anywhere. Another incident of the reactionary tactics of the leadership of our so-called patriotic organization:

We are now resting at the Workers Center at Salt Lake City and will proceed over the D. R. G. as soon as possible.

—M. JOHNSON, Captain,  
West, Unemployed Vanguard

Bakersfield Boss  
Invents New Red  
Tape Regulation

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — The Georgia ranch, located outside of Bakersfield employs 125 girls, the fastest of whom make \$2 a day.

We are now working on plums, and are constantly warned that if one box is found by the inspectors to be the slightest below requirements, we must forfeit 5 boxes and be deducted down to the wages of the inexperienced girls: 16c an hour. The bosses claim that the labor commissioner is responsible for this ruling.

The girls must furnish their own transportation to and from the ranch, which means a cold lunch. We are not allowed to go to the toilets except at a regular time in the forenoon and the afternoon.

A chart posted states that during the grape season the average will be 40 boxes per day for the 20c scale. This is almost impossible, so it means we will get the 16c scale.

It is time for us to form a job committee of the best workers to formulate demands for all, and if the bosses don't come through, we shall certainly spoil his damn fruit.

—A Woman Worker.

150 Strike at  
Boos Brothers

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — One hundred and thirty workers struck in answer to the second cut at Boos Brothers Cafeteria in eight months.

Countermen, dishwashers, kitchen helpers, bus boys and waiters walked out spontaneously July 12, when wages were cut from \$2.50 a day down to \$1. and hours were lengthened from ten to twelve hours. Girls getting \$15 a week were reduced to \$10. The cooks, who get \$2.50 were not affected. They work 12 hours also.

The boss, surprised that the workers would dare to strike in these days, promised them their old wages if they would come back. Instead of organizing a strike committee that would force the boss to keep his promise, the workers went back still unorganized. So the boss took advantage of their weakness, and refused to keep his promise.

As the workers were not organized for struggle, the strike was demoralized.

A ship committee must be organized immediately to force the boss to pay a living wage.

WORKERS CORRESPONDENCE

Unemployed Citizens League Jimcrows Negroes in Oakland

DENVER WORKERS  
FINGER PRINTED  
BUT NO RELIEF

DENVER, Colo.—If you are fortunate enough to have a wife and a old delapidated auto, you are MIGHT get a measly donation of five days work every two months. But if you are single you are refused aid of any kind.

Should you have an income or should you own a radio, watch or an old delapidated auto, you are told to look elsewhere or sell what you have and live on the proceeds. You are also fingerprinted and asked many silly questions concerning your past.

Denver voted a few years ago to pay all employees doing city work \$5.00 per day. The officials have gotten around this by using unemployed workers and laying off the regulars, thus cutting wages and causing more misery instead of avoiding it and helping us workers.

The Unemployed Councils at this time are determined to stop these rabbit hunts and bologna handouts which are so generously given us under the guise of benevolent charity and demand Real Relief.

—F. E. K.

3rd Mass Invasion  
Wins Victory for  
San Diego Jobless

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Eternal vigilance of the San Diego Unemployed Council which is guarding the interests of the unemployed of this city was responsible for the revocation of a drastic ruling of the Board of Supervisors to the effect that destitute workers with cars were not entitled to relief.

Hundreds of workers possessing old wrecks that have no market value were suddenly dropped from welfare lists.

The workers were quick to see through this excuse of the bosses and landowners to starve them, and about a month ago marched to the Supervisors' office to demand its revocation. The Supervisors quickly issued a ban forbidding further demonstrations before their "august" body, much to the amusement of the Unemployed Council members, who returned twice more in increasing numbers.

At the last and biggest demonstration on July 25, the Supervisors were forced to succumb to the power of the rising militancy of the workers.

—B. S. B. H.

ANOTHER CHARITY. RACKET--  
THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

(By A Jobless Worker)

Long ago, a son of that Jewish-Methodist pawnbroker, who was afterwards General Booth of the Salvation Army, had a difference with his father about the disposal of monies that had been squeezed out of England's toiling miserables.

The resulting schism gave birth to a new charity racket in this country, known as the Volunteers of America. The founder, Ballington Booth, brought with him tried methods as how to get rich on the misery of the poor. The volunteer's coat of arms is appropriate. It displays a vulture about to rise.

In our own San Francisco we have of course a Volunteer Mission Hall, presided over by a Captain Olaf Olsen. Not that the worthy Captain insists upon being addressed by his title. Quite the contrary, he just loves to be "plain Ole" to everybody. There are three services a week which are of interest to the hungry unemployed worker. On Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights food is served at the end of the services. The food usually consists of two very anemic jam sandwiches and the palest of pale coffee, varied sometimes (when the Lord blesses Ole's efforts) by stale and often mouldy cake and coffee.

Ole affects a cute Scandinavian accent, sings ditties more or less holy in tenor, plays a guitar and fancies himself as a soul-saver. He has the habit of loosing himself, midway of a sermon, in personal reminiscences, chief of which is that in youth he felt a great urge to become a clown. And to prove it he mimics, rather ably, some of his fellow soul-savers. Also he brags about his ability to separate

Citizens' League  
Urges Farmers To  
Layoff Workers

YAKIMA, Wash. — Here is how the Progressive Producers of Washington are working to help the Starvation Plan of the Hoover Government. The Unemployed Citizens' League has been reorganized under the name of the Progressive Producers of Washington and its purpose is to further weaken and starve the masses.

I have been working hard haying for a farmer in this valley for the sum of one dollar a day. Not long ago a representative of the Progressive Producers' League came out to the farm where I was working and told the owner that he had plenty of good mechanics and other workers who were willing to do any kind of work for exchange of a hog, beef, or whatever the farmer could give them.

This yellow labor faker further explained to the farmer that he shouldn't pay money when he could get the work done for the exchange of a little produce.

But the farmer refused, saying: "No, I will pay all that I can to these workers because I know that these men really need the money."

But the faker was not satisfied. He was eager to see all workers starved to forced labor without pay. Accordingly on the next day another fellow, who looked to be just such a faker as the first, came to ask this same farmer for potatoes for the Producers' League. Neither man who came out to the farm looked as though he had ever worked. The P. P. L. is being led and controlled by just such rotten wage-cutters and fakers. The workers should realize that this organization is not for their benefit but for the benefit of the Hoover Starvation Plan.

—Agricultural Worker.

Jobless Scare Boss

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—About 20 starving workers who had been refused a ticket at the soup line were eating out of the refuse cans at the back of the Crystal Palace Market. One of the bosses came out with a box of garbage, and when he saw the workers he dug his fat hands into the rotten fruit as though he was going to throw it at them and said, "Get-out of here, you rats." This boss is scared stiff that the starving workers are going to come to the market by the thousands and grab all the food that they are trying to sell to those who still have jobs.

What I Can't Stand in the Communists Is  
Their Materialism



By LIMBAGH (JOHN REED CLUB OF CLEVELAND)

—By Courtesy of the New Masses.

SHRINE CONVENTION THROWS VEIL  
OVER MISERY AND STARVATION

Millions Squandered for Gay Time While  
Millions Starve

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Five thousand Shriners were here for a three day convention last week. San Francisco spent approximately a quarter million dollars building acres of grandstands that were only partially occupied, dressing up light poles and otherwise preparing the setting for "America's gayest convention."

The United States government went to the expense of thousands in contributing to the glorification of the event. President Hoover delegated a special representative from Washington to deliver his greetings. Half a dozen battleships were ordered up from San Diego to lend color to the affair. Dozens of war planes, sections of the United States army, marines, navy and state militia were ordered out, no doubt, for the two-fold purpose of lending dignity to this particular section of America's parasite class and emphasizing the nation's state of military preparedness.

This parade was one of the most spectacular ever seen here. Workers commented on it as shameless mockery of the millions of unemployed, starving American workers, and a smoke screen thrown down by the bosses to hide the misery and suffering the system has wrought. However, the kept press heralded it as a sure sign that the depression was over and "happy days were here again."

The high point of the convention was a parade of movie notables and an electrical pageant, almost lost first page publicity in the boss press which had to devote most of it to details of the massacre at Washington. The Washington story did not fit so well into the convention which was to usher in prosperity.

Militants Expose  
Missoula, Mont.  
Soupline Grafters

MISSOULA, Mont.—On arriving at "Hoover Hotel" where the jobless are forced to eat and live, we found that the famous Western hospitality here dished out, consisted of a cup of black coffee and two slices of dry bread. We began to wonder what became of the beans and fruit that it was reported the jobless were supposed to get.

Being militant, we organized an investigating committee. We found that the grafting, ex-bootlegger running the joint got 25c for every meal he served, and the meals cost him no more than 3c a head at a generous estimate.

The committee got a promise that action would be taken on the group of grafters running "Hoover Hotel" soupline.

—A Worker Correspondent.

FAKE BUNCH EXPOSED WHEN  
ORGANIZER GETS EXCITED

Fails in Attempt to Start Race War Within  
Organization

OAKLAND Calif.—"This city is not going to be run by a pack of low dirty Niggers."

These excited words coming out of the mouth of the Oakland organizer of the Unemployed Citizens League at a recent meeting held in a school house, should be sufficient to show up clearly the anti-working class nature of this fake outfit which pretends to be a militant organization of the unemployed.

We see the bosses who have taken our jobs and now want to starve us to death speaking through this organizer, urging us to fight each other when we must present a united front against the bosses.

There were four Negroes at the meeting. The organizer began to segregate them. The rank and file members protested against this action. Two white workers who had just made an application to the League demanded the return of their cards and tore them to pieces. The organizer then told the white workers to get out.

This started an argument between a colored woman and the organizer. She finally rolled up her sleeves and put him out of the meeting with very little trouble. This woman works in a restaurant in West Oakland, on 7th street.

Many of us workers can see now that this Citizens League is a fake outfit which serves the bosses, who want to see the workers divide the burden of the crisis among themselves, thru the "self help scheme." That's why we are joining the Unemployed Councils to fight for real relief.

—Unemployed Negro Worker.

Frisco Agencies  
Draw Color Lines

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Negro women were ordered away from the Domestic Bureau, 1520 California Street, last week when they applied for work.

According to Mrs. Gertrude Maynard, one of the applicants, they were told: "We are drawing the line on you people, and please don't come here any more."

This is the second time in the last few weeks that Negro workers badly in need of work have been turned away. It shows how the bosses victimize the Negro workers so as to prevent white and black from uniting in common struggle against their oppressors.

Ft. Bragg Workers  
Pick Peas as Lbr.  
Mill Closes Down

FONT BRAGG, Calif.—The lumber mill has been closed down for a month. The farmers have all gone in for poultry farming, seven days a week, but they make their existence out of it.

Fishermen suffer quite a bit. These men used to make from 16c to 23c a pound. Now they receive 4c per pound, which means that they work all day, catch about a hundred pounds, get their four dollars for the hundred pounds, and that way they cover the expenses of the fishing barge, for its \$4.00 per day expenses. So these men are working for absolutely nothing.

This country has started a new fad, and it is pea picking. Children get 80c per hundred pounds. The experienced pickers get about 400 pounds picked per day, but some days it varies. It all depends on how fast one can pick, and how untired one is during the speed-up.

—M. H.

Bonus Vet Tells  
Wash. Experience

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—At the time I went to Washington, I was not a member of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, but there I woke up and joined with the rank and file.

I first registered into the B. E. F., under Waters' command. Everyone asked me if I just arrived, but not one asked whether I had anything to eat. After two hours trudging, I happened to run into the W. E. S. L. Their greeting was "Come over here and wash up. Hy! Cook! get this comrade plenty of chow" and believe me they were the only outfit in D. C. that had 3 meals per day and toppings with it.

I am now a member of the W. E. S. L. and in our next march to Washington I hope the workers and ex-servicemen will have complete control. Now is the time to organize so we can get the rank and file in control for the "big march" to come.

—C. Mosteller.

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

CHILDREN STARVING, GOING NAKED  
AS RESULT OF 40% PAY CUT FROM  
LAST YEAR BY BALFOUR-GUTHRIE

Workers Organizing in Agricultural Workers  
Industrial Union for Strike  
Despite Terror

BRENTWOOD, Cal.—The bosses in the Mt. Diablo valley continue to slash wages, filthy living conditions increase and the workers and their families are starving.

Balfour-Guthrie has installed part-time employment giving each worker only three days a week. Wages in the cutting shed are cut 30 to 40 per cent over last year's scale, which brings the pay down to one dollar a day and three dollars a week for part-time workers.

H. P. Cairn workers start work at six in the morning and the shift lasts until two the next morning with a wage averaging three dollars a day.

The Lane Tree Cutting and packing shed and the Arbor Packing Company also pay starvation wages for a shift that lasts sixteen hours.

Living conditions in the valley threaten disease and annihilation to the workers and their families. Men, women and children are huddled in unspeakably filthy camps along the highway and are barely existing. Workers in many places haven't even a place to take a bath and keep free from disease.

Watson has 500 workers living in a grimy, dirty apricot orchard near his palatial home in Brentwood. Workers, why do we stand for these terrible conditions? With our women and children starving and half clothed, there is only one

way to fight this sorry situation—Organize!

Despite the bosses' terror and their 15-25c stoolpigeons, we are going to organize against these rotten conditions. The Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial Union League has offered support and leadership.

Following are the demands formulated by the Mt. Diablo workers: 33 1-3c per hour, 8 hour day, time and a half for overtime and double time after 12 hours, 100 shower baths installed in Balfour-Guthrie camps, three times the present number of lavatories, 20 additional sinks to wash clothes in, free rent, gas and light in all company camps, hot and cold running water in living quarters, free cots with mattresses, free space and protection for parking cars, one doctor and two nurses at each company camp, equal pay and equal work, no child labor under 16 years, no discrimination of color or creed, unemployment insurance paid by the bosses, fire extinguishers in living quarters, no piece work, abolition of the speed-up system, and recognition of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Industrial League — of the Trade Union Unity League.

The emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by the workers themselves. Join the Communist Party.

GERMAN "RELIEF"  
ASSOCIATION IS  
A SLAVE AGENCY

Finds Destitute Women to  
Work for \$6 a Week  
for Parasites

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The German Relief Association of San Francisco is not what its name implies, but is a forced labor employment bureau for social snobs, who take advantage of the misery of the unemployed by exploiting women workers.

This was the rude realization of a German-born unemployed worker who applied to the Associated Charities for relief for his wife and child, Miss Donald (not a German, sounding name), who is in charge told him that they had no relief to offer, but if his wife would report to the home of Mrs. Charles Weil, Apt. 304, 2101 Pacific, she would be given work as housekeeper.

She reported the following morning. Her work began at 8 a. m. and ended at 9 p. m. She got breakfast, cleaned the house, cooked luncheon and dinner and among the duties was fancy baking and serving parties three or four times a week, besides painting wood-work and other unusual menial tasks.

She paid her own car fare each day and at the end of the week was paid \$6 for 78 hours work. While she was protesting against the small pay, and was asking at least her car fare additional, Weil came in.

"I lost \$20 on the Schmelling fight, dear," she advised. "What's the difference?" he remarked. "I've had a glorious week."

"You may go home, and if you are not satisfied with what I pay it's easy to get someone else," Mrs. Weil told the woman.

Returning home she reported to the German Association, and was seriously upbraided for not returning to work. She told she could get no relief—no even for her ill, undernourished 8 months' baby. The next day the German Association sent another victim to the Weil home.

NEVADA FARMS'  
AVERAGE LOSS  
IS \$246 EACH

Not One out of 39 Studied  
Manages to Break  
Even

FALLON, Nev.—Western Nevada which includes some wonderful garden spots, Fallon, Mason Valley and Carson Valley, has been brought to bankruptcy. After years of heart-breaking slavery and struggle with desert conditions, many have lost their farms, and many more are on the verge of ruin.

F. B. Headley, chief of Nevada Experiment Station, in a letter to Farm Bureau News organ, shows a report of a study of 39 farms in 1931. All were operated at a net loss of \$246 each, with no allowance for unpaid family slavery or living expenses. He concludes by saying that steps must be taken to obtain relief markets, stabilization of prices and such nebulous junk.

This condition will only go from bad to worse until the farmers become like the homeless, propertyless workers who swarm on freight trains and Hoovervilles.

We must recognize that the Senate and the politicians that promise us anything short of the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism can only prolong our misery. We must act for ourselves. But first we must organize the invincible might of all toilers into the United Farmers League and the Communist Party for the final overthrow of capitalism. We must follow the lead of the workers and farmers of Russia and build our own Socialism.

—A Farmer Correspondent.

Winner of Trip to  
U. S. S. R. Donates  
It Back to I. L. D.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Emil Helbig, old-timer in the class struggle on the Pacific Coast, who won the ticket to the Soviet Union, that was raffled off by the International Labor Defense, has decided to donate it back to the I.L.D.

Comrade Helbig states that in view of the fact that in recent months the I. L. D. had to send four comrades to the U. S. S. R. who were held for deportation to a Fascist country, and for whom voluntary departure was obtained, and since he has already been in the U. S. three times, it is best that the money be used for defense purposes in the ever sharpening struggle of the workers.

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## L. A. WORKERS HOLD MEETING DESPITE RED SQUAD

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The meeting on Monday, was the biggest seen in a long time. The hall was overpacked, and the workers were very enthusiastic. This is all the more significant in view of the fact that the injunction was granted at 6:30 p. m. and the meeting started at 8:00 p. m. Up until the last moment everyone thought the usual breaking up of the meeting would take place. Fifteen workers joined the F. S. U. and a very good collection was taken.

## FRESNO FARMERS DEFYING POOL

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The attack is chiefly a result of the leaflet put out by the U. F. L. which exposes the contract. The leaflet has created such a stir throughout the Valley that the San Joaquin Chronicle had to publish the whole leaflet in an effort to confuse the farmers under the idea of answering it.

**PARTY GROWS IN FIGHT**

The fight of Communist Party and the United Farmers League has proven a great stimulating factor in the growth of both organizations. On July 24th a mass meeting under the auspices of the United Farmers League was addressed by Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party. 200, mostly farmers, crowded into the hall, and paid no attention to the intimidations on the part of the police and pool agents that were there to pick the statements that they thought could be used for confusing the farmers. Darcy was greeted very enthusiastically at every point as he proved how the contract will mean the enslaving of the farmers. The United Farmers League is at the same time carrying on an organization drive not only to defeat the pool, but establish a strong organization of poor farmers, which will fight for relief, against foreclosures, against taxation and the bankers.

## Mary Himoff Tour Schedule

At a recent District Committee meeting of the YCL, plans were laid to rally the youth of California behind the Communist Candidates, Foster and Ford.

One of the high points of the campaign will be Comrade Mary Himoff's tour of our Western cities. The following is the schedule for the Himoff meetings in California. October 6th, Eureka; October 8th, Sacramento; October 9th, Oakland; October 10th, San Francisco; October 11th, San Jose; October 12th, Fresno; October 13th, San Pedro; October 14th, Los Angeles; October 15th, San Diego.

The schedule of meetings for Districts 19 and 12 will appear in the next issue of the "Western Worker."

## WINTERS HUNGER MARCH

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county got up on a box and tried to get the crowd into a lynch spirit, intimating that we should be thrown into the river and drowned. The workers howled him down and called him a liar. Four of us were held, and only three days after were told that the charge against us was vagrancy, but when arraigned before the Dixon court the charge was changed to riot.

## ADmits No Law Broken

"The trial started July 18. The sheriff was first on the stand. On cross examination by the defendants who were acting as their own attorneys, he made the following admissions: He said 'he could not get anything on us because we were too smart for him, and at no time broke the law.' He also admitted having stated to the crowd 'that these agitators ought to be thrown into the creek and still thought so.' The next one was Ball, city attorney of Winters. It really took three prosecutors to handle four inexperienced workers. He was the most vicious rat of the entire prosecution and was too much even for that jury. He was also connected with the Winters Relief Committee.

## JUDGE WORKS WITH PROSECUTION

"The judge who was an old man of about seventy, is incompetent and feeble minded, was always relying upon the prosecution for his rulings. At all objections he ruled in favor of the prosecution. At one time when I raised an objection he said 'Well you fellows don't know the law and we have to conduct this trial according to law, so whatever the prosecutor says is right.' We were kangarooed all through the trial. All the other witnesses they brought up stated that there would not have been a riot had the march taken place. Not one farmer or small merchant was brought up to testify against us as to what he thought would happen if the march was carried out, altho the story went around that we would have burnt their crops and raided their stores.

## JAILED FOR UNION MEMBERSHIP

"When we took the stand we pointed out that these Unemployed at the camp were farmers that had been evicted from their farms in the Middle West, and were seeking jobs here, were suffering not only from hunger, but their tiny babies were sick from lack of milk.

"One of the star witnesses for the defense died in the court room before he could be called on. He was living on the rotten Red Cross flour and prunes that was handed out at Winters and died as result of it. Jim Parr died before he could face his murderers and tell them what he thought of them.

"The three of us that were members of the A. W. I. U. were convicted. This alone should prove that we were tried not for riot but because of our activities among the workers, and membership in a militant union. This trial was so raw that many spectators who were there got disgusted with the entire procedure.

"After staying out five hours, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty for the three of us. The sentence was 90 days in jail or \$180.00 fine. The I. L. D. was immediately on the job, bail was furnished and we were free. During the whole procedure of the trial it was evident that we had the sympathy of the workers and farmers for many miles around Winters. The fight for our defense is only beginning and is really a fight to determine our right to organize in this part of the State which until recently has not tasted much of the working class movement.

## Prepare For International Youth Day

International Youth Day is on September 9th. Reports indicate that this year there will be many international Youth Day celebrations in towns which never had any before.

The Young Communist League is giving leadership to many United Fronts of youth organizations, for the purpose of preparing big celebrations and demonstrations against war.

In the next issue we will print the list of cities.

## 800 Seattle Workers Protest Murderous Attack on Veterans

SEATTLE, Wash.—Led by the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, 800 workers and ex-servicemen demonstrated on July 30 at Times Square against the murderous attack accorded the veterans at Washington.

For the first time in months, the workers ignored the police rules, requiring a permit for meetings held in the heart of the city business section. The police did not dare to interfere.

Resolutions demanding payment of the bonus, the release of those arrested in Washington, and that the terror against the veterans be stopped, were adopted and sent to Hoover.

## WESTERN WORKER DRIVE LAGS

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subscribe their allotment have failed to get any part of their share. East Oakland, West Oakland and Fresno are particularly bad. Altho that does not mean that San Francisco and Los Angeles are much better.

Comrades: The value of the Western Worker has been demonstrated for the short time that it has existed. From its inception during the State Hunger March, defense of the Long Beach cases, the Mooney campaign the Signature campaign, and many other struggles of the workers on the coast it has proven itself an indispensable organizer.

Now we are in the midst of an Election Campaign, we are beginning to organize County Hunger Marches, our work in the agricultural fields is increasing in all these campaigns. The Western Worker must be used as a weapon. The workers will learn in the course of these struggle that it is their paper.

The results of the sub drive so far indicate clearly that the Party units have not yet taken up the Western Worker drive as a basic task. The same holds for the many organizations under the leadership of the Party.

Comrades: Get into the drive in dead earnest. Let us show that by next issue we will be well towards carrying out our quota, and lay a foundation for a weekly.

## Comraderie

1. 6 living news stories
2. The August 1st anti-war demonstration—a newsreel.
3. NO SPEECHES—ALL ENTERTAINMENT
4. Dance.
5. W. F. D. P. E. (?)

1164 Market St., San Francisco, Aug. 27, at 8 P. M.  
Tickets: 25c in advance; 35c at door

## I. L. D. WINS VICTORIES

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death and prison terms to over 202 members of the Japanese Communist Party.

This request has been finally granted. Horichi's departure has been tentatively arranged for Aug. 17th by booking him on the Hamburg-American liner Portland.

\$250 are necessary for this purpose and al sympathizers are requested to send their donations to the International Labor Defense, 1179 Market Street, San Francisco.

## Erickson Out On Parole

After having turned down half a dozen jobs offered by the International Labor Defense, Mr. E. H. Whyte, State Parole Officer, finally accepted a position offered Erickson in Cotati, California and consequently Erickson was released from San Quentin in the afternoon of August 2nd.

Danny Roxas, militant Filipino member of the Imperial Valley organizers still remains in San Quentin, but is expected to be released shortly.

This leaves 2 of the Imperial Valley prisoners in the penitentiary, for whom the fight must still be made. Carl Sklar, who cannot be deported, is seeking a change of parole, and legal action to this extent, has already been started by the International Labor Defense.

Lawrence Emery is demanding an advance of parole. He has been penalized with the longest term and is to be released in February 1933.

## G. L. C. WORKER HUNGER MARCH

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levy taxes, for other than certain legal purposes." All that could be gotten from the Mayor at that time was a promise that water would not be shut off for inability to pay bills. Now she stated that the unemployed came to demand that a special Legislature be called, which would make possible effective relief measures.

## GOVERNOR ONLY PROMISES

The Governor gave an evasive answer and disappeared back to the office. He was called out, however, and the unemployed demanded that he give a "Yes" or "No" answer. Under the pressure of many questions he was finally forced to make the promise that a special session will be called in the fall if Federal relief fails.

The workers were by no means satisfied with the answer, but took it as an indication of the fear that the bosses have for the united power of the workers and resolved to carry on the organization work more intensely than ever to insure that there be no let down in the pressure for the demands.

Great enthusiasm and singing marked the over two hours during which the Unemployed occupied the Capitol building. Leaving the Capitol the penniless women and children were determined not to walk the long distance home, and therefore occupied the street cars, showing the conductor aside for a while.

## AUGUST FIRST

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California Hall. One of the most interesting features of the mass meeting was a greeting from a marine worker off a New Zealand ship, which had come into the Frisco port.

## MEET DESPITE HYNES

LOS ANGELES—More than one thousand workers demonstrated on August 1st through Los Angeles, in a series of street and factory meetings, despite the determination of the Red Squad to break them up.

The largest meeting was at 5th and Towne. Because the Red Squad continually patrols this part of the city, no stand was put up, but Comrade Dickson, the speaker, got up on a second story housetop from which he spoke for a half an hour before he was pulled down and arrested. There were 750 at the meeting.

A meeting in the Japanese section, First and Pedro, was broken up and the speakers, including two Japanese comrades, were arrested.

In the afternoon a demonstration took place outside the Olympics ticket office at Eighth and Spring streets. The demonstration was under the leadership of the Young Communist League. Police pulled down the speakers slapping one of the girl speakers. Hundreds of leaflets were thrown into the air denouncing the Olympics as part of the war preparation.

Despite all the tricks of the Goodyear Rubber Co. Bosses to keep their workers away from the meeting outside, 100 workers listened. The "Red Squad" was there and prevented the meeting from taking place at the factory gates, so it took place across the street, which was already outside the city limits, and altho the sheriff of the other county was there, the meeting was not molested.

The scene of the Goodyear plant was repeated at the Hammond Lumber Co. Open air meetings were also held at Whittier and Arizona, Brooklyn and Ford, Cornwell and Brooklyn, 43rd and Central and at the Plaza.

## SAN DIEGO WINS NEW MEMBERS

SAN DIEGO—Two hundred workers took part in the August 1st demonstration at New Town Park. The city council refused to give a permit at first but later the decision was rescinded.

Six workers joined the Communist Party, and four joined the Young Communist League, at the meeting.

## 100 IN SAN BERNARDINO

SAN BERNARDINO—More than one hundred Negro, Filipino and white workers gathered in the Unemployed Council Hall, here on August 1st.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Portland saw one of the biggest demonstrations in a long time, in which more than 3,000 workers participated. The parade was very inspiring. Many organizations participated with their banners.

One of the outstanding features in the demonstration was the newly organized Post No. 45 of the W. E. S. L., which is already a large or-

# WHERE TO GO

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14—Joint Picnic given by Western Worker, T. U. U. L. and Unemployed Council at Oak Cove Park, San Mateo. Program includes dancing, games and sports. Trucks leave 8 to 9:30 a. m. from 1164 Market St., 530 Valencia St. and 1507 Eddy. Directions: Take main highway to San Mateo. Turn at Mills' Hospital to Crystal Springs Road. Follow signs. Or take Car No. 40 on Mission St. to end of line, where cars with picnic signs will transport workers free of charge to grounds between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.**

## Workers School Forum

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ganization and rapidly growing.  
**1000 IN BAY REGION**

OAKLAND—About a thousand workers participated in the August 1st demonstrations in the East Bay region. In Oakland there was a meeting at Loraine Hall, attended by 250 workers. This was preceded by an outdoor meeting at 10th and Broadway, attended by 400.

Indoor and outdoor meetings were also held in Berkeley, East Oakland, Richmond, Pittsburg, and for the first time a meeting was held in Albany. The Albany meeting was held despite the refusal of the chief of police to give a permit. When asked for a permit he answered, "Are you for Mooney?" and when told we are, he stated, "Mooney should have been shot like a dog."

**2,000 IN SACRAMENTO**

SACRAMENTO—The August 1st demonstration was marked by a demonstration of two thousand at the City Plaza. 500 workers took part in the parade which marched thru the main streets. In the evening a well attended indoor meeting took place.

## FARM WORKERS TAKE PART

SAN JOSE—Santa Clara Valley took an active part in the August 1st demonstrations. In San Jose 600 took part in the St. James Park meeting. At Mt. View 300 took part in an outdoor meeting, among whom there were many Mexican and Spanish agricultural workers. There were also meetings in Watsonville and Santa Cruz.

The Cannery and Agricultural Workers Ind. Union took an active part in all the meetings. As an answer to the war preparations three new Party units have been formed in the section. Another one in San Jose, one in Salinas and one in San Mateo.

## NEVADA JOINS

RENO, Nevada—For the first time three hundred workers demonstrated in an outdoor meeting at Sparks, which is an industrial town outside of Reno.

The meeting was held at the City Plaza near the gates of the S. P. shops. Resolutions of protest against the Washington murders were adopted unanimously. A good collection was taken up, which goes to building the W. E. S. L.

**700 IN FRESNO**  
FRESNO—The August 1st demonstration in Fresno was the largest yet seen here. Seven hundred workers took part in the Court House Park meeting, among whom there were many Philipinos, Negroes, Chinese and Italians. The packing house workers were also very well represented.

It is also significant that altho the Raisin Pool also held a meeting that night their crowd was much smaller. This is especially significant in view of the fact that the Pool centers its chief fire against the Communists who have been able to expose it among the farmers in the Valley.

**400 IN TUSCON**  
TUSCON, Arizona—Over four hundred workers demonstrated here at Armory Park on August 1st. Similar meetings were also held in Phoenix and Mesa.

**7 JOIN PARTY IN SANTA BARBARA**

SANTA BARBARA—Two hundred and fifty workers took part in the August 1st meeting here. There were many Negro and Mexican workers in the audience. There were also representatives from the American Legion Reserve Officers Association, D. A. R. and about ten known detectives who looked for a chance to disturb the meeting.

The president of the C. C. L. and other A. F. of L. officials were there seated with these reactionaries.

Seven workers joined the Communist Party.

## 600 IN ISSAQUA

ISSAQUA, Wash.—600 workers and farmers took part in the August 1st open air meeting.

## BORDER TOWNS TAKE PART

BELLINGHAM, Wash.—500 took part in the August 1st demonstration. A parade of 200 was led by 50 of the Ex-Servicemen's League, recently organized here.

SUMAS, Wash.—The August 1st demonstration in this town was held on the U. S.-Canadian border. Most of the population, over 300, participated. The meeting was enthusiastic and pledged to carry on a militant struggle to help the comrades in Canada, who are forced to work under virtually illegal conditions.

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## EDITORIAL COLUMN

## COMRADE FOSTER'S CRITICS

Like a cageful of irritated rattlesnakes, the bourgeoisie through its "left" press have set up a loud, long howl against Comrade Foster.

In the last week alone the "socialist" New Leader, the Trotskyist Militant, the A. F. L. Tacoma Labor Advocate and a number of other alleged newspapers have written at length on this question.

The Tacoma Labor Advocate is characteristic of all the rest. It declares that:

Neither as a political nor as spiritual leader did Foster's visit to Tacoma awaken much interest.

But this unimportance does not prevent them from devoting three solid columns of a small four-page paper to a heap of the vilest abuse and calumny. The burden of their whine is that in his speeches Comrade Foster did not show consistent revolutionary ideas in the thirty years of his activity in the labor movement.

One gets suspicious when A. F. L. fakery, "socialist" preachers and Trotskyist renegades begin to worry about the revolutionary consistency of Communists. Maybe these gentlemen never heard that actions speak louder than words. Suppose Comrade Foster did change his position several times before he joined the Communist Party, that way is the road of struggle to becoming a Leninist. That Comrade Foster has always been a staunch fighter for the working class is clear from his splendid work in organizing and leading the strikes of the stockyards workers in Chicago, the steel workers, the lumber workers, the coal miners, etc.

Comrade Foster is now the militant working class candidate for president. To his long list of credits we can now add his setting a fine historic precedent in having James Ford, a Negro, for a running mate.

In these two candidates the workers and poor farmers have ardent champions indeed. The ultimate guarantee lies however, not in individuals, splendid tho they be, but in the Communist Party, its principles and program, whose candidates they are.

A vote for Foster is a vote against hunger, terror and war!

A vote for Foster is a vote for the platform of the Communist Party!

## FARMERS! DON'T SIGN THE RAISIN POOL!

The biggest land grab since the Southern Pacific robberies won it the name of the "octopus" is being attempted in Fresno County, under the guise of building a Raisin Pool. The farmers are asked to sign contracts which provide:

point 1.—that the farmer must turn all his crop over to the pool.

point 2.—the pool decides what price it wants to pay.

point 3-12.—the farmer has deducted from the price he gets many overhead charges for fat salaries plus his pro-rata share of \$150,000.00 annually to pay the Farm Board for debts contracted by previous pools.

point 6-7.—If the pool refuses to buy his dehydrated grapes and he can get permission to sell them elsewhere he must pay 25c to \$1.00 per ton graft to the pool.

point 8.—the pool automatically and for no reason at all acquires a prior lien on the farmer's land as soon as he signs the agreement.

point 9.—Should the farmer not deliver his crop to the pool he must pay a fine of 3c a pound (with raisins selling at about 2½c now).

Every weapon not excluding terror has been used to make the farmers sign up. Because the United Farmers League, at 606 Fulton street, Fresno, carried on a campaign against the pool, the police announced an "investigation." The Bank of America has been signing up land without the farmer's consent. Up till August 1st, the expiration time for signing the agreement, only 48% was signed up—85% of the acreage is needed to make the pool effective. The time has now been extended to Aug. 20th.

RAISIN FARMERS! Don't sign up! The Raisin Pool means peonage for you.

Join the United Farmers League and fight against the pool!

## BLOWING SMOKE INTO OUR FACES

It is safe to say that the cost of the Shrine Convention in San Francisco and the Olympic Games in Los Angeles will run into tens of millions of dollars. The temporary wooden stadium in San Francisco alone cost over \$100,000, and was paid for out of the city funds.

## AND WHO WILL BENEFIT?

The capitalist press says it will help bring back prosperity. As a matter of fact the soup lines are longer, evictions are increasing, and the total number of workers out of jobs in the Pacific coast states was greater for June than for May, and there is already evident a further increase for July.

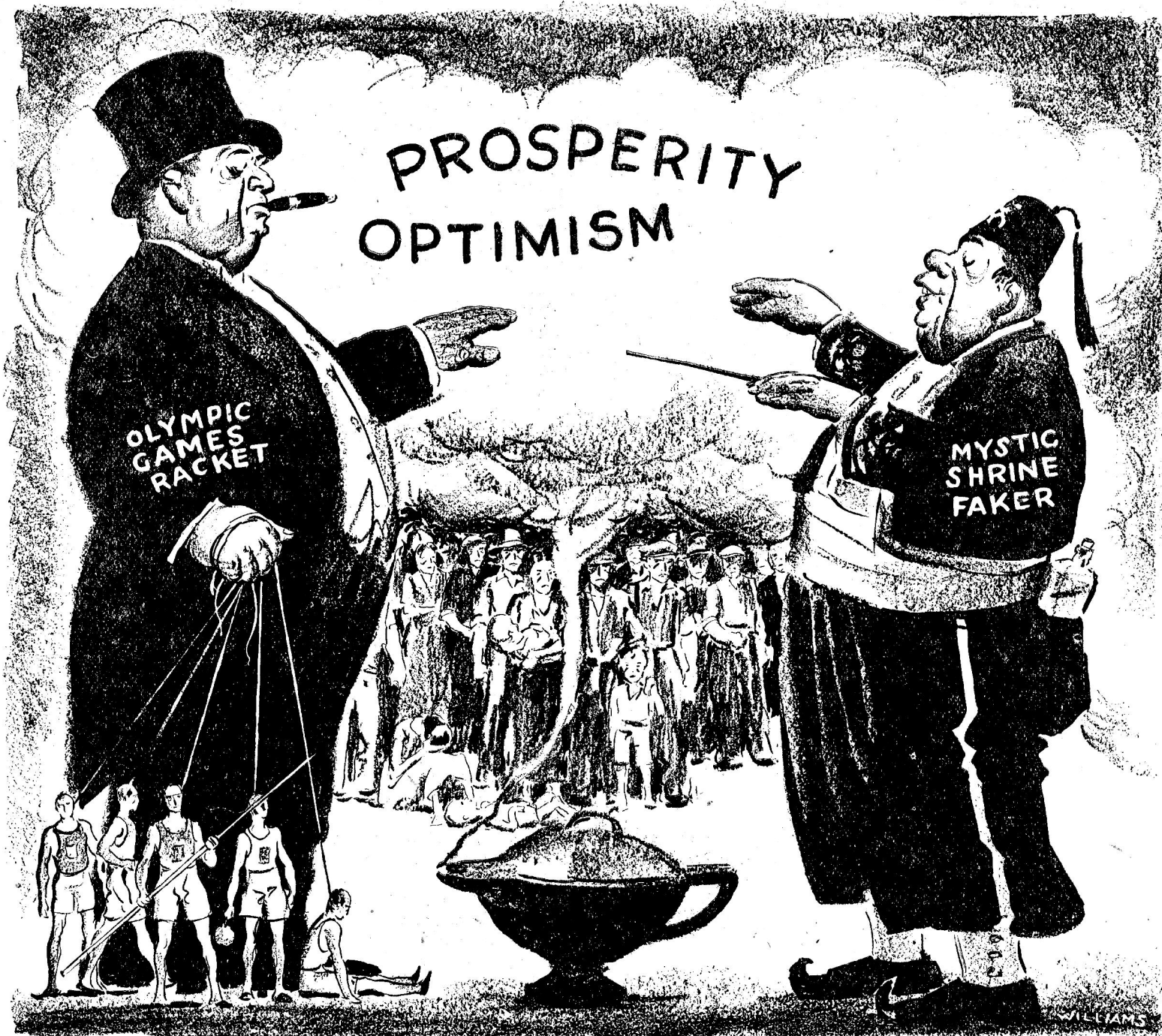
The only real beneficiaries have been the rich hotel proprietors, the railroad companies, and the advertising corporations. The amount of money that seeped through to the workers was so small as to be of no account. As against that the city treasuries paid huge sums to the promoters of the ballyhoo and passed on the expense in the form of increased taxation and reduced relief.

The claim that the Olympics and the Shrine conventions are heralding prosperity is just blowing smoke into the faces of the starving unemployed. But the masses of workers must not allow that to becloud their vision. Now, especially now, we must take up the drive for increased relief and unemployment insurance, through militant demonstrations and greater organization.

"Without Revolutionary Theory There Cannot Be Revolutionary Practice."—Lenin.

Workers Schools are opening up in many cities along the coast. It is the duty of every revolutionary worker to attend the classes so as to be better able to take part in the struggles before us.

## THE SMOKE SCREEN



## Trotsky's New Book Re-arms the Bourgeoisie

By SAM DARCY

(Conclusion)

Trotsky's dishonesty has been repeatedly shown so that it is almost institutionalized. Comrade Zinoviev points to one outstanding example: in September 1924, in Trotsky's article, "Lessons on October," he wrote:

"We have seen there (in Germany) in the second half of the past year a classical demonstration of the fact that a most extraordinary favorable revolutionary situation of world importance can be missed."

Trotsky makes this belittling statement of our Party in Germany in face of the fact that he himself, in the thesis which he drew up with Comrade Radek in January 1924, nine months previous, wherein he said:

"If the Party (of Germany) had declared the revolt in October (last year) as the Berlin comrades have proposed it would now be lying with a broken neck."

Lenin had utter contempt for Trotsky's phrases. In all his works against Trotsky he stated this quite plainly. Thus, out of his Collected Works, we are citing only some quotations from the pen of Lenin.

## LENIN ON TROTSKY'S BOMBAST

Lenin characterized Trotsky's defense of the Mensheviks against the Bolsheviks at the London Party Congress as follows:

"This is not a standpoint based on principles, it is the lack of principle characteristic of the 'Center'—and at the same time, naturally, of its defender, Trotsky."

In 1911, in the struggle against the liquidators, Lenin wrote an appeal to all party organizations:

"Such people as Trotsky, with his puffed-up phrases on the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party, with his kow-towing to the liquidators who have nothing whatever in common with the R. S. D. L. P., are now the disease of the age."

Further, Lenin wrote:

"The real liquidators conceal themselves behind their phraseology and make every endeavor to frustrate the work being done by the anti-liquidators, that is the Bolsheviks. . . Trotsky and the Trotskyists and opportunists like him are more harmful than all the liquidators because the convinced liquidators state their views openly and it is easy for the workers to recognize the errors of these views, but Trotsky and those similar to him deceive the workers, conceal the evil and make it impossible to expose and remedy it."

Everyone who supports Trotsky's group supports the policy of lies and deception of the workers, the policy concealing liquidatory aims."

Still further, Lenin speaks of Trotsky as "this poor hero of phraseology." In 1911 Lenin, criticizing Trotsky's articles sent for publication to the International, says:

"Trotsky clings to the Mensheviks and hides behind particularly high-sounding and hollow phrases."

We could fill volumes with quotations from Lenin where he exposes Trotsky's "Right politics disguised in Left phraseology," and shows Trotsky's "liquidatory" standpoint artificially disguised beneath Trotsky's revolutionary phrases. In face of this, Trotsky pompously declares that his was the correct view since 1905 in the same breath that he pretends to defend Lenin against the "Rights."

It would take, not a review or even a book, but an encyclopedia to expose (1) Trotsky's lies, (2) those errors which he completely overlooks or defends in his book, (3) his differences with Lenin against which Lenin has written so much and which Trotsky disregards in his book. If Trotsky were honest, his work would have value despite all his mistakes as a source of historic information, but his obvious dishonesty makes his work valueless and must concern the workers only insofar as it must be answered and denounced. Otherwise it will become an effective weapon in the hands of the bourgeoisie and their agents against the Party of the working class—the Communist Party.

TROTSKY'S LINE IN 1917

Trotsky, for example, as late as October 29, 1917, wrote an appeal in which he declared:

"The only thing which could save the country is the Constitutional Assembly, which consists of representatives of the working and exploited masses of the people."

At this date Lenin's slogan of "All power to the Soviets" had already taken root and the masses were ready to seize power, and precisely at this point Trotsky announced that "the only thing which could save the country is the Constitutional Assembly." Trotsky fails to mention that, in this, his latest book. He admits, though, without acknowledging it as a mistake but as a matter of fact defending it, that on June 4th in the first Congress of the Soviets, following a speech by Lenin in which he declared the readiness of the Bolsheviks to take power, Trotsky spoke, favoring a "left" counter-revolutionary minister. He said at the Congress:

"I do not belong to the same party with him (Peshkehonov) but

if they told me that a ministry was to be formed out of 12 Peshkehonovs I should say that this was an immense step forward."

## Ecclesiasticism of Trotsky

Covering all his attempts to replace Lenin and Bolshevism with himself and Trotskyism, Trotsky continually protests accusations against him and insists on his own objectivity. But one is obviously impressed while reading his book that he only reaches an exaggerated sort of "objectivity" when he speaks of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party. Thus his "objectivity" consists of denying the role of the Bolshevik Party and belittling the role of Lenin and explaining things only by spontaneous upsurges of the masses. But when he speaks of himself he makes it clear that no one else in the world could have accomplished the jobs that he accomplished. He leaves it to Lenencharsky and Eastman to make all necessary subjective remarks concerning Lenin but concerning Stalin and concerning his bourgeois competitors, he always speaks subjectively. He explains the role of Tzeretelli that—

"He was a theoretician and not even a journalist, but a distinguished orator";

"Skobelev" was a "student playing the role of statesman on a home-made stage";

"If the first violin in the orchestra of the Soviet majority was Tzeretelli, the piercing clarinet was played by Lieber—with all his lung power and blood in his eyes. This was a Menshevik from the Jewish Workers' Union (Bund) with a long revolutionary past, very sincere, very temperamental, very eloquent, very limited, and passionately desirous of showing himself an inflexible patriot and iron statesman. Lieber was literally beside himself with hatred of the Bolsheviks."

These flounders of Trotsky explain the struggle around and within the Russian Revolution on the basis of subjective characteristics as in relation to Leninism. Throughout his book Trotsky misses completely the classes which these elements represent, and everything he writes concerning them is most obviously aimed to show up his own "brilliance" as against the dullness of all the others. Certainly Trotsky did play a considerable role in the Russian Revolution and made a contribution to its successes but as a matter of fact his role is very much exaggerated, chiefly by bourgeois writers, who never understood the inner workings of the Bolshevik Party and revolutionary development, but only saw "magnificent speeches" and "fanfares of commands."

## Truth About Trotsky

Comrade Stalin gives some very important examples to show this:

1. Re Koltshak. It was in the summer of 1919. Our troops attacked Koltshak and operated before Ufa. Meeting of the C. C. Comrade Trotsky proposed to stop the attack on the line of the Bjalaja river (before Ufa), to leave the Urals in Koltshak's hands, to remove part of our troops from the eastern front and to throw them on to the southern front. Heated debates took place. The C. C. did not agree with Comrade Trotsky and found that the Urals with their works, their network of railways, should not be left in Koltshak's hands, because he could there easily bring his troops into order, collect large farmers around him and advance to the Volga, but that first of all Koltshak should be driven back over the ridge of the Urals into the Siberian steppes, and that only then should the transference of troops to the south be proceeded with. The C. C. declined Comrade Trotsky's plan. The latter resigned. The C. C. did not accept his resignation. The commander in chief, Wazetis, a partisan of Comrade Trotsky's plan, retired. His place was taken by a new commander in chief, Comrade Kamenev. From this moment on ward, Comrade Trotsky declined any direct participation in the transactions on the eastern front.

2. Re Denikin. The affair took place in autumn, 1919. The attack against Denikin failed. The "steel ring" around Mamontov (the storming of Mamontov) was an obvious failure. Denikin took Kursk. Denikin approached Orel. Comrade Trotsky was called from the southern front to a meeting of the C. C. The C. C. declared the situation to be disquieting and resolved to send new military functionaries to the southern front and to recall Comrade Trotsky. These functionaries demanded "non interference" on the part of Comrade Trotsky on the southern front, Comrade Trotsky withdrew from immediate participation in the action on the southern front. The operations on the southern front, up to the taking of Rostov on the Don and Odessa by our troops proceeded without Comrade Trotsky."

Comrade Stalin further points out that as late as the 16th of October, 1917, Trotsky who pretends that the Revolution could not have been won without him was not even elected on the directing committees of the Revolution.

Let us take the minutes of the following meeting, of the 16th of October. Present: the

## MOVIE REVIEWS

REVOLT IN THE DESERT—Sovkino Production, Workers Films Distribution.

Customs of desert life that go back to antiquity form the background of the new Soviet film, "Revolt in the Desert," which will be shown at California Hall, San Francisco, Friday, August 19, at 7:30 and 9:30 p. m. The picture was taken in the remote part of Turkmenistan, with the nomadic people of that region in the cast. It shows a very ancient and primitive type of civilization, in which the entire wealth of the tribe is concentrated in flocks controlled by the leaders and the people roam the desert seeking meagre forage. There are interesting scenes of the caravan in motion, of the desert camps where the women can take down the simple huts in an hour and pack them on camels, ready to move on again, the terror of a sandstorm, the fearful menace of thirst, and the dreariness of the wanderers life—scenes photographed with remarkable intensity. Primitive methods of keeping house are realistically shown, and the hold of gruesome rites of healing among people held backward by their rulers are shown.

Into this background of ancient superstition and ignorance comes the young Aina, daughter of the tribe, who brings the Soviet program of education. Amid the hostility of the elders of the tribe, led by her father, she opens a school in her tent and wins the children to the new way of living. The camp is split over this conflict until with the aid of workers of a nearby Experimental Farm, themselves formerly nomads, Aina and the people win and the final scenes show the transition of the old life into the new. Under the new leadership and with the help of government agriculturists, the nomads settle, build their own and by turning to farming solve their ancient hard struggle with a fiercely hot land and gain the conditions of a better life.

The outstanding thing in this "Roar of the Dragon" is a new type of slander against workers. The plot hangs on the inability of the drunken American riverboat captain to get his passengers aboard because it takes a dozen coolies so long to repair the paddlewheel. And to prove how lazy and worthless these Chinese workers are, the scene is deliberately shot in slow motion.

ROAR OF THE DRAGON.—R-K-O Production and Distribution.

On stage or films, the melodrama is the ideal form for putting over propaganda. It concentrates on action, noise, and rapidly changing situations, so that in following the story the background must be taken for granted, assumed to be true. And, of course, it is this unquestioned background which is false.

"The Roar of the Dragon" is an excellent Hollywood example of this, carrying on the lies in the capitalist press of a "bandit" war in Manchuria. Behind this false mask of "restoring order" Japan has seized, and is consolidating Manchuria as a base for attack against the Soviet Union; behind it both Japan and America are fighting the Chinese Soviet Districts in the Yangtze River Valley.

In "Roar of the Dragon" Japanese marines speed through the night with lighted torches warning the Chinese against "bandits." Such a scene, dramatically and photographically effective, reflects so well Japan's own hypocritical pretensions that many spectators are fooled, not knowing that the "bandits" are the Manchurian and Korean workers and peasants fighting to throw out these imperialist oppressors (of Japan, America and Britain) and that it is obviously falsehood to show a Japanese marine warning them to protect themselves against themselves. Equally false, the Chinese workers' army is shown led by the villainous Tsarist Russian. Arms in large quantities are stored in the hotels and stores of the imperialists and the audience is expected to overlook the significance of this fact.

The outstanding thing in this "Roar of laughter" is a new type of slander against workers. The plot hangs on the inability of the drunken American riverboat captain to get his passengers aboard because it takes a dozen coolies so long to repair the paddlewheel. And to prove how lazy and worthless these Chinese workers are, the scene is deliberately shot in slow motion.

members of the C. C. plus representatives of the Petrograd committee, plus representatives of the military organization, of the factory committees of the trade unions, of the railwaymen. Among those present were besides the members of the C. C., Krylenko, Shotman, Kalinin, Volodarsky, Shlapnikov, Lazis and others. The question for discussion is the insurrection from the purely practical point of view of organization. Lenin's resolution as to the insurrection was passed by a majority of 20 votes against 2, 2 refraining from voting. The practical central committee for the organizing direction of the revolt was elected. Five comrades were elected to this committee: Sverdlov, Stalin, Dzerzhinsky, Bubnov, Uritsky. The duties of the central committee consisted in directing all the practical organs of the insurrection in accordance with the instructions of the C. C. As you see, something "terrible" happened at this meeting of the C. C., i. e. the 'inaugurator', the 'central figure', the 'only leader' of the insurrection, Comrade Trotsky, was not elected a member of the practical central committee, whose duty it was to direct the insurrection."

Trotsky and his followers always claim that he was the practical leader of the Revolution always utilized by Lenin, its theoretical director. But here we have an example where Lenin's role is clear but Trotsky's practical leadership is clearly absent.

The Great Trotsky Is Tricked by a "Nonentity"

Trotsky, all through his book prepares to show what a nonentity Stalin is. Of course, to the intelligent worker, the question immediately arises that if Stalin is such a nonentity how is it that Stalin so thoroughly trounced Trotsky in the Party discussion? The explanation lies in the essential Leninist soundness of the Bolshevik Party, the best exponent of which is undoubtedly Comrade Stalin. In speaking of Cheize, the Menshevik leader in the Duma, he says:

"He carried the ineradicable imprint of his province. Mountainous Georgia, the land of sun, vineyards, peasants and petty princes, with a small percentage of workers, produced a very wide stratum of left intellectuals, flexible, temperamental, but the vast majority of them not rising above the petty bourgeois outlook."

Already with this, Trotsky was preparing for his "explanation" of Stalin. Stalin was the leader not because he was the best pupil and the example of correct revolutionary leadership but because he came from "mountainous Georgia" which gives the men all the characteristics which by special arrangement with Trotsky's Mountainous Georgia gave to Cheize.

Trotsky does not hesitate to quote Sukhanov, a bourgeois commentator on the Russian Revolution, that Stalin was a "gray spot" which would sometimes give out a dim and inconsequential light. There is really nothing more to be said about him." Thus Trotsky, who has been made largely impotent by Comrade Stalin's Leninist leadership of the Bolshevik Party tries to make up for his impotence by a shrill that Stalin is a politically castrated individual. And all the little "Trotsky's" including that great leader of revolutionary struggle, Professor Malamuth, of the University of California, rush to Trotsky's support. He also says in a letter written denouncing one of our comrades:

"Stalinism is the stultification, the distortion of Leninism, and apparently it demands and exacts the abandonment of common human decency, let alone of revolutionary honor, from its adherents. This is the only way I can for the moment, explain your joining the chorus of cowardly detractors who attacked me surreptitiously in the New Masses and other publications."

Thus Trotsky, like a homing pigeon, has again completely separated himself from Bolshevism, openly attacking Bolshevism, written a book full of lies and distortions, dishonest and disregarding any principles to guide him, falsifying history which Lenin said was the essential traits of Trotsky and Trotskyism. We must repeat again, this book only has importance insofar as it is a weapon of the bourgeoisie against the revolutionary working class. That this is true can already be seen from Professor Malamuth whose role it is to write in the San Francisco Chronicle belittling and attacking the Soviet Union with the air of doing it from the "inside."

Trotsky's Trash Called "History"

This is only the first volume of Trotsky's work. So far as historic value is concerned, if Trotsky's second volume is worth no more than this, then he can lay down his pen because the victorious world's working class will consign all his writings to the trash heap where they belong.