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TRY TO PUT ON 1-MAN STREET CARS IN S. F.

New System Would Bring
Mass Layoffs of Plat-
form Men

Carmen Protest Employees Are Warned Against Resisting New Plan

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—Ef-
forts of the Market Street Rail-
ways to put over their big lay-off
by introducing the one-man car
system will be brought before the
Board of Supervisors tomorrow,
when pleas will be made to revoke
the city ordinance requiring two
men street cars.

The Municipal Carmen have sent
a request to all unions to protest
the move. Typographical Union No.
21 (A. F. of L.) sent a resolution
to the Supervisors and mayor pro-
testing the one-man cars. The Mu-
nicipal Railways are expected to
follow if the Market Street wins
revocation of the ordinance.

A widespread publicity campaign
has been carried on during the
past month, claiming this stagger
system will not put a single man
out of work. The men laid off, ac-
cording to the plan, will be put on
the waiting list. That the wait is a
long one is evident in the fact that
in the past three years only 76 men
have quit, been fired or died.

80,000 MORE IN L. A. FACE STARVATION AS RELIEF JOBS STOPPED

Unemployed Organizing To
Fight Huge Cut

LOS ANGELES, June 16.—More
than eighty thousand face starva-
tion in this county as a result of
the recent laying-off of nineteen
thousand workers on relief jobs.

Tacoma Unemployed Single Workers Win 20% Relief Increase

TACOMA, Wash., June 17.—United
Front Committees of Action
have won for single unemployed of
the downtown section of Tacoma
an increase in their relief war-
rants averaging twenty per cent
over the former amounts.

Saurio Acquitted At Trial For Defending Decota Picket Line

LIVERMORE, Calif., June 15.—A
court room packed with workers
mobilized through the International
Labor Defense won freedom for
John Saurio here today.

3500 DEMONSTRATE TO FREE SEATTLE EVICTION FIGHTERS

State-Wide United Front For
Defense

SEATTLE, Wash., June 12.—
More than 3500 workers demon-
strated today for unconditional re-
lease for the sixteen eviction fight-
ers arrested April 26, defending the
home of the unemployed Frandsen
family.

L. A. County Welfare Acting As Strike- Breaking Agency

LOS ANGELES, June 14.—"I
won't go scab," replied an unem-
ployed worker when T. G. Parslow,
faster in charge of employment of
married men in the County Wel-
fare, tried to send him out to the
Roberts Furniture Manufacturing
Company where a strike was in
progress.

SPEED WAR PLANS AS IMPERIALISTS MEET IN LONDON

Japan, U. S. Increase Naval
Construction

S. F. Airport Granted Pacific Coast Camps Supply Army Reserve

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—
While around a London table the
major imperialist countries wrangle
for world markets, at home each
country prepares for war.

ARMY AUXILIARY With army men in charge of Roosevelt's \$3,300,000,000 "recon- (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

Burlington Youth Is Railroaded To Insane Asylum

BURLINGTON, Wash., June 18.—
Phil Davis, Young Communist
League member, made exception-
ally high grades in school, speaks
four languages, and is a skilled
linotypist, and has proven qualities
of leadership.

Cherry Pickers' Heroic Stand Against Terror; 35 Arrested; Union Asks For Food, Funds

IS THE CRISIS ENDING?

Despite drastic cuts throughout the country more than eight-
teen million are still on the relief rolls, the Roosevelt adminis-
tration admitted Wednesday, through its mouthpiece, Harry Hop-
kins, Federal Relief Administrator, to a Washington conference
of state relief representatives.

In California the following figures of the State Labor Depart-
ment are particularly illuminating; as regards the much-heralded
return of prosperity: For May, 1933, as compared with May,
1932, in industries the number of workers employed DECREASED
4%, weekly payrolls DECREASED 10% and the average weekly
earnings of those employed DECREASED 9.6%.

In building and construction, May, 1933, shows a DECREASE
from May, 1932, in number of workers, of 13.7%, number of weekly
payrolls dropped 33% and the wage slashes are revealed in the
fact that the average weekly earning is \$17.79, a cut of 22.3%.

In view of the tremendous ballyhoo of how the building of
two San Francisco bridges would put thousands of men in the
bay area to work, these facts stand out: For Alameda and San
Francisco Counties the number of employees in building and con-
struction has DECREASED 38.6%, payrolls dropped 49.2%, and
average weekly earnings dropped 17.2%.

From April to May this year in the same industry, for the
state, the number of workers DECREASED 10%, weekly payrolls
14.9%, an average per capita earnings 5.4%.

WORKERS PACK COURT FOR TRIAL OF 6 SAN GABRIEL LEADERS

L. A. Framer To Prosecute
At June 29 Trials

EL MONTE, Calif., June 16.—
More than 100 workers from Camp
Hicks packed the court room today
when six organizers of the Agri-
cultural Workers Industrial Union
were brought to trial for "vagrancy."

Dist. Attorney Avery, notorious
for framing militant workers in Los
Angeles, came up especially for the
chance to prosecute. Although an-
other had been appointed, he begged
Capt. Burdick of the sheriff's
office to "Let me take care of the
sons of b—s." When given the
job, he got the charges changed
from vagrancy to "disturbing the
peace" and "disorderly conduct."

Lorain was released, but Mary
Edwards, Cyril Moore, Lou Sher-
man, James Brown and George
Valentino were held over for trial
on the new charges June 20th.
Simon Cordell will be tried June
22. Bail is set at \$300 each.

THUGS ATTACK PICKET LINE IN TWO BATTLES; LEADERS JAILED; STRIKE RANKS REMAINING SOLID

Nearly One Thousand in Militant Struggle
Against 33% Cut in Pay; Santa Clara
Valley Unemployed Show Solidarity

SUNNYVALE, Calif., June 19.—Despite a wave of terrorism such as
Santa Clara Valley has never known before, the ranks of the strikers
remain solid. A crowd of 200 strikers mobilized at the court house here
today when ten of the workers arrested Saturday came up for hearing.
In Santa Clara another crowd packed the court room and corridors
where Patrick Callahan and others were up for hearing.

Two big mass meetings are planned for tonight to protest the
brutality of the police against the strikers.

Picket lines are forming to go to Spalding ranch tomorrow.

MEXICAN, JAPANESE BOSSES SPLIT RANKS OF SO. CAL. STRIKE

Farmers Appeal to Roosevelt
For Help Against
Pickers

LOS ANGELES, June 16.—The
ranks of the 5000 agricultural strik-
ers in the raspberry and vegetable
fields of San Gabriel Valley and
the beach cities having been split,
officials of the boss controlled
"Union of Mexican Farmers" have
appealed to President Roosevelt to
settle the wage disputes under the
authority given him by the Indus-
trial Recovery Act.

The Union of Mexican Farmers
was formed under leadership of Ri-
cardo Hill, Mexican Vice-Consul, to
break the racial solidarity of the
strikers, while the Japanese Asso-
ciation followed the same game by
getting Japanese farmers to hire
only Japanese pickers.

The strikers are forced either to
go back to work as 15c an hour or
be locked out. Active fighters
in the strike are all blacklisted.
Vice-Consul Hill made fiery speech-
es to the Mexican workers in Hicks
and Hays camp, who were locked
out by the Japanese, and promised
the Mexican government would
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PAUPER'S OATH USED TO CUT OAKLAND RELIEF ROLLS

Unemployed Councils Call
Struggle Against Slashes

OAKLAND, Calif., June 16.—The
Pauper's Oath required on order of
the Alameda County Board of Su-
pervisors is now in effect in this
city, resulting in many workers
being cut off relief. So strict are
the requirements that the new
board appointed by the city can re-
fuse any applicant, at its own
discretion, if he has any article
that they consider of the least
value.

It is expected that at least 15%
of the 11,000 families now on relief
will be cut off by July 1. Any mis-
take made in filling out the appli-
cation makes the signer liable to
imprisonment. Having a son eligi-
ble for service in the reforestation
camps, or having one other mem-
ber of the family at work auto-
matically cuts the family off from
relief.

The Unemployed Councils, which
have in the past two months forced
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THREATEN TO REVOKE PAROLE OF IMPERIAL VALLEY PRISONER

Oscar Erickson Is Refused
Right To Work For
I. L. D.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—
Oscar Erickson, one of the Imperial
Valley workers convicted of Crimi-
nal Syndicalism and sentenced
from 2 to 42 years, released Au-
gust 2nd, last year on parole, is in
immediate danger of having his pa-
role revoked and returned to San
Quentin to serve the rest of his
sentence.

Erickson is working for the In-
ternational Labor Defense in Buf-
falo, N. Y., at \$12 per week. Parole
Officer E. H. Whyte here refuses
Erickson the right to work for a
workers organization—and under
existing conditions it is impossible
to find other employment for
Erickson.

The National Committee for the
Defense of Political Prisoners and
the International Labor Defense
urge letters and telegrams of pro-
test be sent to Parole Officer
Whyte, Hall of Justice, San Fran-
cisco.

250 PEA PICKERS RETURN TO WORK AS STRIKE ENDS

SAN LEANDRO, Calif., June 19.—
Most of the pea pickers who
went on strike here last Wednes-
day returned to the fields after
putting up a bitter four-day fight.

The pickers came out against a
cut from 18c to 15c a hamper and
splitting up the fields on different
rates of pay. Their demands were
for 20c an hour or 18c a hamper
for all fields and all pickings.

The picket lines reached their
peak Friday when 100 men and
women marched. Constant police ter-
rorism, preventing spread of the
strike, and importation of Japanese
scabs from Salinas, finally forced
them to return at the old wage.

Sign and circulate petitions to
Repeal the Criminal Syndicalism
Law.

MILLINERY STRIKERS IN L. A. WIN ALL DEMANDS

Victory in Three-Day Fight
Builds N. T. W. I. U.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—One
hundred workers went on strike at
the Golden Bros. millinery shop
against intolerable conditions. Two
pickets were jailed by the Red
Squad in front of the shop.

Under the leadership of the Mil-
linery Workers branch of the
Needle Trades Workers Industrial
Union, the strikers are demanding
enforcement of the California
Minimum Wage Law for women,
recognition of the union and of
shop committees.

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—A
three-day strike of thirty millinery
workers at the Lube Hat Works
ended with a complete victory.

The demands were all won,
bringing restoration of the 44-hour
week without any reduction in pay;
stopping of all discrimination in
the shop; equal division of work
during dull seasons; and the recog-
nition of a shop committee and
the Millinery Workers Branch of
the Needle Trades Workers Indus-
trial Union.

The millinery workers walked out
one hundred per cent. Militant
picketing was carried on despite
intimidation by the Red Squad.

Almost all the workers in the
Lube Hat Works joined the union,
forming a strong shop committee.
Many workers from other shops
have applied for membership since
the victory. There are about 1500
millinery workers in the Los An-
geles hat shops.

What Has Happened to the Morgan Investigation?

By JAMES BRANCH

During the Senate investigation
a partial exposure of the House
of Morgan occurred. What was not
exposed, however, is the way in which
these operations affect the workers
in Morgan controlled industries.

Four years ago the S. P. em-
ployed over two thousand men in
the San Francisco shops alone. To-
day less than 700 are working un-
der a fierce speed-up, three days a
week. Average wages are now down
to \$12 a week, while constant fines
reduce still further this miserable
pittance.

The telephone company, which is
notorious for its inhuman treat-
ment of employees, has just added
its quota to the "New Deal" by fir-
ing 900 operators in San Francisco.

In Carbon County, Utah, the coal
mines owned by Anaconda Copper
Company, a Morgan concern, forces
the miners to live in miserable
company-owned shacks, where
board and room cost \$50 per month,
while the average wage is less than
\$60. Miners are in virtual slavery
as they never get enough to get

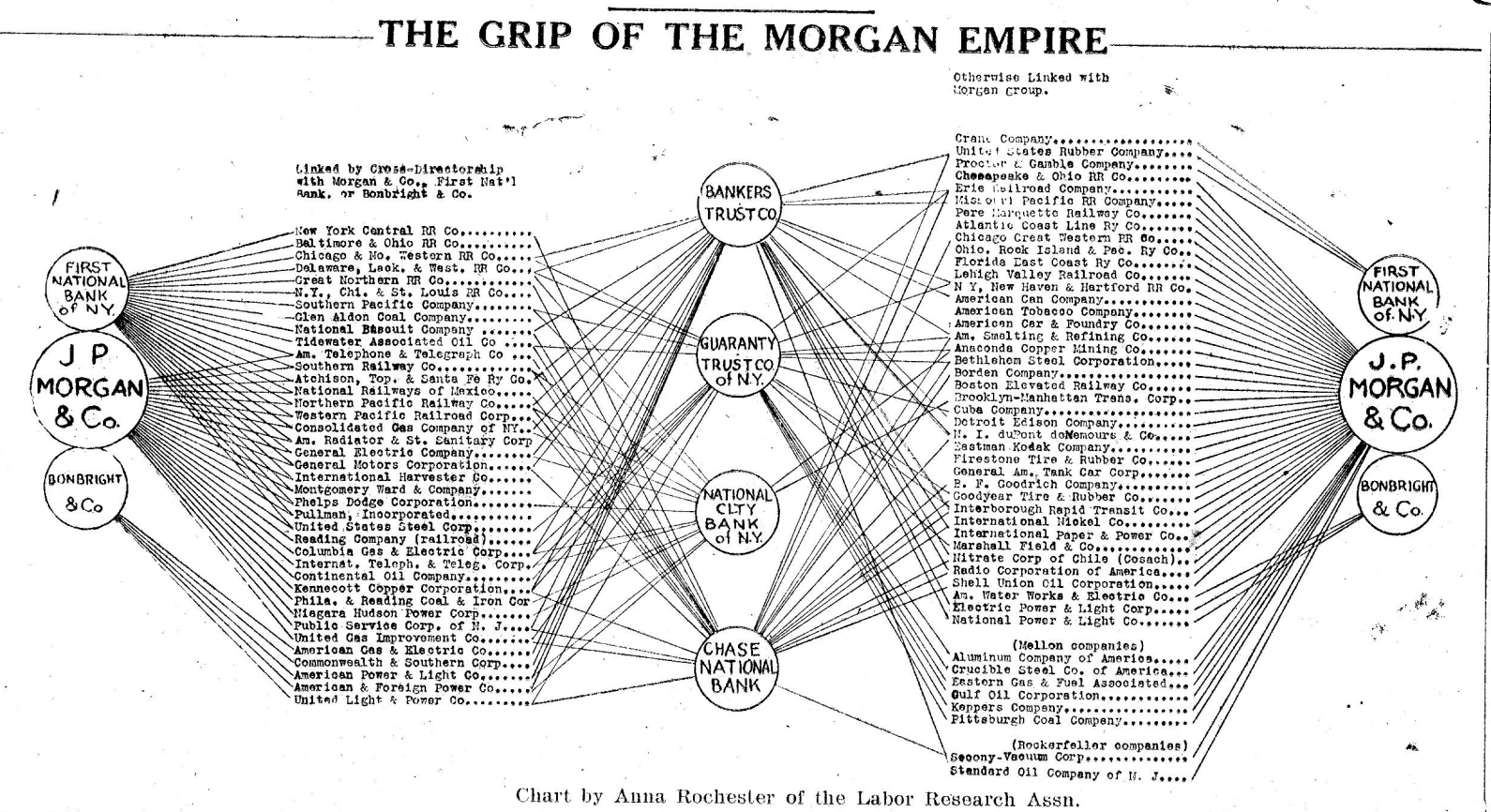


Chart by Anna Rochester of the Labor Research Assn.

INQUIRY "POSTPONED"
The Roosevelt administration has
now had enough of the Morgan in-
vestigation. The committee has de-
cided to recess until the fall, by
which time it is hoped that the
deep resentment of the people as a
result of the partial exposures, will
have subsided.

Many workers have been con-
fused at Roosevelt, the eager ser-
vant of capitalism and enemy of
workers and small farmers, appear-
ing to attack Wall St., the fortress
of American imperialism. It is
therefore necessary to go into an
analysis of the forces which caused
the Morgan investigation. These
forces are capitalist forces, direct-
ed not towards attacking capital-
ism, but towards bolstering it up.

DISTRUST IN BANKS

The whole banking structure of
the country, both private and fed-
eral, received a tremendous shak-
ing at the time of the general bank-
holiday. This in turn caused a wave
of distrust as to the soundness of
the large banks. Some indication
can be gained as to the serious con-
dition of American banks by the
following figures:

Year	Bank Failures
1931	2,298
1932	1,453

Over 20% of the banks in the
country have failed in the last three
years, and more than 11,000 since
1920. The fall of such "Supermen"
of finance, as Insull, Krueger and
"Million Dollar a Year" C. E. Mit-
chell of New York's colossal Na-
tional City Bank, further under-
mined confidence in the banks. At
the time of the country-wide bank
closing, the federal reserve gold
ratio had fallen from 61.2% a few
weeks previous, to approximately
30%, 10% below legal require-
ments. Since then the United
States has been forced off the gold
standard.

"HAVE CONFIDENCE"
The Roosevelt administration was
forced to "investigate" Morgan, in
a desperate effort to bolster up
faith in the Government. The in-
vestigation, if manager properly
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