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JAPAN AND ITALY SEEN JOINING FORCES IN PACIFIC AREA

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Summary of the war news reveals that far from swinging into a new advance in Ethiopia and the building of higher war fever at home, Mussolini and his Italian fascists are facing the most serious situation to date. Despatches from reliable sources in Europe and Ethiopia reveal the following significant facts:

Army deserters from Italy crossing into Austria reach into the thousands.

A mutiny involving hundreds of men in the ranks of the Alpine Regiment recently ordered to Ethiopia resulted in the deaths of two men and the wounding of many others.

Italian troops are once more concentrated near the French frontier.

Popular pressure for oil embargo against Italy is forcing Great Britain to openly support League collective measures tentatively dated for application on February 1.

An attempted advance of Italian troops in the Dolo region was repulsed with heavy losses.

Early rainfall in the mountainous zone where Italian troops are operating threatens complete rout of already severely harassed Italian irregular troops.

VIENNA, Jan. 9.—Further reports have arrived confirming earlier statements in the press here to the effect that 500 Alpine Regiment men had revolted on the eve of being shipped to the war area, several being killed and wounded. They are said to have refused to parade at Merano for East African orders.

HARAR, Jan. 9.—An official communique issued here today reports recapture of the entire Tembien area north of Makale and a complete victory near Karia in the south after a bitterly fought battle. Heavy loss of life among Italian white and native troops, and loss of huge stores of munitions and guns, was claimed. The Italians retreated when out-of-season rain deluged them, making heavy transportation virtually impossible. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

### Two Sections Over the Top In W.W. Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Merced and San Bernardino have gone over the top in the Western Worker Drive. Merced section achieved 106 per cent of its quota; San Bernardino fulfilled its quota 101 per cent.

These two small sections have shown the way. It is up to the rest of the section to get busy. Merced and San Bernardino are still working, by the way.

Montreay, Eureka, San Jose, Bekersfield, Porterville, Stockton, Tulare and Arizona have not even been heard from yet. There has been ample time to report. What's the matter?

### JAPANESE INVASION A FACT



Japanese soldiers with guns and clubs standing guard outside the "autonomy government" headquarters at Tientsin in North China. The Japanese invasion of the North China provinces was carried out with only the thinnest pretense that it was a native "autonomy" move of the Chinese people. League sanctions have not been imposed against Japan because her avowed purpose is to prevent China from going Communist. These maneuvers of Japan cast a shadow but do not yet directly menace British and American financial interests. When they do, we will either hear the cry of "autonomy" or see an effort to launch a counter-invasion. Meanwhile, Japan shoulders the burden of ruthless suppression of the Chinese masses.

## San Diego Unions Oust Labor Editor

### ROGERS REMOVED FOR OPPOSING WILL OF THE MAJORITY

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 9.—Editor Albert G. Rogers of the San Diego Labor Leader was instructed to resign from office at a stormy meeting of the Federated Trades and Labor Council here Wednesday.

The call for his resignation came from Pres. Harry Steinmetz who read a long report indicting the editor for "consistently opposing the will of the majority of the Trades Council." The report called attention to the attacks on the local labor movement by the Chamber of Commerce and stated the Labor Leader had neither answered these attacks or the attacks now being made upon the West Coast marine unions.

#### E. C. TO EDIT

Steinmetz recommended that the Board of Administration be instructed to demand Rogers' resignation and suggested the Executive Committee edit a few issues until a new editor is found. Delegate Coffey of the Laborers' Union moved concurrence in the recommendation. Vice President Stutz ruled the motion out of order, but he was defeated 63 to 21. Delegate Dowell moved to "go into executive session" barring visitors and this also was defeated, 65 to 24.

#### REACTIONARIES WEAK

Reactionary delegates put up a bitter fight to smash the recommendation, but Steinmetz' motion finally carried by a vote of 50 to 24. Gue, deputy state labor commissioner, who had voted against the motion, attempted to change his vote so that he could bring the matter up at the next meeting. He was defeated and immediately asked for a copy of the minutes so that he could send it "immediately to the American Federation of Labor."

A letter was received from the

## BLACKLIST IS OPERATED ON WPA PROJECT

ARMY OFFICERS GET THE PRIVILEGED RELIEF POSITIONS

### Favoritism Charged

L. A. CHIEF ADMITS FILES OF RADICALS ARE BAN LIST

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—The WPA here has a "blacklist" in operation!

Previously denied, this admission was made here today by Colonel Donald H. Connolly, the War Department's "gift" to the County WPA Administration.

The "blacklist" is of "agitators" and is in use to keep "certain persons" from obtaining jobs or even entering the WPA Administration Building, Connolly admitted.

Previously Connolly has denied that any discrimination exists against workers active in organizing WPA workers into the Public Works and Unemployed Union, although many cases of such discrimination exist.

When pressed by militant grievance committees of the PWUU as to certain cases of "blacklisting," Connolly has given ground, admitting that the workers have the right to organize and reinstating workers fired from the projects for organizational activities.

#### OPEN FAVORITISM

Connolly made this startling admission in answer to charges of favoritism in personnel made by the "Crawford Spivako," evangelist and former state director of social work.

"Major Lee S. Dillon, personnel director, has given many of the best jobs to retired army officers who are also drawing pensions of \$200 a month," Mrs. Spivako said. "It's an outrage that taxpayers and citizens should be kept from entering a government building."

Mrs. Spivako, who has long been a factor in the Republican political machine in California, thus forced the revealing, through a political squabble, of a condition which the unemployed have protested against for months.

#### OFFICIALS DUCK

Connolly and State WPA Administrator McLaughlin left for Salt Lake City to attend a regional conference of works officials called by Robert H. Hinckley, regional FERA chief. Rumors persist that the army officers in "command" of the WPA here are to be ousted, possibly at tomorrow's meeting.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Work orders for 9000 men and 4000 women will be written during the next week by WPA officials, it was announced here today.

Roy W. Pilling, county relief director, announced the firing of 600 administrative workers and closed five of the 24 district SERA offices. Once numbering 7000, the administrative staff has now 2412 men and women, Pilling said.

Assistant Administrator Harold L. Pomeroy revealed that although 23,747 cases have been closed during the past three months, the SERA has authorized relief for 33,819 new workers.

### Celebration Jan. 21 At L.A. Opera House Of Lenin Memorial

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—Enthusiastic re-dedication to the principles of Leninism, will be seen at the celebration of the Lenin Memorial here on Tuesday night, Jan. 21, at the Mason Opera House.

William Schneiderman, district organizer of the Communist Party, will be the keynote speaker of the evening to outline the tasks of the American working class along true Leninist lines.

An outstanding program of entertainment is also being arranged for the celebration. Admission will be 25 cents.

Half of the collection taken up at the mass meeting will go toward fulfilling the Los Angeles quota in the current Western Worker "war chest" drive.

### Gen. Motors in New Huge Profit Surge

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Automobiles manufactured last year represents the greatest production since 1929, according to figures released from the statistical department of E. A. Pierce and Company.

General Motors rose from a deficit of 50 to 1000 net income available for dividends in 1932 to 150 to 1000 net-dividends in 1935.

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism". Price 5 cents.

### Polish Prisoners Released Under New Amnesty Law

WARSAW, Poland.—Amnesty released 20,000 Polish former prisoners, Friday, under the broadest Amnesty act yet passed in Poland.

In addition to freeing many prisoners, it commuted all death penalties to life terms.

The prisoners were registered as unemployed. Steps are being taken to provide work for them. They also received cash and food allowances as well as railroad tickets to carry them back home.

## East Coast Liner Leaves S. F. As Scabs Replace Union Men

### The Sailors' Fight IS AT A CRITICAL STAGE

It is time that the members of the Sailors' Union took stock of the serious situation arising out of their fight for the six-hour day on steamships, and the answer of the shipowners in practically locking out the men. The shipowners are trying to create a split in the Maritime Federation, and think they can do it by isolating the steamship men from the rest of the maritime crafts. The sailors and all maritime workers must be on their guard against this maneuver. Everything the maritime workers have gained in the past, no matter how small, has been by the unity and solidarity established through the Maritime Federation. It is only by this unity that the maritime workers have weathered every crisis, every attack of the shipowners, and come through stronger even when they did not win all their demands.

#### UNITY MUST BE PRESERVED

There is a great danger that this unity will be weakened if any single craft will try to fight alone, without using the power and authority of the whole Maritime Federation to assist them in developing mass pressure for the winning of their just demands. The Emergency Convention of the Maritime Federation last November unanimously adopted a program of action which would avoid the dangers of isolated, individual actions of any craft. The Convention realized that such actions alone could not effectively carry on the fight for major demands and would involve and jeopardize all the maritime unions.

The Maritime Federation can only give effective support to the sailors if a common program is worked out by consultation with all the maritime unions. The sailors' fight is NOT just a sailors' question. Any such agreement ignores all the lessons and experiences of the maritime workers and their struggles of the past two years; it is because they realized that "an injury to one is an injury to all" that they built the Maritime Federation. The shipowners realize this, and they are speculating on alleged differences among the maritime unions to launch an attack not only against the sailors, but all maritime workers.

#### IMPORTANCE OF UNIFIED ACTION

The best example of how important it is to have COLLECTIVE ACTION AND LEADERSHIP is the latest development on the S.S. Pennsylvania, which sailed from San Francisco with a crew of imported scabs. Had the action for the West Coast scale been carried out after consultation with the other crafts, and a committee set up representing all the crafts involved, we could not see a situation where the ship could sail with scabs alongside union members of licensed groups. Had this fight been conducted under such leadership as provided for by the recent Maritime Federation Convention, important concessions could have been won for the seamen, laying the basis for centering the fight on the East Coast for a National agreement. What is needed now is COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP, not DRIFTING.

#### WHAT MUST BE DONE

What are the immediate next steps that the situation demands? First, to prepare all the maritime unions to guard against any further attempts to operate ships out of San Francisco harbor with scabs, and fight for the reinstatement of the Pennsylvania crew without discrimination. Second, to take up an energetic fight for (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

#### Red-Baiter



Bill Green, A. F. L. head, who this week, joined forces with Scharrenberg in a vicious attack on the West Coast marine unions.

### Sailors to Aid Eastern Seamen In Wage Fight

RESOLUTION CALLS FOR MARITIME FEDERATION SUPPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—To bolster the spirit of East Coast seamen into taking action on the Atlantic Coast to gain the repudiation of the agreement signed arbitrarily by the Atlantic District Committee, the membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific passed, the following resolution by a unanimous vote of some 350 members present:

WHEREAS, The wage scale and working conditions provided for under the proposed 1936 agreement are far below that of the West Coast seamen, and

WHEREAS, The resentment on the part of the East Coast seamen against this proposed agreement will result in protest job (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

### CREW REPORTED RECRUITED BY I. S. U. OFFICIALS

EAST COAST SEAMEN TO STRIKE OTHER SHIPS FOR DEMANDS

#### Crisis Approaching

SCHARRENBERG ECHOES CRY OF WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS

#### BULLETIN

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—As a result of the confusion arising in the minds of many members of the maritime crafts and with the feeling that the solidarity of the Maritime Federation is in danger, the Portland branch of the Sailors' Union adopted a resolution requesting the Columbia River District Council of the Federation to immediately call a mass meeting of all affiliated crafts to clear up the befuddled steamshiper rift by electing a rank and file committee from crafts involved to maintain harmony and confidence. The resolution asks that this proposal also be referred to the Headquarters' Branch for action.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11

Although the steamshiper situation remained ominously calm along the Pacific Coast, the San Francisco waterfront was aroused to a pitch when a shipment of scabs were brought in by train from Los Angeles and placed aboard the inter-coastal liner, Pennsylvania, which was laying crewless at pier 35.

Originally manned by East Coast seamen upon her arrival here, the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

## PARLIAMENT LEFTISTS IN NEW LINEUP

GROUP TO BE ORGANIZED AROUND GALLACHER, COMMUNIST

#### (Federated Press)

Formation of a new left opposition bloc in the British House of Commons seems to have begun.

The bloc will apparently coalesce around leftist labor M. P.s, Independent Labor Party representatives and William Gallacher, Communist, chosen from "red Glasgow" in the recent elections.

The election of Gallacher, over combined opposition from Conservatives and the official Labor Party, created something of a sensation in Britain and is causing no little concern to canner conservative leaders. Though several years ago a Communist was elected on the Labor Party ticket, this is the first time a Communist has ever occupied a seat in Parliament as such.

"I would rather see the government get 80 seats less than the Communists get one," a conservative leader is reported to have said.

The significance of Gallacher's election lies in the fact that his presence and the sentiment which sent him to Parliament will stimulate formation of a militant leftist bloc within the more staid Labor opposition and will stiffen the ranks of I.L.P. members such as James Maxton, some of whose supporters have criticized him as being content with parliamentary fireworks.

The Scottish city of Glasgow, along with South Wales, has for long been a center of revolutionary activity in Great Britain.

### NOW POKE HIM IN AND SLAM THE LID DOWN



Eight months ago, Paul Scharrenberg was expelled by unanimous vote of the Sailors' Union on the Pacific Coast. Branded as one of the most infamous labor betrayers of all time, he still had cronies of his own calibre in the top officialdom of the A. F. of L. who were ready to defy the democratic vote of the rank and file. He was sneaked into an alleged Office Workers' Union, retained as secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and is now in Washington openly trying to split the Sailors' Union. He wants the Pacific Coast locals expelled so that new charters can be issued for a fink union under his domination.

At the time of his expulsion, the Western Worker published this cartoon. We publish it again now with a new title.



## BROAD ANTI-WAR STRUGGLE BUILT AT CLEVELAND MEET

**BROWDER AND PORTER SPEAK ON  
MOTION TO FORM UNITED  
FRONT FEDERATION**

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 7.—Great enthusiasm marked the endorsement of the League appointment of a joint committee empowered to do everything possible "to create a truly all-embracing federation for active, practical cooperation of all forces working against the threats of war and Fascism."

The appointment of the committee by the Third Congress of the American League Against War and Fascism, meeting here in a three-day session ending Sunday, was hailed as a profound step towards greatly expanding the united front in this country against the twin capitalist blights—war and fascism.

Among those endorsing the step were official observers from the Socialist Party, a spokesman for the Communist Party and one for the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, Local 22.

### BARBUSSE TRIBUTE

Saturday night Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, paid glowing tribute to the memory of Henri Barbusse, the originator of the First World Congress Against War and Fascism. Browder was introduced at the memorial meeting by Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the League, as "the only American who acted as Barbusse's pall-bearer and spoke at his graveside."

The resolution was introduced by Professor Robert Morss Lovett in the name of the national executive committee of the League. Paul Porter, national labor secretary of the Socialist Party in supporting the broad united front move declared:

"The Socialist Party believes that an effective fight against war and fascism requires a broad federation of all peace-loving and anti-fascist forces, centered about the trade unions as the basic organizations. While all possible allies are needed in this fight it is recognized that the organized workers, especially those in the war industries and transportation, occupy the front line trenches of the peace army. Stopping war work means stopping war!"

His words were answered by cheering and shouting from the 2000 delegates assembled from all parts of the United States.

### TEN POINTS

Earl Browder stepped to the microphone to state the Communist Party's endorsement of the resolution and shouting and cheering broke out instantaneously and with intense fervor. He declared the Communist Party is glad to support the proposal and that: "This step should be the beginning towards a more complete unity in the not far distant future."

A ten-point program was adopted comprising the stopping of work on and transportation of war materials; exposure of U. S. Government's war preparations; resist militarization of the youth; support the disarmament proposals made to the League by the Soviet Union; demand effective neutrality legislation; join all international action against war and assist colonial people to resist exploitation; demonstrate constantly the relation between war and fascism; oppose all fascist developments; fight gag legislation; oppose all legislation designed to prevent soldiers from receiving literature in behalf of any program designed to secure peace, freedom and justice.

The Veterans' Commission comprising many American Legion members presented a resolution which was adopted scoring the red-baiters within the Legion as tools of Hearst who is trying to "make storm troops out of veterans."

### WPA Workers in Job Safeguarding Young

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—WPA workers were assigned to duty at 325 dangerous school crossings to safeguard children from traffic hazards here today. The workers will go on their posts beginning Wednesday morning.

This project for white-collar workers was finally wrung from the WPA after an intensive campaign by the Parent-Teacher Association.

### OVATION



A tremendous ovation greeted Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., when he spoke before the third national congress of the American League Against War and Fascism at Cleveland. Browder paid tribute in his speech to Henri Barbusse, French writer and one of the founders of the League, who died last year.

### PACIFIC COAST SAILORS WILL SUPPORT EAST

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action demanding the West Coast scale, and WHEREAS, This action can be most effective on the East Coast due to the necessity of establishing democracy in the East Coast branches of the I.S.U. and the need for greater solidarity with the longshoremen of the Eastern ports, and

WHEREAS, There is a tendency among the seamen to take job action only on the West Coast, due to the fear of being discriminated against and being expelled by the East Coast officials of the I.S.U.

WHEREAS, We realize the unity between the East and West Coast Maritime Unions is of prime importance if we are to maintain our unions and go forward in our struggle for one National agreement for the entire Marine industry,

### THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific go on record as endorsing such job action against the proposed agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will give every support possible in defeating any attempt to replace crews taking such actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the Maritime Federation of the Pacific to go on record as refusing to handle any ships coming from the East Coast with crews that have replaced men taking job action on the East Coast to gain West Coast wages and conditions; and be it further

### Unidentified Worker Killed in Fall

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—The traffic death of "Richard Roe," an unidentified worker from the Unemployment Relief Camp at Pogi, at North Gaffey and Anaheim sts., San Pedro, was reported here today. The worker fell from a truck used by Unit II of the camp, striking his head on the pavement and suffering a fractured skull. He was instantly killed.

### Theater Employees Hit By Court Rule

BOSTON.—(FP)—A strike is over when business is back to normal, asserted Judge Brogna of Boston in a ruling hostile to the Theatrical Stage Employees' Union, which has been picketing the Park Theater, a burlesque house, for 11 months. The Massachusetts Federation of Labor and the Boston Central Labor Union are assisting the union in an appeal to the state supreme court.

# Scharrenberg Finagling to Split Sailors' Union Ranks

## WANTS TO PULL CHARTERS OF LOCALS

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crew of the Pennsylvania struck in protest of the resigning of the 1935 agreement by Eastern officials without first consulting the rank and file of the Eastern Branches of the ISU.

The crew raised the demands for West Coast scale of wages and West Coast articles to prevent their being victimized upon arrival in Eastern ports.

### SCABS PACK BOOKS

The scabs eluded seamen who were picketing the bus station by getting off a mile south of the City, rushing to the pier in trucks. The scab-herders did not fail to overlook the fact that several gangs of longshoremen were working a ship on the same dock at which the Pennsylvania lay. To avoid any disruption of their plan to run the scabs aboard, the vessel which the longshoremen were working was shifted to another pier.

Once the 46 scabs were aboard, the lines were chopped and the ship was allowed to drift out to anchor. Once out there a launch brought out the remainder of a scab crew and the vessel sailed.

What has aroused the wrath of all West Coast maritime workers is the reliable report that all the scabs had been issued "union books" under the name of the International Seamen's Union, by Lars Turner.

### EASTERN SEAMEN RETALIATE

Lars Turner is one of two "organizers" appointed recently by the ISU Executive Board. He was removed from his post as office clerk in the Sailors' Union by the membership as a result of his refusal to carry out the wishes of the majority.

In rebuttal to this latest move the former members of the Pennsylvania elected a committee to go to San Pedro at once to urge the crew of California, of the same company, to walk off in protest.

The crew of the Santa Paula which is lying at San Francisco is also planning to walk off the ship in demand of West Coast scale of wages. The crews of three Luckenbach ships, and one Calmar Line are also off on the same demand.

### 6-HOUR DAY REPUDIATED

Repudiating their verbal agreement for the six-hour day under which they had been operating for the past month, the

### SOVIETS PLAN FILM COLONY ON BLACK SEA

U. S. S. R. TO CHALLENGE  
FILM MONOPOLISTS

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Jan. 8.—The Soviet government has set aside approximately \$25,000,000 for the creation of a "Soviet Hollywood" on the Black Sea.

The congress of film workers held here recently greeted the idea with enthusiasm and pledged its full support to the project. Shumiatsky's visit to Hollywood in the U. S. A. gave birth to the plan.

The Black Sea area is climatically ideal for the establishment of a film producing colony. It possesses a wide range of natural scenery unequalled even in the Hollywood area.

British and American experts probably will be contracted to install equipment and introduce technique of the most advanced nature. Russian workers will be trained to operate the latest cameras, lights and laboratory equipment.

### RELIEF HEAD NAMED

Miss Eugene Schenk, director of the county welfare department, will serve another year as chairman of the funky Community Chest relief council, D. E. Koshland, executive chairman announced last week.

Not a single square mile of Ethiopia to the fascist Mussolini!

## THE SCAB NAVY AFLOAT AGAIN



Running scabs aboard the S.S. Pennsylvania recalls the bitter days of 1934 when the Diana Dollar (above) was the floating scab hotel in San Francisco harbor. The gains of that hard fought struggle must be defended and new important gains won. This can only be accomplished by unified, well disciplined action on the part of all the maritime unions, which are equally affected and equally concerned in every waterfront development.

owners of steamschooner Whitney Olsen, discharged the entire crew and laid the vessel up.

One of the first to give consent to the six-hour day, it is assumed that pressure from the larger companies had been brought to bear.

The tying up of this vessel makes a total of fifty-nine steamschooner crews laid off by the enforced lock-out.

### CHARTER THREAT LOOMS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—While the shipowners make pretense of playing a waiting game on the Pacific Coast, all the forces of reaction are being gathered here in what is unquestionably one supreme effort on the part of the operators and their allies to smash the maritime unions and in particular the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

Sounding his arrival in advance by a lengthy letter of tirade and abuse against the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and Harry Bridges, Paul Scharrenberg, deposed member of the Sailors' Union, demanded an open "declaration of war" against the Pacific Coast Locals of the International Seamen's Union. Scharrenberg has the backing of not only the reactionary executive board of the ISU, but he

## CRITICAL SITUATION FACES THE SAILORS' UNION

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the relief of the sailors, developing mass pressure on the relief authorities to break down the policy of discrimination against sailors, and getting the support of the other unions to work out ways and means of organizing some immediate relief. Third, organize a publicity campaign to reach the entire labor movement exposing the shipowners' move to lock out the steamschooner men and to bring in scab crews to replace sailors fighting for the West Coast scale. Fourth, the Sailors' Union should enforce the job action resolution adopted at the Maritime Federation Convention, and take a referendum vote to place the further conduct of the fight for their demands in the hands of the Maritime Federation, with the understanding that no final decision or settlement be reached without the approval of the membership of the Sailors' Union.

If the sailors want to prevent any further attacks of the shipowners, who are now encouraged to go further than they ever dared to go before, it is time that they realized the seriousness of the situation. It is dangerous to believe that this is a question that can be settled by the sailors alone. The whole Maritime Federation is already involved, and must be mobilized to prevent any repetition of the Pennsylvania incident. By working out a common program COLLECTIVELY with the representatives of the other crafts and unions, through the Maritime Federation, such action would be the most effective means of developing mass pressure on the shipowners for the sailors' demands, and it would above all insure the strengthening of the unity of the maritime unions which is the only means by which all seamen and longshoremen can jointly defend their common interests. The sooner the members of the Sailors' Union realize this, the better.

### Silicosis Victims In Wall St. Probe

Threads lead from Gauley Bridge to the Wall Street offices of some of the nation's biggest banking and business concerns, The People's Press, new weekly tabloid, has revealed. In an effort to accumulate huge profits at breakneck speed, all safety devices were eliminated and workers were forced to labor in an atmosphere filled with minute particles of silica when Congress convened by Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York, dust.

## WOULD LIKE TO HEAD UNION OF FINKS

when the Department of Justice was forced to acknowledge that there were not any "justifiable grounds" to act upon.

The threat of the operators to "resort to vigilantism" as expressed by Elisha Hansen, is considered more than an idle threat by thoughtful West Coast rank and file leaders.

### MOVE FOR SPLIT FOILED

It is significant to note that the ISU executive board has established a branch office in San Francisco to "insure proper contact"—with the shipowners?—A member of the crew of the President Coolidge was expelled from the Marine Firemen's Union as a result of his letter to Wm. Green, requesting a separate charter for electricians, plumbers and deck engineers because they are of a "higher mentality than the oilers, water-tenders and wipers." The man who was a plumber on the Dollar Line ship, asserted to rank and file members that he had "over a hundred and fifty signatures" for the charter.

Although vigilant maritime workers have failed to unearth any to date, a strong report has it that cards pledging "loyalty to the International Seamen's Union" are being circulated along the San Francisco waterfront.

### DENOUNCED BY ENTIRE COAST

It will be recalled that Scharrenberg was expelled from the Sailors' Union of the Pacific by a popular referendum vote after he had been summoned to trial on several counts.

As Scharrenberg himself states, "I was the most unpopular in the union and my activities resulted in my expulsion."

Seamen who heard Scharrenberg's plea for a "war" during the arbitration hearings and who took part in the Scharrenberg Federation-wrecking-inspired tangle strike agreed by an almost unanimous vote that Scharrenberg was the most "unpopular man in the union."

San Francisco longshoremen who were forced to pack a company union book for years under the rottenness of conditions remember well Scharrenberg's complicity in the notorious "blue book union."

All delegates to the Convention have been instructed to fight for the ratification of the Scharrenberg expulsion.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

# RAPE OF ETHIOPIA WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

## TOP JINGO REVOLT LOOMS IN FASCIST RANKS



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impossible. Roads in many places have been washed out.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The anti-fascist press here has exposed the rushing of negotiations to contract to supply Italy with oil, alleging that it will be supplied from the American-owned Nitag refinery situated in Nazi Germany. Haste was due to the necessity for completing the deal before the League acts on embargo on oil part of policy of collective sanctions, expected to be applied before the end of the month.

ROME, Jan. 8.—Attack on Pres. Roosevelt's reference to fascist dictatorships and their aggressive imperialist aims continues in the Italian semi-official newspapers. Denials of revolt among regular troops ordered to Ethiopia are being issued, together with denunciations of stories of "Red Cross bombings" as hostile to anti-Italian propaganda.

More troops leave for East Africa daily, in response to Marshal Badoglio's requests, which are due to the illness and demoralization of troops already through their baptism of fire and extraordinary hardships entailed in Ethiopia.

Pointing to the reports that the British have concentrated nearly 80,000 fresh troops in Egypt and Libya, and have furthermore completed naval plans jointly with the French naval strategy board, government spokesmen have announced that 100,000 additional troops will be sent to East Africa.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASING IN EUROPEAN NATIONS

PARIS, France.—(FP)—Startling increases in unemployment among professional people in nearly every European country have been recorded in the last few years, a report of the International Labor Office at Geneva, made public in Paris, discloses.

In Poland, the figures show, the number of jobless professional workers has reached a total of 570,000. In Switzerland 30 per cent of the engineers and architects are without work.

Most serious, the survey found, was that long periods of unemployment and the rationalization of production has resulted in the formation of a large group of technically trained engineers and chemists who would find it difficult to readjust themselves to the process of work even should the economic crisis pass.

## S. P. Convention to Be Held in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Jan. 6.—Cleveland has been selected for the Socialist Party's 1936 convention, starting May 23, it was announced by the Socialist Party National Executive Committee, Friday.

Norman Thomas, the party's candidate for president in 1928 and 1932 said he still has an open mind on the question of running again.

The peace policy of the Soviet Union is against every attempt to enslave racial minorities.

## Governor Ely Tries To Squash Low Rents

BOSTON.—(FP)—Charging that former Gov. Ely of Massachusetts and large real estate interests are playing political football in their efforts to squash a proposed FHA low rent apartment development in Boston, the Central Labor Union has written to Secretary of the Interior Ickes approving his allocation of funds for the project.

## THE BENEVOLENT PATRONAGE OF THE JAPANESE

Nipponese Troops Arresting a Chinese Worker for Resistance



This picture, taken during previous Japanese attacks on the Chinese masses, shows what is happening in North China today. The majority of China wants Communism. Japan is determined to thwart them by violence and terrorism.



# EAST OF THE Rockies

## as Farmer families Stranded Mine Workers' Union Red-Baiters Lose Artists Congress

HUNTSVILLE, Tex.—(FP)—D. B. James, poverty-stricken tenant farmer, was electrocuted at the Texas state penitentiary for stabbing his common-law wife to death. The murder was the result of a suicide pact which James, himself, failed to keep.

Several years ago, John W. Brady, ex-judge of the appellate court, stabbed his mistress to death. He was given a 3-year sentence, a soft job in the prison, and a pardon after having served a little more than a year of his term.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—A protest against the stranding of 2100 families at the site of the Ft. Peck, Mont., dam has been sent to WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins by Chairman David Lasser of the Workers' Alliance of America. The men, with their families, were induced to leave their homes to work on the dam. Now that operations are over, county authorities refuse the families relief on the grounds they are non-residents, Lasser states.

CLEVELAND.—(FP)—A promise that the United Mine Workers of America will not split away from the American Federation of Labor despite efforts of "certain people" to create conditions that would force the U.M.W.A. to withdraw from the federation was voiced in Cleveland by Adolph Germer, special representative of John L. Lewis.

Returning from a survey tour of midwest cities, Germer declared that the Committee for Industrial Organization is not "going to interfere with the rights of autonomy of any international unions."

CLEVELAND.—(FP)—Locals 639 of the Painters' Union at Cleveland voted down proposed constitutional amendments to expel Communists from membership, after speakers had asserted the proposals were undemocratic and would split the ranks of labor.

## "LIBERALS" PLAN PURGE OF PARTIES

POLICE CHIEF ON BOARD FOR PROGRESSIVE LAWS

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. Jan. 6.—Seeking to "liberalize and purge the two major parties of political dross," a group of men from five Southern California counties met here today to "coordinate liberal groups, including Townsendsites, Epics, Utopians, and other independent factions."

No third party is planned, and no support of any third party will be forthcoming, the group decided.

Instead, it will "seek coordination of the larger liberal and progressive groups in the state in favor of forward-looking social and economic legislation."

## Election Success Inspires Campaign

TOLEDO.—(FP)—Encouraged by success in getting two candidates on the Toledo city council and two others on the board of education, the Lucas County Labor Congress has decided to extend its political activities to state and national elections.

# ILD PLANS BIG BAZAAR AT L.A. JAN. 24, 25, 26

AFFAIR WILL OPEN WITH A BIG DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—The International Labor Defense, District 14, will hold a bazaar at the Workers' Center, 2706 Brooklyn ave., on January 24, 25, and 26.

Proceeds from the affair will aid the I.L.D. in financing its work during 1936. Every day in the year, the I.L.D. is called upon to defend workers whom the employing class is attempting to frame for militant activities.

Examples of the work being done by the I.L.D. on a nation and world-wide scale include the famous Angelo Herndon and Scottsboro cases. In California the I.L.D. recently won a victory when Archie Brown and three other members of the Ship Scalers' Union were freed of first degree murder charges in a San Francisco court. The "not guilty" verdict in the trial of 25 Juneau miners and longshoremen in Alaska was another I.L.D. victory.

These activities take money—lots of it. A dinner of a special type will be served on Friday night, the first night of the bazaar. On Saturday evening there will be dancing and other entertainment. The grand auction will be held Sunday night.

All kinds of merchandise will be sold at bargain prices during the three-day affair. All friends and sympathizers are urged to attend the bazaar to help the I.L.D. carry on during 1936.

# CALIFORNIA LAW SEEN AS MENACE IN HEIRESS' SUIT

STERILIZATION CAN BE POLITICAL WEAPON UNDER LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Despite the difficulty of perceiving fact through the forest of sensationalism surrounding the Hewitt case, one ominous aspect is unmistakable: the danger of the weapon of sterilization in the hands of the entrenched and potentially fascist class. As it has under the Hitler regime, sterilization can become an effective means for dealing with political enemies, and although in itself an apparently innocent social practice, as such becomes an appalling menace.

Anne Hewitt, 21-year-old heiress, is suing her mother, Mrs. Marvon McCarter, for subjecting her, without her knowledge, to a sterilization operation. She claims that the terms of her father's will make her mother heir to her share of the estate were she to die childless. The doctors, who admit the operation, claim that Miss Hewitt is feeble-minded and that it was

# FACES DEATH



Andrew Wright, one of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys who will face a new trial in the lynch courts of Alabama. Arrested in 1930 and convicted of rape on flimsy, perjured evidence, the demand for their freedom has been taken up by the working class of the whole world. They have become a symbol of the struggle of the Negro race for liberation. A new united front Scottsboro Defense Committee has been formed to combat the latest efforts of Alabama bosses to railroad them to the electric chair.

# Soviet Pictures Now Available for Church, Club, Home

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Pictures on Soviet life can now be shown in every organization, union local, branch club, church or home throughout the United States. The Friends of the Soviet Union has produced a series of filmstrips on the Soviet Union and will continue to produce such strips each month.

Each strip contains about 130 different still pictures and titles. It is an actual series of excellent Soviet pictures of 35 mm fireproof stock. A complete discussion outline, or speaker's outline is supplied with each strip.

All interested should communicate with the American Friends of the Soviet Union, room 408, 824 Broadway, New York City.

# Death Merchants Own Liberty League

## Du Pont Family Is Financial Mainstay—Contribute \$23,500

The war mongers are the puppeteers who dance the American Liberty League on their strings! This was revealed when the news leaked out that the huge Du Pont munitions dynasty is the chief backer of the league.

REPUBLICANS PROFIT

Another report filed by the Republican National Committee shows that the same war mongers were chief contributors to the Republican Party during the past year.

The Du Ponts are closely allied to the Baronial House of Morgan. Together with the Morgans, they control General Motors Corporation, whose profits have increased three hundred per cent in the last three years.

Members of the Du Pont family contributed \$23,500 and loaned \$114,500 to the American Liberty League which has been leading the big business drive against the living standards and liberties of the American people.

MORGAN FIDGETS

Meanwhile, in Washington, on Tuesday, John Pierpont Morgan fidgeted before the Senate Munitions Committee hearing on banking practices at the time the United States was drawn into the world conflict.

Said 68-year-old, fidgety Emperor Morgan: "No one could hate war more than I do and have always done, but even with that hatred I was proud of my country when the

# Amendment Sought to Forestall Bonus Offer As Relief Measure

## Congressman Marcantonio Leads Fight to Protect Unemployed Veterans

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—An amendment to the bonus bill to prevent the subtraction of relief allowance or work relief wages of unemployed war veterans from bonus payments, was offered by Congressman Vito Marcantonio.

"Anybody who is sincerely for the bonus has got to vote for my amendment," Marcantonio said announcing his plan, "otherwise, the bonus payment may turn out to be just another joker to the unemployed veterans."

Under the existing set-up, every recipient of relief must qualify by showing he is without any resources and if he gets on relief and the officials discover he has the least bit—even a trifling insurance policy—he is immediately cut off.

## BONUS NOT RELIEF

It is perfectly obvious that un-

# BANANAS CAN TEACH SOMETHING

They Have the Sense to Stick Together



A youthful member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union displays an object lesson in unity.

# FILLING STATIONS WORKERS URGE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The Filling Station Employees Union No. 19570 has taken the initiative in furthering the industrial organizing of the 25,000,000 unorganized American workers as outlined by John L. Lewis, by adopting the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has become glaringly obvious to all who are interested in the growth and development of organized labor that the present craft basis of organization practiced by the American Federation of Labor is insufficient to take care of the vital needs of the three and one half million members of the A. F. of L., and, furthermore, makes no provision to organize an additional twenty-five million or more industrial workers; and

WHEREAS, there has been recently set up a national committee to promote the principle and practice of Industrial Unionism within the American Federation of Labor, headed by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America and composed of several progressive and nationally known labor leaders; and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Filling Station Employees' Union No. 19570 do realize our vital need of the industrial type of union as opposed to the craft type, for the purpose of assuring ourselves of the just returns for our labor and of a decent standard of living for our families;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that we do officially and unanimously go on record in favor of Industrial Unionism, not only for ourselves, but for all the workers of America, organized and unorganized, whether affiliated to the American Fed-

# FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

## Austrian Fascists Searchlight Plant Storm Troops "Autonomous" Hopei Saar Coal Mines

VIENNA.—Measures for reorganization of militarized fascist organizations into a state fascist militia are officially announced by the Austrian war ministry. A special command consisting of army officers has been set up to carry through the reorganization. The ministry points out that "the officers of the Austrian army will participate actively in building up, the fascist militia."

As a result of the new measures, the fascist armed detachments, which number 100,000 men, will become actually a part of the army, whose number according to the Treaty of St. Germain should not exceed 30,000.

## MOSCOW.—The L. M. Kaganovich Searchlight Plant in Moscow was officially opened recently.

This is the first plant in the Soviet Union specially built for the construction of searchlights and searchlight stations. It will meet the growing demands of the country for searchlights required by aviation, railroad and water transport, urban illumination and agriculture.

The plant has been doing preliminary work for the last five months, producing a daily output of 200,000 rubles. Excellent dwelling houses and a restaurant have been built for the workers.

BERLIN.—The second reserves of Storm Troops have been dissolved by order of the chief of staff of the troops. These reserves consisted for the most part of ex-soldiers above the age of 45.

Other measures recently taken make entrance to the Storm Troops more difficult. One of their leaders has stated that applicants will be considered by a special commission which will carefully study each candidate from the physical, racial, hereditary and political points of view.

SHANGHAI.—The Japanese military authorities, not content with the establishment of the independent East Hopei Autonomous Administration and the semi-autonomous political council of Hopei and Chahar, are stimulating the "autonomist" movement throughout Hopei, reports Sin Wan Pao. The activity of the "autonomist" military organizations has grown lately in the central and even the southern part of the province.

Colonel Kita, of the Japanese general staff, has arrived in Tientsin, where he immediately called a conference of the Japanese senior officers to discuss "the new policy of the Japanese army in north China and measures for the reorganization and increase of the Japanese garrisons," reports Shanghai Nippo.

BERLIN.—Following the disastrous slump of the coal mining industry in the Saar after the return of this territory to Germany, the Nazi government yesterday issued a decree nationalizing the Saar coal mines.

The measure is regarded as a last attempt to save the mining industry of the Saar basin. According to an authoritative statement made by a high official of the commissariat for the return of the Saar, employment among the Saar miners has dropped from 75,000 to 45,000. Even the latter number is far in excess of the real economic demand, stated the official, who also admitted that prices of all food products in the Saar have sharply increased since its return to Germany.

## YPSL to Debate YCL On 'Road to Peace' Friday Night

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—The forces working to bring about a united front will be seen in operation here Friday night when the Young People's Socialist League and the Young Communist League meet together in debate on the subject, "What is the road to peace for American youth?" To be held at the Mason Opera House at 8 p. m., the debate is expected to fill the house. Glen Trimble will speak for the YPSL and Matt Pelman for the YCL. One-third of the proceeds will go to the American Youth Congress, one-third to the YPSL newspaper, and one-third to the Voice of Youth.

# San Pedro Cannery Workers Demand Democratic Union

The following is an open letter addressed by Jack J. Moore, business agent of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union of San Pedro, to J. W. Buzzell, of the Los Angeles Labor Council. Written at a time when labor's arch betrayers, those alleged union officials such as William Green, Edward Vandeleur and Buzzell, are seeking to weaken the power of labor and play them into the hands of the employers under pretense of "opposing Communism," we regard this letter as having a message for every union man in California.

## An Open Letter to Mr. J. W. Buzzell

December 30, 1935.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You have accused me of "subordinating the interest of the Union" of which I am business agent (that is, the Fish Cannery Workers' Union, formerly A. F. of L. Local 18656) "to the interests of some other labor organization." You have demanded, in the name of William Green, that I be expelled from the Local for this reason, and because "you are convinced I am a communist."

Your instruction was voted down three times by the members of the Local; because they know that the Union has existed since October, 1933, without making progress. It was only in the last six months, since I came into the organization, that it grew from 60 members to 1,200; effected working agreements with all the cannerys on Terminal Island, and spread out to Wilmington and Long Beach.

## HIGH-HANDED DICTATORSHIP

After your third attempt to expel me had failed, you automatically withdrew the charter of the Local because it would not accept your dictation. Much to your surprise the Local continued to function, the newly elected officers stayed in place and continued to give leadership to the members. You made another effort to disrupt our ranks by going direct to the cannery owners and proposing to them that you be allowed to post men at the doors of each cannery to make the workers show membership books in the American Federation of Labor before being allowed to work. However, the cannery owners refused to support you in this, and your effort failed.

You made another attempt to disrupt our ranks by calling a mass meeting and asking the workers there to join the American Federation of Labor under a new charter. You failed again because the workers there unanimously opposed entering a new organization when their democratic rights had been taken away from them in the old organization. They demanded that the charter be restored to the old organization.

## CONSPIRED WITH EMPLOYERS

Your last attempt at disruption has been the most dastardly of all. You have conspired with the Coast Fishing Company to intimidate the workers of that plant into joining a new A. F. of L. Union. The company has provoked a strike by declaring our agreement null and void, and by discharging members of our organization; while the other cannerys have re-affirmed our agreement. Now you have taken the role of scab-herd by taking applications from the scabs that the company has hired, and holding them for membership to form a new American Federation of Labor Local.

Your record, Mr. Buzzell, is a clear one of conniving with the cannery owners against the best interests of the cannery workers. However, to prove to the cannery workers that you are not sincerely concerned with their welfare, and that I am, I will make the following offer:

## TO PRESERVE UNITY

So that there will be no split in the fish canning industry; so that there will not be two factions of workers, who will fight against each other, and thus weaken themselves before the cannery owners; and so that the majority of the workers of the fish canning industry will be united with the rest of organized labor, I am going to offer to resign from my office as business agent of the Union, after discussing the matter with our Executive Board, and on the following conditions:

## SEVEN DEMANDS

1. That all members of the old local be retained in good standing in the American Federation of Labor.
2. That all officers of the Local be duly elected, and that no officers can be appointed by higher officials of the American Federation of Labor.
3. That the strike now on at the Coast Fishing Company be settled satisfactorily, in this manner—All scabs who have been employed since the strike began, whether or not they have signed in the A. F. of L., be discharged and not allowed membership in the Union; all our strikers be reinstated, and the company made to confirm an agreement with the Union.
4. That those strikers who have been arrested and persecuted for their strike activity

be defended and protected by the Union.

5. That there be no expulsion of members without the approval of the membership of the Union. (In my case, while I am willing to resign from office, I think I should be permitted to remain a member of the Local because, after all, I must work for a living, and I see no reason why the Union should try to make a scab out of me.)

6. That the beginning which has been made toward organizing the entire Pacific coast be continued. That the organization be consolidated locally in the whole harbor district, working under working agreements, and with functioning shop committees.

7. That the strike against the California Packing Corporation, which has refused to sign up with the Union, be continued until the company comes to terms.

These conditions we feel to be the minimum guarantee that membership in the American Federation of Labor will protect the interests of all of the cannery workers in the harbor district.

If you comply with the foregoing terms, I shall urge all members of our Union to keep unity in the cannerys. If you will not comply, then the record is clear to the world that your sole purpose is to crush the splendid organization which the cannery workers created on their own initiative, in order to leave them helpless before the cannery owners. In such event, the cannery workers will take their case to every Local Union in the United States.

Very truly yours,  
Jack J. Moore.  
Endorsed by the Executive Board of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union of San Pedro (Formerly A. F. of L. Local No. 18656)



# LOUISE TODD SENDS PRAISE OF NEW BOOK

Louise Todd, 58298, Tehachapi prison, writes on December 24th about the New Masses prize novel, "Marching! Marching!" by Clara Weatherwax, just issued:

"This book is most absorbing. It's United States. It's today, here, now! It's us. It's R-E-A-L! That girl is an artist—not of a decadent dying civilization, but of a new world in birth. Of course, I haven't finished reading it yet, and you can't imagine how I resent the intrusion of these Christmas festivities. I'd much rather be locked up tonight."

Even the fascist magazine Time, in its issue of December 30th, says of this West Coast proletarian book, "Clara Weatherwax writes first-rate, first-hand U. S. prose that will remind more than one reader of Dos Passos." "... her winged words should strike home to even a carapac (hard-shell) conservative." And magazines like the Saturday Review of Literature (December 28th) and many others, give this worker's book respectful notice.

Granville Hicks, leading revolutionary critic, is among those who have already written about this work of local origin: "Marching! Marching! tells a simple story of workers, mostly lumbermen,

on the Pacific Coast. It is a simple story of workers' lives as they are actually lived. I can think of no proletarian novel that is more authentic or more intimate. Miss Weatherwax is particularly successful in her treatment of the Communist Party, for she sees it as something growing directly out of the lives of the workers, and she appreciates the ardent heroism of the leaders of the Party and the stubborn courage of the rank and file. But she never treats her characters as merely political beings; they have fears, hopes, passions, weaknesses, dreams. Miss Weatherwax has discovered the true poetry of proletarian life and revolutionary struggle, and out of it has written a strong and beautiful book."

The author was born and schooled in the mill town of Aberdeen, Wash., "with the sound of saw-mills in her ears." Since high school days she has had a variety of jobs—both white-collar and proletarian, mostly for fifty dollars a month or less. The kinds of work mentioned or described in her novel she knows through experience or close contact. She has participated in the labor movement on the Coast and is now living with her husband in California.

# LEADER OF GALLUP DEFENSE IS CALLED HOME ON NEW FRAME-UP

## Fraud Charge Filed Against Howe By the Reactionary Mine Union Officials

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Here to collect funds and clothing for the families of the railroaded Gallup miners and for other impoverished families in New Mexico, Carl Howe, militant leader of the Gallup Defense Committee, was called back to New Mexico by a telegram today to face trial on a framed-up charge of "conspiracy to commit a fraud."

The case is called for Saturday morning in New Mexico District Court in Gallup. Immediate protests should demand Howe's release.

The attempted frame-up of Howe and of 23 other workers facing trial for "contempt of court" is part of a gigantic drive by the mine owners of New Mexico to smash the militant local union of the United Mine Workers of America.

Thus far the entire progressive forces of the union have been disrupted by these fabricated court charges and by the deportation of 75 workers by the U. S. Department of Immigration. One hundred and thirty other workers in the union were intimidated into submitting to "voluntary deportation."

Most of the workers in the New Mexico mines are Mexican.

Charges against Howe are based upon statement of Nicholas Fon-

tacchio, reactionary official of the U.M.W.A., that Howe conspired with others to obtain money from the U.M.W.A. by use of materials, seals, etc., belonging to the union. A blanket denial of the charge, well substantiated by workers' testimony, has been made by Howe.

## Carelessness Causes Death of CCC Boy

FLORENCE, Ariz., Jan. 6.—Due to the failure of the army officers of the Civilian Conservation Corps to take steps to safeguard the workers, another CCC boy was killed here yesterday when a water tank fell from a truck and crushed him.

He was Odie Painter, 19, of Honey Grove, Texas. Painter was riding on the rear of the truck when the heavy tank came loose and rolled from the truck, pinning him beneath it.

## 20 Lives Go In '35 Lynchings Reported

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(FP)—Lynch mobs took 20 lives in 1935, five more than in 1934, records of the Tuskegee Institute reveal. Of those lynched, 18 were Negro and two white.

# BLOODY THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1935



"Hello—Hello—Industrial Association? Well, we still won't arbitrate!"

# K.K.K. Asks Aid In Drive on All Okla. Militants

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 6.—Fraternal organizations throughout the state are asked to aid the Ku Klux Klan in carrying out a five-point, anti-working class program for 1935. The five points are:

- Drive the Communists out; deport "undesirable aliens;" buy American-made products; restore constitutional government; and keep the Church and State separate.

W. J. Reed, Grand Dragon of the state K.K.K. predicts great organizational gains for the "order" during 1935. "We have had great cooperation this year in halting activities of Communists," he has declared.

# Townsend Plans Third Party As Election Threat

WILL SEEK ENDORSEMENT OF PLAN FROM BOTH MAJOR PARTIES

LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 2.—Waving the "big stick" of third-party action in the 1936 presidential campaign over the heads of the two old-line political parties, Dr. F. E. Townsend returned to his home here today with a firm declaration that leaders of these parties must openly express themselves either against or for his old-age pension plan.

"Each of the two major political parties must approve or reject the Townsend plan or take the consequences," Dr. Townsend said.

"We shall call in recognized party leaders in Washington and ask them bluntly if they are for or against the plan. We shall expect no equivocal answer. Any evasion of the issue will be interpreted by us as a denial of the Townsend plan.

"Our third party machinery is all set up and it will take only the pushing of a button to get it running."

Dr. Townsend said he would go to Washington, D. C., next week to hold a series of party meetings with heads of the Republican and Democratic parties.

# SEEK FUNDS TO MARK GRAVE OF GALLUP MARTYR

FAMILY OF ESQUIBEL IS UNABLE TO BUY STONE

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 5.—Salomon Esquibel, a champion and militant fighter for the interests of the workers of New Mexico, died last April in the town of Gallup.

He was shot in the back by Sheriff Dee Roberts during the so-called Gallup "riot."

Esquibel's grave is still unmarked. His wife and two young children are destitute. They have barely enough to buy food and are totally unable to provide the simplest marker for his grave.

Friends and admirers of Salomon Esquibel are determined his grave shall become a shrine and symbol of working class solidarity and devotion. All friends of labor are asked to contribute to a fund that will make this possible.

It is hoped sufficient funds will be raised through trade unions and individuals during the next two or three months to pay for the placing of a memorial stone at the grave of Esquibel on the first anniversary of his fatal shooting, April 4. Contributions should be sent to the Esquibel Memorial Fund, care of Gallup Defense Committee, Box 1021, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

# Arsenic and Lead in Food Sold to Public

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Many food and drug manufacturers continue in their efforts to kill off some of their best customers. The U. S. Food and Drug Administration again reports seizure of thousands of cases of drugs and foods, during the month of November.

Violation of the Federal Cautious Poison Act, the presence of "dangerous quantities of metallic contaminants—lead and copper," arsenic and lead residue, filth, mold, worms, dirt, an insect infestation in the foods and drugs are given as the reasons for some of the seizures.

# THE PEASANTS ADMIRE LENIN He Learned Lessons Meeting With Them



Comrade Lenin and his wife, Krupskaya, talking with peasant children after the October Revolution. Lenin died January 21, 1924. The anniversary of his death is observed throughout the world by millions of workers. In America, January 21 is a time of checking up and of planning for the future. A mass meeting will be held in San Francisco and in other larger sections on January 21.

# Low Down on an Upcoming Senator BORAH WILL RUN—WHERE? Days of Bill Haywood Recalled

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

The kept press this week has featured Senator Borah. "He Consents to Run," reads one headline. Other news dispatches speak of him as a radical, a liberal, an independent, an insurgent, Republican. Very clever, these campaign managers.

Borah is about as radical as J. P. Morgan or Andrew Mellon. Being an egotist, he occasionally clashes with the Republican Party bosses, but a crisis finds him always on the reactionary side.

Very early in his career, before the turn of the century, Borah chose his side of the class fight. He chose the bosses' side.

Back in the days when Big Bill Haywood was playing a heroic role in the West with his Western Federation of Miners, fighting the workers' fight against the gold mining monarchs, the silver kings, and the coal barons; back in the days when Clarence Darrow was a militant courageous young lawyer just beginning to attain a national reputation; back in the days of stage-coaches and cattle rustlers and the Ludlow massacre and the Leadville and Bisbee, Arizona strikes; back in those days William E. Borah was an open-faced, long-haired promising young lawyer. He was promising, with his gift of gab, his flair for oratory. He was promising, so the bosses decided they wanted him on their side. They gave him an appointment as prosecuting attorney in a small Idaho town.

The bosses didn't make any mistake in buying Borah. He has served them loyally ever since.

# FRAME-UP FRUSTRATED

When the mine owners of the West—the Big Five of Colorado, Arizona, Montana and Idaho, in those days—when they decided that Big Bill Haywood was organizing too many workers, leading too many strikes, they decided to frame him.

The bosses tried their best. The

# Nazi Drama Instills Racial Prejudices; Myth of Superman

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 4.—The awful consequences of marrying without so-called scientific approval of your partner's blood and race is the latest theme of the German theater, and a major reason for its declining attendance.

Typical of these race-political dramas is "Sons-in-Law." The chief character is a Protestant pastor, who in spite of the Nazis thinks that human creatures are all equal. Ignoring his Nazi brother and son, he marries one daughter to a Jew and the other to a manufacturer with a dubious family health record.

The consequences are awful until the Nazi son points out the moral and saves the family name by marrying a Nordic maiden given a class A-1 rating. The whole family, except the pastor, a tragic figure to the last, becomes converted to the Nazi super-man ideal.

Such plays are invariably preceded by a lecture from a Nazi politician on why the audience should marry 100 per cent Nordic and bear sufficient children to furnish Hitler with future cannon fodder.

# "No One Starves" Is Proved Untrue

NEW ORLEANS.—(FP)—Despite assurances that "no one shall starve in America," Mrs. Eva Killian, 29, was declared by physicians to be starving to death when brought by an ambulance to a charity hospital here. She had been living on coffee and bread. Fifteen thousand residents of New Orleans are said to be in hardly better situation.

# MOVIE REVIEWS

By MICHAEL QUIN

## "OIL FOR THE LAMPS OF CHINA"

Capitalism must be the hero. This is the first rule of the Hollywood movies. And it is not an easy one to follow, for the human mind is equipped with a curious balancing instrument called logic that drives men to drink when they seek to defy it.

Capitalism is a difficult fellow to make a hero of. And for all their pretended sophistication, Hollywood movie people take both themselves and their movies very seriously.

The man who wrote the scenario for that infamous, lying, cheating, anti-labor film, "Black Fury" went out in the hills and put a bullet in his brain.

And many directors, writers and actors shed crocodile tears into their gin glasses and spent long hours of maudlin conversation trying to self-justify their hypocrisy.

"Oil for the Lamps of China" is one of those stumbling, self-contradictory films which reveals the groping and uncertainty of its makers.

On the surface it is a glorification of American big business, picturing the search and struggle of idealists bringing the torch of civilization to benighted peoples. The agents of a huge American oil company seeking new markets in China are romanticized as pioneers, bringing to the Orient a new era of joy and prosperity.

But the doubts and consciences of the writers and directors show through so plainly that the picture becomes more interesting as a study of psychological confusion than as a portrayal of imperialism in China. The effect is much the same as when someone tells you, "Nothing is the matter. Everything is quite all right," and at the same time betray both by their eyes and their tone of voice that the house is on fire at least.

The young men who sacrifice their youth in the service of the

company are rewarded by betrayal and injustice at the hands of their employers.

The picture opens in a conference room in New York where young men about to be shipped out as the agents (tentacles) of the company are being given a lecture on idealism, loyalty to the company and courage in carrying out the great "civilizing" enterprise.

The careers of these young men as leeches among the hungry Chinese masses are traced with brutal frankness. Upon arriving in China, they learn that the Chinese people are pitifully poor, having only a few pennies. Their job is to contrive ways and means of getting these few pennies. There are 400 million Chinese and a penny from each would be a worthwhile sum. Duped, cheated, ridiculed and sometimes ruined by their masters, the idealism and loyalty that is the driving force of their lives (together with toadying for advancement) come through undisturbed. This is the main miracle of the film.

A clash with the Chinese Communists is the high spot of the story. These scenes were done with remarkable self-consciousness. The director was obviously instructed to show them in a bad light. He proceeded to carry out his instructions, but with such clumsiness and hesitation that serious doubts remain in the mind of the audience. Were they bandits? The picture hesitated to say so. It rather evaded the issue. It sought to leave that impression without blankly proclaiming the lie.

In the end, when the hero is betrayed by his company and reduced to the state of a groveling toady, he turns to his wife and says: "What can I do? I am finished. There is nowhere I can turn."

I could not resist saying aloud: "You can join the Communists." And there was a general murmur of approval from the audience around me.

# COLLECTIVIZED AGRICULTURE DESCRIBED IN SHOLOKHOV'S NEW NOVEL THE BIRTH OF THE RED DAWN

SEEDS OF TOMORROW. By Mikhail Sholokhov. Knopf. Reviewed by Fred Hunt.

Although the publishers make no note of this, there is no better introduction to Sholokhov's new novel than Stalin's chapter on "The Peasant Question" in his historic lectures on the "Foundations of Leninism." "Some sceptics," he observed, "even assert that it (collectivization) is simply utopian, impossible, for peasants will be peasants—they are small producers and cannot, therefore, be of use in organizing the work of laying the foundation of socialist production." Stalin fully refutes the sceptics (read also Trotskyists).

And what about history? Read the Moscow News, the New Masses, the Western Worker, etc., and even the New York Times grudgingly records the triumph. Sholokhov shows the human process itself, in terms of social action and conflict and human character.

In his first novel, "And Quiet Flows the Don," Sholokhov depicted the Don Cossack in his pre-war conditions, during the world war, and the revolution. His material was of obvious dramatic nature and he made the most of it, producing what, for the want of a better word, can be called a classic. In this book he confronts an even larger issue: the transformation of human nature involved in the socialist reconstruction of society. Translated into flesh-and-blood terms of human conflict this is a drama of unparalleled intensity and scope. Sholokhov, in giving us a stirring, vital picture of all the forces of the struggle, even surpasses the achievement of his first book.

# COSSACK SETTING

The story is set in a Cossack village during 1930, the first year of collectivization, and draws into its sweeping action an attempt at counter-revolution, expulsion of the kulaks, sabotage, the personal hesitations, habits and follies of sincere, sympathetic peasants, and even the errors of impulsive Communists. Sholokhov is a significant refutation of the "Artists in Uniform" school. He does not whitewash his characters; they are all red-blooded, sinewy, full-rounded men and women. He knows

# ROBUST HUMOR

Do not be misled by this brief review: this is not a documentary novel. On the contrary, it is replete with life, with robust down-to-earth humor (real belly-laugh), a gallery of fine portraits, swift action, and a generous sense of nature. Yes, it is an absorbing story by any standard of fiction—when you think of fiction as the "novelization" of fact and experience. But what strikes one forcibly, and remains with the reader, is the drama of the new world, the new social order, which triumphs over the most stubborn obstacles of nature and the vilest tricks of its desperate enemies, and even that old theological, capitalist bogey—human nature. Here, we see revolution in concrete terms, in the conversion and advance of man. Will the muzhik always be muzhik? The old sentimentalists preferred to think so; the reactionaries try their best to make it so. Sholokhov, recording the success of collectivization, eloquently denies it, and lays bare the seeds of tomorrow. And tomorrow in the revolutionary acceleration of time is the tomorrow already here, beginning, a red dawn, for all with eyes to see.

# Colonists Leave For New Homes in Northern Quebec

MONTREAL, Can., Jan. 4.—A special train carried the largest single movement of settlers for 1935 to new colonization areas in Northern Quebec recently.

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# Offices of Labor Unions Hostile to Calles Attacked

MEXICO, D. F., Jan. 2.—Attacking several buildings where offices of labor unions were located, an unidentified group captured red and black flags protesting Italo-Ethiopian war.

As a result of this action, the workers have decided to establish guards at all union buildings to prevent further attacks.

Police released all persons arrested in connection with the seizure of arms in the home of Luis Morones, president of Mexican Federation of Labor and a supporter of General Calles. He contended that he had been authorized by previous presidents to keep the arms, and that those arrested while transporting them did not know what they were carrying. He stated that he had intended to distribute the arms to various buildings belonging to his organization, as protection against possibility of violence.

The arms, which have been confiscated, although Morones was not arrested, were bought in the United States eight years ago through the Mexican Consulate in New York, according to Morones.

How good is your unit working? Did you carry out your last plan of work? Are you improving from week to week? How is further improvement to be made?



RIP TIDES - By LeMae

"Fast Passage"

"What do you make it out to be?" the skipper wiped the snow-flakes from his binoculars as he peered into the thickness of the horizon ahead.

Building an 8-Page Western Worker

Lincoln Steffens on The Value of the Workers' Press

"Scoops" are what I read the Daily Worker and the Western Worker for, news and views I can't get anywhere else. Call it labor news, if you will. I have a much more penetrating conception of the exclusive, sensational thrills I read day by day and digest month by month in these labor class papers.

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Los Angeles Leading In Competition on Trip to Soviet

Los Angeles is leading San Francisco by 15 points for the trip to the Soviet Union. From all indications Los Angeles workers and sympathizers will give San Francisco a hot race.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

SUCKERS FOR QUACKS There is a firm in New York City which sells lists of people suffering from particular diseases. It sells these lists to patent medicine manufacturers.

TOOTH PASTE AND WASHES In spite of the widespread advertising to the contrary, there are no tooth pastes that in themselves will kill germs. The important factor is the method of brushing the teeth, which is largely mechanical.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

Dr. Franklin Bissell Physician and Surgeon ANNOUNCES THE REMOVAL OF HIS OFFICES FROM THE FRANKLIN BLDG. TO THE Dalziel Building, ON 15TH STREET, OAKLAND

War Secretary Dern's Military Report Denounced by Educators

Censorship by Army Called First Step of Incipient Fascism by Professors

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—The attack on opponents of compulsory military training launched by Secretary of War Dern in his annual report, has brought a sharp comeback from a number of prominent educators.

INCIDENT FASCISM

"Secretary Dern takes it for granted that a certain policy of military defense is endowed with the attributes of political and civil orthodoxy, and that to oppose it is to be a bad citizen. This is monstrous. I cannot recall any parallel avowal in any official government document or report.

SAN FRANCISCO

The following were the winners of drawings held at the Workers' Press Bazaar at 122 Haight street: P. Kuril, Gilfillan radio set. D. Ferguson, model speed boat.

WELDERS JOIN MACHINISTS IN WAGE STRIKE

OAKLAND WORKERS FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION

OAKLAND, Jan. 8.—Welders joined the machinists and shipyard workers when 12 welders walked off on strike at the California Steel Tank and Pipe Works in Oakland.

Frazier to Issue Social Insurance Congress Measure

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—A "workers' social insurance bill" calling for a \$5,000,000,000 Congressional appropriation to provide security for workers, farmers and professional people will be introduced at the 1936 session of Congress by Sen. Lynn Frazier of North Dakota.

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New York City-Owned Subway Opens New Link

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Complete public operation of New York City's huge rapid transit network moved another step forward when Mayor LaGuardia opened a new link in the Independent System to provide subway service to the heart of the crowded East Side workers' district.

Broun, Lewis Now On School OK List

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Sinclair Lewis' It Can't Happen Here and Heywood Broun's It Seems to Me have been OK'd for school libraries, after wide protest was aroused against a New York state education department memorandum barring them.

BLAST KILLS 25

SANTOS, Brazil.—The entire crew of 25 of the Swedish freighter, Britt Marie, was killed when the vessel, loaded with nitrate, exploded at the dock last week, according to shipping officials.

MORE GREETINGS

The Press Committee of the special edition of the Western Worker, which was published December 23rd, regrets very much that the following greetings came in too late to appear in the East Bay edition:

NOTICE

To All Sections:—Reports and progress of activities of the Western Worker Drive must be sent by all sections in the district not later than Tuesday each week.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

Grand Opening Workers' School VARIETY NIGHT Saturday, January 11th, 8:00 p.m. 121 Haight Street PROGRAM DRAMATICS - DANCERS - SINGERS - POLITICAL SATIRE AND DANCING FOR ALL LEO GALLAGHER TO SPEAK ON WORKERS' EDUCATION ADMISSION 25 CTS. Auspices: S. F. Workers' School

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## Communist Party Members In the Unions

The year 1935 saw a great influx of American Federation of Labor union men into the ranks of the Communist Party. The coming year will see this trend develop to an even more marked degree. The presence of Communist Party members in a union is always evidenced by a sharp increase in strength, vitality and effectiveness of that union. The old-line union officials, betrayers of the cause of William Green, Edward Vandeleur, J. W. Buzzell and Paul Scharrenberg, recognize Communist union men as the greatest threat to their power. By "power," we mean their power to throttle the unions, keep them weak, keep them from developing.

The capitalist press gives willing voice to every proclamation of these traitors and is particularly enthusiastic in printing statements accusing the Communist Party of efforts to "destroy the unions."

The ridiculousness of this is apparent in the fact that every union these pompous gentlemen condemn as "under Communist control," is a union which has recently seen vast increases in membership, the passage of resolutions establishing democracy and rank and file control, and the achievement of significant gains for its members.

The unions which these employers' representatives describe as "loyal" unions are more often those in which membership is weak, working conditions disgraceful, democracy non-existent and all negotiations and decisions left to the well-fed officials.

Another interesting observation is that every union man who raises his voice with an honest or sensible suggestion for furthering the interests of his union is immediately decry by these august dignitaries as a "Communist."

We call your attention to the statement by Jack Moore, a Communist union man and business manager of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union of San Pedro, which appears on page three of this issue. A reading of this statement should be ample evidence of the sincerity and loyalty of Communists in the unions.

It is also to be noted that the cannery workers of San Pedro were virtually unorganized until Communist workers got busy and organized them.

The activities of Paul Scharrenberg, infamous labor cheat expelled from his union and discredited by a unanimous vote, speak further as to the sincerity of Communists. Scharrenberg is now in Washington openly seeking to split the Sailors' Union by having Pacific coast locals expelled from the A. F. of L. Working conditions on the Pacific coast are far superior to those on the Atlantic coast, shepherded through the activity of the unions. Yet Scharrenberg and the rest of the A. F. of L. top officialdom decry the West coast unions as "Communist" and all efforts of East coast maritime workers to obtain similar improved conditions are declared to be the result of "Communist influence."

This much should be understood: there are Communists in the unions and there are going to be more and more as time goes on. And the result is going to be bigger, stronger unions, better wages and working conditions.

## The Supreme Court Decision On the AAA

The financial powers which control the United States government are at present pushing around the three walnut shells of politics. The next presidential elections will be the time when the American people are to guess which shell the pea of justice lies under.

Whether a Democratic or Republican administration is voted in makes no difference to the powers that be. They have ample control of both and contribute to both campaign funds.

Their greatest concern is to block the growing radical and liberal vote which is voicing sentiment for a united front Farmer-Labor Party. Pretended opposition of big business to the Roosevelt administration is greatly strengthening his popularity. And from Roosevelt's recent nation-wide broadcast, it is apparent that his platform in the coming electoral contest will be a "crusade against the moneyed interests."

As for the Supreme Court decisions against both the NRA and the AAA, it must be noted that these decisions came at a time when such measures had already run their course and accomplished their purpose. Both "experiments"

resulted in substantial profit and dividend increases. The immediate question is, why were the decisions not handed down before? Why did it take all this time to decide that they are unconstitutional?

The reason is that both NRA and AAA have ceased to loathe profits and are now regarded by finance as an impediment to further profits. By pretended regulation of business, industry and agriculture, the larger interests were able to stifle the competition of small competitors and to keep prices. This accomplished, they have readily kicked all "regulations" aside to make way for an increased drive of wage-cuts and speed-ups, which are calculated to raise profits still higher.

It is true, also, that perfect accord does not exist within the capitalist camp. The Roosevelt administration played a very shrewd game of benefiting capital under pretense of championing the small man. In order to do this a circus of alphabetic innovations was performed, which the more reactionary capitalists regard as both expensive and annoying. They want an outright return to the old catch as catch can, throat cutting business competition. They want unbridled license in their profit-making orgies.

As far as the working class is concerned, the whole thing is a quarrel among capitalists. Greater profits is the aim and the only point on which there is disagreement is how to go about it.

The Republican platform will be for "a return to rugged American individualism and an end to government experimentation."

The Democratic platform will be "to sponsor the interests of the small man against the moneyed interests."

Thus the capitalist electoral machine feels equipped to catch all votes, both right and left, reactionary and progressive. It is like a department store with merchandise to appeal to all.

Since when does the working class expect the capitalist class to sponsor and put in office any man who will act against them in the interests of labor? If the working class wants representation, it must create its own election machinery—the united front Farmer-Labor Party—and put its own men in office.

## Hearst Reaches for Greater Power

Reaching out his tentacles and wrapping them around ever new propaganda agencies for the furthering of fascist aims in the United States, Hearst, Public Enemy of Democracy Number One, has now acquired centralized control over the Baltimore News-Post, Baltimore Sunday American, Atlanta Georgian, Atlanta Sunday American, and the San Antonio Light. In addition, the Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc., takes over the realty holdings of the Baltimore and Atlanta companies.

Active publicist of the aims of the American Liberty League and other reactionary groups, Hearst is the greatest single force for fascist and war propaganda today due to his control over newspapers, radio stations, magazines and motion pictures. The campaign for the boycotting of all Hearst agencies and products must be revived on a wider scale than ever. His unscrupulous methods are evident in the fact that although he was responsible for the callous acts that drove Lindbergh to seek refuge in England, he editorially blamed "criminals and Communists."

BOYCOTT HEARST!

## Do We Need a Curb On the Supreme Court?

As the result of the AAA Supreme Court decision, organizations and groups backing progressive legislation are compelled to seriously consider the question of amending the Constitution against such arbitrary nullification of laws in the interests of the mass of the people. Such groups include not only farmers, but all organizations seeking improved social security legislation, production for use programs, protection of trade union rights, old age pensions, etc., and therefore include the American Federation of Labor, Townsend and Epic supporters, Socialists and Communists.

The American Federation of Labor executive council, which will meet next week at Miami, is expected to consider a tentative draft for an amendment giving Congress the power to enact laws for the social and economic welfare of the nation, and seeking to prevent interpretation of the fifth amendment as a means of limiting such progressive legislation.

Thus a common front against the reactionary "Save the Constitution" stand of the American Liberty League is slowly crystallizing.

## Abraham Lincoln Speaking

"I see in the near future a crisis that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed. . . I bid the laboring people beware of surrendering the power which they possess, and which, if surrendered, will surely be used to shut the door of advancement to such as them, and fix new disabilities and burdens upon them until all of liberty shall be lost."

—Message to Congress—1861.

# Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

## Discussing the Party Decisions In The Units

The pre-convention discussion is open. From now until the National Convention of our Party on March 8th—every member of the Party has the duty to express his opinion on the work and life of the Party, on the work of the unit, on the work of each individual member. This period should be a means of securing the opinion of every member, so that through this joint discussion and self-critical analysis of our entire work, the District and National Conventions can work out the tasks for the coming period.

To make this possible every unit of the Party has to carry through well-organized discussions on the main problems before us. The District Committee of California, therefore, proposes that at least three discussions shall be held in each unit on the following questions: the decisions of the Central Committee Plenum based on Browder's report; the resolution of the District Committee on the Farmer-Labor Party, and the work of the unit in the light of these discussions.

How shall the unit discuss these problems? Every member should be thoroughly acquainted with the report of Comrade Browder. Some comrades will argue this report is too difficult for us to understand. This may be true. That is why it is all the more necessary to discuss it in the units. In these discussions we should concentrate on the main points dealt with in the report.

### FIGHTING FASCISM

The report deals concretely with the trends towards fascism in the United States and how to develop the united front of all toiling people against the menace of fascism, showing how this struggle can be developed around the concrete manifestations of fascist tendencies—a attack on democratic rights, vigilante terror, break-up of strikes, etc. The report deals with the war danger, the position of the Party on the League sanctions and the Roosevelt neutrality policy, the Soviet peace policy as well as the concrete forms of independent working class action to stop the shipment of "murder" cargo. The report deals with the tasks facing us on the trade union field and our position on the Lewis-Howard-Hillman progressive group and to what extent we support them in the struggle for industrial unionism. These are problems which face all of us every day. The unit must discuss them thoroughly so as to bring the maximum of clarity in our ranks. Workers in the neighborhood, in the shops, in the trade unions, want to know what the Communists have to say on these questions. Every Party member must not only know how to answer them, but how to convince the workers so as to win them over for these actions.

Every Party member should therefore read carefully the report of Comrade Browder in the December issue of the Communist. All questions which need further explanation, should be listed and raised in the unit discussion. A comrade assigned to lead the discussion should raise the main points, while all the other comrades shall participate in the discussion, raising all questions troubling them, so as to cover them as thoroughly as possible.

(To be concluded in next issue)

## Rabbi Wise Asks U.S. Request Release of Political Prisoners

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Official protest by President Roosevelt on behalf of the German Jews was demanded today by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress. He likewise proposed that there be a world-wide protest of Jews themselves to the League of Nations. Mass picketing of stores that persist in selling German goods is planned for the next week, Dr. Joseph Tannenbaum, chairman of the boycott committee announced. It is expected that the boycott will be extended to every city throughout the country.

SUDBURY, Can.—(FP)—International Nickel Co., doing a boom war business, is to spend \$8,700,000 on current expansion.

## The Beginning of the End



## UNIONS MUST ORGANIZE AGAINST VIGILANTISM

### A Short Summary of Boss Terror in California During 1935

By Mini Carson.

Vigilantism has reigned unopposed in California for many years. Workers have been beaten, slugged, and murdered by these lawless armed bands, and to date there hasn't been a single vigilante convicted of any of these crimes.

Who have been the victims of this reign of vigilante terror during the last few years? Without exception, the victims have been the leaders and fighters in trade unions and other workers' organizations, who have made successful attempts to organize workers for their immediate economic necessities. The sole aim of vigilante terrorism is to smash all working class organizations. The modern vigilante groups are no more than armed thugs of big business, and their activities have been an armed force against the entire working class. Their record is not one of "patriotism," but of murder, torture and terror.

Why should the trade unions take the lead in the fight against vigilante terrorism? Let us review some of the vigilante attacks made during the past year. It will surely open the eyes of organized labor to the necessity of doing something to rid ourselves of this menace.

### ATTACK JOBLESS

It is true that organizations outside of the trade unions have felt the attacks of armed thugs. Unemployed workers were kidnapped in Hayward to prevent them from investigating miserable conditions in the pea fields; vigilantes attempted to halt an unemployed meeting in Ventura, workers' halls were smashed by roaming bands of organized hoodlums in a dozen different cities in the state. Recently in Riverside County a young Negro worker, Alfonso Townsend, framed on rioting charges in a CCC camp, and finally convicted and sentenced to 90 days, was threatened by vigilantes, and these were present, armed, in court during his trial.

But when we follow this disgraceful history of vigilante activity in our state through the year 1935, we find that a great majority of victims were trade unionists, rank and file militants, who ran up against not only their employers but their reactionary union officials as well, in their endeavors to make their unions real instruments of struggle against miserable working conditions. It is not accidental that the sharp attacks were made against four groups of workers in the state: waterfront workers, the lumber workers of Eureka, the miners of Jackson, and the agricultural workers. These conducted the most militant battles against big business in California.

### ATTACK AGAINST MILITANTS

In San Pedro, under the reign of Friedl, and his notorious beef squad, all militants were in constant danger. O'Connor, business agent of the Marine Cooks and Stewards, was badly beaten in

May; Harry R. Davis, ISU member, beaten twice, kidnaped and forced out of San Pedro; Arthur Ross, ILA member, died of a fractured skull as a result of terrific slugging; Claud Smallman of the Marine Firemen injured in June.

In Stockton, Ray Morency, vice president of the ILA Warehousemen, was shot, his murderer arrested and finally acquitted on the grounds of self defense.

In San Francisco, the vigilantes have been well organized. In August, Eugene Dietrich, business agent of the ILA was fired upon in his own home by five gangsters; Earl King, secretary of Marine Firemen, was fired on while driving down Kearny st. Hoodlum gangs made attempts to destroy equipment in offices of the Voice of the Federation; longshoremen and a seaman were slugged on Pier 32 on September 15; a week later the body of a seaman was found floating in the Bay; on September 30, five union seamen were attacked near Pier 22. One was stabbed.

### VIGILANTISM IN AMADOR

Since December, 1934, the miners of Jackson conducted a stubborn fight against the Mother Lode mining companies. Vigilantism ran rampant. On May 1 gas bombs were thrown among a crowd of picketers, including many women and children. These attacks were perpetrated by the Mother Lode Vigilante Committee who made the following statement, "From now on the vigilante committee will be known by its deeds and not by its words." One hundred and sixty workers were arrested during six months on charges growing out of the attempt of picketers to defend themselves against vigilante attacks. On May 12, the picket lines were augmented by a large delegation of trade unionists from the Bay area and on that occasion the Mother Lode Vigilante Committee again assaulted the lines.

### EUREKA LUMBER STRIKE

Immediately upon calling of the walk-out by the Timber and Sawmill Workers' Union in May, the Mayor of Eureka, members of the Redwood Association and American Legionnaires called for a vigilante committee of 1000 to smash the strike. The vigilantes met regularly and practically took over the town. Hundreds were injured, William Kaarte and Harold Edlund were slain. Vigilantes were given badges and searched every car going into the city.

### AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

In October, 1933, during the now famous cotton strike involving 15,000, one of the most vicious and bloody attacks in the history of California was made by a wild vigilante mob in Pixley against a peaceful meeting of strikers. Two strikers, Hernandez and Davilla were shot and killed. In June,

1935, when the field workers around Tulare were talking organization into the AFL, the growers again began a new reign of terrorization.

In January, 1935, during the lettuce strike in Imperial Valley, Paul Knight of Santa Maria and Elfred Hamaker of Westmoreland were shot by vigilantes. With the incoming lettuce season, Sheriff Ware already has made provocative statements encouraging the organization of a new vigilante terror to prevent any organization of the agricultural workers in Imperial Valley.

In Sonoma County, when apple pickers went out on strike, big business organized a vigilante committee, met in Cotati, and laid full plans for breaking the strike. An August 1 meeting in Santa Rosa, called to rally support for the strike, was packed with vigilantes carrying clubs and guns. Speakers on the platform were attacked, the meeting was dispersed and open threats were made that "nothing will be allowed to interfere with the picking of apples." The next day vigilante machine gun threats were sent to the strike leaders. And before the month was over, two workers, one a member of the Santa Rosa Central Labor Council, were forcibly taken from their homes, tarred and feathered and marched through the streets of Santa Rosa.

### OTHER ATTACKS

While the main attacks have been launched against these four groups, militants in other unions have also been threatened. A fur worker, during the strike in Los Angeles, was attacked in front of his home. Two members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers received threatening vigilante letters. In Oakland, during the warehousemen's strike at the Santa Cruz cannery, thugs attempted to raid the union kitchen. In April, 1935, in Richmond, vigilantes met in celebration, called themselves the "leaders of good government and of law and order" and decided to ask the San Francisco police department for aid in instruction in strikebreaking methods.

This encouragement of lawless vigilantism has a bearing on our entire life and existence. It must become our immediate business. Shall we allow this menace to suppress our freedom to organize, to strike, to picket? Our unions are at stake, and we must do something about it!

What has happened to the anti-vigilante resolution passed by the State Federation of Labor convention in San Diego? Following the action of the convention the San Francisco District Council of the Maritime Federation set up a "Committee of 10" to carry this campaign into all trade unions. This committee circularized all unions with a resolution calling for the initiation of a conference by the Central Labor Council, in order to put into effect the de-

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CORRECTION

Los Angeles, Calif.,  
January 2, 1936.

Editor, Western Worker:  
In the interest of accuracy and fair play I am writing to you concerning the Hollywood despatch appearing in a recent issue under the signature of Harold J. Salemon. Mr. Salemon says: "After due deliberation the guilds (Screen Writers and Screen Actors) decided it would be branding themselves red to honor the Soviet motion picture envoys by a public reception. So they remained aloof while the Motion Picture Academy dined and wine Moscow's film bosses."

This statement is not only incorrect, it is precisely the opposite of what occurred. The Screen Writers' Guild was willing and anxious to entertain the envoys from the Soviet Union, both as an organization and as separate individuals. Considerable effort was made by certain members to meet and arrange for a reception for Mr. Shumiatzky and his companions. And these guild members were informed by associates of the Sovskino visitors that it had been decided they should not accept any invitation from the Screen Writers' Guild, since that might render them open to misinterpretation by the motion picture magazines.

I am writing this letter and asking that the inaccuracy be corrected not only because of the individual error which has been made, but also because I believe that comrades, more than other people, must be careful of the accuracy of their statements, and not leave themselves open to the charge of coloring and distorting facts in order to make a point.

J.A.M.

Decisions provided for in the convention resolution.

### ENDORSEMENTS

The following thirty unions in San Francisco have reported they have endorsed this resolution: Plumbers and Gas Fitters, No. 442; Pharmacists, No. 838; Retail Cleaners and Dyers, No. 181; Gar. Makers, No. 228; Amalgamated Lithographers; Association of Certified Welders S. F. Bay District Lodge; Bookbinders, No. 31-125; Bakery Wagon Drivers, No. 484; Carpenters, No. 483; Painters, No. 1158; Cooks, Pastry, Cooks, No. 44; Coopers International, No. 65; Musicians' Union Board of Directors, No. 6; Sausage Makers, No. 203; International Union of Operating Engineers, No. 64; Auto Mechanics, No. 1305; Garment Workers, No. 45; Brewery Workers, No. 7; International Fur Workers, No. 79, plus ten maritime unions on the San Francisco waterfront.

This same resolution was introduced into the San Francisco Central Labor Council on three occasions, and each time was referred to the Executive Council of the State Federation of Labor. On December 15th, representatives of the "Committee of 10" appeared before the executive council demanding action be taken on the resolutions referred to it by the Central Labor Council. They were informed that the Executive Council had already passed a motion declaring the entire membership of the State Federation of Labor as a "Committee of 100,000" to fight vigilantism. They were also informed that the 14 district vice presidents were instructed to put this decision into effect.

### THE NEXT STEP

So far so good. What must the next step? In every local, we must heartily endorse the decision of the executive council to consider the entire membership a committee to fight vigilantism. But what is more vital is to bring the necessary pressure on our district vice presidents to see that action is taken, and taken immediately! If our vice presidents side-step this job, we must initiate these conferences directly through our Central Labor Councils and Federated Trades Councils. To these conferences should be invited all sympathetic organizations so that the greatest number will be involved in the planning of a vigorous anti-vigilante drive.

We cannot just voice our approval. We must stop vigilantism. And organized labor must take the lead, because it is most vitally concerned. We must have action, and our action must result in a body of organized workers prepared to defend ourselves from vigilante attacks.

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