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## MOONEY FRAME-UP PROOF IN COURT

### BUT JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR UNITE TO SUPPRESS IT!

#### LETTUCE WORKERS WIN INCREASES; LEGION RAID ON HEADQUARTERS ANSWERED WITH A 100% STRIKE

##### Agricultural Union Gains Great Influence Among Workers; Camp Committees Being Organized To Keep Gains

###### BULLETIN

WATSONVILLE, May 22.—The lettuce workers have gone back to work, and have forced increases on many ranches, from the former 15c to 20c and in cases as much as 30c per hour.

As a result of the strike the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union has gained great prestige and influence among the workers. Despite the terror camp committees are being formed, and the Union is being strengthened, as this is the only guarantee that the increases will stay.

WATSONVILLE, May 17.—In reply to the raid of the lettuce workers strike headquarters at 115 Van Ness, by Legion thugs here Monday evening, the lettuce fields in the valley down to Salinas were found tied up completely.

The raid under the leadership of the Legion post commander, including some large growers, and such business people as the manager of the Woolworth store in town, took place when about 75 strikers were holding a meeting, to consider steps for calling off the strike. The thugs ordered every one out, and proceeded to smash up everything there, breaking the plate glass window and light bulbs. Some workers were beaten up.

The workers were threatened that if they do not leave town they will be beaten.

**WORKERS KNEW WHAT TO DO**  
Although all organizers were in jail, as a result of the arrest of 16 on Saturday, the workers knew what to do, and not one of the thousand usually working the fields at this time was seen working this morning.

A committee of the workers went to the police commissioners, demanding that a permit be given the strikers for a Plaza meeting, and that the police prevent the Legion thugs from interfering. But the police chief refused to give such a permit on the ground that  
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#### ROTTEN WOODYARD CONDITIONS FORCE 500 OUT ON STRIKE

##### Workers Warned Not To Apply To Police For Relief

PORTLAND, Ore., May 16.—Over 500 woodyard workers met at the Workers Center, May 12, and decided to go on strike June 4 to demand cash wages. A strike committee of fifteen was elected.

Two hours a day forced labor in the woodyard for two meals (they call them that) and a bed in a fire-trap and vermin-infested hotel is the relief the single men have administered to them by the local charity racketeers. A strike last March resulted in a temporary improvement in quality of food and sanitary conditions. Then gradually the same old conditions were forced upon the workers. Preparations are being made to mobilize all workers organizations to support the strike.

#### DENVER UNITED FRONT TICKET GETS 5000 VOTES

##### Communist Candidate For Council Gets 1000 Votes Despite Intense Boss Drive

##### Ran Against K. K. K.

##### Socialist Local Also in Workers United Front Despite National Policy

DENVER, Colo., May 20.—More than 5200 votes were polled for the workers candidates of the United Front Committee in the election here Tuesday, May 16.

Of the seven candidates running for the nine Councilmanships open, Comrade Wm. Dietrich got 1000 votes in District 4. The winner got less than 5000 votes in this District. During the campaign Dietrich was attacked by the Civic League for being active in the Communist Party, and the Ku Klux Klan issued special leaflets. The count is impressive in view of the fact that half of this district is composed of the wealthy Country Club and Capitol Hill sections, though most of the vote came from the working class.

Lily Painter, running for Election Commissioner, received 2500 votes throughout the city. Fred Underhill got 1250 votes for Councilman in District 3. These two workers candidates are members of the Socialist Party in the United Front of 84 workers organizations fighting for Unemployment Insurance and against starvation and evictions.

Efforts are now to further strengthen the United Front which led the fight for relief during election. During the past week most of the relief stations have been cut in half. Governor Johns, who promised an extra session of the legislature to consider the Unemployment Insurance presented January 23rd, has so far done nothing in this direction.

#### 500 Fight School Cut

TRACY, Calif., May 20.—500 high school boys and girls demonstrated here May 16 against the proposed discharge of three teachers. Parents and friends are backing the youth in their militant action.



#### Vets Returning to Lead Fight in All Districts

##### Reject Forced Labor Offer; Government Pay Expenses Home; Disruptors Defeated

#### S. F. FOOD WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST COMPTON WAGE CUTS

##### 100 Come Out in Fight As Two New Slashes Attempted

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—One hundred workers of the three Compton's restaurants here went on strike yesterday when Compton tried to slap two new wage cuts on top of those already taken recently. Wages previously had been admittedly \$3 less than the \$21 a week scale, but many workers were getting much less. Attempts to recruit scabs from the Crystal Palace Market failed, but a skeleton crew was obtained from the scab Foster restaurants. The workers went out 80% and so far few have returned.

The same A. F. of L. Union officials—of Culinary Workers Locals No. 44, No. 30 and No. 110—who granted Compton the first two wage cuts recently are in charge of the strike. Food workers should set up their own rank and file strike committee to carry on the struggle.

#### Stockton Jobless To Fight Relief Cutoff With County March

STOCKTON, May 17.—To lay plans for a County Hunger March June 5th, the Unemployed Council has called a United Front Conference at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night. Delegates from the Ministerial Union, Unemployed Exchange, Socialist Party and labor unions are to participate.

A mass protest meeting against Roosevelt's starvation program—the Communist Party. Write for application to the Western Worker.

#### The Rock Stands Firm!

#### Mass Meeting For Espey, Framed S. F. Negro Worker

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Trial of Walter Espey, 69-year-old Negro worker held for five weeks in county jail on framed-up charges of rape, is set now for Thursday, June 1st. Battling against exorbitant bail set at \$10,000, the International Labor Defense has finally secured his release on recognizance.

The James Ford Branch, I. L. D., has called a mass meeting for Saturday, May 28, in Rev. Hughes Church, 1207 Powell street, 2 p. m. Espey will speak at the meeting. The I. L. D. is taking steps for getting Negro jurors for the trial.

#### 300 Cleaners, Dyers Vote Strike in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, May 22.—Three hundred cleaners and dyers at a mass meeting Thursday voted to call a general strike to begin Tuesday morning against the intolerable conditions and starvation wages now prevailing.

#### MARINE WORKERS IND. UNION TO HOLD 2 WEST COAST CONVENTIONS

##### Will Be At Seattle and San Francisco; To Elect Delegates To National Conventions July 16-18

#### DISTRICT T. U. U. L. CONVENTION TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 4

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—On June 4 there will be a special meeting of the State Committee of the Trade Union Unity League, for making preparations to hold a state convention of the organization tentatively set for August 6.

The convention will take steps for broadening the drive for organizing the unorganized workers on the basis of a struggle against wage cuts and speedups.

#### GALLAGHER DECLARES READINESS TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT S. F. CITY OFFICIALS FRAMED MOONEY

##### Thousands Driven From Court By Police; Framers Goff Adviser to Prosecution; Workers Must Renew Mass Pressure

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—“Tom Mooney was framed by the public officials of San Francisco,” thundered Leo Gallagher, Mooney's attorney, in answer to the statement of the prosecution that it has no evidence to present, as the trial got under way.

In the opening skirmishes it was evident that District Attorney Brady was continuing Fickert's policy of keeping Mooney in San Quentin penitentiary for life. Only Brady was using different tactics. Judge Ward is united with the prosecution in this. Brady says he has no evidence to present, and Ward says that since there is no evidence against the defendant, the defense can make no refutation. And despite this admission of no evidence the Judge's ruling means in effect that he condemns Mooney to continued life imprisonment. Wherein, therefore lies the difference between the frame-up gang and the unholy Ward-Brady alliance—the answer is that there is no difference.

Ward, in opening the court, renewed his desperate effort to kill the trial by stating:

#### S. F. LABOR COUNCIL CHALLENGED TO BACK SYNDICALISM REPEAL

##### State Repeal Committee Forces Showdown At May 19 Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Making a third and final appeal to the Central Labor Council of San Francisco to actively cooperate in the campaign to collect 150,000 signatures for the initiative petition now circulating to put this issue on the ballot, the State Committee for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law has issued a definite challenge in case no action is taken at the Council's meeting May 19.

The latest move on the part of the State Committee in its persistent efforts to gain the support of the A. F. of L. membership in the C. S. Law repeal will be to take immediate steps to bring a resolution on the floor of every local to pledge support to the campaign and demanding that the Central Labor Council do the same.

A similar request asking for support, endorsement and cooperation on the repeal campaign is being sent to the State Federation of Labor which last December evaded the issue on the excuse of backing the Maloney bill, now dead.

The first day's session was chiefly occupied with choosing a jury. It became increasingly evident as each juror was called that the panel had been packed with accountants, insurance men, well-to-do property owners, etc. At the close of the first day's trial the defense had already exhausted 14 of its 20 challenges. Also the entire jury panel had been exhausted. A new panel was ordered drawn for the second day.

A significant incident occurred just before the first day's adjournment, Judge Ward criticized Gallagher's aggressive and close examination of the jurors, by saying that it is delaying the case. He also declared that he had had a previous understanding with Frank P. Walsh that the case would be over in one day. At this moment Gallagher made clear that such an agreement could only have been made without the consent of the defense. Walsh, who was confused by this embarrassing revelation, arose to state that the understanding was subject to Tom Mooney's approval.

“Before I proceed, I want to advise attorneys that I can see no practical advantage to trial of this case.

“With no prosecution, a verdict of not guilty would be a worthless and fake action in the eyes of the world. I have been anxious to give the defendant a real trial to elicit the truth as to the facts.

“But this court will not be a party to freeing this defendant by legal technicalities. Last month I hoped the defense would decide not to hold this trial. Do you still want it?”

“And Mooney shouted, “We do.” At this point Gallagher arose and declared: “We want the record to show this will be a real trial—not a farce! We want the world to know that public officials of San Francisco have framed Tom Mooney!”

The accusation of “frame-up” aroused Judge Ward to order Gallagher to sit down. But Gallagher's statement had its effect and Ward allowed the trial to proceed.

It was known to the court that all the evidence proving that the first Mooney conviction was a frame-up, was at hand in the court room. Also that the defense needed some out of town witnesses in order to complete this proof. Following his policy of protecting the original frame-up gang, Ward declared he would refuse to allow this testimony to be presented or the witnesses to be called.

Throughout the first day's trial Gallagher conducted the bulk of the proceedings for the defense. It is expected that Tom Mooney will  
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