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TRY 100 AT LONG BEACH; L. A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS TO JAIL WORKERS

Messages Protesting Criminal Violation of Workers' Rights Flood Gov. Rolph

Over 200 labor and sympathetic organizations have adopted resolutions of protest against the brutal, outrageous attack by the Los Angeles Red Squad and the Long Beach police department on a meeting organized in Long Beach to hear a lecture on "The Current Economic Crisis." Governor Rolph's office, as well as the office of the mayor of Long Beach, admit the receipt of many scores of telegrams demanding the immediate dismissal of the charges and unconditional release of the defendants.

Trial Opens Feb. 2

The trial of the 44 workers being held on the charge of "willful and unlawful assembly to violate the Criminal Syndicalism Act" opened on February 2, at 10 a.m., in Long Beach.

Workers' organizations, individuals, and all people who believe in the right of workers to meet and discuss their problems, are urged to send telegrams to the Mayor, City Hall, Long Beach, and to Governor James Rolph, Jr., State Capitol, Sacramento, demanding the unconditional release of all the defendants.

Terror Exposed

At the initial hearing, Lee Gallagher, attorney for the defendants, in a fiery speech exposed before a crowded courtroom the terror which was used against the prisoners. The men were beaten up until bleeding or in a faint. The women were insulted with vile and contemptible language. The attorney for the defendants, Leo Gallagher, was denied the right to see all but two prisoners for four days; all the prisoners were finger-printed, photographed and questioned by the immigration authorities, who, after the arrest, sought evidence upon which to make the charge.

The corridors in the courtroom were crowded by a large number of people who were trying to get into the hearing. At first the attendants shut the doors to the public, but were forced to open them because of the demand by the defendants' attorney.

Outrageous Bail

Bail had been set at \$22,500 on the unlawful assembly charge, and

FIFTY THOUSAND CITIZENS DEMAND C. S. LAW REPEAL

Gov. Rolph Hides From Delegation, Sends Secretary, Who Passes Buck to Other Officials

A delegation of 25, elected at the Mooney-Harlan-Scottsboro Conference, representing 89 organizations in California, on Tuesday, January 19, presented the petitions for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, containing 50,000 signatures, to the state secretary at Sacramento.

Sacramento workers' organizations wanted to greet the delegation and escort it to the State Capitol, but the state secretary, backed by the militia, would not permit that. The delegation was therefore met by the Sacramento workers at a large militant demonstration in the central city park. The demonstration was the biggest seen in Sacramento for a long time, and was very enthusiastic.

Try to Terrorize Delegation

When the delegation reached the State Capitol grounds, it had to go through a gauntlet of several hundred state policemen, who swarmed in every nook and corner in and outside the Capitol building. At the state secretary's office a whole host of state officials, including the attorney general, as well as many reporters and plain clothes detectives, were waiting for the delegation, prepared to dispose of it (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

additionally, 13 workers were held for deportation with bail totaling over \$20,000 placed against them. Because of the splendid response of workers in Los Angeles against this raid, sufficient bail was raised to get almost all of the workers out of prison. Of those workers who were released, over half of them are now laid up, suffering influenza (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

U. S. AND JAPAN SEND WARSHIPS TO ATTACK CHINA

Drive Against Chinese Soviets; Japan Threatens Soviet Union; Drives to Capture Harbin

SHANGHAI, Feb. 1.—War for the division of China and the ruthless suppression of the Chinese masses is proceeding apace. Under the smoke-screen of a truculent attitude towards each other the major imperialist countries are concentrating all available naval and military forces in China and Manchuria in preparation for a united front attack on the Soviet Union and the crushing of the Chinese Soviet.

Ruthlessly continuing their advance for the conquest of China, Japanese soldiers and marines today increased their grip on the city of Shanghai. The occupation was effected under the guns of the huge war fleet of forty ships anchored in Wang-poo River. Plans continued to drop bombs on the defenseless city, killing thousands of innocent Chinese workers.

Yesterday, Japanese warships shelled Nanking, the capital of China, about 200 miles up the river from Shanghai. This action shows that Japan intends to force her domination over the whole of the Yangtze river region. The Nanking government has moved its headquarters to Honanfu, so as to be out of the range of Japanese guns.

Martial law has been declared in the International Settlement of Shanghai, where thousands of American, British and French troops are concentrated for the protection of their own imperialist interests.

U. S. Rushes Battleships
Rushing from the naval base at Manila the whole U. S. Asiatic fleet is preparing to concentrate at Shanghai. British and French cruisers are also speeding to China. The United States has sent a regiment of regular troops from the Philippine Islands, while the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets, with (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

ROLPH "SUFFERS" HEAVIEST EATING SCHEDULE IN MONTHS

Tells Starving Workers Their Demands For Relief Are Impossible; Then Goes On Glutton's Rampage

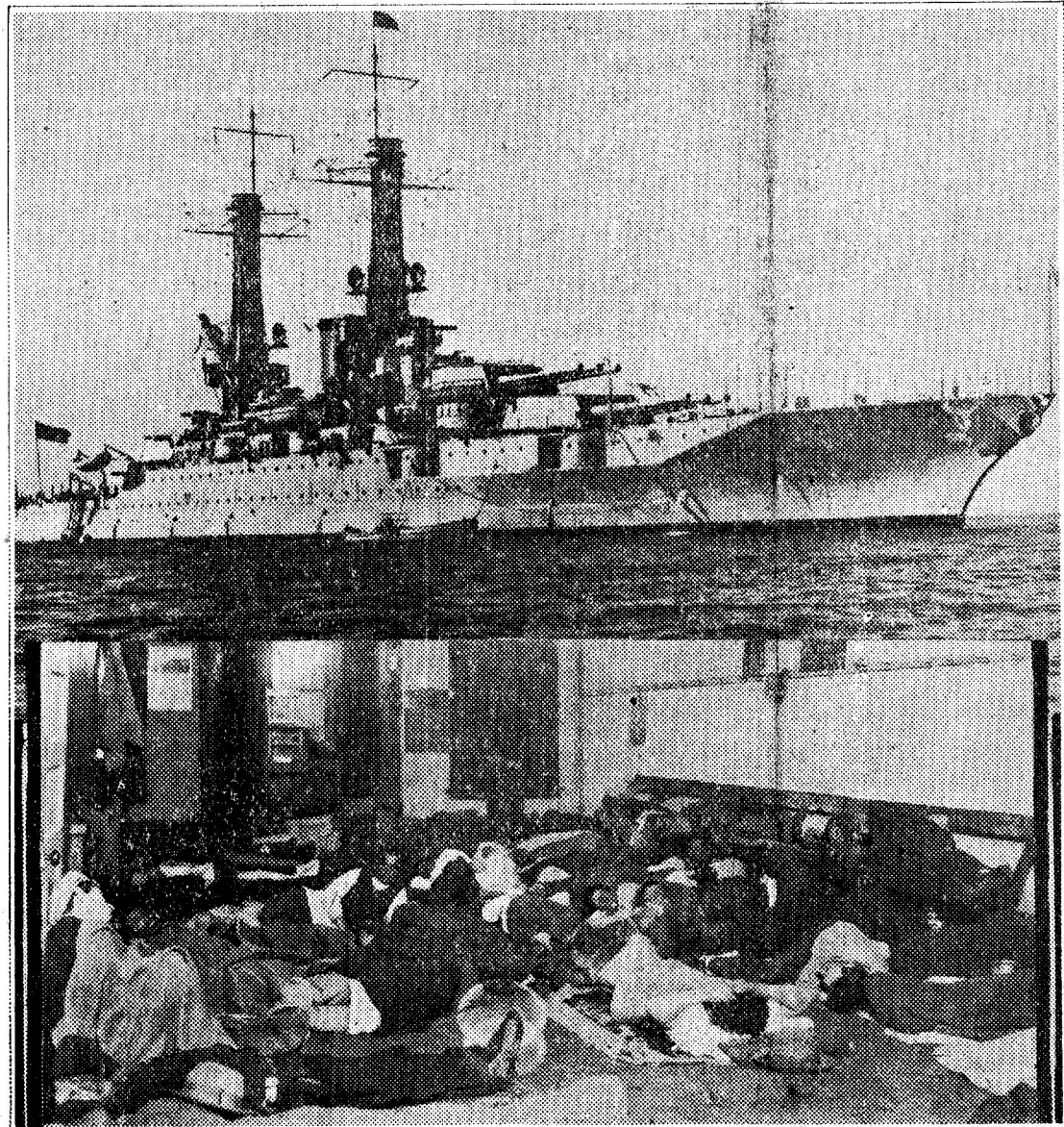
We reprint below verbatim an item which appeared in the Sacramento Bee of January 13. This concerns Governor Rolph's schedule after telling the starving 60,000 workers who elected the Hunger March delegates that their demands for food were impossible. The item concerns the hardship which the governor faces in "the heaviest eating schedule he has had to undergo in months." It follows:

ROLPH FACES HEAVY EATING SCHEDULE IN VISIT THROUGH SOUTH

GOVERNOR JAMES
ROLPH is en route to Los Angeles today to be the honor guest at five banquets in three days.

The governor will begin

Wall Street Battleships Hunt War — Workers Rot in Flop Houses



TERROR FAILS TO HALT SPREAD OF KENTUCKY STRIKE

Pineville Conference Makes Plans to Win Demands; Issues Call for Aid

Joe Weber and Bill Duncan, National Miners Union organizers, were arrested in Tennessee January 15, turned over to Harlan, Ky., gun thugs, and badly beaten before being left unconscious by the roadside. They had entered a restaurant in Cumberland Gap, Tenn., during a lunch stop enroute to Middleboro, Ky. A reward for Frank Borich, secretary of the National Miners Union, "dead or alive," has enlisted every thug and stool-pigeon into the service of the coal operators. The restaurant owner recognized Weber and called the deputies. The fact that Weber succeeded in phoning their plight to the Tennessee Miners' Relief Committee of the Workers' International Relief while waiting for the Harlan thugs, probably succeeded in saving their lives, for the deputies had threatened a "one-way-ride."

Workers Aroused

So great was the indignation of masses of workers throughout Ten- (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Western Worker Urges Raising of \$50,000 to Save Daily Worker

The DAILY WORKER has issued a call for support to save it from financial bankruptcy. The continual charge put on its meager resources by its participation in the fierce struggles now raging in the South and East of the U. S. have drained it so that its further publication is endangered.

According to statement issued by the management, \$50,000 is needed in order to insure further publication. That this sum can be raised was proven in the last drive, where the appeal for \$35,000 brought \$42,000 in donations. All workers should note the seriousness of the situation and arouse every militant to contribute and get contributions.

The WESTERN WORKER urges that every resource at the command of the class conscious workers of the West be harnessed to make this drive a success.

Send all funds through the WESTERN WORKER, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco, or directly to the DAILY WORKER, 50 East 13th Street, New York City.

PAINTERS BREAK WITH A. F. OF L; FORM NEW UNION

100 From Locals 19 and 1158 Join; Expose Fakers' Sell-Out; Act to Fight Wage Cut

Breaking away from their corrupt A. F. of L. leadership, over 100 members of Painters Locals No. 19 and 1158 formed a new militant union, to be known as Local 1 of "The National Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers Union." Decision to found the new union was taken at a mass meeting held in Knights of Columbus hall on January 27. Over two hundred painters were present at the meeting, which was called by the "Rank and File Committee of Action."

Bosses Post Wage Cut

A few weeks ago the Master Painters Association, in defiance of the agreement arrived at by the so-called "Impartial Wage Board," posted a \$2.00 a day wage cut to affect all painters in the San Francisco area.

Vote to Strike

Voting overwhelmingly to strike rather than accept the cut, the membership of 19 and 1158 instructed their representatives on the Dis- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

C. P. NOMINATES JOHN LAURIE FOR MAYOR IN SEATTLE

Capitalist Candidates Include a Strikebreaker and Two Other Boss Agents

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—In opposition to three demagogue candidates for mayor of Seattle, Harlin (running for re-election), Dore (the vote buyer), and Brown, the Communist Party is sponsoring the candidacy of John Laurie, who is well known in Seattle for his working class activities as an outstanding revolutionary fighter in the interest of the workers.

The Central Labor Council of the A. F. of L., whose corrupt leaders expelled John Laurie, Communist candidate, from the Boiler Makers Union because of his anti-boss activities, has endorsed the present "labor" mayor, Harlin. This approval of Harlin by the A. F. of L., instead of their disapproval of the present mayor for his strike-breaking activities and other anti-worker activities, shows the boss-control nature of the fake A. F. of L. leaders.

Strikebreaker Harlin

Harlin is obviously a tool of the Chamber of Commerce. He used the police to smash the lumber workers' strike in Ballard. He employed police terror in clubbing down and imprisoning workers who protested against war on November 21. (Continued on P. 5, C. 3)

Unemployed Workers Ship Hand Tools to Workers' Fatherland

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Jan. 30.—The Santa Cruz Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union has collected a shipment of tools weighing 667 lbs., which will become the communal property of the workers and farmers of the "Soviet Socialist Republic of Biro-Bibjan."

Many of the workers who contributed these tools are unemployed. This is characteristic of many workers throughout this "prosperous" country, who, seeing the impossibility of ever getting a job again here, are willing to donate their tools to the one country where they can become useful—the Soviet Union. Side by side with the tools go the Revolutionary greetings of the Santa Cruz Branch of the F. S. U. and those who donated the tools to the workers and farmers of the "Workers' Fatherland: "HAIL THE BUILDERS OF THE NEW WORLD IN BIRO-BIBJAN."

DEMONSTRATE FEB. 4 AGAINST WAR; FIGHT FOR IMMEDIATE CASH RELIEF AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE!

Demonstrations in All West Coast Cities to Press Demands Against Forced Labor Camps and For Adequate Relief

SEATTLE PARADE ON STEWART ST. AT 12 NOON, FEB. 4

Main Cities in Washington and Oregon to Hold Meetings in Fight for Insurance

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—Forcing the city administration to give a permit for the demonstration on February 4, the committee for the United Front Conference for unemployment insurance issued the following statement: "Workers will assemble at 12 noon on February 4 at Fourth and Stewart Streets. From there the demonstration will march to the city hall, where a committee elected by the workers will present their demands for immediate cash relief to Mayor Harlin."

Protest Police Brutality

Resolutions were adopted at the conference held on January 17 demanding the rights of workers to the streets and calling on the mayor to keep his police cossacks off the workers.

It was recalled that Mayor Harlin ordered his police to smash a demonstration of workers held on November 21 to protest against war preparations and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

Demonstrations in Other Cities

Workers in Portland, Aberdeen, Tacoma, Bellingham and Spokane are preparing for a mass demonstration on February 4 to present their local demands and support the National Unemployment Insurance Bill.

The militant workers of Seattle, both employed and unemployed, are backing the demonstration to take place on February 4.

City Refuses Jobless Aid

The city administration had refused to take any steps beyond a few miserable crumbs handed out in the bread lines, to relieve the thousands of starving workers. The program of the unemployed councils demands that each unemployed family be given \$150 cash winter relief, with \$50 extra for each dependent; that there be no gas and light shut-offs and no evictions of unemployed workers.

The committee has sent a message to Mayor Harlin demanding that he be present at the city hall on February 4 to answer the demands of the unemployed.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE!

The Struggle for Unemployment Insurance and the War Danger

The nationwide demonstrations of Thursday, February 4th, the Day of Struggle for Unemployment Insurance proclaimed by the Communist Parties in almost every country of the world, becomes doubly important to the working class with the rapid development of the acute Orient situation to force the workers into another imperialist world-war.

War is the way the capitalists intend to get out of the depression. The workers have always in the past been forced to fight the bosses wars for commerce and more markets.

If the capitalistic class through its "kept" press and the other war-propaganda agents are permitted to whip the American masses into another "war-hysteria" it will help the Hoover administration achieve its plan and oft-repeated promises about returning "prosperity around the corner." Another war will, in fact, bring back prosperity to the master class at the cost of workers' lives and suffering during and after the war has been waged.

"When war is declared by the United States, officially, it will not improve the conditions of the workers, nor will it abolish the huge army of the unemployed, nor will the bosses voluntarily increase the wages. War will add to the exploitation of the workers and increase the oppression against the unemployed.

The Communist Party calls on all workers to demonstrate in masses on February 4 for unemployment insurance and immediate cash relief.

Demand all war funds go to the unemployed!

Defend the Soviet Union!
Hands off Soviet China!
Down with the bloody Imperialist Invasion!

Expose the War, Provocation against the Soviet Union!
Withdraw U. S. Warships and Marines from China!

Beware of Hoover-Wall Street secret agreement with other Imperialist powers for the division of China and war against the Soviet Union!

Hail Soviet China and the Chinese Red Army, liberators of cruelly oppressed Chinese masses!
Hail the second 5-Year-Plan of U. S. S. R.

NOON AND EVENING MEETINGS IN ALL CALIFORNIA CITIES

Follow Up Work of the Hunger March by Increasing Organ- ization of Unemployed

Carrying forward the fight for immediate cash relief and unemployment insurance, the Unemployed Councils issued a call here today for mass meetings and demonstrations to be held on February 4, National Unemployment Insurance Day, to support the Workers' Social Insurance Bill.

Fight for Relief

In line with the plan of work adopted by the State Unemployment Convention at the time of the Hunger March on January 11, the statement declares, "The tremendous achievements of the State Hunger March in bringing the fighting program of the Unemployed Councils before hundreds of thousands of California workers, must be advanced and carried into every quarter of the state."

Build the Unemployed Councils

The statement continued: "The struggle must now be broadened and carried forward by the local unemployed councils to fight for immediate relief from city governments, from local charities, improvements in the flop houses and soup kitchens. To do this we must build the Unemployed Councils into real mass organizations."

Workers' Social Insurance Bill

On February 4 the list of signatures for the Workers' Social Insurance Bill will be presented to Congress. This day must see such an outpouring of workers all over the country that the Federal Government will be forced to take action. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

NATIONWIDE CUT HITS R. R. WORKERS; OFFICERS ARE TOOLS

Over 2,000,000 Workers Affected By Spread of Bosses' Campaign

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—A 10 per cent cut in wages went into effect this week on the major railroads of the United States, as the result of an agreement arrived at in the Chicago parley between the employers' organization and the betraying representatives of the railroad workers.

All attempts at compromise and arbitration by the officials of the Brotherhoods on behalf of the workers resulted in the usual defeat of the workers' demands and the accomplishment of the employers' wage-cut campaign.

Arbitration Subdues Struggle

The railroads several months ago issued notice that a 15 per cent wage-cut must be instituted, in order to stabilize the operations of the railroad companies. The rank and file railroad employes opposed this cut from the beginning and the Brotherhood officials were compelled by their pressure to attempt to stop the intended reduction. Arbitration being the bosses' weapon of controlling the workers' organizations through the officials, the recent "conference" was merely a part of the railroad companies tactics and was in their favor from the start.

Bosses Attain Objective

Through their officials the railroad workers offered to accept a cut of 6 1/2 per cent. The employers insisted on a 10 per cent slash accepted voluntarily by the workers or they would force through the 15 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

S. F. WORKERS' SCHOOL OPENS NEW SPRING TERM FEBRUARY 1

New Open Forum Schedule Announced In- cludes India, Elections and War

The Spring term of the San Francisco Workers' School begins February 1. During the first week all those that have registered for the courses will be informed on all preparations necessary for their respective courses.

Workers desiring to register can still do so by applying at the Workers' School office, 1164 Market St. The fee per course is only one dollar per term. Those unable to pay at once can pay in smaller amounts.

New Forum Series

The Workers' School Forum announces a new series of lectures beginning Sunday, January 31, with A. S. Sheena, a student of developments in India, who will speak on "The Struggle of the Workers and Peasants of India Against Imperialism." Sunday, February 7, James Branch speaks on "The Perspectives for the Next Presidential Election." Sunday, February 14, George Morris on "The Degeneration of the A. F. of L." Sunday, February 21, Norman Tallentire,

Detroit City Fires Municipal Workers; 800 Men Lose Jobs

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 30.—800 city workers were thrown out of their jobs by the so-called "progressive" Mayor Murphy. It is estimated that this "solution" to the unemployment situation in Detroit will save \$25,000 a week to be divided up among the politicians.

Diminishing tax returns due to the economic crisis in the large cities where graft rules, are leaving the politicians out on a limb. In desperation the city bosses make the workers and their families suffer to save their own fat profits.

Labor Defense Attorneys Appeal Scottsboro Case

WORKERS' DEFENSE FORGES FREEDOM FOR DEC. 25 CASES

Judge Checked in Red-Baiting; Tried to Force Workers to Salute Flag

When the entire number of December 1 cases were called again by Judge Schonfeld on Wednesday, January 27, the workers faced a very weary judge. It was clearly evident that the capitalist judge did not relish the agony of another batch of self-defense trials. He had a good example in the trial of the first group of six, where the workers laid bare the whole system of boss terror. Nine of the 12 jurors voted "not guilty."

Twenty were given 10-day suspended sentences. The rest, who faced very heavy trumped-up misdemeanor charges, were dealt out 30 days suspended. Among the latter, Jack Berolla's three heavy misdemeanor charges (kept in reserve in the event of his acquittal on two felony charges) were disposed of with 10 days suspended on each. Of the entire number, only one worker, Xavier Moreno, is serving 30 days for battery. He was convicted on a separate trial. Other charges against him were disposed of by a 40 days suspended.

Force Judge to Dismiss Case
Fred Bernard, secretary of I. L. D., was arrested near the court house on Thursday, January 28, and placed under \$1,000 vagrancy bail. This was on the heels of a new method by Judge Steiger in which he terrorizes workers by compelling them to "salute the flag." The dicks told Comrade Bernard that he, too, would have to salute.

In the meantime the International Labor Defense wired strong protests against this red-baiting judge and his tactics, with the result that when Comrade Bernard appeared before him the following day he dismissed the case without his favorite practice of making the worker salute the flag.

Dick Durant and Emil Johnson, two workers jailed when they refused to "salute," will soon appear again. The I. L. D. will continue their defense. The I. L. D. calls upon working-class organizations and individuals to send protests against the vicious red-baiter, Judge Steiger. Protests should be addressed to Presiding Judge Sylvian J. Lazarus, Hall of Justice, and Mayor A. Rossi, City Hall, San Francisco.

Arrest Needle Worker
Louis Kitzie, a needle worker arrested on trumped-up charges of assault with deadly weapon on complaint of a scab, is being held under \$5,000 bail. His case comes up Tuesday, February 2.

Try to Frame Worker
Jack Berolla's case will be tried in Superior Court also on February 2. Attorney Austin Lewis will defend this worker, together with Attorney Anderson. The I. L. D. is now conducting a campaign to save Jack Berolla from San Quentin.

Every one who witnessed the police attack upon this worker during the Mooney demonstration should at once get in touch with the I. L. D. office, 1179 Market Street, Room 603, or phone Underhill 3425.

Seattle Car Men Vote Strike For February Second

SEATTLE, Jan. 31. — Seattle street-car men are preparing to strike Tuesday, February 2, if the warrants with which they are "paid" are not cashable by that time. An increasing number of cities are paying their workers with worthless "scrip" as the crisis deepens.

Since its purchase from the Stone and Webster power interests through the crooked manipulations of Ole Hansen, famous red-baiting mayor of Seattle, the railway has been paid for several times over, and the city is still in debt.

LYNCH VERDICT FOR ORPHAN JONES

I. L. D. Calls for Mass Support to Save Framed Negro Farm Laborer

A hand-picked lynch jury, all of whom are acknowledged friends of the sheriff of Snowhill, Md., rendered a verdict of "guilty" January 20 against Orphan (Lee) Jones, aged Negro farm laborer, in Judge Duncan's court in Dawson, Md., ten miles from Baltimore. He was arrested on framed-up charges of murdering a white farmer who had previously stolen his dollar-a-day wages.

Negroes were jim-crowed from the jury, because the judge wanted "a jury that will act harmoniously."

Call for Mass Support
The International Labor Defense immediately appealed the case against the lynch verdict. The appeal has been set for January 9. A mass struggle must be made for his freedom.

The International Labor Defense, which has been fighting the case, is demanding a new trial with a Negro and white jury. Not a single shred of evidence was given by any of the 68 witnesses called by the prosecution, the whole case of the prosecution revolving about the "probability of a Negro who had his wages stolen, of committing murder."

Decision Reversed; I. L. D. Wins Case in Higher Court

The Appellate Division of the San Francisco Superior Court reversed the sentences by Judge Fritz against Archie Brown, Henry Schoen, Martin Shapiro and Dick Durant.

The appeal grew out of the September 14 case, when the Unemployed Council held a demonstration.

The police brutally attacked the demonstrators and arrested 20 workers. Of these, Judge Fritz gave six months to Archie Brown and smaller sentences to the other workers.

The action in courts was accompanied by mass protests. Following the arrests, nearly 500 workers gathered in California Hall, under auspices of International Labor Defense, and protested police brutality.

Strong resolutions were sent to Mayor Rossi, demanding the workers' release.

'FRISCO NEEDLE STRIKE ENDED; FIGHT WAGE CUTS

Militant Union Now Preparing For Better Organized Struggle For Better Conditions

The strike waged by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union against the wage-cut of the San Francisco Cloak Company, 130 Kearny Street, has been called off after nine weeks of struggle.

Through its unflinching militancy in resisting the wage-cut the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union gained the support of most of the needle trade workers in the city, and the membership of this revolutionary union was increased considerably.

Terror Against Strike
The police terror used against the strikers was terrific.

M. Kitzie, alleged to have been active in the strike, was arrested Monday night, January 26, in Zodi's Dairy Lunch at Fourth and Jessie, when he was pointed out to detectives by Horowitz and Solin from within the protection of the police car. Kitzie was charged with "assault with a deadly weapon" against a scab. Bail of \$5,000 was raised for his release, and another warrant was served and he was rearrested for allegedly having struck another scab, named Blum, with a deadly weapon. This time the judge, in his desire to protect the interests of the boss class, set the bail at \$10,000.

Arrests of pickets have been wholesale. The police have used up all regular charges which are used to break strikes, and have dug up old ones, such as "refusing to salute the flag," and new ones such as "standing in the rain." Workers have been held under suspicion as dynamiters, and ambitious stool pigeons striving to become detectives have acted as provocateurs, offering to commit violence for the strikers.

A professional strike-breaker, in the person of Plotkin of the I. L. G. W. V., twice failed to draw the workers away from the N. T. W. I. U. leadership in an effort to sell out the strike.

Every effort at the bosses' command was used to break the strike and discredit the N. T. W. I. U. leadership of the workers in the struggle. The other bosses through their organizations, the Industrial Association and Apparel Wear Association, however, only strengthened the revolutionary Union, whose membership has grown rapidly because of its unwavering anti-boss leadership of the workers.

Painters Break With A. F. of L.; Form New Union
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District Council to call the strike. The District Council refused to take action, but offered the bosses a compromise of \$1.00 a day cut.

Throw Militant Workers Out
When militant protests against this attempted sell-out were made from the floor of Local 19, several workers were thrown out of the meeting, whereupon 90 per cent of the members present left in protest.

That workers in the American Federation of Labor have become disgusted with the sell-out, boss collaboration tactics of their leaders, is proved by the fact that this is not an isolated incident among A. F. of L. unions. In New York, Carpenters Local 2717 voted unanimously in favor of unemployment insurance in defiance of the stand that the Federation took at the Vancouver Convention.

All painters, irrespective of union affiliation, are urged to form rank and file committees to fight against wage cuts and lay-offs, and especially against the treacherous leadership of the A. F. of L. Painters, whether organized or not, should join the National Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers Union.

Mass Meeting Called
A mass meeting has been called by the union for February 9 in their new National Union headquarters at 11 Duboce Street, corner of Mission. Union and non-union painters, decorators and paper hangers in San Francisco are strongly urged to attend this meeting to build the new union into a real mass organization to fight the cut.

It is clear that the new union should immediately affiliate with The Trade Union Unity League, the organization to which all militant labor unions belong.

Only under the militant leadership of the T. U. U. L. can a real organized struggle against wage cuts and the bosses' starvation program be carried on.

PEDDLE PATRIOTISM
To carry this out, the concrete proposal is

A school of government in the George Washington University for the purpose of "Americanizing Americans," to be attended by representatives of groups in each State which "definitely dedicate themselves among other things to teaching government and the things for which George Washington stood and for which America exists."

SQUANDER MONEY
\$15,000 is going for reproduction of busts and photographs of Washington. Material is going out through 48,910 postmasters and 230,000 churches. \$23,500 is to be spent in connection with agricultural fairs, county fairs, state fairs and farm organizations. Huge sums are to be put into a memorial boulevard, completion of monuments and other memorials and restoration of Washington's birthplace in Wakefield, Va., 6,000 sets of the complete writings of George Washington, 25 volumes in each set, are being printed.

Ten million trees are to be planted this year.

"which are to become memorials for the Father of His country—living symbols, reverent and vibrant expressions of a grateful people for one who made certain that the structure of 'life liberty and pursuit of happiness' would arise on the cornerstones of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution." (Miner in the Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1931.)

OH YEAH!
Undoubtedly we millions of workers who are unemployed or on strike have plenty of time (!) and should be imbued with patriotic fervor (!) to plant these trees!—Undoubtedly, too, we should be above demanding relief from starvation and misery and be satisfied with colossal shows of fire-works, parades, dramas, pageants, blustering bull-throating speeches about "loyalty," and give heartfelt thanks for "prosperity." But we ourselves are "living symbols," starving, exploited victims of this capitalist structure which snuffs out our lives, confines our liberty to factories, jails and hovels, and shoots to kill when we dare strike for a little happiness!

CONGRESS SPENDS \$700,000 ON BI-CENTENNIAL COMMISSION; REFUSES RELIEF TO JOBLESS

Main Aim to Train Spies Against Workers Under Guise of Patriotism

Already more than \$700,000 has been spent for celebration preparations according to Mr. Wood, Chairman of the George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission. Congressional Bill No. 6041 allows \$100,000 for expenses of the District of Columbia alone, for this "super"-patriotic affair.

In explanation of all this, Senator Fess tells us that:

"A Commission was created something like six years ago, with an annual appropriation of \$10,000 (it has since spent almost a million dollars) to create a Washington minded spirit on the part of the public leading up to a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington which will be next year. (1932)

"This commission is made up of 'prominent citizens, lawyers, bankers, clubmen and clubwomen' which is another way of saying capitalists and their lackeys.

The workers must understand that this is a big scheme to destroy militant workers' organizations. We must give a decisive answer by strengthening our organizations, by exposing this fraud and increasing the struggle against hunger, terror and war.

TRY 100 AT LONG BEACH

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and pneumonia. One worker, Sam Galland, received such a severe beating that he went insane for four days before he began to recover under the treatment supplied by free workers. All the prisoners were kept in a cement and iron tank 22 x 28 feet in size. In this small place 52 of the prisoners were forced to sleep on the cold bare floor; the first night, while a huge pile of mattresses and blankets lay outside the bars, the prisoners' continual request for these were refused. For the succeeding days these mattresses, so thin that the cold from the cement floor came right through them after the first two minutes that they were laid down, and one thin blanket was all that was given the prisoners for four days.

Police Brutality
The wild brutality of the Los Angeles police squad, who led the raid, and the Long Beach police department, in whose custody the prisoners were placed, must be answered by increased protests by every workers' organization and individual throughout the state in order to force the immediate and unconditional release of all the defendants.

The names of the prisoners are as follows: Sam Rubin, Bakunin Funkunaga, Geo. Nagasaki, Geo. Haka, Alex Katz, Morris Schmidt, Negro Giovan, Chaim Krasucki, John Culbus, Bachan Singh, Morris Brogin, Frank Samoradin, Aaron Feinberg, Louis Medici, Geo. Mako, Joe Arispe, John Vilarino, Stein Naphali, Wh. Wilson, Samuel Jackson, Bernard Rosenfeld, Sam Wilenski, Paul Parr, Joe Schneider, A. H. Peterson, Lillian Goodman, Ida Rothstein, Raymond Lago, Sol Wolloch, Sam Golland, Vartian Jalalian, Canuto Costello, Ben Sanders, John O'Neill, Sam Darcy, Edwin Sandler, Patrick Chambers, Sicho Sakiyama, Joya Kideyoshi, Joe Kross, Omar F. Kinder.

Rush Funds
Funds to conduct the defense are sorely needed and a call has been issued by the International Labor Defense, 120 Winston Street, Los Angeles, which is conducting the defense of the prisoners, for contributions. All workers are urged to send these immediately.

Workers Pay for Crisis
The success of the railroad wage-cut campaign is in line with the general program of the bosses during depressions, namely, placing the burden of the crisis directly on the backs of the workers. Thereby, the immediate interests of commercial and industrial institutions is "stabilized" and the returns of stockholders are protected, at the expense of the wage-earners.

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The rank and file railroad workers are seething with resentment over this sell-out by the Brotherhood fakers. It is clear that these mis-leaders will put up no fight against the bosses. Rail workers should organize rank and file committees of action to fight the cut, and get in touch with the Railroad Workers Industrial League to organize a real militant struggle against this attack on their standard of living.

W. I. R. Opens Office in S. F.

The Workers' International Relief has opened an office at 1179 Market Street, Room, 603, San Francisco. The Workers' International Relief is an organization which builds solidarity movements among the workers and poor farmers to aid them in all their struggles, strikes, unemployed hunger marches, etc.

The main campaign of the Workers' International Relief at present is the Kentucky-Tennessee miners' strike. The Kentucky miners have been out on strike since January 1. They need money, food and clothing in order to win this fight against wage cuts and hunger.

This fight of the Kentucky miners is a fight of the entire working class.

SACRAMENTO S. P. LAYS OFF WORKERS

Company Gets \$48,000 Insurance For Explosion Which Killed Two Workers

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 1. — The boiler and blacksmith shops of the Southern Pacific Company in Sacramento were again closed down until the beginning of next month, after working four days the first week of January. The regular closing down of these shops was the cause of the fatal boiler explosion of the West Coast Limited on Christmas Day. The explosion has proved profitable for the S. P. Co., who collected \$48,000 in insurance and started repair work on the engine.

Three Days Per Week
The other departments of the S. P. that started to work four days a week after New Year's were put back on the "Standard American schedule" of three days. The fourth day was added to fool the workers into thinking "prosperity" would return with the wage cut.

Increase Lay-Offs
The S. P. and Western Pacific workers in Sacramento are only a jump ahead of the totally unemployed; working part time, with lay-offs as regular as clock-work, except that they come around more often and are longer-lasting.

The statement of the railroad bosses to the effect that the wage cut will guarantee jobs is pure bunk. The Western Pacific has announced its intention to lay off its entire shop in Sacramento for three months. This will add more hundreds to the increasing thousands of totally unemployed in Sacramento. Where they will eat, how they will pay rent or make installments on their homes, does not concern the rail bosses. Only by organizing into unemployed councils and joining the fight for immediate relief and unemployment insurance, can we force the "charities" to give back what was taken from us in the last Community Chest drive.

The Communist Nucleus in the Southern Pacific is leading the fight against the wage cut and part-time work. The shop paper issued by the Communist Nucleus is one instrument of struggle. The Western Worker is another. Railroad workers! Organize! Fight the wage cut! Demonstrate with the totally unemployed in the Plaza at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 4. The fight of the unemployed is also the struggle of the part-time worker.

Pass Buck
Of course the governor's secretary was immediately there to suggest that the delegation go to the "Department of Penology" and perhaps there we might get some information on what to do about the Long Beach arrests. It was obvious that these tools of the bosses wanted to make a football out of the delegation, sending it from one office to another. The delegates stated that it was obvious that there was only an authority in the state when it comes to suppressing the workers, but that there was none at all when it comes to enforcing the so-called rights that the workers are supposed to have. That the work for the repeal of the C. S. law will go on until we get the required number of signatures.

Governor Hides
Upon getting to the governor's office about five minutes later the delegation was immediately informed that the governor had "just taken an airplane for San Francisco." The newspapers of Sacramento featured prominently the delegation's coming.

Nationwide Cut Hits R. R. Workers; Officers Are Told
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per cent reduction. The acceptance of the evidently pre-arranged "compromise" for a 10 per cent cut after futile gestures made in opposition by the A. F. of L. fakers, was the outcome of the bosses' wage-cut strategy.

Agreement for One Year
The negotiations also provided that the new wage scale will be in effect for one year.

The outcome of this campaign of the bosses follows their threat of several months ago, when they requested a 15 per cent increase in freight rates. The Interstate Commerce Commission refused to grant this form of relief to the railroads in the face of the better organized opposition of the agricultural producers and commercial organizations of the country.

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Noon and Evening Meetings in All California Cities

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tion on the bill and provide national unemployment insurance. Demonstrations and mass meetings in California will be held in the following cities:

Sacramento—Noon, in Plaza. Demonstration to present demands to Board of Supervisors.
Stockton—2 P. M., Hunters Square. Demonstration to present demands to City Council.
San Jose—8 P. M., at 81 Post St.

San Francisco Meetings—
Downtown Section—At 12 noon at 3rd and Howard Streets; 6:30 P. M. at 3rd and Minna Streets, and march to Unemployed Council Headquarters, 282 4th Street.
Fillmore Section—Fillmore and Ellis Streets at 7 P. M., and march to Workers' Center, 1507 Eddy Street. Golden Gate and Fillmore Streets, 7 P. M., and march to 1507 Eddy Street.

North Beach Section—7 P. M. at Green and Columbus Streets, and march to Workers' Center, 1335 Kearny Street.
Mission District—7 P. M., 21st and Mission Streets, and march to Carpenters' Hall, 112 Valencia.

All workers should attend the meetings in their own neighborhood and bring their fellow workers to make these meetings a real mass support for the "Workers' Social Insurance Bill" and the fight for immediate local relief.

Fifty Thousand Citizens Demand C. S. Law Repeal

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quickly with the usual hand-shaking ceremony.

However, a wet blanket was thrown over all their plans when the delegation stated its mission. Not only was a protest expressed in behalf of the workers of the state demanding the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law, and exposing the manner in which this law was used, but the delegation demanded to know why over a hundred workers were arrested at a Communist meeting at Long Beach, and were held incommunicado. The delegation also placed before the state officials the fact that police brutality raged all over the state, and demanded that the state government take steps to make possible workers' meetings and the right of organization.

Officials Evade Issue

The only reply that could be gotten is that they are only administrative officials, and "have no power to act on these matters." The secretary promised to place the signatures before the State Legislature, but then the attorney general interrupted: "This does not mean anything; he is only placing it at the discretion of the Legislature; you might as well give it to the janitor."

Upon inquiring on the next meeting of the State Legislature, the delegation was informed that the next regular session will be held in 1933. Asked by this delegation what working people are to do in the face of the police brutality throughout the state, the state secretary replied that only the governor has executive power, and they could do nothing. While the delegation was engaged with the state officials, a number of delegates in the hallway noticed Governor Rolph going into his office, and brought this information to the delegation. The delegation promptly informed the state secretary that it would go and see the governor.

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MASS PROTEST IN FIGHT TO FREE 9 FRAMED NEGROES

Judge Disregards Laws in Anxiety to Confirm Death Sentence; Prosecutor Demands Execution April 6

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 22. — The hearing for the appeal of the Scottsboro lynch verdict began yesterday before the Alabama Supreme Court. So much evidence was submitted that the hearing was continued today.

Frame-Up Case
General Geo. W. Chamlee, Joseph Brodsky, Allan Taub, Irving Schwab and Schwartzart were the attorneys for the International Labor Defense. Their arguments proved the frame-up nature of the case. Fifteen affidavits were submitted in defense proving the degenerate character of Ruby White and Victoria Price, the two white prostitutes on whose unsupported testimony nine young Negro boys were charged with "rape" and sentenced to death in the Scottsboro lynch court.

Judge Disregards Law
Attorney Brodsky pointed out that 14-year-old Eugene Williams was tried by a court that had no jurisdiction over juveniles. The presiding judge at the "trial," when told that Eugene was a juvenile, merely said "all right" and proceeded with the trial. According to the law of the Alabama, bosses, judges and prison officials who abuse the rights of juveniles are subject to punishment.

A Lynch Atmosphere
The defense also proved the lynch atmosphere, the "death verdict being greeted by a brass band, Negroes jim-crowed from the jury and court room, the betrayal of the Negro boys by Stephen Roddy, Ku Kluxer, who was appointed by the court to "defend" the boys.

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WHERE TO GO

San Francisco
JOIN THE WORKERS' BAND!—Comrades with musical training are planning to form a Workers' Band in San Francisco if they will find sufficient participation. Comrades and sympathizers who know how to play an instrument or who want to learn how to play one and who are willing to participate in a Workers' Band, are asked to notify the Western Worker office or write to us. (State what instrument you play.)

"FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION"
Regular Membership Meeting—Monday, Feb. 8th, 1740 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco. Thomas Burns, F.S.U. delegate to the Soviet Union, will tell of his visit to the Workers' and Peasants' Republic.

WORKERS SCHOOL FORUM—Every Sunday Night, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco.

SUNDAY, FEB. 14—James Branch, "Perspectives in the Coming Presidential Elections."

SUNDAY, FEB. 21—George Morris, "The Degeneration of the A. F. of L."

Fight Against Imperialist War—Join the Communist Party!

Oakland
"FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION"
Regular Membership Meeting—Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, Musicians' Hall, 11th St., between Broadway and Franklin. Educational feature. Workers and their friends invited.

Open Forums are held every Sunday night at 8 o'clock at Machinist Hall, 434 Eleventh Street. Street meetings at Tenth and Broadway, Sunday night, 7—8 o'clock; Thursday night, 7—8 o'clock.

LOS ANGELES—The Freiheit Mandolin Club is arranging its Seventh Annual Concert, Sunday evening, February 14, at the Co-operative Center, 2706 Brooklyn Avenue. All comrades and sympathizers are expected to attend. A classical musical program. New Soviet compositions.

Fight all forms of discrimination against women workers, and for equal rights; fight against the inhuman conditions existing in the canneries and other industries where thousands of women slave—Join the Communist Party.

Join the Revolutionary Trade Unions—The Trade Union Unity League!

JAPANESE SLAUGHTER AS SHANGHAI BURNS OWENS, COAST MILITANT, WRITES HIS OBSERVATIONS FROM U. S. S. R.

PARASITES DANCE WHILE JAP GUNS MURDER WORKERS

Bomb Working Class Quarters; Fire Rages in Chinese City; Thousands Slaughtered

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.—While jazz bands played and wine flowed in the crowded cabarets of Shanghai's foreign settlements, well guarded by barbed wire entanglements and American marines, the rattle of machine-gun fire and the groans of dying Chinese workers sounded through the Chinese city of Chapei as Japanese marines advanced against the unarmed population.

Bomb Defenseless City

Aircraft preceded the advance of the landing forces, bombing the defenseless working class quarters of the city. Armored cars rumbled through the narrow streets followed by Japanese marines, who shot down or bayoneted anyone who showed themselves in the streets.

Slaughter Thousands of Workers

During this night of terror fires raged throughout the densely populated sections, driving the freezing workers out into the freezing weather. Men and women with babies fled before the murderous attack of the Japanese.

Tenement houses and flimsy huts were blown to pieces by the force of the explosions. Whole sections of the city have been devastated. Thousands of workers have been slaughtered and the streets are littered with bodies.

Rich Merchants Jeer

Japanese soldiers patrol all streets with drawn pistols, herding the throngs of refugees trying to get out of the city. All roads leading to the country are jammed with rickshaws laden with hastily collected household goods, while rich Japanese merchants stand on the sidewalks enjoying the spectacle and jeering at the masses of terrified poor Chinese fleeing for their lives.

Women's Ed. Club Reorganized; To Fight Evictions

The former Women's Educational Club has been reorganized into the International Women's Council. The Council aims to organize the women workers as well as housewives and to educate them and lead them into struggles in order to improve the conditions of the workers in various fields.

We are not limiting ourselves, as before, with simply raising finances in support of the working class movement. We will take up struggles against evictions, and for better conditions in general for the working class. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 1740 O'Farrell Street, and educational meetings once every month.

New F. S. U. Magazine, "Soviet Russia Today," Just Off Press

Beginning with a circulation of 15,000, and aiming at 100,000, "Soviet Russia Today," monthly organ of the Friends of the Soviet Union, is a powerful agency in bringing home the advantages of workers' rule to American farmers and workers.

Ruthlessly exposing the shams under which the imperialists try to poison the minds of the workers so as to lead them into war against their fellow workers in the Soviet Union, this new magazine comes at a decisive time.

Well known American and Soviet authors contribute articles on the achievements in the workers' and peasants' republic, which are generously illustrated with many photographs. The 15 articles in the first issue deal with "Lenin," "Contracts between the Soviet Union and the U. S.," "Preparations for Intervention," "The Red Army," "Collective Farms," "Letters from the Red Putilov Tractor factory and the Donbass miners," "Dnieperstroy and the Soviet Theatre." The magazine is within the reach of all workers at 10c a copy or 12 months for \$1.00.

U. S. USES TACTICS OF JAPAN TO KEEP "COLONIES" SAFE

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 30.—1300 American marines will "supervise" the general elections in Nicaragua. Rear Admiral Woodward, Hoover's personal representative and well known in South and Central America for his activities in protecting American interests, has been assigned, together with 300 additional marines, to "see that all factions (including the workers?) get a square deal" in the coming elections.

He rendered "distinguished" service previously in Nicaragua, during the 1927 insurrections, for murdering workers and peasants and "order."

The imperialistic control of the United States over Latin-American republics is shown by the fact that Woodward served as a member of the U. S. Naval Mission in Brazil, as "an instructor in 1919, and later was head of the Peruvian fleet and carry a Peruvian uniform in that capacity."

It will be of interest to workers to know in regard to future struggles in Nicaragua that Sandino, the leader of the campaign of the native rebels against American intervention during the past several years, was last month in attendance at the Anti-Imperialist Conference held in Europe, at which 14 countries were represented.

APPEAL SENTENCE OF 8 COMRADES IN CANADIAN JAIL

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 13.—Efforts of the Canadian government to suppress the Communist Party of Canada are being defeated by the growing mass support of the workers to the campaign to free the eight Communist Party leaders charged "as members of an unlaw-

Thomas Burns, F. S. U. Delegate To Soviet Union, Returns Feb. 1st

Thomas Burns, a marine worker, who has been on a speaking tour in the East following his return from the Soviet Union, will arrive in San Francisco on February 1.

Burns represented the "Friends of the Soviet Union" branch in San Francisco on the American workers' delegation, invited by the Soviet Trade Unionists to share in their November 7 celebration. As a guest of the Red Trade Unionists he traveled to all the fronts of socialist construction, seeing the tremendous achievements of the Third Year of the Plan just ended.

The F. S. U., which is striving to prevent an imperialist attack on the Soviet Union, is planning a series of meetings throughout California, where Burns will speak in protest against war preparations directed against the U. S. S. R.

ul association, and with being parties to a seditious conspiracy."

The eight workers sentenced last November and now serving terms of three to seven years in prison on the testimony of a stool pigeon, are Tim Buck, Tom Ewen, John Boychuk, Amos T. Hill, M. L. Bruce, Samuel Cohen, Matthew Popovitch and Thomas Cacic.

Today, J. F. Hellmuth, defense counsel, acting for the Canadian workers, filed an appeal before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, attacking the indictment on which the eight members of the Communist Party of Canada were convicted.

The workers of Canada know that, besides using the legal loopholes that characterize capitalist courts, they must use mass pressure in obtaining the release of their leaders. To this end widespread protest against this outrage is being mobilized throughout Canada and England to force the release of the eight Communists.

In the Soviet Union There is No Unemployment — in the United States 12,000,000 Jobless!

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Krupp Works Fire 4,500 Steel Workers

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 29.—Announcement that 4,500 workers would be laid off immediately was made by the Krupp Iron Works here today. This in face of the fact that the Krupp works have been making enormous profits on orders for war equipment from both the German and French governments. Workers in the Ruhr area are fighting stubbornly against these efforts of the big industrialists to drive them into starvation.

Bosses Cut Wages 10 Per Cent in Ruhr Mines

ESSEN, Germany, Feb. 1.—A 10 per cent wage cut, affecting all coal miners in the Ruhr district, was made here today. The workers instantly answered this attack on their living standard by strikes. Many mines are closed down and more workers are expected to join the strike.

1,000 Rail and Wharf Workers Strike

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Feb. 1.—Over 1,000 wharf and railroad workers went on strike at Tela, leading center in the banana industry, in protest against the firing of 800 banana workers by the United Fruit Company. The United Fruit Company also recently put through a wage cut, forcing thousands of workers into practical starvation.

Martial law was declared throughout Honduras and federal troops moved into the banana belt to put down an incipient peasants' revolutionary movement, which threatens the property and interests of the United Fruit Company, which controls practically the whole country.

Ecuador Peasants Rebel Against Imperialism

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 2.—Another manifestation of the growing unrest in the colonial and semi-colonial countries of the world appeared in Ecuador, according to reports received in Brazil. Two thousand rebels are said to have clashed with government troops. The colonial people are no less resentful of oppression by ruling class than were the American Indians in their day.

General Strike in Cuba Cigar Industry

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 1.—The general strike, affecting 10,000 cigar workers, against a wage cut of 15 to 25 per cent, was still in progress here today. More than 20 factories are closed in Havana and other Cuban cities, as the workers refused to accept the cut.

The Tobacco Manufacturers Association is trying to force wages down to the pre-war level. As living costs in Havana have not been reduced, this would result in semi-starvation for thousands.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND THE WESTERN WORKERS

By Langau-Kalabau

It is a characteristic of our time that every revolt of the masses against the misery under which people live is immediately blamed on "Communist Propaganda" by those against whom the revolt is aimed.

REVOLT IN EL SALVADOR

The latest case in point is El Salvador. This small Central American republic has one and a half million people. Its chief crop is coffee, which totals 90 per cent of its exports. American capitalists have invested \$26 million dollars in coffee plantations. During the past several years there has been so great an overproduction of coffee and such limited markets that Salvador exports have practically stopped.

The peasants and plantation workers were in most prosperous times near starvation level. With the intensification of the crisis the suffering of the people became incalculable.

IMPERIALIST RIVALRY

Added to this is the conflict between groups of local politicians, who have made deals with British and American imperialism for support. Chief among these is the group headed by the pro-British Martinez who is now in control; Martinez ousted the pro-Wall Street Bosque a year ago; Bosque had gained power by eliminating the Melendez family which wanted exploitation rights to remain in their own hands.

When the masses, unable longer to bear the utter starvation to which they had been reduced, revolted on January 22 both U. S. and British battleships rushed to the scene. The present ruler, Martinez, is not recognized by the U. S. government. The State Department hoped for his ouster and sent the ships to help install a Wall Street puppet. When they arrived however the earnestness of the revolt frightened them and they united with the British in helping suppress the uprising.

OAKLAND TRIBUNE WEEPS

In the meantime the U. S. press, notably the Oakland Tribune, bewails the fact that Bosque, the former president and tool of U. S. interests, "an unusually capable and public spirited man," is not in office. But says the Tribune, "we have no concern with the quarrel within Salvador. It will be the purpose of the American and British ma-

Uprising in El Salvador—Doak Explains Why Aliens Are Deported—Japanese Landing Troops in Shanghai Threatens China and U. S. S. R.—Filipino Betrayers Want Wall Street Protection Against Masses—A Lobbyist Exposes Hearst

pires to protect the interest of nationals." In this case "nationals" refers to the 26 million dollars of Wall Street investment and the profits which are being squeezed out of the blood and bone of an enslaved country.

NEW REVOLTS TO COME

While blaming the revolt on "Communist propaganda" might satisfy the murderers who now hold office and the imperialists who are their masters, it will not satisfy the hunger of the masses. Unfortunately Communist organization is not as developed as it should be in Latin America. It is growing, however. Gradually what appears as isolated revolts—Nicaragua, Chile, Salvador, etc.—will become a united movement of all oppressed peoples for their freedom from the foreign oppressors and native betrayers.

At last we know "why aliens are deported." Secretary of Labor Doak has written an article by that name which has been widely featured in the most reactionary press of the west coast. This article is very illuminating. Communists can discover much which they will never find in their own literature or teachings. But Mr. Doak says we believe these things. . . and it must be so. . . for isn't Mr. Doak a member of the Cabinet?

"SH-H-H"

He says for example that Communists are being deported for their "advocacy of the assassination of public officials." We are sure that many comrades will be surprised to hear that our Party advocates assassinating public officials. But then we are not at all in on the inside dope which Mr. Doak has. Don't be surprised to receive secret orders direct from Stalin or the G. P. U. or someone else with big mustaches on some dark and stormy night which instructs you to arm yourselves with a copy of Red Sparks No. 2 or some other similar weapons to go forth and single out a nice juicy official, and slay him. We are not clear at this writing what good that would do—but we would urge asking Mr. Doak, who seems to know everything. Recently we heard to our chagrin that Mr. Doak through-

undiscovered agents—(mind you!)—discovered that Communists supported the National Hunger March! The wisdom of cabinet members is beyond belief.

REAL TRAGEDY

But underneath this stupid farce which Mr. Doak is playing to confuse the people lies a story of tragedy brought on by a reign of terror which emanates from the Department of Labor against foreign-born workers.

Individual workers, are singled out for their militancy, and ordered arrested. The Labor Department has developed a system similar to the "lettres de cachet" system prior to the French revolution.

"DEMOCRACY" AND THE LABOR DEPARTMENT

Workers are questioned and intimidated into answering without the presence of their attorney to which they are entitled. We have had numerous instances where American-born workers were arrested by immigration officers and held imprisoned for days while the local official was looking around for a charge to place against them. A number of workers have told us that the officials who questioned them wrote down answers which they never made but which suited him to prove his charge. There is no trial. The decision to deport lies with the department. In order to appeal to a court at least \$250.00 must be paid to an attorney. In most cases the sum is even greater. Very few workers have so much money and are often deported or held imprisoned for years until the department decides what to do with them. The families of these prisoners are left destitute except for aid they get from revolutionary organizations.

In the west especially, Chinese, Japanese and other Oriental workers are singled out for victimization. In the face of these facts how completely false and dishonest are the claim to "fairness" made by the Secretary of Labor, who says:

that every opportunity to clear themselves of the charges against them is afforded aliens who are apprehended by the immigration officials on deportation warrants.

The door of the labor market is as wide open for aliens legally in this country as it is for native born and naturalized citizens.

BUILD DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

The war against workers is international. Mr. Doak's article is a screen to hide the vicious cruelty of that war. The International Labor Defense in the U. S. and the International Red Aid throughout the world are fighting against this terror and American workers should aid that fight.

The situation in China grows more complicated and with each new complication we are drawn closer and closer to war.

Up to now Japan obviously had U. S. support in her seizure of Manchuria. Now however the Chinese have declared a boycott on Japanese goods. Such a boycott of Japanese goods opens new markets for American products. The U. S. State Department finds itself therefore at odds with Japan on the question of the right of the Chinese to boycott Japanese commodities. Secretary Stimson, who can look very pious without any effort, sent a note to Japan in which he works up a moral fever over Japan's invasion of China and other nation's rights. Japan answers in a note which suggests that they know Mr. Stimson doesn't care a hang about the Chinese people but wants profits for U. S. finance capital. So far Mr. Stimson has been silent at least, his tongue has been at rest.

Mr. Stimson does not intend any good for China. He only wants to be sure that U. S. capitalism gets its share of imperialist robbery. American imperialism is jockeying for war against China and the Soviet Union. Preparations for such a war are proceeding behind a screen of pacifist talk.

SILENT WAR PREPARATIONS

War preparations are being intensified, however. The maneuvers in the Pacific are taking place despite all protests. Bombing ships, air bases, navy bases, new ships, new airplanes, new ammunition dumps, and with this a tremendous

war propaganda in the movies are being carried through.

ORGANIZE

Are we becoming monotonous in our appeals for workers to organize against all this? The need for such organization is tremendous. Organization now will mean saving appalling bloodshed in an imperialist war in the near future. The people of the U. S. can prevent imperialist war, but only by mass organization and struggle now! Join the Communist Party!

THEY FEAR THE MASSES

At least these two Judases show that they are realists and don't believe their own words. We are quite safe in predicting that one month after complete independence is won, Roxas, Quezon and Osmena and their whole gang of parasites will be swept so completely from office that hardly a trace of their whereabouts will be found. They don't represent the Filipino people. They speak only for themselves and the small group of thieves about them. It is for this reason that they want U. S. government protection.

Their official excuse is that Japan might seize the P. I. if the U. S. withdraws its forces. Such an excuse is convenient. But the freeing of the Filipino people would give such revolutionary impetus to the whole Orient that not only would Japan be unable to extend its present holding but it would be driven out of China and Manchuria as well.

The struggle for freedom for the Filipinos is a task for workers of all countries, especially for us in the U. S. Complete, immediate and unconditional freedom—that is the object of the fight of the Filipino masses. Such a fight can be won only over the politically defeated body of the Nationalista and Democrat parties.

We didn't expect such rapid confirmation of what we wrote in the last issue about Mr. Hearst's championship of Speaker Garner as candidate for President. We thank Mr. Mark Rose of Imperial Valley for the facts. Last issue we wrote:

Hearst's support of Mr. Garner is predicated upon different matters than those which he announces. Mr. Hearst in recent years has tremendously increased his riches through the building of Boulder Dam which is turning his desert holdings in the Southwest into rich lands, and increasing the value of his land through the building of roads through them with convict labor. These things he never could have gained without the help of leading capitalist politicians. We wonder what Mr. Garner did for Mr. Hearst in this connection?

With commendable promptness Mr. Rose, spokesman for the landowners of Imperial Valley issued a statement to the press answering our question:

"Mention of Jack Garner for Democratic nomination for President calls to mind the aid which he gave to us in the Boulder Dam fight in Congress.

"The power trust and the Arizona opponents might have killed the Swing-Johnson bill finally if there had not been a Jack Garner in the Texas delegation. What he did for us proved to be aid of incalculable value.

"Garner held the Texas House members squarely in line for the bill. He never wavered; he stood right up to the guns. It was splendid.

"As a result, the bill won the support of most of the members of the Southern states' delegation in the House. That gave us an overwhelming victory in the House."

Thanks, Mr. Rose. We knew that Hearst was paying a debt for the big Boulder Dam steal when he nominated Mr. Garner. But we are glad to have the details.

Undoubtedly the Chamber of Commerce of Imperial Valley feel very happy with their work of two years ago. They put over one of the biggest graft schemes ever known and to cover it sent 9 workers to prison for trying to organize the agricultural laborers into the T. U. U. L. to fight for decent living conditions.

The workers of California should learn the lesson and build their unions against this plunderbund

OWENS, COAST MILITANT, WRITES HIS OBSERVATIONS FROM U. S. S. R.

Describes How Sick Workers Are Brought Back to Health in Soviet Union

Edgar Owens, active for many years on the Pacific Coast in the militant labor movement, is now in the U. S. S. R., where he was invited in order to take treatments to recover his health. Comrade Owens was injured in an automobile accident and then further crippled by gangsters who tried to terrorize him into ceasing revolutionary activity. His health became continually worse until the Russian section of the International Red Aid heard of his case and invited him to the First Workers Republic. In the following letter written to his comrades in the West, Comrade Owens describes some of his experiences: Moscow, U. S. S. R., December 21, 1931.

Dear David:

Moscow News mailed your letter of November 17 to me today. It is good to hear from you Santa Cruz comrades. Your letter fills me with a sense of guilt in that I have neglected to send word about myself and my impressions to you comrades there, whom I number among my treasured friends.

About myself: I feel very good and I am receiving the best of care. I spent two months in the Kremlin Hospital, from August 2 until September 28, when I was sent south to the Caucasus and was at a sanatorium in Pyatigorsk for the month of October. Pyatigorsk is a beautiful place, formerly the stamping grounds of the late and unlamented aristocracy. All the lovely villas and palaces have been converted into rest homes and sanatoriums and now tens of thousands of workers are sent there to recuperate and get the benefit of the potent waters and feast their artistic souls (if any) on the loveliest expanse of scenery I have ever beheld.

The sanatorium I was sent to is known as "May First." It is about half way up the Mashuk mountain and gave opportunity for a wonderful view of the valley and the immense collective farm that spreads its broad acres over the gentle slope beyond the River Podkumok. To the south and east of us stretched a giant mountain range, snow-covered the year around. One hundred miles away was the Mountain Elbrus, which lifts its peak nearly 25,000 feet. 'Twas a sight to behold as the sun arose and cast a crimson glow over the range, symbolic of the color that holds sway throughout this mighty proletarian fatherland.

I was given sulphur and mud baths, electric treatments, massage, etc. Under this treatment many of the awful snarls and tangles of my nerves were straightened out. I had abundant rest, good food, and care, the like of which can only come into existence when human beings cease being commodities. The language difficulty would have been very real under other circumstances. But here, in spite of the fact that English is seldom heard, with an Anglo-Russian dictionary and Russo-English dictionary, and by waving arms and making faces we were able to convey our meaning to each other. I taught many of my sanatorium compatriots to sing "Solidarity Forever," "Long Haired Preachers," and some other of our militant songs. In return they taught me "Dubinushka." It was all much fun and added to the enjoyment of my sojourn there.

I came back to Moscow on November 2 and reported at the hospital, but talked them out of keeping me there again. I now go every second day for treatment. I feel quite well, though my hip does not seem to respond to treatment. Mopr, which is the Russian Section of the International Red Aid, has me under its wing and sees to my needs. Despite the terrible shortage of rooms in Moscow, I have a room to myself in the International Hotel, and get my meals there. I get down to Mopr office quite regularly and assist in the English department there. One of my functions is to scan the English language press for items on White Terror and Class "Justice" as it is dished out to the workers in the capitalistic countries.

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have seen workers at their tasks in factories. All that is being done here. Yet there is a difference that places construction in the Soviet Union in a category all its own. For here, when a home is built, workers occupy it. When a factory is built, workers not only create the equipment but they own the product. And that makes the difference.

The rate of construction has never before been equaled. New records are established today, only to be smashed tomorrow. Shock Brigades (Udarniki) and Socialist Competition have electrified the population. More than 30 per cent of all factory workers are enrolled as Udarniki and most of them are members of the Consomols (Young Communist League). They set the pace and are the bane of an inefficient administration. They are carrying on the fight against red-tape and bureaucracy. They are increasing production and improving the quality of the product. And they are giving the lie to the slander that these Russians are unable to handle machinery. Stalingrad Tractorstroy is a case in point. Many mistakes were made in the early days of Stalingrad. Their first tractors developed defects early in their existence. But today they have set a rate of more than 100 tractors a day, and the quality of the Stalingrad is the equal of any turned out in America. When Kharkov was built and began operations, many of the Stalingrad mistakes were eliminated and the Nizhni Plant further reduced mistakes.

I have much to tell about this but I am getting beyond my physical resources. So long until day after tomorrow. Then I'll write again. Give my regards to everybody. EDGAR.

Northwest Region Hears Speaker From Soviet Union

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—Norman Tallentire, member of the National Bureau of the Friends of the Soviet Union, who accompanied the American workers' delegation to the Soviet Union this fall, is including the Pacific Coast on his national tour. He will reach Seattle Wednesday, February 10, for this first meeting. During the following week he will speak in Everett, Tacoma and Aberdeen, and in Portland on Thursday, February 18.

The Friends of the Soviet Union must be the rallying point for defense of the Soviet Union. The F. S. U. demands recognition of the Soviet Union as a necessary first step in developing and insuring peaceful relations between capitalist America and the Soviet Union.

All workers are urged to come and hear the latest news from the Soviet Union. In this way the "Friends of the Soviet" can be built into a powerful mass organization on the Pacific Coast.

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PHOENIX HOLDS FIRST COMMUNIST MASS MEETING

Police Intimidate Hall Owner—Closes Hall in Effort to Suppress Memorial

300 Meet Outdoors

Organizer Arrested and Then Released

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 27.—The first Communist mass meeting ever held in Phoenix was a huge success in spite of all efforts of police to confuse the audience by closing the hall where the meet was scheduled.

The comrades found a woman taxpayer (who is not on friendly terms with our police and city officials) who gave us permission to hold our mass meeting on one of her vacant lots in the heart of the city, on the corner of 1st and Van Buren Streets.

The crowd that gathered at the hall in response to a leaflet distribution was directed by two comrades to the vacant lot, about six blocks distant.

It was very cold for an open-air meeting, but we still had a crowd of about 300 workers.

Just before the meeting opened, the police arrived and asked us what we were going to do there. When they asked us for our permit, we told them we did not need any on private property. So they went to see the owner, who told them she would let us have the lot or any of her vacant store rooms any time we needed them.

We opened the meeting without further police interference. But after the meeting Sol Brenberg, our organizer, was arrested on immigration charges, but he was released the next day. Several workers applied for membership in the Communist Party at the mass meeting.

1500 Mexican Workers Seized in L. A. Deportation

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Last night at 9 o'clock 1,500 unemployed Mexicans and their families were rounded up in the Plaza by the local immigration authorities and police, herded into four box-cars and sent over the border into Mexico.

This attack is just another manifestation of Hoover's program to keep the workers quiet while they are slowly starving to death. By discriminating against Mexican workers and shipping them wholesale out of the country, the rich bosses cut down on dishing out relief to starving workers. They also attempt to give the American workers the impression that they are doing a big thing by getting rid of these "undesirables" who are getting relief intended for the 100 per cent Americans.

—A Young Worker Correspondent.

Corrupt Supt. Forces Indians to Beg or Perish

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 19.—While money is lying in the treasury under control of the Indian superintendent, the Indians living in and around Tacoma are actually starving.

Every day scores of Indians who can find no work can be seen begging fish heads from the commission houses along the waterfront, as their families cannot get relief from the government. The local charity refuses aid because they are Indians!

One Indian boy, only 14 years old, was sentenced to the Juvenile Home for six months for stealing because of the impoverishment of the family. Four Indians were found living in an empty house by the owner, who shot, killing one of them, a boy of 15 years, and had the others imprisoned for terms to run from two to fifteen years.

The Indian and white workers here are not fooled by the city "leaders," who are trying to turn the unemployed whites against the Indian workers to keep them from discovering their real enemies—the boss class. Many of the so-called better elements will sneer at the Indians because some of them have become drunkards and prostitutes. This is not their fault but the fault of a government which starves them.

The only way for Indian workers to get relief from our capitalist government is to join the white workers, join the Unemployed Council and the Communist Party and help to carry on the fight against starvation.

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Astoria Fishermen Make Record Catch Yet 900 Starving

DEMONSTRATORS REPLACE ROOF OWNER SMASHED

Sacramento Unemployed Council No. 2 Thwarts Brutal Landlord, Sheriff, in Attempt to Evict Family

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 16.—The Action Committee of Branch No. 2 of the Sacramento Unemployed Council, located in the North 12 Street section, replaced the roof of the home of Frank Clingenbelle at the Lee Davis Auto Camp, despite the resistance of the landlord, his agent, Hank Kitchen, and the sheriff.

Harry Bryant, the sheriff, was powerless to stop the militant unemployed workers in replacing the roof after the landlord had removed it to drive the family out for non-payment of rent.

Several days before, the landlord had ordered the family to get out. As Clingenbelle had no place to go with his wife and three children, he refused. So the landlord ordered his agent at the camp, Hank Kitchen, to tear off the roof. The weather was cold, and the family was exposed to the worst rain of the season.

January 15, the Action Committee of Branch No. 2 demanded and got tar paper from the Volunteers of America, and called a demonstration at the Auto Camp. A large number of workers in addition to the entire membership of Branch No. 2, reinforced by a delegation from the Central Council, proceeded to put the roof back.

Hank Kitchen threatened the demonstration with a piece of pipe as a weapon. When the demonstrators challenged him to attack if he dared, he called the sheriff's office for aid. The sheriff took one look at the militant band of workers and decided to reprimand the landlord's agent. He said he was "powerless to arrest anyone." The Unemployed Branch gained new members, and is more determined than ever to prevent evictions or similar attacks against workers, through its policy of continuous struggle.

Shortage of Workers in Siberia; Shortage of Jobs in U. S. A.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—A returning seaman who visited the Russian port of Vladivostok, Siberia, on the cruise of his ship, reports that the docks and warehouses there are filled with produce and material of many kinds, mostly salt. The shortage of workers makes it slow work to move the freight.

What a contrast with our own waterfront, which is crowded with longshoremen, seamen and freight-handlers unable to get any work to do!

Chief Officer of "Democracy" Places Own Blame on Oiler

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 14.—On the last trip of the Nelson Line ship, Democracy, which started from Charleston on December 14, the chief mate fired an oiler because the high-pressure bearings burned out. The chief claimed the oiler missed rounds, whereas the truth is the bearings were taken up too much in Charleston, and the chief got out of the blame by putting it on the oiler, who had no means of defending himself.

Living conditions for the crew on this tub are terrible. No awning was put up on the trip south. Six men are forced to live in the firemen's fore-castle—where two are crowded. In this room there are three port holes, but steel plates were put over two of them, leaving the room dark and with very little air.

The toilets are without water pressure, and keep plugging up and running over into the fore-castle. This got pretty putrid in the terrific heat of the canal zone.

The ship owners who want to run a ship as cheaply as possible employ guys like this mate, who they know will work men overtime, ignore living conditions of the crew, and make life miserable for us while they make profits.

Follow workers, get off your backs. The only way to meet this organized exploitation is with a mass rank and file, revolutionary organization. Join the Marine Workers Industrial Union. Organize and strike against wage cuts and bad conditions.

San Jose Children Organize Their Own Hunger March

SAN JOSE, Jan. 23.—Ten ragged and half-starved children from the east side of the city staged a hunger march of their own. One of the children was the son of the San Jose delegate to the State Hunger March. They shouted in unison the slogans: "Work or Wages. We want food. Rolph is a faker." Hundreds of San Jose workers who saw the children—ages 5 to 6 years—were impressed and seemed to get the idea.

BEN BOLOFF FREED AWAITS NEW TRIAL

Fight Against Criminal Syndicalist Law Brings Release of Militants

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—Ben Boloff was freed on his own recognizance today by the same judge who sentenced him almost a year ago to ten years in the penitentiary. Boloff was the first of the 13 Oregon workers indicted for C.S., tried and convicted.

Mass protest and defense by the I. L. D. freed all the rest of the workers, but Boloff's appeal to the supreme court was refused. Also a rehearing was denied and the I.L.D. has filed for another rehearing.

The mass protest of the workers throughout the Pacific Coast has frightened the bosses to the extent that the state press is agitating for his release in an effort to stem the tide of workers' protest and militancy which is rising. Ben Boloff has become the challenge of the lumber barons to the workers of the Northwest. The workers are answering! Mass protest from all over the country will free Boloff. Workers' organizations are asked to immediately send in demands for his release to the State Supreme Court and the Governor at Salem, Ore.

—Worker Correspondent.

50c Daily Wage for Arizona Workers By Fake Charities

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 25.—Unemployed workers are being forced to work for 50 cents and less a day by the Associated Charities, who are working hand in hand with the Cotton Growers' Association.

For picking 100 lbs. of cotton they are paid only 50 cents. Experienced pickers rarely pick more than 100 lbs. per day. Especially now when the mornings are cold, it is bad as we cannot start working until the frost melts, about 9 a.m. We tear our clothes, and only get between 35 and 50 cents a day.

The reason that we don't get paid more is that whenever an unemployed family goes over to the Associated Charities asking for aid, they are sent over to the Cotton Growers' Association, and if they refuse to work for 50 cents a 100 lbs. they are denied any relief. This vicious partnership attack of bosses and charities on the workers finds us unorganized and unable to struggle for our rights to a decent living.

We are ready to join the Agricultural Workers Union and show these exploiting thieves whether or not we are slaves.

—Worker Correspondent.

Molders' Union Paves Way for Foundrymen to Reduce Wages

According to fairly reliable information, it is alleged that local Molders' Union officialdom has taken the initiative in cutting the wages of their own membership.

The report is to the effect that the Molders' Union has, some time ago, sent a circular letter to all members of the Foundrymen's Association, stating in substance that the workers are ready to take a "voluntary" wage cut of 10 per cent.

Such a move would prove conclusively, to the workers affected, the boss-collaboration policy of the A. F. L. leadership, and that the program of the bosses is supported by the reactionary leadership. Collaboration is here given of the truth of accusations made by the Communist Party and the revolutionary industrial union movement led by the Trade Union Unity League that the A. F. L. is openly in the camp of the employers. This is only additional proof of the rapid degeneration of the whole A. F. L.

—A Tom Mooney Molder.

FREE ASSEMBLAGE IN LONG BEACH—IN JAIL



AMADOR GOLD MINES FORCE WAGE CUT SO BOSSES CAN GET GREATER PROFITS

Kennedy, Argonaut and Central Mines to Seize 10 per cent More Profits from Workers in 1932

The bosses of three of the leading mines of the Amador section of the Mother Lode, namely: the Central Eureka, the Sutter Creek, and the Kennedy and Argonaut at Jackson, have had the nerve to excuse their 10 per cent wage cut, effective February 1st, on the ground of "bad business conditions," while even the most backward worker knows that their 1931 profits were greater than any recent year.

As gold prices do not go down as there is no over-production of gold, whereas mining supplies, tools, etc., have fallen to unheard of levels, the bosses' talk about bad conditions is a vile lie which they are attempting to use to force wage cuts onto the workers.

A report from the United States Bureau of Mines shows that more gold was mined from these mines in 1931 than in 1930. All the larger California mines in the Mother Lode in Amador county showed increased output.

The report prepared by Victor C. Heikes, gives the following information regarding gold in California: The value of the gold recovered from lode and placer mining in California in 1931 is estimated at \$10,708,000 (518,000 fine ounces) compared with \$9,451,162 (457,200 fine ounces) in 1930. This is an increase of approximately 60,800 fine ounces in quality and about \$1,256,900 in value over the yield in 1930. These facts in conjunction with the falling price of mining

supplies show that the following statements are lies:

The Central Eureka Mining Company of Sutter Creek has placed the following notice at the property: "This mine has been working at a loss. It is now necessary to cut down expenses or to shut down the mine. A reduction in wages has been postponed as long as was possible, but it is now necessary to reduce salaries and wages, or to quit mining. By order of the Board of Directors of this mine, a wage cut of ten per cent will be made on salaries and an approximate cut on wages. Miners and timbermen will be cut to \$4.00 per shift. Carmen and helpers to \$3.50 per shift. Other wages will be cut in like proportion. This change in wage scale will start February 1, 1932. Central Eureka Mine Co."

At the Kennedy Mine the Kennedy Mining and Milling Company has placed the following notice: "Owing to general conditions and the fact that the mine has not been productive during the past two years, it has become necessary to reduce the salaries and wage scale fifty cents per day, to take effect February 1, 1932. The minimum wage, \$3.50 does not take the ten per cent reduction."

The Argonaut Mining Company will make an approximate reduction of fifty cents per day to become effective on the same date. General conditions and the fact that the mine has not been productive are the reasons for the change in the wage scale.

Toolmakers Work For Smaller Pay Than Machinists

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 3.—Toolmakers, whose union scale has been \$9.00 a day, have taken a job here with Bargrover's Co., building machinery for peach-peeling at an 81c an hour wage. This gives the "aristocrats" of the machinists trade \$6.48 a day, which is not only \$2.52 under their own scale, but is even less than the wage rates of the machinists.

—"Die"-ing Maker, "80."

MORE RED TAPE THAN FOOD IN L. A.

Charity Fake Keeps Workers at Permanent Starvation Level

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—The capitalist press of this city has been congratulating itself and the residents on the effective measures taken to cope with the problem of starvation which faces over two hundred thousand men, women and children. Here are two samples of the "relief" which the hungry are getting.

"The Good Samaritan" kitchen stands in the middle of the industrial area. To it flock hundreds of the unemployed in search of a meal. The wall is decorated with a sign which says: "We give you and help when you need it and investigate afterward." The workers line up and are cross-examined in turn by a woman at a desk: Age. Nationality. How long unemployed. Number of dependents. Name. Address.

When the form has been filled in the worker is beckoned to a table over which hangs a sign, "God Is Love." Seated, he is given two slices of thin dry bread, a California sardine (a fish food rejected by the U. S. Army as being unsuitable for human consumption) and a cup of weak coffee. If this does not keep him going, he can apply to the Community Chest. There he is given one ticket which is good for ONE meal (not one GOOD meal). He must present the meal ticket at the Salvation Army, the Midnight Mission or some other religious organization.

When he gets hungry again he can quit his search for work and go and wait for an hour or two in the line, and if his patience and strength support him long enough, he will get a ticket for another "meal." Worker Correspondent.

L. A. Papers Seek To Distort Facts On Hunger March

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—I am sure that both the Los Angeles News and the Herald and Express papers are liars and don't want the workers to know what is really happening in Los Angeles and in the rest of the world. Why? Because at the very least there were 3,000 people present to send off the hunger marchers to San Francisco, and this is what the News said: "Some 300 men and women, said to have been Communists, assembled at 5th and Towne Sunday." I am sure the newspaper's reporters can count. Not only that; both papers tried to make it appear as though it was the workers' fault that the Red Squad and the regular police beat up several of the workers, and they tried to make fun of the whole thing; actually to make workers think it is ridiculous to organize to fight against slow starvation.

That is why I am safe in saying that workers can find out what is really happening only by reading the Western Worker and the Daily Worker. —Worker Correspondent.

Notice to L. A. Correspondents

All Los Angeles worker correspondents are requested to report immediately to the Los Angeles Editorial Board, 224 South Spring Street, Room 304. Report by mail or personally so that the Editorial Board can better administer its functions.

If your organization has not as yet elected its correspondent, see to it that this is carried out at once.

Sign all articles with your name and address. Your name will not appear unless you request it.

—Workers Correspondence Editor.

CANNERY BOSSES MAKE DRASTIC CUT IN PRICE FOR FISH

Reduce Price From 10 to 1 1/2 Cts. —900 Workers and Families Starving While Canneries Arc Full of Fish

ASTORIA, Jan. 14.—Because we did not see any news from Astoria in the last copy of the Western Worker, I will try to say a few words.

Fishing is the main industry in Astoria. From May 1 to August (the fishing season) we had the best catch in 30 years, but the fish price was so low we made practically nothing at all.

We planned a strike at the start of the season, but gave up the plan because the cannery warehouses were full of old fish from a year ago. At first we got ten cents a pound. The cannery bosses kept cutting the price until we only got one and one-half cents a pound. Everybody knew it meant starvation for us this winter, but we failed to organize and fight together. Now the warehouses are filled to the top with fish, and we have no money, and next season looks bad—worse than this one.

There are over 900 men signed up for county relief. We must wait for highway work. They use about 200 men at a time for one week. After the week is up we fight among ourselves for a chance to get more work, as our families are hungry.

When we kick about the rotten conditions, some of the wise guys say, "If you don't like it here, why don't you go back to your own country?" But we say to them, "Why should we leave the country which is our own? We don't need to go. All we have to do is to get organized and start fighting under the leadership of the Communist party, and chase the few capitalists that cause our low prices out of the country."

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Auto Mechanics Do "Piece-work"—With Very Few Pieces

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Unemployed auto mechanics along "auto row" are having their troubles in finding employment—but so also are those fortunate enough to have a semblance of a "job." The small membership of the Auto Mechanics Local No. 1305, as well as a larger number of unorganized workers, when employed, are forced to stay on the job all day sitting on a bench waiting for a job to come in.

The union scale is about \$1.00 an hour, but most of the shops pay only 80c. The workers are paid only for the actual time put in on a job, whether they get in only 15 minutes or 2 1/2 hours a day. They are compelled to wait on their own time for work to come in, if they expect to hold down their "job."

Jobs are exceedingly scarce, and much shorter than was formerly required in repair and overhaul work due to the use of new machinery and labor-saving devices introduced by the garages.

—Gasoline Alley "Bill," W.A.S.

"Union" Printer Offers to Work For \$2.50 Per

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Saying he had been unemployed for six months, with a family to support, an all-around printer and I. T. U. card-holder, came into the shop where the writer is employed and offered to take a job at half of what the boss was paying at present.

Falling to get a steady position through the typographical local here, who are striving to protect the home guard, he was forced to forsake his "union" ideals and turn "rat" as the writer, whose job he was compelled to bid for, had to do before him.

—Former I. T. U. Man.

Arrest Newsboy in Attempt to Halt Communist Papers

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 15.—In an effort to keep the Daily Worker and Western Worker, official Communist newspapers, off the streets of his reactionary town of Yakima, Jack Jones, who has sold the paper here for five months, was arrested

MADERA GIVES CONCESSIONS TO JOBLESS DEMANDS

Mass Support of Workers Given Hunger Marchers Despite Police Terror and Intimidation

50 Workers Get Jobs

Scott, Trustee, Forced To Yield to Mass Pressure

MADERA, Jan. 25.—The Madera bosses' starvation program for unemployed workers, by preventing their organization in Unemployed Councils to fight for relief, has been set back by the enthusiastic reception and mass support of the Madera workers to the State Hunger March which passed through Madera on January 5.

On January 5 the southern delegation of 50 hunger marchers on their way to San Francisco, was temporarily halted on the outskirts of Madera by the state and city police, fire department, and a crowd of stool pigeons. The delegation was ordered to disband, as they would not be permitted to enter the town, and a stool pigeon said he would shoot the first marcher to come forward.

The march began as one man. The yellow stool did not shoot, but the fire department turned their powerful hose lines on the militant marchers. In spite of this intimidation and terror the delegation went through.

Meeting Place Packed

A successful meeting was held in a packed hall. Over 200 workers were turned away. Despite announcements from the bosses that the Madera unemployed were well taken care of, that any worker who joined the Unemployed Council would be cut off from all relief, and the Bank of America's statement threatening to evict any worker who joined the march, Unemployed Councils were formed, and four delegates were elected to represent Madera in the march to San Francisco.

Terror Pressed Back

On the return of the Hunger Marchers another meeting was held in the same hall. This time the situation was different. The police were absent. This was achieved by the mass approval of the Madera workers of an organization of unemployed that would struggle for a chance to live decently. At this meeting 200 members of the new Madera Unemployed Council drew up demands as follows:

Work for the unemployed at living wages, and immediate relief.

Clothing for all unemployed workers. Free meals for the school children of unemployed workers. Free medical attention to all unemployed. No evictions.

Force Concessions

When these demands were put in to the City Council on January 16, they were refused. Scott, a trustee, said the workers were lazy, etc. He promised, however, that six jobs would be given on the following Monday, though the work did not have to be done—the city was just good-hearted!

On Monday morning 80 men were at the court house to demand work. Fifty were given jobs. Scott arrived at the court house with a police body-guard. Again the workers showed their solidarity by insisting that all be taken care of with work or wages. Scott gave in.

Other workers who did not receive jobs were given groceries, medical attention, hospital care and medicine. One worker had an operation on his eye. Women formed groups in the afternoon and went after clothing. When Scott met them, he told them to help themselves. At the schools free meals were given to three of the children who demanded food. Promises were given that there will be no evictions.

Build Organization

The workers are now organized and organizing to carry out these demands or fight. They are registering to vote for the candidates on the Communist ticket. "We are fighting from now on," said one, "in an organized way, not only for the right to live, but to change this rotten system of capitalist government to a workers' and farmers' government in the U. S. A."

—Worker Correspondent.

on an alleged assault and battery charge.

Jones was confined in a filthy cell for thirty-six hours incommunicado. Many of the local cockroach capitalists attended the trial and were determined to get him out of town. The young worker was fined fifteen dollars and costs and is serving the eleven days in jail.

MOVIE REVIEWS

DR. JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

Paramount Theatre. Declining Capitalism Tries to Ward Off Approaching Annihilation. Says That Science Leads to Disaster.

Written by Robert Louis Stevenson at the time when British imperialism and science were gaining strength, this story of two personalities battling within the same body is based on the fact that capitalism contains within itself the seed of its own destruction.

Jekyll, the immaculate doctor, flower of his class, finds those conditions which made him, repress him. To gain greater freedom, he creates through a "miracle of science" a second self, rising out of this repression, which grows to become the stronger of the two and brings about his death.

The way "Jekyll and Hyde" has been presented during its life reflects this decay. Originally written, it lauded what Victorian society worshipped—"pure science"—and reflected the bourgeois ideas of its period.

But even though the Gazette is presented in so black a light, the picture makers remember it is still a member of the capitalist family, and must not be dealt with too harshly.

It was all, of course, shown humorously. But it was told, nevertheless.

"Five Star Final" is an attempt to correct this mistake.

"Five Star Final" still shows the newspaper as an example of depravity. It shows the city editor as a human monster who will wade neck-deep through mud and blood for sensational copy.

But the paper which figures as the villain-hero is a tabloid. And a tabloid, so they would have us believe, is an outcast and in no way representative of the Capitalist Press.

The theme of the story is as follows: The details of a long-forgotten murder are used as the basis of a sensational serial. The woman who committed the murder has been living in happy bourgeois security for twenty years.

And again the workers are held responsible for the crime of the bosses.

San Francisco Unit 7 Will Outdo Unit 2; After 75 W. W. Subs.

Unit 7 of the Communist Party of San Francisco challenges Unit 2 to revolutionary competition in getting WESTERN WORKER subscriptions.

All Districts Lagging in Subscription Drive!

2,000 Readers Gained in First Six Weeks! Must Get 3,000 More!

The circulation of the WESTERN WORKER has increased by 2000 copies since the first issue. It totals now 7000 copies.

Activate the Sub Drive!

The table below does not show such good results by the districts in the subscription campaign.

Table with 4 columns: District, Quota, Sub. Raised, Per Cent achieved. Rows for California, Denver, Seattle.

By now we should have at least 25 per cent of the quotas. But as the table shows, none of the districts have done it.

Challengers

Comrades in Denver District! Comrade Babin, who sent a challenge for revolutionary competition in the second issue of the Western Worker, is in the lead.

Important!

Workers and poor farmers who live in small towns and prefer to have the WESTERN WORKER sent to them under cover can now get their copy by first class mail for an extra charge of 50 cents for the additional postage per subscriber.

Many workers' organizations do not yet take advantage of the "Where to Go" column. It is the cheapest way to advertise affairs and mass meetings.

Send us your announcement for the next issue.

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C. P. Nominates John Laurie for Mayor in Seattle

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thereby refusing workers the right to free speech and assembly. At one time, when Harlin was a representative of the U. M. W. of A., District 10, he openly betrayed the miners in a sell-out.

Raise Communist Demands Against all these fake politicians, the Communist candidate, John Laurie, launches his campaign as a fighter with a fighting working class program.

1. A reduction of rent of 50 per cent for all workers in the city of Seattle. No evictions of workers unable to pay rent due to unemployment or part-time work.

2. Free care for unemployed workers. Free hot lunches in the schools for children of unemployed and no race discrimination.

The Communist Party of Seattle calls upon all workers to repudiate the anti-labor policy of Harlin and his endorsers, the A. F. of L., by endorsing the Communist candidate (Laurie) and supporting the Communist program of relief.

Police Forced to Grant Permit for Feb. 4 March

Terror Fails to Halt Spread of Kentucky Strike

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nessee, Kentucky and elsewhere, that capitalist papers had headlines and pictures showing the extent of the beatings, even promising an "investigation."

The terror against striking miners has been increasing since the arrest of nine strike leaders in Pineville, Ky., who are being framed on Criminal Syndicalism charges.

Unemployed Father of Nine Children Jailed By Charities

STOCKTON, Jan. 29.—The recent attack of the Stockton bosses on employed and unemployed workers include jailing of five workers who asked for food—one father of nine children—finger-printing of all unemployed, and a 5 per cent wage cut for street car workers.

A few weeks ago five workers went to the "Welfare" to demand something to eat, and were thrown in jail. One of them has a family of nine.

Youth Enthusiastic Over Anti-War Meet

LOS ANGELES.—The Youth Anti-War Committee held a United Front Anti-War mass meeting here Friday, January 15, at which about 100 young workers and representatives of various youth organizations were present.

The speakers outlined the role which young workers play in imperialist wars and the necessity for organizing and broadening the struggle against all such wars.

Clinton Cafeteria Fires Three Young Wageless Workers

Yesterday three young workers were fired by the Clinton Cafeteria at 1025 Market Street for daring to talk about demanding 75c a day for the bus boys.

All the fellows have been kicking and there has been a lot of talk about demanding 75c a day or walking out. This Sunday a committee was to have gone up to Clinton and demanded that he give us 75c.

Those fellows who at first thought Clinton would listen to us and give us what we asked for, have had their illusions shattered.

Sawmills Down; Mergers Aggravate Conditions of Men

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Urge Starting of Tent City to House Evicted Families

Last week the Central Council of Civic Clubs of this City (rich boss organization), in conjunction with the grafting Associated Charities and the Community Chest, issued an appeal to the military officials at the Presidio and Washington, D. C., to help establish a tent city here to house the thousands of unemployed workers' families already evicted from their homes or facing such action in the near future.

The landlords objected to the practice of the Associated Charities in which they had paid one month's rent (sometimes less) to locate families in a "home."

Workers Paid Only Food; Get Big Cut; Now Demand Cash

The Associated Charities of San Francisco have succeeded in slipping over a huge ration cut on the unemployed workers and their families in San Francisco.

There are less green vegetables (enough for only one meal a week), and the quality and quantity of butter and bacon has gone down.

As there is nothing to check a further decline in these rations that are supposed to be \$10 worth of food per box, the San Francisco unemployed workers are organizing into the Unemployed Councils to demand the cash that they are supposed to receive for their work for the city.

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I. L. D. ORGANIZER GOES ON TOUR FOR MOONEY - HARLAN

All Northern California Cities to Be Visited

Primary practical steps in carrying out the plan of activities adopted by the Mooney - Scottsboro - Harlan Convention held in Musicians' Hall on January 10 were taken by the State Executive Committee of the Mooney - Scottsboro - Harlan Campaign and the International Labor Defense Monday, when Comrade Frank Spector, District Organizer of I. L. D., spoke at a mass meeting of 150 workers in Stockton.

This was the beginning of a district-wide tour by Comrade Spector, who will speak at the following mass meetings:

Sacramento—Saturday, Feb. 6. Chico—Sunday, Feb. 7. Watsonville—Wednesday, Feb. 10. Santa Cruz—Thursday, Feb. 11. San Jose—Thursday, Feb. 12. Fresno—Monday, Feb. 15. Oakland—Tuesday, Feb. 16. Petaluma—Saturday, Feb. 20. Port Bragg—Sunday, Feb. 21. San Francisco—Wednesday, Feb. 24.

This tour is timed to cover the month of February, which is the last month before Governor Rolph promised to make up his mind as to the pardon of Tom Mooney.

Following the meetings, a local conference on the major defense issues will be held in Oakland on February 29. Here the delegation which presented the petitions signed by 50,000 workers for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law will be heard and steps taken for intensifying the campaign on the C. S. issue.

Flying squads will visit unions and fraternal organizations for the purpose of obtaining contributions and involving greater masses of workers in the struggle for the release of political prisoners and to smash the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

All organizations and individuals who are interested in the campaign to build a mighty mass movement for the freedom of Mooney and Billings and the Imperial Valley prisoners, for the smashing of the vicious anti-labor Syndicalism Law, for the immediate unconditional release of the nine Scottsboro Negro boys and the Harlan, Ky., miners framed on murder charges, are urged to give the campaign led by the International Labor Defense and the State Executive Committee their fullest moral and financial support.

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WORKERS HEALTH

Conducted by DR. S. E. KELLY, M.D. (Note: Dr. Kelly has volunteered in this column and by mail to answer workers' questions about health.)

About Catching Colds

Under the term "colds" we mean those diseases which are caused by changeable weather conditions, mostly in spring or autumn.

Naturally, bad weather conditions have effect on the human system, too, but only secondarily; namely, if the human system's resistance is lowered through improper food, starvation or bad hygienic conditions.

For this reason, to prevent colds, the most important thing to do is to harden the system; in this way to make the body resistant against outside influences.

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windows are open four to five inches on the top and bottom. If a worker is not used to sleeping in a place with open windows, it is better to accustom oneself in the summer season, when the nights are not so cold.

In the third place it is a very bad habit to be in an over-heated room, even for those who still have the money to heat it—especially with too heavy clothes, because the skin cannot get the proper ventilation.

Besides this, most important of all is to combat outside unhealthy influences by keeping the skin and body clean. This can be attained by a bath once or twice a week at least.

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Editorial Column

The Terror in Southern California

In another section of the Western Worker the story is told of the bestial brutality with which the police attacked the workers gathered at the Long Beach meeting. Workers were beaten, in one case into insanity and another into unconsciousness. With the exception of two, all of the prisoners were held incommunicado for four days. Even where cells with beds were available fifty-two of the prisoners were herded into a "tank" which had no beds and had sitting room for about thirty people.

The majority of the prisoners were laid up with influenza and pneumonia after they had been bailed out by militant workers in Southern California who were aroused by the cruelty of the bosses' terror as shown in the activity of the Red Squad and the Long Beach police department.

FREE SPEECH—ONLY FOR "YES-MEN"

When the attorney, Leo Gallagher, protested against the raid and the treatment which the prisoners were receiving, the police officials informed him that "these s— of b—s have no constitutional rights."

Apparently the right of free speech and free assemblage exists for those who agree with everything that the rulers of Southern California do, but if anyone opposes it, then "these s— of b—s, have no constitutional rights." This is rather peculiar "democracy." It is not democracy at all. It is the terror of the capitalist class, frightened by the increased militancy of the great mass of workers against hunger, and is an attempt to cow the people into silent starvation.

DEMOGOGY IN BOSSES' PROPAGANDA

The press and other spokesmen of the boss class are issuing great volumes of words in an attempt to convince everyone that workers' and farmers' government, such as exists in the Soviet Union, would never be acceptable to the people of the United States. If that is so, why is it necessary to use such terrorist methods against groups of workers who gather to discuss how to improve their conditions?

Because these capitalist apologists do not believe what they themselves are saying. They know full well that the widespread growing militancy of the workers is a sign that the working class is growing in understanding and organization and is becoming increasingly disillusioned with capitalism. The bosses are desperately trying to stem the rising tide of working class support to the fight against wage cuts and for social insurance. That these raids followed on the heels of the successful Hunger March and the exposure of the bosses' starvation program is indicative that what we say is true.

REAL DEMOCRACY VERSUS LOS ANGELES TERROR

The police terror is covered with the excuse "you s— of b—s believe in the Soviet Union. You know d—n well that in the Soviet Union you would get shot for opposing the government."

May we inform these most "democratic" gentlemen that in the Soviet Union the leading newspapers are required to and do provide whole pages where the workers can expose any bureaucratic practices in the government or any anti-labor tendencies shown by government officials, factory managers, and other people in responsible positions. More than that. With the help of the Soviet Union and the Communist Party, flying squads of workers have been organized to go through the various factories, public institutions, and similar places, to investigate the conditions of workers, and where anti-labor or bureaucratic tendencies are shown these officials are promptly corrected or removed.

May we also inform these gentlemen that in the Soviet Union workers can recall elected and appointed government officials, should these officials not serve to the satisfaction of the people, merely by calling a meeting on a few days or even a few hours notice, submitting the question to decision and popular vote. In other words, while the Soviet Union does not allow counter-revolutionary terrorists to destroy the Socialist society which the masses are building, yet they provide the broadest democracy for useful citizens in order to be sure that the interest of the masses are protected.

Contrast this with the alleged democracy as exemplified in the activity of the Los Angeles Red Squad. Instead of the government providing means for popular expression of opinion and control, meetings of starving unemployed workers are smashed and the arrested vilely maltreated, strikes are broken with police clubs and imprisonment, and the elementary rights of free speech, assemblage and petition are abrogated. This is in the nature of capitalism. Real democracy can only exist in a workers' and farmers' government.

The answer to this by reactionaries is "Why don't you go to Russia?"

This answer falls flat; chiefly because of the fact that it is workers and farmers who built the United States, and there is no reason why the very toilers who built this country should have to either accept starvation conditions and terror or leave the land to the capitalist parasites. There is no eternal law which gives the bosses and their terrorist agents permanent rights of exploitation.

FIGHT THE TERROR

On the contrary, we call upon all workers to answer the terror of the bosses by uniting with the Communist Party. We must win the majority of the workers and the mass of rural and city poor to the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government which shall provide those decent living conditions to which the useful toiling population is entitled and which we obviously cannot get under a capitalist system and bosses' government.

The Presidential Campaign Opens

The season for the old capitalist political game of bull throwing is on. Capitalist politicians and parties are raising "issues" for the coming presidential elections.

Boss politicians choose issues which have two main qualifications: (1)—To justify capitalism and to protect profits and (2)—to catch votes.

On the West Coast William Randolph Hearst, Hiram Johnson and a host of others have presented two issues.

In brief, their argument is as follows: The crisis is due largely to prohibition and to cancellation of foreign debts. If prohibition is done away with and if Uncle Sam will obtain debt money, then all will be well with capitalism.

Unfortunately, many workers are being misled by the Hearst and Johnson speeches and writings.

CHASING WILL-O'-THE-WISPS

First, let us consider the question of prohibition. Prohibition was advanced in the last decade as a means of insuring permanent prosperity. Now that prohibition has not insured prosperity, the abolition of prohibition is advanced as a means of insuring permanent prosperity. It is an everlasting will-o'-the-wisp... an apology for capitalism. We are against the prohibition law. It has inflicted great hardships upon the masses and has given the government oppressive power over the people of the United States beyond what the most centralized autocracy has ever had. But it is idiotic to say that prohibition is the cause of the crisis. If that is true, why is England, which has no prohibition, so seriously involved in the crisis? Why are the whole German people on the verge of starvation and the Latin-American countries, or Poland, or for that matter, any capitalist country of the world, in a crisis? Prohibition is not the cause of the crisis and the abolition of prohibition will not solve the crisis for capitalism.

WAR DEBTS INTENSIFIED THE CRISIS

The second issue which they raise is that war debt payments should not have been postponed. "America first! So long as there is suffering and starvation in the United States then make war debt payments help solve the crisis."

This argument is just plain charlatanism. Is there a lack of money in the United States? The United States Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank's vaults are loaded with gold bullion. In fact, among the factors which intensify the crisis and mass suffering on a world scale as well as in the United States are precisely these huge war debt payments exacted by the Versailles Treaty and the subsequent Dawes and Young plans. The extortion from the German masses of war debt payments has not contributed to the prosperity of the American workers but on the contrary has intensified the misery of our lot.

Answer Rolph's Insults



Farm Wages at Lowest Level Since 1906

By JOHN MASON

Reaching the lowest level since 1916, farm wages in the western states continue to drop, while unemployment among farm workers is greater than at any time during the past 15 years. At the same time crop production shows a corresponding drop.

The latest government figures available show a decline of more than 3 per cent in wages paid farm labor during the three months period between April 1 and July 1, 1931. This marked decline is especially significant in view of two constant facts: (1) Official government figures are always colored so as to make the situation appear as bright as possible, and (2) during this period in previous years a considerable increase in farm wages is always present.

Commenting on the farm labor situation throughout the country "Monthly Labor Review," an official publication issued by W. N. Doak's own Department of Labor, states: "For the five years 1926-1930 the advance during this period averaged 4.6 points. The farm wage decline of 4 points, or 3 per cent between April 1 and July 1, 1931 was accompanied by a 12 per cent decline in general agriculture commodity prices and forced farmers to do as much of their own harvesting as possible. "On July 1, all types of farm wage payments were substantially below a year ago. Wages per day with board suffered the most drastic reduction, averaging 25 per cent down for the country as a whole, 27 per cent for the central states and 25 per cent for the far west."

"These reductions," continues Mr. Doak's Monthly Review, which apparently is not for general circulation but for the special information of the rich farm owners, "were the result of a plentiful supply of workers and a much lower demand for farm help."

The report goes on to show that the supply of farm workers on July 1, 1931, was 111.1 per cent of normal as compared to 99 per cent on the same day a year previous. On the other hand the demand for farm labor was reported at 73.4 per cent of normal on the first of July, 1931, as compared with 84.8

per cent the previous July. In 1916 the average wage paid farm workers was \$23.04 monthly, the following year showed a slight increase to \$28.64. A gradual increase is shown, according to the government table, until 1920 when the peak was reached at \$47.24 monthly. Marked drops were recorded in 1921 and 1922 when wages of \$29.31 per month were paid in the latter year.

From 1923 until the acute crisis at the end of 1930 some increase is noted. At the close of 1929 the average was \$35.90, but in the corresponding three months period of October-December, 1930, it had dropped to \$31.23. In January, 1931, the report shows wages had dropped to \$26.03 per month, and in the quarter ending July of that year, when an increase is usually due, the bottom had been reached of \$25.35.

In the eleven western states where the average wage for farm workers was slightly higher than for the country as a whole, widespread unemployment prevails among these workers. The accom-

panying table shows the farm workers' wages and percentage of labor supply and demand for the eleven states which prevailed at the close of July 1931.

WAGES	FARM LABOR		
	Supply	Demand	
Mont. \$36.50	126	55	229
Idaho 39.75	127	70	181
Wyo. 39.50	119	75	159
Colo. 32.50	120	73	164
N. Mex. 29.50	115	75	153
Ariz. 38.50	122	74	165
Utah 48.50	126	70	180
Nevada 47.00	121	76	172
Wash. 33.00	129	67	193
Ore. 35.00	122	70	174
Calif. 47.00	117	79	148
Average 40.17	120.9	73.2	165.2
for U. S. 25.35	111.1	73.4	151.3

Thus by Mr. Doak's own figures we see demand for farm labor far below normal—which means unemployment increasing—and farm wages dropping rapidly. If figures for the present were available undoubtedly they would show an enormous increase of unemployment and much lower farm wages.

WORKERS ORGANIZATION

Call to Double Party Membership On Pacific Coast

The recruiting drive is now in full swing. Many Western districts and sections have issued challenges to each other to engage in revolutionary competition to build the Party in the West and root it in the shops and mines.

The following is the list of challenges issued to date:

SAN FRANCISCO CHALLENGES SEATTLE FOR THE FOLLOWING
3 Street Units each.
1 Shop Unit each.
1 A. F. of L. Fraction each.
Daily Worker Subs: Seattle 25, San Francisco 50.
Western Worker Subs: Seattle 50, San Francisco 100.
Both to double the membership in the Party.

OAKLAND CHALLENGES PORTLAND FOR THE FOLLOWING
Oakland 2 new Street Units, Portland 1 Street Unit.
1 Shop Unit each.
Oakland 25 Daily Worker Subs, Portland 10 Subs.
Oakland 35 Western Worker Subs, Portland 15 Subs.
Oakland and Portland, 1 Y. C. L. Unit each.
Both to double the Party membership.

SACRAMENTO CHALLENGES SPOKANE FOR THE FOLLOWING
1 Street Unit each.
1 Shop Unit each—R. R. Units.
Y. C. L., one Unit each.
Sacramento 15 Daily Worker Subs, Spokane 5 Subs.

STOCKTON CHALLENGES BELLINGHAM FOR THE FOLLOWING
1 Street Unit each.
Stockton 6 Daily Worker Subs, Bellingham 4 Subs.
Stockton 15 Western Worker Subs, Bellingham 10 Subs.

SAN JOSE CHALLENGES ABERDEEN FOR THE FOLLOWING
1 Street Unit each.
Y. C. L., one Unit each.
Daily Worker Subs, 5 each.
Western Worker, San Jose 20 Subs, Aberdeen 10 Subs.

PORTLAND CHALLENGES SEATTLE FOR THE FOLLOWING
Lumber Workers, 20.
Steel Workers, 3.
Marine Workers, 5.
Railroad Workers, 5.
Women Workers, 5.
Negro Workers, 3.
A. F. of L. Workers, 10 (5 of these to be Building Trades).
Y. C. L. Unit, 10.
Shop Nuclei, 2.
Also each to get 50 Yearly Subs for Daily Worker and Western Worker.

Here is a challenge from a new unit in Sacramento. This is the type of work that will really build the Party. How about some of the old units waking up and taking an example from these new comrades? To the Organizing Dept., District No. 15.
Dear Comrades:
We have read with interest the announcement in the Western Worker No. 2 of the recruiting cam-

aign and the Western Worker subscriber. Although we are a new unit (having only held two meetings) we feel that the Communist Units in the transportation industry can accomplish a lot in the way of organization. We are therefore asking you to forward our challenge to the Shop Units in Oakland and San Francisco:
1. We will double our membership during the recruiting drive.
2. We will establish a N. R. I. L. group in our shop.

LENIN CORNER

The war has undoubtedly created the acutest crisis and has incredibly intensified the sufferings of the masses. The reactionary character of this war, the shameless lie of a bourgeoisie of all countries which covers its predatory aims with "national" ideology, all this inevitably creates, on the basis of an objective revolutionary situation, revolutionary sentiments in the masses. Our duty is to help make these sentiments conscious, to deepen them and give them form. The only correct expression of this task is the slogan "Turn the imperialist war into civil war." All consistent class struggle in time of war, all "mass actions" earnestly conducted must inevitably lead to this. We cannot know whether in the first or in the second imperialist war between the great nations, whether during or after it, a strong revolutionary movement will flare up.

3. We will get a number of subs from our shop-mates to the extent of double our membership (two Western Worker subscribers for each Party member).
4. We will aid in the establishment of a Communist Nucleus in the Western Pacific shops.
We challenge the other S. P. Units to set themselves the same task as we have done. Though we have a new unit, we will give a good accounting of ourselves, and we want the San Francisco and Oakland Units to rival our efforts.

"Capitalist Convention"
What he has to say is not very flattering to our "best minds" and "great" financiers, though palpably McAdoo does his best to smooth over the worst spots. But William McAdoo does—his reputation of a Wilsonian "liberal" to maintain, and it is impossible for him to ignore entirely what is common knowledge, that there is something rotten in the Capitalist system; hence we are treated to some juicy observations, considering their source. We



ZEALOTS OF ZION by Hoffman Birney, published by Penn Publishing Co., Philadelphia. Price \$3.50.

In this book by a bourgeois writer of bad romance and equally bad history, is given a story of the Mormons from the time of their exodus from the Mississippi Valley to Utah (1857) until their colonies in Chihuahua and Sonora were broken up by the Mexican revolutions following the collapse of the Diaz regime. Its chief value is its extensive facts on the Mormon development and their contributions to the early development of the West.

Following the death of Joseph Smith, the Mormons, led by Brigham Young, settled in the Promised Land, Utah. There they practiced a form of primitive agriculture under the absolute control of Brigham. The author tells of their incredible suffering and hardships in their church-directed efforts to conquer the "Great American Desert," to increase the power of the Mormon church-state and to extend the area of its control. In all of this they succeeded. Their colonies covered the entire southwest and extended into Mexico. But their primitive agricultural system disappeared after a very few years, when the inevitable economic class division took place.

The Mountain Meadow's Massacre

There are eighty-three very dull pages devoted to the Mountain Meadow's Massacre. Most of the conflicting stories are brought together to determine which one is true. At their conclusion I was prepared to believe them all. The only readable part of the book is the rhymes of Geo. Hicks, a rebellious member of the colony who fought Brigham and the Elders of the Church as a gang of religious fakers.

Convention of Church

The author is painstaking. His industry is comparable to that of an artist who scratches the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin. Having no method he frequently contradicts himself. An example—"Brigham leadership was wise, his power absolute, his vision limitless." Further on we encounter this—"The privations endured by these settlers constitute a terrible indictment of Brigham Young and the leaders of the Church..." Newly arrived emigrants were expended with the profligate wastefulness of troops in time of war... any complaint produced only a stern reprimand of those who lacked the faith that can accomplish any task to which it is assigned."

The Bankruptcy of the "Ideal"

The leaders of the Mormon Church, as has been the practice of church leaders at all times, parasitically exploited the masses of toilers. They doped them with religion, and after having promised them their reward in heaven, picked their pockets. They may have gotten their reward in heaven; they certainly did not get it on earth.

A. Williams.

THE CROWDED YEARS—The Reminiscences of William G. McAdoo. Houghton, Mifflin Co., The Riverside Press, Cambridge.

Here are the memoirs of a man who was a corporation lawyer, president of a railroad, Secretary of the Treasury in the Wilson Cabinet, son-in-law of President Wilson, and general all-around handy-man of the Wilson administration. From first to last his career has been bound with Big Business and politics, and it is with curiosity we read what he has to say.

"Capitalist Convention"
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have but to reflect that McAdoo is doing the best he can "by our Nell" to realize just how juicy those observations are. This reviewer would like to quote many things from the book, but space forbids. However, the spectacle of the Champ Clark supporters at the Baltimore convention, where Wilson received the Democratic nomination, cowering around like adolescents or imbeciles and shouting, yelling, singing, "I don't care if he is a houn', you gotta quit kicking my dog around," is too good to pass by without comment. One has but to imagine a political convention in Soviet Russia to get the full flavor of the asinine performance.

Expose Presidential Appointments
On pages 239-40, McAdoo writes, apropos of the Treasury: It is for this reason that every effort is made by Wall Street to induce each successive President to appoint, as Secretary of the Treasury, some person who either belongs to them, as a blood brother in high finance, or who is at any rate sufficiently pliable to let the controlling money powers do his thinking for him.

We haven't the least doubt that Wall Street has succeeded in its laudable purposes for lo, those many years; but viewing the pleasing picture of Andy and the aluminum trust and points bank-wards, sitting securely on the kale at Washington, the above remark becomes doubly illuminating.

Bankers Fight Unions

On page 241, we read: "In the circles of High Finance ability and the capacity for money-making are synonymous terms. As a result of this outlook on life, Wall Street... is strikingly deficient in social vision. It has... opposition to all progressive ideas... I have in mind the temper... of High Finance taken as a whole. Wall Street... considers labor unions a national menace, to be fought at every step."

McAdoo strides thru the pages sans reproche. He is the traditional poor boy rising from obscurity to the seats of the mighty by hard work and strict honesty. He misses the injustices of our social system in a scant paragraph or two (pages 265-6), and while there are whole pages devoted to the art of banking and the Federal Reserve System, he says practically nothing about the present bank failures or business depression. Were his book our only source of information, we might fail to realize there is a depression. In treating of President Wilson, the man elected for a second term on the slogan: "He kept us out of war," we get the feeling that McAdoo is skating on thin ice. We are told that it was impossible to "avoid war with honor." Considering how capably the Soviet Union maintains the peace in Manchuria and China, despite almost unbearable provocation, and how the Soviet Government announces it will continue to do so as long as her territory is not invaded by hostile forces, we are apt to view such a declaration with suspicion.

Silent on Foreign Loans

Especially when we recollect that "Morgan built the British navy." We might add in passing that McAdoo has little to say about such Wall Street loans—in fact he never even hints of them as a contributing cause of our declaration of war on Germany. To hear him tell it, we went to war for "honor," "humanity," "God" and "Democracy." Does he honestly believe we can't see the nickel under the foot?

Bankruptcy of System Laid Bare

However, "Crowded Years" is an interesting and readable book. Radicals can profit by reading the chapters on Tariffs, War Management of the Railroads, and Shipping. The whole book—soft-pedaled though McAdoo does—is a confession of the bankruptcy, corruption, inefficiency of Capitalism (Big Business) to run this country. To any thinking person it is a plea for Communism—though McAdoo fails to realize this—being a part of Big Business.

—H. G. Weiss.

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