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8000 IN DEMONSTRATION SUPPORT MARCHERS AT COLORADO CAPITAL

Conference of 700 Plans to Continue Fight; For Permanent Committee

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 23.—Relief demands of the workers and poor farmers of Colorado were heard by Gov. Johnson, the Senate and House today when a committee of 60, elected by the State Hunger March United Front spoke in the executive chambers and later in the legislature. The House, faced with the committee and hearing the militant crowd outside, unanimously passed a resolution to "investigate the unemployment situation."

The 700 delegates represented more than 7000 workers and farmers in a United Front of fifty organizations, including A. F. of L. locals, all State Unemployed Councils, workers' fraternal orders, Unemployed Citizens Leagues and workers' benefit societies.

A mass meeting of 5,000 at the ball park swelled to a determined demonstration of nearly 8000 at the capitol. So Gov. Johnson called off the police force that surrounded the earlier meeting, and sent home the firemen and their hose and played the bighearted demagogue.

Previous attempts at terrorization by the police, three burnings of fiery crosses by the Klan, and the arrest of Harry Cohen, secretary of the United Front, only served to rally the workers. One cross, set up outside the State Conference Sunday, sputtered a while and went out.

Charles Guynn, leader of the 75 delegates from the Southern part of the state, was spokesman of the committee before the Governor and the House, and William Dietrich, Denver workers leader and member of the Executive Committee of the United Front, addressed the Senate. Both stressed the suffering of the workingclass of Colorado and demanded immediate action by the Governor despite his evasion that it is too late for bills to be given to the legislature.

CONTINUE FIGHT

After the committee had presented (Continued to Page 3)

GIVEN SIXTY DAYS THRU COURT TRICK; HANOFF TRIAL FEB. 6

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Out of the five workers arrested last Saturday, January 21st, after the anti-war demonstration for distributing leaflets, Oden Ng, Bruce Jones and Francis Boswell came up for trial before the most vicious, red baiting judge in San Francisco, Judge George J. Steiger, famous for his action in the flag-saluting cases last year.

When the cases came before him, he dismissed Boswell's case and gave a 10 days suspended sentence, respectively, to Jones and Ng. But he caught John Diaz, another of the five, unaware before his attorney arrived. Confusing Diaz, a Spanish born worker, he sentenced him to 60 days, by criminally subtlety a plea of "guilty" for a plea of "not guilty." The International Labor Defense is determined to fight this case to the last ditch and will appeal the case, if Steiger rules unfavorably on a writ of prohibition submitted by Andersen.

E. Hanoff, organization secretary of the Communist Party, arrested on a framed up charge, will come up for trial February 6th and Jack Robinson, one of the defendants in the Charity case will be on jury trial, February 2nd, 2:00 P. M. in Judge Fritz's court. Workers are requested by the I. L. D. to pack the courtrooms on these occasions, to show their solidarity with the defendants.

LARGE COMMITTEE PROTESTS BEATINGS TO L. A. COUNCIL

Council Evades Responsibility But Promises Public Hearing

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 25.—A United Front Committee of sixty, representing the Unemployed Councils and various religious and Civic groups, appeared before the City Council to protest against the brutal beatings, by the vicious "Red Squad" and Police Department, of those arrested for asking the County Welfare agencies for food last week.

The City Council mouthed the usual demagogic swill about being "sympathetic to the unemployed," but declared they had no authority over the Police Department.

Comrades Kellas and Mrs. Hester (wife of one of those arrested), spoke for the Unemployed Council, while Mr. Taft and another represented the ministers.

The Council, thruout the whole proceedings, showed a complete lack of interest in the proceedings, even going so far as to refuse to hear the protest of a lawyer representing the Civic groups. About the only concession gained from the bloated fakery was the vague promise to hold a public hearing.

Phoenix to Have Red Candidates in March 4 Elections

PHOENIX, ARIZ., January 29.—Municipal elections will occur in Phoenix on March 4th at which time two City Commissioners are to be selected. The Phoenix Communist Party has entered the campaign with two candidates, Wilburn Risley of the Phoenix Unemployed Councils, and Charles Lattall of the Ex-Servicemen's League. A house to house campaign to secure approximately 300 signatures for each of the C. P. candidates' petitions is now under way.

A number of meetings and election rallies are being planned by the C. P. candidates. A good possibility exists for the election of one or both candidates.

VACAVILLE WORKERS PREPARE UNION FOR COMING SEASON

Trial of Six Workers Feb. 8; Bingham on Feb. 15

VACAVILLE, Cal., Jan. 21.—Concentrating all efforts now on building the union, the striking agricultural workers last night voted to end their ten week struggle with the ranch bosses and organize greater strength for the season which opens in April. The pruning season is practically over.

At the meeting two nights earlier the proposal of the Strike Committee of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union to call off the strike if no blacklisting occurred for race, color or strike participation was adopted.

The ranch bosses claimed that since they did not recognize that there was a strike they could not discuss conditions on which to terminate it.

Last night's mass meeting of strikers voted unanimously to call off the strike, go back to work and organize the union stronger, to issue a bulletin, to join with the unemployed for Unemployment Insurance, and that all strike funds be turned over to building the union. A letter of thanks will be sent to all workers and sympathizers who helped with relief or in any manner.

The main objectives planned by the union are organizing for a struggle in Spring and in the meantime, through the direction of an Unemployed Committee, to carry on a fight for county relief for those who get no work.

In the latter fight, the committee was formed last night and the first case won today. Faced with a delegation who threatened to take the matter back to the union unless there was immediate action, the P. G. & E. turned on lights and water previously shut off in the home of a family of four.

TRIALS FEB. 8TH, 15TH.

VACAVILLE, Cal., Jan. 20th.—John, James and Robert Melgar, John Lopez, Nora Conklin and Harry Snyder, arrested December 4th for parading without a permit, will come up for trial before Judge Dobbins, February 8th, at 10:00 A. M. in Vacaville. These workers were immediately brought to Fairfield after their arrest in an effort to separate them from the six others who were later kidnapped and beaten up.

The trial of Donald Bingham, on charges of resisting an officer, will come up before the Superior Court in Fairfield on February 15th.

Entire U.S. Navy Concentrates For Greatest War Maneuvers on Pacific

WASHINGTON JOBLESS SUPPORT UNITED FRONT, DEFEAT LEADERS

Unemployed Citizens League, United Producers For Militant Action; Big Blow to Self Help and Barter Plan.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.—A tremendous mass sentiment was aroused against the new state relief scheme abolishing the commissaries and putting all relief on a welfare basis, announcing also that all homes will be investigated and at least 70% of those receiving food will be taken off.

Relief will be supervised by a commission of five notorious labor haters.

The above action led to a unanimous endorsement by the Central Federation of the Unemployed Citizens League, one of the Conference called for February 3 by the United Front Committee, to plan another State Hunger March. The Federation elected 20 delegates to the conference and called each local to elect 10. Many of the former conservative leaders in the League spoke demanding militant action. The fakers were entirely swamped.

The King County Federation of the United Producers League did the same yesterday. Both organizations have refused to support the last Hunger March. February 28th

was set as a tentative date for the broadest United Front action in the history of the State. In King County, Unemployed Citizens League and United Producers locals total fifty.

CHARITIES WORKERS FIGHT BARTER PLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 28.—A mass meeting will be held Friday, February 3rd at 8:00 P. M., in Larkin Hall, Civic Auditorium, under the auspices of the Charity Workers Protective League. This meeting is for the purpose of disclosing the disastrous effects the fake "Back-To-Barter" will have on employed and unemployed workers, merchants and professional men.

The Charity Workers Protective Union, an organization of over 1000 members working on city relief jobs, is carrying on a vigorous fight for cash relief instead of the grocery boxes now being doled out by the Associated Charities.

LINCOLN STEFFENS, SINCLAIR ENDORSE SYNDICALISM REPEAL

Conferences Thruout State Pave Way to Large State Conference in San Francisco March 5th.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 27.—Dozens of unions and other organizations have already elected delegates to the C. S. Law Repeal Conference to be held February 5th, and out of town committees are sending fraternal delegates. The San Francisco Conference will be held at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, 11:00 A. M., February 5th.

The conference for Sacramento and Solano counties will be held in Sacramento on February 12th at Pioneer Hall. Delegates will be

present from Vacaville, Chico and other neighboring towns.

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties will hold their conference on Friday, February 10th, 8:00 P. M., at Carpenters' Hall in Oakland, at which delegates will be present representing Berkeley, Hayward, Richmond and Pittsburg.

The Los Angeles Conference is on February 5th, 10:00 A. M. at Knights of Pythias Hall, 124 Townsend, Belvedere.

The first of a series of local (Continued to Page 3)

To All San Francisco Militants: ABOUT STOOL PIGEONS, the RED SQUAD and FALSE RUMORS

DEAR COMRADES:

Driven to desperation by the stubborn growth of the revolutionary movement in the face of the increased persecution by police and judicial authorities, the Red Squad has changed its tactics. Instead of a frontal attack on our movement they are trying to bring confusion and if possible demoralization by spreading false rumors.

From time to time they inform arrested comrades that such-and-such members of the Party are police agents. It is obvious that, were the comrades they designate really stool pigeons the police would not freely tell it to our best fighters who are arrested in the course of their revolutionary activities, and who would and do report it to the leading committees. But in order to leave nothing uncertain we have thoroughly examined every such statement reported to us and found them all false. There are several stool pigeons and disrupting elements in and around the movement who have been spreading similar stories. In most cases these have already been proven false.

The District Committee is very alert to weed out every agent of the police department and Industrial Association sent in for the contemptible purpose of getting information in order to victimize militants or to act in such a manner as to provide excuses for arrests. If any Comrade or sympathizer has any information which might help the Communist Party eliminate false rumors and stool pigeons please bring them to the District office, 37 Grove Street, so that they can be carefully investigated. If you hear rumors from anyone make a note of who the carrier of the rumors is and report it to the D. C. The protection of all and especially organized workers from police persecution is one of the highest duties of a Communist or a friend of the Communist movement. By co-operating with the leading committees of the Communist Party the low trade of police and industrial association stool pigeons can be made very ineffective.

The best way to defeat the purpose of stool pigeons is to act in a disciplined manner; carry out all decisions promptly; eliminate those who habitually hinder the carrying out of decisions from responsible posts; don't act loosely, especially as to homes, addresses, and other information sought by people who are not authorized by the proper Party committee.

Don't carry rumors!

Report them and any real information to the District Committee.

Comradely yours,
DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE,
Communist Party, District 13.

PHOENIX CASES OF 7 DISMISSED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 26.—Judge Lynch, International Labor Defense attorney, demanded a jury trial for the defendants. This demand was at first refused by the police judge but after loud boing by the crowd outside he was forced to agree to it.

At the preliminary hearing on January 24th, workers and farmers filled the court room and halls to overflowing. Before the trial began the police, with drawn guns, cleared the court room of all workers not connected with the case. Clarence

Lynch, International Labor Defense attorney, demanded a jury trial for the defendants. This demand was at first refused by the police judge but after loud boing by the crowd outside he was forced to agree to it.

After the demonstration before the R. F. C.'s offices the directors announced that the unemployed would be given more work and would not have to wait several weeks for work orders and several days more for their groceries.

BOEING AIRCRAFT GETS BIG ORDER FOR PLANES

Calls for Intense Action of Workers on Waterfront and Arms Plants

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 30.—Eleven days of maneuvers admitted by the War Department to be the most intensive and important ever held by the combined American naval and air forces will take place on the Pacific from February 6 to 17.

Nine cruisers left San Pedro a week ago to join a mighty armada of murder comprising all Ships of the Line, destroyers, submarines and Mother Ships, and the airplane carriers Saratoga and Lexington.

Battle practice includes attack on the Hawaiian Islands, at sea, and on the California coast.

The Pacific concentration is best seen in the fact that with the arrival of Cruiser Division 2, of seven light cruisers, at San Pedro all pretense of the return of what was once the Atlantic Fleet is dropped. Only eight 10,000 ton "treaty class" cruisers remain on the Eastern Seaboard. The forces are permanently on the Pacific.

Naval Bases

Naval bases are to be strengthened and new ones created. After maneuvers, the U. S. S. Argonne will cruise the Eastern Alutian Islands to find suitable places for bases, the Navy Department admits. The islands are on the shortest route to Japan, or the Soviet Union.

Honolulu fortifications and the Pearl Harbor Naval Base have received large appropriations for improvement.

Down at Panama the Madden Dam, which will raise the capacity of the Canal, has been rushed to the point where concrete pouring begins soon. A rush order for 500 (Continued to Page 3)

L. A. POLICE KEEPS HYNES AS HEAD OF 'RED SQUAD'

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27.—The resignation of Capt. William Hynes as active head of the brutal "red squad" whose hands are dyed with the blood of hundreds of workers, was not accepted by the police heads of this city. According to press reports, Hynes attributed his desire to resign because of martial difficulties, but the real reasons are probably connected with growing opposition to the terrorist policy pursued by Hynes in past years.

The failure to develop a criminal syndicalist case against Peter Panagopolous shows a real difference in policy between Hynes and the District Attorney Fitts. The savage attack on workers by the Red Squad under Hynes on January 5th and January 18th, indicate that the threat to resign by Hynes, was not without effect. However, the protests of workers and influential liberals in Los Angeles is gaining force. Only mass pressure at the police terror, gained by militant struggle and organization, will defeat Hynes and his stool pigeons and legal gunmen. A threatened investigation of police failure in checking crime may serve to reveal the concentration of police forces against militant workers.

"BARTER PLAN" Scheme To Cut Relief

Article I.

Another attempt is now being made to thrust the "Back to Barter Plan", onto San Francisco, with the San Francisco News putting its entire force behind the move.

Many are apt to believe that the seizing of this issue by the Scripps Howard paper is merely an expression of the competition with Hearst papers. But that is only part of the truth.

Fundamentally these two powerful chains of newspapers are equally mouthpieces of the bosses, merely having a division of labor in deceiving the workers and maintaining the starvation system. Around such issues as "Technocracy", "Buy American", and the "Barter Plan" the contest for best service to big business goes on.

The Barter Plan is a scheme designed to help further relief cuts, more wage cuts, to detract workers from the Unemployed Councils and militant struggle, to split the ranks of the jobless and to shift the burden of relief still further on the shoulders of the workers themselves.

Experience with such schemes in other cities and what has already been said about it in San Francisco, proves this.

SAVES BOSSES

The plan provides that instead of

San Francisco News Leads in Bosses' Drive Against Jobless; Fakers Being Rounded Up to Put Over Scheme; Unemployed Council, Communist Party Call for Increased Struggle, As Only Means to Force Relief.

By GEORGE MORRIS

coming to the bosses' charity for relief unemployed should form cooperative exchanges devoted to producing or obtaining necessities of life, then arranging an exchange system for "swapping" products or working for them. Money is eliminated or replaced with script checks. Examples are given from other cities to show how rent could be paid by working it out for the landlord; how old junk could be collected, reconditioned, and you could work for it to get it, how unpicked fruit and vegetables could be salvaged and distributed among members; how many things are obtained through "organized chiseling". Members of the organizations adapt their needs to what could be obtained through this system, but must not apply for relief to the city.

The whole scheme is based on the idea that the only thing wrong at present is that the system of exchange has broken down. Money, the medium of exchange, is lacking, therefore everything that one needs could be made available through an organized barter system. There is nothing wrong with the profit sys-

tem. The News in its editorial on Jan. 24th states that: "Approximately 43,000 are unemployed in San Francisco now. Of this number about one third are on public relief. The other two thirds numbering approximately 30,000, are slowly gravitating towards public relief as their resources dwindle to the vanishing point. A thousand new charges a month are being added to the charity rolls. "The \$6,500,000 bond issue will

be exhausted in September. "If thirty thousand or more breadwinners with their dependents can work out their own salvation what more patriotic service could they render to their community (read bosses and their government, G.M.) in the present crisis?" (The figures of unemployed are obviously family heads, G. M.) Here The News admits that real reason for the scheme, "Work out their own salvation," and the flag is draped around it, besides.

FOLLOW THE SERIES ON THE "BARTER PLAN EXPOSED"

NEXT WEEK:—

How does it work in other cities?
What is the Socialist Party's Attitude?
How it affects those working.
Who leads the Movement?
The Trade Unions and the Plan.
Will it last?

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Although relief is kept down to the most miserable pittance, the continual increase in the ranks of the jobless boost charity expenses ever higher. San Francisco's \$6,500,000 was to last two years, and will be exhausted in nine months. Furthermore, the fight for increased relief is reaching greater proportions than ever—as evidenced by the recent Hunger Marches—and the situation will undoubtedly become aggravated for the bosses and their government.

BARTER PLAN BASELESS

Altho those sponsoring the barter plan know that it has no real basis, and as in other parts, it will soon fade away, it is intended to serve as a means to stall the militant mass fight of the workers for a few more months.

This is best exemplified in the model Seattle organization which The News claims counts 100,000 members. The "Liberal" mayor worked hand in hand with the leaders of the movement, encouraging them as long they were a means of holding back the fight for real relief. Now when through the work

WORKER GETS NINETY DAYS FIGHTING LIGHT SHUT-OFF

Only Chief of Police Willing to Sign Complaint Against Militant Worker

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jan. 23.—Workers of San Bernardino have learned about capitalistic justice on Thursday, January 19, during the trial of Joseph H. Wilson, militant Unemployed Council member. Wilson was arrested several weeks ago and charged with disturbing the peace and with interfering with linemen, who went under police escort to shut off electricity at the home of Thomas Canova, unemployed worker and father of 12 children. Wilson was at liberty under \$200 property bond.

He was found guilty by a police court jury after 23 hours deliberation. He had asked the court for a postponement until the International Labor Defense attorney Leo Gallagher could be present but Judge Van Luven denied the motion, thereby forcing the defendant to plead his own case.

CLASS LINES IN COURT
The entire trial, which lasted a day and a half, was conducted along class lines. In selecting the jury the prosecutor asked each prospective juror if he was a member of any Communist group. The defendant asked each prospective juror if he was a member of the K. K. K., the Vigilantes or any other patriotic organization, or if they or any of their families were connected with the Southern Sierra Light and Power Co., or the police force.

The prosecutor tried to prove that Wilson had called the linemen names, that he had tried to pick a fight with them, that he had disturbed the peace of the neighborhood with loud noises, that he had used profane and indecent language.

It is significant that the Chief of Police had signed the complaint, no resident of the neighborhood appearing to say that his or her peace had been disturbed.

On the first day of the trial 250 workers were present. During recesses and while the jury was locked up scores of workers packed the main hallway of the building, while out in front of the City Hall, Comrade Atkins, candidate for city councilman on the Communist ticket, sold the Daily and Western Workers.

Judge Van Luven imposed a sentence of \$180 or ninety days in jail, one of the stiffest fines ever given here for a charge of disturbing the peace. Wilson appealed the case to the Superior Court and bail was increased to \$400. The I. L. D. soon raised this amount in property bonds.

BARES BAKERSFIELD CHARITY RACKET, ARRESTED

Won't Put Him on Relief Work Because He Is Red

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 31.—Trial of George Gray, unemployed worker arrested at behest of Mrs. Frost, tyrant of the local relief, has been postponed indefinitely because Mrs. Frost's star witness, Supervisor Stanley Abble has gone to New York. Gray was refused release on bail by the court.

Previous to the postponement, he was approached by an agent of Mrs. Frost who asked him to discharge his lawyer, plead guilty, take a suspended sentence, and name his price, Gray asserts.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 23.—Chester Gray, an unemployed worker, was arrested for disturbance of the peace following an altercation with a Mrs. Frost, head of the Kern County Welfare Department.

Gray had been sent by the supervisors to get a \$3.00 a day job, then available. Mrs. Frost told him although he was entitled to relief he was on her blacklist as a "Red" and she would starve him out of the county. Gray asked what had become of the balance of the \$85,000 relief fund raised by the citizens of Bakersfield.

This fund was raised last October and November for the purpose of unemployment relief. All the major oil companies, all the merchants donated and all the Bakersfield workers, who still had a job, were compelled to give a dollar a month for five months. Mrs. Frost was to administer the fund. Fred Gribble an open shop contractor and chairman of the citizens committee on unemployment was to set the wages for relief workers.

When the relief went into operation six bookkeepers at \$150 a month were hired. A local business man who owns a gas station was hired for \$150 a month and 6c a mile traveling expenses to superintend the work. One woman with a car got the same to drive around and find out who needed relief the worst. A six year old Dodge truck was bought for \$1100 from a relative of a supervisor. The wages for the workers was set at \$1.75 a day, 60 to 100 workers were employed while the money lasted, which was about three months.

Chester Gray made it his business to investigate. He found that only \$31000 had actually been spent, when Mrs. Frost announced the relief fund exhausted. This was the cause of his "run in" with her. Gray's arrest caused great excitement as Mrs. Frost is disliked throughout the district. His trial is set for January 26 in the City Police Court. Petitions are now being circulated to have Mrs. Frost ousted for her discrimination and unsympathetic attitude toward those unemployed, who are forced to ask for relief.

—Worker Correspondent.

San Francisco Workers Protest Huang Ping Arrest



Part of crowd who paraded to Chinese Consulate January 23rd to demand release of Comrade Huang Ping arrested by Chinese bosses, and protest Imperialist war.

12 1/2% Cut for Pedro Longshoremen; Some Get \$2.00 per Day

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Out of 5000 longshoremen in this harbor district only 20% are working 2 to 3 days a week. In order to get a day's work you got to supply the gang boss with wine or booze.

A 12 1/2% wage cut has just been put over by the bosses. The speed up is terrific and no regard for the safety of the men at all.

Most of the longshoremen, even those that are getting a day's work once in a while are depending upon charity for relief. Many of them come to work hungry and are unable to keep up the pace.

Longshoremen of San Pedro and Long Beach! The wage cut you just received is not the last. The bosses will not stop at anything to make their profits. You will be forced to work for \$2 a day as some of the seamen that are called upon to do longshore work now. You can put a stop to this wage-cutting and discrimination by organizing and fighting for better conditions. Many of you have been through the struggle in 1923. It's up to you to organize your fellow workers. Join the Marine Workers' Industrial Union and help us put a stop to the unbearable conditions prevailing now on the docks.

—A Fellow Worker.

- 350 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMONSTRATION FOR RELIEF**
Demands Are Filed By Supervisors, But Workers Will Return Next Monday
- (1)—We demand hot lunches, shoes and clothing for all children of unemployed workers in schools.
 - (2)—That relief be given to all unemployed workers, single or married that are in need.
 - (3)—That when grocery orders are given that they be given in such quantities as are needed. That the unemployed have the right to select such varieties of groceries.
 - (4)—That free lights, gas and water be supplied by the County to the unemployed.

A Salvation Army Gimee approached a Filipino worker who was winning in the Monterey gambling dens. "Gimee," she started to whine. And without looking up he replied: "Sure, if you'll cut wood for it."

Jeff Goodman's Speech Before Calif. Legislature

Second Speaker for 1,000 Hunger Marchers Tells Legislators of Misery Prevailing in the State.

The wheels of legislation move slowly. While the various committees are working on the Social Unemployment Insurance Bill, we will be in the midst of winter and many thousands of hungry and destitute workers and small farmers will be suffering even more than now, and so we demand that the Assembly appropriate at once out of the State budget \$50.00 for each unemployed worker and \$10.00 for each dependent.

This is little enough, but will alleviate the suffering until permanent relief can be established. Comrade Lambert, who preceded me, has ably covered Point II, the immediate passing of the State Social Unemployment Bill.

We demand that the present policy of eviction, gas, water and electric shut-off, due to non-payment of bills by unemployed workers, be abolished. We are constantly told, we must preserve the family, keep the family intact, and yet thousands of families are evicted, forced into poorer homes, more crowded, less and less room, until the children are forced to leave home; to shift alone, a sure way to break up the family.

Another thing you must abolish is the move on system. The so-called relief organizations give a family \$5.00 for rent deposit and tell them to stay until evicted, and then do the same thing over again, thus aiding and abetting crime. What an environment to raise children in!

We demand the immediate abolition of the Forced Labor Camps, where men are forced to work on Public Construction work, under prison conditions, for miserable meals and beds. They do the same work as men getting \$5 a day or

—Worker Correspondent.

JAPANESE ARREST CHINESE CREW OF CANADIAN LINER

Detain Three on Frame Up Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 16.—On November 5th, the S. S. Empress of Russia manned by Chinese seamen, left the port of Vancouver, B. C. for Nagasaki, Japan, where she anchored to take on some more coal. While the coaling operation was in progress a poorly secured lifeboat fell from its davits, killing one Japanese longshoreman and injuring two more.

The Japanese police immediately arrested all Chinese seamen on board, took them to marine police headquarters on the charge of having deliberately thrown the lifeboat down to kill the Japanese longshoreman. This despite the fact that the day was Sunday and all the Chinese sailors were off duty. In the subsequent hearing Chan Hop, Chan Fook and Lai Sing were so severely beaten that they are now in a dying condition.

In order to make his sailing schedule the Captain of the S. S. Empress of Russia permitted the Japanese authorities to detain three other Chinese seamen. Also this would serve to white-wash the rotten condition of the gear aboard the ship.

When the ship was out on the high seas the Chinese workers agitated among the passengers and together they forced a statement from the Captain that he would advise his company to do all in its power to bring about the release of the three detained sailors.

This statement was a lie, for when on the following day the passengers and the seamen were going to hold another meeting, the Captain, the mates and the boatswains, all heavily armed, suppressed the meeting. Passengers and crew were segregated from one another.

Despite the Captain's terror, the seamen have not given up the struggle. The Chinese Red Seamen and Harbor Workers Union is calling on all workers and especially the marine workers of the Pacific to protest and rescue these Chinese seamen from the Japanese Imperialists. —Marine Worker.

Beer but No Bread

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 23.—An under-current of the happenings at the present session of the State Legislature in Arizona says that the Solons will vote early on BEER. However, aside from the demagoguery, nothing is being done to relieve the starving masses of workers and the farmers in Arizona. The Arizona Communist Party and Unemployed Council are extending the struggle for better living conditions for the people of Arizona.

Woman Relief Worker Beaten

MONROVIA, Calif., Jan. 13th.—Much thanks are due Ronald Cooley for the fine write-up of the Green case in your issue of Jan. 9. As for Mrs. Ketchen of the Welfare Society, let her be handled like the Stull woman in the attached clipping from the Chicago Tribune.

He incloses a picture of the female under which is incriminated. Woman Relief Worker Beaten. Miss Marion Stull, overseer of poor in Floyd County, Iowa, who was kidnapped from her office in Charles City by unemployed men and beaten.

Thousands Die Over Gran Chaco

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, January 24.—According to the reports from Bolivia and Paraguay, more than 4,000 have already been killed in the course of the bloodiest battle since the undeclared war over the Gran Chaco started. The battle in the Nanawa sector is now entering the fifth day.

Cuba Arming

HAVANA, Cuba, January 24.—Four military planes purchased from Buffalo, N. Y., arrived here today.

YOUNG "FREIGHT PASSENGER" GETS KILLED BY TRAIN

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 24.—William Farley, 16 year old youth, who because of his father's unemployment has been forced to quit school and leave home in West Virginia was killed by falling under a freight train in Stockton, California.

He was taken out by the Stockton firemen, who had to jack up the car to get him out. Farley was conscious for an hour and told of the miserable life of the unemployed youth in the jungles. After leaving home he chummed up with another youth in similar circumstances. They came to California to dodge the cold weather. Tiring of the continuous traveling and exposure they built themselves a shack in Oakland's Hooverville, a miserable affair of cardboard and tin, to protect themselves against the wind and rain. They were only allowed to stay in this hovel for a couple of weeks when the Oakland police came, tore it down, and chased them out of town.

Young Farley, inexperienced in riding freight trains, while getting off in Stockton, stepped on a coupling release lever. The train broke in two, throwing him under the train and cutting one leg off at the hip. He warned the hospital attendants not to send his partner to the Salvation Army. Farley's companion has joined the Young Communist League and is determined to get revenge for the murder of his pal, as he lays the murder of his pal directly to the capitalist system.

—Worker Correspondent.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Hitler Heads Anti-Communist Government

BERLIN, Germany, January 30.—Abandoning his "all or nothing" tactic, Adolph Hitler, Fascist leader today accepted the chancellorship resigned by Von Schleicher and will head a compromise cabinet. The additional post Hitler wanted, Reich Commissioner for Prussia, carrying command of the regular army and the Reichwehr 90,000 troops goes to Franz Von Papen, who will be Vice-Chancellor in this desperate United Front against Communist workers and peasants of Germany.

Increased Terror in Germany

BERLIN, Germany, January, 26.—One of the bloodiest massacres in the recent wave of fascist terror against the workers took place at Dresden, Saxony, where nine Communists were killed and 11 wounded. Police opened fire on the unarmed workers holding a demonstration, called to protest Hitler's terror. Simultaneously with this support given him by the government's police, Hitler announces that he has reconsidered, insisting being appointed as chancellor as a condition for giving support to a government.

Irish Workers Strike

BELFAST, Ireland, January 30.—More than 5000 railway workers will leave the job at midnight tonight. Following the failure of the bosses to meet demands at a conference Saturday, the workers at a mass meeting voted to strike, tying up the most important lines of North Ireland.

Take Last of Towns at U.S.S.R. Border

TOKYO, Japan, January 27.—The last of the important Manchurian towns on the Soviet border, Heibo, has been occupied by Japanese troops. Japanese airplanes continue to raid the 30,000 Chinese troops concentrating in Northeast Jehol.

553 New Food Factories

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., January 27.—According to the report of the Peoples Commissariat of Food Supplies, 553 new food plants have been opened in the Soviet Union in the course of the four years of the First "Five-Year Plan."

This included, 227 mechanized creameries, 70 canneries, 40 cold storage warehouses, 32 kitchen factories, 22 fruit preserving establishments, 15 poultry combinats, 10 meat packing combinats and many others.

The Soviet canning industry is second only to that of the U. S. having raised the output from 80 million cans in 1913 to 90 million in 1928, to 748 million in 1932. The Five-Year Plan called for 650 million cans in 1933.

First Soviet Car Stands Test

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., January 27.—A fleet of 50 cars including 25 of the first passenger cars, all produced at the Nizhni (Gorky) plant, made the first successful trial trip from Gorki to Moscow and back over very rough roads. These are the forerunner of tens of thousands that are being turned out at the huge plant.

Japan Grabs 4 Soviet Whalers

TOKYO, Japan, Jan. 26.—Four Soviet whaling ships were brought into the Yokohama harbor under heavy guard, charged with "violating the fortified zone laws." Two hundred and thirty-one men and women are being held, among whom are also three American Negroes.

Sacramento Single Workers Win More Food Concessions

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 25.—The militant action of the Unemployed Councils have forced definite concessions from the bosses. A committee presenting demands before Jenkins of the Salvation Army, insisted that the soup line either improve its food or close down. The result was a promise of more food, more meat, sugar, good coffee, etc.

Two different committees representing the single unemployed, forced the city, in exchange for four hours' work, enough food per individual for a week's supply. These committees have already received their groceries, another committee has been formed, and many more are in process of formation.

The committees have forced the County Hospital to take in and care for two members of the Unemployed Council; and have demanded the abolition of the wood-chopping system and the liquidation of the eternal waiting in line for meal tickets.

Henry Phillips, who was arrested last week for asking for food, is out on \$100 furnished by the strikers of Vacaville.

Collapses on Soup Line

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 23.—A worker collapsed in the Community Day Shelter (Admission by card only) at 855 Folsom Street, another victim of capitalistic unemployment relief. An attendant was called, who callously refused to do anything.

Three members of the Unemployed Council immediately formed a committee of action. The superintendent of the Shelter was forced to send the man to a hospital.

—Worker Correspondent.



TODAY'S DEFINITIONS:

EVOLUTION: My grandfather, an early A. F. of L. organizer, and father, a Socialist Party worker, helps me building the Communist Party.—W. J.

A BITTER SMILE: The grimace of a Communist-inclined banana peddler when the bull helps himself.

Our 1933 headquarters is one block closer to the City Hall. The Prosperity Furniture Co. went bankrupt. So we moved in. Pretty soon capitalism goes bankrupt.

TRADANBARTER On the Isle of Tradanbarter They solved the jobless quandry. The natives make their living there washing each other's laundry!

Here jobless charity pays big But takes some Bosses' coin, So fakers, press and bosses in New enterprise will join

To sell us Tradanbarter's Plan. 'Twill save that coin they hope, While we wash out each other's clothes

And fakers sell the soap.

Frisco's laborbating Judge Steiger sentenced a baker, guilty of using rotten Chinese eggs in his goods to deliver 1,000 doughnuts to the White Angel Slop Line.

Come to Jesus—and go to Jesus! Judging by shipments of war materials, the only one taking "Buy American" seriously is Japan.

Champagne Jimmy Rolph is finding the recall movement and graft expose no sham pain at all. The hospital is hiding his pants, and this time he can't run.

A Frisco artist's works are on view At the Palace of Legion of Honor. While at the same time he works for his grub With the Ass. C. charities doner.

He asked the Ass. C. for his portion of work.

The job he received was a stunner. They sent him down to clean out the toilets AT THE PALACE OF LEGION OF HONOR.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN: "It is necessary to preserve private property simply because the other name for it is liberty." G. K. Chesterton.

And the other name of many California farmers ex-private property is now the Liberty Bank.

SLIPS OF THE LIP: "If we cut the Filipino adrift, they would certainly prefer the state they were in before we took them over."—Oscar Sutor, Frisco Big Shot.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Since the expenses of last war's pensions alone will cost \$86,000,000, 000, isn't another war too expensive? Who told you the bosses pay the taxes to raise that money?

Young Communist Organizer Tours Sacramento Section

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 25.—A speaking tour has been arranged for Comrade Archie Brown for the purpose of building up this section of the Young Communist League. The tour will include seven towns, ending with a Section Conference in Sacramento February 19. The dates are:

- Sacramento—February 12. Stockton—February 13. Lodi—February 14. Rocklin—February 15. Chico—February 16. Fairfield—February 17. Vacaville—February 18.

NEIGHBORS RALLY, DEFEND MORENOS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 28.—Neighbors of Pete Moreno, through united mass protest, have successfully resisted the attempt of the Associated Charities to deport Moreno and his twelve children to Solano County.

A delegation from the Unemployed Councils went to the Associated Charities Friday morning to demand relief for Moreno, while many of one hundred neighbors who signed a petition against the deportation, were ready at a moment's notice to stop any attempt at eviction.

Mrs. Newell, of the Associated Charities, has tried to stop relief and declares that that this family is

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'BARTER PLAN' IS RELIEF-CUT SCHEME

that the line of the Unemployed Councils, led by the Communists is to appeal to the workers on the basis of dreams.

As a matter of fact were it not for the Unemployed Council and the Communist movement, the relief given in San Francisco would be far lower, probably as low as that given in Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City or Denver where the "Moneyless heaven" pictured by The News flourishes.

Was it Wollenberg's benevolence that placed 14,140 family heads on the relief roll?

Who forced relief work down to one week in a month from one week in three?

Who forced the introduction of the groceries that at least gives workers a change to choose certain foods?

Who forced the Charities to pay rents, gas and light? Who forced the city to issue a \$6,500,000 relief bond?

Anyone knows that such great demonstrations as the State Hunger March to San Francisco last year, the county Hunger March in September and many others in the neighborhoods forced these concessions.

This is what The News calls "Communist dreams." It is obvious that the bosses want to substitute these "Communist dreams" with the "Practical Barter Plan"—Practical for the bosses.

SPLIT WORKERS

It is very significant that the barter plan appeal is stressed, to those not yet on the relief list or those whose pride kept them from applying for it. Attendance at the meeting under the auspices held so far, reveals an element that still wants to "maintain appearances."

Running through the entire bal-lyhoo in The News for the plan is the appeal on the basis that it gives many a chance to "maintain decency" and glorifies those that as one writer terms it "are too poor to buy, but too proud to beg."

In this connection it is important to note that one of the first groups to be formed is the white collar one, consisting of technicians, former executives etc.

There is a definite purpose behind this idea. The plan is to divide the jobless—the "decent ones"—those degenerated to become "public charges"—those who would rather starve than fight, and those that struggle for everything they get under the leadership of the militant movement.

It's a counter plan to the campaign of the Unemployed Council which is combing every neighborhood, urging the workers to cast off such hypocrisy as "pride" which only serves the interest of the bosses—and taking hundreds to the charities to demand at least the little that is due them.

Such struggles as the Blank eviction case in which 12 were arrested; as the Richie case when 18 were arrested and Comrade Rhyne served a sentence of 40 days characterize the fight led by the Unemployed Council.

BARTER FAKERS KICKED OUT BEFORE

The plan is not a new in San Francisco. But its sponsors have thus far been driven out everytime they raised their head. Over a year ago calling itself the Unemployed Citizens League, the first attempt was made. The fakers were soon driven out by a militant rank and file. They flocked to the Liberty Party. Immediately after the campaign with the complete disappearance of the Liberty Party, the fakers took to organizing the Citizens Protective Union. It only took a few weeks before they could find out that the rank and file will not stomach them. Being kicked off the executive positions they fished only to emerge as the leaders in this great cure-all—the "Barter Plan".

They will soon get the same treatment from the San Francisco workers, despite the highpowered News campaign, and the support already given them by State and city officials.

The militant workers' organizations in San Francisco will expose the plan for what it is—a scheme for still further reducing the standards of the workers. The fakers will be met by a renewed struggle to carry thru the decisions of the conference of the Hunger Marchers in Sacramento, to form a fighting committee in every block and shift the entire burden of relief on the rich bosses and their government.

a burden on San Francisco and that since Moreno at one time owned a farm near Vacaville he should be sent there. The farm was gobbled up by a bank long ago, a fact of which Mrs. Newell is well aware.

LAST CALL!

RUSH ALL FUNDS!

for the

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Next Week's Issue

Make the Final Week the Biggest of All!

RUSH ALL FUNDS!

Fill the Western Worker War Chest!

8000 SUPPORT COLO. HUNGER MARCHERS

(Continued from Page 1) ed the demands, Guyann and Dietrich spoke to the thousands waiting for their report on the grounds before the capitol. Praising the discipline and militancy of the workers in the face of a week of police attempts at intimidation, they urged that every effort be bent toward organized struggle until the final and complete victory is won. Rae Green addressed the crowd on behalf of the women workers of the state.

The broadness of the United Front and the inclusion of large numbers of Spanish, Mexican, Negro and women workers is a great victory scored in the fight. A permanent statewide organization was formed at the Conference, where the more than 700 delegates participating pledged to continue the fight, employed and unemployed together.

An attempt of the State Federation of Labor misleadership to organize a move counter to the United Front is meeting with failure though its obvious fakery and lack of consideration of the unemployed.

\$12.50 Per Mo. Cut Speedup, for S. F. Milk Wagon Drivers

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 26.—The Milk Wagon Drivers Union, A. F. of L. Local 226 is being betrayed by its officials. For the past three years a persistent attempt on the part of the bosses thru the local Union officials, has been carried on to cut the wages of one of the few crafts which is still getting a living wage.

Falling in this directly the bosses started taking off routes and distributing the work on the remaining routes. For instance our dairy formerly employing 14 drivers now has only 9 drivers doing the work. This is a saving of nearly \$1000 per month in wages, besides the savings of wear and tear on 5 trucks. For the driver this means misery.

Now after all this the drivers were fooled into accepting a reduction of \$12.50 per month as a direct wage cut.

The drivers should form a rank and file committee to take matters into their own hands, otherwise more cuts are bound to follow.

Thousands at Lenin Memorial Meetings

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 22.—Big Lenin Memorial Meetings throughout the West heard the program of Leninism and in every case pledged their enthusiastic support to the campaign against Imperialist war.

In this city more than 800 came through a driving rain to hear the program, the main features of which were a seven-act play, "Lenin Leads," by the John Reed Club, in which the audience participated, and Sam Darcy's speech on "Communism and Technocracy." James Branch spoke on the life of Lenin and the imperialist war developments on the Pacific.

Big Meeting in Butte

BUTTE, Montana, Jan. 21.—What was relatively one of the largest crowds in the West attended the Lenin Memorial Meeting tonight. Six hundred workers came to Carpenter's Hall to hear the five speakers, a proletarian play and join in the mass singing. Many applications for membership in the Party resulted.

400 at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 22.—Over 400 workers attended the Lenin Memorial Meeting at 124 Townsend St., Sunday evening. Speakers included Jack Olsen, Lawrence Ross and Comrade Matchman.

An announcement that Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, would run for Judge in the coming Los Angeles city elections was enthusiastically cheered by the workers.

9 Join in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 22.—The Lenin Memorial Meeting at the Woodbine Hall, drew more than 150 workers.

A short skit was presented by the Young Pioneers. Nine workers applied for membership in the Communist Party.

Santa Barbara

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 21. Gene Gordon addressed the Lenin Memorial Meeting on Lenin and Imperialist war. Dorothy Ray spoke on the Youth problems.

WORKERS STOP COEUR D'ALENE WATER SHUT-OFF

Jobless Council On the Job with Strong Committee

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Jan. 18.—The Coeur d'Alene Unemployed Council won a victory over the Washington Water Power Co. Monday, Jan. 16, when its employees attempted to disconnect a water pipe leading to an Unemployed worker's home.

The Council had turned the water on and was still in the vicinity when the W. W. P. Co trucks drove up and a big hardbilled employee, wrench in hand hustled over to the water shut-off, intending to take out the union and thus make it impossible for the worker to get water.

The U. C. Committee gathered around him and quietly but sternly demanded that the pipe be left alone. "Where do ye get your authority? Got a court order? Yer goin too far with this stuff," was this faithful worker's reply and continued to dig around the pipes. By this time young huskies got around and their clenched fists became too numerous to comfort him, and with trembling hands he picked up his tools, seeing that his bluff won't work, said "I'll get the sheriff and have him stand over me while I shut off that water."

As he drove away the committee scattered over town and mobilized a larger body of workers. We returned about 25 strong but found neither the sheriff nor the representative of the Power Trust.

We learnt later that W. W. P. Co took the matter up with the city council and asked for police protection, but were promptly referred to the county authorities, who in turn advised them that they'd better leave the Unemployed Council alone.

These kind of examples prove to the workers here the importance of organizing behind the demands of the workers.

—J. L. W.

"Moon Pulls U. S. and England 63 Ft. Closer Together" a capitalist scientist assures. Wrong again! The line of the Communist International and the common fight for bread, has brought them so close they stand shoulder to shoulder.

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WHERE TO GO

MOVIES of Front line fighting in China. Sac'to. Hunger. March. Huang Ping Demonstration. Vau-deville. First of a series of news-reels exposing war preparations. 1223 Fillmore, Wed. Feb. 8, 8 and 10 p. m. Adm. 20c. Unemployed cards 5c. Workers Film and Photo League of John Reed Club.

ENTERTAINMENT and DANCE North Beach Workers' Center, 1529 Powell Street, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1933. Workers' talent will be featured—singing, folk dancing, and "The Argentine Tango." Admission 20 cents. Unemployed 5c.—8 p. m.

CONCERT and DANCE—Given by English Branch, I. W. O. Celebrate First Anniversary. Saturday, February 4th, 8:00 P. M. California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts. Admission 25c. Refreshments.

RUSSIAN VECHERINKA given by Russian Branch of the I. L. D. Saturday, February 4th, at 1223 Fillmore Street. Program begins at 8:00 P. M. Dancing, Ballade Orchestra. Russian Dishes will be served from 6:30. Admission 25c. Unemployed with Card 5c

LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S COUNCIL 5TH ANNUAL CONCERT—Saturday, February 4, 8:30 P. M. Workers Center, 2706 Brooklyn Avenue. Unusually fine program provided.

NAVY CONCENTRATES FOR WAR MANEUVERS (Continued from Page 1) 000 barrels of cement has just been given, which, in rainy Panama, must be poured at once.

Philippines, Virgin Islands Two other moves of equal strategic importance are hidden under a political cloak of "benevolence." The Philippines "Freedom" Bill, recently passed, gives free rein to army and navy to strengthen their bases at will in this key position to Oriental markets and exploitation.

Directly in the trade route on the eastern side of Panama, the Virgin Islands, which on March 1, 1931 were given civil government, are to be returned to naval command. Even friends of Gov. Pearson, urge the immediate change.

State Conferences FOR C. S. LAW REPEAL (Continued from Page 1) conferences on repeal of the state Criminal Syndicalism Law was held in Santa Cruz on Sunday evening, January 29th, at Arion Hall.

Delegates attended from Watsonville, Monterey, Carmel, Salinas and Castroville. City committees for carrying on the C. S. Law repeal campaign have already been set up in these towns.

"Title and Summary" for the repeal petitions to be issued early. In February has been granted. The State Convention for repeal of the C. S. Law is scheduled to be held in San Francisco on March 5th. All organizations are asked to send delegates.

Numerous prominent individuals have already given their names for membership in the State Committee to be elected at the Conference. Among those endorsements already received are Upton Sinclair, Lincoln Steffens, Wm. Thurston Brown, Jack Green, Adam Vurek, and Gaspar Bauer, the latter three are prominent in their local A. F. of L. unions.

CALL FOR OPEN HEARING The State Committee calls on all workers and their organizations, and all persons sympathetic to the campaign for repeal of the C. S. Law to send resolutions and letters to assemblymen at their home addresses during the February recess, urging them to support open hearings on the Repeal Bill which has been introduced in the State Legislature by Assemblyman Thomas Maloney. These open hearings will be held in the Assembly Chambers of the State Capitol in Sacramento sometime in March. Resolutions and letters demanding that these hearings be open to the public should be sent especially to Percy G. West, Insurance Building, Sacramento; Chas. W. Dempster, 1650 West Boulevard, Los Angeles; Thos. W. Maloney, 341 Connecticut St., San Francisco, urging them not to allow the repeal bill to be killed in a committee. Local delegations from C. S. Law Repeal Committees should call on these assemblymen personally and present the demands for open hearings.

SCHOOL ARRANGED FOR YOUTH Due to the increased activity of the Youth of the Sacramento district in the revolutionary movement the Young Communist League is planning to open a Workers School on March 5th.

The subject to be taught are: Trade Unionism, particularly Agricultural; Principles of Organization; Farm Work (United Farmers League); Youth Problems and Political Economy. A small fee will be charged for these classes. All workers of the Sacramento district are urgently requested to support this school.

SACRAMENTO WORKERS BOOKSHOP 429 "J" STREET Working Class Literature Free Reading Room Red Builders Club Meets Mon. 7:00 P. M.

Editorial Column SINCLAIR LAYS BASIS TO SUPPORT U. S. IMPERIALISM

Upton Sinclair speaking before the Anti-War Mass Meeting under the auspices of the Students Conference of Southern California offered an analysis that proves him the same social patriot he was during the last war, despite the fact that he recently endorsed the Amsterdam World Congress Against War.

Altho only part of the speech appears in "The Open Forum," there is enough to show that he learnt little since the time he supported American Imperialism's war against Germany.

Sinclair states:

"If there is no hope for peace from student action there is no hope for peace whatsoever. Because it is you students in this audience, who are going to fight the next war and by your intellectual efforts are going to support and sustain it. . . ."

No one will deny that in the struggle against war, students play an important role, and all efforts must be made to organize them, fight military training in schools, etc. But to state that students are the basic force upon whom peace depends is sheer nonsense and shows a failure to grasp the most elementary steps necessary to fight Imperialist war. It is the working class, and particularly the workers in basic industries, who are the leaders in the fight against war.

WORKERS LEAD ANTI-WAR FIGHT

A war can be stopped only if the workers organize and strike to stop shipment of munitions, or the production of armaments. War can be made dangerous for the bosses if the mass of workers, who will make the bulk of the fighting forces, are prepared to turn the war into a war against the capitalist order. In this struggle the workers win over the students, farmers and middle class elements.

But that would not do for Sinclair the "Socialist," for that would mean a bitter struggle to organize the munition workers, the longshoremen and seamen in the many ports from which war materials are being shipped, especially now from San Pedro, right under his very nose. It would mean organizing the steel workers, those in airplane manufacture, those in the shipyards, etc., etc. It would mean strikes in all these places, in fact a sharp class war to put an end to the capitalist system that breeds wars.

But Sinclair does not see that the struggle against war is part of the class struggle. To him it is a matter of molding "public opinion" and that is why he thinks the students are the basic "hope for peace."

SINCLAIR SOCIAL PATRIOT IN LAST WAR

It is failure to carry thru such policy that led to the great betrayal during the last war, when Sinclair's fellow "Socialist" leaders in all countries, as Sinclair himself, found reasons for supporting their respective governments. The position of the "Socialists" and pacifists is to disarm the workers and thereby give the bosses a free hand to declare wars.

Sinclair's remaining remarks followed the same line, but perhaps the most glaring example to show the treacherous role of Sinclair and his kind is in the following:

"A couple of years ago I would have said the chances are we would be fighting Russia. Now we may be on the side of Russia, helping her to fight Japan."

The Soviet Union is not in danger of an attack from our U. S. bosses. In fact our bosses are good people, they will help the Soviet Union! And if we are practical, they will defend the Soviet Union by helping our bosses. As Hearst says, we must fight the big military peril—Japan.

LAYS BASIS FOR SUPPORTING U. S. BOSSES

At the very moment when the United States is engaged in the most intensive war preparations in its history, when the entire navy is concentrating, for the greatest maneuvers yet staged, Sinclair wants to direct the growing sympathy for the Soviet Union to the U. S. Imperialist war aims.

Sinclair refuses to recognize that unity of the Imperialists against the Soviet Union overshadows all differences between them. He refuses to see that all imperialist powers including the U. S. are agreed to making Japan the spearhead in the attack against the Soviet Union, assisting her with munitions, even though eventually there would be war between themselves.

There should be no mistake in taking the viewpoint expressed by Sinclair as merely a kink in his own head. This is the position of his Socialist Party which is preparing the same kind of betrayal that was carried thru during the last war. The same that its brother party in Japan, supporting intervention in Manchuria, is carrying thru now.

ONLY COMMUNIST LEAD STRUGGLE

Workers! Do not be misled by the anti-war phraseology of the "Socialists!" Here on the coast, which will be the immediate theatre of the next war, we are particularly faced with the task of exposing and fighting the U. S. war preparations. We have here on the coast a great concentration of military forces who must be reached and won over to the struggle of the workers against Imperialist war.

From Pacific ports the bulk of the munitions for war zones are being shipped. We must organize the marine workers to stop the shipment of munitions.

We must win the farmers, students, and the middle class intellectual elements for a mass struggle against intervention into the Soviet Union, and against imperialist war.

But in all this only the Communist Party and the revolutionary organizations are taking an actual lead.

DOWN WITH THE SINCLAIRS AND OTHER SOCIALIST PARTY BETRAYERS!

FIGHT THE WAR PREPARATIONS OF OUR AMERICAN BOSSES!

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"That's It, Boys—Help Yourself and Forget My Coin."—By T. Jones.



Criminal Syndicalism Law Weapon Against Workers

by CHAS. COPPOCK

A close examination of the text of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act will convince any thinking person, particularly of the working class of the genuine and vicious danger to not only the elementary rights of "free speech, free press and free assembly" presumably guaranteed him by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, but also a definite threat to his right to organize and struggle against the starvation policy of the capitalist ruling class.

Enacted in 1919, in the period of post-war hysteria when the bosses were terrorized by the heroic example of the Russian Revolution and the great wave of workers' struggles which swept over the world, the state C. S. Law throughout all its provisions is aimed primarily to crush the growing organization of exploited and militant labor. Proof of this stands out in every section of this law, the full text of which is reproduced here-with:

SECTION 1. The term "criminal syndicalism" as used in this act is hereby defined as any doctrine or precept advocating, teaching or aiding and abetting the commission of crime, sabotage (which word is hereby defined as meaning willful and malicious physical injury or damage to physical property), or unlawful acts of force and violence or unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing a change in industrial ownership or control, or effecting any political change.

MILITANTS ARE CRIMINALS

(Observe the terms of the definition itself: "any doctrine or precept;" "crime, sabotage, unlawful acts of terrorism.") By using such words to describe violation of this law its sponsors clearly have made it appear that persons charged under its terms are necessarily guilty of acts of a criminal nature; in other words they try to libel the legitimate struggles of the workers, however peaceful, as partaking of violence and sabotage, etc., in order to prejudice the public against the workers' struggles and in favor of suppressive legislation.)

SECTION 2—Any person who:
1.—By spoken or written words or personal conduct advocates, teaches or aids and abets criminal syndicalism or the duty, necessity or propriety of committing crime, sabotage, violence or any unlawful method of terrorism as a means of accomplishing a change in industrial ownership or control, or effecting any political change; or—

"FREEDOM OF SPEECH"

("By spoken or written words or personal conduct": Clearly this is aimed at anyone showing the least sign of sympathy for the right of workers to organize, either in unions political parties or fraternal organizations that advance their interest.)

2.—Willfully or deliberately by spoken or written words justifies or attempts to justify criminal syndicalism or the commission or attempt to commit crime, sabotage, violence or unlawful methods of terrorism with intent to approve,

Mass Campaign to Repeal Law is Spreading

advocate or further the doctrine of criminal syndicalism; or—

3.—Prints, publishes, edits, issues or circulates or publicly displays any book, paper, pamphlet, document, poster or written or printed matter in any other form containing written or printed advocacy, teaching, or aid and abetment of, or advising, criminal syndicalism; or—
TRY TO HAMSTRING LABOR
(What do these two sections mean? They provide for absolute suppression of every and any means of expression of support for the workers' struggles, and proscribing the constitutional rights of free speech and free press. Aimed primarily at the workers, they are also intended to crush all liberal opinions, spoken or printed, of friends and supporters of the masses.)

4. Organizes or assists in organizing, or is or knowingly becomes a member of, any organization, society, group or assemblage of persons organized or assembled to advocate, teach or aid and abet criminal syndicalism; or—
(Despite, and yet because of, its vague and general terms, this clause aims its pressure against the joining or giving assistance to organizations of the workers. And the clause which follows plainly provides for suppression of any protest, demonstration, strike or any militant action whatever by the workers or their friends against such unbearable conditions as always prevail for the masses under the rule of the bosses.)

1 TO 14 YEARS PRISON

5.—Willfully by personal act or conduct, practices or commits any act advised, advocated, taught or aided and abetted by the doctrine or precept of criminal syndicalism, with intent to accomplish a change in industrial ownership or control, or effecting any political change: Is guilty of a felony and punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not less than one year nor more than fourteen years.

SECTION 3. If for any reason any section, clause or provision of this act shall by any court be held unconstitutional then the legislature hereby declares that, irrespective of the unconstitutionality so determined of such section, clause or provision, it would have enacted and made the law of this state and all other sections, clauses and provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. Inasmuch as this act concerns and is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety for the reason that at the present time large numbers of persons are going from place to place in this state advocating, teaching and practicing criminal syndicalism, this act shall take effect upon approval by the governor.

600 ARRESTED ON C. S.

If any doubt remains of the purpose of this vicious anti-labor law we have only to review the damning record of its application during the fourteen years since its enactment. During the period

over 600 workers have been arrested under this law and over 200 sentenced to long prison terms.

The history of the Imperial Valley case, in which eight workers who were organizers of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union were given sentences of from three to forty-two years in San Quentin and Folsom because they fought in behalf of the miserably exploited workers of the Imperial Valley, is the outstanding example of how the C. S. Law works as a legal frame-up system against militant labor. The raid by armed deputies and police on their union hall at Brawley, Calif., in 1930, when the brutal arrests were made, and the terroristic tactics of the courts throughout the trial furnish definite proof that it is the bosses, and not the workers, who resort to "crime, violence and unlawful methods of terrorism" to crush the struggles of the workers against unbearable conditions of starvation and misery.

Another outstanding instance of this characteristic application of the C. S. Law is the arrest in Jan. 1932, of over 200 workers at a mass meeting called by the Communist Party in Long Beach. The brutal clubbing of the prisoners in the Long Beach jail, and the vicious frame-up tactics used throughout the trial, proved again the fascist character of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

PETER PANAGOPOULOS

The latest arrest under the Criminal Syndicalism Law is that of Peter Panagopoulos, in charge of the Workers Bookstore in Los Angeles, raided by the "Red Squad" which also seized as evidence thirteen books, among which were the Manifesto of the Communist Party, Capitalist Stabilization Has Ended, the Communist Position on the Negro Question and the magazine Soviet Russia Today. Peter Panagopoulos, who comes to trial March 17th, faces from two to twenty-eight years imprisonment for displaying and having such books in his possession, and for being a member of the Communist Party.

35 OTHER STATES

In order fully to realize the danger of the California Criminal Syndicalism Law to the whole working class and all progressive elements it must be emphasized that this law is only one of the many which have been enacted throughout the country. Thirty-five states now have on their statute books replicas of this law-duplicates of the Czarist and Prussian governments, anti-sedition laws—and a Criminal Syndicalism bill is now before the Texas state legislature. This barrage of anti-workingclass legislation represents the growing united-front offensive of wholesale terror, starvation, wage-cuts and increasing misery which the bankrupt capitalist class is thrusting upon the workers.

Every worker and sympathizer of the militant labor movement in California should mobilize behind the campaign now being launched by the State Committee for Repeal of the C. S. Law. We must smash this club of fascist terror now raised over our heads.

International Events and Western Workers

Main Force in Struggles for Independence Are the Philippine Workers and Peasants, As Seen in Tremendous Demonstrations On the Islands. Anti-Imperialist League Wins Support of American Workers to the Real Independence Movement.

BY PAUL LEVINE (Manila)

Following the resolution of the Fourth Delegate Conference of the Philippine Proletarian Trade Union, militant demonstrations, involving collisions with the armed forces, took place in various parts of the Philippine Islands in September. These demonstrations are all the more significant as they took place following a fierce incitement by the Philippine bourgeoisie and the American imperialists against the Soviet Union, making use of the cry of "Soviet dumping" and Russian timber, which, they declared, would ruin the Philippine lumber industry. The main slogans of the demonstrations were: 1. Fight against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. 2. Against the white terror. 3. Fight against unemployment and starvation.

The first big protest demonstration took place in Bulacan in the town of San Miguel on September 5. The demonstrators, numbering over 10,000, mostly peasants and peasant women, first assembled in the suburb, from where they proceeded to the centre of the town, carrying banners with the following slogans: Down with high rents, reduction of interest, defend the socialist Soviet Union, fight imperialist war. The provincial authorities, who were informed beforehand of the demonstration, concentrated the whole of the constabulary of the province in San Miguel in order to break up the demonstration. The constabulary, armed with rifles and with fixed bayonets, barred the way of the demonstration to the town. The masses made repeated attempts to break through the ranks of the constabulary, but were driven back at the point of the bayonet. This

situation lasted for two days, when the demonstrators, who were quite unarmed, were forced to disperse. The breaking up of the demonstration has only served to increase still further the indignation of the peasants against American imperialism and the native bourgeoisie.

The demonstration in Manila took place on October 15.

In the morning, demonstrators gradually assembled in front of the legislative Assembly, and at midday about 3,000 workers, each carrying a red flag, forced their way into the Legislative Chamber. The slogans carried by the workers were: 1. Defend the Soviet Union. 2. Against the partitioning of China, and for the defense of the Soviet Government of China. 3. Fight against imperialist war. 4. Fight for improved conditions for the working class. 5. State benefit for the unemployed. The guards on duty in the Legislative Chamber, numbering 60, tried to disperse the workers, but were forced to give way to the pressure of the crowd. The President of the Senate, Manuel Quezon, the most loyal lackey of American imperialism and one of the biggest landowners on Luzon Island, was finally compelled to meet the demonstrators and hear their demands. The demonstrators then withdrew from the Legislative Chamber singing the "Internationale" and other revolutionary songs, and then proceeded to the city hall, where they dispersed.

Demonstrations took place on the 15th and 16th of October in St. Cruz the provincial capital of Laguna. The first started early in the morning of the 15th. Workers and peasants, numbering about 2,000 lined up outside the local head-quarters of the Philippine Proleta-

rian Trade Union and attempted to march to the provincial building when they were met by two companies of heavily armed constabulary who sought to bar their way. It came to a collision during which the constabulary attacked the demonstrators with fixed bayonets, with the result that five demonstrators were seriously wounded, ten slightly wounded and the demonstration was dispersed. On the following day, the 16th, the masses again assembled for a demonstration. The provincial governor, realizing the determined spirit of the masses and fearing a revolt, consented to listen to the protest of the demonstrators. Soon afterwards, however, he ordered the arrest of two of the leaders. This action only served to rouse the indignation of the masses, who demanded and enforced the release of the arrested leaders.

In the province of Nueva Ecija, demonstrations took place simultaneously on the 30th of September in Santa Rosa, Cabiao, and Cabanatuan. In Santa Rosa 1000 workers and peasants took part in the demonstration. In Cabiao the demonstrators numbered 2000, mostly workers, peasants and peasant women. In this demonstration the peasant women played the leading part. The constabulary attacked the demonstrators with bayonets, wounding four, before the demonstration was dispersed. In Cabanatuan the demonstrators numbered only 500. Nevertheless they showed a determined fighting spirit.

The distinctive feature of the present movement in the Philippines is that the working and peasant masses are beginning to get rid of their illusions regarding legality. There is every indication that the Philippine revolutionary movement has arrived at a very important turning point.

WE PRUNE

By MADEFREY ODHNER

Comrades of Vacaville
Men and women of the picket-line
Strikers
Workers—
We prune.

Though our strong young men fill
the jails
Bleeding—
Though our old men sit idle
Biting the cold pipe-stems
Brooding—
Lifting slow eyes to the hills
And the long tree rows—
Feeling
As if for the first time
The one hand with the other
Callouses—
Skin and years and pruning shears
And the clutch of the rattling tractor—
ors—
Gloss on the pear
Down on the peach
Mist on the purple plum
(Property of Frank H. Buck)—
Beaten
Hour by hour into the hands
Into the face
Into the tough bent bodies—
Callouses—
Callouses we know as if for the
first time
Conscious—
Class Conscious.

Though our strong young girls pat
the babies
Sharply—
Impatient
With lean hands itching into fists
Thinking of Constables—
And our young women
And our old women
And our old old women
Nurse the purple bruises of the
mobsters—
Breasts and bellies
Shins and thighs—
Fury
Beaten into them by the Deputies
The born Deputies
(Property of Frank H. Buck)—
Nevertheless
We prune—
Our tree.

Hail Bingham in the jail-house!
And the boys the bosses lynched
out of the lock-up—
Hail Nelson
Hail Matney
Hail Martinez
Hail Williams
Hail Blackburn
Hail Thompson!
Hail Lopez!

Wounded with the shears
In the scalp
Deep in—
When the Constables
And the Deputies
And the armed scabs
Attacked our unarmed lines
And we fought—
Maintaining the tempo
Holding the strike
Keeping our ranks
Solid.

Hail to the Alonzos!
Hail to the Spanish hundreds!
Hail Diaz!
Hail Mother Melgar!
With your three strong sons in the
jail-house
Your three great fighters
James, Albert and Robert "Red"
Melgar.

Hail Red!
Watched by the bull-slinger
That slick Sheriff
Thornton—
Glad-handler
Deputizer of thugs, bosses, and
scabs
Winker at lynchings
Legion leader—
Lieutenant of the Buck
In the happy Vaca Valley
Where a Sacramento worker
Is an "outside agitator"—

For every butterless crust
For every strike-fund potato—
We lop off a Uhl, a Hartley, a Buck
A Dobbins and a Deputy—
Sap-suckers
Fruitless devourers of the blood of
our tree.

We keep the tempo
We hold the strike
We prune—
Every pruner a striker
And every striker pruning
Our tree.

Hail Bingham!
"Bail Millionaire"—
Was ever a worker worth so much?
Prices on militant workers are up
In the Ball-bond boom—
Not a hundred grand
In good ranch land
Would they take for you—
Not Dobbins, that flunkey, that
Judge
That backward slander on a horse—
Not Lynch, that well named at-
torney—
Not Hartley, not Uhl, not Buck
(United States Congressman-elect
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For every hungry meal
We prune
We keep the tempo
We hold the strike
And the trees grow beards—
But nevertheless
We prune.
We lop off the suckers
We clean out our tree—
For every hungry meal

Gloss on the pear
Down on the peach
Mist on the purple plum—
He's slick with the soft-stuff, Red
(And with black-jacks and sawed-
offs and gas bombs)
Bull-slinger Thornton

Hail to the Philippine workers!
Ours to a man—
Refusing to scab
Preferring to starve in the work-
camps,
Hail Comrades!
Men of struggle
Upholding your class—
Your tree—
Our tree.

Hail Farmers!
With us—
Against the devourers
Against the bosses
Against the bankers
The brokers
The traders
The salesmen—
The fat eaters—
The mortgage parasites
The dividend drawers
And those that bend over—
Editors, lawyers, stool-pigeons, jud-
ges—
Against the lands barons—
Exploiters, knaves and robbery
Uhls, Hartleys and Bucks.
Hail Farmers!
With us
You too are pruning.

Hail Workers of the World!
Hear us—
We prune our tree—
For the rains are almost on us
And the day of the floods is near.
Over your dikes, Sacramento!
Onto the land, San Joaquin!
Our rivers run up from the ocean
Our rains rise up from the land—
Up from the ocean of workers'
Up from the starved on the farms—
Hear mountains—
A flood to set us free
Out of the grip of the owners—
Out of the smother of fences
Our flood
Smashing
Till our last Red Wave
Blasts your last rock free
Our flood
Over your high clouds, Shasta
Over your ice, Rainier
Over your tall white peaks, Sierras,
And on to the East
To mix with the floods from the
East—
A rain for our tree.

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