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## State Hunger Marches in Oregon, Washington, California Vacaville Strike Ranks Solid; Bosses Fail to Get Scabs

### MANY WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS RALLY SUPPORT TO STRIKERS A. F. OF L. IN WHITEWASH ROLE

Workers Ex-Servicemen's League to Hold Meeting in Vacaville While Legion Protects Bosses.

### ANACORTES RED VOTE DOUBLES IN LESS THAN MONTH

Communists Get 405 Votes in City Elections; 22% of Total

#### Led in Struggles

Will Continue Fight Against the New Terror Program

By IVER MOE

ANACORTES, Dec. 7.—Communist Party candidates polled as high as 22% of the total vote cast in the city elections here yesterday. The Communist Party is now a major party and will be in the primaries next elections. Out of 2,179 votes cast there were 230 straight votes cast for a Red Mayor, for Chet Duranceau. The Communist candidates for councilmen, Comrade Hughes, Marshall, and Seitz, averaged over 20% of the votes cast in their respective wards. Phil Burgaas, our candidate for councilman at large, polled the largest vote of 405.

No cheating was possible by supporters of the bosses' candidates because every precinct had four workers decorated with red badges who examined every ballot box before it was counted.

### COUNTY CLERK IS FORCED TO ADMIT 200 C. P. VOTES

Contra Costa Official Says Ignorance Responsible for Count of 21

RICHMOND, Calif.—"Some of the judges did not know what to do with the write-ins."

This was the lame excuse offered by County Clerk S. C. Wells when a delegation called on him to learn why Communist votes for Foster and Ford had been ignored in many electoral precincts in Contra Costa county.

The Communist Party is credited with only 21 votes in the county when, in fact, there were 76 known Communist write-ins in this county alone. Pittsburgh, another Contra Costa industrial point, was credited with no Communist votes, though known Communist votes were cast in that community.

Wells tacitly admitted that, instead of 21 votes, the Foster and Ford votes for Contra Costa county was around 200. The workers charge the election boards with fraud in counting the votes and failure to announce the complete election returns.

The election officials who were so dumb they "didn't know what to do with the write-ins" were appointed by the county board of supervisors.

VACAVILLE, Calif., Dec. 11.—Their ranks 100% solid after four weeks, the striking agricultural workers remain undaunted by the terrorist methods being employed against them. Only about 25 scabs are reporting working.

The strike committees are meeting regularly and successfully carrying on the fight for \$1.50 for 8 hours.

Attempts to recruit scabs from Sacramento, Stockton, Oakland and other cities have been an absolute failure. Militant backing by working class organizations in all California cities to keep this condition prevailing, coupled by the bosses' impatience to get their pruning done before the heavy rains set in, will assure victory to the strikers.

Statewide support continues and Mayor Uhl is being flooded with protest telegram from mass meetings. Substantial collections are being sent the strikers by workers aroused at the brutal beating up of six young strike leaders, kidnapped from the jail.

#### SACRAMENTO PROTESTS

In Sacramento last Wednesday night more than 400 workers heard Nelson, Matney, Martinez, Williams, Blackburn and Thompson, tell of their kidnapping from jail, demanded Gov. Rolph order a public hearing and remove from office the guilty officials. The meeting thundered its endorsement of the strike and backed it up with \$25.

In San Francisco Friday night the second protest meeting in a week sent up the same demand to Rolph and collected \$12 to add to the \$15 already given. In Oakland last night another protest meeting was held.

The Workers International Relief, 1223 Fillmore Street, S. F., is active in collecting funds, food and clothing for the families of the strikers.

#### INVESTIGATIONS

Following an investigation of several days in the strike area, the California section of the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, sent a demand to Gov. Rolph for an open hearing on the conditions revealed. A delegation from the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League of San Francisco, having investigated conditions, has obtained permission to hold a mass meeting here next Wednesday night to make their findings public.

But the "investigation" conducted (Continued on Page 3)

### New Investigation Promised on Trial of Mooney Runners

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 6.—A new investigation on the conviction of the six Mooney Olympic Runners was promised by Governor Rolph's secretary to a delegation of 14 Young Communist League members here last week. The delegates, chosen at mass meetings in ten Northern California cities, were not allowed to see Rolph, and while testimony suppressed at the Los Angeles trial will not be permitted, the new investigation is a victory that will give greater impetus to the fight. All meetings yet to be covered by the tour will adopt resolutions demanding the right of a workers' representative to testify before the investigating committee.

### 23 Cities to Hear Callicotte Mooney Story; L. A. First

"We Have Just Begun to Fight!"



Undaunted by their brutal beating by the Vacaville lynch mob, these young leaders are addressing mass meetings everywhere for strike support. Still smeared with red paint, they are, back row, left to right: Blackburn, Matney and Williams. Center front: Nelson and Martinez.

### FASCISTS BOMB COOPERATIVE, ARE SUPPORTED BY SHERIFF

I. L. D. To Fight Frame Up Attempt Against Militant Workers

### LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL COVERS KLAN RAID FACTS

Passes Motion Not to Hear Anything on Klan

#### Committee Ejected

I. L. D. Mobilizes Fight for Great Mass Hearing

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—Eight Klan raiders who participated in the Long Beach attack on workers in a private home November 16th, were arraigned here today before Judge Craig on criminal charges. The arraignment followed Grand Jury indictment of sixteen raiders, eight others expected to be brought into court later. Trial was set for January 16th, 1933. The eight included: D. H. Elliott, Clyde D. Dunn, Waldo King, S. J. Sampson, L. R. Jenks, Earl Amos, J. H. Russell and J. Linberg.

The Grand Jury indictment, and subsequent arrests, as well as the trial for criminal assault in January, constitute an open confession that the Long Beach police department, district attorney's office, courts, and city council are guilty in releasing the 12 arrested raiders, in suppressing all facts concerning the raid, and in obstructing the victims of the raiders and the International Labor Defense in their attempts to bring the Klan felons to immediate trial.

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### LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL COVERS KLAN RAID FACTS

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 6.—The Long Beach City Council, aided by police terroristic tactics, continued the systematic campaign to suppress FACTS relating to the Klan raid here on November 16th, and all subsequent evidences of police collusion.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—The Youngs Bay Cooperative Dairy here operated by militant workers and farmers was bombed by fascists and damaged. In a second place 48 sticks of dynamite were found which failed to explode. Had they exploded a loss of lives would have undoubtedly occurred.

The sheriff ignored the incident and failed to take steps for the arrest of the known perpetrators. There is a great deal of evidence to prove that the criminals are of a fascist group. A Grand Jury investigation is being forced and will take place within three days.

The authorities in the city are in a united front with the fascists and are on the contrary planning to frame up some of the active workers of the cooperative.

The International Labor Defense is taking up the case of the workers and is asking workers organizations to send protests to District Attorney Leinenweber, Astoria, Oregon, and demand the arrest of the real criminals.

### DENVER COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE FLOPS; ONLY 60% OF GOAL

Workers Will Fight for Real Relief

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 7.—One of the first big flops in the nationwide Community Chest drives has already been announced by the Denver Chest officials.

The goal was \$1,303,429.00 but at the end of the drive the amount reached is only \$761,179.12, which is only a little more than half. The officials openly announced their helplessness in the situation.

This great failure is despite the fact that the most intense "high pressure" soliciting was carried thru. In fact over 50,000 donors have contributed the amount. A great part of the amount was forced from the workers still on jobs and the many state and city employees.

Most of the workers here are not worried by the defeat of the Chest, having long ago given up hope of getting much relief out of it.

### GOODMAN OF I. L. D. TO BARE SUPPRESSED WICKERSHAM REPORT

Walsh Coming to San Francisco in Move for New Trial

#### BULLETIN

To date, due to intimidation by the Red Squad, it was still impossible to obtain a hall in Los Angeles for the 18th. Changes in arrangements will be made public by the I. L. D. at 120 Winston Street.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 12.—Callicotte will tell as he did before the great throng in San Francisco on November 6th how he placed the suitcase with the bomb causing the explosion for which Mooney was framed.

With Callicotte, Irvin Goodman, I. L. D. attorney, will also speak. Rolph's assertion that the case is closed and there is no new evidence, will be counteracted, in addition, by an analysis of the suppressed Wickersham report on the Mooney case.

This mass hearing will be the first of a series of 23 at which Callicotte will appear.

The San Diego hearing will be at Woodbine Hall on December 22.

#### CALLICOTTE SCHEDULE

Pasadena, Dec. 19; San Bernardino, Dec. 20; Long Beach, Dec. 21; San Diego, Dec. 22; Santa Monica, Dec. 23; Bakersfield, Dec. 26; Fresno, Dec. 27; Monterey, Dec. 28; Watsonville, Dec. 29; Santa Cruz, Dec. 30; San Jose, Jan. 2; Redwood City, Jan. 3; San Mateo, Jan. 4; Oakland, Jan. 5; Berkeley, Jan. 6; Richmond, Jan. 7; Petaluma, Jan. 8; Modesto, Jan. 9; Sacramento, Jan. 10; Chico, Jan. 12; Eureka, Jan. 13.

#### WALSH TO PETITION FOR NEW TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Among the next steps to be taken to continue the fight for Mooney's freedom will be the arrival of Frank P. Walsh, Mooney's attorney to San Francisco to petition for a trial on the murder indictment still pending against him.

### Children to March on Rolph to Demand Relief Dec. 25th

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 11.—Relief demands for children of California unemployed, to be presented by a delegation of children to the Governor at Sacramento on Christmas, are being formulated on the basis of needs exposed through a series of public hearings throughout the state. Tentative outlines of the hunger demands at present include three free meals for all needy school children daily without forced labor therefor, continuation of school lunch stations during the Christmas holidays, immediate relief regardless of present three-years residential restrictions and that all funds for military training purposes, including ROTC and CMC TC as well as Community Chest provisions for Boys and Girls Scouts, be used for this relief.

Los Angeles section reports six delegates chosen from Pasadena, Santa Monica, San Diego and Los Angeles. In San Francisco Public Hearings, discussion of demands, and election of delegates will be held December 21 at 530 Valencia Street, and at 1223 Fillmore Street, and December 17 at 1529 Powell Street.

### TO DEMAND UNION RATES ON RELIEF JOBS AND FIGHT ROLPH PLAN FOR MORE FORCED LABOR CAMPS; INSURANCE BILL PROPOSED

Oregon and Washington Jobless to March on Salem and Olympia  
January 9—1000 Delegates Will Converge on Sacramento January 10

### 900 JOBLESS MASS IN SEATTLE, WIN RELIEF INCREASE

Pack County Building; Led by Red Flag, Sing "Internationale"

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—The mass of workers at the County Hunger March voted for a committee of 25 to take steps to call a State Hunger March on Olympia on January 9th when the State Legislature opens.

Conferences will take place throughout the state, to organize united fronts behind the march. The line of march and other detail plans will be made public soon through the Western Worker.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—900 King County Hunger Marchers stormed into the County-City Building here today, overflowing the assembly room, filling the corridors and stairway, and forced the County Commissioners to promise to grant their main demand: "Every unemployed worker to receive the full amount of relief specified in the official county schedule of food distribution of October 1932, without discrimination of any kind." Even during October, the unemployed never received the commissary relief that was officially allotted them and at present they are getting only 60% of that amount.

While several hundred unemployed were assembling at the County-City Building, 600 marchers paraded down Fourth Avenue in a driving rain. The rain-streaked banners of the Unemployed Council, several locals of Unemployed Citizens League, United Producers of Washington, and the Communist Party, showed that the demonstration was a real united front.

A meeting held outside the County-City Building elected a committee to present these demands:

- 1.—Every unemployed worker to receive the full amount of relief specified in the official county schedule of food distribution of October 1932, without discrimination of any kind.
- 2.—All labor to be paid for at (Continued on Page 3)

### Waters Appeals to Rolph to Stop Hunger March

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 3.—Governor Rolph received a letter from Walter W. Waters, who was the main tool in the hands of the bosses as commander of the Bonus Expeditionary Force, asking him to use his influence to prevent another march this winter.

The main reason given by Waters is that it is led by Communists. This letter is obviously an attempt to stem the exodus from his "Khaki Shirts" in support of the National and State Hunger Marches.

### MORE FORCED LABOR CAMPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—As part of the drive to force down the standards of the workers and further decrease relief in California, a conference is taking place in San Francisco on December 17 at which Governor Rolph and S. R. Black, chairman of the Labor Camps Committee, will be present, and arrangements will be made to apply for a loan of \$750,000 from the R. F. C. in order to be able to finance the extension of the forced labor camps to include 15,000 this winter.

The camps last year included only 3,200 men. This means that a drive will be launched throughout California to round up all the single unemployed workers who will be arrested on the charge of vagrancy and sent to the camps. Already notices have been hung up at many soup lines announcing that they will be closing soon and that men should register.

The State Hunger March will present as one of the chief demands the abolition of the camps and union wages for all work. Struggles against labor camps have already been started, especially among the seamen who are the first ones subject to the drive.

### CONFERENCES MAP MARCH CAMPAIGN; L. A. MEETS DEC. 19

Propose Unemployment Insurance Bill To Be Submitted To Legislature

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The East Bay and San Francisco conferences to mobilize for the State Hunger March on Sacramento, January 10, have taken place on December 9 and 11 respectively.

The conferences have been marked by live interest in the coming march and the demands to be presented. Many amendments have been submitted to improve the demands, among which is the proposal to present a State Unemployment Insurance Bill before the legislature.

Committees have been elected for all activities in connection with organizing the march. The proposal for 1,000 delegates received hearty approval at the conferences and assurance that many will easily be elected.

Field organizers have been sent to many sections of the State, especially where there are no councils functioning.

#### L. A. CONFERENCE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—The Los Angeles Conference to organize a large Los Angeles delegation for the Hunger March to Sacramento will be on December 19, at the Unemployed Council Hall, 6924 S. Compton.

Field organizers have been sent to other centers in Southern California, which include El Centro, San Diego, Bakersfield and San Louis Obispo.

All other conferences are taking place during the week, to finish by the 19th.

### 800 AT PORTLAND PLAZA, FIGHT FOR JOBLESS RELIEF

Endorse Oregon Hunger March to Salem Jan. 9.

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—At the conference on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the City Library Hall, final plans will be made for the State Hunger March to Salem on January 9, when the State Legislature opens.

The March will be backed by a Broad United Front composed of representatives from A. F. of L. locals, Unemployed Council, Unemployed Citizens League, and other workers and farmers organizations. Demands to be presented will also be adopted, and popularized together with the line of the March plans.

#### 800 AT PORTLAND PLAZA

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—Eight hundred workers demonstrated at the Plaza Park, Portland, Oregon, December 6, 1932, in support of the National Hunger March and fight for local demands.

Despite the fact that it was the coldest day of the season, the workers stood by, listened to the speakers, endorsed the National Hunger March and adopted fourteen local demands for unemployment relief.

After the demands were adopted a committee of nine was elected from the mass of workers. This committee is to see that a set of the demands is given to each of the County Commissioners, City Commissioners, the Mayor of Portland and the heads of various City, County, and relief institutions. They are also to see that a joint session of the County Commissioners, City Council and the heads of the various relief institutions is called to discuss the demands with the workers committee.

#### WIN SPECIAL SESSION

The County Commissioners have already agreed to the session. The City Council will decide on the session at their next Council meeting which will be Wednesday, Dec. 14. By having the County and City Commissioners, Mayor Baker and the head of the relief agencies all together they will not be able to pass the buck on the demands.

The demands provided for: Increase in the Welfare Orders to the level of a year ago, abolition of extreme questioning, relay and red tape in giving relief orders, free car fare to and from work for relief workers, that relief orders be redeemable at any store at regular prices, free milk and hot lunches for school children of the unemployed, relief for single workers, 50c per hour for work by single workers at wood yards, no evictions, water, light or gas shut-offs, etc.

The committee will carry the fight for the demands and report as soon as possible at the Workers Center, 245 1/2 Alder Street, and thru the workers' press.



# Contra Costa Jobless Move to Thwart Slave Labor Plan

# FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

## FIGHT OPENED ON FORCED LABOR IN RICHMOND, CALIF.

### Workers' Delegation Wins Concession from Contra Costa Bosses

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 9.—Demanding cash instead of groceries for work, a delegation representing the Richmond Unemployed Council and the Unemployed of Contra Costa County won concessions from the County Board of Supervisors and are intensifying a fight against forced labor.

The unemployed in Contra Costa county have been getting grocery orders instead of cash relief. Recently, however, the supervisors, evidently capitalizing on the forced labor camps' plan of Governor Rolph, decided to put the unemployed to "work," and a three-day-a-week forced labor plan was mapped, the work to be performed on public grounds, etc.

Realizing they had the Unemployed Council to deal with, the supervisors instructed their agents at the relief stations to introduce the forced labor program cautiously. Printed slips were issued to a few of the unemployed, who were told they must sign the slips, agreeing to work three days a week in return for any or all relief granted.

### WORKER REPORTS SCHEME

A worker receiving one of these slips reported the matter to the Unemployed Council. Members of the Council, recognizing in the supervisors' cleverly wrought plan a move to force the unemployed to scab on paid workers, resolved on immediate action.

Leaflets calling for a mass meeting were printed and widely distributed. The aroused workers responded. A delegation was formed. Though no notice had been sent, the supervisors were prepared to receive the delegation. A burly detective and county relief station agents were at hand for the purpose of intimidation.

### LAWRENCE PLAYS JUDAS

A. E. "Red" Lawrence, secretary of the Contra Costa Building Trades Council, was called to the judges' role of endorsing the supervisors' plan of creating scabs.

The spokesman for the Unemployed Council demanded the supervisors pay the prevailing wage scale to all unemployed asked to work for relief. Others of the delegation spoke, denouncing forced labor.

Seeing the militancy of the delegation, Supervisor James Long, "mouthpiece" for the supervisors, hastily let it be known that the unemployed receiving relief would have to work only three days out of fourteen, instead of three days a week, as previously announced. Though realizing this to be a distinct concession, the Unemployed Council is holding to its original demand, no labor without pay, at the prevailing wage scale.

## BRIEFS...

### L. A. Cultural Group Formed

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Arrangements are being made for the calling of a conference December 10th or 11th, by the John Reed Club, for the formation of the Workers Cultural Federation.

### Y. C. L. Mooney Protest in L. A.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—A Mooney Mass Protest Meeting was held here tonight by the Y.C.L. Resolutions were adopted by the audience supporting the National Hunger Marchers, and demanding the release of Mooney, the Mooney Runners, and the Scottsboro boys.

### Cynicism But No Relief

Santa Clara, Dec. 7.—A woman asking food from Charity Head quarters for her eight children was asked, "Why do you have so many?" Patriotic bosses welcome eight children for cannon fodder, during war, but are unwilling to give fodder for starving children.

### No Literature Allowed?

Sawtelle, Dec. 5.—The Veterans' Hospital Adjutant's new rule that "all patients guilty of having in their possession radical literature will be thrown out" was received here as the first good joke in days by the vets. The Adjutant knows the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League is organized within and without.

## Fallon Worker Discovers Secret of Selling W. W.

FALLON, Nev., Dec. 12.—Since you have been publishing the Fallon news items I notice the Western Worker has been selling better. I was going to cut the order, but now they go like hot cakes.

## MOTHER OF 8 FINDS SHE IS "NOT QUITE WORTHY!" IN LODI

### To Join Unemployed Council and Wage Fight for Warm Clothing

(By Lodi Correspondent)  
LODI, Cal., Dec. 10.—All through the year the Parent-Teachers Association begs for clothing to give to the "Worthy Poor." Having done our best (my husband and I) working in the field for 90c to \$1.25 a day, and on this huge wage feeding and clothing our eight children, we considered ourselves among the "worthy" and went to secure clothes.

Though the P.T.A. had a room full of clothes, and we have a home full of ragged children, we were given nothing. Instead we were referred to the "Welfare" where after tracing back our family tree to Washington's time we were finally declared in the "Not quite worthy class." They gave us a pair of odd, second-hand socks, a shimmy, two straw hats and an old bow tie.

### JOINS COUNCIL

We joined the Unemployed Council, and are going to fight for good warm clothing and food for all unemployed whether "worthy," "not quite worthy," "unfortunately single," "Godly" or "Godless." Our kids can also stand a good hot meal at school.

Yesterday five of us went out in the surrounding four blocks (where we were told poverty did not exist, and found thirty families who do not know how they are going to get through the winter. In this group are a number of Pentecostal members who have just about starved themselves to death waiting for the Lord to take them to heaven where three square meals, a feather bed and a Jew's Harp are promised them. The Unemployed Council beat the Lord to these families and will take some of them to the "Welfare" this week.

## WORKERS FORCE DESTRUCTION OF POISONED MEAT

### Stinking Food from Laguna Honda Burned When Workers Protest

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Protests of several charity workers at the Liffenthal School saved many of their fellow unemployed charity workers from possible poisoning from tainted meat Tuesday. The meat is prepared at the Laguna Honda Home and sent to the school where it is sliced and placed in sandwiches and there distributed on the many jobs where the jobless work for their grocery dole.

Several hundred pounds of boiled tongue and roast beef, direct from the Relief Home, came in a huge box. The workers were almost knocked off their feet by the stench when they took the lid off the box, and actually had to go out into the fresh air. One of the bosses' flunkies in charge of preparing the lunch boxes, insisted that the workers pile the meat on the table, cut away the discolored, stinking parts and slice the inside for sandwiches.

### WORKERS REVOLT

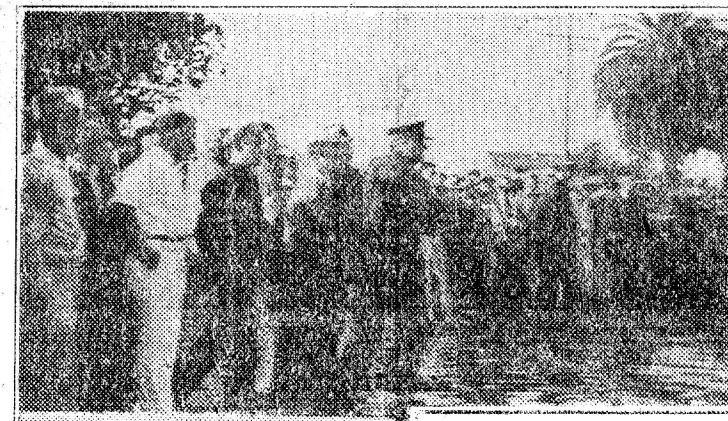
The workers revolted and threatened to call the workers from the woodyard, whereupon the flunkie reconsidered and ordered the rotten meat hurried to the incinerator where it was burned. Cheese, eggs and bologna were hastily ordered and substituted for the tainted meat.

### MORE OF WOLLENBERG'S WORK

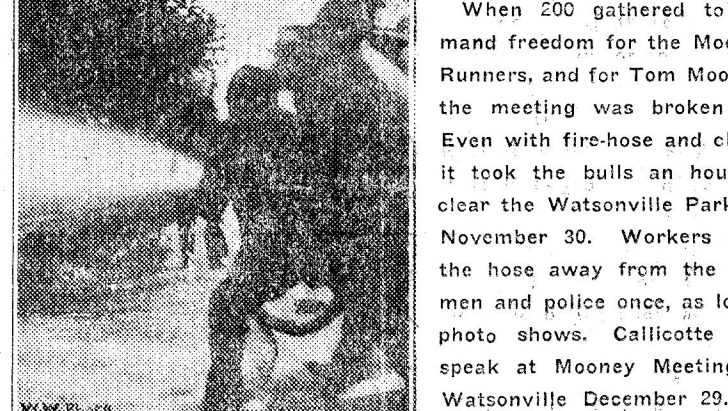
Western Worker readers will recall that many were poisoned and several reported died from eating spoiled meat at the Relief Home three weeks ago. The scandal was hushed up, but many workers are afraid to eat the sandwiches that are sent out on the jobs. Chas. Wollenberg has charge of the Relief Home and knew what happened to the inmates from eating rotten meat, but goes ruthlessly on with the apparent protection of the Board of Health.

Workers, this business of feeding the unemployed tainted food has gone far enough. It seems like they want to kill us off. We must organize and stop Wollenberg, Rossi and the rest of the grafters, before our health and even our lives are sacrificed on their altar of greed. —A Worker.

## Hold Mooney Meeting Despite Police



When 200 gathered to demand freedom for the Mooney Runners, and for Tom Mooney, the meeting was broken up. Even with fire-hose and clubs, it took the bulls an hour to clear the Watsonville Park on November 30. Workers took the hose away from the firemen and police once, as lower photo shows. Callicotte will speak at Mooney Meeting in Watsonville December 29.



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## OAKLAND COOKS LOCAL 31 ABOUT TO GO BANKRUPT

### Rank and File Member Puts Blame on "Big Shot Bill Spooner"

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 5.—Local 31 of Cooks, Waiters and Waitresses has gone from bad to worse thanks to "Big Shot Bill Spooner," sobbing President of the local and Secretary of the Central Labor Council.

During the last two years, in which Spooner reigned, the local has gone bankrupt financially and morally. We are in debt plenty.

### MISAPPROPRIATION

Things are so bad that even the money sent for burial of two of our brothers which the International sent, was used for other purposes. The mother of one of these brothers, who is on the verge of starvation, did not receive a cent which was due her.

Another white-wash was that of the business agent who disappeared for a whole week. It was warned that the membership should be notified that no more dues should be paid to this crook, but "Big Shot Spooner" defended him in his sobbing way. He said: "Poor Joe will come back and get things straight."

Joe did come back. But he left again and with more dues. At the last meeting the Secretary was going to read charges against the former business agent, but Spooner said no, we must wait, so the charges were laid on the table.

### BUROCRACY

Business of the local is done behind closed doors. All we do is pay our dues and keep our mouth shut. When a representative of the International removed the Secretary because there were no funds for her wages, a member made a motion that all officials should be removed, especially Spooner, as he is responsible for the collapse. This member pointed out that before Spooner got in we had 900 members, and today we only have 350.

This motion was made twice and was both times ignored. As usual at the end of the meeting "Big Shot Spooner" made his crying speech about the ungrateful members who wanted him to resign, but he would not resign for anybody!

We have been fooled long enough by this faker. It is time we opened our eyes. We must attend meetings and demand a report on how the local stands. We must see to it they don't slap another assessment on us. Be at the next meeting. —Unemployed Cook.

## Showing Equal Rights, Brings Subs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Yesterday I offered my seat in a street-car to one of two Negro women. They thanked me and when we got off, one of them said: "Young man, you called me 'Comrade.' Are you a member of the Communist Party?" They were eager to hear of the fight for the Scottsboro boys, Tom Mooney, etc., and gave me two subscriptions to the Western Worker and the Labor Defender. We can root our revolutionary press in the masses if we dig in and demonstrate our program.

## S. P. BOSSES GET \$100,000 AND UP; WORKERS STARVE

### Sacramento Shops Give 2-3 Day Week to Small Crew

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 27.—The Southern Pacific shop workers are experiencing extreme hardship. During the last three years at least half of the Southern Pacific shop workers have been laid off. The few remaining work only two or three days each week at reduced wages, and there is talk of more reduction of wages.

Most of the workers have families. Many have lost the homes they have been paying for years. In the face of all this, we are told the company is losing money and we must drive to put out more work per day. If we protest we are told there are plenty of men who will gladly take our place at much lower wages.

But what of the foremen? The foreman manages the few workers he has so that part of them will come to work the first of the week and the rest the latter part of the week, thus requiring his presence all the time, even though he may only have one man working under him. The foremen, with his full salary and less work, is having the best and most prosperous time of his life.

From the foreman to the president of the system there is a perfect network of general foremen, superintendents, etc., each one a step higher, receiving more money until the amount is \$100,000 and more per year. The President of the system has been receiving \$135,000.00 per year, which equals approximately \$370.00 received for each day of the year, Sundays and holidays included.

The only way a company or business can pay such enormous salaries to a few men is to take it away from its workers. To say that these men deserve to have so much money above their need for living expenses, while the worker is enduring the heart-breaking ordeal of seeing his pay-check entirely too small to send the children to school with proper clothing and food, is ridiculous.

"United we stand, divided we fall." The only hope for us is to stand together and struggle. —A Shop Worker.

## Persia Breaks With Britain

LONDON, England, December 6.—The Foreign Office today received a note from the Persian government which is "so offensive to the officials here that they would not even publish it."

The Shah warns that if a single soldier or marine will be sent to guard the Anglo-Persian oil fields, he will regard it as a direct provocation. He further reminds the British Government that it takes only a couple of Persian shells to be dropped into a vast refinery at Abandado to send millions of barrels of oil up in smoke. The cancellation of the contract with the British Government is regarded final.

## Spain-U. S. Relations at Stake

MADRID, Spain, December 3.—The Spanish Government has proposed a Bill through the Cortes revoking the contract made between the American-owned International Telegraph and Telephone Co. at the time of the Rivera dictatorship, on the ground that "that government was not representative of the Spanish people." The charge is also made that a high personage in the government received a 500,000 peseta bribe for arranging a favorable contract.

The fight to enforce the contract is looked upon by the U. S. government as an important test for investments abroad and a break of relations is threatened.

## Soviet Whalers Visit Honolulu

HONOLULU, Hawaii, December 1.—Four Soviet whaling vessels, on way from Leningrad to Vladivostok, visited the port here, flying a Red Flag. The flotilla is owned and controlled by the Far East Fishing Society.

## Strikes in Greece

ATHENS, Greece, December 5.—One worker was killed and 50 were arrested in a series of clashes between the police and striking bakers. The strike of tramway and bus workers continues, and demonstrations are taking place throughout Athens, Communists are leading the workers.

Communists led students of the University of Athens clashed with police, several were injured on both sides.

## Irish Railmen to Strike

DUBLIN, Ireland, December 10.—The Irish Rail workers here at a meeting decided upon a general strike against a 10% cut to take effect December 11.

## League to Invite Soviet Union

GENEVA, Switzerland, December 7.—A proposal has been made at the Geneva Council that the U. S. and the Soviet Union be invited to the next meeting of the Council when the Far Eastern questions come up.

Neither the U. S. nor the Soviet Union are members of the League of Nations.

## Mussolini's Sham Amnesty

ROME, Italy, December 7.—Although 19,572 political prisoners are reported, freed by Mussolini's recent manifesto, this is only about half of the total number in the Fascist dungeons. The prisoners really dangerous to the Fascists regime, the Communists, among whom are such leaders as Teracini, Gramsci and others, are still kept in prison. The Fascist regime finding it more difficult to continue the dictatorship is endeavoring to enlist the support of the liberals and "Socialists" by this amnesty.

## Big Soviet School Enrollment

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., December 10.—Over 16 million have enrolled this season in the primary and secondary schools of the Soviet Union. Together with adults the total enrollment has reached 17,674,000. This is a 72% increase over the enrollment in 1929. There is still a considerable shortage of school buildings despite the fact the number has reached 134,000. Shortage of school supplies likewise retards the further increase of registration.

## Mother Mooney Enters England

CHERBOURG, France, December 9.—Contrary to reports Mother Mooney will not return immediately to the U. S. but will first enter England and take part in many meetings arranged for her there under the leadership of the Communist Party.

Permission for her to enter was forced by workers demonstrations in England and protests from workers in many countries. She is returning from a visit to the Soviet Union.

## NEW FASCIST GROUP STARTS IN TACOMA

### Organizers were Stools and Provocateurs

(By E. M.)  
TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 30.—The following appeared in the Tacoma Times of November 22:

"The Minute Men and Women of America, an organization opposed to Communism, is being formed in Tacoma, it was announced Tuesday.

"Originators of the movement are Mr. and Mrs. George Herrick, 1913 So. J Street, and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Chamberlin, 2111 1/2 So. G Street.

"The organization will be composed of three councils, the second patriots, first patriots, and supreme council, according to Herrick and Chamberlin.

"All American citizens will be eligible for membership."

About three weeks before the hunger marchers started off to Washington, the Herrick mentioned in the above news item came into the Workers Center, and after joining the Unemployed Council, tried to get all the members at a Council meeting to go up to the Welfare Office and demand more relief for the unemployed. He demanded "Action," "right now," thus trying to expose all the leaders of the unemployed so they could be arrested.

Both these stool-pigeons would come into the hall now and then and enter into discussions with the comrades, for what purpose we now know for a certainty, but they did not get much information as they have been suspected all along and watched.

## Arizonans Demand Governor Protest Vacaville Terror

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 7.—Last night the local International Labor Defense sent protest resolutions to the Chief of Police and Mayor of Vacaville against the brutal police terror used against the strikers. Today we called on the Governor to demand that he also send protests. His secretary said the Governor was in the hospital, and he had no authority to act. The I. L. D. delegation insisted that in case of this emergency the secretary did have the authority.

## PASADENA FAKERS HIRE THUGS TO ATTACK JOBLESS LEADER

### Gangsters Released by Sheriff, But Tennyery, Elected by Rank and File of Co-Operative is Arrested

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 5.—Another police frame-up designed to carry out a program of persecution of workers suspected by police to have Communist sympathies, is being concealed by the sheriff's office and the office of the district attorney.

On December 2nd 1932, a trio of thugs, led by a Mrs. Wilson, entered the Workers' Relief Hall, a jobless relief cooperative at 365 S. Rosemead Boulevard, and assaulted R. E. Tennyery, manager, elected by the unemployed members of the organization to manage the relief activities. Tennyery, knocked down by one of the men who struck him, was assaulted with deadly weapons including a hammer, chair and milk bottle. The purpose of the assault was to terrorize Tennyery and drive him from his position as relief manager, as he was suspected of being a Communist. A week prior to this assault, the Sheriff had investigated Tennyery's radical activities, trying to ascertain if he was a Communist or distributing "red literature." The thugs were hired by Mrs. Wilson, sister of Frank McCormick who leads the faction trying to drive Tennyery from his leadership of the cooperative.

The District Attorney's office where Tennyery was "quizzed" about a truck owned by the cooperative, promised an investigation, but needless to say, nothing has been done. The District Attorney Deputy stated that the sheriff had failed to notify him of the criminal assault.

When Tennyery, after being released, applied for a permit to carry a revolver in self-defense, he was advised "You won't need a gun. They found out this was stirring up an ugly mess." This statement from the police indicated that the terrorism organized by the police and relief fakery trying to gain control of the cooperative, had struck a snag when the rank and file stuck with Tennyery. The workers' relief, listing 250 families in its membership, voted to retain Tennyery as manager and to push the prosecution of his assailants.

The Los Angeles capitalist press, working hand in hand with the fakers within the relief organization and the police, printed the following distorted report of the affair, plainly intended to discredit Tennyery:

### BOSS PRESS LIES

"Nearly a score of officers raced to Lamanada Park yesterday to quell a melee which began when Robert Tennyery, manager of a community store, assertedly opened fire on his three assistants, imperiling bystanders in the district. "Tennyery was arrested at his home where he was alleged to have fled after the clerks, Allan Wilson, John Smith and William McJone aided by citizens who rushed from the street, had disarmed him."

Pasadena is the place where the police chief Kelly, following a Klan cross-burning in the vicinity of a F. S. U. meeting, said in response to citizens' demands for protection, "Only Christians will get protection by the police. The K. K. K. and the Communists are, both outlawed. Fight it out among yourselves."





At the Philosophers' Club Visitor to Wobbly Hall.—Who's that tight-mouthed individual over yonder? He hasn't said a word for the last half hour.

I. W. W.—"Oh, that's our organizer. He's waiting for Bill to bring back the spittoon."

WANTED: A Rugged Individual. Laborer for S. F. planning mill, over 170 lbs. in weight; give experience; \$20 per month; must have other income to live. Ans. Box 38762.

The Phoenix I. L. D. attorney who wins anti-discrimination fights for Negro workers in the southern state of Arizona is named Lynch.

Comrade X has a bright one for circularizing membership, which he swears the Liberty Party uses. Here it is: Put a wrong address on the postcard. Each member in turn, after reading it, forwards it to another member until all have been notified.

Harpo Marx is gone to the Soviet Union. Which marks a Marxian turn in the Marx humor.

Maybe he got discouraged when he found the American system was more nonsensical than he could ever be.

But there could never be any Four Marx Brothers in the U. S. S. R. There's nothing there to be Groucho about.

"Longer Hindu Shirt Tails Would Start Half Our Textile Mills," said Holmes, British delegate to the A. F. of L. Maybe they could get Ghandi to change his diapers. But the Indian workers know it's not a shirt tail that's keeping McDonald awake at night—it's their refusal to be the Imperialist British Lion tail that counts.

And shall we call this "tailism" on Holmes' part?

Says our Berkeley Red Seer: "The Trotskyites magniloquently style themselves the "Communist Party, Left Opposition." Granted the opposition, what's Left about them? Well, they were left in the lurch in Russia, they are left alone elsewhere, and soon there will be nothing left of them."

Heard at a Mooney meeting: "On your way out you can get copies of the pamphlet Labor Leader Betray Tom Mooney for ten cents." Well, some got more, some less.

Tearjerking Problems of the Bourgeoisie: Mr. Recently Rich, waving a handful of bills: "You are driving me to the charities."

Mrs. R. R.: "I am sorry, dear, but you will have to walk. The finance company just took the car."

"World's Age Still Puzzle To Scientists," says Dr. Altin, astronomer. When they've practiced on that one long enough maybe they will tackle some really big figures and puzzles—such as the number of commissions Hoover appointed and what they ever did.

### 200 SCHOOLS TO SEND DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

December 18th Is Date For Western Revolutionary Student Conclave

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—An all student conference sponsored by the National Student League will be held December 18th at 666 Jessie Street, San Francisco.

Delegations from revolutionary student organizations are planning to attend from over 200 colleges and high schools in Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California.

The conference will review work done during the last semester on the various camps and serve as a send-off for three students from Stanford, S. F. Teachers College and the University of California, who will attend the Student Anti-War Congress to be held in Chicago, Dec. 28-29, and the National Student League Convention following the Congress.

A large student delegation from S. F. bay region schools will leave for Vacaville December 14 to investigate.

### FRISCO JOBLESS STRIKE BLOW AT FORCED LABOR

Delegation Protest Move to Shanghai Non-Resident Seamen

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—The first organized blow against Rolph's Forced Labor Camp system was struck today when a delegation of 35 workers, mainly unemployed seamen, demanded that Thompson, boss flunkey in charge of the Registration Bureau for Homeless Men at 971 Folsom Street, stop forcing non-residents to go to the camps by cutting them off from the soup-line.

Thompson was so surprised by the militancy of the workers he immediately granted several concessions. Four workers whose tickets had been stopped were given new ones.

Instead of speaking as though he was addressing stray dogs, as he usually does, he called the workers "gentlemen." He promised to immediately take down a sign saying:

"The State of California gives assistance to Non-Resident Seamen and Others through the Camp Program. If you are a non-resident seaman, with a number coming up within thirty days, we will continue your aid on recommendation of Fink Hall or Union. Not otherwise after December 6."

He also agreed to have the flop-houses deloused at once.

Thompson was warned that if any more workers are cut off the soup-line, a larger delegation will force their reinstatement.

### 900 Jobless Win Seattle Relief

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- 3.—No evictions. No light, water or gas shut-offs.
4.—Free hot lunches, including milk and free transportation for school children of the unemployed.

### WORKERS TAKE POSSESSION

The Commissioners had skipped out, leaving word that they would be back in two hours. They figured this would disperse the cold, wet and hungry workers. But the unemployed, when they heard of the trick, voted to remain if it took all day. And then they voted that they were not going to stay out in the cold, either. So, they poured into the building and took possession of the commissary assembly room, where they continued their meeting, packing every available inch of space and filling the adjoining corridors.

When the Commissioners returned, they found their assembly room in the hands of the unemployed, with militant banners staring them in the face and, up in front on a long pole, a red flag.

### DEMANDS GRANTED

Bill Dobbins, one of the Crown Hill local of the United Producers, presented the demands. The Commissioners were nervous. Don Evans, chairman of the board, talked very softly, whispering with the other Commissioners before he spoke each time. He tried to dodge the first demand (enforcement of the county food distribution schedule for October) by saying that the Commissioners intended the unemployed to get 100% of the food that was purchased. Dobbins asked him if they intended to buy enough food to fill the October schedule 100%. Finally Evans said yes. The other demands were turned down.

T. Burns of the Marine Workers Industrial Union presented a special set of demands for unemployed seamen. Evans said there would be no discrimination at commissaries against seamen, that he would try to get the flop houses to take care of the seamen, and that "in real emergency, seamen will be admitted into the county hospitals."

When Alex Noral, district organizer of the Communist Party, accused the Commissioners of completely dodging the issue of relief on the ground of a shortage of funds and pointed out that the commissioners could tax the rich, the commissioners walked out.

"Solidarity" and "The Internationale" echoed through the Building, as the demonstrators left. Outside a short meeting was held. The workers decided to continue the fight at each commissary for increased rations, in order to make the Commissioners live up to their promise. They also voted to call a State Hunger March to Olympia when the new Legislature meets in January.

## CHINESE RED ARMY DRIVES BACK 5TH SUPPRESSION EXPEDITION! SOVIET RED ARMY MAKES GREAT ADVANCE IN MECHANIZATION! WESTERN WORKER ARMY IS ON VACATION!

All three headlines are true. Yet the Western Worker has, even relatively, the smallest task of all. We have not heard one cent's worth from Washington, Oregon, Colorado and in fact from all states outside of California. And even California is showing poor results. And how about the working class language organizations? They are fast asleep.

### Don't Wait for New Year's Eve.

Organize a Monster New Years' Jubilee in your town. But that alone won't raise the balance needed of \$4,247.83. So canvass ALL sympathizers; Organize Small Parties; Visit all Workers Organizations; Hold Local Tag Days - and GET DONATIONS!

### Outstanding Facts in 4th Week of Drive:

- 1.—NOTHING SO FAR FROM DISTRICTS 12 OR 19 (the Western Districts outside of California).
2.—ALL LANGUAGE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TO DATE GIVEN \$2.70. (Aren't you ashamed Finnish, Jewish, Slav and other comrades?).
3.—COMRADE I. S. IN SAN FRANCISCO GAVE MORE DURING THIS WEEK THAN ALL THE REST OF THE WEST PUT TOGETHER.
4.—ALL WESTERN CITIES (except where the movement is dead or led by deadheads) ARE PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE JUBILEE AFFAIRS TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST BIRTHDAY OF THE WESTERN WORKER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WAR CHEST.

Honor Roll - Fourth Week! Table listing donors and amounts: Bookshop, San Francisco \$1.00; J. R. J., San Francisco 1.00; Los Angeles Unit No. 21 5.00; M. B., Oakland 1.00; List No. 3, Oakland 1.50; Unit No. 1, San Francisco 1.26; Marin County, Communist Party 3.50; Unit 15, S. F. Communist Party 1.09; Unit 6. S. F., C. P. 2.40; Unit 1, C. P., S. F. 1.03; Comrade I. S., San Francisco 20.00; Total \$38.78; Previously Acknowledged \$213.39; Total \$252.17; Balance to Raise \$4,247.83

### Build the War Chest!

#### Anacortes Red Vote Doubles in Less than Month

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fore the polls opened and watched every move until the last vote was counted late last night. All day in the bitter cold both men and women workers with Communist badges patrolled the ground near the polling places, talking to the workers, giving them literature. Many of the workers were out 12 hours in the freezing weather.

The city election campaign was so effective, especially when the Communist Party put the bosses' candidates on the spot by inviting them to a Red Election rally, that they decided to drive a bargain with the Party. The bosses agreed to give the workers a councilman in the third ward in return for withdrawing their candidate for mayor. This was of course refused.

The Communist Party is less than a year old in Anacortes and this is the first city election participated in. The strength of the Party lies in having led the workers in struggle. High points are the County Hunger March last summer, the turning of water on workers, and the demonstration for red cross flour which ended in the raid on a chain grocery store. The four workers convicted in the trial following this raid were active in the campaign. Marshall, candidate for councilman, was one of the defendants, and Phil Burgeas, who ran for councilman at large, and polled as high as 35% of the vote in some of the working-class precincts, is secretary of the Jessie Wakefield branch of the International Labor Defense, which has played the leading part in the defense of these workers. One of the demands in the city platform was city support of the appeal of the case to the State Supreme Court.

The new city administration will have to be forced to every concession and the workers will force the issue for food, water, light, clothing, under the leadership of the Communists. Phillips, the new mayor, is already planning his first step against the working class in threatening to appoint the red-baiter Stroud, chief of police. The Party polled 208 votes in the general election last month.

#### Mass Meetings to Support Strike in Vacaville Held

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by three members of the Federated Trades Council (A. F. L.) of Sacramento for one day has resulted in an attempt to whitewash the affair. They refer to the lynching as a "mistake," imply that the workers should be content with the miserable \$1.25 for nine hours of fever, and it is reported, will endeavor to get strike leaders to "confer" at the meeting where Frank Buck has been invited to speak.

#### LEGION MOB

Each day reveals further evidence of complicity of Vacaville authorities in their efforts to help Congressman-elect Frank Buck's group beat the strike. The Chrysler sedan belonging to Mayor Uhl's son, with license number 3A-5711, and the Nash sedan of Ed. Powers, two local Legionnaires, were among those the lynch mob used.

Lying stories were circulated and printed in the capitalist press throughout the west of a "Red Army of thousands" marching on Vacaville for the purpose of getting 200 thugs and deputies in town, who went about intimidating the Spanish workers into believing their homes would be burned unless they left town. Truck loads of workers left as a result. But V. Alonso, father of Bebel and Darwin Alonso, active in the strike chased the thugs away with a gun.

Judge Dobbins, Buck's attorney and accomplice, tried to use his office to make Filipino workers scab, threatening to make them leave town unless they did. Many were compelled to leave. The 200 armed deputies remain in the local poolrooms and fire-house, using their "Red Army" scare to continue their rule.

#### ROLPH REPLIES

The Mayor and City Council state that the lynching matter "is closed." The known collusion between police and terrorists, when protested by the International Labor Defense, got this reply from Rolph: "Gentlemen: 'Your telegram of December 3, 1932, has been received today by

#### Long Beach City Councils Covers Klan Raid Facts

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obtain permission to use the Civic Auditorium for a mass protest and hearing of the raid and police activities in connection with the raid. It was evident that the council's machinery of suppression was well oiled in advance, for the moment Mrs. Goodwin stepped forward to address the council, a member of the council made a motion to "hear no one if the subject pertained to the Klan raid." The motion was rapidly and unanimously passed, thus placing upon public record the fact that the city council is deliberately suppressing all evidences connected with the raid.

The council has not carried out its long-passed motion to have a public hearing and investigation of the raid, stalling along on the pending indictment of the Grand Jury whose first indictment, convicting the Klansmen upon a number of felonies, was returned "for technical reasons."

#### STALL HEARING

The whole game is to stall along the issue until public interest wanes. In the meantime, the police are harassing citizens demanding a public hearing investigation. Mrs. Goodwin was forcibly ejected from the city council when she tried to speak after the council approved the motion not to discuss or hear about the Klan raid. Leo Gallagher, I.L.D. attorney, attempting to address the council on the subject of "free speech" was forcibly restrained by a squad of police and plainclothes dicks.

"Is there free speech in Long Beach?" demanded Gallagher. "Not for you," shouted back one of the council members.

Detectives and police harassed the committee with threats and inquisitorial tactics as they left the building.

the Governor, and I have been requested to acknowledge same and tell you that the local authorities of Solano County have the situation in hand. "With best wishes, "Very sincerely yours, (Signed) WM. A. SMITH, "Private Secretary."

#### Film of Manchuria, Shanghai War at Canton Memorial

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Five years ago the workers of Canton, China, kept the red flag flying over their Commune for three days until the armed forces of imperialist powers drowned these first Soviets in the blood of their defenders. Today more than 110 million workers and peasants of China have established their own rule in four republics—Tannu Tuva, the Mongolian Peoples Republic, the Soviet Republic of Barga, and the Central Chinese Soviet Republic.

On Monday, December 19, the Chinese Anti-Imperialist League and the Friends of the Soviet Union will hold a Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the Canton Commune, featuring three newsreels of recent fighting in Shanghai and Manchuria. Speeches, musical numbers and boxing will round out the program, which begins at 8:00 p. m., at 1223 Fillmore Street. Admission is 15c. Unemployed with Council cards free.

#### L. A. Western Worker Office Raided by Red Squad

Hynes "Red Squad" raided the Daily Worker and Western Worker office here this afternoon, and arrested three workers, two of whom, were released after questioning. Peter Pan, a Greek worker in charge of the office, is being held on charges of criminal syndicalism. A large amount of literature, office supplies and equipment, was confiscated by police in their raid. Seven hundred Western Workers were taken away.

Peter Pan is one of the eleven workers who, following the Long Beach raid of last January, the department of immigration was forced to grant voluntary departure. Pan was scheduled to leave here December 15th, 1932.

Evidently, the police have decided to hamper the farewell banquet for Pan and the ten other departing workers planned for December 10th. The International Labor Defense has provided Leo Gallagher for Pan's defense. —Gene Gordon.

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### WHERE TO GO

ADVANCE NOTICE ALL COMRADES and organizations are requested to keep December 17th open when the International Labor Defense is arranging an Entertainment and Dance for the Benefit of the Winter Relief Fund for Political Prisoners.

ATTENTION! VETS! FIRST ANNUAL FROLIC—1223 Fillmore, S. F., Dec. 24, 2 P. M. to midnight. Entertainment. Homemade Eats. DANCING. Admission 25c. Unemployed with Council card 5c. Benefit Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

### WARNING!

We want to warn all workers and workers' organizations in the East Bay of the man whose picture appears here. His name is Fruitman. It has been reported by several sources that he is working for the Police Department. He appeared before a special investigation committee and was unable to clear his record. —Investigation Committee.

ENGDAHL MEMORIAL MEETING—Wednesday, December 14th, 8 P. M. at 1223 Fillmore Street, by the International Labor Defense. Speaker: George Maurer. Everybody Welcome!

THE 5th ANNIVERSARY CANTON SOVIETS. Speakers, Music and Tableau, Monday, December 19, 8:00 P. M. at Fillmore Workers Center, 1223 Fillmore St. Auspices Chinese Anti-Imperialist League, FSU and I.L.D. Admission 15c Unemployed 5c.

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Editorial Column

VACAVILLE WORKERS WILL WIN!

Although on strike for four weeks, the ranks of the Vacaville agricultural workers are as solid as ever.

Running cannot wait very long. The bosses are desperate to have the work done, and this to no small extent accounts for their viciousness against the workers.

One of the most interesting features about the strike is the tremendous "publicity" it received throughout California.

The newspapers representing ranchers in all parts of California are not only interested in defeating the 400 agricultural workers in Vacaville.

The solidarity of all workers can only be combatted by the solidarity of all workers with the strikers.

Send all relief to Workers International Relief, 1223 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California.

ENTIRE COAST JOINS FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

During January 9th and 10th, when the State Legislatures meet, Hunger Marches will converge upon the capitals of three West Coast States.

The bosses and their state governments are at present taking further steps to reduce the living standards of the workers and cut relief.

This means that wholesale round-ups will be made of jobless workers who will have the alternative of either jail on a vagrancy charge or the "American Siberias."

FAKE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

On the other hand a State Commission headed by Edward J. Hanna, as a result of a series of hearings, is now advancing a bill before the State Legislature which they call an "Unemployment Insurance Bill."

The bill provides for a fund to which the workers and employers contribute and does not go into effect until 1934.

The bill is the crassest example of the many now being proposed thruout the country, in order to detract the workers from the fight for real unemployment insurance led by the Unemployed Councils.

In Washington the relief allowances have been reduced to such a level that they are even far below the amount set by law.

BROAD UNITED FRONTS

The Hunger Marches will have the task to stop this drive of the bosses. This will be possible if they represent a broad united front of all workers and farmers.

In building this powerful united front against starvation the American Federation of Labor must not be neglected.

On with the fight for powerful Hunger Marches along the entire West Coast.

Fight Forced Labor and for real Unemployment Insurance!

THE INDIVIDUALISTS

BY PAUL COLMAN

I am a slave: I am bound with chains I forged with my sinewed hands.

I am an Ox, grown weary and old from hauling the master's load.

I am imprisoned in walls of fear, as felons are walled in stone.

And so they sing their dirge of song, and so they weep and wail;

Yet, if these three together, and more, would rise to the cause of all.

Together we'll set the Prisoner free! The starving slave we'll feed.

By W. G. PIERCE

The Story of Bald Mountain Bill

A Short Story

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The following story written by a worker of Fallon, Nevada, is another of the many already received as a result of the good response to the editorial we published three weeks ago.

It was a bright day in May. The whole valley was ablaze with flowers. An old hermit prospector sat on a great shelving ledge contemplating what all of his kind love best, for out before his gaze was the fabled lake of gold of which many tales were told by the 49'ers.

Old Bill was a grizzled, ragged apparition of a former age. For many years he had been imprisoned in this secret valley, from which he had never found his way out.

OUT OF THE SKY

As Bill thought over all these things and wondered if he would ever get out, he heard a splash. Looking around he saw an airplane land on the lake nearby; the first he had ever seen so close.

The aviator was a young fellow who was very friendly and told of seeing this valley from high up.

He remembered waking up. One of the burros was kicking his face. Sick as a dog, he drew himself to the saddle and tied himself on. The burros started in a westerly direction.

THE SECRET VALLEY

Beyond that he could remember no more until morning he woke up in this secret valley. He was lying in a shallow pool of cool water. The clinches of the old saddle had broken as the burros stopped to drink.

The burros must have been hard driven by something down a canyon which led into a crack between these great cliffs.

Many million people were starving during those awful years. Bill remembered something of the class struggle. The country was ruled by criminal gangs known as bankers who had stolen everything and reduced the entire nation to the starving point.

TONS OF GOLD

When he had first opened his eyes, he noticed the bottom of the pool literally cobbled-stoned with large gold nuggets.

But that was just a story the boys told around. He had never believed these tales about the lake of gold, nor the ones about the lost Blue Bucket mine which was somewhere on the western edge of the Black Rock Desert.

Here he was without even a pick, not even a gun. A large pocket knife was the only tool he had to begin life anew.

OUT AT LAST

"Let's take a ride," said the airman. He closed the doors taking a seat at the controls. The ship suddenly shot out of the valley, over the lofty mountains, and was soon speeding high over the California valleys.

Far below Bill saw a great city of noble buildings, broad streets laced with beautiful park ways. This, the airman said, was the new city of Calinova.

The plane dived to a landing and glided into a giant hangar in which hundreds of other planes, some of enormous sizes, reposed.

The entire world was interested in the news of the lake of gold. The airman led Bill to a curious looking structure he said was a television transmitter.

Now he had more wealth than man ever had. He also had plenty of time to enjoy it, and think about it.

DRIVEN TO DESERT

In his youth, Bill was known as an undesirable citizen. He was born in a mill town where the workers were grim, soulless slaves. They existed solely for the owners of the mills. Bill could not hold a job.

clothes were made by machines at the rate of thousands per hour. When they became soiled they were sent back to the machines to be redissolved and remanufactured for use again.

They stopped at a luncheon place, where thousands of gay people were enjoying lunch. The service was entirely mechanical. Everything they ordered by pressing buttons slid into spaces before them.

The airman explained that machines now did practically all the work. The working-class had disappeared along with other class divisions.

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MONEY A NUISANCE

After lunch they got into the air cruiser and went to the old city of Oakland. Here were enormous plants where a few workers were busy.

They entered one of the largest plants. Here in a vast hall, they saw a wonderful looking air cruiser. The airman explained this was the latest creation of aviation science, a new type that was being built for space liners to run excursions to the planets Mars and Venus.

Bill was surprised again. Why should the earth's people feel their solidarity with those of another planet millions of miles away?

HELPING JUPITERIANS

Bill discovered there were no prisons, no prisoners. There were few hospitals and few doctors. Great medical discoveries had eliminated all these. People had become healthy and longed lived.

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International Events and Western Workers

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Everyone seemed to be talking about Bill. He also heard talk of an excursion over the Polar Circles that many enjoyed, and of the wonderful broadcasting station at the North Pole which could be heard all over the world.

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Death Valley and Borax

BY A BORAX WORKER

DEATH VALLEY JUNCTION, Calif., Dec 11.—The Western Borax Company mine is running full blast turning out chemicals, the by-products of which form a basic element of explosives and poison gasses.

The workers in the Western Borax mine, meanwhile, are forced to put up with miserable conditions. The pay for this dangerous work is \$3.75 for nine hours from which \$1.10 is deducted for meals.

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were 80 millions receiving various forms of education, half the entire population. In universities alone, in 1931, about 400,000 students were being educated.

QUESTION:—Why is there a shortage of goods in the Soviet Union? And does a shortage of goods mean that the people are getting less food and clothing than before?

ANSWER:—There is a shortage of things because socialism has increased the requirements of the toiling population of 160 million who in the past dragged out miserable and wretched lives, lived amidst filth and vermin.

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