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## National Recovery Act

"RECOVERY ACT" TO LOWER WAGES!  
STRIKE TO RAISE THEM!  
JOIN THE TRADE UNION UNITY LEAGUE!

The worst dictatorship ever imposed upon the labor movement in the entire history of the United States, not even excepting the period of the last world war, has just been instituted by the so-called National Industry Recovery Act. Roosevelt has taken a page out of the book of the methods of Mussolini and Hitler.

Under the provisions of this act:  
1—Roosevelt has the right to license any industry. Through this power he can shut down any industry which won't accept his dictates simply by refusing to issue a license.

2—But worst of all he has the right to dictate all hours, wages, working conditions, etc., and determine which unions shall represent the workers.

The bosses through their Chamber of Commerce and their government have long been concerned over the weakening of the A. F. of L. Talk was free in Washington about the necessity of subsidizing Green, Woll and Co., so as to help gather up all the working class sheep into the capitalist slaughter house. "Otherwise the workers might become militant." But in this recovery act a way to accomplish the same purpose has been found. Under Section 6 (b):

The President is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations designed to insure that any organization availing itself of this title shall be truly representative of the trade or industry or subdivision.

In other and plainer words, the President—or more accurately his agents—will decide which union represents the workers. Will he make the ranch owners deal with the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Union? Will he make the ship-owners deal with the Marine Workers Industrial Union? Will he dissolve the company union Shop Crafts Association in the railroad shops?

Not much! Just the opposite. Roosevelt will appoint corporation lawyers, bankers and other capitalists as his representatives. A number of fake organizations will be established. Many workers will be fooled or black-jacked into joining it, and a war will start to outlaw the militant unions, especially those affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League. We already have the indications of this in the attempt to revive the defunct A. F. of L. "lettuce packers" union in Watsonville, and the non-existing I. L. A. on the San Francisco waterfront.

And to cover this dictatorship, Roosevelt's bill hypocritically says in Section 7 (a) 1:

Employees shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.

But even the "collective bargaining" is made ridiculous by Section 7 (c), where the President can reject any demands, even after the workers won them from the employers, and set up a set of conditions in the industry of his own. This section reads:

Where no such mutual agreement has been approved by the President, he may investigate the labor practices, policies, wages, hours or labor, and conditions of employment in such trade or industry, thereof and . . . prescribe a limited code of fair competition fixing . . . conditions of employment. (Only legal verbiage is left out).

How this works out can be seen by the fact that in the textile industry minimum wages were set at \$12.00; in needle industry, where workers have been getting about \$22.00, the scale was set at \$15.00; and even where the California minimum wage law calls for \$16.00 for women, exactly such "collective bargaining" as the President is now organizing reduced the scale to "minimum" of \$13.20 and this is just a fraud because it is not enforced and the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

## FISHERMEN, CANNERY WORKERS UNION ORGANIZED

Includes All Workers in Industry; For Fighting Policy

SEATTLE, Wash., July 1.—At a unity conference of fishermen and cannery workers held here last Sunday, June 25, the Fishermen's and Cannery Workers' Industrial Union was formed. The union includes all net fishermen, oyster and clam diggers, company seiners, trap and wheel fishermen and salmon cannery workers.

The recent successful united front strike which involved about seventeen thousand fishermen and cannery workers on the Pacific Coast proved the need of a militant union. In this struggle, rank and file pressure on reactionary leadership of many unions, Governors' Committees, etc., who tried to break the strike, was what won.

Enthusiasm for the new union is great. The next day after the conference 120 joined the union in Tacoma alone.

## ILA LONGSHOREMEN URGED TO ELECT HONEST LEADERS

Marine Workers Industrial Union Calls For Organization of Fighting Groups

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—On Friday, July 2, a meeting called by the supporters of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union and the "Waterfront Worker," to discuss the situation arising out of the Industrial Recovery Act, took place, and about 100 longshoremen were present.

At the meeting it was brought out that the great influence of the widely circulated "Waterfront Worker" resulted in a complete discrediting of the Blue Book Company Union, as well as the arousing of the longshoremen on the basis of the many grievances existing. However, the A. F. of L. misleaders preparing to sell out the workers, when negotiations take place for Recovery Bill wage codes on the waterfront, have started an organization drive, and many workers believing that this is the old Red Book Union, known as a fighting union from the past, being revived, have been signing up in great numbers.

# T. U. U. L. CALLS WORKERS TO FIGHT "RECOVERY ACT" CUTS

## HUGE WAR PLANS ON PACIFIC SPEED AUGUST FIRST DRIVE

### S. F. Workers Organizations Plan Anti-War Parade on Anniversary of World War Beginning

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—The first conference of Bay Area workers organizations to prepare a huge August 1st anti-war rally took place on Saturday, July 1, with 18 organizations present.

The decision was made that a parade be organized up Market street in San Francisco, to Civic Center. Parades will likewise be organized from five neighborhoods to converge at Civic Center. An indoor meeting will take place that same evening, at Larkin Hall, Civic Auditorium.

Another conference will take place on July 16th, 10:30 a.m., at California Hall, to make final mobilization plans.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—A new \$75,000,000 program of battleship modernization to be started immediately, and the developing of two main naval bases on the Pacific Coast are America's latest steps in the armaments race on the Pacific. This construction, in addition to the \$238,000,000 program for thirty-two new battleships, is to be carried out as part of the "Public Works" program, under the guise of unemployment relief.

Its aim is to at once raise the United States fleet to 100% war efficiency and, according to Secretary of the Navy Swanson, "second to none in the world," by modernizing present ships of the line, lengthening the range of their guns, and other additions.

The two main bases are to be San Francisco, Calif., and Bremerton, Wash. Further, the submarine and destroyer base at San Diego is to be strengthened by the building of a \$352,680 floating dry dock for naval repairs.

Swanson's revised and enlarged war preparations "to control the seas in defense of the nation AND ITS INTERESTS," call for close co-operation of the navy and the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6)

## L. A. Anti-Fascist Meet

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—A huge meeting to protest Hitler fascism, called by the United Front Committee Against Fascism, will take place on Wednesday evening, July 12, at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

Speakers include Lewis Browne, professor Hoffman, Dr. Rosanoff, Samuel Davidovitz, Elstein and other prominent speakers.

## San Francisco Bay Bridges, Ballyhooed As Means For Returning Prosperity, Prove Only Instruments For Graft and Profit. Only 150 Working

\$1,080,000 Fee to Bridge Engineer

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—At a meeting of the Golden Gate Bridge Board, a motion was adopted that the Engineer, J. B. Straus, return from New York and get busy to "earn" the \$1,080,000 which is his fee for the job.

The engineer, claiming to be ill, was charged by some to be looking for new business in New York. He already collected \$165,000 of the "relief money" as a payment. His demand for another \$14,000 for a little side job was put aside by the board. The board seems to be looking hard for excuses to explain the slow progress of the "recovery project."

## Oakland Government For Jim-Crowism

CITY OF OAKLAND CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK  
June 24, 1933.  
W. W. CHAPPELL  
CITY CLERK

The above is a facsimile of a letter sent in reply to a permit request for workers' dances in Oakland. The city officially goes on record for race discrimination and ignores the 14th and 15th amendments guaranteeing Negroes rights.

## SAN DIEGO JURY VOTES 10-2 TO FREE YOUTH DAY VICTIMS

Pack Court For Defense of Workers Arrested May 30

SAN DIEGO, June 28.—With the court room packed to capacity and workers crowding the halls, the jury returned a verdict of ten to two for acquittal in the trial of William Gable, Sam Klapperman, Will Geer and Joe Klapperman, who were charged with "inciting to riot" on National Youth Day, May 30.

The hung jury report came after Leo Gallagher's closing speech which lasted more than two hours and covered every detail of the case.

Realizing the frame-up attempt was too obviously raw, the prosecution did not call their main witnesses—Policeman Pickering, who they said received the first blow, Glick, the marine who led the po-

## A. F. OF L. LOCALS TO BE TURNED TO COMPANY UNIONS UNDER ACT

Workers Called to Form Fighting Groups in All Unions to Prevent Sell-Out Tactics of Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—The passage of the Roosevelt "Recovery Act" was a sign for the A. F. of L. labor fakers to launch a so-called organization drive under the guise that labor should take advantage of the act. The San Francisco Central Labor Council elected a committee of five to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce for carrying through the NIRA provisions.

On the waterfront efforts are being made to revive the decrepit International Longshoremen's Union. In Watsonville, in an effort to prevent the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union from speaking for the workers whose wage codes are proposed by the boss ranchers, an old forgotten Lettuce Packers Union is being revived, and fakers are placed at the head.

T. U. U. L. CALLS FOR FIGHT  
The Trade Union Unity League, and its affiliated unions, have issued a call to the workers, to organize, so as to be able to resist codes that mean wage cuts. Pointing out that only the T. U. U. L. fights the wage cutting "Recovery Act" the workers are called upon to form groups in all shops of A. F. of L. and other reactionary controlled unions, such as will fight to maintain the highest possible standards for the workers. For a strike against wage cuts, and to resist all attempts of officials to sell them out for the sake of the bosses' sanction to collect dues.

## TEXTILE WAGE CODE MEANS BIG CUT FOR WORKERS

\$12 Minimum Wage Shows Aim of "Recovery Act"

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—The entire country received a practical example how the Recovery Act works when the textile operators formally placed before the government their plan, including a minimum wage of \$13 per week in the Northern States, and \$12 per week in the southern states, for 40 hours.

That the rates set are a wage cut for the majority of the textile workers' is made especially clear in the answer given to the demand that child labor be abolished. Johnson the administrator of the (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

## 500 MINERS FORCE R. F. C. OFFICE TO FIND RELIEF FUNDS

TRINIDAD, Colo., June 23.—A demonstration of 500 miners, led by the Unemployed Council, forced the Las Animas R. F. C. Board to change their minds about cutting off relief on the excuse that there was no more money, and dig up \$2000 in a hurry.

The workers were determined that money or no money they were going to eat. As a result of the march on the court house hardly any unemployed are now without relief, and the U. C. has doubled its membership. Thirty-eight joined in a group last Saturday.

Most of the unemployed here are miners. —M. A.

## ARIZONA MELON PICKERS PREPARE FOR STRIKE

Demands Sent to Bosses; May Come Out This Week

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 1.—Preparing to strike against the 15c an hour pay offered melon pickers, workers in the Arizona section are organizing into the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union. Workers throughout Salt River Valley are joining the union. Demands adopted by the workers at mass meetings have been sent to the Fruit Growers Association. If they are not met, the strike may be called this week.

## RANKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BERRY STRIKERS SOLID

5000 Still Out Despite Sell Out by Mexican Consul

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—Another attempt made today to get scabs for the Agricultural fields at the relief workers city mission failed completely.

EL MONTE, Calif., June 30.—About 5000 agricultural workers in San Gabriel Valley, Orange County and the beach cities, Venice and Santa Monica are still out on strike.

Last Monday the workers rejected a compromise offered by Fitzgerald, Washington representative of the Roosevelt administration who tried to sell out the workers by telling them that the ranchers cannot afford to pay the increase in wages they demand and that the bosses would rather let their crop rot in the fields than pay a living wage.

In response to an ad in the local papers, put in by the ranchers offering all those who want to pick the berries themselves for one cent per box, hundreds flocked to the fields. The Mexican workers in El Monte organized into picketing committees and pulled out over one hundred on one of the ranches. The police came and dispersed the pickets. One worker refusing to move, offered resistance and was jailed. The worker suffered a broken nose.

After this militant demonstration the Mexican vice consul, Hill, again showed up with his right hand man, Armando Flores, leader of the Mexican "Pro Strike Committee." He again told the workers that if they will "keep away from the 'reds'" they will get the support of the Mexican government.

Leaflets issued by the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union exposing the role of the consul and Fitzgerald were distributed in the strike area.

Hundreds of thugs mobilized by the Los Angeles Sheriff are guarding all roads to the camps.





Washington, June 29. Senator McAdoo has applied for a passport in case he should take a trip this summer. So far the Senator has not made up his mind whether his destination will be China or Europe—or whether he will take a trip at all.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN: "American capitalism's investments in foreign countries are too heavy for her ever to go to war."

The Los Angeles Supervisors announced last week that all meat for families on relief will now be American-grown instead of brought in from the Argentine.

Wrapping an American flag around rotten beef won't make it more palatable—especially when there isn't any.

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Very Few Hired On Recovery Projects

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) go into wages, but go to reducing the surplus of materials now in the warehouses, giving little new employment.

Of \$6,000,000 asked for work to be started this year, \$2,000,000 is already received. Next work to be started will be the digging of the 540-ft., largest bore tunnel in the world.

A REAL "GOLDEN" GATE Work started in February, 1933, on the Golden Gate bridge with two power shovels and a crane doing most of the work.

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PORTLAND VETERANS FIGHT RED CROSS FORCED LABOR LAW

Mass Picketing Begun; Demand 50c Hour

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29.—Mass picketing before the Red Cross offices won a speedy victory here yesterday when relief orders were given all veterans whether they worked for them or not.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 27.—Determined to fight the new Red Cross requirement of forced labor for their groceries, several hundred ex-servicemen and other workers met in Plaza Park here today and voted to start mass picketing of the Red Cross offices immediately.

The Red Cross ordered that beginning June 15, two days work a week must be done on the V. F. W. woodpile or vegetables gardens for the relief allowed.

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Textile Code Means Cut For Workers

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) Recovery Bill legislation stated, "I understand that the child labor question eliminates itself by making this a minimum wage for everybody, and there would be no advantage in employing a child when an adult could be obtained for the same wage."

To this Sloan, spokesman for the bosses, replied, "That is correct except for the provision for six weeks apprenticeship."

Not content with having a wage level equal to what children receive now, the operators included an apprenticeship clause that will enable them to hire at even less, and especially to discriminate against the Negro workers in the South, who will be classified as apprentices, to be continually hired and rehired.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, made a weak protest, stating that \$14 would be more appropriate.

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MCCARTHY, LABOR MISLEADER FOR 30 YEARS, DEAD

Was Agent of P. G. & E. and Helped Keep Mooney In Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—P. H. McCarthy, one of the most powerful of the old line labor fakers, who for a period of at least thirty years was active in selling out the workers to the California bosses, died here yesterday.

In addition to holding the position of president of the Building Trades Council for 29 years, he was for a time Mayor of San Francisco and proved a most efficient servant for the San Francisco bankers.

The reason for his retirement is explained as follows, in the pamphlet by Tom Mooney, "Labor Leaders Betray Tom Mooney":

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Huge War Plans On Pacific

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) Goodyear Zeppelin Corp. for the building and developing of rigid airships.

AEROPLANE FACTORY FOR SAN DIEGO

Another example of this government developing of commercial aviation is the moving of the Consolidated Aircraft Corp. plant to San Diego, where a half million will be spent erecting buildings and equipment on Lindbergh Municipal airport, near the navy field.

The War Department recommended the immediate spending—for "unemployment aid"—of \$135,000,000 for strengthening army posts. For the West \$6,022,370 will be spent in giving officers more comfortable quarters and strengthening fortifications.

In Japan a new naval building program is being worked out. The plan is a three-year replacement program which will include new airplane carriers, light cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

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WHERE TO GO ORGANIZATIONS! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. New rates—7c a line, in advance! OAKLAND SATURDAY, JULY 8th—"Hard Times Dance," given by the Unemployed Councils.

Build The Western Worker Two units in the North Beach Section of San Francisco are building the circulation of the Western Worker by use of the following plan: Territories of three square blocks are marked out.

THE NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT (Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) actual scale is really about \$7.50 weekly. But what else can we expect? Roosevelt is just another Wall Street President.

How We Built the Denver United Front By HARRY I. COHEN The Denver United Front includes more than twenty A. F. of L. locals, the Unemployed Citizens' League (officially) and several locals, fifteen Unemployed Council branches, the Communist Party, Socialist Party, Young Communist League, Trade Union Unity League, Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and a miscellaneous group of workers' fraternal organizations.

LAST CALL The Year's Biggest Affair For Northern California the WESTERN WORKER SPORTS AND WATER CARNIVAL Will Be Held NEXT SUNDAY, July 9th ALL DAY SWIMMING RACES— DIVING CONTESTS— WATER SPORTS— HORSEBACK RIDING Three Plays by The Workers Theatre Something Doing Every Minute!

