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## Communist Party On Oregon Ballot Masses Hear Ford

13,000 Signatures Collected; Foster, Ford Electors and State Ticket Filed

Southern California Holds Election Conference in San Bernardino; Arizona Files Communist Ticket

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 18.—The Arizona State Communist Rati- fication convention was held in Phoenix September 4. There were 36 delegates present, represent- ing the most important centers of the state.

In addition to endorsing the national platform, a state plat- form based on the specific issues facing the workers and farmers of Arizona was adopted.

The following candidates were nominated by acclamation:

- For Presidential Electors, E. J. Bryan, R. E. Macaulay, John Parker.
- For United States Senator, Ed. Hauptgen.
- For Representative in Congress, Charles Lattall.
- For Governor, M. E. Gehon.
- For Secretary of State, James B. Carr.
- For State Treasurer, Frank Lowe.
- For State Auditor, W. Riseley.
- For Tax Commission, Frank Peterson, Willard Snyder.
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paul P. Ortner.
- For Corporation Commissioner, William O'Brien.
- For State Mine Inspector, Henry Gray.
- For State Tax Commissioner, Frank Peterson.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15.—One of the greatest battles to put the Communist Party on the bal- lot was won here with the com- pletion of the signature campaign during which 13,000 were collected although only 11,000 are neces- sary. This places the Communist Party on the ballot in the state of Oregon for the first time.

It took the hardest fight that the Communists of the state ever faced to meet the difficulties put by the government.

The following candidates have been filed:

- Five electors for Foster and Ford.
- For state Senator, G. Krueger, railroad worker.
- For Congress, R. Lovelace, vet- eran, organizer of W. E. S. L.
- For state representative, fifth district, Louis Olson, organizer, Communist Party, Portland.
- For state representative, fifth district, Seth Nordling, lumber worker.
- For state representative, first district, N. Kontola, fisherman.

## MANY THOUSANDS IN NORTHWESTERN CITIES HEAR FORD

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—James W. Ford, Communist Vice- Presidential candidate, arrived in San Francisco today after speaking at many large and most enthusi- astic meetings in the northwest.

Among the most significant fea- tures at the meetings, according to Comrade Ford, was the great interest in the Communist cam- paign among the Negro workers, who were well represented.

Ford greeted a large audience at the entertainment given for the benefit of the Scottsboro cam- paign at California Hall. He is to speak in Oakland on the 18th and San Francisco on the 19th. An account of the California meetings will be given in the next issue of the Western Worker.

The attendance at Ford's west- ern meetings was: Great Falls, 500; Butte, 3000; Spokane, 500, Seattle, 1200; Tacoma, 500; Aber- deen, 1200; Portland, 1000.

The remainder of his western schedule is:

- September 20, Los Angeles.
- September 21, San Diego.
- September 22, Phoenix, Ariz.
- September 23, Salt Lake City.
- September 24, Denver.

## UTAH ON BALLOT ELECTION DRIVE IN FULL SWING

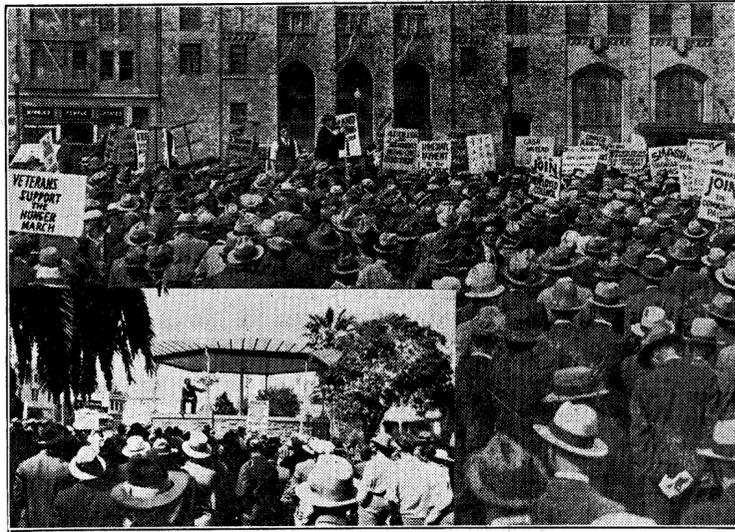
Fight Against Hunger Wins Support for Party

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—The election campaign is in full swing. The signature drive to place the party on the ballot was complet- ed in one week. Never before has there been such intense Commun- ist activity in the state.

Practically every demand of the hunger marches and demonstra- tions in different sections of the state have been forced from the bosses. The winning results has been gaining the confidence of the masses and increasing organiza- tional strength for the Party.

More than a thousand were at a rank and file mass meeting of the W. E. S. L. at the public square here, and as many took part in the Labor Day celebra- tion. At American Fork, Delhi, Provo, Sandy, Bingham and other towns large crowds have turned out, and many new members joined the party, as well as other mass organizations.

S. F. Hunger Marchers Gathered at Civic Center



Part of the 6000 San Francisco Hunger Marchers, gathered at the Civic Center on Monday, Sept. 12. Workers meetings in Watsonville Park for relief, lower left.

## SCOTTSBORO CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT OCTOBER 8

I. L. D. Calls for Mass Action to Save Nine Boys

October 8, two days before the argument on the appeal for the nine Negro Scottsboro boys goes before the U. S. Supreme Court, there will be international demon- strations.

In San Francisco there will be a huge auto parade that will start at the Embarcadero at 12:30 noon and end in a large mass meeting at the Civic Center, going through the Mission, Fillmore and North Beach sections.

Oakland is also arranging an auto parade on October 8 and in San Jose, Sacramento and several other cities the International Labor Defense will join in with the local County Hunger March- es and protest the decision of the Scottsboro boys case.

The International Labor Def- ense, in an appeal, states as fol- lows:

"We are calling on all worker's organizations and individuals to endorse and back up this campaign by sending delegates to the Scotts- boro Defense Conference, which meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at 1179 Market street, Underhill 3425.

"Do you have an auto or truck that can be used in the parade? If you have, please let us know immediately.

"We are also calling for volun- teers to help us go out and col- lect funds on October 1 and 2 for the defense of the Scottsboro boys. "This is a call for ACTION! We have no time to lose! "Stop the murder of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys."

## SEATTLE, SALT LAKE SCHOOL FOOD STRIKE

Utah Children Win Partial Demands, Get Shoes; Seattle Strike Begins September 19

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 7.— Hundreds of unemployed parents and their children marched on the county and school authorities here and forced the bosses to issue or- ders for new shoes and clothing for the children. The march and demonstration was under the lead- ership of the Unemployed Coun- cil and the Working Women's League.

The demonstration climaxed a school strike in which 300 chil- dren took part. Ragged and bare- foot, the children led the march through the business district. They stopped outside the Chamber of Commerce building long enough to send a delegation in to demand food for the hungry marchers.

The militant attitude of the delegates, as well as that of the throng on the street, brought im- mediate results. A load of milk and other food was hurriedly pro- vided at the expense of the Cham- ber of Commerce, and the march- ers journeyed on to the City and County building lawn, where they refreshed themselves with the lunch, and organized their forces for the fight for clothing and shoes.

In the meantime a decision was made by the county that orders for shoes be immediately issued for the school children.

This concession from the boss- es, however, did not end the school strike, as it was decided to carry on until all children of the unemployed have been fully equipped with clothing.

SEATTLE, Sept. 13.—Because thousands of Seattle children are forced to go to school without shoes and decent clothing, the Un- employed Council and the Young Pioneers, called a United Front School Strike Conference last Sun- day, which unanimously voted to strike on September 19. This conference was attended by dele- gates from locals of the Unem- ployed Citizens League, the Un- employed Councils and other working class organizations. The enthusiasm was 100 per cent when the strike was voted on. Hundreds of children are already out of school in anticipation of the strike.

The demands are:

- 1.—An immediate appropriation of \$400,000 for new shoes and clothing, to be administered by elected workers' committees.
- 2.—Free hot lunches, including milk, for children at school. (No forced "contributions" from teachers for this.)
- 3.—Adequate supply of tooth brushes and paste.
- 4.—Free medical and dental care in schools or clinics.
- 5.—Free transportation to and from school.

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## U. S. SECRET WAR PREPARATIONS SPED UP ON THE PACIFIC

Honolulu Gets Supplies and Men; Japan Gets Man- chukuo

United States imperialist prepa- rations for war on the Pacific are being increased at an intensity ri- valed only by their attempts at keep- ing secret the heavy concen- tration of war materials at the Hawaiian Islands.

From San Francisco on Septem- ber 17 the army transport, U. S. Grant, sailed for Honolulu with new regiments to augment the base at the "crossroads of the Pa- cific," while the Matson steamer Diamond Head left a short time before loaded with shell cases. At the same time San Pedro reports big oil shipments to the navy sta- tion at Pearl Harbor, and air- planes being loaded for the same destination.

Every Matson line freighter that visits the Puget Sound ports is loading explosives for Honolulu, taken aboard at night under

## 6000 in Frisco March; Board Refuses Hearing; Alameda March Sept. 29

Supervisors Discuss Treatment of Dogs at City Pound While Jobless Outside Wait for Answer; State Hunger March to Sacramento Endorsed

Alameda County Hunger March to Demand Relief as City Cuts Budget at the Expense of Jobless; County Supervisors Agree to Hear Jobless

## OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 18.—

### W. E. S. L. Convention To Plan Another Bonus March

Calling upon the unemployed of Alameda County to join the Hunger March of September 29, the Unemployed Councils and Work- ers Ex-Servicemen's League point to the fact that no provision has been made for their relief by the county supervisors or the city of Oakland.

The county budget of \$619,750 for the coming year, is less than half of last winter's \$1,345,510. The cut is not in graft reduction, but in complete elimination of any relief for the unemployed.

To back this up the demand for representation of the Unemployed Council on the County Charities Commission was denied and four bankers, a steel mill president, an executive of the Moore Shipbuild- ing Corporation, and J. Quinn, president of the A. F. L. Building Trades Council of Alameda were chosen—as choice a bunch of labor exploiters and mortgage grab- bers as can be found in the west.

This starvation program is get- ting a fighting response from the workers who are showing their determination to swell the County Hunger March. The Board of Supervisors has agreed to meet the delegation chosen from the marchers, at 11 a. m., September 29, to hear their demands for cash relief, cessation of evictions, gas and light shutoffs, and endorse- ment of immediate bonus pay- ment. Comrade H. Benjamin, na- tional organizer of the Unemploy- ed Councils of America, will be in Oakland for the Hunger March, and will speak that night.

Points of assembly for the March are:

- Berkeley, 9:15 a. m. at Univer- sity and San Pablo.
- Oakland, 10 a. m. at Tenth and Franklin and 10th between Jef- ferson and Grove street, and 10th and Broadway at 10:15 a. m.
- Haywards, Decata at 8:30 a. m.
- East Oakland, 9 a. m. at 90th and East 14th.

The delegations will march to the Hall of Records, arriving at 11 a. m.

The convention of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League will take place at Cleveland September 23, 24, 25.

Many western posts have elect- ed delegates. Likewise delegates have been elected from many rank and file groups within the Amer- ican Legion and Veterans of For- eign Wars.

Post No. 34 of San Francisco has elected Com. Mike Santo as delegate. One of the most impor- tant questions to come before the convention is the organization of another march on Washington for the bonus, to reach there when Congress opens in December.

## 38 ORGANIZATIONS MOBILIZE FOR L. A. HUNGER MARCH

MANY MEXICAN AND NEGRO WORKERS JOIN

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—Sixty delegates, representing 38 workers organizations, met in conference Sunday morning at the headquarters of the Unemployed Council and the Workers' Ex-Serv- icemen's League, 6912 Central avenue, and laid plans for the County Hunger March to be held Monday, October 3. The confer- ence delegates included Mexican, Japanese, Negro and Filipino workers.

All delegates present, follow- ing a discussion of workers' relief problems, pledged the full support of their organizations to the Hun- ger March. The discussion mir- rored the intense interest being

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## STARVING WORKERS TAKE GROCERIES IN ANACORTES

Refused Relief by Red Cross, Over 100 Enter Store; Farmers Join Workers in Defense of 5 Arrested

ANACORTES, Wash., Sept. 18. "Let's go get food. We must get something for our babies!" With these words over 100 men, women and children moved as one from the Red Cross station, where relief had been denied them, to Skaggs Safeway Store, two blocks distant on September 3.

Police and four clerks were powerless before the half-starved workers who were impelled to act by the horror of returning to empty cupboards and crying, pale- faced children. The "law" con- fined its activity to spying on the determined group, taking down names.

**NO RIOT**  
The workers were orderly and well disciplined though the man- ager and another shop keeper, Paul Luvera, did their best to cre- ate a riot.

On September 7 five of the mil- itant Anacortes workers were ar- rested on charges of grand lar- ceny, incitement to riot and con- spiracy as a result of the raid on Skaggs. The framed workers,

## BULLETIN SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—

At time of going to press the San Francisco Board of Supervisors heard arguments by three spokes- men of the Hunger Delegation which was ejected one week pre- vious, and was debating the propo- sals. The Western Worker will report the results in the next issue.

More than 6000 workers dis- playing great militancy, took part in the San Francisco Hunger March Monday, September 12.

At 1:30 column after column of workers began to arrive from five neighborhood centers carrying banners, singing and shouting slo- gans. The columns were formed at neighborhood meetings. When the last arrived a committee which had already been elected to pre- sent the demands to the Board of Supervisors proceeded.

As the committee proceeded to the City Hall thousands of work- ers massed at the entrance, but were held back by many police- men. The delegation was told there was not room enough for all at the supervisors' chamber, but a smaller committee would be allowed. Seeing this as a man- uver to stall the delegation, it was agreed to send in a small committee so that a fight could be made inside for the rest to be admitted. A few minutes later the police were forced to allow the rest to come up.

Although the board meetings always begin promptly at two, this time the meeting started at 2:50, the leading supervisors evi- dently trying to figure out a course of action to be taken. When the meeting opened the super- visors' chamber was packed to the doors with about 500 workers, and at least a score of policemen and uncounted plain clothes men. The chairman of the delegation, Com- rade Lambert, informed the chairman of the board, Hayden, that Mayor Rossi had previously promised a committee of 21 work- ers they would be given a hear- ing, and that 6000 workers out- side were awaiting an answer. But when the meeting opened the board took up some questions con- cerning taxation and a matter concerning the treatment of home-

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## BENJAMIN'S TOUR TO STIMULATE RELIEF FIGHT

The tour being made by Her- bert Benjamin throughout the western centers will greatly stimu- late the work of the Unemploy- ed Councils, and the fight for relief.

Benjamin is the national secre- tary of the Unemployed Councils, and will be able to relate of the many experiences throughout the country in the fight for relief.

For unavoidable reasons his western schedule had to be revis- ed as follows:

- Spokane, Wash., Sept. 21-22.
- Seattle, Sept. 23-25.
- Tacoma, Sept. 26.
- Portland, Sept. 27.
- Sacramento, Sept. 28.
- Oakland, Sept. 29.
- San Francisco, Sept. 30.
- Los Angeles, Oct. 1.
- San Diego, Oct. 2.
- Phoenix, Oct. 3.
- Salt Lake City, Ogden, Oct. 5.
- Denver, Oct. 6-7.
- The San Francisco meeting will be held at California Hall.

## BRANCH, TOURS WEST FOR THE WESTERN WORKER

Will Help Prepare Workers' Organizations for Week- ly and Sub Increase

To stimulate the drive for the WEEKLY WESTERN WORKER, which begins October 18, James Branch, Agitprop Director of the district 13 Communist Party, will tour many cities in California, Arizona and Nevada.

The tour is likewise connected with the Communist election cam- paign.

In the course of the tour Branch will assist the local organizations in steps to increase the circula- tion of the WESTERN WORKER, to see to it that Western Worker agents are functioning in all cit- ies, that workers correspondence be increased and that correspondents

## NOTICE California Workers

The Communist Party calls upon all workers' organizations and supporters of Party to take an active part in the "write in" campaign.

The Party is putting forth two electors. The names of these two electors are:

- WILLIAM FOSTER
- JAMES FORD

These names are to be written in the first two blank spaces provided on the voting machines for electors for presidential candi- dates not appearing on the ballot. There are similar provisions on all paper ballots.

On the paper ballots a cross must be stamped with the rubber stamp provided in the election booths.

# Western Worker Expose Worries Heinz Bosses; Hire Dick

## Workers Tell More About Speedup and Miserable Wages; Call for Unity

BERKELEY, Calif.—The September 1 issue of the Western Worker exposing the 57 varieties of speed-up here at the Heinz plant, hit the spot for the workers, and hit the bosses between the eyes. It is said a special detective was immediately hired at \$25 a day to find out who spilled the beans. Little Johnny said if he knew who did it he would kill him. Maybe they feel there is more to tell. There is.

In the morning when girls are hired they must pay \$1.25 for a uniform worth about 40c. Some of these are laid off before they even make \$1.25.

### KETCHUP DEPARTMENT

In the ketchup department, boys must do the work of three men because of the speed up. The heat and steam is terrific. In the kitchen four men are doing six men's work. Two dip and two feed the tomatoes into the machines. They must handle first and seconds at the same time. The rush makes it impossible to take even time to go to the lavatory.

### PICKLES

In the pickle room women are called to work for two or three hours at 25c per hour, and then sent home.

## UNITED SAN JOSE FARMERS DEMAND ACTION; GET IT

SAN JOSE, Calif., Sept. 12.—Refused by Supervisor Coyle when he asked to have Trella Road oiled as the hot dust was spoiling his berry crop, a farmer rallied the Santa Clara county branch of the United Farmers League here today to present the demand at the supervisors' meeting and won the promise of immediate action. The idea of organized farmers fighting for their rights alarmed the county bosses. The U. F. L. is planning to mobilize hundreds of farmers here to demand free school bus fare for all farm children.

# Briefs

### Salvaging Fruit

RICHMOND, Calif.—Committees from the Workers International Relief have been promised five tons of sugar and fruit syrups to aid in canning the fruit that poor farmers have allowed the Richmond Unemployed Council to pick. Yesterday five of us called upon the city manager of Richmond for gas to use in cars to locate fruit. We were promised all the gas we might need, and also the use of the city trucks to bring home the fruit.

### Relief to Bankers

ANACORTES, Wash.—Pot-bellied Cartwright, the local banker, who is spurring the prosecution of five militant workers for participation in a food "raid," succeeded in getting almost \$40,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for his Bank of Commerce. This is the largest loan to any single bank in the state. The Communists of Skagit county are making this point clear to all the workers, and predict the election of both city and county officials this fall on the Communist ticket.

### Racketeering Grocers

TACOMA, Wash.—The commissaries established some time ago to sell groceries at wholesale to unemployed on county welfare job which pay \$3.50 per week to a family of seven, have been yanked out of business. It seems 600 members of the Retail Grocers Association objected to having their "legitimate profit" taken from them, so they applied pressure on the Pierce county relief department. Now, instead of getting 7c worth of food a day per person, we get about 3 1/2 c worth. Figure it out.

### Sign All

### Correspondence

All Workers Correspondence must be signed and address given. Correspondent's name will not appear unless requested.

Last season we had to make eight buckets of tomatoes an hour, and were paid 3 1/2 cents per bucket. Now we must make 18 to 20 buckets an hour and get paid by the day, which figures out at 1 1/4 cents a bucket. If we get tired and only make 16 an hour the forelady says, "hurry up or something will happen."

One worker will race like a fool to set a fast pace. The rest get sore. This way the workers scrap amongst themselves and blame each other's nationality, which is exactly what the boss wants. We must wake up and quit "scabbing" on each other on the job, or we will all be nervous wrecks. We must organize as comrades against our one enemy—the bosses.

### SHIPPING

In the shipping department Ray keeps saying "come on, boys, one and three-quarters of an hour to go. Load up this car in a hurry." Fifty cases must be put on trucks and pulled by one man sometimes as far as a block. Hienz makes us "pull" for them and fight among ourselves. We must learn how to pull together for ourselves and against Hienz.

## 25 CENTS PER HOUR AND SLAVE DRIVING AT FRISCO CANNERY

SAN FRANCISCO—At the California Cannery at 18th and Minnesota, some of us work seven hours, some ten and some as much as 14 hours a day. We get only 25 cents an hour, and all day long we are goaded with "hurry up, hurry up."

We go home soaked through and through with fruit juice. The bosses tell us we are "free" to quit. If a girl speaks to another girl or a man, she gets fired. We get half an hour for lunch. Those who can afford it go to restaurants nearby. The rest of us must take our lunch over to the dump for a place to sit down. Women doing piece work average between 60c to 90c a day, and a few as high as \$1.50. Out of this must be bought knives at 25c, peelers 25c, uniform \$1.50, apron \$1.25.

The bosses have made it so bad for us we are being forced to look to each other for help—we must unionize. The Cannery Workers Industrial Union, 830 Market st., room 421, is the kind of union we want. The dues are small and it has a fighting reputation. Join the C. W. I. U.—Cannery Worker.

## SEATTLE 'SKIDROAD' ACTIVE FOR COMMUNISTS

### Drive Away Fakers; Beat Up Sheriff Trying to Break Up Meeting

By Thos. Burns

Under the "liberal" Mayor Dore, who was elected on the strength of a lot of radical phrases and promises, the commissaries, or self help plan has come into existence. Under this plan citizens who are bona-fide residents of Seattle receive about \$2 a week in groceries, for which they must work one day a week. So much for the citizens, but what about the non-residents?

In the so called days of prosperity the migratory workers, a big factor in the northwest, were always welcome to Seattle to spend their hard earned dollars. Merchant, banker and prostitute rubbed their hands in joy. But it is a different picture today when they arrive—these same parasites throw up their hands in horror. "These bums are not citizens," they yell. "What right have they to come here and burden us taxpayers?" These workers cannot get relief at the commissaries, and are denied medical attention, because they are not bona-fide citizens. Their only relief is in the "Vultures of America" soup line. But these workers are by no means docile and contented. Many of them have taken an active part in the struggles in the northwest in the old days of the I. W. W., when it was still a militant organization. Every evening on the skid road they gather around by the hundreds and listen to the

## FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNION A JOKE; SAYS PALO ALTO WORKER

### Refuses to Fight Wage Cut or Call for Struggle on Grievances

PALO ALTO, Cal.—I am a federal employee at the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Palo Alto. On July 1, 1932, President Hoover's "30 day furlough plan" went into effect. It inaugurates the 5 day week with no additional pay, and also cuts the pay of all employees—more work for less pay. \$37.50 a month is deducted for board, room and laundry.

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### NO MORE VACATIONS

Previous to this "plan" all employees were given two weeks vacation with pay. Now if you want any time off you lose your pay for the period of time that you are away, and in addition you are forced to pay for your board, room and laundry at the rate of \$1.25 a day. Some of the employees effected by this ruling have gone to the main office for information and there ridicule, abuse and slander was the only answer.

### UNION A JOKE

Here there is a local of the federal employees union, and they have kept silent about the wage cut. No, they haven't either, a social was given recently by this group and the president made a speech in which he said: "In union there is strength. We workers should be united against future wage cuts." This speech sounded odd to me because there are other grievances besides wage cuts to fight against, and I did not see any struggle that the union put up against the last wage cut.

For instance, now night nurses and night attendants are working a 12 hour shift. On the board, room and laundry question, married men are forced to pay this exorbitant rate although they may maintain a home elsewhere, the pay check that they draw may be only a few more dollars than what they pay for board, room, etc. In the kitchen the five day basis works a real hardship because the cooks, porters, waiters, etc., have to do more work as there are more workers off each day than previously.

—A Federal Employee. EDITORIAL NOTE—You should form a left wing opposition within the union to act as a unit to fight the union officials and their betrayals. The Western Worker will publicize your struggles and help expose the officials.

### Communist Candidate Evicted



Ezra F. Chase, a war veteran, with his family and belongings evicted from his home with the help of the L. A. Red Squad. He is now the Communist candidate for assembly in 52nd assembly district of L. A.

## BOSS' TEARS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LIVING WAGES

### Garment Worker Proves Bosses Are Making Big Money

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—We are on the new \$3.75 Fall line now. New girls have been added to the plant. Comrades have talked to them and they are joining our union, the Needle Trades Workers Industrial League. However, though we are ready to fight for a regular living wage, we realize that a strike in our shop to be successful would have to be a general strike.

The boss tells us to go ahead and organize the workers in other shops if we can. He thinks it can't be done.

The boss tells us he is making nothing, so can't pay us any better wages. This is a lie to prevent us from fighting. In season we workers produce at least 500 garments a week. He makes a clear profit of 25 to 30c per garment. This gives him \$150 clear per week, while we get paid only \$8 to \$12 per week. I think we should issue a call to all garment workers in Los Angeles for a mass meeting to decide what action is possible. —Chic Garment Worker.

## WORKERS FORCE RELEASE OF 5 IN EVICTION FIGHT

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 6.—Demonstrating in police court here in defense of five Unemployed Council members arrested in connection with an eviction case, where the furniture was replaced, workers forced the court to dismiss the case.

Leaving court, about 200 unemployed, led by the five released workers, compelled a landlord to turn on the lights for several families in an apartment house.

### MASS ACTION WINS

PROVO, Utah, Sept. 6.—Demanding immediate relief and the establishment of a relief station at American Fork, mass delegations from that place, Lehi and Pleasant Grove, in joint action with the Provo Unemployed Council, held a demonstration here and succeeded in making the county grant the demands.

### S. P. Workers Exposed To Caustic Soda

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—A few days ago I saw two workers at the Bayshore car shops cutting a large piece of caustic soda into small pieces in order to dissolve quicker. These workers told me to move on as a very small piece of this caustic soda should it hit my clothing, would eat a hole in them.

I noticed one worker used a chisel and hammer, and small pieces were flying in all directions. His face was all broken out from pieces hitting him on the bare skin. When labor is so cheap (\$2.88) the bosses can afford to have a man do this work by hand, endangering his eyesight and suffering the pain. I noticed no boss were standing over these men when they have this work to do.—S. P. Worker.

## SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL EXPOSED AS ANTI-NEGRO

### U. C. Demands That Negroes Be Hired on Dam Job

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 13.—"These people are dirty Communists and should be lynched!" Thus spoke the stool pigeon Howard before the city council, and several hundred of Unemployed Council members. A mighty chorus of boos and catcalls effected his immediate withdrawal.

Some months ago San Diego voted to build El Capitan dam as a relief project. The Logan Heights branch of the local Unemployed Council has exposed the fact that no Negroes have ever been hired at the dam, even the hundreds of Negroes are paying taxes to help build it.

A series of mass meetings, culminating in two mass demonstrations before the city council, have served to bring the matter to light.

Last week the city council evaded answering the demand that 10 per cent of all workers at the dam be Negroes, by appointing City Manager Goeddel to "investigate the matter." This Monday, September 12, however, Unemployed Council members packed the city hall chambers and demanded a "yes or no" answer to the resolution, which was read before the entire audience, composed of all councilmen and over 200 unemployed Negro and white workers.

The resolution called attention to the cowardice of council representatives of the Logan Heights section, who, with the excuse that he was "afraid he will be taken for a ride," failed to appear before a meeting of workers to answer the charges, after promising to do so.

The resolution reiterated the demand that 10 per cent of the workers on the project be Negroes, against Jim Crowism abolition of speedup system, reduction on board and room charges for the workers, etc.

PROPOSE RELIEF BONDS Also the demand was raised that a \$1,000,000 relief bond be issued, the money to be raised by taxing all property valued over \$25,000.

Spokesmen from the U. C. were Francis von Haessler, white, and R. J. Bundick and S. H. Laley, both colored. Order was well preserved until Howard made his provocative statement.

The city council members retreated and alibied in an attempt to again dodge the issue, and then finally again instructed the city manager to "make a final and complete report of the labor troubles at El Capitan."

The Unemployed Council has decided to allow the city council one more week to give a favorable answer, or then consider recall proceedings.

### MONTANA POWER OWNS PAPERS

MISSOULA, Mont.—The copper kings and power trust bosses see to it that nothing is said in the newspapers about their crushing grip on the workers here. In fact they own the following papers: Montana Standard, Anaconda Standard, Helena Independent, Missoula Sentinel, Livingstone Record Herald, Livingston Enterprise, Billings Gazette, Butte Post and Great Falls Leader and Tribune.

## CONFERENCE IN SU. CALIFORNIA TO SPEED CAMPAIGN

### CONFERENCE AT SAN BERNARDINO SEPTEMBER 25

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—A series of election campaign mass meetings is being prepared by the Communist Election Campaign Committee of Los Angeles, to be held in outlying towns in preparation for the Southern California Campaign Conference scheduled to take place Sunday, October 2 in San Bernardino. All workers organizations are asked to send two delegates to the conference.

On Sunday, September 18, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, an open-air rally will be held in San Bernardino. On Wednesday an indoor mass meeting will be held in Santa Barbara, to be followed on Friday, the 23rd, by an indoor meeting in Bakersfield. Later a meeting will be held in San Diego. Lawrence Ross, campaign manager, will tour these towns and speak on the Foster-Ford wreath campaign.

### FORD BANQUET IN L. A.

In Los Angeles preparations are being made to greet James Ford, Communist candidate for vice-president, at a huge welcome banquet, to be given Tuesday, September 20 at 1106 1/2 East Vernon avenue. The banquet will be held in the heart of the Negro section of Los Angeles, and is expected to intensify the write-in campaign. More than ever Negro workers of Los Angeles are manifesting an interest in and deep sympathy with the Communist party platform.

On Sunday, September 4, an audience of Negro workers at the Los Angeles open forum, responded very enthusiastically to the Communist Party platform, and its relation to the Negro workers, as outlined by Comrade Ross. Steps are now being taken to organize Vote-for-Ford Clubs among Negro workers.

### TWO ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

Committees of workers are combing the 52nd and 62nd assembly districts to gather signatures to put Ezra F. Chase, an ex-serviceman, and Walter Martin, a Negro worker, on the ballot. While formally they will appear on the ballot as "independent" candidates, their candidacies are being publicized, in leaflets, by signature solicitors and at street corner meetings, as being endorsed by the Communist Party.

## 'SAVE RUEGG' IS CALL TO WORKERS OF THE PACIFIC

In a call to the toilers of all Pacific countries, the American Bureau of the Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, points to the sentence of life imprisonment given Comrade Ruegg, the secretary of the Pan Pacific Secretariat and his wife, at the hands of the Kuumintang hangmen. Because of the great protest from all parts of the world, and from a wide strata of Chinese intellectuals, they did not dare to sentence them to death.

There wasn't a semblance of legality in the court proceedings. The accused were imprisoned and tortured for 15 months before the "trial" took place. The sentence, in a Chinese prison, means a slow death. It is really aimed at smashing the Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat, which expresses the unity of all toilers on the Pacific against imperialism, and particularly now is gaining wide support.

## Foreign News Briefs

Filipino Workers Demonstrate  
MANILA—Demanding unemployment insurance and Filipino independence, more than 1000 Filipino workers representing fourteen provinces, demonstrated at the senate. Manuel Quezon, reactionary senate president, was forced to admit a delegation from the workers which petitioned for unemployment insurance ranging from \$1.50 to \$6. weekly. The petition also protested against police brutality.

More Iron Ore Discovered in U. S. S. R.  
MOSCOW—Two hundred million tons of iron ore, of which about one third is near the surface, has been discovered in western Siberia and located only 125 miles from the metallurgical plant at Kusnetsk. The iron content is from 40 to 60 per cent. The discovery changes the whole metallurgical situation in the Ural region, which was complicated by the long distance for transportation.

More Oil Field in U. S. S. R.  
MOSCOW—The Izvestia reports the discovery of new oil fields in the eastern part of the Nizhni Novgorod province, and on the Ural Ryazan railroad. This includes some of the biggest gushers yet struck in the Emba oil fields.

Grain Destroyed in Czecho Slovakia  
PRAGUE, Czecho Slovakia—Although there are 500,000 unemployed in Czecho Slovakia, 10,000 tons of grain were destroyed by the government. Great indignation has been aroused among the unemployed.

Prague Soldiers Saved!  
PRAGUE, Czecho Slovakia—Fearing that soldiers seeing Soviet films will be "demoralized," the Czecho Slovak war department has issued an order prohibiting soldiers of the army from attending theatres showing such films.

Fourth Campaign a Flop  
SHANGHAI—The local correspondent of the New York Times reports that the fourth annual anti-communist drive has ended in a draw so far as territory goes. Chiang Kai Shek, however, is forced to maintain large bodies of troops in the central provinces to prevent the Red Armies from sweeping down the Yangtze Valley. Chiang's government troops have not been paid for months, and wholesale desertions to the Red forces are occurring.

"Socialist" Government Given the Air  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 15.—Following the overthrow of the Carlos Davila "socialist" government of Chile by army and aviation officers, a new revolt has broken out by a split in forces. Col. Benitez, chief of the air force flew north with 50 fighting planes, to win the support of army units in Iquique and Antofagasta.

Gorguloff Guillotined  
PARIS, Sept. 14.—Paul Gorguloff, degenerate white-guardist, who had hoped to be the immediate cause for a French attack on the Soviet Union, was guillotined at dawn here today for murdering Paul Doumer, president of France, last spring.

Japan "Recognizes" Manchukuo  
CHANGCHUN, Manchukuo, Sept. 15.—The treaty signed today, in which Japan recognizes the "independence" of the puppet state of Manchukuo, gives Japan the right to station troops throughout the new state, thus bringing a step closer the actual intervention into the Soviet Union.

No War Declared—But . . .  
LA PAZ, Bolivia, Sept. 15.—Though war has not been declared, fighting over the Gran Chaco area has become so intense that Bolivia has been forced to call out the reserves of 1927, 28 and 29 classes. Paraguay claims important victories over Bolivia, which is backed by Wall Street imperialist interests.

Polish Peasant Uprisings  
BERLIN.—Violent uprisings of Polish peasants in the western Ukraine have intensified until strict military censorship has been applied. Trouble started about a month ago when police burned a number of villages when they had failed to collect taxes.

Strikes in Poland  
WARSAW, Poland.—Over 2000 workers in three Lodz factories struck when wages were cut. There are now over 4000 workers in this neighborhood on strike. Pierce collisions with the police have failed to break the workers' spirits.

Fight for Relief in Ireland  
BELFAST, Ireland.—A tremendous mass movement is developing among the relief workers whose conditions are deplorable. More than 5000 marched through the city recently backing the demands of the relief workers. The Belfast revolutionary workers group is leading in the mass movement of the Belfast workers.

MacDonald Intervenes in Strike  
LONDON, England.—Ramsay MacDonald, renegade laborite leader of the British government, has taken steps for government intervention in the strike of 200,000 textile workers. The reactionary labor leaders, who are helpless in the face of the militancy of the rank and file, welcome this action.

Scottsboro Mother Expelled Again  
BERLIN, Germany.—Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the Scottsboro boys, has been expelled from Czecho Slovakia, after being arrested at a meeting of Kladno miners. She was charged with "interfering with the internal affairs of the state." She was recently expelled from Belgium.

Dutch Seamen Strike  
ROTTERDAM, Holland.—Every Dutch ship, except two lines to the East Indies, are tied up by a strike against a wage cut. The strike is under the leadership of the Federation of Dutch Sailors.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S CRACK DIVISIONS WON'T FIGHT REDS  
SHANGHAI, China.—A great sensation has been created here with publication of the news that the rank and file of the 19th Route Army, sent against the Chinese Red Army, in the Fukien province, refused to fight when they found out that the Nanking authorities were dispossessing the peasants of the land won from the landlords.

To crush the mutiny the general staff ordered wholesale executions. Five hundred have been executed, but as this proved fruitless, more than 8000 had to be disarmed and are now at forced labor. The mutiny caused the complete collapse of the Communist suppression campaign in the Fukien province. This is attributed to the successful Communist agitation among the men. The Nanking government banked its entire hope on the 19th Army, which became famous in the defense of Shanghai. It was well equipped with new arms, furnished by American and British imperialists.

# Hunger Marches in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo

### Workers, Farmers Mobilize Against Starvation; Supervisors Forced to Promise Hearing; Agricultural Union Active

SAN JOSE, Sept. 16.—Pointing to the inadequate relief in Santa Clara County, the lowering of the standards of living of all workers by the forced labor system, and the impoverishment of the farmers, the call for a united front conference, to be held on Sunday, September 25 at 81 Post street, San Jose, to plan the county Hunger March, was sent to all labor, fraternal and farmer organizations. The Hunger March will take place on October 3, and is under the auspices of the Unemployed Councils and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League.

On Monday, September 12, a delegation for the Hunger March came before the supervisors and presented before them demands, giving them notice of the march. The supervisors agreed to meet the delegation of the Hunger March on October 3.

The eight demands presented, provide for \$10 cash weekly, no evictions, free food and medical attention to school children of unemployed, cash payment on all relief jobs at 50c per hour, no discrimination or Jim Crowism, that workers administer relief, etc.

The local capitalist papers are ridiculing the demands, and the Hunger March, but the workers are taking the march seriously and rallying by the thousands. Meetings in preparation are taking place in Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Gatos, Gilroy, San Jose and in many other towns.

The agricultural and cannery workers union is particularly active in mobilizing the many Mexican, Filipino workers, and the Hoovervilles in the county.

### SAN MATEO CO. TO HAVE HUNGER MARCH OCT. 10

SAN MATEO, Cal., Sept. 17.—A conference for mobilizing the workers and farmers in the county behind the Hunger March, will take place on Monday evening, September 26, at the Labor Temple, San Mateo.

The County Hunger March is set for October 10. The call points out that there are 6000 unemployed in the county with very little relief, and misery increasing to unprecedented proportions.

The conference will finally approve the demands to be presented, and make all the plans for the march to the county seat at Redwood City.

Meetings are taking place in South San Francisco, Redwood City and other sections of the county in preparation.

## HUNDREDS ATTEND EUREKA'S OPEN AIR MEETINGS

Unemployed Council Is Launched Despite N. G. Officers

EUREKA, Sept. 8.—Well attended Communist open air meetings in Eureka and the launching of the Unemployed Council, have been the cause of a great deal of excitement on the part of Captain J. Basler, of the local National Guard, who announced that he will go before the mayor and demand that the meetings be stopped. He is quoted in the local paper as saying "it was a sad state of affairs when Reds were allowed to stand on street corners and attack the President of the U. S., denounce our government and get away with it."

On September 3 the first Communist street meeting in Eureka was held on Second and E street, addressed by Ed Tomlinson and attended by 250. On September 5 another meeting was held, but despite the cold weather 300 attended. Much literature was sold at the meetings, and the workers responded very enthusiastically.

On September 6 the first meeting of the Eureka Unemployed Council was held at the Finnish Hall. Thirty-four workers joined the Unemployed Council and one the Young Communist League.

The organizer of the Unemployed Council issued a statement in which he states: "We have a permit from the mayor, and will continue to hold the meetings despite the National Guard and the American Legion. The workers of Eureka are beginning to wake up and are ready to fight for better conditions."

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Sept. 18.—Two hundred and fifty workers and farmers attended a mass meeting here on Friday, September 9 at the Odd Fellows Hall, and applauded the program of the Unemployed Councils. Mike Misura was chairman and Porter Chaffee of Santa Cruz was the speaker. Forty five joined the Unemployed Council, and many, although working, joined as supporting members.

The demands of the Unemployed Council were unanimously approved. The Hunger March date was set for October 7. The Watsonville workers will meet at the city plaza in the forenoon and will march down Main street, where they will be met by a transportation committee and proceed to Santa Cruz, the county seat.

In Santa Cruz a mass meeting will take place at Arion Hall, Cooper and Short streets, at 1 p. m. to greet the Watsonville delegations. From the joint meeting a delegation will be elected to go before the supervisors meeting that day at 2 p. m.

A United Front Conference, to mobilize the workers and farmers from every section of the county, behind the march, will take place in Watsonville Sunday, September 25 at Odd Fellows Hall.

Many farmers and the workers are volunteering help to feed the hunger marchers, and lending automobiles for transportation.

### OAKLAND COUNCIL VOTES U. C. \$500 GAS FUND; BUT

W. I. R. Supervises Distribution of Tons of Salvaged Fruit

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 16.—The City Council of Oakland yielded to the demands of a delegation from the Unemployed Council, backed by a chamberful of workers, that a sum of \$500 be set aside for gas and oil necessary to transport fruit and vegetables that farmers have not picked for lack of market being collected by the Unemployed Council for distribution among the jobless.

However there is a joker in the decision. The matter was referred to the City Attorney, to state his opinion on the "legality" of the matter. The Oakland Unemployed Council is determined not to let the matter drag, or to let the council use a technical reason for withholding the fund, and will again go to the City Council on Thursday, Sept. 19.

The distribution of many tons of fresh fruit and vegetables is being supervised by the Workers International Relief, and distributed free to all unemployed workers without discrimination.

Workers desiring to participate, should apply to the Workers Center at 727 Washington street, Oakland, or at Comrades Hall, 1819 Tenth St., Berkeley.

## BUILD WESTERN WORKER

Only a short time remains until the beginning of the Western Worker as a weekly on October 18, and the subscription drive for 1000 new subs is speeding up.

Comrade Roque, the new agent at Los Angeles, is leading the list with thirty new subs for the last week. This is a good start, and should serve as an example to other agents.

Bundle order increases show Berkeley unit raising to 150. Berkeley is outstripping the Oakland comrades, despite their greater number of units.

Spokane, Wash., reports Western Worker good seller and decides to get 50 per week, a 100 per cent increase. Fillmore section of San Francisco increases its order by 50 to 300. Unit 14 of the Mission section jumps to 65.

GREET THE WEEKLY With the next issue being the last before the weekly comes out, there is little time to send in your greetings. It costs only 25 cents for the insertion of a name.

### MARY HIMOFF TO SPEAK AT MANY NORTHERN MEETS

SEATTLE, Wash.—Mary Himoff, of the National Committee of the Young Communist League, who is on a nationwide tour for the Communist candidates, will be in the northwestern district beginning September 26.

The Young Communist League is arranging mass meetings in the following towns: Monday, Sept. 26, Spokane Tuesday, Sept. 27, Free Wednesday, Sept. 28, stovoper at Seattle. Thursday, Sept. 29, Bellingham. Friday, Sept. 30, Anacortes. Saturday, Oct. 1, Seattle. Sunday, Oct. 2, Astoria. Monday, Oct. 3, Aberdeen. Tuesday, Oct. 4, Astoria. Wednesday, Oct. 5, Portland.

### NEUMILLER PASSES BUCK TO KEEP SKLAR IN FOLSOM

Claims Decision on Sklar Release "Not Clear"

Instead of passing on Sklar's parole on September 9 as was promised, Charles Neumiller, chairman of the parole board, has found a new excuse to keep the Imperial Valley militant in prison.

Claiming that one sentence is not clear in the order from the department of labor, saying that Sklar was to be released on his own recognizance until such time as he can be deported to Russia, the parole board is using this excuse to hold Sklar.

The International Labor Defense, in commenting on the board's refusal to free Sklar tho his parole was due almost two months ago, said: "This political buck passing means the board is determined to hold Sklar in Folsom until he can be deported. All class conscious workers and workers' organizations must demand his immediate release by wires and resolutions. Neumiller and his puppet board will victimize Sklar while they play politics as long as the workers permit it by failing to protest."

The fight to advance the parole of Lawrence Emery, which has been set for February, 1933, is now being pushed by the I. L. D.

E. Cutler, local secretary of the I. L. D., states that strong demand from masses of workers will hasten Emery's freedom. Advancement of parole is common for criminals, but as Emery is a political prisoner, it is expected that utmost pressure from the outside will be needed to free him.

The western section of the national committee for the defense of political prisoners, which is made up of writers, artists and intellectuals, has assisted the I. L. D. considerably in fighting for the release of all of the Imperial Valley boys.

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### Seattle Skid Road Rally Sells 400 Election Booklets

SEATTLE, Wash.—A collection of \$5 in pennies at the skid road meeting Saturday night, September 10, paid for 100 Communist election platforms; 100 The Fight for Bread; 100 Who Are the Friends of the Negro People; 100 The Foster and Ford Acceptance Speeches. These 400 copies were distributed to the workers following the collection.

The workers were so enthusiastic that when Judge Pemberton in a truck with two loud speakers appeared on the opposite corner to boost himself as Democratic candidate for governor, they began to boo and sing revolutionary songs until he was forced to drive away.

### PORTLAND VETS RAP ANTI-BONUS CONGRESSMAN

W. E. S. L. Organizer Is Cheered at Meeting Called by Politicians

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—At a meeting of 900 in the Public Auditorium, the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League exposed the demagogic of the fascist leaders of the veteran organizations.

The meeting was called under the joint auspices of such organizations as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and a number of politicians, including a Major General and Congressman from Oregon, Charles H. Martin.

Several speakers representing the various veterans organizations indulged in demagogic speeches. Congressman Martin appeared to justify his stand against the bonus and pleaded that the veterans reconsider the demand for cash payment, giving the usual argument about "balancing the budget," and "tightening our belts for the war against depression."

Finally Dick Lovelace, organizer of Post 45 of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, asked for the floor and amidst a great applause took the platform. In brief but biting speech, Lovelace denounced Congressman Martin as a liar and hypocrite, who, while posing as a friend of the veterans for getting votes, opposed the bonus bill in Washington.

He likewise denounced the speakers of the fascist organizations for merely indulging in phrase mongering, but not even mentioning Hoover's murders in Washington.

Overwhelming support to W. E. S. L. was demonstrated at the meeting by the enthusiastic applause. Although the meeting was advertised to be a protest against the dictatorship of the National Economy League, it was obvious that the real purpose was to further mislead the veterans into supporting such politicians as Congressman Martin. But the fact that the fascists have a very weak hold on the rank and file was evident from the way the W. E. S. L. turned the tables at their own meeting.

Lambert again walked down the center aisle to get the clerk's attention, but a policeman grabbed him and he was thrown out. After more than an hour of waiting, Feingold, one of the delegation, demanded an answer. The reply was the chairman's gavel, and many policemen made for him. He therefore called upon all the delegates to leave. Almost the entire audience got up and followed him out, leaving the chamber practically empty.

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### YELLOW CAB CO. 'FIRES' STRIKERS

OAKLAND.—After breaking their two year agreement with their drivers, the Yellow Cab Co. lives up to its name by blacklisting these men, now on strike, and who, according to O'Farrell, president of the company, "have given plenty of annoyance in the last few days, and will never be employed by this company again."

The men are on strike against one of the most vicious wage cuts in the East Bay section. They had a two year agreement signed with the company, whereby they received \$3 for a ten hour day, plus commission—but they never hit commission. The company broke its agreement, cutting out the \$3 wage, leaving the drivers a commission of 40 per cent of all money booked in excess of \$45, which figure was practically never reached.

The strikers have shown great militancy and proven their solidarity by the fact that not one of them has deserted the strike.

### Unemployed Council Wins Gas, Oil Fund To Collect Fruit

BERKELEY, Cal.—The Unemployed Council of Berkeley has succeeded in getting the city council to provide a fund of \$250 for gasoline and oil to haul in farm produce for distribution to the families of unemployed workers. On two previous occasions trucks were demanded and obtained to bring in more than thirty tons of fruit. This concrete result of organization has won new support for the Unemployed Council.

### STARVING WORKERS SEIZE GROCERIES

(Continued from page 1, col. 7) The Unemployed Council has forced the city to turn on water in every house in town. Almost half the homes had been without water. But so far the only food relief given had been Red Cross flour, 24 pounds per 20 days for a family of eight.

### MOUNT VERNON, Wash. Sept. 8.—The militancy of the defendants and of the workers and farmers who jammed the courtroom here, today stopped an immediate railroad to the penitentiary, and forced release of the five defendants on their own recognizance.

Authorities had planned to set bail at \$1000 cash each. At the end of the hearing the workers and the defendants marched out singing "Solidarity," and held a mass meeting on the courthouse steps.

Workers and farmers from Skagit and nearby counties will march on Mount Vernon Thursday morning, September 15, the date set for the trial, before Judge Joiner.

### 6000 IN FRISCO HUNGER MARCH

(Continued from page 1, col. 8) less dogs at the city pound. Again Hayden's attention was called to the fact that the workers were promised a hearing at 2 o'clock, but to no avail.

Delegate Lehman asked "if citizens have a right to be heard at the Board of Supervisors." He was immediately ejected. Shortly afterward one of the delegation, Archie Brown, demanded to know if a hearing would be given. Several policemen made for him, but many workers surrounded him, and the police considered it more advisable to let him go.

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### WORKERS TRIAL IN PORTLAND FINDS HOOVER GUILTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7.—Following the workers in the State of Washington, Portland tried Hoover for murder of William Hushka of Chicago, Eric Carlson of Oakland and four children who died in Washington as a result of exposure and gas attacks.

The jury was elected from the audience of 250 workers. Among those who testified was Burton Rodman, a veteran who returned from Washington, and experienced Hoover's attack. Richard Lovelace, a disabled war veteran, who received two citations for bravery in France, and now organizer of Post 45 of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, testified that the war veterans are becoming class conscious.

The jury brought in a unanimous verdict of guilty, and passed as a sentence, that the workers should unite for a more militant movement to overthrow the present system that depends on murder.

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### RANK AND FILE COMPELS LEGION ENDORSE BONUS

W. E. S. L. Addresses a Leaflet to the Rank and File

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—Despite all attempts to whitewash Hoover's attack on the bonus marchers in Washington at the American Legion National Convention here September 12 to 17, the anger of the rank and file of the membership at home compelled the passage of resolutions demanding immediate payment of the bonus and severely censuring the Hoover administration for its murderous bloody Thursday. All the usual honors and orations went for naught this year. The liquor and parades could not erase from the minds of the worker veterans the attack upon them with fire and sword. Many who annually attend the convention remained at home this year, but those who came were not to be deterred.

Secretary of War Hurley was greeted with boos during the two public appearances, and had to be guarded by secret service men and squads of police. Although the usual custom for him is to take part in the parade, this time he followed the advice of the police to keep out of it.

To keep the membership, publicly announced as 950,000, but privately admitted to be only 470,000 with dues paid, from further falling, and realizing the fact that the delegates represented a tremendous sentiment at home for the bonus, the leadership was compelled to let the resolution come upon the floor, where it was carried by 1167 to 109.

The Workers Ex-Servicemen's League distributed a leaflet addressed to the rank and file delegation, in which they are called upon to resist the officers of the organization and fight for the bonus. They were also called upon to send delegates to the Cleveland convention of the W. E. S. L.

In answer to a telegram from one of the Legion commanders at the convention, McDermott, to state his position on the bonus, Thomas the "Socialist" candidate for President, answered that he is opposed to having it paid now.

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### Tacoma Wage Cuts

TACOMA, Wash.—Carpenters' Union, No. 470, took a 10 per cent cut recently. Machinists at the Tacoma Smelter have been cut to a six-hour day with corresponding reduction in wages. They get only one or two days a week. Garment workers report wage cuts amounting to 20 per cent and more. The speed up is terrific. They are told the machines need faster operators.—M. W.

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MASS MEETING — California Hall, Polk and Turk sts., Friday, Sept 30, 8 p. m. Speaker H. Benjamin, National Secretary of Unemployed Councils.

### U. S. SECRET WAR PREPARATIONS SPED UP ON PACIFIC

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the cover of darkness from barges without identification marks, loaded by the crew who receive their time back in Honolulu, and who are warned not to disclose the nature of their work.

The Goodyear Company has completed preliminary plans for a huge new dirigible base at Sunnyvale, Calif., comparable to the nearby one recently completed by the navy to house and supply the "Akron." Work is to begin there early next year, doubling the strength of this particular weapon on the coast.

One hundred miles to the south, at Monterey, extensive activities are being carried on to raise the strength of this base to near that of San Francisco.

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## Editorial Column

### RAILROAD WAGE CUT NO. 2

Just as the Western Worker predicted the meek acceptance of the 10 per cent "temporary" wage reduction by the railroad unions last January, has brought on a second reduction of 10 per cent and the frank announcement that both will be permanent.

The railroad brotherhood fakery put the first cut over on the plea that the railroads are going bankrupt. But this same excuse did not prevent the Southern Pacific from increasing its payroll at the top by creating a new vice-presidency for Shoup at \$81,000 pr year. The basic workers on the roads are being cut both as to size of staffs as well as wages, but the parasites are increasing both ways—and the union misleaders urge the men to accept this situation—to save the corporations from bankruptcy!

While this robbery of the railroad workers goes on the company officials are not neglecting the "dear" public. The public has paid out of its federal treasury through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the fancy total of \$297,000,000 this year in "loans" to the major lines. Taxes are going up and you may wonder why.

What will the brotherhood officials say about this new 10 per cent cut? The Western Worker warned at the beginning of the year that the big fireworks around the negotiations between the brotherhood officials and the rail representatives were only harmless sparklers, and that the cut will go through. We know our \$20,000 a year "labor leaders" and did not go wrong. And we are safe in making the same prediction as to the new cut.

As a matter of fact the comedy has already begun. No sooner was this second cut announced when the main office of the brotherhoods expressed "amazement" at the new reduction. But the bosses, who knew the brotherhood officials as well as we do, are laughing right out loud. In the Pacific Coast edition of the Wall Street Journal of September 5, they declare:

News from their Cleveland headquarters that the railroad labor union heads are "amazed" that the companies should propose a further reduction in effective wage scales needs seasoning with a grain of salt. . . . The brotherhood chiefs weren't born yesterday. They have been through enough to know all the tactics of wage controversy by heart."

And that, fellow workers, is paramount to saying that the cut is "in the bag," and the amazement is only tactics to fool the workers.

It is not the last cut either. The argument will again be made that the cut is necessary to "expand employment". But the first cut expanded nothing but profits for the owners and the second and future cuts will only do the same. Employment does not depend on wages, but on the market for shipping. Here quite the reverse is true—namely, the less money paid in wages the less the market for goods, the smaller the shipping and the greater the unemployment. Accepting wage cuts to compete with automotive carriers only shifts the burden of competition to the workers and reduces their standard of living.

The railroad workers should NOW take measures to stop the cut. Organize, "Fight the Wage Cut Committees!" Don't trust the brotherhood and A. F. L. officials. Write Western Worker, we will be glad to help you.

### VETERANS! ARE YOU REPRESENTED IN CLEVELAND?

The Khaki Shirts, the Blue Shirts and other creations of the little Mussolinis and Hitlers now infesting the country, are trying to capitalize on the heroic fight of the veterans in Washington, and lead it into anti-labor channels. The only group that from the very beginning of the B. E. F. to the present movement that has uncompromisingly and without hesitation, fought for the cash bonus, is the WORKERS EX-SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE.

The W. E. S. L. is holding its national convention in Cleveland September 23, 24, 25. Cities throughout the country are sending delegates. Delegates should go not only from W. E. S. L. posts, but from veterans groups which can organize on the plans brought back by the elected representative.

Every western city should be represented in Cleveland.

### BENJAMIN TOUR WILL AID COUNTY HUNGER MARCHES

The first of the County Hunger Marches took a big step forward in the size and militancy of the unemployed movement of the west. San Francisco, September 12, 6000 workers gathered at the Civic Center and sent a delegation of 54 to present their demands. Although Mayor Rossi previously promised they would be heard, the board could not find time for it because they had their order of business crowded with the question of "how to treat the dogs at the city pound." They were so engrossed in this vital question that when representatives of the unemployed demanded the floor, they were violently ejected.

The size and militancy of the workers, however, showed that the fight for winter relief got off to a good start. Now it must be carried forward in all other counties. Each county march must be a tributary system towards a state hunger march with the opening of the legislature at the state capitol at the beginning of next year.

Herbert Benjamin, national secretary of the Unemployed Councils, is touring the west from September 19 to October 7. Benjamin was the militant who made so splendid a fight at the La Follette-Costigan Senate hearing in Washington early this year for adequate unemployment relief and insurance. He has participated in the unemployed movement from its start in March 6, 1930, until his present assumption of a leading post in the national committee of the Unemployed Councils. None can afford to miss his meetings.

Join the County Hunger Marches—For Real Relief

By Kirby



## County Hunger Marches So Far

Now that hunger marches are definitely under way in many counties of California, it is especially important to review the experiences thus far.

The eight County Hunger Marches extend from September 12 to October 17. It is already clear the marches are proving a most effective united front expression of workers and farmers for relief. Thousands are joining in under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils and Workers Ex-Servicemen's League because these marches are organized on the basis of the concrete demands and conditions in the counties, answering directly the needs of the hungry.

### FRISCO MARCH ALREADY HELD

The San Francisco march took place and served as a leader, and particularly warns us of mistakes that the coming marches should avoid.

Although the march was announced more than six weeks prior to the date set, intense activity did not really get under way until the last two weeks before the march. This was largely due to the fact that the Unemployed Council and Party members did not fully realize the significance of the Hunger March, at first considering it as merely "another demonstration."

A very important factor that delayed mobilization for the march was the failure to draw up demands sooner, so that they could be brought before a greater number of workers for approval. Too many demands, fourteen, only had the effect of confusing workers, and makes us play into the hands of the county politicians. We should advance not more than four or five of the most vital ones, and popularize them.

An important vital demand was left out. This was for representation on the committee to be appointed by the mayor to administer the \$6,500,000 relief bond issue voted recently.

This was a direct outcome of the little attention given to this bond issue while the city government was campaigning for it. The general leaflet issued in the city does not even mention it. Where this issue was given attention there was considerable confusion, and in some cases there were comrades who would even advise workers to vote against the bond. Many comrades failed to understand that this bond issue is really a partial victory, resulting from the fight of the Unemployed Councils, not volunteered by the bosses.

The drive was stimulated when finally a clear position was taken to demand representation on the committee to administer the fund.

Another very serious shortcoming is insufficient emphasis in building councils and block committees as part of the work for the march. The Unemployed Councils in San Francisco have not yet become functioning bodies in the daily struggle for relief. This was also evident by the weakness of neighborhood work.

### San Francisco Hunger March Should Help the Other Counties; Thousands Joining in Great Struggle;

By GEORGE MORRIS

#### SIX THOUSAND IN MARCH

Despite these many shortcomings, the San Francisco march was comparatively good, with over 6000 taking part. This should prove County Hunger Marches are recognized by the mass of workers as effective struggle.

Although the mayor promised the Unemployed Council a voice on the committee to administer the relief fund, that he would hear the delegation of the hunger marchers, no hearing was given. Unquestionably the city administration was exposed and if the mayor's promise was given much wider publicity the expose would be more effective.

It is necessary hereafter, weeks before, to put the supervisors on record, to hear the delegations at a specified time, and give that the widest publicity.

#### ALAMEDA

The next march will be in Alameda County on September 29. Here particularly the County Hunger March has an important role to play. In face of an increase of unemployment and misery, the county reduced relief appropriations to practically nothing.

The main emphasis in preparation work in Oakland and Berkeley must be the establishment of functioning Unemployed Councils. This must be carried through by intense activity in the neighborhoods.

A very serious mistake that prevented the building of a functioning Unemployed Council in the East Bay district, was the distortion of the policy for organizing groups of workers to gather fruit that the farmers abandon. Comrades in Berkeley and Richmond made the trucks, gas and oil from the city, and fruit as the prime object and not the Unemployed Council, which should follow as a result of the new contacts made with workers. In Richmond the city was publicly thanked for giving assistance to the unemployed.

We should understand that the workers never get anything because the bosses are kind, but because of their fear of the workers presenting demands in an organized manner.

#### SAN DIEGO

In San Diego, while there is no county march yet, there has been considerable activity lately for relief. The city there was forced to increase the appropriations for relief by \$280,000. But the comrades there, as in San Francisco, failed to show the workers that this concession is a result of the fight of the Unemployed Council, and naturally give the city politicians a chance to pose as kindhearted people.

The San Diego comrades likewise failed to apply a correct pol-

icy in connection with the \$1,000,000 relief bond issue, which was recently defeated. San Diego has a large tax paying petty bourgeoisie population, which considered this a vote against increasing the tax rate. The Unemployed Councils could have overcome this by issuing the demand that this fund come from taxing all properties above a certain sum (\$10,000 for instance). This would have won for us the sympathies of the many unemployed workers, as well as small merchants.

San Diego, however, is now correcting this, and the council is putting up a good fight, especially against race discrimination in hiring workers on a city project.

#### LOS ANGELES

While few details have come in on the Los Angeles Hunger March, October 3, the demands are at hand. We see for instance, demand number one, that the bonus be paid to all resident veterans. Then demand number 3 states that there be a state bonus to the veterans at the rate of \$1.50 per day of war service. In either case the county can only go on record favoring the proposals, and this should be stated. Furthermore, while there is a nationwide movement for the bonus provisions for "resident veterans" and a special state bonus are confusing and absolutely incorrect.

The demand that the county go on record for unemployed insurance is left out.

#### OTHER MARCHES

The five other County Hunger Marches are in Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stockton, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and San Jose. These are primarily agricultural districts, and the poor farmers are especially to be drawn in. As Unemployed Councils in the cities are built as a result of the Hunger Marches, so should the United Farmer League locals be established. Also, demands must particularly consider the demands of the agricultural workers, particularly Mexican, Filipino, Japanese and Negro, who are subjected to the worst forms of discrimination.

The problem in these districts is to make the marches representative of the many towns, camps and Hoovervilles in the county. This naturally demands intense organization work. Trucks and automobiles must be mobilized, the line of march must be carefully mapped out and popularized. The delegations to present the demands should be representative of the workers and farmers in the county. The sympathy of farmers and small merchants to feed the marchers must be won.

#### CONCLUSION

The above is by no means an exhaustive analysis of our experiences, but aims at bringing before all western districts some of the problems that we face in the

organization of the hunger marches. The marches in California are laying the foundation for another state hunger march in January, when the State Legislature meets in Sacramento. The movement is therefore only beginning. It can now be stated without speculation that as a result of all these marches the bosses will be forced to raise amounts for relief in many parts.

Thus far, outside of California, there are few county marches. We have reports of only one in Churchill county, Nevada, and one that recently took place in Utah county, Utah. In the last named march the workers gained all of their demands.

With approaching winter and misery unequalled since the advent of the crisis, County Hunger Marches should spread on a much greater scale. In the northwest, where the Unemployed Councils are gaining much influence, especially as a result of the fight against the "relief" fakery, County Hunger Marches could prove of particularly great significance. They represent the advance of the workers in the fight for real relief, during which the "self help" fakery are exposed and swept aside.

## Relief Fakery Start Racket in Portland

By Dirke De Jonge

With the declaration that "this is an attempt of the people at the bottom (meaning the unemployed) to help themselves," and that "they have been leaning too long and altogether unnecessarily on those more fortunate" (meaning the bosses), the Unemployed Citizens' League was officially organized at a recent meeting here, after the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the 22nd Chapter of St. Matthew.

This organization, founded on the principle of "self-help," has been OK'ed by every mouthpiece of the bourgeoisie, including the Socialist Party. At one of the meetings of the U. C. L., the writer, demanding the floor, was opposed by a well-known member of the Socialist Party. The workers present overruled the opposition of the S. P. and the Unemployed Council not only exposed the role of the U. C. L., but also exposed the Socialist Party as the third party of the bosses.

#### ONLY CITIZENS EAT

In the face of the complete breakdown of the so called "relief" agencies, the Unemployed Citizens League proposes not only to act as a centralized "relief" institution on the basis of forced labor, abolishing the little cash relief now being received by the workers, but would confine their relief distribution to American citizens only. "Reds," we are told, will be urged to take a permanent vacation outside the city of Portland. Workers would be

## International Events and Western Workers

Germany and China Centers of World Revolution; Kuo Min Tang Discredited Among the Chinese Masses; Social Democrats of Germany Declining; Communist Parties Lead Workers

Six thousand miles to the east lies Germany. Six thousand miles to the west lies China. These are the centers of world revolution at this moment outside the U. S. S. R.

Few countries are so far apart as these two in their industrial development. The political evolution of both, outwardly at least, seems to have followed entirely different courses. One is a highly industrialized country, with a powerful group of finance capitalists in control of a well centralized economy; the other a backward disorganized land, the prey of the imperialist robbers.

Yet the organization of world revolution and the fundamental process determining events have reached so high a degree that out of the ranks of the basic masses of people in both countries there is arising a power which is united in purpose and program. The power is the Communist International and its Chinese and German sections.

#### SOCIAL FASCISTS IN BOTH

The bourgeoisie of both countries is resorting to the same deceptions to maintain its life longer. In Germany the "left" phrasemongers of the Social Democratic Party, similar to American "Socialists," were the carriers of these deceptions. In China that ignoble role was given to the civil branch of the Kuo Min Tang, the Wang Chin Wei clique.

But in both countries the masses are also being rapidly undeceived as to both these fakery.

Two weeks ago the entire civil government in China resigned—unable any longer to carry on. Chiang Kai Shek, the notorious Kuo Min Tang butcher, is now the sole ruler of the territory occupied by the Nationalists, subsidized by Wall Street. Even the resignation was a deception. They resigned in "protest" to Chiang Kai Shek's wasteful wars. They hope thereby to capitalize on Chiang Kai Shek's increasing discredit among the masses; to stop their swing to the Communist Party and mislead it into channels of "peaceful" counter-revolution. From the latest reports this maneuver is failing. The Red Army of China reports new victories, China Soviet territory is rapidly extending, Red bands engaging in guerrilla warfare are on the increase.

#### CLARA ZETKIN CALLS FOR SOVIET GERMAN

In Germany the opening of the Reichstag dramatized very sharply

the decline of the ability of labor lieutenants of capitalism to mislead the German workers. In fact the Von Papen government was able to eliminate social-democratic control of Prussia without causing hardly more than a ripple. Clara Zetkin, one of the most inspiring figures in the Communist International opened the Reichstag with a fiery call for struggle to establish a Soviet Germany. The Fascists took control electing all the officials with the support of the Centrist Party.

The social-democrats were not heard from. The Reichstag opening even exaggerated the waning strength of social democratic democracy. There can be no doubt that they are still a powerful obstacle to the emancipation of the working class and peasantry, but the tendency nevertheless shows that the sharpening struggle is rapidly approaching a climax, the final battle between the open force of capitalism and the rising proletarian revolution.

#### WAR DANGER SHARPENS

The "open force" of the German capitalist class will not necessarily mean Hitler's Fascists. The Von Papen government is stealing many of Hitler's war cries. The world bourgeoisie, frightened by the tide of mass militancy, decided to help the Von Papen government by giving them credit for the letting down of reparations rather than risk Communist revolution or even Hitler's blood and thunder. Now Von Papen, with an eye to winning Hitler's nationalist support, has already demanded the right to full quotas of armaments the same as the other powers, and is preparing to call for restoration of the territories taken from Germany by the Versailles treaty.

These steps will undoubtedly strengthen Von Papen with the bourgeoisie parties' supporters, but will sharpen the struggle between the classes. Increased armaments, calls for restoration of territories (even if it remains talk, and it may not remain talk if the world bourgeoisie find it necessary to pay such a price to line up Germany in the anti-Soviet front). This will bring much closer the danger of war and worsen the lot of the masses.

The German masses have a glorious revolutionary tradition. Now they have a worthy leader in the Communist Party that they have ever had in their history.

With the defeat of the "left" lieutenant of the bosses, the social democrats of Germany and the Kuo Min Tang misleaders in China, the world's working class will be nearer its emancipation by a long stride.

U. S. WORKERS MUST JOIN The fight will not be carried through in those countries alone, however. Not only the struggle against our own boss class in the United States, but also our relation to the struggles abroad will and in fact are already being fought out in this country.

Japanese imperialism, through its consulates, steamship companies and chambers of commerce, is carrying on a campaign to defend its actions against the Chinese masses here in the west. Kaname Wakasugi, consul general of Japan, issued a statement in San Francisco, in which they pretend that the nationalist government in China is the aggressor against Japan.

But how does the Japanese consul prove his charge? They say that "while" their military "were proceeding to take their posts" in that part of Shanghai which they decided to seize "the Chinese regulars who were concentrated along the borders of the zone, suddenly fired, with no provocation, upon the Japanese sailors and there was no alternative for the latter but to return the fire."

Well! Well! Well! The Chinese were at fault after all! The Japanese imperialists were engaged in a harmless act of seizing China's largest and most important city and the terrible Chinese "without provocation," fired upon them. Some nerve!

In these stirring times no worker or farmer should stand aside. The international organization of workers and farmers leading the struggles for world freedom is the Communist International; in this country the Communist Party. Join it!—S. A. D.

Thus, it is proposed, will the workers of Portland assist the bosses and the bankers in "building socialism." In reality, it is an attempt of the "people at the bottom" to prevent the "people at the bottom" from becoming revolutionary and to divert the workers from militant struggles for the Unemployed Council for real relief.