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SOVIET PRESS HITS FASCIST INTERVENTION

Recognition Is War Declaration, Says Spanish Govt.

MOSCOW. — "Germany and Italy have decided to stop at nothing and Fascist intervention in Spain enters a new phase," declared Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, commenting on recognition of the Spanish Fascists by Hitler and Mussolini.

"In their frantic anxiety the interventionists are openly trampling on every foundation of international law, smashing international treaties and reducing diplomatic relations to a tragic farce.

"Let this serve as a stern warning to those responsible for creating an atmosphere of impunity, and allowing the Fascists to violate Spain's rights."

Fascists' Weakness Shown
Pravda said recognition of Franco by Hitler and Mussolini indicated the Spanish Fascists' weakness.

Zvestia, organ of the Soviet Government, said Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's statement for England that "other countries" were more to blame for Spanish intervention than Italy and Germany, showed England's "solidarity with the German and Italian incendiaries of war."

War Against Legal Govt.
MADRID. — "Recognition by (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 1)

GALLAGHER HITS MOVE TO DISBAR

LOS ANGELES.—"I consider the principles in this case of the very greatest importance. My case will go a long way towards determining whether the principles of Fascism or the principles of democracy are to govern in the future in the United States."

Leo Gallagher, world famed labor attorney, thus characterized the move to disbar him for alleged unethical statements he made in exposing labor-hating Superior Judge Arthur Crum, in a letter to the Board of Governors of the State Bar last Monday.

Secret Hearing
Gallagher was to come up for a star chamber, secret hearing before the State Bar on Tuesday, November 24th, despite his demand for a public hearing. He was denied subpoenas for witnesses, but was granted one for himself.

A committee of more than 20 attorneys has volunteered to defend Gallagher.

Merriam Asks Anti-Labor Police

SACRAMENTO — That the pro-Fascist forces in California are going to use the Republican administration in California to the fullest in their attacks against the labor movement, was established here when the Merriam administration announced last Thursday it would sponsor a state police department before the legislature next January in the "interest of economy."

Progressive assemblymen and organized labor immediately issued warning to Merriam that such an anti-labor bill would not go over.

Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the California Federation of Labor, scored a state police force as designed to help industry crush labor, saying: "They might have got away with it in the past, but they won't next year, because the assembly will

Reactionaries at Tampa Uphold CIO Suspension

TAMPA, Fla.—A resolutions committee dominated by reactionaries on Monday recommended that the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions be continued, with threats of even more drastic action. The resolutions committee was headed by the ultra-reactionary Matthew Woll and by John P. Frey, who himself had introduced into the A. F. L. convention a resolution calling for immediate expulsion of the C.I.O. unions.

The executive council was given power to call a special session to expel the C.I.O. unions if they refuse to dissolve the C.I.O. J. C. Lewis, of the Iowa Federation of Labor, and J. Myrup, Bakers' head, members of the resolutions committee, refused to sign the recommendation.

Jonathan Eddy of the Newspaper Guild was among those who rose and hotly denounced the splitting action of the resolutions committee.

TAMPA, Fla.—The resolution declaring the East and Gulf Coast seamen's strike "outlaw" was recommended by Matthew Wall, chairman of the resolutions committee, after it was introduced by the reactionary officials of the International Seamen's Union.

By sending copies to President Roosevelt (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 7)

King Jury Still Not Completed

OAKLAND. — Selection of a jury in the attempt to frame up Earl King, secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union, and E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner, Firemen's Union members for the murder of Engineer Alberts of the St. Lobos last March, was still unfinished on Monday. The result was that a new panel of 75 was ordered available Tuesday morning.

A prospective juror, W. H. Browning was challenged by the prosecution because he knew Earl Hatcher, who contradicted the anti-Mooney testimony of Frank Oxman, cattleman whose false testimony helped frame Mooney.

French Popular Front Parades In Memory Of Roger Salengro

PARIS.—While Premier Leon Blum in a funeral eulogy at Lille pledged himself to end the slander which caused Roger Salengro, Socialist Minister of the Interior, to commit suicide, hundreds of thousands of Popular Front supporters paraded in demonstration through the streets here in memory of Salengro.

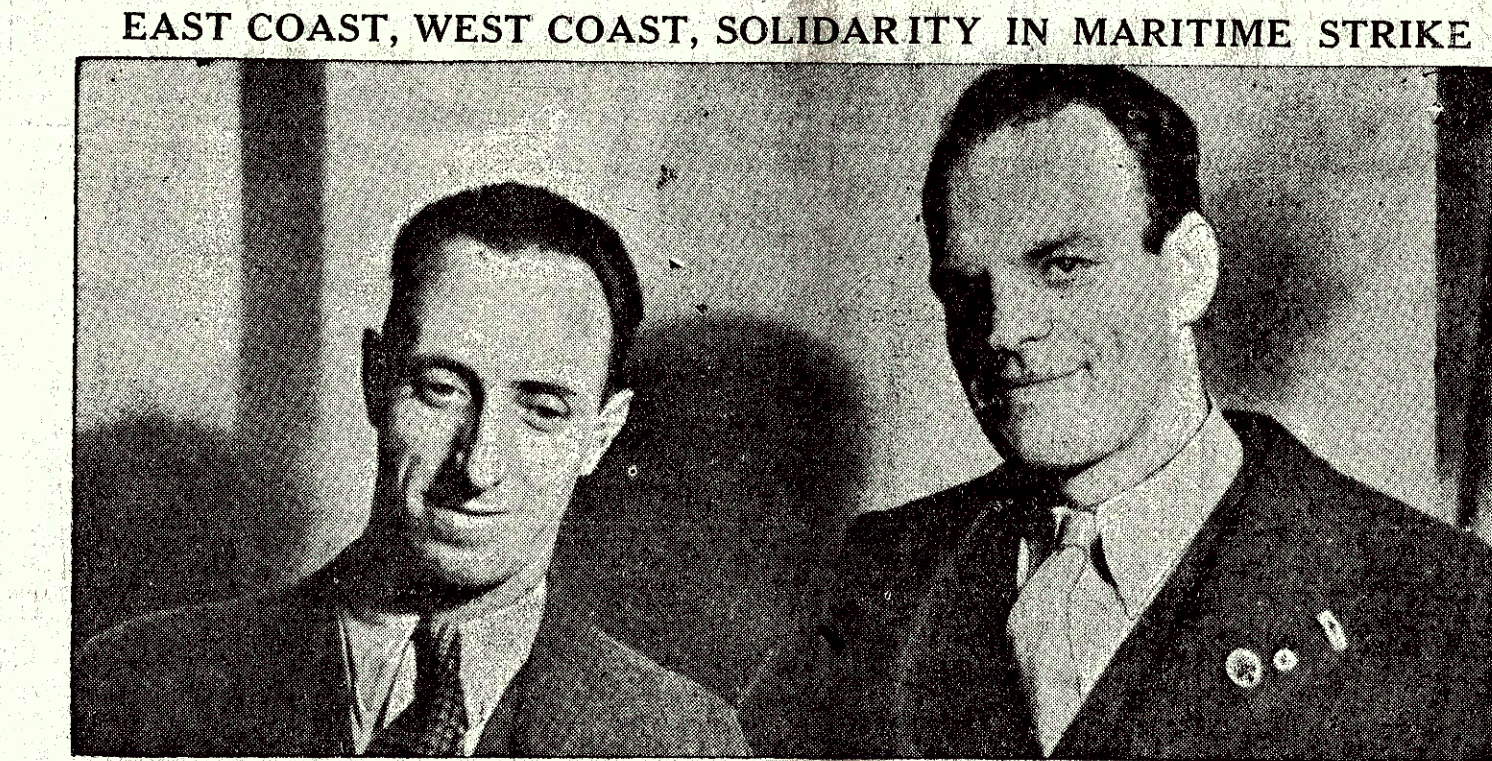
Salengro committed suicide after repeated slanders he was a wartime deserter, although he had twice been officially cleared.

be a liberal and progressive house and won't adopt anti-labor laws."

"What the governor has in mind is extension of police power to the highway patrol," said Assemblyman W. B. Hornblower, of San Francisco. "He used the patrol and I say he used it illegally in the Salinas strike, without express authority from the legislature. The patrol is financed by motorists out of motor vehicle license funds to enforce motor vehicle laws.

"Now it is proposed the motorists finance a constabulary. History shows constabularies in other states are used mainly in industrial disputes. Our motorists aren't yet ready to finance a strike-breaking police force."

A similar bill introduced by Merriam lost out in the 1935 legislature.



39,000 MEN OUT on the West Coast, 150 ships tied up, 25,000 seamen out on the East and Gulf Coast, nearly 300 ships tied up. East Coast men, who struck in support of the West Coast, have added own demands. Photo shows (left) Harry Bridges, outstanding leader of the Pacific Coast maritime workers, with Joseph Curran, leader of East Coast strikers.

A. F. L. HEARS PLEA ON SPAIN

British Delegate Hits Spanish Fascists

TAMPA, Fla.—Although William Green barred the Spanish peoples' delegates from speaking at the A.F.L. convention, two speeches, one by the British unions' fraternal delegate, assailed fascism in Spain and in this country.

George Gibson, fraternal delegate of the British Trade Union Congress, delivered a scathing attack on fascism in Europe, and declared that the British unions are prepared to fight for freedom "whether it is menaced by our own or by foreign governments."

"The British Trade Union Congress holds that the Spanish Republic is the legitimate government of Spain," Gibson said, "and that it is entitled to get those arms by which it can defend itself."

Edwin S. Smith, member of the National Labor Relations Board, launched an attack on "unrestrained vigilantism frequently with the connivance of police officials" and anti-labor Citizens' Committees.

Smith attacked "Red scares whipped up to frighten legitimate labor organizations."

Shippers Convict 2 Modesto Boys

SAN RAFAEL.—Sentence was to be passed on Tuesday against two Modesto frameup victims convicted last week Thursday in a court here.

It took a San Rafael jury only 15 minutes to convict the two, Alphonse Buyle and John Rodgers, of burglary. A one to five year sentence is possible.

The jury's verdict is remarkable in that only a few weeks ago a San Rafael jury stood 8 to 4 for dismissing the charges, and the jury was discharged. The remarkable change is ascribed to the fact that the first trial was held before the maritime strike; the second trial was during the strike.

The Modesto boys, including seven others already sentenced for Standard Oil's dynamite frameup, have asked that an intensive boycott against Standard Oil be kept up.

No Marine Striker Shall go Hungry

A Bird's Eye View of the San Francisco Food Kitchen of Maritime Unions

No man shall go hungry during this strike! Operated under the auspices of District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation, the strikers' relief kitchen is entering its third week, serving more than 5,000 meals a day.

The kitchen is located at 84 Embarcadero in the same building as during the 1934 strike, but has little else in common with those days. The present set-up represents two years of planning, two years of experience of the Federation's development. It is as far superior to any other venture of its kind as this strike is in effectiveness to all others in labor's history.

The kitchen has a seating capacity for 400 men, and cost \$2000 to install. All labor was volunteered by union carpenters and plumbers. Most of the equipment is new, including the ranges, tables and the linoleum on the floor. Everything is kept spotlessly clean, ship shape.

Cost of operation is about 6 cents a meal, or \$300 a day. All expenses are shared equally by the seven striking unions. The relief committee, however, expects to reduce this price as more strikers come in, making it possible to buy stores in larger quantities. All food is purchased wholesale or directly from the farmer. Books and (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 4)

Convict Nine More Plotters In USSR

MOSCOW.—Nine more members of the Trotsky-Zinoviev terror group, which plotted to murder leaders of the Soviet Union, were convicted and sentenced to death last Sunday by a Soviet court on charges of sabotage and counter-revolution. The nine included E. I. Strickling, German engineer, and eight Russian engineers.

Strickling confessed and told of meeting a representative of the Gestapo (German Nazi secret police) in Moscow some months ago to plan sabotage of a coal mine.

Twenty-three other foreigners, chiefly Germans, are under arrest here for anti-Soviet activities and carrying on espionage, as Strickling did, for the German Nazis.

2000 CELERY WORKERS OUT

Filipinos, Others Solid In Stockton

STOCKTON.—Over 700 agricultural celery workers met Sunday night in the I.L.A. hall here and voted to strike for their demands. The strike took effect at 7:30 Monday morning.

About 2000 workers are affected by the strike. They include American and Filipino workers. The celery workers have been organized into the Stockton Agricultural Workers' Union, affiliated with the A.F.L. and the strike is being conducted by that union.

Bargemen Aid
Picket lines were set up Monday morning at Terminus Island, main point of the strike. A strike committee of 65 was elected.

The Stockton local of the Bargemen's Union, which handles almost 50 per cent of the celery, stated that its members will not pass through the picket lines. Stockton organized labor is supporting the celery workers.

Demands include a day's work to be completed in nine hours, with one hour allowed for lunch; time and a half for Sundays and holidays; general wage increase of 10 cents an hour; recognition of the union and preferential hiring. The Stockton Agricultural Union now has 1200 members; over 800 have joined in the past few days.

Strikers Plan Big Publicity Drive

SAN FRANCISCO. — Major steps to organize and carry out a broad publicity campaign which will bring the maritime strikers' side to the broad public have been proposed by the Pacific Coast Executive Board of the International Longshoremen's Union.

The program will in all probability be adopted by maritime strikers in all ports.

It is planned that each Joint Strike Committee in each port create a publicity fund to finance publicity.

Speakers are to be sent from the unions to associations, unions, college forums, etc. to explain the strikers' side.

Mass parades are to be organized in business, shopping and (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 1)

Mexico Unions Will Not Load Struck Ships

Canadian Longshoremen Go Out In Support Of American Maritime Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO.—With more than 75 pickets patrolling the building of the Standard Oil Company of California at 222 Bush Street, maritime union members are letting the public and Standard Oil know that the defense of the framed Modesto prisoners is not a thing of the past.

The picket line will be around the Standard Oil building for two days as a protest and demonstration against the latest conviction of workers arrested during the tanker strike of 1935. John Rodgers, of the Sailors' Union, and Alphonse Buyle of I.L.A. 38-79 are scheduled to appear for sentence Tuesday in San Rafael.

Vincente Lombardo Toledano, secretary of the powerful Mexican Confederation of Mexican Workers, has assured the West Coast unions that Mexican longshoremen would flatly refuse to handle any American ships affected by the strike that may put in at Mexican ports.

The Grace Line had intended to have its vessel, the Santa Elena call at Ensenada in Mexican Lower California, instead of at San Pedro.

The Grace Line had announced that it was going to use Ensenada as a base instead of San Pedro for all its ships.

Unable to discharge cargo at the port of Ensenada, the Grace liners will have to proceed to San Pedro where they will be struck.

With the aid of non-union men the Santa Elena was able to deposit passengers at Ensenada, but no cargo will be unloaded from any ship of a struck American line at any Mexican port.

Asst. Secretary of Labor McGrady announced that he would meet with steam schooner operators in an effort to reopen negotiations with the unions. When the strike began, the steam schooner companies were close to agreement with the unions.

At 7 a.m. Monday I.L.A. members in Vancouver, British Columbia, struck in sympathy with the Pacific Coast strikers.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Scathing denunciation by Harry Bridges of the outlawing of the East Coast strike engineered by the reactionaries at the A.F.L. convention, and equally scathing denunciation of I.L.A. President Ryan's sabotage of the East and West Coast strikes met with a thunderous three-minute ovation of applause at the Central Labor Council here last Friday night.

The fact that 90 per cent of the East and Gulf Coast seamen are out on strike makes the condemnation by the convention even "more sickening," Bridges said.

Bridges pointed out that because a few officials, who have committed such acts as stealing \$140,000 in union money are opposed to the strike, the reactionary forces at the Tampa convention declared the East and Gulf strike illegal.

"I don't mind confessing," Bridges told the representatives of organized labor, that the actions of certain officials makes one feel sick at the stomach.

Blasts Ryan's Actions
"I refer also to our international president (Joseph P. Ryan) of the I.L.A., who is going (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 8)

10,000 Officers Are Out

All Licensed Men Out; E. Coast Men Reply to Green

NEW YORK. — Amazed, but undaunted by the A.F.L. convention, decision in Tampa declaring their strike "outlaw," East and Gulf Coast seamen are continuing to extend their strike.

The crews of the Southern Cross, big Munson liner, and the Scanmail were the latest to join the strike of over 20,000 men.

Officials of the powerful Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association called their members on strike on all coasts Monday. The strike of the licensed officers began at noon.

William S. Brown, national president of the Marine Engineers, and James J. Delaney, of the Masters, Mates and Pilots said that about 10,000 men were affected by the strike call.

The licensed men demand a wage increase of \$20 a month, \$1.25 an hour overtime instead of the present \$1, and cash overtime instead of optional.

Reply to Green
William Green, in Tampa, made it plain that representatives of the East and Gulf Coast strikers would not be allowed to present their side to the A.F.L. convention.

About 1000 strikers at the meeting hall of the I.S.U. were interfered with by police in New York. They were barred from entering the hall (which (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 6)

A Big Time At Maritime Strike Relief Dance

SAN FRANCISCO. — To raise relief funds for the maritime strikers and their families, the Joint Maritime Relief Committee is all set to give San Francisco people the swellest time they've ever had, at the Dance on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 25, at California Hall, Polk and Turk Sts.

The Dance begins at 8 p.m. and will last until 1 a.m. Two floors have been reserved, and two sets of musicians will be used. There will be acts of entertainment in addition.

Refreshments will be in the capable hands of the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary. Admission is 50 cents, including tax. Tickets can be gotten at 32 Clay St.

BLOCKADE OF L. A. NON-UNION TRUCKS IS ON

Teamsters Union In Big Drive Of Unionization

LOS ANGELES—Chief Davis' so-called "bum blockade" met with universal hostility by organized labor, but the Teamsters' Union has thrown a blockade around this area which meets with the full approval of all unionists.

All non-union trucking in and out of the port of Los Angeles is hit by the Teamsters' blockade.

Turn Back Non-Union Trucks

Non-union trucks are being turned back by Teamsters' picket lines. On Monday the Teamsters began a campaign to organize all truck drivers in the Signal Hill and Watson oil refining districts.

If the refineries oppose unionizing of oil truck drivers, they will be picketed, Teamsters' executive secretary, Harold Waterbury said.

This is an extension of the move to organize all truck drivers in the San Pedro and Wilmington districts.

The Teamsters are cooperating with the maritime unions in refusing to pass through their picket lines.

Non-union trucks are breaking through the blockade with the aid of motorcycle policemen escorts. Despite the efforts of the police force at strikebreaking, union officials declare that "the union has a fund of \$200,000 to spend on the blockade, if it is necessary to bring everything south of the Tehachapi into the union, and we have experienced people here to direct operations."

YOUNG HANDS STRETCHED IN SOLIDARITY



CHILDREN OF railroad workers at Dnepropetrovsk, Soviet Ukraine, pledge their savings and allowances to the relief fund for Spanish women and children.

O'Grady Hits At Plant Welching After Elections

L. A. FASCISTS GROWING RABID

SAN FRANCISCO.—Despite the fact that an election of licensed masters, mates and pilots of the American-Hawaiian and the Oceanic and Oriental lines was decided in favor of the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union, Thomas G. Plant of the American-Hawaiian refuses to concede that the union organization shall be considered as representing these officers.

Of 22 men eligible to vote, 106 voted for, and 96 against the Masters, Mates and Pilots Union.

Hits Plant's Stand

E. B. O'Grady, secretary of the local here, stated in reply to Plant:

"The statement attributed to Plant in the press recently regarding the election held among the licensed deck employees of the American-Hawaiian Company does not attempt to deny that a majority of those employees of the American-Hawaiian voted for the national organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots of America and regardless of any individual opinion, has established that the national organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots of America has been selected to represent these employees.

"It is illuminating that in this election Plant was vocally insistent that all whom he thought might not vote favorably for the national organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots be included in the vote, which was agreed to by us, as our organization is composed of masters, mates and pilots and is a national organization with 132 locals in all ports in the United States, having agreements which include masters and pilots.

"Plant has stated he will not sign an agreement that included masters, pilots, chief officers, etc. We are still enjoying the benefits of democratic government in this country and such arbitrary action should not be permitted to prolong the present strike."

Soviet Press Hits Intervention

Churchmen Say Strike Is Just

Germany, Italy and Portugal of the Burgos government (Fascist set-up) can be interpreted only as a declaration of war against the Republican government," declared the official organ, Juventud.

"The proletariat of all nations must unite against the new peril, Russia, Mexico and an international Popular Front are on our side. The streets of Madrid must never be soiled by Fascist marchers."

Last Monday, the government charged foreign submarines have attacked the government fleet at Cartagena, great naval base on the southeast coast, damaging the cruiser Miguel de Cervantes and firing torpedoes at the cruiser Mendez Nunez.

Mussolini Peppares More Murders

It was reported Ramon Franco, brother of the Fascist general, has reached an agreement with Mussolini for Italian aid in blockading Barcelona, that Italy will "lend" the Fascists 15 submarines and speed up deliveries of war munitions, and that 50 Italian pursuit planes, each armed with three machine guns, are being prepared at Italian Caproni factories for delivery to the Fascists.

Not only was the defense of Madrid by the workers' militia holding steadfast, but militia smashed new Fascist drives and northwest of the city, wiping out an entire column of Moorish troops. Government planes also shot down three Junker machines and three light bombers of the Fascists.

Bert Acosta and Eddie Schneider, American aces, were flying for the government against the Fascists.

Churchmen Say Strike Is Just

SAN FRANCISCO.—The basic demands of the maritime unions, particularly the hiring halls, are just, according to the Social Service Commission of the San Francisco Church Federation, in cooperation with the San Francisco Council of Jews and Christians.

The statement of the churchmen stated, in part:

"We urge that certain basic principles accepted by previous agreements be renewed, such as particularly the existing hiring halls under joint control, the six-hour day for longshoremen, union preferential hiring for other unions, and so on.

"All shipboard workers should have cash for overtime, living wages comparing favorably with those of shore employees, especially for men with families; abolition of 10-hour day and 70-hour week in the steward's department, the eight-hour day where desired in principle for them, and strictly enforced for all other shipboard workers, of course excepting emergencies.

"No union workers should be expected to pass through picket lines of other striking unions, or to handle cargo from strike-breaking sources.

"Definite safety codes should be included in agreements, and enforced by labor relations committees."

Warehouse Bosses Threaten To Use Office Employees

No Striker To Go Hungry On Coast

SAN FRANCISCO.— Warehouse owners announced Monday they were completing a survey of freight cars in preparation for handling freight through office employees in struck cold-storage, commercial and grain warehouses.

The Warehousemen's Union remained firm in its demand for 85 cents an hour. The agreement between previously struck grocery warehouses and the union was signed late last week, granting 70 cents an hour, a 44-hour week and a week's vacation with pay after one year's employment. The union will meet with Sacramento grocery warehouses for the San Francisco scale. Employers there are reported as ready to meet that scale.

No Striker To Go Hungry On Coast

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accounts are audited and approved by the Joint Strike Committee weekly, each union getting a separate statement.

Cooks Union Men Prepare the Food

Some 200 members of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union take turns working in the kitchen doing their picket duty, many of whom include chefs and waiters from the strikebound Dollar and Matson liners. Members of other unions stand by to keep order.

Coffee and sandwiches are served on the picket lines during the night watches.

Both Negroes and whites have united in a genuine union spirit in all strike activities; both share equally in the operation of the kitchen. Neither is there any trace of discrimination while meals are served to all alike. Jim-crowsism seems to have been forgotten now that the strike is on.

Other relief kitchens in the East Bay area, operated under the auspices of the Joint Relief Committee, include Sacramento, Crockett, Oakland, Sausalito and Vallejo.

The Housing Committee

Also operating under the Joint Relief Committee is the Housing Committee which has already provided beds and rooms for more than 400 strikers. Members of the I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary have arranged for many rooms for the seamen. Hotels have been generous in their support. All waterfront hotels have announced that no striker will lose his room for the duration of the strike. Many have contributed financially. Hair cuts and shoe repairs are arranged by the committee.

Although no urgent appeal has yet been given out by the strike committee, several unions and sympathizers have already contributed to the relief fund. The Laborers' Union of San Francisco gave \$1000, the Musicians' union \$500. The Lumbermen of the Northwest are reported to have assessed their 70,000 members one dollar each. The relief committee consists of five men from each of the seven striking unions.

So well is the relief forces organized that they are prepared to carry on indefinitely should the shippers propose to carry out their plans for a long time lockout. Tentative plans call for the taking over of the Union Recreation Center, where several bunks may be installed should the strike last much longer.

In any event, the committee declares that the present relief kitchen is to be a permanent

Gallagher Hits Move To Disbar Him By L.A. Reactionaries

Guild Wins In 3 S.F. Newspapers

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and the famed attorney.

Many unions were also rallying to Gallagher's defense. It was expected that the San Pedro local of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific would protest the attack against him, and in San Francisco, the Pile Drivers' Union and the Common Laborers' Union already adopted resolutions.

Broadcasts Throttled

How powerful are the reactionaries seeking to disbar Gallagher, was seen when radio broadcasts scheduled by the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights to acquaint the public with the issues involved, were canceled by radio station KMTR on advice of the station's attorney, Reed Callister.

The broadcast speeches had been approved by station officials the day before they were canceled.

Protests and resolutions on behalf of Gallagher should be sent to the State Bar Association, Room 440, Rowan Building, Los Angeles.

The Cooperative Bag Plant, with 75 workers, was added to the strike on Monday, after it refused to meet union demands.

Bribe Trial Links Fitts, Merriam

LOS ANGELES—District Attorney Buron Fitts and Governor Frank F. Merriam may be linked with the bribery trial of "Queen Helen" Werner and Erwin "Petticoat Pete" Werner, and Joseph Weinblatt, so-called "big time" politicians in Los Angeles.

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"If the political fortunes of Fitts are advanced or retarded by the evidence in this case, will it affect your verdict?" asked Attorney Hanna. He then asked the same question concerning Governor Merriam.

Supervisors Put Off Anti-Picket Hearings In S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—With the hall of the board of supervisors packed to overflowing by union members, the question of referring the city's anti-picketing ordinance to a referendum by the voters was postponed to next Monday's meeting.

Postponement was voted after requests had been read from the Retail Dry Goods Association, the Downtown Association, Retail Merchants' Association and Chamber of Commerce to give their spokesmen a "hearing" before taking action.

It was recalled by Supervisor McShea that these organizations were already heard in objection to referring the ordinance to the voters when the matter came before the judiciary committee of the board. In fact, said McShea, the spokesman from the Chamber of Commerce took more time than any other person present.

Supervisor Coleman originally moved that the question be sent back to committee. McShea moved to amend by referring the matter to a special order of business at next week's session with the supervisors sitting as a committee of the whole.

10,000 Officers Strike All Coasts

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in reality is the property of the rank and file) by special guards. They waved their union books to show they are bona-fide I.S.U. members.

The Strike Strategy Committee of the seamen sent an immediate telegraphic reply to William Green on the convention's action.

"The resolution introduced by executives of the I.S.U. is unfair to organized labor," the wire, signed by Joseph Curran said. The action of the convention was called a "ruthless violation of the democratic rights of organized workers to protest against dictatorial union officials."

Suit against David E. Grange, Ivan Hunter and other I.S.U. officials, and against the International Mercantile Marine Corp. and 33 shipping companies, charging that the so-called agreement signed last Spring despite its 8-1 defeat by the rank and file is null and void, was carried by strike leaders to the New York Supreme Court.

Houston reports that Texas Rangers have arrived at that port and are helping police attacks on peaceful picket lines of the seamen.

An injunction sought by Gus Brown, fourth vice-president of the I.S.U., against seamen's picketing of union offices, was denied in Houston. Brown admitted that "95% of the union members are bitter towards me."

Bag Strikers Are Picketing Strong

SAN FRANCISCO.—The strike of bag workers, led by the United Textile Workers Union, in the Bemis, Ames-Harris and Pacific Diamond plants continued with picketing going strong on Monday.

About 500 workers are affected. The Ames-Harris plant in Portland is also on strike. Delegates who came to the San Francisco workers told the latter that the company in Portland refused to negotiate, saying they could only negotiate in San Francisco.

San Francisco and Portland workers are presenting a joint agreement. Demands include a 40-hour week, \$18 a week minimum wage and union recognition.

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BATTLE FOUGHT AGAINST THOSE INTERESTS IN L. A. WHO WANT POLICE USED IN MARINE STRIKE

Christenson Resolution Lost In City Council By 6 to 3, As Reactionaries Gang Up On It

LOS ANGELES—Pressure from the militant trade unions that have been packing the City Council chambers on every occasion recently when the council has been dealing with problems directly affecting labor, demonstrated its effect here November 20 when Parley Parker Christensen took up the cause of the maritime strikers.

Sharply criticizing the interests that found a willing ally in Federal Judge McCormick in the recent unsuccessful attempt to use the Federal Court as a strikebreaking agency, Councilman Christensen presented a resolution condemning the use of police, sheriffs, militia and deputized thugs as strikebreakers.

"When called in they are always provocative and frequently tend to precipitate trouble," the resolution stated.

Calling attention to the "splendid discipline, patience and orderly conduct, through and because of which complete quiet prevails in the strike area," Christensen's resolution pointed out the needlessness of the more than two hundred special police assigned to the harbor district and went on the resolve "that the Police Commission be asked to request Chief Davis to recall the remaining 210 officers and men still on duty at the Harbor or in the strike area."

The resolution was voted down on a six to three tally. Supporting it were Barnett, Christensen and Kindig, and opposing it were Buyer (councilman from San Pedro), Brinard, Gay, Lawis, MacAlister, Tate, Thrasher and President Burns.

In a speech to the council and the packed chambers, Christensen, in referring to the dismissal of the injunction that would compel the United States Marshal to unload perishable cargo from struck ships, declared that the public could now prepare itself "for an onslaught of propaganda, collection of slush funds and the exaggeration of the (maritime strike) situation, and the placing of the blame on the shoulders of the longshoremen and other union men."

Reactionaries O.K. Ban On C.I.O.

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dent Roosevelt and the Maritime Commission, the reactionaries were calling, in a veiled way, for federal action to break the strike.

Discussion was choked off, George Woolf, San Francisco Sealers Union delegate being one of those who demanded the floor.

There are six resolutions before the convention calling for an international charter to the federal unions in the agricultural and cannery industry.

A newly formed committee of seven delegates has become the leading group in the fight for reinstatement of the 10 suspended C.I.O. unions. On the committee are George Kidwell, delegate of the California State Federation of Labor and Sue Adams of the Denver Central Labor Council.

The committee's purpose is to coordinate the fight to prevent the reactionaries from putting the split through.

The committee was formed through caucuses of progressives.

The adopted resolution, declaring the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union label unfair, was the work of the feeble United Garment Workers Union, whose membership is only 35,000, while that of the Amalgamated is 150,000.

Delegate Martel of Detroit declared this to be an opening wedge in outlawing the label of the International Typographical Union label, because of the Typos' closeness to the C.I.O.

Tax Refund Grab By Rich Is Fought By Small Homeowners

LOS ANGELES—Plans of a group of large property holders to engineer huge tax refunds from the city and county treasuries were going haywire here last week, because news of the plot received widespread publicity and thousands of small homeowners descended upon the Hall of Records here to file their claims.

Superior Judge Fletcher Brown is scheduled to hand down a decision on the tax refunds on November 20th, and the reaction of the small homeowners is expected to have great weight on his decision.

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MEXICO LABOR WON'T WORK SCAB SHIPS

Grace Liner Puts In At Ensenada

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along with the shipowners, and who, through his 500 gangsters, is forcing the I.L.A. members on the East and Gulf Coast to work not only struck East Coast ships, but also ships owned by companies against which the Pacific Coast I.L.A. is striking.

There could be no worse time to pull such actions, said Bridges. "And I can't think of a worse time to back a few crooked officials and outlaw a strike participated in by 90 per cent of the seamen's union members on the East and Gulf Coasts."

They Aid West Coast Employers

"The I.L.A. on the Pacific Coast will make it known to the world that we don't care for such tactics. Because of such tactics the employers on the West Coast are sitting down, waiting for the International officers on the East Coast to break the strike there, until they crack down on us here."

The great ovation which met Bridges' talk only corroborated the great support organized labor is prepared to give the maritime unions for their basic demands.

Donations to the maritime strikers' relief fund, announced before Bridges spoke, included \$250 from the Cooks' Union; \$250 from the Chauffeurs; \$100 from the Laundry Workers (who are considering strike action themselves); \$100 from the Waiters; \$100 from the Bakery Wagon Drivers as a starter; \$10 a week from the Boot and Shoe Workers; \$20 from the young and struggling Can Workers; \$5 a week from the young Filling Station Employees Union; \$10 a week from the Auto Mechanics.

Bridges thanked the unions for their splendid support.

Bakers Union local 24 donated \$500 to the strike, and efforts to postpone the donation until the strikers asked for it were overwhelmingly defeated. The members went on record for an assessment when the strikers call for further aid.

Bridges was sharp in his attacks on Mayor Rossi's actions in Washington, where Rossi, with other West Coast seaport mayors, demanded arbitration of basic demands which mean the life of the unions." Rossi, true to his record, lined up with shipowners and scabherders.

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Recognition of Franco Step Toward War

RECOGNITION of the "government" of the Fascist General Francisco Franco by Hitler and Mussolini was an act of desperation.

The stubborn and heroic defense of Madrid by the Spanish government militia, which had been scheduled by the Fascists to fall weeks ago, prompted this open move of support to Franco and denunciation of the legal government of Spain.

This brazen act by Hitler and Mussolini constitutes a public announcement of a policy which had been followed surreptitiously since the beginning of the Fascist putsch, through actively aiding the forces of Franco by shipments of munitions, planes, tanks, and soldiers.

This step opens the way for open military aid to Franco, in a determined drive to crush the forces of Spanish democracy. Soon after the act of formal recognition Italy already hinted this was a possibility although Hitler remained significantly silent on this point.

The full significance of this move is hinted at by the message of Mussolini to the Fascist grand council where, at the same time he declared that recognition was jointly agreed upon by Italy and Germany because of political interests identical with those of Franco, he urged the immediate acceleration of Italy's military preparations, especially in the air and on sea.

This step comes on the heels of the signing of a pact between Germany and Japan, for the admitted purpose of forming an anti-Communist bloc, and the arrest of 23 German citizens in the Soviet Union as spies and saboteurs.

The sending of Fascist agents into the Soviet Union, formation of anti-Communist blocs, and now, the recognition of the murderous Franco banditry are steps in the drive of the Fascist powers for a war of aggression, directed not only against the Soviet Union, but at European democracy as a whole.

How long will Britain continue to play into the hands of Nazi diplomacy? How much longer can the Blum government of France refuse to recognize in practice the democratic government of Spain?

Trotskyites Aid Franco!

WHILE the men and women of Madrid are heroically defending world democracy in face of a ruthless Fascist offensive whose forces are armed with the deadliest of weapons; while women and children of Madrid are being slaughtered from the air by Fascist incendiary bombs; while progressive and democratic forces throughout the world are rallying to support their Spanish comrades—vicious little nests of Trotskyites are busily trying to stab the Spanish workers in the back!

At recent meetings held in California where delegates from the Spanish Republic told of the significance of the struggle against Fascism in Spain and enlisted aid for the Spanish workers, these Trotskyite reptiles were spreading their venom, in the form of leaflets attacking the Popular Front Government of Spain.

The Spanish peasants, the Trotskyites declare, would "go over to the defense of Madrid against the Fascists if they really had something to fight for." (Emphasis mine—Ed.) According to Trotskyite politics, the defense of democracy against the horrors of Fascism is not worth fighting for!

The Trotskyites, with equal political "acumen," call for immediate freedom to Morocco—at the time when Morocco is completely dominated and controlled by the Fascists!

"The present 'democratic government' blocks this road" (to the solution of the problems in Spain—Ed.), declares a Trotskyite leaflet! This government, they rave, "is opposed to the interests of the Spanish people!"

This attack against the Spanish government is surely welcomed by Fascist forces throughout the world. No wonder Father Coughlin, pro-Fascist ex-radio priest, devotes the columns of his organ, "Social Justice," to praise of Trotsky and Trotskyism!

And this sort of poisonous tripe is being put out in the name of the Socialist Party! This, while hundreds of real Socialists are fighting and dying side by side with Communists and other workers in Spain, in defense of democracy!

When will the real Socialists in the Socialist Party move to rid their party of this poison?

Who are the "Undesirables?"

LOS ANGELES authorities have announced that in carrying out their blockade of Southern California to prevent the entry into the state of migratory, unemployed workers—cynically referred to as the "bum blockade"—only "men of judgment" would be assigned to the border patrol, men who are "capable of distinguishing between undesirable and prospective good citizens of the state."

When this blockade was announced, the capitalist press treated it as a funny incident; we, however, failed to see anything humorous in this move, aimed against the working class, used as a basis for establishing concentration camps for forced labor. But now we have discovered, in the statement quoted above, the hilarious side of the story.

We cite the report of the Wickersham Commission, for example: Of 1712 Los Angeles policemen given intelligence tests, only 9 were found to possess the minimum standard required for a competent officer; the vast majority of them were rated at mental ages running from 5 to 10 years!

And these are the men—along with sheriff's deputies, who rate equally high—who are entrusted with safeguarding the high level of California citizenship!

Lobbyists are Busy

LOBBYISTS representing transportation, oil, and insurance interests are already on the job, six weeks before the new state legislature convenes. They are busily calling upon newly elected Assemblymen; some Assemblymen are being reminded of financial contributions made toward their campaign; others are being told, diplomatically, that "there are ways" of meeting campaign deficits.

All this scurrying around to sound out, and "reach," if possible, the new legislators, is in order to assure favorable action of legislation favorable to the interests of large-scale employers of labor, and unfavorable action of pro-labor measures.

Where are the lobbyists for the people—and what are they doing to defeat the plans of the reactionaries?

The people's lobbyists are the quarter of a million trade unionists of the state, the tens of thousands of small farmers organized in farm organizations, the people in the Epic and Townsend movements, the organized unemployed and W.P.A. workers. Surely, if the forces combine their strength on the basis of a common platform of progressive pro-labor bills—measures which would safeguard the democratic rights of the people—they could defeat the reactionary program of the legislator-buying industrialists and financiers!

Let us have unity of all labor, farm and progressive forces in a People's Lobby for progressive legislation!

"UNBIASED NEWS"—COLORED TO SUIT SPAIN FASCISTS

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The Associated Press

October 31, 1936

GENERAL OFFICE: 383 MADISON AVENUE AT 46TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

Miss Jessie Lloyd O'Connor, 364 West 26th Street, New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss O'Connor:

Please let me tell you at the start that you are a very vigilant critic and that you are right on one point only in your letter of October 30.

The story from Lisbon of which you sent me a clipping, speaking of the "Fascist Spanish Government" was corrected 21 minutes after it was sent out. Just as soon as the error was discovered a message was sent on all wires to make it the "provisional" government.

That, I am sure you will agree, shows intent to be truthful. There always is a certain percentage of errors but the person or organization who tries to correct errors is to be commended and not condemned.

You are mistaken in your other various accusations about suppression of the truth. The Associated Press used the terms "government socialists" for the Madrid government and "Fascist" and "Fascist insurgents" for the other side. The only reason the word rebel is not used is because the AP has American correspondents in Spain who have been told at Fascist headquarters they would be punished if the term "rebel" were applied to the insurgent forces.

The Associated Press values the safety of its men more than it does a particular word especially when there is no sacrifice of principle. To call the Fascists "insurgents" does not leave anyone in doubt as to their position. The term "loyalists" is not used.

Don't you agree, after all, that it is you who are showing considerable bias?

Yours sincerely,

John Evans

JOHN EVANS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOREIGN SERVICE, JEROME

THIS LETTER from the Associated Press speaks for itself. So remember, when you see pro-Fascist news from Spain it's highly colored.

San Francisco Has Shown the Way - Others Can Do It

by E. Hanoff

The Browder-Pord Membership Drive is so far the most successful recruiting drive we have ever conducted in California, particularly when we consider the fact that the Drive did not really get into motion until the last part of September, and so far, only about 700 to 800 comrades (about 25 per cent of the membership) are actually participating actively in this Drive. 730 new fighters for the revolutionary movement came into our Party during the first half of the Drive, up to Nov. 7th. This means that in the short period of seven weeks, 25 per cent of the Party members did their part to fulfill the slogan adopted by the California State Committee and the Central Committee of our Party to Double the Membership. We can easily see what tremendous possibilities exist for recruiting if the other 75 per cent of our membership had also utilized these possibilities—we would have doubled the membership long before Jan. 21, 1937, the day which we can expect to have at least 5000 Communists in California.

Another important part of the Drive is the composition of the recruits. Out of 730 new comrades, 282 are in the A.F. of L., 166 are women; 42 are youth, and 32 are Negroes. Of course, this can still be improved, especially to Negroes and trade unionists.

San Francisco Heads San Francisco County leads the whole State in all respects. Out of the total 730 recruits, San Francisco County, with 500 dues-paying members to start, recruited over 250, thus fulfilling their goal for Nov. 7th. Out of these 250, 170 are in the A.F. of L.; 49 are women; 12 are Negroes; and ten are young workers. According to present indications, and preparations that are being made by the San Francisco County Committee, sections, branches and units, the San Francisco Party will achieve its objective and bring in an additional 250 new comrades into the Party by Lenin Memorial Day Jan. 21, bringing their membership to 1000 dues-paying members. This will not only strengthen the Party, but will also strengthen the whole labor movement in San Francisco.

In order that the San Francisco experiences may be of help to other Counties, Sections and units, we want to mention some of the reasons why the San Francisco Section has been successful in fulfilling the first half of their quota:

1. The County Committee from the very start set up a functioning Membership Drive Committee, of which the County Organizer, Comrade Spector, is a member. This committee not

only functions daily in checking up on the progress of the Drive in each section, branch and unit, but it also works out further practical plans on the basis of the possibilities that exist for recruiting, and helps personally to carry these plans out.

2. Every Party Committee and organization takes up the Recruiting Drive as a regular point on the agenda at every meeting.

3. New applicants are checked without delay and assigned immediately to a New Members Unit or New Members Class, Open Meetings.

4. Open unit or Branch meetings are regularly held, to which prospective members are brought in and recruited. Small group meetings of contacts are also held, where leading comrades discuss with them their problems, and why they should join our Party to help solve these problems. These meetings have been very successful.

5. Each Party member is urged and encouraged to concentrate on one contact at a time, preferably a trade unionist.

6. The prizes are popularized, and revolutionary competition encouraged.

7. Above all, all other campaigns are planned and organized around the recruiting drive. Here we want to mention the results of some of the major sections, compared with the San Francisco Section, in the Recruiting Drive. While San Francisco, with 500 members, recruited more than 50% of their quota up to Nov. 7th, Los Angeles, with 1500 members, recruited only 27%. Oakland, with 250 members recruited only 72%. San Diego, with 150 members recruited only 13%. San Bernardino, with 75 members, recruited only 11%. Sacramento, with 75 members, recruited only 12%. Contra Costa, with 45 members, recruited only 8%. Santa Clara, with 50 members, recruited only 14%. Santa Barbara, with 35 members, recruited only 5%. Sonoma, with 45 members, recruited 5%. Fresno, with 45 members, has not recruited one single new member since the beginning of the Drive. Merced, with 45 members, recruited only 12%.

Of the other smaller sections, Bakersfield is the only one which really showed Bolshevik initiative, and has more than doubled its membership already.

The above-mentioned sections could have been just as successful as San Francisco and Bakersfield if they had taken the Drive seriously and used the splendid material and suggestions sent out by the State Membership Drive Committee. In this respect, especially Los Angeles and Oakland and San Diego Counties must speed up their

work in order to make up for lost time.

A great shortcoming in the Drive is that so far the 730 new members are not reflected in our dues payments. This shows that these new comrades are not being handled and assimilated properly into the units and made to feel that the Party is their Party and given a chance to take part in the day-to-day activity.

These new comrades also have many contacts not yet reached by us that can be brought in during this Drive. This should be the first main assignment to each one of them—that is, the task of bringing into the Party, with our help, their friends, shopmates and relatives. Our new recruits can be one of the best means of fulfilling our Enrollment quotas.

Another major shortcoming in the present drive is the need of strengthening the existing shop units, and organizing ten new shop units, 4 in Los Angeles, 3 in San Francisco, and 3 in Alameda County, by January 1st, on the basis of the decision made at our last District Convention. Special attention must be paid to this important phase of building the Party during the next few weeks in the shops.

The November elections created splendid possibilities, and brought new forces closer to our Party who are waiting for us to reach them and bring them into the Party. 25,000 friends of our Party voted for our Communist candidates in California. Many more of our friends voted for Roosevelt as they were afraid of the possibility that the reactionary fascist Hearst candidates might be elected.

We can see by this that there are tens of thousands of people in California who believe and accept the Communist Party program, and who are ready and willing to join with us in order to more directly participate in the struggle for our platform—the peoples' platform. These future members of our Party were contacted during the election campaign in various ways—with our literature—by house to house work—at our street and indoor meetings, and by our radio broadcasts. We promised them that we Communists are not only fighting during the elections for economic and political demands for the toiling people, but that we are capable of carrying on the fight every day in the year.

That promise we can and must prove to our friends by having, first political discussions on the basis of the State Committee Resolution on the elections in every Party organization from the highest to the lowest, and mobilize every Party member to recontact these thousands of

AN APPEAL TO SOCIALISTS FOR UNITY TO AID SPAIN

Communist Party Central Committee Urges That S.P. Ranks Be Cleansed of Trotskyite Enemies of Workingclass

STATEMENT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

ON THE occasion of the meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party—the Communist Party issued an urgent appeal to the Socialist Party for joint action.

Urging above all the building of a united front for the support of the heroic Spanish people in their struggle against Fascism, the Communist Party also appeals to the Socialist Party to cleanse itself of destructive Trotskyite elements.

The Communist Party's appeal follows: National Executive Committee, Socialist Party, New York, N. Y. Dear Comrades:

The present session of your National Executive Committee will no doubt be devoted to mapping out a course of action for the Socialist Party in the coming months. In the interests of collaboration and joint action between our two parties, we should like to place before you a number of propositions which will guide the activities of the Communist Party during the same period.

AS A RESULT of the serious blow suffered by reaction in the presidential elections, brought about largely by the organized political efforts of labor and its allies, the American working class is manifesting a new feeling of confidence in its strength. The American workers have begun to demonstrate a growing consciousness of the opportunities for advancement that lie before them and an increasing determination to organize their independent power, economically and politically, to make full use of these opportunities. This development we anticipated. This was what we worked for. Manifestly, our election policy has been thus proven fully correct.

The great task of the moment is to help labor and its allies to march forward to greater independence of action on all fields of the class struggle; in the organization of the unorganized in the basic industries to secure higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions; in the further promotion of the political realignment which is now taking place, the building of the Farmer-Labor Party, to fight effectively for the legislative demands of the masses; in the building up of an American People's peace movement to struggle against the war makers and for peace. And most immediate is the task of combating the attempt of the reactionaries to split the American Federation of Labor, the task of struggle for a united and powerful A.F.L. built on industrial unionism.

These tasks confront both your Party and ours. It is the task of helping the masses to fight effectively for the realization of the people's mandate in the elections. This brings up forcefully the question of the united front between the Socialist and Communist Parties.

UNITY OF ACTION between Socialists and Communists is called for everywhere. It is called for in the unions, in the shops and on the farms, among the unemployed, among the youth, Negroes and women. It is called for in the struggle for the unity of the A. F. L., in the building of the Farmer-Labor Party as well as of the peace movement.

It is called for most urgently in mobilizing the support of the American people for the Spanish people in their glorious struggle against the Fascist murderers.

For the good of the American people and their fight against Fascism and war, for the good of the American working class and its struggle for Socialism, for the good of the eventual organic unification of our two Parties, for all these great objectives we urge immediate united action of Socialists and Communists. United action of our two Parties to promote the advancement of American labor and its allies in the present favorable situation.

LARGE NUMBERS of Socialists, members of our Party, favor such united action. Large numbers of Socialists, especially those who are engaged in trade union work, in work among the unemployed, and in mass activities, all these Socialists see in the united front with the Communist Party the best means of (Continued on Page 5, Column 6)

friends of our Party and discuss with them the results of the elections and the next steps which must be taken to improve their conditions. They must be shown that by joining the Party, they will be able to fight more effectively.

Bringing Back Dropped-Out Members

Another important field which must not be neglected in our Drive to double the membership is the bringing back into the Party of the thousands of dropped-out members. We must utilize the 1937 registration to bring back these good comrades who are still carrying membership books but who have become inactive for one reason or another. These comrades must be reached and during the registration period, brought back into Party activity. Every unit or branch must work out a list of the members who came into the Party in 1936 and who became inactive. Visiting committees of the best comrades in the unit must be organized to visit these absentees and register them.

The best guarantee for carrying through the major tasks before the Party, such as the raising of \$12,000 for the Western Worker, Sunday Worker and Daily Worker, increasing the circulation of our Press, strengthening our basis in the trade unions and other working class organizations, and, above all, laying the proper basis for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California, is the strengthening, both organizationally and politically, of the Communist Party. The first step to reach this goal is to double the Party membership. That is why our Central Committee statement says, "Our influence has been increased. Our membership has grown. It is our task to build

our Party, to draw into its ranks all of those honest working-class and revolutionary forces who see in our party the most powerful force in rallying the people for their immediate needs and in carrying them forward in the struggle for Socialism."

To assure the Central Committee and State Committee of our Party that the slogan of doubling the membership will become a living fact in California, will require first of all that the County and Section Committees immediately undertake seriously and in a Bolshevik manner, the task of utilizing every conceivable means and possibility of creating enthusiasm and socialist competition among the lower organizations, and helping to work out practical plans for every unit, branch and individual comrade for day to day work in the Drive. If this is carried through properly, it will mean that instead of depending only on 25% of our Party members to fulfill our Recruiting Drive, we will be able to mobilize the Party membership 100%, the entire 3000 members, and help them to reach thousands of prospective Communists who are waiting and want to join our Party. In this way we will celebrate Lenin Memorial Day on January 21st with 5000 dues paying active Communists in California.

OUR SLOGAN: Every Party Member Must Be a Party Builder and Recruit One New Member in the Browder-Ford Membership Drive. At the rate our drive is proceeding we feel confident that "the proposed Congress of Best Party Builders on February 6-7 will contain a great number of our members whose personal work and example was instrumental in making our Party in California a mass Party.

YOUR HEALTH

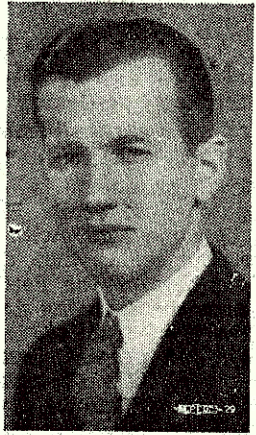
By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Boils May Sometimes Be Prevented By Following the Proper Procedure

Jackson, Calif., Nov. 14, 1936.

DEAR DOCTOR: My husband, who works in a gold mine, is always getting boils. Is there anything he can do to stop these attacks, and what is the best treatment? A. V. S.

ANSWER—Miners are more afflicted with boils than other sections of the population because of the hot, moist atmosphere in the mines, which opens up the pores of the skin and thus offers easy entrance for the germ, "staphylococcus," which causes boils.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

It is sometimes possible to prevent fresh boils by following certain rules. Where a boil is discharging pus, the surrounding skin should be kept very clean with soap and water, followed by washing with rubbing alcohol. Avoid scratching or injuring the skin in any way. If such does occur, touch it with iodine or alcohol. Avoid eating starches and sweets. Keep the bowels well open.

Have your druggist put up pills with this formula: The pills should be of two-grain size and should contain 42.5 per cent of tin metal, 7.5 per cent of tin oxide, in a base of starch. Take four to eight of these pills daily. They are also good for combating the boils after they have started.

Very small boils may be sometimes treated at home with hot wet compresses, but larger boils should be treated by a doctor. This is especially true of any sort of boils on the face, which are very dangerous, due to the fact that they can spread to the brain and cause death in a high percentage of cases. Such boils should therefore be left strictly alone until seen by a doctor.

Further Opinions as to the Subject Matter in This Column Are Welcome

Elk Grove, Calif.

DEAR DR. BISSELL: I agree with F. M. to a great extent that the column might be more appreciated if some of the details about "diseased interiors" were modified. The issues in which you showed highly advertised patent medicines to be simple remedies must have been of especial interest to users of patent remedies also the issues in which you gave remedies (for simple ailments) by their ordinary names, was interesting.

M.W.

Answer—This letter is in answer to a request that I made that readers express their opinions as to what they do and do not like in this column. Could I have some more comments on this subject?

Women on the March

By MARJORIE CRANE

SOAP

CONSUMERS UNION strikes a clean blow at face soap ads that claim to do just about everything but grow a third set of teeth. They say: "Practically all of the added ingredients in soaps," such as buttermilk, cucumber, oatmeal, glycerine, "are useless, and the claims of special complexion benefits are entirely without substance." They quote the trade journal, Soap, as saying: "If any soap is soothing to any kind of skin, we will eat a bar of it while doing handsprings up Fifth Avenue."

Did you know there was a difference between "framed" soaps, such as Ivory, and milled soaps, which contain much less water? Floating soaps are adulterated with both air and water, and while they are floating they dissolve away, so the electrifying slogan "It Floats" should be a warning rather than an attraction.

Soaps, it appears, are also increased in bulk by useless fillers, and some contain "builders," excess alkali, which may be helpful in cleaning painted floors but will do no good to the human face.

The report commends as its best buy in face soap, Gondola Floating, which may be obtained at Woolworth's, and also recommends Colgate Big Bath and Ivory Floating in the large size.

Incidentally, Consumer's Union in its reports, includes notices as to the working conditions in the plants producing products it discusses, and warns against all companies unfair to organized labor.

The report on laundry soaps tells of alkali "builders" in household soaps, which are hard on the hands and destructive to delicate fabrics. A number of the washing soaps it finds satisfactory are, unfortunately, produced and marketed, I think, only in the eastern states; at least I have never seen them here. Of the nationally distributed brands it calls "acceptable," Ivory Snow, Palmolive, Beads, Lux and Ivory Flakes, although the eastern marketed Kirkman's Soap Chips, Cooperative General Purpose Flakes and Cooperative Granulated Soap are much cheaper per pound of dry soap, coming to 14c a pound, where the nationally advertised come to from twenty-five to thirty-three cents. We will have to ask Consumers Union to do some research on west coast products.

THE CITY of New York has a long "Black List" of widely advertised drugs and cosmetics, which have dangerous ingredients, according to findings of reliable medical authorities—and refuse to give out this list.

The list, with the names of the injurious ingredients of each drug or cosmetic, is published in the September report of the Consumers Union. The diabolical advertisers have found the most innocent names for some of their products—Snow, containing calcium sulphide; Winx, iron oxide in shellac, which the makers offer you to use on your eyelashes; Hess Hair Milk, containing lead acetate. Mary T. Goldman's Gray Hair Restorer (the homely color) contains silver nitrate, which is not only poisonous, but "may also accumulate in the skin and cause a permanent dark discoloration which cannot be removed by any means." Hay's Hair Health contains lead acetate. Pinex (suggestion of lovely mountain air and refreshing odor of pines) has chloroform as its active ingredient. Campana's Italian Balm, for tired, workworn hands, contains carbolic acid. The concept of soothing and healing is also advanced in the name of Parker's Hair Balsam, which contains lead acetate. What could be more bland, more harmless, than wax? So you are offered Mercurox Wax for your skin, and proceed innocently to treat yourself with ammoniated mercury.

Many of these black list products are not merely the shy creatures that hide away in an obscure corner of the newspaper. Anacin, Ex-Lax, Bromo Seltzer, Re-Duce-Oids, Ambrosia, Inecto, Neet S. T. 37 Toothpaste, spread themselves on page ads in the newspapers and nationally distributed magazines, broadcast themselves over the air, cajole, hypnotize, insinuate themselves into your home with no authoritative voice to say them nay.

Only the organized consumers can force legislation to protect themselves against these vendors of disguised sickness and death.

Los Angeles Shows How it Will Raise \$5000 for Western Worker

Los Angeles County is on the job raising its \$5,000 in the combined drive for the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker.

This is the biggest quota taken by any county committee in the state, nearly half of the total goal of \$12,000, but Los Angeles has assigned quotas totaling not merely \$5,000, but \$5,350.

The plan for the drive as a whole has already been worked out. One of the major affairs, the annual Workers' Press Concert, is scheduled for Nov. 22 in the Turnverein Hall, 936 W. Washington Blvd. Other important affairs such as the annual bazaar, Daily Worker anniversary banquet and Lenin Memorial meeting will be a part of the drive.

Every section, unit and individual party member and sympathizer has a part to play.

Dividing the Task Here are the quotas showing how the money will be raised:

Table with columns for Section, Quota, and Total. Includes Downtown (750), East Side (600), Hollywood (500), Goodyear (300), Pasadena (300), San Fernando (150), Bay Cities (75), Centinella Valley (50), Belvedere (50), Southern Pacific (150), Harbor (150), Orange County (50), Y. C. I. (100), and Total (\$5350).

It was pointed out that the above quotas for the sections include, as organizations in these sections, which could be drawn into the plans for the drive in their particular territories.

Annual Bazaar This year's annual press bazaar in Los Angeles will be held December 18, 19 and 20 at the Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring Street.

Sections and units are also

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This is a reproduction of the original forerunner of the Western Worker. On New Year's Eve, celebrations throughout the state will commemorate the fifth anniversary.

urgued to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Western Worker by arranging parties and affairs on New Year's Eve.

In addition the campaign committee has proposed that the month of January be the time for numerous small affairs by sections and units to raise funds. Material for the drive such as collection lists, will be furnished by the county campaign committee.

Leadership of the drive has been placed in charge of T. J. Steward, Los Angeles, Western Worker correspondent, manager; Ed. Nelson, treasurer; and Comrade Solomon, secretary.

Each section committee is instructed to elect a campaign manager. This manager will attend the weekly press conference every Monday night at the Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring Street. With his section committee, this campaign manager will draft the local plan of the campaign and submit it to the county campaign committee.

Prizes are being offered. The state campaign committee will give to each county surpassing

its quota by \$50 a Philco long and short-wave radio capable of reaching Madrid, Paris and Moscow.

Prizes Offered The county committee has announced that it will give a similar radio to each section going over its quota by \$50. It is also urging the sections to offer prizes to units and individuals for outstanding work in the drive.

Here is the calendar for the drive in L. A. County: 1. Annual concert, Nov. 22. 2. Annual Bazaar, December 18, 19, 20.

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Reading Material Chinese Girl Student Leads Anti-Japanese Movement

By CRAIG

SPAIN'S DEMOCRACY TALKS TO AMERICA—published by American League Against War and Fascism—18 pp—3c.

The most burning issues in the Spanish situation properly and easily explained—and what to do about it. Should be ordered by the hundreds and widely circulated. Why? Our own Farmer-Labor Party now in the making will have to face some of these facts!

FRANCE FACES THE FUTURE—136 pp—25c. Published by International Publishers—Written by Ralph Fox.

Not only the future of French democracy but the past and present conditions neatly drawn in one of the most easily read little booklets of the year. As usual Ralph Fox makes a difficult problem easy to understand. By all means read it.

MIDWEST, a review—650 Gateway Building, Minneapolis—Volume 1, Number 1—34 pp.—15c.

SCIENCE & SOCIETY—subtitled A Marxist Quarterly—6 1/2 Holyoke Street, Cambridge, Mass.—156 pp—35c.

Here are two first editions of magazines as different from each other as could possibly be and still lay in the field of Marxist Cultural effort.

"Midwest" is an effort to bring before the writer and reader of revolutionary articles and stories the influence of that vast territory of the United States called by bourgeoisie "Prairie" or "Plains." This territory embraces over fifteen million people. The capitalist politician sees votes and taxes in the great area; the workers and small farmers think they are for more than that and their representatives in art and letters believe that here lies traditions peculiar to American capitalism. In other words: here is culture rich in the class struggle and the writers, although treating it in a regional manner, know that this midwest territory of our country has lessons to offer and lessons to learn. A truly fine effort. Good luck in this venture is our Far Western greeting.

Aiming the subjects at University professors, scientist and persons interested in academic subjects this magazine fills a gap in the reading of this group. Certainly something new in American literature and bound to knock into a cocked hat some of the erdute bourgeois periodicals.

(Youth News Service)

NEW YORK. — An amazing story of embattled students arousing an entire country against foreign aggression is told here by Miss Loh Tsei, student at Tsinghua University, Peiping. Miss Loh arrived in America recently on the Normandie on her way back to China from Geneva, where she represented the powerful All-China Student Union at the World Youth Congress. Miss Loh is an executive of the Union, which is a federated body of local college and secondary school associations.

Slight, dark-eyed Miss Loh who has been called the "Joan of Arc of China," who seems to be no more than 14 years old, though she admits she is 22, came to this country to seek aid for the fight against Japanese aggression in her country. She is accompanied by Professor Tao Heng-Chih, former dean of Southeastern University at Nanking.

Speaks in San Francisco On National Tour

Together, Professor Tao and Miss Loh will attempt to arouse the "overseas" Chinese in New York, Chicago and San Francisco to give moral and material aid for the anti-Japanese movement. A sociology student, Miss Loh won popularity through her courage in a student demonstration last year which protested the formation of the pro-Japanese Hopen-Chahar political council. At that time she was seized by the police and beaten with

gun butts. In fluent English, which she had studied at the University, Miss Loh told of the part played by the students in swinging public opinion against the aggressors.

"Students are in the vanguard of Chinese resistance to Japan," she told interviewers, "they spend their vacations and spare time penetrating into the remotest corners of provincial villages, educating the peasants, urging them to revolt against foreign aggression."

The weak-kneed Chinese government is being forced into resisting the Japanese, said Miss Loh, by the militant, courageous action of nationwide committees modeled after the Students Committees for National Liberation. Teachers Follow the Lead of Students

Respectable Professor Tao added, "Yes, the students started the wave of sentiment against Japan. Even we teachers followed in their footsteps, instead of it being the other way around." He smiled. "But we are not ashamed to admit that we were taught. We are proud of our students." Takes a Beating and Wins Over Some Police

A group of more than a thousand students had been cut off from their fellow demonstrators who were inside the city gates. Miss Loh squeezed under the gates and started to swing them open when she was attacked by the police. Clubbed savagely, the 112 pound girl stoically took a severe beating which sent her

to the school infirmary for several days.

Now, she says, "many of the police have been won over to our side. They were only obeying orders at that time, now they understand what we are fighting for and they refuse to beat us."

Miss Loh wants Americans to know the truth about foreign aggression in her country. "At first we were passive," she declared, "now we are ready to take arms against the foreign enemy. We will do away with internal discord." Doesn't Want to Change the Subject

She considered amusing the personal questions asked by interviewers. "What does it matter," she asked, "who my favorite movie star is, or whether I use cosmetics, or if I like Mickey Mouse? Those are little things. I am here as a delegate for the All-China Student Union, to win friends in order to resist Japanese imperialism. Please write about that, not the other things." She admitted however, smiling, that her favorite movie stars were Greta Garbo, Norma Shearer and Frederic March. She played on her school basketball team.

She wants to be a journalist when her college education is finished. When she returns to China she will act as chief correspondent in that country for Youth News Service and she expects to work out plans for a Chinese edition of Youth News Service.

FEDERAL THEATRES' "MIKADO"



John Hamilton, as Pooch-Bah, Georgia Carroll as Pitti-Sing and Charles Cannon as Ko-Ko, plead with His Majesty, the Mikado, played by Thomas Glynn as Katisha (Marie Horgan), looks on in a scene from the Los Angeles Federal Music production of the "Mikado" at the Figueroa Playhouse.

Some Light on the Cause of the Wave of Strikes

When capitalism gets itself out of a crisis, it has to be at the expense of the working class.

The 1935 Census of Manufacturers shows production considerably higher than in 1933, but lower than the 1929 peak. In fact the difference between 1929 and 1935 varies from 25 to 50 per cent in different states.

In California production was reported 27 per cent below 1929. But wages were down 31.6 per cent. And with production on the upgrade, wages have not followed at the same rate. The tendency is for getting more work per man, through speed-up or improved machinery.

Did someone ask what caused the present strike wave? Before you accuse the Communists, remember that the figures run the other way in the Soviet Union. That's the way Communists prevent strikes.

SEEING RED BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE RUBAIYAT OF FUTURE STRUGGLE (Apologies to Edward Fitzgerald and Omar Khayyam)

FOURTH INSTALMENT

No house was ever built, but what our hand Built it. Our labor cleared and tilled the land. And every vessel on the deep blue sea, By us was built and by us is manned.

With years off toil, for very little pay, We rolled a mighty wilderness away, And raised the cities. Tell me why they say All this should be THEIR property today?

Our skill and patience made each ticking part Of watches. All this great and noble art Came from our soul. All music pours From labor's boundless heart.

Every battle man has ever fought, Every piece of handiwork he's wrought, Was fought and wrought by us. And, in the end, What has our blood and labor ever bought?

We who tore down mountains, ripped up trees, Marched in all the armies, tamed the seas— Shall we go hungry and let a few Men claim the earth and bend us to our knees?

We fought and conquered all the ways of life, Built all the buildings, battled all the strife. This is our power; yet we find it hard To feed our hungry children and our wife.

The millionaire, with careful rule and line, Strings endless barbed-wire fences to define His property; the best is claimed by him. The middle of the road is yours and mine.

Observe him as he stands there all agape, Enraptured by a piece of ticker tape; Buying and selling, reaping all the gain From things of which he does not know the shape.

(Continued Next Issue.)

AN APPEAL TO SOCIALISTS

(Continued from Page 4)

strengthening the forces of labor and of revolutionizing its consciousness and struggles.

Unfortunately the invasion of the counter-revolutionary Trotskyites into the Socialist Party has done serious damage to the cause of the united front and to the fortunes of the Socialist Party itself. These are facts of public knowledge.

Everywhere the Trotskyites have been permitted to secure a footing they have been demoralizing, wrecking and destroying Socialist Party organizations. Although small in numbers, these enemies of the working class, agents of terrorists and assassins, have managed through their secret caucuses, conspiracies, double dealing and treachery to get a stronghold in many organizations of the Socialist Party. They used to spread the poison of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism, to incite assassination against working class leaders, to advocate counter-revolution against the Soviet Union, to slander in Fascist style the People's Front movements in France and Spain, to press the Socialist Party into a position of hostility to the Farmer-Labor Party movement, to obstruct every move to united action between our two Parties. All this the Trotskyites are now doing in the name of the Socialist Party.

AS A RESULT of Trotskyite disruption and counter-revolution, abetted by many leading Socialists, Socialist Party organizations are being broken up. The trade union work of the Socialist Party is being undermined. Its work among the unemployed is obstructed and endangered. Its role in the Farmer-Labor movement during the elections has been one of rivalry and opposition. In short, counter-revolutionary Trotskyism is wrecking the Socialist Party. If permitted to go on, the Trotskyites will destroy the Socialist Party as a progressive factor in the labor movement.

There is no doubt that the reformist policies of the Socialist Party leadership and its failure to join the Communist Party in united action had a good deal to do with the present difficult condition of the Socialist Party. It is equally certain that these same reformist policies and failure to accept the united front are largely responsible for the Trotskyite invasion into the Socialist Party and for the toleration of their wrecking activities.

It is not too late to rid the Socialist Party of the Trotskyite gangrene that is eating up the vitals of the Socialist Party. It is not too late yet to save the Socialist Party as an instrument of progress in the American labor movement.

We speak the mind not only of the membership of the Communist Party, but also of large numbers of Socialists, the healthiest and most valuable elements of the Socialist Party, when we make this appeal to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party:

RID YOURSELF of counter-revolutionary Trotskyism. Strengthen the hand of your Socialist membership that wants to work for the great objectives of American labor in the present upward march of the working class and its allies. Join hands with the Communist Party in the struggle for these objectives. Join us at once in mobilizing support for Spain. Pave the way for organic unity, for the building of one revolutionary Party of the American proletariat, the Party that will lead the working class and all exploited to the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of Socialism.

In order to meet the immediate needs of the class struggle in joint action by the Socialist and Communist Parties, we propose that the N.E.C. at its present session appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee of our Central Committee. We specifically urge immediate united action on one or all of the following points: (a) mobilization of support for Spain; (b) joint action in support of the wage demands of the workers in the industries and of the demands of the unemployed; (c) joint action in support of the legislative demands of the masses and in the promotion of the Farmer-Labor Party movement; and (d) joint action in the building up of an American people's peace movement.

Fraternally, Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman. EARL BROWDER, Secretary.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

What's Roosevelt going to do about the nine old men?

Organized labor, the poor farmers, and the people in general need this question answered, and answered immediately by the President.

Realizing that it does small good to get pro-labor and pro-people legislation through Congress, if the nine old men of the Supreme Court are allowed to declare it unconstitutional as they did every bit of social legislation passed by the New Deal, the American people are going to demand that Roosevelt answer this question and answer it right.

The vague mentions by F.D.R. of a constitutional amendment to restrict the Supreme Court and take away its usurped dictatorial powers, are going to have to be made concrete.

"The Nine Old Men" . . .

Whom do these nine old men, all over 60 years of age, represent? Just look at their background and you can see that they do their stuff for the biggest open-shoppers in the country, the Hearst-Liberty pro-Fascists.

Charles Evans Hughes, 74, corporation lawyer, was appointed by Hoover in 1930 and is now Chief Justice. In 1907 he was elected governor in a campaign for which J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie and J. P. Rockefeller Jr. put up the dough. He has worked for Anaconda Copper, General Electric, Victor Talking Machine Co., U.S. Industrial Chemical Co., and other large industrial monopolies.

"No man in public life so exemplifies the influence of powerful combinations in the political and financial world as Mr. Hughes," is the way Senator George Norris characterizes him.

Hughes No Exception. . .

As stodge for Wall Street, Hughes is no exception. Look at Pierce Butler, 70, railroad lawyer and millionaire mine owner, appointed by Harding in 1922. Look at James Clark Reynolds, 74, son of a Kentucky plantation slave-owner, a corporation lawyer, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. Then Joseph Roberts, 61, director of Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and Equitable Life Insurance Society, and counsel for Philadelphia transit companies.

Louis Brandeis, 79, wealthy Zionist and Boston lawyer, is supposed to be "liberal," yet he wouldn't lift a finger to save the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti in 1927 when he was asked to order a stay of execution until the appeal could be heard.

When you look who they are, you'll cast your vote to retire all nine of them to the Home for Retired Stoges of Wall St.

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WORKER TELLS CONSPIRACY OF WEALTHY LANDOWNERS IN SALINAS-WATSONVILLE STRIKE

Big Growers, Shippers Sought to Crush and Eliminate Union, and to Freeze out Small Farmers, Shippers

By a Worker Correspondent

The following facts are as I know them after much exhaustive investigation of the recent Salinas-Watsonville labor dispute wherein the workers, members of the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Union of California affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, were locked out. Gas grenades,

gas guns, pistols shotguns, machine guns and clubs were used to intimidate the Union workers and break their morale.

The Associated Farmers of California, through Sheriff Carl Abbott of Monterey County, attempted to use the American Legion to beat the Union workers into submission and wreck their Union.

Large Growers' Intrigue

The intrigue on the part of the Associated Farmers of California had a three-fold purpose. The Associated Farmers of California is a group of large INDUSTRIAL FARMERS who in truth are magnates of the agriculture industry in the state. These large industrial farmers control more than 85 per cent of the agriculture of the state. The three things the Associated Farmers, hoped to accomplish through the Salinas-Watsonville lockout were:

(1) To crush the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union of California and eliminate it entirely if possible.

Try to Ruin Small Growers (2) To force the small shippers into insolvency by ensnaring these small shippers into the Grower-Shipper Vegetable Association of Central California by the legal process of binding these small shippers by agreement in such a manner that no individual shipper or grower could deal with labor except through and upon the approval of the association.

This association is but a tool of the large shippers and growers clique which controls the association and acts jointly in collaboration with the Associated Farmers of California. The small growers and shippers, being bound by this agreement, were legally tied into a knot and could not exercise their legal constitutional rights individually to bargain with labor.

The firm of Tracy-Waldron of Salinas tried to break away from the Grower-Shipper Association of California and deal with union labor as an independent firm but, after having agreed to the fair demands of the union endeavored to purchase 25,000 lettuce crates. The box company first agreed to sell the crates to the Tracy-Waldron firm—then later was advised by the box company that the latter could not deliver the crates, as the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California had stepped in and threatened to request that member firms of the Association refuse business to the box company forever if the box company delivered these 25,000 crates.

Capitalist Pressure

The Union Ice Company also figured in the intrigue as this company flatly refused to sell or deliver ice to the Tracy-Waldron firm. A number of banks throughout the state would have nothing to do with financing the Tracy-Waldron lettuce deal even though this firm agreed to deal fairly with labor, the business houses supplying the firm and even pay banks more than a fair share of interest.

(3) The Grower-Shipper Association of Central California's policies are directed by the largest growers and shippers, who themselves own, control, lease, or operate directly or indirectly the greater portion of the lands and produce of the lettuce industry.

These large growers and shippers saw a chance to eliminate a number of the really small farmers, if you please, by forcing the issue with labor which ultimately resulted in greater losses to the small farmers than the large agricultural interests.

Tricked Small Farmers

These large growers and shippers did not themselves plant any lettuce to amount to anything that would come off within the first 25 days of September, and the small farmer, not having been thus informed, planted their acres in lettuce much the same as they had in the past.

This was a planned master stroke of the large growers and shippers to eliminate the real farmers.

When the small farmer lost his lettuce crop, he naturally went into debt to the extent of what he had spent to produce

the crop. When he is ultimately foreclosed from his small farm, the large growers will buy it cheaply from the bank and add the small farm to the vast acres they already control. The small farmer will be on the outside looking in—or asking for a chance to slave for the great big grower.

The large growers in the past have never purchased from the small farmers except during periods when the large grower-shipper interests were unable to supply the appetite of the markets of the nation from their own ranches. The large growers have in the past connived so far as to agree among themselves that for one reason or another they would not buy from certain small farmers under any conditions which resulted in the small farmers losing their lands and investments for the reason that their buyers (the large shippers and growers), refused to buy.

The large growers and shippers deal not only in lettuce but also in tomatoes, garlic, cauliflower, spinach, broccoli, celery, together with many other fruit and vegetables. Some large interests ship nearly every fruit and vegetable grown in the particular district they operate.

The recent labor trouble in Salinas-Watsonville district of the lettuce industry was not a strike. The issue was a forced issue. It was a lock-out from beginning to now and the end is not here yet. It will remain a lock-out as long as fink hiring halls are used—as long as the Association refuses to bargain collectively with the union and as long as there is one union man locked out because of the issue. The lettuce boycott can not be legally lifted until such a time as the lockout has ended and it will never be considered ended until the issue is settled fairly as outlined above.

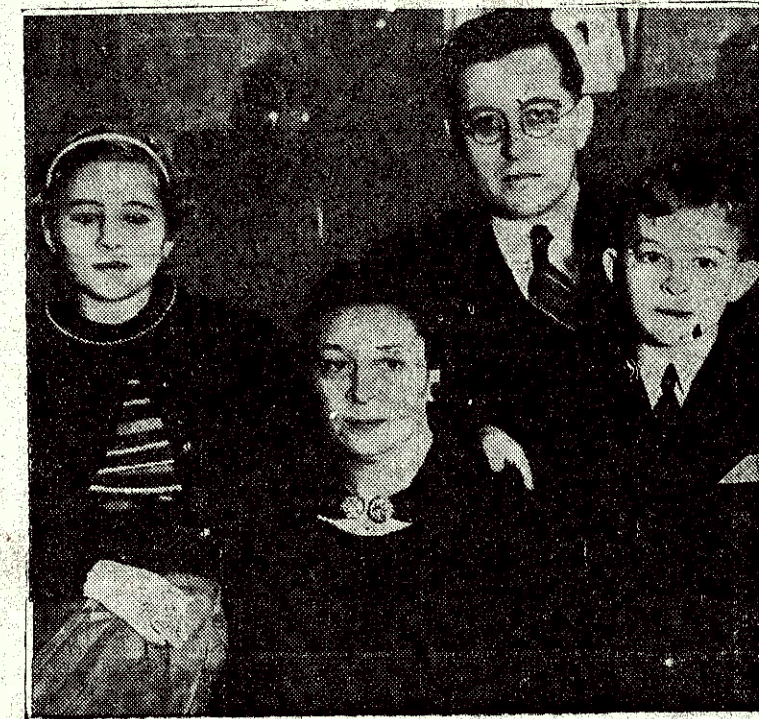
El Dorado Oil Plant Workers Win Their Strike in Berkeley

By a Worker Correspondent BERKELEY—Workers at the El Dorado Oil Plant here are back on the job after a strike lasting a month and a half.

They gained union recognition, a closed shop, and five cents an hour increase in pay for their solid, militant strike.

These men, organized in the Weighers and Warehousemen, I. L. A. 38-44, have fought for and gained pay increases of 15 cents to 25 cents an hour since they organized last January, 1936.

FOR NATIONAL LABOR PARTY



ELMER BENSON, elected Governor of Minnesota on a Farmer-Labor ticket, is strong for a national Farmer-Labor Party, to better the lot of the everyday man and woman. He is shown with his family.

Sta Monica Legion Picket Line Forces Post, Forum Hit "Gentleman" to Weep His Word

By a Worker Correspondent

SANTA MONICA—True Americanism is against all vigilantism and attacks on constitutional rights, the local post of the American Legion has decided, in adopting a resolution condemning the vigilante attacks against Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President in the recent elections, in Terre Haute, Ind., and Tampa, Fla., as well as attacks against Communist candidates in San Bernardino and Imperial Valley.

Forum Also Acts

The Legion commander here also appeared before the Santa Monica People's Forum on this question, and the forum adopted the same resolution.

The People's Forum, which meets every Sunday night at Mills Auditorium, recently heard Clinton Taft, of the American Civil Liberties Union, give an enthusiastic picture of life in the Soviet Union, which he visited recently.

Need Free Garbage Disposal to Correct Unhealthy Situation

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—At the corner of McAllister Street and Buchanan Street here, a disgraceful and unhealthy situation exists in the disposal of garbage.

Due to the fact that in this area practically all the families are on relief, they are unable to pay 50 cents a month to have their garbage removed, so they just put it in a public refuse can on this corner. The refuse can is always overflowing and the odor is terrific.

Garbage collection ought to be free, as it is in many cities. The companies that haul away the garbage make plenty of dough out of it, from garbage reduction for fats, fertilizer, and so forth.

AIRCRAFT CO. WORKERS SIGN UP IN UNION

Consolidated Plant, San Diego, Pays Low Wages

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN DIEGO—At an open meeting held by Lodge 389 of the International Association of Machinists on Tuesday evening, November 9th, over 300 employees of Consolidated Aircraft Corporation were present.

A. C. Rogers, former secretary of the Federated Trades of San Diego, had been invited to speak. Rogers was removed from his office several months ago by the arbitrary action of Joe Casey, then state organizer of the A.F.L. acting under instructions from William Green. His speech made a deep impression upon his listeners and Rogers received generous applause.

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After the address, the men were invited to join the I. A. of M. and the response was more than gratifying. According to Rogers, 65 paid their initiation fee in full, while approximately 100 others made the required deposit with their applications.

Tuesday evening, November 17th, 35 more joined the union. Consolidated Aircraft Corporation employs over 3000 men. Wages range from as low as 32 cents an hour for a 40-hour week, to 90 cents an hour paid the highest skilled labor.

A United Press report published in the "San Diego Sun" stated that the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation had been awarded its third Navy contract, which calls for the construction of 66 flying boats at a cost of \$6,056,000. This contract boosted to 176 the total number of patrol bombers the corporation is manufacturing for the Navy. There is now approximately \$17,000,000 in Navy work outstanding.

President Buys \$100,000 Home

Maj. Reuben Fleet, president of Consolidated, recently purchased for a consideration of \$100,000 the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Ullrich von Buelow located at 560 San Geronimo St., La Playa.

While this has no connection with the aircraft corporation or the employees, it should interest the readers to learn that von Buelow is reputed to be a disciple of Hitler and is a supporter and financier of Fascist organizations.

In contrast with this magnificent palace with its landscaping, trees, flowers, shrubbery, beautiful green lawns and winding paths are the miserable homes occupied by the poorly paid employees of the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation. Many of the houses if such they can be called are without adequate plumbing.

Can Win Better Conditions

While even the highest paid skilled worker receiving 90 cents an hour cannot hope to own a \$100,000 residence, the men, through organization can at least demand sufficient pay to afford to live in a house with a bathtub.

Auto Shows Show Only Improved Ornaments

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—Now we have the season of Auto Shows. The one here opened recently, and anyone interested can go and see the handful of improvements that have been doled out to us this year by the manufacturers. The manufacturers are still a very long way from giving us a good car. There is still a huge disproportion between the exterior size of the cars, and the interior useable space. There is still no thoroughgoing streamlining, and no car with the engine in the rear—where it belongs. There is no Diesel-engine passenger car.

Still Dangerous

The instrument boards are only a shade less ugly and pointless than last year, and the instruments are still so hard to read that it is a risk to look at them while driving fast. There is still no auxiliary rim put on the wheels so that one could run on it when one has a flat tire.

And there is still no car which can be run for anything less than a small fortune per year.

One cannot help wondering just when the manufacturers are going to make an honest effort to produce really good cars, just how long they are going to suppress inventions and technical advances while they shout about their greatly improved hub caps and radiator ornaments.

CORRECTION

In the Resolution of the State Committee of the Party on "The Results of the Elections in California," published on Page 4 of the previous issue, some errors occurred due to omissions.

The second paragraph reads: "The elections took place in the midst of two major struggles in our industries."

This should have read: "The elections took place in the midst of two major struggles in the agricultural and maritime industries, and a whole series of minor struggles in other industries."

The next-to-last paragraph on Page 4, Column 6, reads:

"All trade unions, all progressives, all unemployed and farmer organizations and white-collar workers must formulate their legislative committees of various trade union bodies."

This should have read:

"All trade unions, all progressives, all unemployed and farmer organizations and white-collar workers must formulate their demands and conduct an active campaign for them. Labor's Non-Partisan League, and the legislative committees of various trade union bodies and other organizations must take this up as a paramount task before the labor movement"

"Red Scare" A Joke

"The bugaboos of 'Reds' that have divided us, with a 'holier than thou' position, has also been played upon until it has become a joke and will no longer work.

"F. W. Miller."

Your Questions Answered - Join Now!

Concluded from Last Two Issues Dear Friend: This letter is addressed to you because we believe that you are one of the thousands of sincere and honest people around the Party is really good, who may be Communist Party who are convinced that the program of our Party is really good, who may even consider themselves Communists, yet steadfastly refuse to join our Party as members. We, the Communist Party want and need you in our ranks. Ah, you say, but I have heard all this before from Party members. I have reasons for not joining. It isn't that I don't want to join—I may some day, but I can't now. Why, we ask? For "personal" reasons, good reasons, you reply. We request then that you read this letter, because we hope to show you that your reasons for not joining the Party are perhaps not so personal as you think. Thousands of people like yourself stay out of the Party because of these reasons—and thereby in a very definite sense hinder us from becoming the real mass American revolutionary Party that we know you want us to become. If you've read this far—we hope you'll read further, and we're sure that you'll find at least one of your good reasons listed here. Reason Five Then there are people who say: "Generally I agree with your program. But there are certain things about the Party I don't agree with. Aspects of sectarianism, inefficient methods of work, wrong tactics in approaching people, badly organized meetings, etc." To these people we say: We welcome your criticism. We Communists are many times more critical of our own work than are our sympathizers. We know the tremendous job ahead of us before we are a mass party—before we can speak in the name of millions of American workers. But much as we are willing to listen to your criticism as non-Party members, valuable as your criticism is, it is apt to bear much more weight if it comes from one whose activities bring him in constant contact with the life of the Party and so enable him or her to judge the validity of certain criticism at certain times. The best way to make the Communist Party a better party is to join it and help actively in the job. Reason Six We have that vast body of people who say: "I'd gladly join, but frankly I'm afraid to. I'm foreign born and afraid of deportation," or "I have a job where I'd be fired sure, if anyone suspected me of being a Communist." To the first of these categories of people we can point to the thousands of foreign born in the Party today who are able to fight against discrimination and terrorism, against foreign born most effectively by belonging to the political party that wages consistent struggles for the rights of foreign born workers. Then to the second, we can say that the majority of the members of the Communist Party are employed, and that most of these employed certainly are not openly known at their place of employment as Communist Party members. But the Party knows how to guard the security of its workers. It does not expect its members to jeopardize their jobs as a sign of their sincerity. Communists, of course, should and do carry on activity among their fellow workers as "reds." But no Communist Party member is ever "compelled" to flaunt his political opinions in the face of his employer. This is, of course, ridiculous. Any worker is more valuable to the Party employed and working with other people than unemployed and worrying about where his next meal is coming from. We can say without reservation that the Communist Party will not ask the new member to expose himself, but will take pains to show him how to work effectively without fear of exposure. Finally we say to you that if you have other reasons for not joining our Party, discuss them seriously with Party members. We feel sure that you will come to the conclusion that your place is in the ranks of the only American revolutionary Party today and that you will take pride in saying soon that you are a member of that Party. Comradely yours, California State Committee Communist Party, U.S.A., 121 Haight Street San Francisco.

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VICTORY CELEBRATION 1ST HALF BROWDER-FORD ENROLLMENT DRIVE BANQUET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH 121 HAIGHT ST. 6 P.M. SOMETHING NEW! TURKEY DINNER — 35c UNIEQUE ENTERTAINMENT LOS ANGELES and EAST BAY DELEGATIONS OF BEST PARTY BUILDERS Presentation of Recruiting Banner

Green Refuses Tampa Floor to Spanish Peoples' Delegates

HE AND COUNCIL NOT SPEAKING FOR UNIONISTS

Many Big Bodies of Labor Have Pledged Support to Spain

TAMPA, Fla.—The Fascist butchers in Spain, in General Franco's own words are out to smash all trade unions, but Bill Green nevertheless thinks that such a murderer has as much right to have his side presented to labor as have the Spanish people and trade unions.

Deny Spanish People a Voice

Green and the A.F.L. Executive Council decided that no representative of the Spanish people's government will have the right to speak at the A.F.L. convention. The basis for such a decision was that "the Spanish situation is so confused that one speaker might not give an impartial picture of it."

Which is the same as saying that as long as the Spanish Fascists haven't been invited to speak to labor's convention, then the Spanish people's representatives, who also speak for the Spanish unions, are not to be allowed to speak.

Green and the Executive Council did not speak for organized labor in denying the floor to the Spanish people's representatives.

Labor Support to Spain

Here are some of the organized labor bodies which in recent months have either voted to support the Spanish people's fight, together with Labor's Chest for Spain, or have condemned all Fascism:

- United Textile Workers of America (Sept. 16).
- California Federation of Labor (Sept. 19).
- Cap and Millinery Workers Union (Oct. 9).
- United Rubber Workers of America (Sept. 17).
- New Jersey State Federation of Labor (Sept. 16).
- Granite Cutters International Association (Sept. 2).
- Caterpillar Workers International Union (Aug. 25).
- American Federation of Teachers.
- Labor's Chest for Spain has also been endorsed by the executive boards of the following:
 - International Ladies Garment Workers Union.
 - Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.
 - International Fur Workers Union.

Pedro Unions Aim To Put Skids on Plan of More Cops

LOS ANGELES—Although Police Chief "Peanut Hitler" Davis, replete in uniform of blue, with gleaming badge and design in spangles of gold braid, argued loud and long, the City Council here turned down his plea for funds to maintain his police army in the Harbor District and put over a decision on the matter.

Retreating slightly in the face of public disapproval, Davis had reduced his original request of \$44,500 to \$36,280, on the grounds that the special assignment of 410 police had been slashed to 210.

Nearly all the councilmen taking the floor apparently objected to the allocation but when Councilman Brainard presented a motion to put the consideration over until the middle of the week "for further study" they consented to pass the buck.

ILA Head on Cops

Roy Donnelly, president of the Longshoremen's Union in San Pedro, in speaking against the proposal before the packed Council Chambers, denounced the police action which had sent an army of 600 to the strike area, armed with most of the implements of warfare.

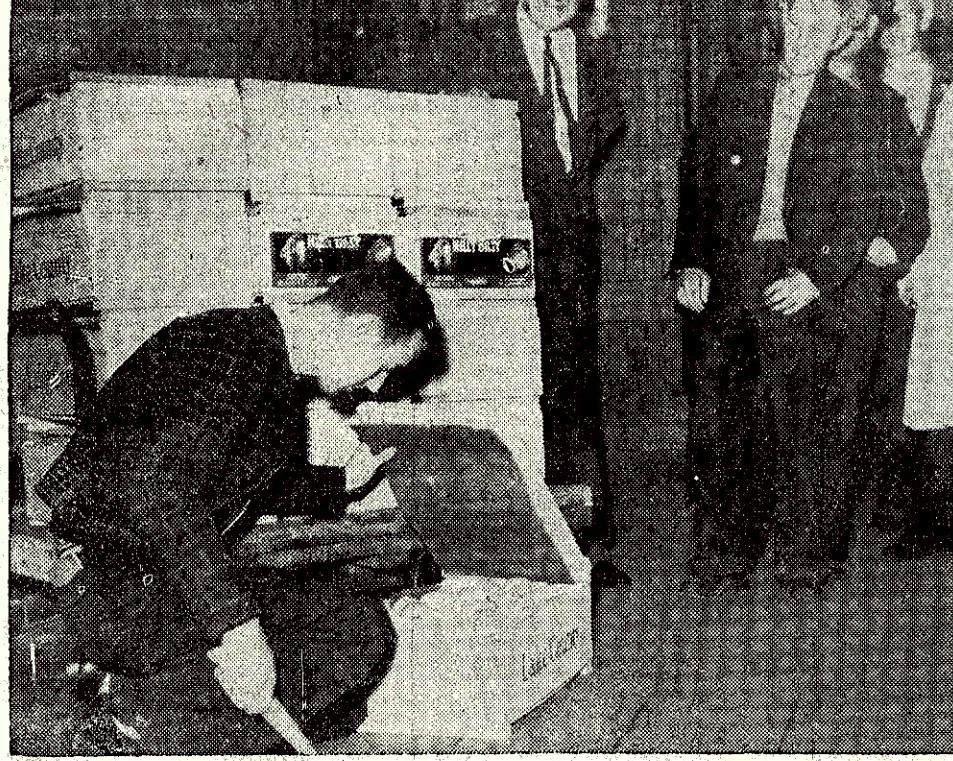
Numerous other speakers took the floor and soundly berated attempts to spend thousands of dollars of taxpayers money to maintain a police force whose sole purpose was to intimidate the maritime strikers.

Pat Calahan, organizer of the Worker's Alliance, took the floor and declared that if the City Council was looking for a good place to spend these thousands, they might turn it over to the more than 2000 women who have been cut off the sewing projects during the past week.

HIT C.I.O. OUSTING

DOUGLAS, Ariz.—The Cochise County Central Labor Council demands reinstatement of the C.I.O. unions to the A.F.L.

STRIKERS LOOK OUT FOR PUBLIC'S INTERESTS



IN THE MARITIME strike and in the warehousemen's strike the unions have been far more considerate of the public's interests than the employers have. San Francisco warehousemen are shown inspecting crates of goods prior to releasing them during the grocery warehouse strike. The Warehousemen's Union, I.L.A. Local 38-44, has since gained its demands from the grocery warehouses.

AFL COUNCIL TO LEAVE P-I ALONE

Out of Strike After Rebuke of Raw Move

TAMPA, Fla.—Roundly rebuked by the Newspaper Guild and by resolutions of many labor councils and other labor bodies, the A.F.L. Executive Council has decided to withdraw from any future attempts to mediate the Seattle Hearst Post-Intelligencer strike led by the Guild.

The anger of organized labor bodies was aroused because the Executive Council attempted to force the Guild to settle on a basis which would not only grant none of the Guild's demands but would also leave the two fired Guild members permanently blacklisted.

It was the firing of these two members, for Guild activities, which precipitated the strike in the first place. William Green announced the decision to withdraw after hearing Jonathan Eddy, national secretary of the Guild, and Harvey Kelley, attorney for the Hearst publications.

Steel Strike Being Geared in High

CHICAGO—Fifty organizers of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee returned to their districts with axes in hand from the organizing conference in Chicago Nov. 10 presided over by Regional Director Van A. Bittner of the Great Lakes-Chicago region. The axes were Bittner's announcement that for the next 90 days steel workers will be admitted into the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron Steel and Tin Workers without initiation fees of dues.

From every district came the news that men are making good their pre-election promises to join up after Pres. Roosevelt was re-elected. Many new men, not previously approached, are coming to district officers to sign up. "It looks like the days in the war," said a veteran organizer, "when all we had to do was to show up at a factory gate and the men almost mobbed us in their eagerness to get union cards."

In the war and immediate post-war years the American Federation of Labor reached its all-time membership peak, exceeding 4,000,000, a level never since attained.

A contributing reason for the 90-day moratorium on union dues and initiation fees is the fact that at the end of March the soft coal agreements held by the United Mine Workers of America expire. If there is to be a showdown with the coal operators the miners, who have been important factors in financing the steel drive, want the steel plants with their huge captive coal mine holdings to be on the union side, so far as the men can make it so.

Air Base Workers Sue for Back Pay

SAN JOSE—Demanding back wages of \$10,497, twenty-six men working on the Sunnyvale naval air base hanger at San Jose have brought suit in Federal Court for a judgment for that amount.

Though their demands only include a demand for a forty-eight hour week with a weekly wage of forty dollars, the labor exploiters Morris Sontag has definitely refused to recognize the union and maintains that he will deal only with individuals.

Guild Gains Big In "News" Pact

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco News, Scripps-Howard paper here, has officially announced agreement with the Newspaper Guild which marks one of the biggest victories yet gained by the militant editorial workers' union. The scale established will set a \$20 minimum per week for beginners, with increases each year rising to a \$50 weekly minimum for experienced men employed five years or more. The five-day 40-hour week, time off for overtime, vacations with pay, sick leave pay, dismissal pay and expense allowances are also to prevail, according to the News' announcement.

Labor for Change in Constitution

WASHINGTON—Forces driving towards a constitutional amendment in order to make minimum wage and maximum hour legislation effective found a new adherent here as the third national conference on labor legislation adopted a committee report committing it to seek such a constitutional change.

The recommendation was embodied in the report of the committee on minimum wage legislation. That report declared, "In the light of recent studies of wages paid in various parts of the United States, your committee concludes that the need for mandatory minimum wage legislation to prevent payment of sweatshop wages is as urgent as ever."

Minimum Wage Laws "Indeed so urgent is this need that the committee recommends that every effort be exerted by the states and the federal government to draft minimum wage legislation which will conform to the present limitations of the constitution."

"Inasmuch as such legislation has been held unconstitutional the committee urges that the conference at the same time endorse the proposal that the federal constitution be amended so as to permit minimum wages and other social legislation."

A day prior to the conference's action the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers, by action of their executive boards, adopted resolutions pledging the unions to seek similar constitutional changes. The committee further urged that the Secretary of Labor's committee, to be appointed by the conference and the Secretary of Labor to serve until next year's conference, study principles to be embodied in a bill for federal minimum wage legislation which will be made the basis for a constitutional amendment. Minimum wages for men, as well as women, are to be included in the bill.

LA Pharmacist Union Cracks Down On Open-Shop Outfit

LOS ANGELES—Following the refusal of the Sontag Drug stores to deal with their union, the Pharmacists Union 840 of Los Angeles has declared that the only alternative is to strike the offending stores.

Resolved: That this fifty-sixth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is in full accord with the action voted by the 1935 California State Federation of Labor convention and pledges the prestige and resources of the American Federation of Labor to bring the facts of the "MODES-TO STANDARD OIL CONSPI-

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O'Connell Instructed To Fight For It

SAN FRANCISCO—Maybe the Standard Oil Co. and the open shoppers in general think that the framed-up Modesto boys are forgotten, but they're cuckoo if they do.

The San Francisco Central Labor Council sent John O'Connell as its delegate to the A.F.L. convention in Tampa with instructions to introduce and fight for this resolution (which all labor organizations should adopt):

WHEREAS: In March, 1936, a strike was called against the Oil Tankers of the Standard Oil Company of California and other Pacific Coast Oil concerns by the Pacific Coast District Committee of the International Seamen's Union of America; and

WHEREAS: The Standard Oil Company took the most active part in fighting the strikers by every vicious means for which this company has become notorious throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS: During the progress of the strike nine members of the Pacific Coast Maritime Union were arrested on the public highway by Standard Oil Company private detectives, and were subsequently charged and tried in Modesto, California, on four serious counts; and

WHEREAS: The record of the trial revealed that the arrest had been promoted and instigated by agents provocateurs, stool pigeons and detectives in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and further that the special prosecutor, Glenn Devore of Fresno, California, was an employe of the Standard Oil Company and other oil companies, as admitted in open court by Cleary, the labor-hating district attorney; and

WHEREAS: The jury acquitted the defendants on all of the serious charges and returned a compromise verdict on the least serious one, namely, "reckless and malicious possession of explosives," with a recommendation for leniency; and

WHEREAS: This conviction was secured wholly on the testimony of the said stool pigeons and private detectives of the Standard Oil Company; and

WHEREAS: The conviction was a deliberate attack by the Standard Oil Company against organized labor; and the imprisonment of these defendants is an injury to and a crime against American Labor; and

CALLS FOR A.F.L. SUPPORT WHEREAS: Edward Vandeleur, president of the California State Federation of Labor, in his report of September 16, 1935, to the annual convention, and also the convention itself by UNANIMOUS vote, declared their belief in the innocence of the Union members, and pledged full moral and financial support towards their complete vindication and immediate liberation, and furthermore placed the products of the Standard Oil Company on the "We do not patronize" list; now therefore be it

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GORMAN AGAIN SHOWS NEED OF A LABOR PARTY

Should Include All Allies of The Trade Unions

WASHINGTON—Labor should use its newly-found political strength in moving quickly toward formation of an "all-inclusive and all-embracing Farmer-Labor," declared Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers Union, in a new statement here. "The elections show that there is a new political alignment in process of development," said Gorman. "Labor has shown its strength for the first time. That strength can be maintained only by the formation of a Labor Party."

"We are urging the maintenance of Labor's Non-Partisan League as the base for the formation of such a party. I think that the showing of the American Labor Party in New York was splendid. It proves that the base for a Labor Party in New York is all there."

Although believing in the importance of a strong trade union core, Gorman said farmers and professionals are of great importance as parts of a Farmer-Labor Party movement.

"It's got to be set up in such a manner," he declared, "it will be all-inclusive and all-embracing—including labor, farmers, professionals, youth and the unemployed."

Gorman believes labor must press for gains now in industry as well as in politics. "We certainly intend to capitalize on labor's contribution to the victory of Roosevelt. We will press for better wages and a higher standard of living."

The United Textile Workers' recent convention reaffirmed its position for a Farmer-Labor Party. The forthcoming executive board meeting of the union, said Gorman, will probably make more specific plans.

Big problem before the board meeting will be the mapping of a union organizational drive, particularly in the southern textile mills. It is to facilitate that drive that the union headquarters are being moved to Washington.

Danger of Job Loss In Security Forms

WASHINGTON—Opportunities afforded employers to scrutinize the social security application forms of their employees began to alarm labor officials here as implications of the forms became realized.

Moves were begun to have the Social Security Board adopt a method of procedure guaranteeing the right of the worker to submit his application blank to the board directly without having it pass through the hands of the employer and without being under suspicion for refusal to submit his application form through his employer.

Labor officials agreed that the danger lay in allowing the employer access to the true age of the employee. They contend that by the constantly lowering age limit taking place in industry many persons, especially women in textile mills and other mass production industries, are forced to underestimate their age when applying for a job.

Many persons, they say, are being turned away on the grounds of "being too old" and those now with jobs feel that if the employer becomes aware of their actual age, they will either be dropped immediately or sooner than in their normal course of employment. The Social Security application blank, under the line requesting the date of birth, states, "Subject to later verification."

RACY" before the people of the United States; and be it further RESOLVED: That this convention wire to our fellow Unionists at San Quentin Penitentiary in California assurance of support, and that it telegraph protests and demands for the vindication and immediate release of the defendants to Governor Frank F. Merriam in Sacramento, and to the State Board of Terms and Paroles, San Quentin, California; and be it finally RESOLVED: That adequate publicity of this action be given and all friends of labor be urged to refuse patronage to the enemies of labor.

"Point of Order" (A Trade Union Column)

By Slim

Exaggeration is the Word for Fanny

IN THE GRAND MANNER, Secretary of Labor Perkins did some boasting at the Tampa convention of the A.F.L. Employment in the United States, she told the delegates, is practically at the 1929 level.

Secretary Perkins is a lady, and we are gentlemen, so we must refrain from calling Miss Perkins what some more uncouth person might call her on the basis of her claims before the convention.

Instead, we are going to let the Executive Council of the A.F.L., whose members are also gentlemen, refute Miss Perkins. A monthly survey of business just issued by the American Federation of Labor shows that:

Profits of American industry, now rapidly approaching pre-depression levels, will be between 40 and 50 per cent greater this year than they were in 1935, but workers' average hourly earnings will show a gain of less than 1 per cent.

By increasing working hours two a week, instead of hiring additional labor, industry "has denied jobs to several hundred thousand unemployed."

The Federation points out further, in black and white figures, that instead of giving worthwhile wage increases, and increasing employment to workers this year, the big corporations have used their huge profits to increase dividends to stockholders.

As an example of how profits are skyrocketing, the A.F.L. quoted figures supplied by Standard Statistics showing that the profits of 403 representative corporations are not far from the boom level of 1929. In that year they were \$2,991,000,000. The estimate for 1936 is \$2,243,000,000. That is \$265,000,000 more than the same corporations made in 1927 and only \$378,000,000 less than they pocketed in 1928.

But the failure to increase wages is only part of the story. Where the American Federation survey makes Miss Perkins' glib claims seem greatly exaggerated (we are still being the gentleman) is in the following:

"Many industries," the Federation said, "by speed-up methods and technological improvements, have greatly increased the workers' hourly production, placing an added work load on the wage-earner for which he receives no corresponding gain in pay."

Citing the boot and shoe industry as an example, the Federation shows that, while workers are producing 10 1/2 per cent more goods an hour than they did in 1935, their hourly earnings have, during 1936, actually decreased 2.6 per cent.

Which means that unemployment has been increasing right along, Miss Perkins to the contrary. (It might be worth while adding the fact that over a million railroad workers will never have the opportunity to work at their trades again, due to elimination by speed-up and consolidations.)

Workers' weekly incomes have been increased throughout industry as a whole. This has been accomplished, the Federation explained, by working labor two hours longer a week and by raising wages one-half cent an hour.

And as the Federation survey correctly concludes:

"These figures show that re-employment is vital to the nation. Buying power could have been increased vastly more, however, if wages had been raised commensurately with industry's capacity to pay, and if hours had not been lengthened."

History Repeats Itself

A page out of history that should show those big open shoppers, as in the steel industry, whose company unions are turning on them, that history repeats itself.

As long ago as the year 1900, the rulers of Tsarist Russia were alarmed by the growth of Social Democratic ideas among the workers in industry... A clever young officer of the secret police named Zubatoff convinced his superiors that they might best combat this political (and therefore revolutionary) movement by quietly encouraging them to form unions for purely economic action and even actively helping them to win better wages and working conditions through direct struggle with the employers. Of course, these unions were to be supervised and guided by "undercover men" representing the secret police.

The scheme seemed to work well for a time. By 1903 these legalized unions were getting out of hand. As the historian Mayor puts it, they "taught the working men how to organize and gave them a taste for power," and they "rendered an important though unintentional service in the initial stages of the revolution."

Within another year or two they had become so clearly conscious of their political as well as their economic interests that in self-defense the autocracy had to suppress them.

AFL on Record to Aid Anti-Fascists

In view of Green's action against the Spanish people at the Tampa convention it is necessary to recall that the following resolution was adopted by the last regular annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in Atlantic City, last October:

"By bluff and bludgeon, by threats, torture and terror, by a system of glorified and gory gangsterism, which are the methods of every brand of dictatorship, Nazis and Fascists succeeded in obtaining power and establishing themselves as legal governments of their respective peoples. Their coming to power inevitably signaled the abolition of all civic and political rights and complete annihilation of everything that organized labor has gained during decades of struggle. All normal processes of civilization were reversed and all accepted laws of justice and decency outraged."

Part of resolution was: "To give all possible moral and financial support to the Labor Chest for the relief and liberation of workers of Europe so that it might efficiently and adequately meet the needs of labor's Fascist victims."

FILLINGSTATION MEN SICK OF MR. MANSFIELD

Request Nat'l Council Take Him Out So SF Union May Grow

SAN FRANCISCO—So were Jack Mansfield's practices that Filling Station Employees Union Local 19570 couldn't stomach them, and the following letter to the National Council in Akron is the result:

Nov. 19, 1936. Mr. H. A. Bradley, Nat'l Council, First Central Tower Bldg., Akron, Ohio.

Dear Brother Bradley: This evening Jack Mansfield, appointed by you as vice-president of the National Council, attended our meeting. As a result of some of his recent actions, which our membership considered contrary to our welfare, he was called to task to explain himself.

Upon his request to the membership that if we didn't deem him worthy of holding a book in our union he would be glad to turn it in and leave the union, a motion was duly made and seconded that we accept Jack Mansfield's book and this was passed by a vast majority of those voting—54 to 9.

Our union has gone on record to request you to withdraw him from officership in the National Council for various reasons.

To name a few: 1—The manner in which he came to our union and attempted to assume the role of dictator; 2—When asked for his cooperation as vice-president of our council in a meeting involving another international, instead of supporting our local, on unjustifiable grounds he placed our representatives in a most embarrassing position by favoring the opposition; 3—Contrary to the basic principles of the A.F.L. he has established a union local in Oakland affiliated to our national council in which a great number of employers are members in good standing, giving them a majority vote on all questions concerning their employees' welfare.

He has attempted to instill the same type of organization within our local No. 19570.

4—He is directly responsible for sabotaging our joint executive council by his most undemocratic actions which have disgusted our sister local in San Mateo so as to cause them to withdraw until Mansfield is withdrawn.

In the meantime we would sincerely appreciate your sending a man out here to serve as vice-president until the January convention, who will better represent the interests of organized labor instead of wasting our funds and retarding our progress as Jack Mansfield has done.

We would expressly appreciate a detailed reply addressed to our local in care of our recording secretary.

Fraternally yours,
Executive Board, 19570.

Now for some more facts on Mansfield. He was brought in to the union by Joe Casey, and is a pal of that arch-reactionary. He was brought in through the back door, with the aid of Al De Lisle, deposed president, a reactionary if there ever was one.

Mansfield never served in the capacity of an ordinary employe, in or about a gasoline station. By his own admission he had served major oil companies in a supervisor's capacity. He is directly responsible for the speedup in the McKale stations. He is a personal friend of Earl McKale. He promoted the credit-card system, which increased the profits of the companies, entailing much additional work for the men with no extra pay.

He turned the Oakland local into a company union, as the letter shows.

The Filling Station workers have found Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the San Francisco Central Labor Union Council putting many obstacles in the way of their strike against the Seaside Oil Co.

Vandeleur's Tactics At a Labor Council meeting Vandeleur called a motion for support of the strike out of order, telling the Filling Station workers' delegate that the union had better first take it up with teamsters' officials, even though the union had done so, and the union had complied with all requirements of the Council for endorsement of the strike.