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Gallup Strike Won; Miners Threaten Another Walkout If Agreement Is Not Kept

Terms Included Release of All Prisoners; Eight Demands of Eleven Granted After 3 Months of Martial Law

GALLUP, N. M., Nov. 28.—A great victory was won by the striking miners here, led by the militant National Miners Union affiliated with the TUUL, when the three mines that had held out for thirteen weeks granted eight of the eleven demands of the strikers.

This completes the victory won over all the mines that were struck. Three had settled earlier.

The demands won include pit committees elected by the miners themselves; their own check-weighmen; no blacklisting of strikers; and, no discrimination on account of race, color, or union affiliation.

As we go to press Gallup reports that despite his written promise to release all the prisoners held in the military stockade as well as Herbert Benjamin, Chas. Guynn, Geo. Kaplan, Bob Roberts and other leaders, Maj. Moore has refused to do this in the case of "outsiders" unless they sign an agreement to leave the state for a year. This includes Benjamin, Clarence Lynch, Guynn, Howe and others.

The NMU has answered that unless the men are released unconditionally all mines will be struck again. A mass picket line has been called for Monday if they are not freed by then.

A further attempt to break the agreement was evident in the operators trying to set up a committee of the UMWA (A.F.L.) to do the hiring of miners.

The thirteen weeks strike saw the most vicious martial law fail to break the strike, as well as the attempt to set up the United Mine Workers of America (A. F. of L.) with the faked Hefferly aiding the bosses.

GALLUP, N. M., Nov. 22.—Four hundred striking miners traveled twenty miles from here to the cave at Lupton, Ariz., to attend a meeting last Sunday called by the National Miners Union. Although the United Mine Workers of America (A. F. of L.) has been allowed to hold meetings, in an attempt by the mine operators to aid and build up a "safe" union, the strikers were denied a permit to hold a meeting in the public park at Santa Fe and so travelled across the state line to the cave. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6)

1,000 Still Are Out in L. A. Meat Strike

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—With more than one thousand workers from the meat packing houses still on strike, the officials of the International Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (A.F. of L.) are trying to keep down the militancy of the rank and file by appealing to Washington, along with the NRA arbitrator, to find out what action they should take, and urging the workers to support the NRA.

In the meantime, realizing the need of rank and file militancy, the TUUL Action Committee has been working among the strikers giving their support and showing that militant picketing is required to keep the scabs out. What meat is being carried out of the three big packing houses is under heavy police guard at the plants and on the trucks.

Twenty strikers were arrested on "sabotage" charges in Alhambra this week when a truck load of meat was found ruined by leucosens, under the watchful head of the I. M. C. B. W. I. trying to use this as a means to keep the workers from militancy by alleging the perpetrators "must have been Reds."

Hobart's sabotaging of the strike is further evident in his calling off a dance, arranged by a rank and file committee of the strikers to raise relief, on the grounds that Communists were running it.

FROM COMRADE GALLAGHER

The following post card was sent by Comrade Leo Gallagher, who has just been ejected from the Reichstag fire trial proceedings to which the American workers sent him to defend the Communists and is now in Moscow:

"Dear Comrades: "On Red Square Nov. 7 and also at funeral of Katayama. Both events must remain indelibly imprinted in memory of anyone privileged to see them. Will see you before long. Regards to all comrades. I find a great advance here over two years ago. "LEO GALLAGHER"

L. A. Congress to Stop War, Fascism Called for Dec. 10

MANY WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS UNITE FOR MOVE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—The United Committee for Struggle Against War and Fascism is a Federation of Anti-Fascist Conferences, and has issued a call to all organizations to send delegates to the next Congress.

This congress against war is to be called in Los Angeles at the Orange Grove Theatre, 730 S. Grand Ave., Sunday, December 10th, 1933 at 2 p. m.

All organizations interested in this fight are urged to send representatives. A leaflet put out by the committee states, "Right here in Los Angeles, troops of Hitler sympathizers are spreading fascist propaganda, the Ku Klux Klan and its ilk is sowing seeds of race and religious hatred to divide the people to make them an easy prey for fascism; military parades and naval air maneuvers aim to prepare us to accept war willingly."

Stitt Wilson's Local Repudiates Him; Vote for United Front

Call to Socialist Party Members

Will the Socialist Party rank and file stand by and see the Three Graces in their State Executive Committee prevent a united front of action against the capitalist system? This question is now paramount for all Socialist Party workers.

And it must be put bluntly,—either a united front of all workers and farmers to improve conditions, or the leadership of the Three Graces.

These three voted down the united front proposal sent by the Communist Party to the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party on the excuse that "lack of good faith (is) manifested." Lack of good faith by whom? We urge all workers and farmers to re-read the letter we sent the Socialist Party, printed in the last issue of the "Western Worker". Could anything have been more straight-forward and sincere than our proposal for united action? The charge of "lack of good faith" is sheer hypocrisy.

The Communist Party said in its letter, "A united front on the five-point demands outlined, does not obligate the Socialist Party to change its other principles, but it does obligate you to a struggle in the interests of the working-class and poor farmers, for immediate improvement of conditions, and against the attack from the boss-class. If you want to join such a fight, you will allow no excuse to evade it."

This is the crux of the matter. The Three Graces who lead the Socialist Party, are obviously not interested in improving the conditions of the workers and poor farmers. By joining such a struggle, they might antagonize the boss-class and thereby endanger their narrow personal careers. But why should the rank and file of the Socialist Party tie their destinies to such opportunist elements who are obviously acting in the interests of the boss-class?

Already, the East Bay and Long Beach locals of the So-

Chinese Crew of Shell Tanker Are Arrested at Pedro

CHARGED WITH MUTINY; FOUGHT FOR LIVING WAGE, AND FOR SHORE LEAVE

33 Face Deportation INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE IS AIDING SEAMEN

SAN PEDRO, Nov. 23.—The U. S. Dept. of Immigration holds 33 Chinese seamen here at San Pedro for deportation to the British naval base at Singapore. Charged with mutiny, these workers were arrested when San Pedro and Wilmington police "riot" squads rushed their ship and herded the seamen into the Pedro jail at the behest of Capt. B. G. Proteroe. The capitalist press which printed lurid tales of Chinese attacking the noble Anglo-Saxon officer with a meat cleaver, are forced to admit that the dispute arose over wages.

The facts are these: These men were shipped in Singapore on the Shell Tanker Clam (British registry) some six months ago and have never got ashore since. Exploited mercilessly at the starvation wage of \$15 a month these men have been sleeping on deck with no accommodations.

Originally it was intended according to the officials of the Shell Oil Corp. to send these striking seamen to Vancouver to stand trial for mutiny but "because of the expense" according to Capt. Proteroe the men will be shipped back as "indigent seamen" to Singapore. The Shell Oil Corp. pays the bill and the U. S. Dept. of Labor "operates" in sending these workers to a port where they are possibly beheaded by the Fascist government in control.

A substitute crew was shipped from the "funk hall" here. But before they signed articles these 23 Pedro seamen organized to demand \$70 a month and forced the Shell Oil Corp. to build sleeping accommodations. This caused the boat to be delayed two days before it sailed for Curacao.

The International Labor Defense here is taking steps to defend the Chinese seamen who are being held for deportation.

Sonoma Farmers to Demonstrate Before Federal Loan Bank

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 24.—The Farmers Union of Sonoma County is staging a demonstration before the Federal Loan Bank at Berkeley to protest against the refusal to grant loans to farmers and home owners.

The demonstration is scheduled at 1:00 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 28. Workers organizations in Berkeley are helping the farmers by preparing to feed them and support their demonstration.

Struggles Begin in Citrus Fields; Strikes Extend to Imperial Valley; Increase Mass Fight for Chambers!

Capitalist Culture in Flower in San Jose

The lynch spectacle at San Jose is an example of capitalist cultural degeneration at its best. It is not necessary for us to waste the space of the Western Worker to picture in detail the actions of the frenzied mob. The capitalist press has already devoted pages full, frankly admitting the sadism of the participants, and the fact that the entire procedure was pre-arranged. The prisoners were moved to San Jose from San Francisco, Rolph refused to give protection warnings hours ahead was not heeded, and finally came Rolph's full approval—"The people took the law into their own hands."

We have no brief for the scoundrels who were lynched. Kidnappers are among the worst filth that capitalism vomits out in its dying stages. The question for the thinking worker is not as to whether or not they deserve it? Nor is the main question concerned with the failure to take the matter through the legal course, and the savagery of the mob, as liberals say. We should never forget that for every guilty person lynched by a mob in the United States, there are many who are lynched legally through a frame-up, as is being attempted in the Scottsboro case right now.

The question is: What is the source of racketeering, in all its forms? It is the fact that under capitalism, all establishments, be they industries, schools, newspapers, churches, culture, or criminal gangs, are based on the profit they yield. The government is a huge bureaucratic machine to protect this profit system. In the same manner as the political machine is at the bidding of the "captains of industry" so it is a tool in the hands of captains of bootlegging, of kidnaping, of dope peddling, of the white slavers, and of similar racketeers who are no mere pickpockets, but take their place with the Morgans and Rockefellers. Some city governments, as, in Chicago for instance, are entirely in their hands.

Especially at this time, with so few fields open for profitable investments, is it the tendency for "capital" to flow into the thriving branches of racketeering. The opposition expressed to racketeering, is the cry from competitors or from horrified liberals who close their eyes to the basic source. The spokesmen for capitalism, are not really concerned with the lawlessness and savagery of the mob. On the contrary Governor Rolph commended "the patriotic citizens of" (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Lay-Offs Follow N. R. A. Parade

EUREKA, Cal., Nov. 26.—Sixty men were laid off at the Handmonds mill in the two weeks ending Nov. 14, and at the Holmes mill over forty men were laid off on Nov. 9. At Scotia the Pacific Lumber Co. shut down their night shift. These added 170 more men to the ranks of the unemployed within two weeks.

Hundreds of workers were forced to demonstrate their support of Roosevelt in the NRA parade, under the threat of losing their jobs or being fined.

The only way that the lumber workers can fight against these lay-offs and intimidations is by joining the National Lumber Workers Union, which has provided by its active program that it is the only union that is capable of leading the lumber workers for better conditions.

Old Bolshevik Coming to U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Alexander Troyanovsky, formerly Soviet Ambassador to Japan, has been appointed to the position of Ambassador to the United States, according to a report from Moscow.

Comrade Troyanovsky, is an old Bolshevik. He was born in 1882 in 1882. He joined the Bolshevik Party in 1904. Exiled to Siberia in 1909, but escaped and made his way to France. Returned to take part in the Revolution in 1917. In 1918 he was assistant chief of the archive department of the USSR. Later he was an official in the Commissariat of Workers and Peasants Inspection.

In 1925-27 he was president of the State Trading Corporation, and was also a member of the foreign trade department, finally made diplomatic representative to Japan. In Nov. 1933 he comes to U. S. as Ambassador for the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union.

Chambers Trial Procedure Shows Growers Plan to Frame-up Leader

Citrus Workers Average \$1.50 Per Day for Experienced Pickers; Agricultural Workers Union Organizing in District

Visalia Court Keeps Workers Off Jury Panel

PROTESTS SHOULD GO TO JUDGE LAMBERT, VISALIA

VISALIA, Cal., Nov. 25.—Before a jury containing members admittedly prejudiced, Pat Chambers is facing two to 18 years in the state penitentiary on the framed-up charges of Criminal Syndicalism for leading the recent cotton pickers strike. With strikes being organized among the citrus pickers, the bosses are desperately anxious to send Pat Chambers up.

Three panels were exhausted before a jury was seated, and these were over the protest of International Labor Defense attorney, Al Wirin. Only vehement protest kept out of the box farmers who had participated in the Pixley shooting where two unarmed strikers were murdered. The four women and eight men finally seated are mainly small farmers and growers.

To expose the frame-up trial, a Workers Jury has been elected, which every day between 12 and 1 p. m. will give a report to a mass meeting on the proceedings each day and will render a verdict at the end finding guilty those who perpetrated the real crimes during the strike.

The report given yesterday as to proceedings to date included the following: "After having observed the court proceedings for two days we came to the following conclusions: It will be impossible to have an unbiased trial in Visalia County. The atmosphere of the court is one of extreme prejudice against the defendant, Pat Chambers. Some of these who admitted their prejudice were put on the jury."

The International Labor Defense and the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union has appealed that workers in the vicinity pack the courtroom during the trial, and back up the mass meetings of the Workers Jury. They further appeal that all workers and organizations at once send protests against the frame-up to Gov. Rolph at Sacramento and to Judge Lambert at Visalia. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

Pat Chambers



COTTON STRIKE LEADER, facing framed-up charges of Criminal Syndicalism in Visalia, Calif.

Mexican Consul Betrays Imperial Valley Strikers

WORKERS RETURN AFTER WINNING SMALL INCREASE

BRAWLEY, Cal., Nov. 25.—Two thousand workers in Brawley, including Mexicans, Filipinos, Negroes and Americans went on strike in the cantaloupe fields Tuesday, Nov. 21st, against a wage that averaged around \$1 for a nine hour day.

The demands of the workers were \$3.00 per thousand for planting cantaloupe seeds and covering them in soft ground and \$3.50 per thousand in hard ground.

Because of lack of organization, no mass picketing was carried on. One hundred workers patrolled the fields and highways the first day. Twenty were arrested. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

Walkouts Greet Start of Valley Citrus Season

SHERIFF HILL AND ROLPH PLAN REPETITION OF COTTON TERROR

TULARE, Cal., Nov. 27.—125 citrus pickers have staged walkouts on several ranches near here, against 5c and 6c per box, which means a wage for experienced pickers of less than \$1.50 per day.

With the orange season starting in full swing on the coming Monday, the growers are already preparing to repeat the vicious tactics of the cotton strike. At a mass meeting where Caroline Decker, organizer of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, was scheduled to speak last Tuesday, in Visalia three carloads of deputies drove up and surrounded the meeting. Evidently they were afraid of resistance from the workers who have learned the value of militant fighting from the other San Joaquin Valley strikes this year, and allowed the meeting to continue undisturbed.

Sheriff Hill of Tulare County has already received the promise of Governor Rolph that extra police would be sent down and any action in the citrus fields crushed immediately. The workers are not being intimidated, and are bringing in daily reports of the conferences to the headquarters of the C. & A. W. I. U.

Friends and organizations should send protests to Gov. Rolph protesting the threat to repeat the cotton strike murders and demanding that if the orange pickers are forced to strike for decent wages, they be given their constitutional rights to do so.

The orange area in the San Joaquin Valley is concentrated within a 25 mile front, about 16 miles pickers are forced to work; are employed in the full season.

Lumber Workers Convention in Seattle Dec. 10

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—The First Convention of the National Lumber Workers Union, is called to begin on Dec. 10, 10 a. m. at the O. G. Hall, 1109 Virginia St., Seattle, Wash.

The call is addressed to all local branches of the union, to all independent unions in the industry, to all rank and file groups of the A. F. of L. and the I. W. W. and to workers still unorganized in the industry.

Delegates are to be elected from each on the basis of one for each 25 members, or fraction thereof, for the first hundred, and every hundred over by one additional delegate. Unorganized workers can send delegates from groups on the same basis.

The call states that only the NLWU fought against the wage cutting lumber code, while the A. F. of L. and company A. L. unions give it full endorsement. Even the 42 1/2 cents per hour minimum rate set in the code is being violated, with many of the camps paying as low as 35c per hour, but the speed-up was increased to an unprecedented degree. The workers can expect nothing from the A. F. of L. who have betrayed the Klamath Falls strikers, nor from the IWW which is virtually out of the picture, and really endorses the NRA. The convention will mean the launching of the drive to organize the industry on the basis of a fighting program.

Only properly credentialed delegates will be seated, and all credentials should be sent to Room 414, Maritime Building, Seattle, Wash., James Murphy, National Secretary.

cialist Party have repudiated the action of their leadership. We urge that the movement for a united front shall not be stopped because of the action of the Three Graces. Every local of the Socialist Party should take the same action as the Berkeley local, repudiating the State Committee and electing committees to meet the local organizations of the Communist Party and all other organizations who are interested, to carry forward the united front of struggle.

We invite all Socialist Party members to write their opinions and suggestions, and any discussion, articles or letters they choose, to the "Western Worker" in this connection. We will be glad to print them and thereby open up a discussion which we hope will solidify the ranks of those who sincerely want to fight against capitalist hunger, terror and war.

Berkeley Local Votes 24 to 14; Calls All Socialist Locals to Do Likewise

BERKELEY, Cal., Nov. 24.—At a special meeting of all the membership, held on Nov. 14, the Berkeley Socialist Local went on record as endorsing the United Front proposal submitted by the Communist Party by a roll call vote of 24 to 14. This was only one day after the East Oakland local took similar action.

Rarely has an issue been so clearly defined and fought out, and rarely has the old right wing leadership of the "Socialist" party been so clearly exposed and so decisively beaten. The discussion was in the form of a debate, in which four militants were opposed by four of the right wingers. The decision was even more one-sided than appears by the vote, as far as the fighting strength of the local is concerned, since it was clearly seen that the activists were unanimous for the United Front, while the opposition was almost entirely composed of those who show up only when there is a chance to obstruct action.

The spell-binding J. Stitt Wilson of course led the fight against the United Front, heaping abuse and epithets upon the Communist Party, but so far as could be seen not a single militant vote was changed by his oratory. In the question period that followed the debate, the old misleader seemed

dazed when many of those who had supported him most actively in the past ranged themselves solidly against him; and at last in high dudgeon he left the hall before the meeting was adjourned.

Not only is the resolution endorsing the United Front and urging full acceptance of the Communist proposal to be sent to the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party; but the militant Berkeley local also voted to send a copy to every Socialist local in the state, and to urge all locals to adopt similar resolutions, so that the State Executive Committee may be forced into line with the militant rank and file in a genuine fighting United Front.

LONG BEACH FOR UNITED FRONT

As we go to press the following comes in from the Long Beach Local of the Socialist Party which acted favorably on the United Front move: "Communist Party, Dist. No. 13, 37 Grove Street, San Francisco, Cal.

"Dear Comrades: "Your letter of Nov. 15, 1933 received and acted upon favorably at the last business meeting of local Socialist Party.

"Your five-point program for immediate united action was read and taken up point by point and unanimously approved by overwhelming vote without a dissenting voice.

"The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the State Executive Committee, demanding that it endorse and act favorably upon this proposal of the Communist Party for a United Front of all the workers.

"Since receiving your letter I just got word that the Executive Committee had met and voted 3 to 1 against your proposal. This action was taken before the local met and acted or we had even received your communication. However, judging by the temper and morale of the members at our last meeting, Local Long Beach, will certainly show the Executive Committee in no uncertain terms where it stands on the issue, together with other things pertaining to the class struggle at a very early date.

"The rank and file of this local is becoming fed up on the petty political activities of a bunch of party 'prima donnas.' "Fraternally yours, "ROBT. J. DAVIS, Sec.-Treas. Local Long Beach."

Roosevelt Refuses Lynch Protection to Scottsboro Boys

Negroes Can't Serve on Alabama Jury—Judge Open Threats Have Been Made to Lynch Boys and Attorneys

DECATUR, Ala., Nov. 24.—With this little southern town inflamed with lynch spirit as Monday's trial approaches, a second blow was struck at the nine Scottsboro Negro boys today by klanman Judge W. W. Callahan. He denied a motion to quash the jury venire on the defense plea that Negroes are barred from jury service in Alabama.

Earlier in the week, though fully aware of the open threats to "string 'em up on a 30-cent rope," and that 500 Morgan Co. whites are preparing to do this, Callahan refused to grant protection of militia to the boys, their attorneys and witnesses, either during their transference from Birmingham jail or during the trial. The Morgan county sheriff, Bud Davis, has only five deputies to withstand any mob action, and he has refused to state that he would defend the Negro boys.

Monday Pres. Roosevelt was appealed to by the International Labor Defense attorneys, Brodsky and Leibowitz, to intervene and provide protection against the lynch threats and, though he was shown that this escort was what saved the lives of the boys during the trial last April, he refused to act. Gov. Miller had previously refused protection.

Every effort is being made to render it unnecessary for Ruby Bates to come again to Decatur. She has her trial in the last trial that the boys are innocent of the framed-up charges on which they face the electric chair, the alleged raping of herself and Victoria Price, a white prostitute, she has daily received letters threatening her life. She frankly stated she fears lynching by the mob for telling the truth about the frame-up.

The whole matter of protection has been left in the hands of Atty.-Gen. Knight, who is the prosecutor.

Workers! Send Protests!

Protests of workers all over the world have been pouring in on Gov. Miller in Montgomery since the refusal of protection became known, as well as thousands of letters and telegrams from workers organizations, meetings and individuals, demanding freedom for the Scottsboro nine. This protest, continued and intensified is the only weapon strong enough to save the boys, the I. L. D. points out in appealing that workers everywhere act at once to add their voices in a mighty demand for their freedom. Meetings must be arranged in all towns at once.

Faith In Workers

After two years and seven months in prison, the boys, in Birmingham jail, are unbroken in spirit though a score of times daily the threat of lynching is flung at them by jailors and visitors passing their cells. Neither could the discriminations and tortures to which they have been subjected, break them. They have a simple and unswerving faith that the workers mobilized by the I. L. D. will save them.

Through most of their trial is withheld, they manage to know what is going on in the world and "We sure are glad they recognized Russia," they declared to Atty. D. R. Schiffman last week. They recalled the great demonstration in their behalf by the Soviet workers when Ada Wright, mother of Andy and Roy Wright, visited the U. S. S. R. last year.

The defense will put Harry Wood Patterson on trial first, the conviction in his second trial last April was later set aside because the evidence against him was obviously false, according to presiding judge Horton's statement.

Supervisor Baine Shows "Goodwill" to Mexicans

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—A short time ago a few Supervisors went to Mexico on a Chamber of Commerce pleasure trip while the unemployed stood in their chambers demanding bread. Then a scarehead in the papers announced that the life of Supervisor Harry Baine had been threatened. But this is how it was:

Chambers of Commerce are always going off on these good-will tours to foreign countries and bars. And one of the more fact-finding of the conductors, for good-will's sake, always seeks out the more blatant patriots and reminds them that their intended customers will feel more like buying if they are praised considerably and not continually reminded of the marvels of California climate.

Baine got the hint, but apparently fled away with his laundry. Anyway during the entire time of the junket, he was most vociferous in his complimentary remarks of the Mexicans, and especially those residing right in God's Own City—Los Angeles.

His pals stood off the last night, when the big orgy of goodwill was scheduled. But Baine was too large to hide and his voice too loud—it couldn't be risked.

NRA Brings More Work, Less Money to Candy Workers

CODE IS CUT IN WAGES FOR CARDINET CANDY WORKERS

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 22.—Fellow workers, the conditions in the shop in which I work, the Cardinet Candy Co., have always been very poor. When the company accepted the NRA blanket code about 4 months ago, we workers thought that our conditions would be greatly improved. We have been thoroughly disillusioned, however.

Since the company accepted the NRA code our wages have been cut \$1.50, bringing them down to the starvation level of \$10.50 per week. On top of this, very few of us get even the full 35 hours allowed us by the code. Many of us draw as little as \$6 or \$7 some weeks. Out of this miserably small wage the company takes \$1.00 every month for aprons. Also since the inception of the NRA, our work has been greatly speeded up. We are forced to work on the run, with the foreman continually yelling at us to speed up even more.

Most of the workers in this shop have realized that all the NRA has meant to us is more work for less pay. We are damned tired of waiting for Roosevelt or big business to do something for us. I hope within a few months to write and tell you, fellow workers, of altogether different conditions in this shop, brought about by the only weapon workers have in our fight for better conditions, that is, by organizing in the U. I. W. We can really trust that we can really trust.

—A Worker in the Cardinet Candy Co.

Is Fired, Refused to Give to Community Chest Racket

PALO ALTO, Cal., Nov. 22.—Refusing to donate part of his own pay to the grating Community Chest, Ray Baldwin, of 1558 Berry St., was fired from his milk route by the Golden State Creamery.

To file a civil suit against the creamery, he engaged a lawyer, but the lawyer found the nature of the case he quietly dropped it.

Such action, by individuals usually fail. It is only when the shop is organized that such action can result in a victory for the workers.

—Worker Correspondent.

Picketing in Arizona Cotton Fields



As in the San Joaquin Valley, so in Arizona, cotton pickers struck. Scenes during the strike in Buckeye Valley show women, children, Mexican, white and Negro workers picketing, with the banner of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union in the lead. The fields in the valley were tied up for 9 days.

ATTENTION!! WESTERN WORKER AGENTS, COMMUNIST PARTY SECTIONS!

We cannot think of a six-page or twice weekly Western Worker with such a poorly functioning correspondence from many towns as we have now.

There are cases when important events are not reported or are sent in too late. In many important centers there are no responsible reporters at all who send in weekly reports. There are few outside of San Francisco who take interest in contributing political and feature articles for the Western Worker.

It is the section committees of the Communist Party that is chiefly responsible for such a situation, and unless immediate measures are taken by each to insure that a regular responsible reporter is assigned for each city, we will not be able to take the big step forward on January first.

Is your section going to be one of those that will hold back the advance only because of neglect? Does your section hold to the idea that you must first find an experienced reporter before you can have a correspondent? If you do, you never will. Correspondents are developed through experience.

If by next week, sections not yet having responsible correspondents in each town do not notify us of practical steps taken, we will have to take the matter before the District Committee of the Communist Party.

Lumber Worker Exposes A. F. L. Fakers in Action

MISLEADERS AT WHITEHORSE TRY TO COVER UP KLAMATH FALLS SELL-OUT

WHITE HORSE, Cal.—Living conditions for workers here in the McClure Lumber Co. camp grow constantly worse. N.R.A. ballyhoo notwithstanding. The workers organized 95 per cent strong in the A. F. of L. Mill and Timber Workers Union, are forced to pay 35 cents plus one cent sales tax for every poorly cooked meal, and are allowed only one clean sheet and pillow case per week, and must clear the cabins and make the beds after working hard all day in the timber.

Electric lights were replaced by kerosene lamps last spring. The cook works sixty hours per week but is allowed only 40 hours pay.

A. L. Rice, A. F. of L. faker, spoke here recently, covering up the Klamath strike which all-out last summer by saying they (AFL) thought it best to induce the workers to return to work and "see what the NRA would do."

Lumber workers must become convinced that the A. F. of L. promises of "action after we are organized" is simply one method of selling the workers out to the bosses thus preventing them putting up a militant fight for better conditions and higher wages. All workers in the timber industry should join the Lumber Workers Industrial Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, the only union which is waging a sincere fight for better conditions in the industry.

—Worker correspondent

I. L. D. Wins Fare for Family of Finnish Worker Deported

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—The International Labor Defense has through a wide mass campaign forced the government to agree to pay the fare and expenses for the family of Oscar Mannisto to accompany him when he is deported to Finland.

The immigration department has issued a statement that if Mannisto is endorsed by the Finnish Brotherhood he will not be deported. This is obviously a maneuver to try to bribe Mannisto to repudiate the I. L. D. and the militant working class movement.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Prepare Trial of 1,000 Communists

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 24.—A mass trial of more than 1,000 Communists, charged with high treason for which the penalty is death is being prepared here. Those are of 2,300 workers arrested recently. The Nazis seized tons of literature, mostly the Communist newspaper the "Rote Fahne".

The increased raiding of workers quarters in search of Communists is in a desperate attempt to stop the Communist propaganda that is a source of increasing worry to the Nazi regime.

Fail on Arson, Try "Treason" Charge

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 23.—Arson evidence in the Reichstag burning trial was considered completed, and the court is now returning to Leipzig to begin the new attempt to frame the four Communist leaders to the beheading block. It is evident that even the German jurists have abandoned the plan to find a link between the Communists and the burning. This would leave Van Der Lubbe alone as the guilty one. Now the attempt will be made to condemn them on the basis of treason, which is also punishable by death. This will give the heroic Communists what so far has been denied them, an opportunity to bring the Communist program before the entire world.

The last of the perjured "evidence" brought was in the person of one mentally defective Grothe, whose tales were so fantastic that one of the Hitler chosen defense counsel (obviously in a gesture) demanded his arrest for perjury.

New Puppet State in China

SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 20.—A new revolt broke out when the Fukien province declared itself independent of China. The leaders are a group of "left" leaders formerly in the Nanking Kuomintang government, headed by Eugene Chen, and are known as British agents. Among them is the heroic Chen, who was recently exposed the Nazi hand in the burning trial, an opportunity to bring the Communist program before the entire world.

The province is along the coast between Nanking and Canton. Canton is in a panic as reports of an invasion fly around. There is a run on the banks, as inflation is increasing and Chinese currency is refused.

Nanking charges, that Japan is a silent instigator of this move. Offers to bribe some of the leaders with Nanking posts were made. Another rumor circulated by the Chiang Kai Shek government is that the Fukien group made an alliance with the Chinese Soviets. In this manner they hope to prevail upon the U. S. imperialists backing them, for more money to finance the anti-Soviet drive.

British-French Rift Over Nazi Arms

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 22.—The "disarmament" discussions here indicate a growing rift between the British and French over the British proposal that the Germans be invited to reconsider their decision, promising a revision of the Versailles treaty on arms arrangements.

The British are chiefly interested in developing a strong ally and an anti-Soviet outpost, while the French are in fear of a strong German rival.

Fear New Revolt in Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 23.—That the Cuban government is far from stable is evident by the fact that fear is felt for another revolt. The conflicting groups among the bourgeoisie are not able to arrive at any agreement while on the other hand, the workers movement is under the leadership of the growing Communist Party. In Camaguey province 1,000 workers attacked the rural guard in an attempt to release two arrested workers. The special conference between Welles and Roosevelt in the view of the grave situation for the U. S. interests.

Arabs Plan Demonstrations

JERUSALEM, Palestine, Nov. 20.—Unrest among the Arab natives is growing and the decision was made for demonstration against Jewish immigration in every city in the country on Jan. 17. In addition, all Arab organizations are adopting plans for holding Jewish demonstrations. This is advanced by the arrangements for the commemoration of the Arabs shot during the massacre by the British and Zionists recently.

The protests are against the policy of the Jewish landlords buying out the best lands and driving off the Arab tenants.

Union Iron Works Unemployed Can't Improvement Break Even at "Gold Mining"

NO INDICATION OF IMPROVEMENT

SCHEME BALLYHOOD ONLY TO KEEP JOBLESS OFF RELIEF

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Conditions in the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. (Union Iron Works) are bad. The workers have to come to the yards every morning before 7:30 so as to not lose out on whatever possible pay is getting a job and wait till 9 before they go home.

The jobs are rare, and average about nine days out of a month. Some workers are lucky if they get 4 or 5 days a month, and the pay is less than in the ship yards across the bay. There are no lockers and no wash-rooms where the workers may change their clothes and clean up, and the lack of ventilation on some jobs is enough to make you sick.

—Bethlehem Worker.

Child on Fire—But Water Shut Off for \$5 Debt

MATCH LIT BECAUSE LIGHTS SHUT OFF IN DENVER HOME CAUSES INJURY

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 18.—The light and gas had been turned off for five days in the home of Mrs. Betty Howdeshell and her family of eight daughters because she couldn't pay a \$5 bill. So, little Dolly May, who is 11, had to light a match when she searched for her shoes in the dark room.

An instant later the house was filled with the child's screams. She was on fire. Frantically her mother and sisters tried to beat out the burning clothes with their hands—for there was no water. It too, had been shut off.

Finally with a pall of water that had been secured from a neighbor, the fire was put out. But the child was so terribly burned that she had to be taken to the hospital and drugged into sleep to escape the pain, while at home Mrs. Howdeshell lay in bed, fearfully burned also.

Even the capitalist press, which has so viciously attacked all fights of the unemployed for relief, got into action to see what could be done to rush it up. So the water bill was paid up one month, so that the city officials could escape the indignation of the workers in the neighborhood.

But, Mrs. Howdeshell worried, as she tossed and worried to ease her suffering, "who is going to pay it in the future. I can't." She couldn't sleep, although it was dark enough. The light bill had not been paid.

Presenting Upton Sinclair

By Stephen Peacock

With Swastika and flickering candle of "Socialist" Partyism engraved on his shield, clinging fondly to the tail of the Democratic Jackass, Upton Sinclair girded up his loins, thundered out of his garden and blared forth on another crusade against the big, bad, capitalist wolf.

Having agreed to run for governor on the Democratic ticket, Uppie was informed by "Mental Radio" that he was as good as elected. So he turned around—his favorite pastime—and scribbled a brilliant brochure entitled "I, Governor of California, And How I Ended Poverty."

"The Way Out" Sinkie, as usual, has it backwards. It should read: "Imagining I Was Governor, I Ended Poverty—And How." Besides advertising his books, the Great Authority on Abrams, Electricity, Reactions, Love, Constipation, Prohibition, Socialism and Spiritualism, gave birth to this pamphlet to the slogan "E-P-I-C"—a new medium to end the wicked class struggle.

Thunder Over Hollywood

Epic means something heroic. What could be more heroic than Sinclair mounted tailward on his trusty jackass shouting the battle cry of Epic, braving the traffic on Hollywood Boulevard and advancing desperately backwards to assault the windmills in front of Van Kamp's Dutch Bakeries.

"100%—The Story of A Patriot"

While turning mental somersaults has been Sinclair's specialty, "Epic" proves he is suffering from a total eclipse of his sun-bonnet. Here are a couple of the Great Socialist's bright remarks:

"It happens I am a Democrat by the same right that makes us Americans either Democrats or Republicans—I was born one."

"I have watched with satisfaction a new birth of the Democratic spirit under the



leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt. . . he is headed in the right direction . . . and I am shouting."

Uppie brags that he supported the world slaughter; that his grandfather was an imperialist who "helped open Japan to the Western world"; that he helped educate Roosevelt's Brain Trust; that his Two-Year Plan hitched to the Jackass will turn California topsy-turvy.

"The Profits of Religion"

A careful study of Epic leads to the inevitable conclusion that Sinclair was divinely inspired. He has indisputable inside information regarding God's intentions. Principle 1 of Epic says with authority: "God created the natural wealth of the earth for the use of all men." Principle 2 states: "God created men to seek their own welfare . . ."

While Sinclair doesn't claim to be the Second Coming or the Holy Ghost, we feel assured that he is at least the Emaculate Confusion.

Sinclair's Family Tree

Upton insists he was born a Democrat and that all his close relatives were followers of the Jackass. After reading Epic you must agree that Sinclair and Jackass are as the Siamese Twins. As the poet might say: "Not all the king's horses, nor all the king's men, Can separate Sinclair from the Jackass again."

Uppie's religious flare gave us a valuable clue in tracing the Sinclair germ plasma. With the aid of the Holy Bible we actually discovered the common ancestor of Sinclair and his four-footed pal. Turn to Chapters xi-xli in the Book of Job and read the

Democratic platform naked and unashamed. At last he goes mad! Can't you picture him, gentle reader, with his tennis racket in one hand and Roosevelt's picture in the other, in "his garden" with a high wall around it . . . the new sun-shine on the wet grass . . . and the scarlet hibiscus flowers and the pink oleanders and the purple golden lilies . . . (As Sinclair describes it). How entrancing! Who needs the class struggle?

"Letters To Judd"

In 1926 Sinclair wrote "Letters To Judd" in which he revealed a picture of capitalism with its stranghold upon the workers. We suggest another letter to Judd, symbol of the working class, as follows:

"My Dear Judd: Support me for Governor on the Democratic ticket. If elected I will end poverty in California—the most of the United States can wait. How will you do it? Read Epic, my 57 variety plan. Yes, yes, I know, I wrote a lot of books showing the ruthless control exercised by the capitalists over every democratic institution. These books prove it would be impossible for me to carry out the program laid out in Epic as long as the capitalists own and control industry, agriculture, government, press, pulpit, radio, school, screen, art and science."

"Sure, I wrote 'Mammonart', 'The Goosestep', 'The Jungle', 'The Brass Check', 'King Coal' and others. But for heaven's sake, can't you take a little joke? Take my advice and forget that stuff. Burn them like Hitler did. And for God's sake keep away from those nasty Bolsheviks and leave it all to me. Me and Epic. All you have to do is to take one Epic pill after each meal—if you are still eating, which is not important (Read my book, 'The Fasting Cure') and vote for me. Remember Judd, me for Governor."

"Yours for the Revolution—of the sea around the Jackass, UPTON SINCLAIR."

*—Stars indicate the names of books written by Sinclair.

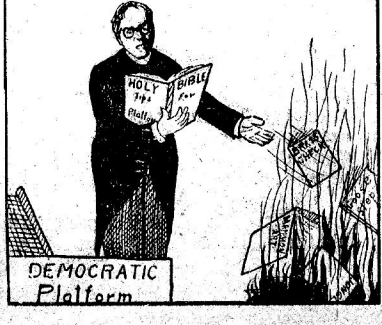
"The Wet Parade"

Sinclair invites everybody to march behind his quadruped. All but the Communists—maybe because they know that a McDonald by any other name smells just the same. Rumors are circulating that Sinclair will be backed by a United Front of Social-Demo-Republicrats, Daughters of the American Counter-Revolution, Libertarians and Proletarian partyites.

September Morn

The first line of Chapter 2 of Epic reads: "On September 1st Upton Sinclair changed his registrations from Socialist to Democrat." This chapter, called "The First Steps" should really be named "The Last Step."

Sept. 1! What a fitting day for Sinclair to disrobe himself of the last Socialist leaf—the name—and to parade his

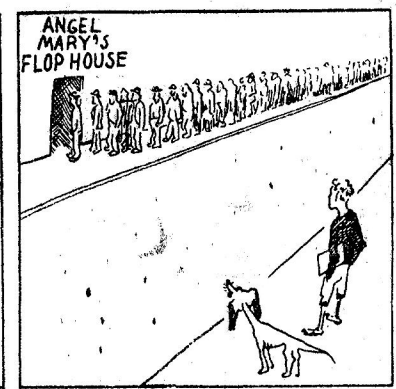




LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 24.—What is believed to have been Nevada's oldest tree was cut down recently by C. C. Wooders in Deer Creek forest near here. Experts declared it was 942 years old.

WRITE YOUR OWN CAPTION!

Jerry And His Homeless Hound



By Shane and Casimir

Maison - Paul Workers Strike For Union Scale

RESTAURANT OWNERS ASSN. HEAD BREAKS AGREEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Last Wednesday the Joint Board of the Culinary Workers Union locals 110, 30, 48 and 44 called a strike on the Maison Paul restaurant against the scab wages and conditions.

Though flaunting the Blue Buzzer, Voudoures, proprietor of the place, was paying dishwashers only \$1.50 and \$2 for nine and ten hours work, where the union scale calls for \$3.14 for eight hours.

The decision of the joint board was taken to the Central Labor Council for support of all A. F. of L. unions. They were forced to approve, but Dan O'Connell went to "arbitrate" with Voudoures.

Mass picketing conducted the first day has been discontinued, in the belief that the policy of the A. F. of L. unions, and in the meantime Voudoures has kept almost as many police as customers in his place.

Voudoures, an executive of the Restaurant Owners Assn., and signator to the agreement with the union, issued a press statement saying that he pays higher than the scale, and that the strike was called by union officials alone.

All workers, of whatever affiliation, are urged to support this strike by not patronizing this scab place until the union scale is paid.

LA Relief Workers are Winning Cash Without Labor

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—The growing organizational strength of the Relief Workers Protective Union, following the recent huge Hunger Marches and their militant fight against evictions, has resulted in the giving of relief checks to many of the members without work.

This move, aimed at splitting the ranks of the union by "favoritism" has failed as completely as have the attempts of the Welfare office to break the union by threatening to cut members off relief unless they quit the R. W. P. U. Exposed at the membership meetings, the tactics of the Welfare office has only resulted in greater determination to win relief without forced labor for all.

Japanese Workers Join C. & A.W.I.U.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 25.—125 Japanese workers at a mass meeting in Showa Hall tonight unanimously voted to form a Japanese language club in the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

At a solidarity and organizational meeting to be held next week, several hundred Japanese are expected to show their solidarity with white, negro, and Filipino workers, and unite under the banner of the C. & A.W.I.U. in the struggle for better conditions in the canneries, fields, and orchards.

For Comrade Borich

The South Slav Workers Club of Watsonville has collected and forwarded \$26.60 for the defense of Comrade Borich. They feel there is no use to send him to the Jugo-Slavia. How about other workers clubs? Are they doing all they can to prevent this threatened deportation?

Oregon International Labor Defense to Hold Bazaar

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 26.—The Oregon Section of the International Labor Defense will hold its 4th Annual Bazaar at the Italian Federation Hall in Portland on December 15 and 17, according to an announcement made here today by Lila Walker, general chairman of the bazaar committee.

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SAVE THIS DATE! Sat., Dec. 9! Big House-warming of S. F. Workers School. Details next issue, but—SAVE THE DATE!

DEC 23 IS ILL NIGHT IN S. F. to raise funds for the Winter Prisoners Aid Fund. Watch for details.

NEEDLE WORKERS RALLY—Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 8 p. m. at the Labor Lyceum, 1740 O'Farrell St. Adm. 15c. Auspicipes Needle Trades Workers U. I., 880 Market St. 47-31

KEEP DEC. 16TH OPEN. Marine Workers Industrial Union is holding a dance and entertainment at 1223 Fillmore, to benefit Org. Funds, on this date.

BIRTH CONTROL LECTURE by Caroline Nelson. Workers Center, 645 2d St., Oakland, on Sunday Dec. 3rd, 8:00 p. m. Auspicipes, Mothers Birth Control Club. Everybody welcome.

ALAMEDA CO. UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL—Vaudeville Show and Dance, Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 p. m., 645 22nd St. Refreshments. Admission 20c, couples 30c. Oak Reed Orchestra.

Imperial Valley Strike Betrayed Continued from Page 1, Col. 77

Pea Strike In Calipatria, 15 miles from Brawley, on Nov. 22nd, 200 workers, mostly Americans, struck at Sinclair's Ranch against a cent a pound for picking peas. Other ranchers were paying from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 a pound. Four workers were immediately arrested for picketing. They are C. E. Stephens, J. E. Sanders, Claude Lee and J. D. Sanders. Held on \$500 bail each. The Canney and Agricul-tural Workers Union, is taking steps to consolidate a leadership in the valley and win the Mexican, Filipino, Negro and white workers to joint struggle.

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SOLIDARITY OF 1,000 IN PEDRO FISH INDUSTRY FORGES VICTORY

Cannery Workers, Boat Owners, Pullers, Japanese and Italian Fishermen, Join in United Front

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 21.—Due to a grievance with the French Sardine Co., who refused to pay the contract price of \$7 a ton for sardines, claiming that the fish were too small and did not have enough oil; a joint committee from the Boat Owners Association and Fisherman and Cannery Workers Industrial Union notified all fishermen to stay in port yesterday.

A grievance committee meeting was called at 9 a. m. consisting of members of the Fishermen and Cannery Workers Industrial Union, Boat Owners and Pullers Association, Japanese Fishermen Association, and the Italian Fishermen Association; achieving for the first time in the industry a real united front.

A motion was passed to penalize all boat owners and fishermen who refused to carry out the fishermen's decision, and that they remain in port until the grievance was settled. The penalty is to be a fine to cover the full extent of their catch, the money to be deposited in the General Fund of the California State Sardine Fishermen Assn. Cannery Won't Pack

The cannery workers in the French Sardine Company's plant refused to pack fish that one boat (the "Prosperity") brought in against the committee's orders. This action illustrates the extent of the united front. The cannery workers only returned to work when the United Front Committee told them they might. The fishermen also objected to being sent out on their own time prospecting for fish, (to see if they were large or small) as they received no pay if the fish were small and had to be thrown back.

The Japanese Assn. brought up the question that some other fishermen were selling mackerel at the same price as sardines. A motion was passed that no fisherman or boat owner should sell mackerel for less than \$12-50 per ton, the contract price. This demonstration of solidarity that involved over 1000 Pedro workers despite racial and craft barriers, won an immediate settlement of all grievances and is an example to the fishing industry throughout the world.

Why I SUBSCRIBE to the Western Worker

MODESTO, Cal.—I have been a Republican for 30 years, but voted for Al Smith in 1928 and Roosevelt in 1932. Judging from daily reports of political investigations it seems the Republican Party is controlled by political rings and capitalist grafters and the Democratic party is just the same, the only difference being in name. I have read the platform and literature of the S. L. P. and other so-called socialist parties in New York, but after reading the WESTERN WORKER of November 1, I am convinced that the Communist Party platform is the only program which really means a square deal for the workers.

So, enclosed find money order for 60 cents for which please send to my address the WESTERN WORKER for 3 months, also send any literature which will give information pertaining to the Communist Party.

Yours truly, —A MODESTO WORKER.

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With the YOUNG WORKERS

Armistice Day Demonstrators Trial on Dec. 20

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—At the hearing of Jean Rand, Mike Marvin, and Joe Germain, held today, the trials were set for Dec. 20 and bail was raised to \$500 each. These three workers were arrested at the Armistice Day anti-war demonstration at the Young Communist League on the S. F. Embarcadero.

Owing to an overflowing courtroom of militant workers who came to frustrate the judge's attempt to deny a jury trial, the issue was glossed over, and the jury trial granted, after some little argument.

Since 6 a. m. this morning, a squad of mounted cops were stationed in front of the courtroom, scene of the recent Murney hearing, but in spite of precautions and intimidations, the workers found their way to the courtroom.

Youth Active in Gallup Mine Strike

GALLUP, N. M.—In defiance of martial law the Young Communist League here held a social on Halloween Eve at which there were 75 workers present. The Young Communist League was active on the picket line and is growing. The Young Worker sells well.

Camp Boss Gets Graft, While Boys Get Appendicitis

CCC Camp No. 592, Inwood, Cal., Nov. 24.—This was reported to me by one of the boys in the kitchen who has been kicked out. He says he was using 50 dozen eggs for 200 men, till one day the Lieutenant says "Hey, Conrad, you're using too many eggs." Conrad answered, "What else can I use?" "Use 15 dozen," says the loogie, "and the balance corn starch and bacon." Conrad refused and was fired out of the kitchen. He says the bacon was so rotten that when you put it in water, the water turned green.

The results from this feed was seven appendicitis cases for the hospital in ten days. The government allows \$80 a day for this camp, but the loogie spends \$40 or \$45 and sinks the rest in his pocket.

Gordon, Buchanan, Appeal Is Denied

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—Gene Gordon and Harry Buchanan will serve 50 days sentences in the San Bernardino county jail. Judge Leonard of the Superior Court upheld the conviction of these two members of the Communist Party who were framed-up by forest rangers and a stool pigeon on the charge of disturbing the peace at a Western Worker picnic September 4th, 1933.

CAPITALIST CULTURE IN FLOWER AT SAN JOSE

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) San Jose for the good job they did." THE REASON IS THAT THEY WANT TO HOLD IN RESERVE THIS SAVAGERY AND MOB SPIRIT AGAINST THE WORKERS, ESPECIALLY THE LEADERS. THIS WILL BE TRANSLATION OF HYPERISM FOR THE UNITED STATES.

There was no move of this sort against the known murderers of the cotton strikers. But there were open lynching threats against the strikers. In the Vacaville strike, the minister, and in Lodi, the judge, openly advocated lynching of the strike leaders. But that did not disturb the governor. In Alabama, despite open lynching preparations, Roosevelt refuses to give protection to the Scottsboro Negro boys.

As a lynch governor, Rolph surpasses any in the South. His sanction of the lynching is open suggestion for vigilante rule. To put an end to kidnapping and other forms of crime we must first get rid of capitalism, the real source. To do as in the Soviet Union, where after only 16 years, kidnapping and gangsterism is not known.

Thinking workers, small farmers, will therefore not be swayed by either the psychology of the capitalist inspired mob, nor by sentimental prattlings of the liberals, but will place their support behind the Communist Party, that leads the movement for a society in which the toiling masses will rule, to give protection to the toiling masses which will not be known.

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Filipino Workers Repudiate Split Tactics of Fakers

MISLEADERS TRY TO SEPARATE THEM FROM REST OF WORKERS

SALINAS, Cal., Nov. 20.—The Filipino workers in the Salinas Valley as well as throughout the state have always been most brutally exploited by the contracters and mistreated by the fake "leaders" in their ranks.

Seeing the growing influence of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union as a result of successfully uniting workers of all races and winning many important victories in the recent wave of strikes in the fields, the bosses and the fakers are trying to build up a separate union that will be safe for them—recognized by the shippers and growers—where according to their plan, "representatives" of the two organizations will get together, discuss, and settle the differences without friction.

Jose B. Sarmiento, already notorious in Salinas Valley for his attempt to draw the 3000 Filipino workers away from the militant struggle necessary to win their demands in the lettuce workers strike, is head of this boss-union, the Associated Vegetable Employees, which it is planned to form, modeled after the A. F. of L. It workers who are divided will be separated to prevent their acting together and for equal conditions—Americans into one unit, Mexicans into another and Filipinos into a third. A conference for the purpose of forming the union was held Oct. 21 but only a small handful of workers attended. A second meeting has been called for tonight.

In Santa Maria, Sarmiento claims to have his (sell-out) machinery working. A code was drawn up and submitted to the militant workers themselves, saying that they do not cover agricultural workers, but only manufacturing industries. Another code was sent to the division of corporations in Los Angeles.

To Split Melon Strikers Faced with the strike of melon workers, particularly in the Imperial Valley, the aim of the fake union and growers and shippers is to build up a union to keep the workers separated along any lines—race, religion, or different working conditions and wages—and so prevent all "friction" between the bosses and the agricultural workers. The "representatives" (mislead- ers) have not made any attempt to get back wages withheld from the Filipino and Mexican workers for as much as a year in many instances although they must know of the hundreds of cases where this robbery is being practiced.

The small attendance of the workers to the meeting shows that they have more faith in themselves in a militant struggle, and in the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union leading it, than they have in this misleading scheme of the bosses, to win better conditions for the 30,000 Filipino and agricultural workers of other race in the state. —B. R.

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Editorial Column

Thanksgiving for Misery

"May we be grateful for the passing of dark days; for the new spirit of dependence one on another; for the closest unity of all parts of our land for the greater friendship between employers and those who toil; etc., etc."

So goes the Thanksgiving message from the White House. It's the yearly bunk that needs only to be re-dated. But never did it have a more hypocritical meaning than now.

By the "passing of dark days" the president means: The introduction of forced labor into every county in the United States. Every family head on relief, will have to put in full weeks work for from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per week. Prices for common necessities have gone up to as high as 50% for some commodities and are still climbing. The fact that average earnings and employment throughout the country is decreasing. In California the drop in October payrolls and employment compared with September is by 13.6%. More strikers have been murdered this year than in any previous year. Martial law rules in several parts of the country. That millions have to live in filthy agricultural, lumber and mining camps.

The last few months showed more lynchings than in years. A billion dollars that could feed the 17,000,000 jobless and their families, was appropriated for the army and navy.

The President want us ALL to be grateful for the military CCC and forced labor camps, destruction of food supplies, growing number of suicides, and such other fruits of capitalism which his inauguration stimulated very much.

The workers have little to be grateful for, other than what they won through bitter struggles at the cost of filling the jails, bloodbaths and starvation. Workers should scorn that hypocritical show that the capitalists and their flunkies make on Thanksgiving or Christmas—throwing a few extra crumbs with a smile, to hide their slave-driving during the year.

If there is any thanking we care to do, it should be for such achievements as the growth of the revolutionary movement and the Communist Party during the year; the achievements of the Soviet Union in Socialist construction; the forcing of recognition of the Soviet Union; the victories of the Chinese Red Army. But, these thanks could not be directed to any supernatural or great being. The workers, and small farmers, owe them to themselves.

A Printed "Lucha Obrera"

On December 15th, the first printed issue of "Lucha Obrera", the western Communist organ in Spanish, will appear. This will be hailed by the Spanish-speaking workers as a great step forward towards organizing them together with the other workers for the fight to establish human working conditions, against imperialism, discrimination, and for the overthrow of the capitalist system.

The fine response to the small mimeographed "Lucha Obrera" which appeared for the past few months, was the best proof that a printed paper will grow to have a large circulation. The demand for it especially arose with the increase of the agricultural struggles which involved mostly Mexican workers. They were the most militant of the more than 50,000 that took part this year.

But we are informed that the paper is being started on a "shoe-string" basis—enough to pay for the first issue,—but with confidence that the workers will get behind it. The small group of comrades that make up the editorial board, altho working long hours in the day time, are working very hard and feel confident that there will be a regular correspondent from every Spanish-speaking settlement and camp.

There are only two weeks left, until the first issue appears. During this period it is expected that in every Spanish district, affairs will be organized to raise the very much needed finances to push the drive for subscriptions, celebrate the important event, and to establish a "Lucha Obrera Booster Group".

Such an event should not be the concern of the Spanish comrades. It should get the whole-hearted support of all workers. It means pulling up into the battlefield another artillery piece to help bombard capitalism out of existence.

Send all subscriptions, finances, and bundle orders to 1529 Powell St., San Francisco.

Notice, New Party Members!

In every town there are to be new members classes. They are a means of giving the new recruits a brief analysis of our Party program and its structure. All new members should attend. If such a class is not organized in your locality, insist on it, or notify the district or section office.

Workers who find it necessary to leave town, see the section or unit organizer before leaving, and arrange for a transfer, or leave of absence. If you do not take this action you will find yourself dropped from the rolls of the Communist Party, after several weeks.

Comrades who are housewives, or are working nights, can arrange to belong to special day units. If there is no such unit in your section, call the organizer's attention to it, and action will be taken as soon as there are several to make a unit.

"May we give humble thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us." Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation.



Workers! Do You Want California Cossacks?

Haunted by the fear that the big strike wave in the California agricultural fields will spread to the cities, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, launched a campaign for a state constabulary—an army of cossacks which will be able to murder strikers more efficiently than deputized hoodlums.

Who doesn't know of the Pennsylvania cossacks? Who doesn't know of their murder of miners, steel and textile workers? Of their riding down of women and children? The Pennsylvania State Constabulary, from its very inception aroused the indignation of even the most conservative workers there, and it was a big issue in all political campaigns.

Now a campaign has been launched for California cossacks. On this there is a united front of all capitalist forces. Says the S. F. Chronicle editorial of Nov. 23:

"There can be no doubt that the agitators who fomented the labor trouble in the San Joaquin Valley, have extended their operations into the Imperial Valley, and are at the bottom of the troubles there."

Ignoring that these struggles are over the miserable conditions: "The check-mating of such tactics is extremely difficult, because the agitators are cunning in staying within their civil rights, and WHEN THESE ARE OVERSTEPS BY THE FARMERS THEY PUT THEMSELVES ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW." (Emphasis ours—Ed.)

Finally the remedy: "California having no State Constabulary to take cool-headed control of such situations, the Imperial Valley disturbances now provide more work to take the State Traffic control off its proper job."

"Impartial" The Chronicle tries to give the impression that a cossack army, would be an impartial "cool headed" body, which would maintain order during disputes. Nothing of course is mentioned of the fact that the State of California, as the whole United States government, is an instrument of the bankers, landlords, and manufacturers, in order to maintain the pro-

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Takes an Example from Pennsylvania

fit system. The cossacks are in order to avoid the need of deputized growers "acting outside the law", but to do it by means of the law—to carry through legally massacres as those of Pilexley and Arvin. That the workers were only exercising the supposed constitutional rights is frankly admitted.

But should workers have constitutional rights? This question may seem strange to most who have been trained from childhood to regard the constitution as a sacred document that guarantees "rights" to all irrespective of class.

However, the editor of the Chronicle, Chester Rowell, in the Nov. 7th issue puts it very brazenly. We print the editorial in full:

"In a speech before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, Dr. Tully Knoles, member of the fact-finding commission on the cotton strike, stated that it was the unanimous conclusion of the commission that the strikers had been denied their constitutional rights.

"Nobody disputes this. It is in fact definitely proclaimed from one side as it is bitterly charged from the other.

"But this is not the whole question. The other half of the question is: SHOULD COMMUNISTS AND MEXICANS HAVE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?"

"Ask yourself that question frankly. Do you really believe that an undesirable Communist agitator from San Francisco, should be permitted to exercise his constitutional right to go into a community where he is not wanted for the express purpose of using free speech to stir up trouble? Do you believe that Mexicans should have the right, which the law gives them, to picket the highways? Do you believe that farmers must not do what the law forbids, in order to stop such peo-

ple from doing what the law permits?"

"If so, you are a rare person, in a situation in which most people substitute feeling for thinking." (Emphasis ours)

Plain Words

These are plain words, expressed as frankly as Hitler would. The workers (and that's who they mean by agitators and Mexicans) are simply told that constitutional rights mean nothing when the interests of the bosses are at stake. In the same fashion a similarly revered document in Germany, the Weimar Constitution, was also thrown into the ash can.

The Mexicans should not have any constitutional rights,—but they are welcome to work for \$1.50 per 12-hour day. They are welcome to make up the bulk of those who produce in the banner fruit and vegetable supply center.

Many who have been led to believe that the Scripps-Howard "liberal" sheets defend our supposed rights, will find less than less loyal reaction. The San Francisco News in an editorial on Nov. 23rd, says:

"By launching a campaign for a state constabulary similar to those in Pennsylvania and New York, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, has added this to the issues that will certainly engage the next legislature.

"Recent disorders in the fruit orchards and cotton fields have provided strong arguments for those who have long advocated a state constabulary. Certainly a well-trained and mobile state police force, properly directed, would have saved California from the disgrace of the wanton killing of strikers by cotton growers at Pilexley and the accompanying reign of vigilante lawlessness."

"Better Than Deputies" The News goes on to explain that the system of deputizing local forces is antiquated, and a constabulary would be a far more efficient form. The most

International Events and Western Workers

How Hitler Got His Election "Victory"—A German Mother Tells of Treatment in the Soviet Union—Seven Thousand Dollars and No Joking—Only \$30.00 for Chinese Red Army, Shows Slow Progress

T. V. V., of Portland, Oregon, writes, questioning our assertion in last week's column concerning the validity of the Fascist elections in Germany.

He asks: "Is it possible that an election which necessarily involves such a large number of election officials can be carried through fraudulently without concrete evidence of such fraud leaking out?"

In answer, I would like to refer our readers to so conservative a bourgeois writer as Frederick T. Birchall, who writes directly from Germany, (and who must therefore write carefully because of Fascist terror), and who informs his American readers under date of Nov. 13 via the New York Times:

"It required courage (for the over three million who voted against Hitler) for the atmosphere has recently been thick with rumors of secretly numbered ballot-papers, and other devices for detecting

the unpatriotic, and Nazi vengeance is no joke. Particularly, it is considered that the foreign correspondent who gave publicity to the tale of water-marked ballots, which the Nazi Propaganda Bureau, promptly picked up with resultant publicity in every German newspaper, is deserving of Hitlerite recognition, for the publicity of this, undoubtedly scared many of the hesitating, and by so much, influenced the vote.

"The election results, instead of being made to the public directly, by the Federal Election Commission, FIRST PASSED THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA BUREAU, a circumstance that has given rise to some unfavorable comment. Last night, loud speakers on the streets and in the crowded restaurants, announced sensational figures, (the alleged great vote for Hitler) but even the best showing failed to draw great applause."

These are only some of the indications of how false any conclusions drawn from the announced results are. The Nazis, according to all the bourgeois press, organized squads to visit all homes and force everyone to go to the polls to vote, and voting under such close supervision and under the conditions reported by Birchall, as well as other correspondents makes foolish any acceptance of the vote as announced.

If one refused to go to the polls, (and incidentally placed Jesus above Hitler), one was subject to arrest, thus the Associated Press reports:

"ZWICKAL, Germany, Nov. 17. (AP)—Seven members of a sect known as bible researchers were arrested in the nearby village of Lichtenstein for having refused to vote last Sunday in the national election and distributing handbills bearing the words 'Jesus is Our Leader.'"

Even Duke Phillip Albrecht of Wurtemberg, son of the late King Albert, was arrested because when a squad of Nazi thugs visited him to force him to go to the polls, he refused to go to vote for the Nazis.

And those who were suspected of having voted against the Nazi regime, are now paying the price. From the London Times, dated Nov. 15th, comes the following despatch:

"MUNICH, Nov. 15.—Two inmates of a sanatorium at Bad Duerkheim, in the Palatinate, 'openly admitted' they had voted against the government in the referendum Saturday, were, 'therefore', marched through the streets 'and thus publicly branded as traitors to their country.'"

"Herr Luber, a member of the Bavarian Government, and Nazi leader who recently declared the government 'would track down and punish those who gave an unfavorable vote in the election', has received from the government a hereditary estate at Hershwang, in Southern Bavaria."

So you see, Comrade T. V. V.,

we were fully justified in our remarks.

Several weeks ago, we published in this column the letter of a German mother who wrote to her relatives in the United States concerning her terrible experiences under the Hitler regime. Our readers will remember that at that time she had written asking that arrangements be made that she might enter the Soviet Union and find a haven of refuge. Since then the comrade has been located in the First Workers Republic, and we now have in our possession a copy of a letter which she wrote to her brother telling of her new life. It follows:

"Moscow, Oct. 13, 1933.

"Dear Brother: "We are here in our new country now already for several weeks and I have tried several times to write to you, but was advised in your interest not to do so. I shall now give you a cover address to which you will please send all your letters in the immediate future.

"We are all in first class shape, having found so many dear people who are trying in every way to help us. The children are especially lucky because they are going to be taken into the most beautiful and modern of children's homes, maybe the most beautiful of all children's homes in the world. Lenchen is to get a position as German teacher for small children at the same place.

"We have seen and experienced so many wonderful things about which we would like to write, but will wait until we find out how this letter is reaching you. Before everything, see to it that the news about us will get to our old home.

"It is also possible that I will receive your answer rather late because I am supposed to go south for a vacation either to the Crimea or the Caucasus as soon as the children have been put into the home. It is more necessary than I had imagined myself. When I expressed my desire to go to work they told me, 'Comrade, you'd better get well first.

"Please answer immediately, "Your sister, "G. S."

Thus "Nordic Civilization" a la Fascism, its axes dripping with the blood of its victims, hounds women and children, and Communist "barbarism" takes them to its heart and gives them life and hope.

No, Comrade H. H., of Los Angeles, we made no mistake in the last week's column. San Francisco raised and sent over seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to the Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism. You say you don't know of even \$100.00 sent by the Los Angeles Committee—as to that we cannot affirm or deny. We have on previous occasions asked for a statement of funds remitted from L. A. but got none. We hope the comrades will send us one for publication. Also we agree with you. It would have been better not to publish the names of the Communist paper in L. A. and send the funds to our German comrades.

That the anti-fascist paper was not indispensable to the raising of money is clear from the fact that our San Francisco comrades raised these funds; and where the Western and Daily Workers as the only papers in their campaign, besides of course the organizational apparatus established.

Also the Committee to Aid the Chinese, which has now passed the \$30.00 mark. That's slow progress. The inspiring victories of the Red Army seed you a better response. We'll serve a better reader, send them a donation. The Western Worker will be glad to forward it. —S. A. D.

Elect Idaho Lumber Delegates For the Seattle Meet

SPRIT LAKE, Idaho, Nov. 24.—More than one hundred lumber workers and their families came to the mass meeting here Thursday to hear James Murphy, National Secretary of the National Lumber Workers Industrial Union. Many responded to his appeal to join the union and help fight the miserable conditions the NRA is trying to put over on the lumber workers. Delegates were elected to attend the lumber workers convention in Seattle, Dec. 10. In Couer d'Alene the night before, a similar mass meeting was held where Murphy spoke all swept through the auditorium. Most of them didn't know the words and tried to follow those who did—but at the end every fist in the hall was raised. Then the delegates started the long ride home, determined to carry through the program they had forged.

Record Enrollment For S. F. School

FORUMS, LECTURES AMONG FEATURES PLANNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—On the eve of moving into new and ideal quarters, the Workers School is preparing for its Winter Term which opens Dec. 4. The announced quota of 300 students is now assured, with well over two hundred already registered, and more registering every day.

Sponsors of the Workers School include Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party, U. S. A.; George Morris, Editor of the Western Worker; James Branch and Joan Murphy, of the Agit-Prop Commission, Communist Party, District 13; Anita Whiffey, Ella Winter, Lincoln Steffens, Langston Hughes and Beatrice Kinkade, well-known revolutionary writers and educationalists.

During the course of the winter term forums and lectures at which these sponsors of the school will appear and speak, will be held. These lectures will be open to the general public.

A huge House-warming affair is being arranged for December 9th in the new headquarters.

700 FARMER DELEGATES OF 38 STATES PRESENT AT CHICAGO CONVENTION ADOPT FIGHTING PLAN

Capitalist Parties Repudiated; Applaud Communists

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 18.—Outright cancellation of all mortgages, secured farm debts, crop loans, taxes and rents was put forward by Lem Harris, secretary of the Farmers National Committee for Action here today at the Second National Farmers Conference in Peoples Auditorium.

Tumultuous cheering broke out among the more than seven hundred delegates as Harris finished his report. Tired of the fake pledges of the administration, these farmers from thirty-eight states representing all forms of agricultural industry were united in their desire for militant action.

The broad character of the conference and its unity in the fight was most strikingly brought out when the Negro delegates from Alabama, representing the 500 members of the Alabama Share Croppers Union, were greeted by the convention. Especially prominent in greeting them were the white delegates from Texas and other southern states.

All parties had been invited to send their representatives to present their programs. The Farmer-Labor Party sent nobody, nor any message. The Republicans sent a letter with their platform, which contained no help whatever for the farmers. The delegates greeted with boss the reading of the Democratic Party's letter, the main points of which were for "ample funds" for the Federal Farm Board, recapitalization of the Land Bank,

Representatives for the Small Farmers are Tired of Fake Administration Promises

and "an adequate army and navy". The use of the military forces against the striking farmers in the Midwest was fresh in the minds of the delegates, and the proposals for money for battleships, and for mortgage-holding bankers through the Federal Farm Board funds, were jeered. The Socialist Party speaker, Burt, in a vague speech, had nothing more definite than the catch phrases of the "Progressives"—socialization of banks and credits and use-title of land.

Cheer Communist Platform Comrade Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, presented the Communist Party platform for farm relief. Pointing out the failure of the S. P. Continental Congress, he showed the insistence of the Communist Party during the farm strike sold space in their paper, the "Mitwaukee Leader" to the milk corporations for vicious attacks on the striking farmers.

Stormy applause greeted Hathaway's reading of the Communist plank for cash relief, no evictions on foreclosures, no moratorium and instead outright cancellation. The delegates had travelled thousands of miles from all over

the country, from California fruit farms to Yankee farmers of New England, to hammer out a fighting program, and farmer after farmer took the platform to tell, through their own experiences, the need of a wider, stronger and more militant fighting front. On forced sales, "There should be nothing but Sears-Roebuck—\$1.18—sales from now on, everywhere", declared Joe Tennant from Pennsylvania. Ed Bunch of California United Farmers League told the unity of the farmers and workers in the recent cotton strike.

Fight Fakers Exposing the "moratorium" laws of Iowa and Nebraska, forced by the fights of the embattled farmers there, as being full of loop-holes for the bankers, Lem Harris declared that the last conference did not sufficiently clarify the matter of the farm strikes, and urged that this be the main weapon in the coming struggles. In this regard, the farmers have not only the open enemies to fight—the bankers, and finance companies and the armed forces—but as well the fakers such as Milo Reno, who betrayed three farm strikes.

Walter Singler, who knifed the Wisconsin milk strikers, and Joe Simpson, head of the Farmers Union. "Every delegate here must become an active organizer," Harris urged, "and not depend on the misleaders who sell-out their struggles."

When you finish with this paper, pass it on to a fellow worker.

Calif. Delegates Tell of Enthusiastic Receptions

To Chicago and the National Farmers Convention they started in an old truck, the three delegates from the San Joaquin Valley—Lee Wether from Chowchilla, Ed Bunch of Dinuba and Fred Jones of Tulare, representing the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union who joined hands with the United Farmers League in the recent cotton struggle against their common enemy, the finance companies.

The truck and three delegates grew to a caravan of 30 cars and 275 farmers as town after town was passed, and delegates from Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado and the states further along joined. In every town a parade was held, or a short meeting, and farmers from the vicinity came in and enthusiastically endorsed the program. The conference would take up.

Through country-sides whose fields were empty by the crop destruction orders of Roosevelt, or bulging with good crops that will pay the poor farmers not enough to clothe their families, similar caravans of determined farmers started from all sections of the country and growing in numbers, reached Chicago for the three-day convention.

The enthusiasm of the delegates to work out a real fighting program made it hard on the chairman, Com. Chas. Taylor of the U. F. L. Every militant point brought forth cheers, while every speech of merely words, like the evasions of the Socialist party speaker,



Burt, was greeted with boos, and delegate after delegate called for the floor to emphasize the point of his own experiences. But the determination of these dirt farmers was no blind eagerness.

The proposal to unite with the city workers in their struggles, as well as the agricultural workers, as was done in the San Joaquin was approved unanimously and was embodied in the final program. And, proving this was a real unity, the farmers approved supplying food to meat workers then on strike in Michigan.

The third day of the convention brought the sub-committees of the various branches of agricultural industry together. The program outlined called for a real fight. Unanimously the convention voted to struggle

- 1—Immediate cash relief from local and Federal governments.
- 2—Cancellation of secured debts, mortgages, back rents, delinquent taxes, and demanded free seed and feed loans.
- 3—Against foreclosures and evictions.
- 4—Higher purchasing power, to be won through a united struggle with the city workers and through farm strikes for higher prices.
- 5—Tax exemptions for ruined and impoverished farmers, and substantial reduction for other small and middle farmers.
- 6—Reduced rent.
- 7—To struggle with and for the oppressed Negro farmers.
- 8—Struggles to be carried out through united mass action of all farmers and workers, regardless of race, creed or political belief.
- 9—Demonstrations and hunger marches to be carried out during the winter.
- 10—To stop forced sales through "peony sales", and where the mobilizing of armed forces prevented this, to treat that farm as a scab farm.

Mother Bloor, famous veteran fighter, made one of the last speeches. And so great was the enthusiasm of these delegates, a broad assemblage of Republicans, Democrats, Communists and every shade between, that spontaneous program outlined called for a real fight. Unanimously the convention voted to struggle