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Sailors Rally In Fight to Retain Their Charter

All Shoreside Unions to Be Mobilized; "I.S.U. Doesn't Belong to Scharrenberg!"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Refusing to be stamped or set at the revocation of their charter by the International Seafarers' Union Convention, approximately 1000 Sailors jammed the headquarters to express their determination to fight this union-smashing attempt and preserve the unity of the Pacific Coast seamen in the I.S.U.

A resolution was adopted which called for abstinence from any action until the delegates return from the convention, when joint I.S.U. membership meetings are to be called in all branch ports for the purpose of laying down a unified program of action to regain the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. A publicity committee will carry on a vigorous campaign among shoreside unions and progressive groups.

REACTOR CONTROL. Members of the I.S.U. organization which is controlled by the 18 self-appointed reactionaries who are in a majority were based on three counts:

- 1. That the Sailors had "failed to live up to their agreements;" 2. That they had accepted former members of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union; 3. That they had refused to re-instate Paul Scharrenberg.

Strangely enough the charges on which the charter was revoked make no mention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, which has been the center of attack by the reactionary I.S.U. officials and the shipowners.

CONVENTION. The entire convention proceedings were denounced as unconstitutional by the Sailors on the basis of the I.S.U. constitution itself, which calls for all delegates to be duly elected.

The only two East Coast delegates elected by the rank and file came from the Boston branch and were denied seating at the convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Their planned campaign against the West Coast marine unions forestalled temporarily as a result of the expose of their union-smashing plot by District Council No. 2 of the Maritime (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Crews of 5 Ships Send Delegation To ISU Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—A delegation of seamen representing the crews of five ships in New York harbor, dramatically entered the I.S.U. convention hall armed with resolutions of protests against any attempts to sever the Pacific District Unions from the Maritime Federation.

Through their spokesman they demanded that a similar Federation be established on the East Coast and the union hiring halls be established. Despite this appeal and the thousands of telegrams that have been pouring in from rank and file seamen, the reactionary delegates continue to vote against any and all progressive measures introduced.

Portland Pickets Nazi Cruiser on "Good-Will" Tour

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—A picket line composed of students from Reed College, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, American League Against War and Fascism, and Jewish groups greeted the arrival of the Nazi cruiser, Emden upon her arrival here. At first driven away, the pickets were joined by other anti-Fascist groups and a continuous picket watch was maintained.

All halls were closed against the local Nazi welcoming committee. The Masons also refused the use of their hall to the Nazi festivities.

WARD TO SPEAK AT ACUL MEET

Noted Professor to Lecture on Danger Of Fascism

Dr. Ward, as National chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak in San Francisco, Friday evening, Jan. 31, under the auspices of the Northern California branch of the Civil Liberties Union.

He will address a free public meeting to be held at Native Sons' Hall at 8 o'clock. Bishop Edward L. Parsons, National vice president chairman of the A.C.L.U., who succeeded the late Fremont Older to that post will preside.

Dr. Ward is making a national tour in opposition to the "gag bills" now pending in Congress. He will also discuss the latest threats to civil liberties under the title "Let's Defend the Constitution." On the same afternoon, Dr. Ward will address the League of Women Voters, at the San Francisco Center, at 3 o'clock.

Los Angeles Workers to Fight For Repeal of "Disaster Plan"

PWUU and I.L.D. to Stage Mass Meeting To Arouse Public Sentiment

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—A mass meeting will be held on Feb. 12th, at the Epic Auditorium, under the joint sponsorship of the Public Works Unemployed Union and the I.L.D. for the purpose of exposing the vicious anti-labor "disaster plan" and arousing public sentiment to demand its immediate repeal.

The "plan" was sneaked through by the supposedly liberal County Board of Supervisors and is now being carried out by the notorious anti-labor strike breaking, American Legion,

HUSH-UP MOVE STILLS PROBE OF DEATH DEAL

STATE DEPARTMENT GETS SECRET PAPERS, GOES UNDER COVER

Out Of Funds

M'ADOO SKIN SAVED BY QUIET DEATH OF INQUIRY

Reactionary Democrats and the State Department have nearly choked the Senate Munitions Investigation to death.

Among those about to be involved in the Committee's revelations was Senator William Gibbs McAdoo, of California, who was Wilson's secretary of the treasury until he was succeeded by Carter Glass.

In 1917, Congress authorized McAdoo to provide funds for Allied financing, but expressly stated that these funds were not to be used to pay off Allied loans contracted before the United States entered the war.

MISDIRECTED FUNDS. Treasury records prove McAdoo violated the decision of Congress and used treasury funds to bail out American creditors of the Allies.

The State Department has reclaimed from the Nye Committee various confidential papers which cast too much light on intrigues of the American government in which other governments were involved.

Meanwhile, Nye himself has pulled his punches fighting for reopening of the hearing. Pressure is being brought to bear some place.

The investigation will die a quiet death unless a wave of protests continues to flow into offices of individual senators demanding that the investigation continue and that all secrets be revealed.

It was pointed out by local observers that there are documents in the Hoover War Library stamped for release on dates up to a hundred years from the present time, which are legitimately the property of the public.

Communist Seat 10 In Greek Elections

ATHENS, Jan. 27.—Communists polled 26,523 votes and gained ten seats in the National Assembly, according to returns today. Venizelos, veteran political leader of the Republicans, polled the largest vote and holds the parliamentary majority if supported by progressives.

BOYS' OWN STORY IS SUPPRESSED

TERRORISM FEARED; CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE THROWN AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 27.—Troops have been called out and lynch hysteria fanned to a high frenzy here following the shooting of Ozie Powell, young Negro defendant in the Scottsboro case. Powell was shot last Friday by Sheriff J. S. Sandlin while being transported to the Jefferson County jail along with the other Scottsboro boys. The incident took place on the highway between Decatur and Birmingham under circumstances as yet unexplained.

mingham hospital in a state of delirium with part of his jaw shot away. The bullet penetrated the boy's head and part of the brain had to be removed. Uncertainty as to his recovery is voiced by hospital authorities.

POLICE ACCOUNTS. Contradictory accounts of the affair so far given by police officers allege that Powell made an attempt to escape and pulled a knife on Edgar Blaylock, state highway policeman. Another story (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

MAINTAIN UNITY OF THE SEAMEN

EDITORIAL

At the moment when the exposure by the District Council of the Maritime Federation of the shipowners' planned attack against the maritime unions forestalled their plans for the time being, the Scharrenbergs and the Olanders are doing the employers' dirty work for them, by getting the hand-picked majority of the I.S.U. convention delegates to vote to revoke the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, thus hoping to create a split in the ranks of the seamen which would leave the way open for the shipowners and their agents to "move in" on the waterfront. The seamen and all maritime workers must fight against this splitting action of the I.S.U. officials, and guard against any action that might play into their hands by isolating the sailors from the other I.S.U. groups and the maritime workers generally.

WHAT MUST BE DONE? The sailors and every maritime union must protest and challenge the action of the I.S.U. convention, which is using technical excuses to attack the militant West Coast seamen who are fighting under rank and file leadership. Such arbitrary action of the convention is in itself in violation of the I.S.U. constitution, because the hand-picked convention majority was in most cases appointed, not elected, and regularly elected delegates from Boston were unseated in favor of appointed delegates.

The sailors, the marine firemen, and the marine cooks and stewards must fight to remain a part of the I.S.U., and arouse such a storm of protest in every port and throughout the entire labor movement that the Olanders and Scharrenbergs will not be able to carry through their splitting action.

KEEP UP THE FIGHT!

It would be a mistake to give up this fight, and take it for granted that the sailors could long maintain an independent union outside of the I.S.U. and the A. F. of L., in the face of the combined attacks of the shipowners and the I.S.U. reactionary officials who plan to organize a new branch of the sailors with an I.S.U. charter. The sailors must fight to regain their charter and remain a part of the I.S.U. If they stand fast and rally the support of the other seamen and all other trade unions behind them, they can win this fight. A friendly word of warning, therefore, is necessary to the San Francisco sailors who voted Monday night that in the event the I.S.U. ousts the Sailors' Union they would temporarily change its name. This would lead to giving up the fight, to surrendering the right of the West Coast sailors to remain a part of the I.S.U. and use its name. The West Coast seamen are the I.S.U., not Scharrenberg & Co.

The sailors should not delay any longer to set up a joint committee of the seamen to negotiate a settlement of the steamship dispute, thus presenting a united front of the West Coast seamen to the shipowners and the I.S.U. officials.

All maritime unions, all trade unions throughout the state should immediately rally to the support of the sailors, adopt protest resolutions to the I.S.U. officials and demand the return of the charter to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific! All workers and workers' organizations should support the fight of the maritime unions against the shipowners' threatened lock-out and repudiation of their agreements, and support the demand of the Maritime Federation for a Congressional investigation into the shipowners' plot; send resolutions, wires, and postcards to your Congressmen! All workers should get their trade union on record for the calling of a conference of trade unions and set up a united front against the fascist vigilante gangs of the employers who want to wreck the unions and establish the open shop!

CRISIS NEAR IN ITALY; MAY SET EUROPE ABLAZE

MAD DOG MOVE BY CRAZY DUCE MAY PLUNGE ALL EUROPE INTO WAR

Troops Revolting

COLLAPSE OF FASCISM IS DECLARED IMMINENT BY EYE-WITNESS

(Authoritative report by correspondent who has just come from the war front in Africa and is now investigating conditions in Italy.)

By Pierre Van Paassen.

ROME, Italy, Jan. 25.—(FP)—With 2800 Italian soldiers stationed at border garrisons having already deserted into Austria, Yugoslavia and Switzerland rather than be sent out to the hell in East Africa. With every third man in Gen. Graziani's army down with malaria or spinal meningitis—

HIBED CHEERING. With Mussolini being 10,000 "concessioned ovationists" to lead cheering and applause at "patriotic" demonstrations in a losing battle to allay the growing sentiment of disaster—

With peasant anti-war demonstrations sweeping Italy's southern provinces and with a whole regiment embarking at Trieste shouting "Down with the war!"— With the sawdust Caesar spending money like a desperate and crazy gambler, driving Italy to bankruptcy—

Benito Mussolini, the blackshirt dictator, aged so much of late that movie operators may only film him from a distance, still plays the tough guy, while inwardly he sees no way out, except . . .

WORLD WAR

By plunging Europe into war. Maybe if the old continent goes up in smoke and flame, Il Duce may save himself and his Fascist regime. In the confusion and ensuing chaos, he plays a long shot that he may survive. Such is the supreme and last gamble Mussolini now contemplates: Europe ablaze.

I have just come back from the theater of war in Ethiopia, shaking as with the palsy myself. All the hospitals in Eritrea are crammed full. Sick, wounded, exhausted sunstruck troops are being evacuated through the blistering heat of the Red Sea to the Island of Rhodes.

Here in Italy troops leaving for the ports, to be embarked on ships for Eritrea, are in a sullen, silent mood. The people say that to be sent to Africa amounts to the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

3000 WORKERS IN STRIKE VICTORY ON WPA PROJECT

Council Denies Parade Permit on Flimsy Technicality; Unemployed Promise Broadway March in Three Weeks

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—Winning complete victory, 3000 workers used the powerful weapon of the strike on the Slauson ave. storm drain, under the LaBrea project of WPA, here yesterday to gain payment of their overdue checks.

When the workers went on the job at 8 a. m. yesterday, and no checks were forthcoming, organizers of the Public Works and Unemployed Union promptly called a "no-work" strike.

The workers went to their posts, but refused to work.

When officials promised the checks by noon if they would go back to work, the men stayed solid, confident that they would probably get the run-around again if they went back to work under this promise.

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First Negro Congress Will Have Many Delegates From Bay Region

Mass Meeting in North Oakland Baptist Church Brings Many Groups Together

OAKLAND, Jan. 28.—Local interest in behalf of the National Negro Congress to be held in Chicago, Feb. 14th, was stimulated by a huge mass meeting held last Sunday at Rev. Coleman's North Oakland Baptist Church.

The mass meeting was the latest step in the campaign to obtain and finance the expenses of delegates representing key Negro organizations in Northern California at Chicago.

Under the leadership of Dr. committee and a contact committee have been working with clubs, churches, unions and leaders in been advancing rapidly. A central (Continued on Page 6)

Sections Urged To Remit Funds For W.W. Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—There's a pile of money collected for the Western Worker campaign still in the sections, according to the Drive Committee's statement today.

This money doesn't draw interest. It does no good where it is now. The Drive Committee again emphasizes the fact that WEEKLY reports must be made to headquarters at 121 Haight street. Funds must be sent in as soon as collected.

SOLDIERS' BONUS PASSES SENATE IN RECORD VOTE

VETERANS WILL GET MORE THAN 2 BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A presidential veto went down to defeat and victory came for the veterans when Congress, through a 76-19 Senate vote, enacted the \$2,237,000,000 Soldiers' Bonus measure into law.

It is expected that this problem will be the subject of bitter wrangling. Whether money to finance the measure will come from regular treasury funds or through inflation is the chief bone of contention.

The financing problem is now thrown squarely in the lap of the Administration.

For World War veterans the bill provides payment of their long promised adjusted service certificates. Cynical veterans, having weathered transfer of war insurance, revocation of every promise made them before they went to war, are generally glad to have anything, even knowing that the "baby bond" provision gyps them out of a good six per cent of what is coming to them.

Other veterans ruefully reflected that previous borrowing on their unhatched chickens would cut remittances still more.

FINANCES PROBLEM For the government it puts the problem of raising at least a billion dollars at once and over two and a half billion eventually.

The Bonus Bill, for which the compromise baby bond bill was substituted in the Senate, was passed by the overwhelming majority of 356 to 59 in the House. The amended senate bill was passed by a majority of 346 to 59.

The compromise bill was introduced by Chairman Pat Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee.

It provides for the issuing of baby bonds which could be cashed at any time, at a loss, by veterans, or held until 1945 as an investment at 3 per cent interest.

Such a measure is far from satisfactory to veterans' organizations and bonus advocates, who demand immediate payment of the 1945 value, an average of about \$1000 per veteran, less the amount borrowed on adjusted service certificates.

PRINCIPAL PROVISIONS

June 15 is the date set for payment to the veterans under the bill.

These are its principal provisions:

- 1. Veterans who have not yet applied for their Adjusted Service Certificates may do so now regardless of any previous time limitations.
2. They will receive, at their leisure, either a certificate for the full face value or payment in government bonds for the money coming to them.
3. Veterans who have already received their certificates must make application to the Bureau of Veterans' Affairs to exchange their certificates for government bonds.
4. The bonds will bear interest at 3 per cent. They will mature June 15, 1945. Veterans receiving these bonds may exchange them at any time, at a loss, for cash at any post office or other place designated by the secretary of the treasury.
5. Veterans who have borrowed on their certificates will receive the face value of the certificate minus whatever they have borrowed, and minus interest to October 1, 1931. All interest after October 1, 1931 is cancelled.
6. Banks which have lent money on these certificates will get back their loans and interest from the treasury. The cancelled interest will be made good to the banks by the Government through the Bureau of Veterans' Affairs.
7. Veterans can exchange certificates for bonds and bonds for cash, without the consent of the beneficiary named by them in the certificates, which were originally insurance policies.
8. Veterans who die or become legally incapacitated can cash them by proxy.
9. The bonds are issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY LOOMS AS NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT

Power of the Masses Against Power of Capitalism

By Bob Holliday.

Development of a broad Farmer-Labor Party to fight poverty, ascism and war continues in every state of the Union.

Meanwhile, in Chicago's great Ashland Auditorium, following their New York meeting, Earl Browder and Norman Thomas were debating their way to gradual understanding.

Thomas asked just what form a United Front could take in this country.

ONLY ANSWER

Browder replied:

"The Farmer-Labor Party, the party that will break the masses away for the first time from the old capitalist parties alone stands historically between us and the triumph of Fascism in this country."

Thomas replied to this: "I can understand a broad anti-capitalist party such as a Farmer-Labor Party in the elections. You want a Farmer-Labor Party in 1936. Well, so do I; but I cannot see that we ought to hold up an incubator baby before its time and say, look, here is a Farmer-Labor Party. I feel that we ought to have more details on this than we have been given."

BUILD FOR 1936

Browder replied: "What are we going to do with the millions of American workers who are ready to leave the old parties today and are not yet ready for Socialism? The Farmer-Labor Party is the answer. That is why we urge the most energetic action to build it for the 1936 elections. There is every possibility, there is more, a great need for building it as quickly as possible, for it is the only bulwark between us and fascism."

"With every debate we find ourselves closer together, our differences narrowed. Thomas and his followers, the majority of the Socialist Party have successfully challenged the old guard, the old guard, which would lead them to Fascism."

SUPPORT THOMAS

"Now we call for support to Thomas in his fight. We think all workers should help the militants win their battle with the old guard."

SAILORS RALLY IN FIGHT FOR I.S.U. CHARTER

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Federation, East Coast and West Coast shipowners centered their attack behind the scenes of the Scharnberg-Olander-controlled I. S. U. convention.

With the Sailors' Union of the Pacific charter already jerked and the charters of Pacific Coast Marine Firemen and Marine Stewards threatened, the operators are to hold a joint meeting on Thursday out of which is expected the beginning of a reign of terror against the maritime unions.

The only answer to the District Council's demand for an immediate, Congressional investigation into the conspiracy of the Industrial Association backed shipowners plan to smash the maritime unions has been an increase in the number of Department of Justice men roaming the waterfront and haunting the union halls of the Pacific Coast ports.

MOVE AGAINST DAILY WORKER HANGS FIRE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—New York City officials keep mum on the investigation of the Daily Worker on charges of Criminal Anarchy, while the case remains status quo.

The inquiry has gone no further to date. Further action, however, may come in the form of indictments handed down by the Grand Jury.

Assistant District Attorney James Neary has been working on the case since May, it was learned last week.

The Most Convincing Argument for a Labor Party



Minnesota militiamen called out by Gov. Floyd Olson against the striking workers of the Strutwear plant. Labor in every state has tasted the bayonets of the military during the past few years. Rocks and clubs are no defense against bullets and gas. The best defense is to build a united front Farmer-Labor Party, put real representatives of the people in office, and take the reigns of government out of the hands of finance capital.

It was in 1935 that the masses of the American people took the first steps toward organizing on a broad scale independent political action toward the building of a Farmer-Labor Party to defeat those sinister forces which in San Francisco, in Toledo, in the textile strike and elsewhere revealed themselves as kin of those who have made a prison house and shambles of Germany, Italy, and Austria.

FIRST STEP

Earl Browder's speech to the National Congress for Unemployment Insurance in Washington on January 5, 1935, marked the first decisive step toward such a party.

There he called for the formation of a "fighting labor party" based upon the trade unions, the unemployment councils, the farmers' organizations, and all mass organizations of toilers.

The great task of the Farmer-Labor Party is to cope with the major problem and danger of our day—Fascism.

Fascism has thus far been un-

able to seize power in France precisely because there is a broad people's front which has fought against it.

In our own country the hope of preventing Fascism lies in organizing a similar people's front, the Farmer-Labor Party.

This party must be a coalition of workers, farmers and city middle classes fighting for the most pressing needs of the masses and against war and Fascism.

The Communists are not the only ones who have recognized the urgency of this question. It is not even, strictly speaking, a Communist invention, nor is it being created on orders from Moscow.

The Communist Party has accurately the exact movement when the masses, as a result of their own experience, began to show signs of breaking away from the Republican and Democratic parties and to seek a new political solution of their problems.

UNIONS ENDORSE

National and International Un-

ions of the American Federation of Labor, Central Labor bodies and a large number of local unions have gone on record in favor of a Labor Party.

Still in its early stages, the Farmer-Labor Party must become a focusing point of political action and the building of a United Front.

"The building of a Farmer-Labor Party is not a question of weeks and years of quiet philosophical discussion until we clear up every question in advance," says Earl Browder. "This is an urgent bread and butter question of the day."

IMMEDIATE PROBLEM

"The Farmer-Labor Party is a question of gathering the forces of the toiling masses for the daily struggle for bread, for relief and insurance, for democratic rights, against the rising tide of reaction."

"This is a struggle which cannot be postponed except at the cost of a shameful surrender to Fascism, at the cost of a shattering of living standards, the wiping out of all organizations of toilers, even trade unions, and a period

Rap Green for Contributing to Scab Magazine

BUTTE, Mont.—(FP)—President Wm. Green of the American Federation of Labor comes in for a severe rap in a semi-editorial article in the Montana Labor News, official organ of the city central labor body, for contributing a so-called guest editorial to the American Magazine.

The magazine is unfair to the allied printing trades crafts, which have carried on a steady campaign against that and other Crowell Publishing Co. scab publications.

NATION-WIDE PROTESTS ON SCOTTSBORO

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asserts that Ozie tried to pull the policeman's gun from its holster. The other boys who were in the car have been sealed in the Jefferson County jail and have been given no opportunity to speak.

BOYS SILENCED

As we go to press, the conspiracy of silence thrown around the boys remains complete. Not one single word of what the boys may have to say has been released. Newspapers and radio stations, meanwhile, have spread the questionable stories of the police officers over the whole country.

The incident followed weeks of lynch incitement and hysteria which was built up to create a railroading atmosphere around the trial of Heywood Patterson, one of the boys who was tried separately and found guilty last Thursday. Pronouncement of a 75-year sentence on Patterson and the scheduled trials of the other boys have been postponed as the devaluable medical testimony which fense pressed for introduction of the prosecution is seeking to bar.

FEAR TREACHERY

Serious apprehension is felt for the safety of the boys in the Jefferson jail. The whole atmosphere surrounding the new trials which were ordered when the U. S. Supreme Court refused to uphold previous guilty verdicts, has been one of the most shameful and barbaric spectacles in American history.

All reactionary forces in Alabama have united in a concerted drive to claim the lives of the nine innocent boys. Their guilt or innocence has been no object to the Alabama ruling class which seeks their death merely to uphold its ruthless authority. Victory of the Scottsboro defense movement is regarded as an achievement which would strengthen and encourage the struggle for working class and Negro rights throughout the South.

Efforts of authorities to prevent the boys from telling their own accounts of the murderous attack on Ozie Powell, may drive them to the most hideous extremes of terrorism and intimidation. Apprehension as to what is taking place within the sealed doors of the Jefferson jail at this moment has roused an unprecedented storm of protest from working class and liberal organizations in every part of the nation.

Demands are flooding the White House in the form of telegrams and letters, calling upon President Roosevelt to intervene in the name of justice, and the boys be placed immediately under Federal custody.

MASS MEETING

A tremendous mass meeting was held in New York on Sunday under the auspices of the united front Scottsboro Defense Committee.

The nine Scottsboro boys are accused of criminally assaulting two vagabond white girls on a freight train five years ago. A lightning lynch trial and execution was halted by the International Labor Defense which demanded fair legal procedure. Subsequently, every threat of evidence to substantiate the prosecution has been refuted. Even one of the girls allegedly attacked refutes the charges and accuses the authorities of seeking to bribe and coddle her into testifying against the boys. She is one of the star witnesses for their defense.

LENIN'S WRITINGS

MOSCOW.—(FP)—Writings of Nicolai Lenin, leader of the November, 1917, revolution, have been published to date in 75 languages of the U.S.S.R., their total circulation exceeding 84,000,000 copies.

LOS ANGELES PLAZA IS PACKED AS 6000 JOIN JOBLESS DEMONSTRATION

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sympathetic to the unemployed struggles would be mobilized Monday to protest the denial of the permit, and to demand that a permit be granted the PWUU to parade.

COMMITTEES

Committees of twenty-five members each were sent to the WPA headquarters at 12th and Santee streets, to LACRA headquarters at 741 So. Flower street, and to the County Charities Department at 129 North Broadway—all of which were given the well-known run-around by the bureaucrats.

Col. Donald H. Connolly, WPA czar, and Rex Thomsen, superintendent of county charities, were both conveniently "absent" when the committees came to present their demands. Attempts were made by WPA and LACRA to limit the committees in size, attempts that went down to defeat before the militant workers.

Promising strength to the growing United Front movement in Southern California, was the presence of Socialist Party and Communist Party speakers on the same platform at the Plaza.

"You are not alone in this fight," Glen Trimble, of the Socialist Party, told the workers. "The unemployed are the largest group in America, and the one in greatest need."

"Between you and a better living standard stands only one thing—and that is organization and more organization."

ONE JOBLESS UNION

"I hope that in the future every unemployed organization and every unemployed union in the United States unite in one big union. I understand such unity is even now being arranged in Cleveland."

"As Los Angeles County organizer of the Socialist Party, I hope this unity goes through—and very soon."

"There is enough wealth in America to supply every family at least \$5000 a year, and this will come about when all workers get together—the unemployed with the workers in the American Federation of Labor. This will come when you realize that your interests are the same."

"I hope you soon see twenty or fifty times your present number march to the WPA headquarters to force decent relief!"

COMMUNIST TALKS

Speaker for the Communist Party was James Thorne, secretary of the Los Angeles Section, who applauded the fact that Socialist Party and Communist Party speakers were appearing on the same platform.

"To the Socialist Party we pledge full support," said Thorne, "and offer a united front that will march 100,000 strong to WPA headquarters."

"In Los Angeles we have the same enemies—the capitalist class. Hearst and his fascist allies are organizing to crush the workers in Southern California."

"While we believe that for the complete emancipation of the working class, it is necessary to eliminate the capitalist system, and to set up a workers and farmers' government, the Communist Party will unite with all other workers' organizations on a common platform."

"In the program of the United Front, we must fight with all our might against all Fascists organizing against us in Southern California. In the name of the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party, I pledge our solidarity to the workers in the PWUU, the Epics, Utopians, Townsendites, and to the Socialist Party, and ask that a strong United Front be set up to overcome all the obstacles now in our way."

Thorne closed with a strong appeal for a "Farmer-Labor Party in California to put our men in office."

Late in the demonstration, James McLean reported as head of the committee to the WPA headquarters.

MET BY COPS

"We were met at the door by a deputy sheriff, badge number 862, with a gun on his hip, who sent word upstairs that we were there. Word came back that we could only send six of the committee. So we decided to use strategy—we sent six, who were to do no business unless the other 19 came up."

"Well, we forced them to send for the other 19 of our committee. Major Dillon met us, saying Connolly had gone to San Francisco.

"He told us that although our demand for union wages could be put into effect by Connolly, the reason for not doing so was that Connolly thought the projects could not be finished if union wages were paid."

"Our other demands for medical service free to all, elimination of all U. S. Army men from administrative posts, abolition of war projects now under the U. S. Engineering Department, abolition of discrimination against and firing of our organizers—he didn't want to hear them, but we left them for him just the same."

RELIEF OFFICE

Clyde Champion, asst. organizer of the PWUU, led a committee numbering twenty-five members to the LACRA offices, 701 S. Flower street, to make formal presentation of the workers' demands.

Cameras clicked as the militant body swung into the entrance of the building in which the LACRA is located. Halted for a few moments at the foyer by two detectives of the L. A. Police Department, who attempted fruitlessly to persuade Champion to take only a small group to the interview, the full committee proceeded to the conference chambers, where they were greeted by suave, well-fed Mr. Pilling.

Champion, backed by the committee, here demanded that the detectives, who had followed, leave the assemblage. Pilling while admitting he had neither requested nor desired the presence of police, expressed his reluctance to demand their withdrawal.

At this point the demands were made. Pilling was forced, after some quibbling, to give a definite "No" to the five demands.

FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

From time to time, several workers voiced strenuous demands concerning the particular groups they represented. Prominent among them was a Negro youth who pointed out that, in spite of Pilling's denial, discrimination rampant in the concrete camps.

The high point was reached when a Mexican worker spoke of the starvation diet imposed on what relief officials call "low-grade families."

DEMANDS

Resolutions were passed by the demonstrators that echoed clear back to the City Hall. They included the demand that Governor Merriam call a special session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of providing adequate relief for the unemployed; that Hendricks, McShann and Sanders, victims of the police attack on an unemployed demonstration on June 1, 1934, be immediately released from Lincoln Heights jail, where they were sent on frame-up convictions; that Tom Mooney be immediately released, and demanding that prevailing union wages be paid on all projects, the demand being sent to President Roosevelt, Harry L. Hopkins, State WPA Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin, and Col. Connolly.

PRIZE PANTS

Amusing note to the demonstration was the appearance of Jacob Sonnenschein, displaying the pants and shoes given him by the LACRA and apparently modeled for Primo Cornera.

Scores of uniformed and plain-clothes thugs of the police department were in evidence throughout, trying to disrupt the demonstration by getting Chinese to set off firecrackers in places where they would be likely to drown the speakers. The Chinese were celebrating their New Year.

A collection of \$51.55 was taken up among the demonstrating workers.

TELEGRAM FROM WENK

A telegram from John Wenk, president of the Utopian Society, read as follows: "The Utopian Society will continue to assist the unemployed in all possible ways. We recognize that mass unemployment is a permanent characteristic of our present economic order, and we will cooperate in all possible ways to get decent relief."

SEARS, ROEBUCK PROFITS SKYROCKETED 33% IN

CHICAGO.—(FP)—Net profit of close to \$20,000,000, a 33 per cent gain over 1934, were skimmed off a total \$415,000,000 sales income in 1935 by Sears, Roebuck and Co., vice president D. M. Nelson has announced. The profit figures do not include salaries for executives and directors, said run to at least another million dollars.

RAPE OF ETHIOPIA WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

SITUATION IN ITALY IS CRUCIAL, FEAR THAT MUSSOLINI MAY LAUNCH MAD CONFLICT

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same thing as being condemned to death.

Sick men are not allowed to write home. The Italian people are at all costs to be kept in ignorance as to the true state of affairs in the fighting areas. Not a single Italian newspaper has published the official figures given out by the Suez Canal Co. of the 39,000 sick and wounded who have gone home. These are only the permanently incapacitated, not the masses in the hospitals of Asmara, Masawa and Mogadiscio.

HYSTERIA SAGS

The people, whose instinct is seldom wrong, have sensed that the war in Africa is turning into a disaster. The authorities seek to counteract the sentiment of gloom and pessimism by whipping up a hurrah-atmosphere, the latest episode of which is the compulsory contribution of golden wedding rings and jewels to the government.

"The chief impression I gained on my journey of investigation through Italy this time—the fourteenth in eight years—is the unimaginable poverty of the common people. If Duce calmly envisages the day when the working class of his country will have to be content with one meal a day. He said this openly. Their wages repeatedly cut, millions of Italian peasants don't even have that one meal these days."

MILITARY FLOP

The military campaign has been stagnating for two months. The Italian army is caught in its own trap. It cannot move backward nor forward. Furthermore, the bottom of the money chest is in sight and the sanctions are playing

havoc with Italian business.

It is no secret here in Rome that some stormy scenes were enacted behind the closed doors of the Grand Fascist Council. Mussolini is desperate. Now he is contemplating his supreme and last gamble: a European war. Benito Mussolini has gone from crime to crime. First he has crushed, silenced, hounded into exile or assassinated every forward-looking man and woman in Italy. He has destroyed the labor and liberal press. He has systematically reduced wages until today the best-paid workers in Italy have only a bare subsistence dole. At the same time he has smashed, tortured, terrorized, bullied and bamboozled a whole nation, one of the finest peoples on earth. He has instilled the poison of militarism, so that even 10-year-old children today are handling machine guns. Fascism means war, poverty and misery. The Italian people know it.

Changes in Plan For Bloor Dinner

The Mother Bloor Anniversary Committee has just been informed that they will not be able to hold the scheduled dinner on Jan. 29th at the Coffee Cup at 5424 Geary st. The restaurant gave no explanation for this last-minute action despite the fact that holders of tickets have been calling and indignantly objecting to a business house breaking its word.

The anniversary dinner will be held at the Russian Club, 847 Fillmore st., at 7 p. m., Jan. 29th.

INFANTRY USED AS SCAB LABOR

(Continued From Page 1) in Wilmington, stating that they needed aid in fighting frame-up charges being directed against two of their members as the result of an alleged beating-up of scabs.

Judge Ralston spoke on the Ralston Amendment to the State Constitution, providing for the repeal of the Sales Tax, which will go on the ballot as a referendum measure at the next state election. "The workers are paying this sales tax," said Judge Ralston. "As an example, I own some property on which I paid \$500 yearly taxes before the sales tax came into being. Now I only pay \$400 a year. Think what big tax reductions some large property owners are getting!"

State-Wide WPA Strike Is Called

ORTONVILLE, Minn.—(FP)—Agreeing to meet again Feb. 8 on their demands for a new basic WPA scale of 67½c an hour, a 120-hour month and unionization on WPA jobs, 300 delegates to the Minnesota Labor Association convention set that date as a deadline for calling a state-wide WPA strike. All Minnesota labor groups will be invited to send delegates. The convention condemned use of the National Guard in connection with strikes at Cloquet and Minneapolis.

Portland Unions Show Big Growth

PORTLAND, Ore.—(FP)—The increasing strength of Portland's labor movement is reflected in the report of Sec. Gust Anderson of the Labor Council. At the end of 1935, 92 unions were affiliated with the council, compared with 80 at the end of 1934, and 67 at the end of 1933. Membership, estimated at 30,000, has more than doubled in the past 10 years.

Protest Letters Demand Parole Board Free C. S. Prisoners

Is Roosevelt a Communist? Fortune Has a Good Laugh

UP GO PROFITS AND DOWN GO EARNINGS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—That swank magazine of the capitalist class, Fortune (December, 1935), upon itself the task of "explaining" Mr. Roosevelt to its addled and worried readers. It fears that the alleged "business hostility to the President" may have misled some of them. So it states simply and clearly:

"After three years it is fairly evident to most disinterested critics that Mr. Roosevelt's program, which displays more consistency in retrospect than it did in prospect, has had the preservation of capitalism at all times in view. Humanitarianism may have been the dominant motive but the frame of action was capitalistic."

It then goes on to prove its contention by an analysis of the purpose of various New Deal acts, which bears out statements made in earlier issues of Labor Notes. Here are some of the Fortune findings:

"NRA . . . was to fix prices, ration production and assure its . . ."

"AAA was to limit production in order to raise prices in order to assure a farm profit in order to restore the farm market."

"Securities-exchange regulation was not to abolish Wall Street but to preserve it . . ."

"Monetary experimentation was (and is) to raise prices."

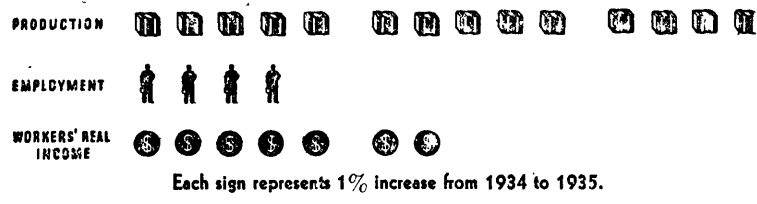
"Deposit insurance legislation was to restore 'confidence in the banking system.'"

"Cheap-money policy 'of the Treasury and the Reserve banks was to induce the finance capitalists to resume their function.'"

"Farm and home mortgage-re-insurance policy 'was to prop up the structure and thus to prop

RECOVERY—BUT NOT FOR YOU

EMPLOYMENT LAGS BEHIND PRODUCTION



In manufacturing industries in 1935, production was above 1934 by 14 percent, employment by 4 percent, workers' total real income by 7 percent. (Federal Reserve Board figures.)

RECOVERY! You have seen it in the newspapers, but you have not noticed it in your kitchen. This chart, prepared by the American Federation of Labor gives part of the answer. To be complete, it should indicate that over the same period, prices and profits increased enormously. The net result was a decrease in wages for the working class. It might also indicate that taxes on smaller incomes increased while taxes on large incomes decreased.

CHISELING IN AUTO INDUSTRY REDUCES WAGES

WAGE CUTS FROM \$1.25 TO \$0.30 REPORTED

DETROIT, (FP)—Why do auto workers strike? Why do their ranks seethe with discontent? Let Henry Smith, former trimmer at the Murray Body Co., have the floor:

"I worked on the trim line at the Murray Body Co. for nine years. In 1929, I got \$1.25 an hour. My rate was cut to \$1, then to 90 cents, later to 75 cents, and finally to 64 cents. Recently all the trimmers were laid off and girls put to work on the same jobs at 30 cents an hour."

Because synthetic enamel is up the banks and insurance companies dependent upon it." Summarizing its analysis, Fortune declares, "the general outline now emerges and the general outline is capitalistic."

JOBLESS CHASED FROM TOWN WITH LYNCH THREATS

"RAPE" STORY USED TO INCITE RESIDENTS

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 24 — Continuing the mass deportation of transient workers begun last week, officers drove more than 300 jobless from the Buckeye "jungles" last night and early this morning.

In an effort to create a lynch spirit among local residents, the Phoenix Gazette tonight carried a story headlined "Attack on Girl Angers Buckeye," describing an alleged assault by a "hobo" on a popular 15-year-old high school girl last evening. According to this sheet, the purported assault occurred as the girl, a member of a prominent Buckeye family, walked along a quiet street, about three blocks from her house.

As a passerby approached the scene, the attacker released the girl and fled from the scene, officers reported.

The girl, it was said, was taken to her home where her injuries were found not to be serious. She described her assailant to officers, who decided he was one of the "vagrants" who had been staying along the railroad right-of-way near the town.

Armed to the teeth, sheriff's deputies and city officers went immediately to the camp in the "jungles," rounded up the workers found there and loaded them onto a westbound train. The camp, located in a dump of cotton hulls, was destroyed by fire.

In less than a week almost 500 unemployed workers have been forcibly deported. Local authorities announced today that the drive against "vagrant" transients will continue until the Salt River valley is completely cleared of "undesirable" elements.

New Fascist Organ Born in Hollywood

A new Fascist organ has been born in Southern California, the Hollywood American, which is dedicated to the cause of suppressing the "Red Menace."

It is published by Republican Party sympathizers. It attacks the Townsend Plan by putting forth the time-worn idea that the American people are lazy, want something for nothing, and that even the old folks should expect nothing but hard work after 60 years producing for society.

It was charged by the liberal Hollywood Citizen-News with being a gangster-controlled paper.

C.S. Prisoner And Professor Max Radin To Speak Feb. 5th

AND GOD WILL BLESS YOU!



"Bring in a guilty verdict and God will bless you." These were the words of District Attorney Neil R. McAllister (above) to the jury that sent eight young people to the penitentiary for organizing and leading a union. That was in April last year. Subsequently one of the jurors proclaimed the verdict to be an illegal compromise. The complete story of the amazing and infamous Criminal Syndicalism trial and McAllister's role are told in the pamphlet "THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR," obtainable from all Workers' Book Shops.

MAJOR FREEDOM CAMPAIGN IS PUSHED

The following mass meetings for freedom of the C. S. prisoners and repeal of the C. S. law are scheduled:

SAN FRANCISCO
Feb. 5, at 8 p. m., Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero streets. Speakers: Lorene Norman (one of the prisoners, now out on bail owing to the birth of a child), Paul A. Richie, Epic-Democratic leader; George Woolf, president of the I.L.A. Ship Scalers' Union; William Sanders, chairman of the C. S. conference; and Pat Lydon, member of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

OAKLAND
February 9th, at 8 p. m., Carpenters' Hall.

LOS ANGELES
A meeting is planned for February 15th. Details later.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27—Lorene Norman, one of the C. S. prisoners, who was released on bail owing to the birth of a child, will address the mass meeting to be held at the Building Trades Temple here on February 5th. Professor Max Radin of the University of California law department will also be one of the speakers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27—A veritable flood of protest letters is reported sweeping in on the three members of the California State Parole Board demanding that a minimum sentence be fixed for the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners. The California State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal

Arizona Workers Negotiate for New Agreements

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.
YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 19 — Fruit and vegetable workers of this district have begun negotiations for signed agreements with shippers of the valley.

The local union with jurisdiction has been in existence for two years, but prior to this year was in existence only in the Salt River valley. However, they were given jurisdiction over the whole state by Frank Morrison, A. F. of L. secretary, shortly after their charter was granted. And it is with this power that they are beginning their efforts in behalf of the Yuma workers.

According to Paul Aldridge, secretary of the organization, who made a special trip from Phoenix to organize the local, the union is meeting with widespread support in Yuma, and to date has one signed agreement and several that are in the hands of shippers.

Under the present plan the Yuma organization will be able to retain all local funds to carry on the work of the union after the season is over.

Syndicalism Act, representing a united front of more than a hundred organizations, is urging increased protests to free these eight young people sentenced to one to fourteen years in the penitentiary for organizing a union of agricultural workers and leading it in successful strikes.

PREJUDICE
Although the Criminal Syndicalism law alleges to cover acts of sabotage and violence, no single act of this nature was cited against them and their conviction was obtained solely on a basis of prejudice.

The three members of the parole board are: Frank C. Sykes, Kohl Building, San Francisco; Joseph H. Stephens, president of the Merchants National Bank, Sacramento, Calif.; and David F. Bush, Oakdale, Calif.

POISON GAS: THE FOUL BREATH OF CAPITALISM GONE MAD

NO MASK OR DEVICE INVENTED PROVIDES PROTECTION FOR WORKING POPULATIONS

By Michael Quin.

Neither gas masks nor any device of protection revealed to date will provide effective defense against the poison gases perfected and invented since the World War. This is not an alarmist statement but a truth confirmed by every authoritative book, report, or spokesman on the subject.

Certain of the best masks afford protection from a few of the gases which will be used, but these are expensive and the prospect of equipping whole populations with them is adjudged economically impossible by every nation.

ONLY THE RICH

Specially constructed gas proof chambers have been devised which actually do afford 100 per cent protection provided they are not hit by the explosive and incendiary shells which military manuals declare will precede every bombardment of gas projectiles. But the cost of these chambers is so excessive as to make them out of the question for all but the rich. Throughout Europe today gas defense equipment is on sale as a standard commodity and a handsome business is being made of selling gas proof chambers and the best masks to wealthy purchasers. Cheaper varieties of masks are available for workers, but the possible protection that these would afford is small and hopeless. Aside from the fact that profit is to be derived from their sale, the government encourages the business as a psychological bulwark among the masses. The true properties of gases to be encountered are not known among the common people and the capitalist controlled press is careful not to disturb their peace.

SOVIET PRECAUTIONS

The only nation which has made any considerable progress toward equipping its people to cope with a raid by aerial gas bombs is the Soviet Union. Here the whole economic forces of the country are unified and controlled by the people themselves. Consequently construction of apparatus and distribution of the best defense equip-

ment is possible on a scale that would be out of the question in a capitalist economy where all economic resources are in private hands. The capitalist governments must finance such projects by taxes which fall on the already feeble earnings of the workers. The larger incomes, since they control these governments, effectively evade taxation or pass the burden on to the consumer in the form of higher prices.

INADEQUATE

But even the Soviet Union, with all its advantages in this respect, cannot be said to have achieved anywhere near adequate protection from this most disastrous of modern weapons.

Elaborate gas raid drills involving whole populations of cities have been staged all over Europe and in Japan. Scenes of these amazing spectacles appear almost weekly in the illustrated sections of newspapers. Experts view them with cynicism and declare them to be hopelessly ineffective. Without the too costly gas-tight chambers, any amount of antics in the street, however well disciplined, are futile. This view is very well confirmed by the diligence with which the wealthy are providing themselves with such equipment.

PROPAGANDA STUNTS

The purposes of these drills are largely propaganda. They put populations in a receptive frame of mind for increased war preparations expenditures. More than this, they involve the populace in the war machine, draw them closer to the general mobilization, make them feel an identity with it. Some may question the probability of warring nations using these lethal gases against civilian populations. Some may suppose the world too "civilized" for such a prospect. I believe they will be few.

PROBABILITY

During seven depression years, the nations have revealed a capacity for inhumanity that would at one time have been unbelievable. Again, these civilian rehearsals

MASKS AND GARMENTS WILL NOT SAVE THEM



Young men parading in the London streets with masks and gas proof clothing. Such demonstrations, common in every European capital today, are staged to build up the morale of the populace and create a false confidence in security—also to propagandize for increased war preparations. The truth is that neither masks nor garments will provide defense against modern gases. This fact is clearly admitted by experts. Even were these precautions valid, the expense of equipping populations is adjudged economically impossible. Only the wealthy can afford the expensive apparatus necessary to protection. Gas protection devices, mostly futile, are a common commodity in the stores of Europe today.

FORGOTTEN HONOR

During the Crimean war, in 1854, one Lord Dundonald perfected the use of sulphur fumes as a weapon and suggested it as a means of driving the Russians out of Sebastopol. A committee from the British war office investigated the device and rejected it because: "it was felt that an operation of this nature would contravene the laws of civilized warfare." The committee investigated the effectiveness of the fumes and further declared that: "the facts were so horrible that no honourable combatant could use the means to produce them."

ANCIENT DECENCY

A detestable form of stink bomb was introduced during the Renaissance, of which an Austrian chemist, Veit Wulf von Senftenberg, remarked in 1573: "It is a terrible thing. Christians should not use it against Christians, but it may be used against the Turks and other unbelievers to harm them."

ANCIENT DECENCY

and the wholesale purchasing of gas-tight chambers by the wealthy is evidence of very bad conscience. The use of poisonous gases is not a modern invention for they were used by the Spartans as far back as 429 B. C. and the use of crude but effective vapor weapons is recorded throughout history.

GROTESQUE PRIDE

Despite the unparalleled brutality of the last war, a certain surface show of "honor" was maintained. How anyone could have taken it seriously is remarkable, yet the fact remains that British pride can raise its snobbish nose above the slums of Limehouse, and Americans can be proud of their society in the face of twelve million unemployed. Though dum-dum bullets and

MODERN CAPITALIST GOVERNMENTS RESORT TO WEAPONS WHICH THE ANCIENTS SPURNED

saw-tooth bayonets were used in the last war, it was not to any great extent. The use of poisoned bullets was spurned. But today, reasoning is different, and why an army that is using so ignoble a weapon as gas should refrain from poison bullets is more than any military man can understand. In any event, they have not hesitated to experiment with and perfect such a device.

POISON BULLETS

Poison bullets would immediately increase the mortality from bullet wounds from the present approximate three per cent to about eighty per cent. It would mean certain death for every man knicked by a bullet, however slightly.

If we ignore the organized strength of the working populations, the only existing influence which could curb the use of such devices in another war would be that of the giant international munitions combines which desire to see a war last as long as possible.

DISEASED RATS

The possibilities of bacteriological warfare have also been thoroughly explored in the laboratories of capitalism since 1918. This involves the dropping of plague infested rats from planes, spraying disease germs over reservoirs, dropping vials of bacteria, and many other unpleasant practices.

Gases have been developed to a point where they attack not only the lungs but any part of the body and can penetrate practically every type of mask or protection. They can be sprayed, dropped in bombs, shot out of cannons, released in clouds or applied in any conceivable manner. Their variety is infinite and their effects achieve the maximum in horror.

THE ONLY DEFENSE

There is only one defense for the masses of the world against these gases and that is for them to organize themselves into powerful united fronts to prevent war. The consequences of failing to perform this task are more ter-

rible than any that have ever confronted man. The task is a difficult one requiring hard work and sacrifice and if delayed too long (as in Germany and Italy) can only be accomplished by revolution. It amounts to the will and strength of the working population combatting the will of the capitalist powers. The raw, capitalist property and profit nature of war never stood more nakedly exposed in all its cynical ugliness than it does today.

Those of you who have been alive during the last war, through the hysterical age of synthetic "prosperity" that followed, and the desperate, shameful experience of seven years of depression, have seen terrible history. You need little reminding of what is possible—of what a crucial period the world is in at this minute. It is important that your opinion gain power by uniting with those of the same opinion; it is important that your voice be heard; that your will be made effective.

COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party of the U. S. A. pledges itself wholeheartedly to the struggle against war and offers the hand of comradeship to every union, every group or organization of every individual that is devoted to this cause. Whatever differences of opinion, political or otherwise, which the Communist Party may have with other groups, it is prepared to put these in the background and join in solid united front for the prevention of war or any state of fascism which would engender war. The proposition that the United States could keep out of war is too insincere and foolish to give ear to. The United States today is the creditor of almost every nation. American capitalists have huge holdings and interests in every corner of the globe—save only the Soviet Union. In many places, particularly the Orient, American troops and warships are continually maintained to guard these financial interests.

Suicide Bridge Solves Problem

PASADENA, Jan. 23. — The home of millionaires, Pasadena, today announced it had solved the problem of unemployed workers and others made desperate by the depression, who have made the Colorado Street Bridge over the Arroyo Seco—"Suicide Bridge"—a jumping off place, to solve their problems.

A suicide-proof fence, of wire curving inward and topped by barbed wire, will be built along the railing by authorization of the board of city directors on the recommendation of City Manager C. W. Keiner. The state highway department has also approved it.

The city plans to make efforts to obtain funds from the WPA to build this fence, which will cost \$6675.

Seventy-two despairing men and women have jumped to their death from this bridge, something which the millionaires are beginning to "deplere."

HOME FACTORY WE WOMEN WORKERS OFFICE FARM

Any Sunday night, in the little town of J— not far from Frisco, there are a couple of friendly card games going on, either at Pete's house or at Charlie's or Ed's or Sam's.

BRIDGE AND POKER

And yet on Sunday night the men play poker in one room, the wives play bridge in another.

I raised the question in the group last Sunday. As leaders of the left-wing movement in this town, I said, how can you foster this obvious segregation of the sexes.

There was a row of protest from the men—some of the women took part, too, defending the custom. "I wouldn't play poker at the same table with a woman," said one of the fellows.

"I don't like to play in a money game," said Louise. "I play cards for the fun of it and don't like this throat cutting."

"Poker for matches is no game," said Bob. "Well," I said, "see how it looks to a newcomer to your circle—and I hope you have newcomers.

COMBINED LEFT-WING MAGAZINE OFF THE PRESS

The first issue of the new literary monthly, "Partisan Review and Anvil," which has just appeared, contains poetry, fiction and articles by leading American and European writers.

Among the feature articles are: "The Writer's Part In Communism," by Waldo Frank; "A Letter on Proletarian Literature," by Newton Arvin; "To The Left: To The Sub-Soil," by Carl Van Doren.

RIP TIDES By LeMae

"Exposed"

There are countless ways and means the employers use to split the ranks of a union which has been successful in bringing about a higher level of conditions to the worker.

The most vicious and the oldest of all is that of race chauvinism, the pitting of one group of workers against the others, while the employer smugly sits in his rocking chair and waits the report of his trusted stool-pig provocateur.

A shipowner agent has been very active within the ranks of the Bargemen's Union here in the stronghold of the rank and file.

A fertile field he found. It is a typical example of America—"the land of the biggest banks—tallest of buildings—longest of railroads—largest factories and the most thorough exploiters of labor.

Lured to this country by the fairy tales of "streets of gold" and a "bathtub in every home," the many Portuguese members of the Bargemen's Union like hundreds of thousands of other workers came to this country—and built it.

Exploited for years at the hand of the money mad American imperialists, the worker gets nothing—nothing save calloused hands and the threat of deportation if he seeks to fight for that which not only is his rightfully but which was actually promised to him.

THE UNION BUSTER It is to this fertile field that the shipowners have sent their agent. With fiery speech he rallies his country-men behind him. He makes promises

Silicosis Tragedies Before Congress for Investigation

Marcantonio Leads Fight for Workers Who Face Terrible Risk AUBURN, Calif., Jan. 23.—The 476 Silicosis deaths at Gauley Bridge, West Virginia, now being investigated by Congress, have brought to the fore demands for more adequate compensation for California's neglected victims of the deadly lung-destroying occupational disease.

NO COMPENSATION

The present insurance rates paid by California's mine operators do not permit treatment of Silicosis as a compensatory occupational disease. Proposals in the state legislature to remedy this defect have met with furious howls from a committee of Northern California mine owners, who are unwilling to lose any blood money by paying adequate insurance rates.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 23.—The investigation being conducted by the House labor sub-committee on the ghastly affair at Gauley Bridge, West Virginia, in which a contracting company building a tunnel for the Union Carbon and Carbide Company passed sentence of death on 2,000 men, because it was in a hurry to complete the job, is being closely watched by utilities and other companies.

Before the hearings began, the Portland, Atlas Cement Company, called the office of Congressman Marcantonio who is pressing the investigation, wanting desperately to be assured that the probe will be confined to the case of Gauley Bridge.

It is estimated that some million workers a year die from diseases contracted while working in industries in which dusty conditions exist. But they don't die as quickly as they did at Gauley Bridge and it's harder to prove that deaths resulted from work in the dust filled air.

Little justice can be done for the men at Gauley Bridge. Their days, those who yet live, are numbered. But much more can be done for workers all over the United States who labor for profits for others in dusty mills, mines, and factories.

Avenue, New York City. It can be obtained at your nearest International or Workers' Book Shop.

worthy of a Father Coughlan This gave him a sudden inspiration for power. No longer was he just a petty stool pigeon for the shipowners. He would become a famous man—like Deal or Scharrenberg?

But his boss wants results—not dreams. The aspiring dictator strives to please. The towboat captains are on strike. The deckhands are unorganized. They want to better their conditions too.

They ask to join the union and become a part of the Maritime Federation.

The provocateur warns his country-men the "more men in the unions the less jobs."

Confused, they refuse their membership. Pleased with his handiwork, the agent reports to his bosses.

"You still have a union there and you told me you could wreck it inside of a month," the shipowner snarls, "You get no more expense money until you show better results."

Outraged and indignant at this lack of appreciation, the rat appears at the Union meeting that night. His plans are carefully laid.

Better than the plans of those who engineered the "Scaler's riot." At the height of the meeting, he rises and shouts, "We don't need any union—we can get along without one—we'll work along side of scabs."

But the fight fails to take place. Even his henchmen folded up at this raw bait. The membership sit quietly as recall the Scalers' meeting.

There was no riot that night. And there was no union wrecked.

COUNTRY-SIDE SCENE



Keeping one's perspective is SO difficult in these trying times!

PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION

By Michael Quin

Some men make many marriages And far too few divorces; Some men are building carriages Who should be breeding horses.

And what the devil good is it, This carriage bright and neat, Without a nimble horse or two To pull it down the street?

They build their hack and sit in it And curse the lack of speed. Yet, motionless, the carriage stands; It's horses that they need.

They build them twenty carriages, And build each carriage better, As an old maid, dreaming of a man, Might knit the ghost a sweater.

And yet, each carriage, quiet and still, Moves not from out its tracks. They curse their workmanship and set To work to build more hacks.

'Till hacks and hacks in rows and racks, In a vast sectarian stable, Are gathering dust while the builders build More hacks as fast as they're able.

Oh, the carriage or hack is the plan of work, But the horse is the work being done; It's the living and breathing strength of the mass Without which a plan won't run.

It's the day to day work in the factory and field, Contacting, building, explaining; The hard sweating toil of each fraction and unit, The tasks of recruiting and training.

And the moral of this: You can build the best carriage That ever was seen in creation; But ne'er will it move out of theory's stable, 'Less harnessed to organization.

DO THIS NOW!

Help Free the Victims of the Fascist Criminal Syndicalism Act—Clip This Letter and Mail Immediately to:

Frank C. Sykes, Chairman State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, Kohl Building, San Francisco, Calif.

The young men and women convicted at Sacramento last year under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act will have served their minimum sentences of one year on February 27, 1936.

The law under which they were convicted has been condemned as anti-labor and un-American by the California Federation of Labor, hundreds of progressive and radical organizations and by hundreds of thousands of Californians.

The Criminal Syndicalism prisoners have already served seventeen months in jails and prisons because they organized the underpaid agricultural workers of the state and led them in successful strikes.

Their conviction and imprisonment has been condemned not only by working class publications but among others by the San Francisco News, which declared in its editorial columns Friday, January 17, 1936:—

"The whole case was a scandalous abuse of judicial process to suppress agitation for better wages and conditions among migratory workers, in which the defendants had been active and successful. The News condemned it at the time, and now urges that the Parole Board redress the injustice by fixing sentences at the minimum, which is one year."

The undersigned demands that you set the minimum sentence when the Board meets early in February and release from prison immediately the men and women who are in prison solely because they helped improve the living conditions of thousands of California workers.

Signed.....

PANICKY NAZIS INCREASE FOREIGN SEAMEN ARRESTS

Danish Maritime Workers Vote Ban on Nazi Profits If Terror Continues

ROUEN, France, Jan. 23.—Once again a foreign seaman has been swallowed up by the fascist beast of Nazi Germany. It is reported that the Swedish seaman Percy Johansson failed to return to his ship after shore leave. His shipmates fear that he has been kidnaped by the German Secret State Police and that he is a Nazi victim being tortured the same as many foreign seamen before him.

C. Friberg, the mate of the Danish ship Markur, was arrested in a German port on charge of having distributed anti-fascist literature.

Friberg, on a previous trip, had replied to the "Heil Hitler" greeting of the captain of a passing Nazi vessel, with a shout of "Red Front," so it is alleged. The arrest is obviously an act of provocation from the Nazis.

Also on a charge of having in his possession anti-fascist literature, the Swedish seaman, Erik Jansson was arrested by the Nazis.

The two American seamen, Lawrence Simpson and William Gill are still being held. Gill was arrested—the Nazis assert—because of his slurring remarks about Hitler and whistling the Internationale on the streets. Lawrence was taken bodily from

the S.S. Manhattan several months ago by Nazi police while the ship's officers stood idly by. He is still waiting "trial."

A delegation of Swedish transport workers and others recently visited Germany in an effort to secure the release of their comrades. They were only allowed to see Jansson, in the presence of prison guards and were not allowed to see Thaelmann or any of the other victims of the Nazi Gestapo.

In a meeting of the Danish Firemen's Union a resolution was adopted to the effect that in the event any further arrests of seamen in Germany occur, the Danish seamen will refuse to sail into any German port.

This resolution was adopted shortly after the militant Danish seamen working together with the I.L.D. succeeded in effecting the release of Borge Knigge from the clutches of an Italian prison. Knigge had been arrested and sentenced to two years of hard labor because of insulting remarks about Mussolini. The Danish government had been forced to act in the matter.

The I.S.H. is appealing to all dockers' seamen trade union organizations to aid the fight to force the liberation of all anti-fascist prisoners.

Closed Shop in Movies Planned As Directors Organize Own Union

\$100,000 Directors Bolt Company Union To Form Screen Directors' Guild

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(FP)—With first aid attendants, make-up men, hairdressers—everybody, in fact—organizing in Hollywood, the film colony is becoming unionized with a vengeance. Now the town is all abuzz about the leading Hollywood directors, most of them earning over \$100,000 a year, becoming union men! They formed the Screen Directors' Guild.

MORE CUTS AND LAY-OFFS FACE WPA EMPLOYEES

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—A further reduction in personnel, consolidation of WPA departments and a probable tightening of WPA red tape for people seeking employment were promised this week as head WPA boss Frank Y. McLaughlin announced the federal government will cut WPA administrative expenses in the state from \$500,000 to \$300,000 for February.

Administrative workers—clerks, typists, small-time foremen and others—are wondering where the axe will fall first.

More and more people seeking WPA jobs are learning they cannot get on a government project because they had not been on relief previous to November 1, 1935.

Throughout the state Public Works and Unemployed Unions are springing up on work projects. The PWUU, particularly in the southern part of the state, is conducting a militant struggle against red tape, discrimination, for trade union wages and elimination of paid stool pigeons on all WPA projects.

RAP JIM-CROWISM

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Jim-Crowism was squelched here this week on the Westlake Storm Drain, WPA project, when Negro and white workers stood solid in protest against attempted segregation of Negro workers under a Negro foreman.

Scheduled to go into effect yesterday on the project, the segregation scheme fell through when delegations of workers even went as far as County WPA headquarters, where final word was obtained today to "disregard" the order.

The Negro foreman, who was to have had charge of his segregated race, also participated in the demonstrations which smashed this attempted Jim-Crowism.

Workers all reported on their regular jobs yesterday, refusing to be segregated along racial lines.

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THREE GUILDS

The three guilds, actors, technicians, and directors, are expected to make a joint demand for recognition and the closed shop, probably some time in February.

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

Labor Defense

By Bob O'Malley.

The conviction and sentencing of Heywood Patterson to 75 years' imprisonment and the shooting of Ozie Powell by a deputy sheriff now more than ever places the 5 year-old famous Scottsboro Case at the head of the agenda of active labor cases demanding the support of the American working class. "I'm not guilty," was the simple statement of Patterson as sentence was imposed.

Defense for the nine Scottsboro boys is now being conducted by a joint committee. The Scottsboro Defense Committee, which displaces the American Scottsboro Committee, consists of the following participating organizations: The National Association for Advancement of Colored People; the Methodist Federation for Social Service; the American Civil Liberties Union; the League for Industrial Democracy; and the International Labor Defense. New trials are being held now following the reversal of the Alabama Court convictions by the United States Supreme Court. The broadening of the defense behind the case is a tremendous step ahead in the long fight to win the freedom of the boys - but apparently even more pressure must be exerted to force the white ruling class of the South to give up its victims.

STATEMENT

Following is part of the statement issued by the new joint committee:

"These defendants were all minors, one of them being 13 years of age, another 14, and the eldest 20 at the time of their arrest in March, 1931, on charges of rape alleged to have been committed on two white women on a freight train in northern Alabama. One of the women testified at the second trial that there was no rape committed, nor any assault of any kind against either herself or the other complaining witness. She gained her testimony in the first trial was extorted from her through fear. Her testimony, the physical facts and the medical evidence were analyzed by Judge Horton at the conclusion of the second trial; and Judge Horton set aside the conviction as unsupported by the evidence.

"The organizations here undersigned represent men and women of all 48 states of our country, including many thousands in the South. These citizens are determined to see that these victims of injustice are given the best defense that it is possible to give them. We believe that all fair minded citizens of Alabama will share this determination. We believe firmly in the innocence of the defendants and call on citizens of the South and North alike to help to re-

J. B. McNAMARA

J. B. McNamara, workers' political prisoner emeritus, has made a special plea to the readers of this column to get him a subscription to the New York Times. A year's subscription costs \$15. This is not an extravagant request. The N. Y. Times is one of the most informative of the capitalist papers and is one of the ways those buried behind the guarded walls can keep up with outside events. So far only five dollars have been sent in. Let's not keep "J. B." waiting any longer. Send in that ten dollars or any part of it to the I. L. D. office, 1005 Market St., Room 410, San Francisco.

LABOR DEFENDER

There are 150 copies of the January issue of the LABOR DEFENDER still to be sold. This is hard for me to understand as this is one of the best issues of the DEFENDER I've ever seen. You have only to glance at the beautiful cover alone to get an almost irresistible urge to possess a copy. But the cover is only a small part of the bargain. Inside you will find the keynote speech of the recent Herndon victory meeting in New Julius Hochman, Vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. It is a York given by the chairman, was to meet the capitalist on powerful speech pointing the slaughter on workers' rights by organizing one big defense organization based on the labor unions. And all through the magazine you will find those sharp, astounding pictures that can only be found in the LABOR DEFENDER.

Books and Pamphlets

STALIN: A New World Seen Through One Man.

By Henri Barbusse.
Reviewed by Peter Boone.

Walter Duranty says somewhere that the great body of the Russian peasantry idealizes Joseph Stalin to the point of godliness. What Mr. Duranty, the earnest liberal failed to see was that just the Bolsheviks are preparing the doom of their domination and laying the floor for eventual socialist democracy, so are they slowly undermining the mystical basis for authority through education. Illiteracy has been reduced ninety per cent in seventeen years.

The Communists, you see, stoutly want the Russian people to understand. Understand why they elevated Stalin to leadership when Lenin died. Why they've maintained him in leadership through all these years of critical struggle.

NO DICTATOR

For Stalin is no "dictator" in the capitalist or fascist sense of the term. His leadership was not achieved, like Mussolini's, through betrayal of the masses. Nor held, like Hitler's, through gangster terrorism.

Instead, Stalin is the sharpened spearhead of a mighty class movement, the synthesis in one man of the active fighting wisdom of the proletariat gaining then retaining power.

Hence, the biography Barbusse has to tell is not a biography in

the usual capitalist meaning of the term.

It is, rather, the dramatic graphic story of the Russian revolution through the eyes of the individual who with Lenin led it; the story of the pioneering of socialism through the individual who most conserved and channeled its energies.

What emerges from this point of view—this Communist view that history makes men which in turn re-make history—is a fine vital new history of the Russian Revolution.

And because, for all its clear objectivity, the truly magnificent personality of Stalin is outlined, the book should prove a stabbing inspiration to all those who nourish the same vision of a better world he has brought so much nearer.

Munition Makers Profits Increase

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Net earnings of \$5.04 a share of common stock in 1935 were accumulated by E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., leading American munitions makers, preliminary calculations by the company reveal. Profits amounted to only \$3.66 a share of common in the previous year.

Tasks of the Communist Party Among the California Farmers

By O. P.

"... fascism has embarked upon a wide offensive. The ruling bourgeoisie is more and more seeking salvation in fascism, with the object of instituting exceptional predatory measures against the toilers..." (Dimitroff's speech before the 7th World Congress.)

The fascists in Germany, Poland, Austria and other countries have built their mass bases in the rural areas. They were able to gain tremendous influence among the peasants.

Likewise, here in America the demagogic program of the Roosevelt administration has been even more widely accepted by the farmers than the workers. It is in the

Several Strikers Were Murdered by Wealthy Land Owners



Four typical scenes from the famous Pixley cotton strike. Here bankers and farm corporations united against small farmers and agricultural workers when the latter struck for a living wage in the cotton fields. The interests of the small farmer, like those of the agricultural worker, are all against the banks and large land owners. That is why the small farmers and agricultural workers, in united front with city workers, professionals, white collar workers and lower middle classes must fight for political power through the medium of a Farmer-Labor Party.

NOTICE

This pre-convention article, written by a comrade familiar with the California countryside, deals with the farmers. Discussion articles will appear in the Western Worker from now until the Party Convention.

Functionaries — organizers and others in positions of leadership—are urged to contribute to the pre-convention discussion. The pages of your paper are open to you. This is the time to set forth your problems and to offer solutions, based on your own experiences. A second discussion article appears on Page 6 of this issue.

countryside where fascist attacks have been most open and civil liberties most viciously violated.

Vigilantism is widespread: witness the happenings in Sonoma, Solano and Imperial counties, Pixley, Chico and the Salinas Valley. The Associated Farmers is a fascist organization of the big growers and corporations. It and the local Chambers of Commerce are responsible for the "disaster committees." These are nothing but preparations for vicious handling of agricultural strikes or militant action of the farmers.

The San Joaquin Valley Labor Bureau is another fascist group acting as a strike-breaking and stool-pigeon body for the big growers.

TASKS IN COUNTRYSIDE

The Party's major task is to defeat fascism. Around this revolves the problems of the united front among farm organizations, workers' and petty bourgeois groups of the small towns; organizing the agricultural workers into unions; winning the smaller and middle farmers away from the influence of the rich corporation farmers; developing joint struggles of the small farmers and agricultural workers against their common enemy—finance capital—whether as bankers, railroads, utility companies, buying and selling, or supply houses.

Our section committees and units have three tasks of major importance: First, they must establish locals of the A. F. L. agricultural workers' union wherever possible. In certain cases it may be also advisable to encourage these workers to join the nearest Grange or Farm Bureau center to strengthen an existing militant group.

Second, organized progressive groups must be built up around Party members in locals of the Grange, Farm Bureau or Farmers' Union. At present a good share of our rural Party members are not in these. These organizations, now that the United Farmers' League has been liquidated nationally, must become the mass organizations of the farmers through which their economic and political struggles can take form. These organizations will be the basis for a genuine Farmer-Labor party among the farmers.

Third, serious attention must be given to the trade unions in the

smaller communities. Often these bodies are not so bureaucratically controlled as they are in the larger cities. United fronts between these groups and farm organizations can be organized as soon as progressive groups are built up in the Grange and Farm Bureau. Due to the growing of part-time farming many trade unionists are also members of farm organizations.

THREE "A" DECISION

With the Supreme Court's decision on the Triple A it becomes more urgent to form a sound basis among the farmers. The Grange is the best organization in which to work because its members are mostly small and middle farmers and it is fairly democratic in its set-up. At its recent state and national conventions in Sacramento definite progressive resolutions were passed. Vigilantism was condemned; the AAA criticized; full indemnity for tuberculosis condemned cattle called for; the sales tax protested; the P. G. & E. was severely condemned and public ownership and operation of the utilities called for. Our Party groups must take the initiative in Grange locals to see that these resolutions are carried out and to popularize them in the Farm Bureau locals.

A period of further reaction may be expected with the elimination of the AAA. Our farm comrades must raise the slogan—"More relief, not less." Demands must be made through the locals of the farm organizations and the county bodies for payment of the AAA rental fees and other "benefits."

The question of a Farmer-Labor Party must be uppermost in all present and future tasks in agricultural communities and small towns. This must be built on the basis of united front action of farm groups, trade unions and certain organizations of the petty bourgeoisie. It must have as a central task the weaning of the small farmers from the influence of the two old parties. The demagoguery of the New Deal must be broken down. The power of such "farmers" as Lieutenant Governor Hatfield; C. C. Teague, the banker; Clemens Horst; and A. Setrakian, the winery man, in the cooperatives and farm organizations must be broken. As the influence of these big farmers and local busi-

LATEST SOVIET MOVIE TO OPEN AT L. A. SOON

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—The great fleets of airplanes and submarines that Soviet Russia has built for the defense of her Far Eastern borders are seen for the first time in Alexander Dovjenko's mighty epic "Frontier," which opens its Western premier engagement Friday, Jan. 31st at the Grand International Theatre, Los Angeles.

Hundreds of airplanes and the great fleet of under sea boats are seen in spectacular scenes. The great Taiga forest, stretching for hundreds of miles is also used as background for the story. Alexander Dovjenko, the famous creator of "Arsenal," and "Soil" directed "Frontier," with E. Tisse, former Eisenstein cameraman responsible for the splendid photography. The dialogue is fully translated by English titles.

PORTLAND, Ore.—(FP)—Unemployment insurance systems of the states of Oregon and Washington went into effect Jan. 1. Washington workers must contribute 1 per cent of their wages, which employers are to deduct from the paychecks. Oregon workers are not required to make contributions.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN Z. BISSELL, M. D.

San Pedro, Calif.
PSORIASIS

Dear Dr.:

For several months I have a rash on the back of both hands I can't get rid of. Crusts form in the shape of warts dry and reddish. No itch but they're sore if I touch them. All sorts of salves won't take them off. One even said it was caused from Stricture.

R. W.

ANSWER—This sounds like psoriasis, although syphilis cannot be ruled out from the description.

Psoriasis is a strange disease, although very common, about whose cause little is known. It is one of those few diseases which have no social basis and attack rich and poor alike.

Because the cause is unknown the treatment varies a great deal from case to case. For this reason it is almost impossible for a person to treat himself. One line of treatment after another must be tried until the treatment to which the patient responds best is found.

MUST FIGHT

Those patients with this disease who are unable to pay for a private physician, should get treatment in the county clinic. However, they must put up an organized struggle for a thorough trial of all methods and should hound the clinic administration until they get it.

We shall list here all methods of treatment which should be gone through with, under a doctor's care, before letting up on the clinic administration with the necessary mass-pressure. The general health must be raised, all other general ailments being corrected. Internal remedies: arsenic, potassium iodide, salicylate salts, alkalies, mercury, thyroid extract, carbolic acid, wine of antimony, tar, cantharides, colchicum, pilocarpin, copaiba, turpentine, barley-water. External applications:

chrysarobin, tar, pyrogallol acid, ammoniated mercury, salicylic acid, resorcinol, betanaphthol. Ultraviolet rays and X-ray treatments are sometimes successful.

If any of the county health departments should chance to see this article, we are sure that they will begin to plot our murder immediately. As if they don't have enough trouble keeping people out of the clinics who are practically dying, and now this guy Bissell comes along and advises people who just want to be made more comfortable by being cured of psoriasis to insist upon a million different treatments until they are cured! Joking aside, we hope so many psoriasis-sufferers storm the clinics that they will be forced to build new buildings to house them.

Movie Employee In Suit for Injuries

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—(FP)—While he was working as a rigger on the Bounty, during Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's filming of its current hit, Mutiny on the Bounty, Emil Huberts was thrown from the rigging to the ship's deck, getting several bones fractured and sustaining severe shock. He will remain partially disabled from the accident. He charges that defective rigging on the boat was responsible for his fall, and has filed suit for \$26,344 against M.G.M., Director Frank Lloyd and several of the responsible assistants.

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

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Hearst Attacks the Los Angeles Workers' School

Enemy of Progress Number One, William "Fascist" Hearst, frothed at the editorial mouth last week in an attempt to deliberately incite violent violence against the Los Angeles Workers' School. Terming this school, which is legal, open and above-board, a "College of Crime," he writes in the Examiner:

"We do not wait until this or that insect pest gets an upper hand before taking steps to stamp it out. We should be as immediately active in suppressing these colleges of crime in which young Americans are being taught disloyalty to the institutions of their country."

This ranting hypocrite ceaselessly advocates the use of force and violence against all working class and liberal groups who fight against fascism and war, against poverty and exploitation. He urges the firing of teachers who dare to present the facts about the Soviet Union's tremendous economic and cultural progress. He is particularly vicious in his attacks on Communists and their organizations, and the thought of the truth about capitalism being taught in Workers' Schools everywhere infuriates him.

He was successful in provoking a vigilante raid on the Seattle Workers' School some two weeks ago, and would like to see that performance repeated.

The fascists who follow his dictates, whether professional mercenaries or mere dupes, are a menace to all working class organizations and institutions. And nowhere are these social and economic phenomena explained as clearly and honestly as in workers' schools, where the lies and evasions of capitalist teachings are swept aside.

Workers, rally every decent-minded person (who is by that fact logically opposed to the filth-mongering, fascist Hearst press) to defense of the right of workers to education of their own choosing—to Marxist-Leninist study. Popularize the courses taught at the Workers' Schools. Make them a truly mass weapon. Boycott Hearst!

Los Angeles County Now Has a Fascist "Disaster Ordinance"

The manner in which the so-called "Disaster Ordinance" was sneaked into being by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is in itself an indication that the "County fathers" are fully aware of its fascist anti-labor character and also that they have learned a lesson from the experience of their political brethren in other California cities.

The measure threatened in San Diego was temporarily pushed into the background as the result of militant protest from labor unions, progressive organizations and liberals, who recognized its fascist nature.

In San Francisco, as the result of a widespread campaign in the unions and in the Central Labor Council by progressive delegates, by the Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, the International Labor Defense and the American League Against War and Fascism, sufficient strength was mustered to have the bill killed in committee after a strenuous fight and many attempts to stem the tide by postponing hearings in the hope that interest would wane.

In Oakland, thanks to the vacillations of conservative labor leaders and lack of an active fight, a Disaster Ordinance became law. There a fight for repeal is being launched by the American League Against War and Fascism and other bodies, especially those favoring the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party. However, the Alameda Central Labor Council, thanks to William Spooner and other conservatives, is at present taking the ambiguous position that the ordinance can be amended to remove all possibilities of anti-labor use.

This, of course, is a fallacy, as the whole purpose of the ordinance, trimmings and deceptive wording to the contrary, is designed to interpret any strike or mass demonstration as "a calamity or disaster" and to use extra police and military powers to suppress it.

Anti-fascist organizations in Los Angeles should immediately launch a campaign of protest, organizing meetings and passing resolutions. It should be thoroughly aired in all labor unions and in the Central Labor Council. Every unemployed organization and progressive political group should be drawn into the campaign.

One fact in particular should be clearly shown

—that such legislation would never be introduced or supported by representatives of a Farmer-Labor Party or any progressive political group honestly reflecting the problems of the masses of people.

Lynch Terror Behind The Scottsboro Shooting

Unless immediate mass pressure forces Federal intervention in the Scottsboro case, one of the most infamous crimes in American history may be enacted with the complicity of Alabama authorities.

Recent headlines which blazed throughout the country announcing that Ozie Powell, one of the nine Negro boys accused in the Scottsboro case, had attacked one of the guards who was taking him from Decatur to Birmingham in an automobile, and that Sheriff Sandlin had been obliged to shoot him in the face, were followed by utter silence. No subsequent articles told of what the boys themselves had to say about this incident.

Ozie Powell, in critical condition, is in delirium at the hospital. The other boys were whisked into the Jefferson County jail and not one word from them has been allowed to reach the public.

What is going on within that jail—what methods of terrorism and intimidation are being used to silence their mouths—can well be imagined by the thousands of American workers who have energetically supported the five-year fight to save these boys from the vengeful hatred of Alabama authorities.

The shooting occurred at a time when every reactionary element in Alabama had been worked into a white-hot frenzy of race hatred and lynch hysteria by the chauvinistic Southern press. Every imaginable means was taken to terrorize these boys.

We do not know at this moment exactly what occurred in that car on the highway between Decatur and Birmingham. But we do know that a fair and thorough investigation will acquit those boys of the guilt, that they have been persecuted for five long years for a crime of which they are wholly innocent and that facts of the whole affair are being withheld by Alabama authorities.

Have your union or organization wire immediately to President Roosevelt demanding that the boys be placed in Federal custody and a fair investigation made.

Leon Trotsky Finds His Depth In Hearst Cesspool

Action of the Soviet Union in exiling the renegade Leon Trotsky from the country for treacherous conspiracy against the workers and farmers' government once created a storm of controversy. Some adjudged the expelled traitor to be a martyr. Others, who were confirmed enemies of the Soviet Union, utilized his expulsion as a means of spreading doubts in the minds of sympathizers. Among the liberals particularly, confusion reigned over the issue.

Subsequent activity of the renegade confirmed the Communist Party's contentions as to his viciousness, and answered the doubts of many. But still a cloud of uncertainty hovered over the liberal mind. And it was upon this hesitant, groping, bewildered element that Trotsky concentrated his campaign of slander.

Around him he gathered all of the embittered, discredited, vengeful elements expelled from the Communist Parties of all countries, and led them in a campaign of slander and disruption.

Today the renegade has run the whole course of political degeneration and ended up in the service of William Randolph Hearst. He has taken his stand with such infamous characters as Tawdul, Walker, Beals, and all the others who placed more value on Hearst's gold than on their own honor.

No more emphatic confirmation of the correctness of the Soviet workers in expelling such a character could be looked for. Indeed, the articles which Trotsky is selling to the Hearst press today can scarcely be distinguished from the infamous ravings of all previous Hearst "exposés."

Leon Trotsky has found his level—and comfort in the lap of Hearst.

Do You Remember The "Wickersham"

The death of George W. Wickersham last Saturday recalls his famous tour of crime and police investigation in major cities, when his report condemned San Francisco's police department as one of the most brutal in the country, notorious for its third degree methods; and brought to light the Department of Justice report on the Mooney case, throwing sensational light on the frame-up methods used to frame and keep America's veteran political prisoner in jail, and causing Congressional debate on the advisability of publication.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

WIDEST SUPPORT URGED TO BUILD NEGRO CONGRESS

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business and society. Already endorsement and support for the movement has been received from the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P., the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, the Dining Car Cooks and Waiters, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, besides fraternal and religious organizations.

FIRST EFFORT
The National Negro Congress is arousing widespread interest among race organizations and individuals. It will be the first attempt toward nation-wide cooperation among all the Negro groups toward ending the economic oppression, social barriers and the innumerable other expressions of minority group exploitation in the class war.

Today, twelve million Negroes in America are victims of the most vicious capitalistic exploitation. Over half of this number are unable to obtain employment of any kind. And daily, more of them are being forced out of the coolie-wage jobs they still possess. In the South even federal relief is denied Negro unemployed. The black man there is faced with starvation. Negro children die for want of food. Negro youth is denied the hope of obtaining a living of any kind. And any attempt toward organization to better his lot is met with savage cruelty on the part of the white bosses.

BITTER PLIGHT
The lot of the Negro industrial worker is hardly better. Refused membership in many of the unions, with the security such membership entails, he is kicked about, thrown out of jobs, underpaid, overworked, and worse than these, compelled by necessity, to work against the interest of his class by acting as strike-breaker.

In other fields, the condition of the Negro is hardly better. Even those of highly skilled professional training are denied opportunity to earn a living in their chosen work.

The problems of the Negro in America are far too many to include in one article. Those mentioned above are only a very few which the National Negro Congress will be faced with in the years, the segregation, oppression and slavery under which the Negro is compelled to live have been fought by individual groups and organizations, both black and white. The Congress is no attempt to usurp the work of these various organizations. It seeks to accomplish unity of action of already existing organizations on issues which are the concern of every Negro.

5 Mexican Workers Get 30 Days in San Pedro Union Fight

CONVICTED ON TESTIMONY OF BUZZELL UNION MEMBERS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—Framed by testimony of supposed fellow-workers in the same union, five Mexican workers were sentenced here today before yesterday by Municipal Judge Oda Faulconer to 30 days in jail on conviction on "disturbing the peace" charges.

The "fellow-workers" are members of the new A. F. of L. Fish Cannery Workers' Union in San Pedro, organized among the strike-breakers following removal of the charter of the former union by J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council. The convicted workers are likewise members of the new union, their old union having been dissolved.

The convicted workers are Mrs. Juana Caracoza, Mrs. Jesus Diaz, Miss Jesus Cervantes, Miss Ruby Mendoza, and Miss Concha Cantu.

Attempts by Judge Faulconer to impose a 90-day sentence, were successfully fought by Attorney J. Allen Frankel of the International Labor Defense. Bail was first fixed at \$2500 each, but Frankel succeeded in getting it reduced to \$1000 each.

The case is being appealed, and all five workers were released at 8 o'clock tonight on cash bail.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Political prisoners in Lincoln Heights jail—James McShann, Harold Hendricks, and John Sanders—continue to be denied rights granted to all other prisoners in the jail.

WILL YOU LET THEM PLAY AGAIN?



WHO SHALL BECOME LEADERS IN OUR PARTY?

"MUST REPLACE THE OLD BOTTLES BY NEW ONES"

By M. CARSON.
There are old ways of doing things and new ways. We are just beginning to learn how to do things with new and understandable methods, how to look at old problems through a new kind of eye-glass. But there are still many sectarian remnants so deeply rooted that we will have to sledge hammer them out of our ranks. One of the remnants is our stereotyped approach to the question of cadres. And it is a serious problem.

How have we judged a comrade's abilities? Whom should we promote to leadership? These questions are not isolated ones. They are tied up with the vital point: How quickly will our party become a mass party? In spite of unanimous resolutions and fancy speeches, we have paid just mechanical attention to this problem. Comrades have been given leadership in the lower and even higher organizations of our Party, simply because they had the time to devote, and no doubt, also the enthusiasm. Comrades in factories, and those busy in important organizations were not placed in important party positions; because it proved easier to work with comrades able to meet during the day, who have time in the evenings; because the entire orientation was not toward consciously adjusting everything to allow precisely the comrades who have the closest contact with masses, and therefore the busiest, to come into leadership. There was never a sufficient consciousness to do this either in the sections or in the district.

WORK MAY BE CHOKED
If this should continue, what will be the result? Those comrades in leadership, who have no contact with masses, and I mean first-hand consistent, systematic contact, will choke our work; will be unable to understand the problems of the people, their reactions to our party, their sentiments and requirements, and therefore cannot be expected to give leadership to comrades who

are working with non-party people, and who hear what they are saying and know what they are thinking. Browder didn't mince words on this point: "We must have bold promotion into leading posts of those workers who display the capacity to lead and to organize the masses. We must have a ruthless elimination of those in leading posts who are petrified, who cannot move with the times, who cannot bind the Party ever closer to the masses, and who are fearful of every move towards the masses."

PERSPECTIVE
The question of leadership in the party is tied up with the ability to see our perspectives and outline our methods from different angles. In the past a new formulation, a new way, was generally frowned upon, the comrade suggesting them even accused of serious deviations. Why do we have "deviation hunters," comrades afraid to move or turn without a decision from a higher body, a stifling of initiative, a fear of trying a new method? Because the comrades who are in the leadership of workers, who have the respect of masses, particularly in the shops and trade unions, aren't ways in the leadership of our Party. These comrades have constantly to buck up against functionaries in the Party apparatus, who, because of their own isolation, are hesitant to assume responsibility for a new move. "He who is unable to display initiative, who says: 'I will do only what I am told,' is not a Bolshevik."

We have functionaries who, because of their own isolation, judge a comrade's activities by their own. "How many meetings and conferences a week do you attend?"—"Spectacular activity is good activity!"—"A comrade who is a talented speaker, is necessarily a capable functionary." Quiet, day after day activity, which carries no noise and no bombast, is discouraged in many ways. This give leadership to comrades who

just so many words, but actually it is so. **PRACTICAL IMAGINATION**
Our party leadership must have imagination—not runaway imagination, but practical and fearless, based on knowing how to do things so that workers can understand us, how to make our party palatable to the American worker.

And this means that first, we must pick our Communist leaders from those Communists who are mass leaders, who have the contact with and the respect of masses of people. We will then be assured of politically sober cadres, who will not be "agitators" in the old accepted way, but organizers gauged to the political understanding of the people and therefore in position to outline the methods of talking the people's language. I realize that the question of cadres is not the whole problem, but it will go a long way. It will speed up a hundred fold the growth of the party in our district.

We do have material from which to pick. We don't have to wait for further recruiting. To look at the question in that way would be just another way of mechanically accepting something and actually refusing to accept. Weinstone said we have "much gold in the depths of the party, but you have to dig for it." This means taking comrades in the shops, trade unions and important mass organizations, and consciously promoting them even to top leadership and personally training them and strengthening their political education.

NEW MEASUREMENT
It also means applying a new kind of measurement for judging who deserves to be a leader in our party. Let's be sharp about the question, and as Dimitroff puts it, "Where the old bottles prove unsuited for the new wine, the necessary conclusion must be drawn—not to spill the new wine or spoil it by pouring it into old bottles, but to replace the old bottles by new ones."

MASS PICKETING CEMENTS SHIPYARD STRIKERS' UNITY

Joint Negotiations Committee Urged to Conclude Strike Successfully

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 24.—Rallying support of other trade unions here, the striking Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers issued its first leaflet here this week and last night held a mass meeting in the Athletic Club with 700 workers present.

First move of the shipyard owners to break the solidarity of the workers, by calling on members of the Ship Scalers' Union to work in the Bethlehem shipyard, met with failure here Tuesday.

Standing firmly by their contract which requires that no "element of danger" be connected with their work, the ship scalers militantly refused to go through the picket lines of their striking brothers in the Shipyard Workers' Union, even though the latter is not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The strikers are demanding the Seattle wage scale, which is ap-

proximately 25 per cent above what they have been paid for the past two years, recognition of the union and improvement of working conditions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Workers of the Union Iron Works are now out on strike three weeks. One important feature of the strike is the unity shown on the picket lines where strikers from various crafts stand fast together. Mass picketing orders have been issued and are in effect.

The strikers are members of Local 7, Industrial Union of Marine and Ship Building Workers; Local 6 A. F. L.; Boiler Makers' Union; Local 9 A. F. L., Shipfitters' Union; Local 68 A. F. L., Machinists' Union; and the Certified Welders of America. Many of the workers on the picket lines were former members of Company

Unions at one time or another. To further strengthen the unity of the workers, rank and file leaders are urging the election of a Joint Negotiations Committee. Such a committee would be a powerful blow against any attempts to disorganize the strike.

Lawrence Ross, organizer of the San Francisco Section of the Communist Party, in a speech at the Lenin Memorial meeting blasted open the autocratic steps taken by Federal Judge James to declare illegal the Wagner Bill and the actions of the Labor Relations Board participating in the case of the San Pedro shipbuilding workers. He exposed it as attempts of the Bethlehem Company to smash the workers' union and set up an open shop.

Ross also called for support with food and finances for the strikers, as well as joining the workers on the picket lines.

Soviet Fishermen Safe on Ice Floes

MOSCOW, Jan. 27.—Nearly 2000 fishermen adrift of ice floes in the Caspian Sea are all reported safe, with food supplies enough for forty days. The floes are drifting steadily toward the shore, and soon all will be landed with the aid of rescue parties.

A Hymn of Hate Lazarus Speaks For Race Riot

The past week has revealed another eruption from the rot and corruption that is of the language under capitalism. Young People, both Filipino young men and white girls around the ages of 22 and 24 are brought to Judge Lazarus' Court for drinking, fighting and on certain immoral charges—a situation created by the inability of the young women to secure a decent living standard or work; a situation created by the boredom of living under a system that holds no opportunity for millions, but rewards a few millionaires at the expense of starvation and the forcing of thousands of women into prostitution.

Even Duranty in the New York Times (December 30) states that such is not the case in the Soviet Union where workers rule and millionaires do not exist. He states: "production goes full speed on the manufacture of everything from gasholes to locomotives while the manufacture of vodka is decreased 50 per cent, and half of the vodka produced goes to the making of synthetic rubber . . . the Russian workers are more than twice as happy and similarly less bored with life."

NO EXPOSURE
What is the reaction of Judge Lazarus—our "champion of law, equality and virtue." He doesn't expose the social reasons but instead resorts to bestial chauvinism to cover up the cancers of capitalism.

He entered into a tirade against the Filipinos involved in the case because they had jobs as bell boys or bus boys while at the same time, hundreds of decent white youths can't find a job, so that they could also have an opportunity to "spend on the white girls."

The judge's position is one that would encourage chauvinism, race riots and wholesale firing of Filipinos from their jobs. The judge speaks for the capitalists, for the vigilante forces who would gloat with happiness if they could set a section of the working class against another. The judge does not speak for the working class, nor does he speak in the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution which guarantees to the people the right to life, liberty and happiness.

The youth of the working class will not accept the judge's anti-working class position. The workers will unite regardless of race, religion or political belief, for the securing of decent living conditions at the expense of the millionaires—the Morgans, the DuPonts, the Hearsts, and not at the expense of the Filipino youth.

Remember Karl Marx's words "Labor in the white skin cannot emancipate itself so long as labor in the dark skin is branded!"

"DISASTER PLAN" PASSED BY L. A. COUNTY BOARD

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ters, so far the actions taken by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz indicate that its purpose is far from acting in such emergency.

An "intelligence department" and "identification bureau" have been set up by Biscailuz in connivance with Legionnaire bigwigs—to report earthquakes and epidemics?

Neither the Supervisors, Legionnaires officials or Biscailuz have yet stated what either of these two departments would have to do in the event of a major disaster, let alone in ordinary times.

Plan Defeated at S. F.
A similar such plan was defeated at San Francisco as a result of the strong protests raised by organized labor who saw the obvious intent of such a plan. The American Legion also had their finger in this plan.

At Oakland a fight is being made to repeal a similar strike-breaking plan. Although aided by the Supervisors there, great has been the protest already that the sponsors of the plan have not dared to put it into effect.

Workers are urged to send protests to the Board of Supervisors against this Fascist ordinance which threatens Los Angeles labor.

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