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750 MARCHERS PRESENT DEMANDS BEFORE WASH. STATE LEGISLATURE REPRESENT BROAD UNITED FRONT

Tremendous Demonstration Supports Marchers in Olympia. One Thousand in March

Permanent Committee of 52 Will Lead Relief Fight in State

JAIL LEADER IN PLAN TO SMASH COLO. MARCH

K. K. K. Burns Cross Outside Unemployed Council Meeting.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 20.—The State and City officials are making desperate efforts to stem the great army of jobless arriving at Denver from all parts of the state, on Monday, January 23.

A cross was burned outside of an Unemployed Council meeting on Thursday night. To date the police permit for the workers demonstration was refused. Harry I. Cohen, secretary of the United Front Conference arranged the March and Unemployed Council organizer was arrested on a trumped-up vagrancy charge. Chief of police Clark threatens to break up the March.

The ranks of the workers are growing more solid than ever in face of these violence provocations. The March will undoubtedly be tremendous. The United Front conference calls upon workers everywhere to protest to. Mayor Begole of Denver, holding him responsible in event of violence.

Bond has been placed for Cohen after he was ordered to pay \$300 and his case is being appealed by the I.L.D.

Cohen acted as spokesman for several delegations asking for relief including the one to ask for the Hunger March Permit, and was therefore a marked man. His testimony against the Denver police last summer in the so called Race Riots at Washington Park was likewise remembered.

Both Clark and Millikan, Director of Safety appeared as witnesses against Cohen. The case will be fought at all costs and will challenge.

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MONTEREY FAKER STARTS "RELIEF" RACKET

MONTEREY, Cal., Jan. 21.—Chas. Lum, a faker who was recently expelled from the Unemployed Council, and defrauded the Western Worker of \$10.00 as well as other monies belonging to the U. C., assisted by one Mc. Gaffee who is a renegade from the Communist Party, have organized a relief racket here which they call Unemployed Relief Council.

In the same manner as when in the Unemployed Council, Lum announces that he will run a series of dances supposedly for relief, but since previously as is now generally known every cent went to Lum, the announcement is taken as a big joke.

The only relief organization that the jobless of this city have is the Unemployed Council, which has headquarters at 434 Washington St., and is actually fighting for many cases. Recently rent was secured for a family of six about to be evicted.

The bosses are naturally giving good publicity to the fake outfit hoping to divert workers from the Unemployed Council which was a thorn in their side since its inception.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 20.—Supported by the largest demonstration ever seen here, 750 Hunger Marchers from all parts of the state presented their demands to a Joint Session of House and Senate last Tuesday.

A United Front of delegates from all Unemployed Councils, People's Councils, sectional United Front Conferences, United Farm League, Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, Fishermen, United Producers, the International Labor Defense and the Communist Party, jammed the old State Capitol the night before and elected a committee of 52 to present the demands for immediate relief.

Special conferences brought out the demands of 12,000 Indians of the state, including the rights of the Ciallam tribe to hunt and fish, as well as the particular demands of fishermen, farmers and jobless of the cities.

The State was forced to furnish gas and bus transportation to 120 delegates who were short.

The Committee of 52 was made into a permanent State United Front Committee of Action to carry on the struggle.

(Detailed story in next issue).

500 Protest Arrest of Larson

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 14.—Five hundred enthusiastic workers attended a protest meeting held in the West High School Auditorium, Friday, January 13th. The meeting was held to protest the arrest of Oscar W. Larson, Hunger March leader, who was arrested January 10th and held on deportation charges.

Comrade Larson, who had been released earlier in the day after \$1000 bond had been posted with the Immigration authorities, addressed the meeting. Other speakers were Comrades White, Nason, McDiell, Weatherby and Toohy.

Comrade Larson will ask for a rehearing of his case as soon as a decision is received from Secretary of Labor Doak.

SACRAMENTO JOBLESS SINGLE MEN EXTEND RELIEF FIGHT

Leader Arrested When Welfare Faker Judd, Calls Police.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Working in committees of twenty, single men of the Unemployed Council are carrying on a fight here in the soup lines, flop houses and at the relief agencies winning many concessions to date.

When the demands of a committee of 22 were refused by the County Relief last Thursday, they called on City Manager Dean and forced a special meeting about the case. As a result the next day food was given.

Immediately a double committee went to the County Relief. Mainly the members of the delegation were from the Hooverville on the river bank. Mary Judd, head of the Relief Department called the police who arrested H. P. Phillips, head of the delegation.

Following up this, another delegation of 23 went to the Red Cross today, and demanded clothing, blankets and food.



Members of a delegation of 100, these workers were beaten up and arrested by Red Squad thugs when asking for relief at the L. A. Welfare. Left to right: Robt. Myers, Fred Daniels, John Hester, and Wm. Coper.

Jobless Battle L. A. Police at Charities

Discrimination Against Negro Families Starts Fights; 5 Leaders Arrested

"MOONEY RUNNERS" BEFORE APPELLATE COURT

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 18.—The case of the six "Mooney Runners" convicted in lower courts of "disturbing the peace" and "disturbing a public meeting," came up before the Appellate Dept. of the Superior Court today. They protested the frame up and imprisonment of Tom Mooney by running across the Coliseum Stadium, attired in shorts, while the Olympics were in progress, and shouting "Free Tom Mooney."

Attorney Leo Gallagher for the defense clearly showed the court and all the workers present that the six Mooney runners had not been given a fair trial.

It was clear to the court and the workers present that the trial had been full of prejudice, and many times Gallagher had the prosecuting attorney in a quandary. Finally the prosecuting attorney asked for one day in which to strengthen his case. It is expected that the verdict will be returned within a few days.

BULLETIN

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 23.—Charges of riot, attempted assault and battery were placed against the five workers who acted as spokesmen for the hunger delegation which was attacked by the Red Squad Wednesday, Jan. 18th in the offices of the Los Angeles County Charity Supervisors, Ezra Chase was indicted by the city prosecutor on seven counts. The date for trial has been set for February 16th 1933 at 9:30 a.m., Municipal court, division 7, Hall of Justice, 7th floor. Bail was set at \$1,000 for each of the five workers.

The International Labor Defense Dist. No. 14, is raising bail. Leaflets were issued calling upon the masses to protest. All resolutions of workers' organizations protesting the arrest and trial should be sent to the City Council, and City Prosecutor Werner, Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 18.—One hundred including children men and women, Negro and white, were brutally attacked by the Los Angeles Red Squad at the offices of the County Supervisors of Charities at the Law Building, this morning when they applied for relief previously denied to a dozen families.

It is so far known that eight men, several women, five girls and two children suffered from the brutality. The 8 men had to be taken to the Georgia Hospital. Five of the workers are arrested and are being held on charges of suspicion of Criminal Syndicalism. These include, Bill Cooper, a young worker, Ezra Chase and John Hester, war vets; Bob Myers, Unemployed Council member; and Jim Daniels a Negro member of the U. C. Sam Jones another Negro member of the committee was held but later released.

GOT RELIEF

When the jobless workers, despite police efforts to keep them out, assembled at the Supervisor's office, Chase as their spokesman explained that they were a committee elected by a large number of Unemployed and Block com.

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Notice
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
WESTERN WORKER,
DISTRICT COMMITTEE, Communist Party.
WORKERS BOOK SHOP,
YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE
Now At—
37 GROVE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO
Near 8th and Market

They Asked For Food—And Got This!

1500 AT CHINESE CONSULATE PROTEST HUANG PING ARREST; ANTI-WAR MEETINGS ON COAST FIGHT MUNITION SHIPMENTS

Arrest E. Hanoff, Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party On Coast On Frame Up Charge.

Great Mass Meeting Supports Anti-War Conference in Southern California; Gallagher, Miller, Sinclair, Others Speak.

150 DELEGATES PLAN ANTI-WAR STRUGGLE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 22.—There were 150 delegates at the Southern California Students Conference Against War, making a united front of 47 organizations and 27 schools.

The resolution and program adopted at the Amsterdam anti-war congress and at the Chicago Student Conference were unanimously adopted.

The mass meeting on Sunday evening was attended by 1500. Among the speakers were Loren Miller, Upton Sinclair, Leo Gallagher, Gene Gordon, Alfred Vantassel, and Edwin Booth.

The predominant tone at the meeting was for the working class revolutionary struggle against war. A permanent organization to fight war was formed.

ANTI-WAR MEETING ON S. F. WATERFRONT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 21.—The Liebknecht Memorial meeting started the Youth Anti-War Week here and was attended by 300. There was a city-wide leaflet distribution including the ranks of the military forces here.

An open air meeting was held at the Embarcadero and attended by seamen, and longshoremen. Police tried to break up the meeting and arrested four workers charged for distributing leaflets.

Resolutions were presented protesting the arrests, and one to Japanese Consulate demanding that the attack upon Chinese workers be stopped. A resolution was also accepted protesting the setting up of Youth Labor Camps which are at the same time giving military training to the homeless youth.

S. F. POLICE BACK JAPANESE IMPERIALIST SPY MURDERER

Bail Raised By Bosses Through Yokohama Bank; I. L. D. Demands Anderson Be Special Prosecutor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—At a preliminary hearing held before Judge Fritz, January 17th, Motoharu Inouye was bound over to the Superior Court for trial on some unstated future date.

This is the case growing out of the shooting and serious wounding of Comrade T. Okutsu, a member of the Communist Party of America, by Inouye, a Fascist spy, considered to be in the employ of the Japanese Consulate of San Francisco.

Comrade Okutsu went to the print shop of the Reactionary Japanese paper, "Hokubei Asaki Shimbun," to collect subscriptions for "Rodo Shimbun," official Japanese organ of the Communist Party of America. As he was leaving Inouye began shooting at him, two bullets taking effect, one on his ankle, the other in his thigh, wounding him seriously.

That this is not a personal mat-

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 23.—Five hundred workers, including 150 Chinese and Filipinos marched through Chinatown today demanding the release of Huang Ping, member of the Executive Committee of the Anti Imperialist League, arrested in Peiping January 4 by the Kuomintang.

Proceeding to the Chinese Consulate, a second protest meeting was held where 1500 heard the protests read. The demands were given to the Consulate to be forwarded to the Nanking government.

Huang Ping has been a great leader of the Chinese revolutionary movement since before the days of the Hongkong strike of 1925. He was active in the Canton Commune.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 22.—E. Hanoff, Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, was arrested here at the anti-war demonstration on the Embarcadero on Saturday, and is out on \$600 bond.

His arrest was on the basis of frame up charges by a stool pigeon named Millikan, expelled sometime ago from the Communist Party when it was discovered that he was trying to use a prostitute to defraud a veteran out of his bonus.

CELERY WORKERS FORM UNION IN SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 17.—A meeting attended by about 130 American, Filipino and Mexican celery workers was held January 11th at the Unemployed Council Hall, 832 Fifth Street, for the purpose of organizing an Agricultural Workers Industrial Union. An organizational committee of 15 was elected.

Demands were formulated for: (1)—Wages: 35c per hour for trimmers; 45c per hour for cutters, packers, loaders, washers, and nailers. (2)—Workers to get paid for time out due to lack of crates or for other causes. (3)—No worker to be victimized for membership or activity in the union. (4)—Recognition of the Union.

A large mass meeting is being called for Friday night at 7:00 in Woodbine Hall, 846 Fifth Avenue.

WAR MATERIALS SHIPPED FROM PACIFIC PORTS

Now Mostly Consigned to Chiang Kai Shek Against Chinese Soviets

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Shipments of war materials are going out of here daily. While before it was scrap iron, cotton, chemicals and airplanes for Japan, lately the U. S. munitions manufacturers are changing customers.

On January 15, 7 bombing planes were loaded on the Dollar liner President Adams, consigned to the Nanking Government, at Shanghai, China. Today more planes as well as scrap iron are being loaded for the same destination, at Pier No. 153.

A few weeks ago big shipments of airplanes and other materials went to South America from this port.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union is called on the longshoremen to refuse to load these shipments as they are consigned for use against the Chinese Soviets and the anti-Japanese forces in Manchuria.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 20.—American-made armored trucks shipped from East via the Canadian Pacific Railway, were being loaded aboard Japanese ships here.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—Japanese today captured Lulun, a strategic outpost on the Chinese Eastern Railway, after stubborn resistance.

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BLANK EVICTION CASES DISMISSED; OTHERS COME UP

I. L. D. Calls for Full Court Room on Feb. 2 When Robinson is Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 21.—The Blank eviction case was terminated this week with a complete victory for the International Labor Defense. All the remaining cases were dismissed.

Comrade Feingold was the only one who had been tried and the I. L. D. is now appealing the 100 days sentence handed to him by Judge Fritz. The I. L. D. was repeatedly approached to agree to a suspended sentence for the defendants but contended that the prosecution had not even the remotest basis for its cases. The final acquittal bears out the correctness of the policy of the I. L. D.

Comrade Rhyne, who is serving a 40 days sentence on his conviction in the Charities case, is being deprived by the authorities of his "good time" who intend to hold him until January 30th. All workers organizations are requested to send protests to Judge Fritz, Department 11, Hall of Justice, San Francisco and to Mr. Hanson, County Jail No. 1, San Francisco, California.

Jack Robinson is the second defendant on the Charities trial and is going to be before the courts on February 2nd, at 2 p.m., Judge Fritz's department. All workers are requested to fill the courtroom and emphasize the demand of the unemployed workers of San Francisco against further railroading of their fellow workers.

Local Struggles Follow California Hunger March

FRESNO COUNTY HUNGER MARCH FEB. 21 TO DEMAND CASH RELIEF

Supervisors To Be Answered By Mass Demonstration of Jobless.

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 19.—In view of the action of the Board of Supervisors, refusing to increase relief and pay in cash, at the initiative of the Unemployed Council of Fresno, a United Front Conference is being called to organize a County Hunger March.

The conference will take place on January 27th, 7:30 P. M. at 606 Fulton Street. The date for the Hunger March was set for February 21. Workers organizations are asked to send delegates to the conference and take part in making the March into a mass expression big enough to force more relief.

REJECT DEMANDS

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 13th.—The Fresno Unemployed Council staged its first demonstration this morning at 10:00 A. M. 28 elected delegates and a hundred of the unemployed jammed the room of the County Supervisors in the Courthouse. Five to six hundred workers filled the corridors and the steps of the courthouse. There was no police interference.

The main demands was for 40c an hour cash to be paid for chopping wood in the County Fairgrounds instead of the present scale of 20c an hour in provisions. "We want cash relief," said the spokesman, "so that we may buy what and where we want to."

The answer given states "that applicants for relief to perform test or good faith labor to such an extent as may be necessary."

"No wage of any kind or character shall be paid for any such labor. But upon certificate of the foreman that applicant has faithfully performed such labor, the Welfare Director shall extend such aid as the circumstances of the applicant, in said Director's judgment, require."

The Board of Supervisors flatly refused to grant the demands of the delegation, who told that august body in no uncertain terms that the fight had just begun.

Upon leaving the Board of Supervisors a crowd of 400 at the courthouse steps was addressed telling them the answer of the Supervisors and urging all the unemployed to

150 HEAR HUNGER MARCH REPORT AT REDWOOD CITY

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Jan. 14.—About 150 workers gathered at the U. C. Headquarters Friday night January 13th, to hear the report of the 15 Redwood City Delegates to the State Hunger March. The Delegates made good reports, telling of the solidarity of the workers throughout the state in their fight for cash winter relief.

A communication from the County Board of Supervisors was read, advising the workers that the protest filed with the Board in regard to the discrimination methods used in the distribution of relief and jobs would have to be referred to the District Attorney for an opinion. The workers not to be fooled by this legal white-wash of the case sent an answer stating in no uncertain terms that such procedure meets with the keen indignation of the workers in Redwood City. A resolution was read and adopted condemning the action of the Board and a committee of ten was elected to bring back an answer. The workers pledged themselves to carry on the fight based on the demands of the National and State Hunger Marches.

Twelve young workers joined the Young Communist League, and 11 joined the Young Pioneers.

Teeth Battle Won

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 18.—The County was forced to provide a set of false teeth to Floyd E. Neil, who had been ill for two years. A committee of action persisted in fighting this case to a finish before various County officials.

Doctors had stated that Neil's sickness was due to lack of teeth.

Join the Unemployed Council and through mass pressure force the Supervisors to grant the demands. It was decided to hold a County Hunger March on February 21.

Unemployed Rally To Save Worker's Home



When a mortgage shark tried to throw Nick Rautio and his family onto the street the Berkeley Unemployed Council held a protest meeting that stopped the eviction. Members have since remained on guard to stop any further attempt. Out the fight the League for Protection Against Foreclosures and Evictions was formed.

Unemployed Council Rallies Workers and Stops Two Evictions

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—The Unemployed Council, by its militant action, recently prevented two evictions. Neighbors were rallied to protest the eviction of a woman and four children, and by the united protest the county welfare was forced to pay the rent for this family.

A colored worker was about to be evicted when the Unemployed Council organized a demonstration of his neighbors and a delegation was sent to the County Welfare Association. The Welfare wanted to have this "comrade" double up with another family, which he refused to do. To date he is still living in his own home, despite the court order for eviction.

In the former case when the marshal came to carry through the eviction he was met by 50 neighbors, in the second by 100.

Worker Starves to Death in Denver

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 8.—Jess Beauchamp, a member of the Building and Common Laborers' Union, Local 340, A. F. of L. died recently. The cause of death was starvation. "On account of his being out of work, he could not pay his dues, so the union did not know of his being hungry, or the members would have taken him to the Community Chest and had some food given to him and his family. His wife told the Hod Carriers that he had not eaten any meat for six weeks before his death because they did not have any money."

Hoover and his gang that stand for and run this "rugged individualist" system society will have to answer for the above death to the Denver Workers when the day of reckoning comes.

Since Beauchamp's death the neighbors are taking care of his family.

TACOMA JOBLESS STOP RELIEF CUT; 500 DEMONSTRATE

United Front Undermines Relief Fakers

TACOMA, WASH., January 17.—Five hundred workers attended the demonstration at the Pierce County Court House, on Jan. 16, arranged by the United Front Committee, when six demands calling for improvement in relief were presented.

This demonstration was the outcome of a series of conferences uniting the workers organizations in the county. Thus far the commissioners were forced to rescind the 10% cut in relief warrants, and it is believed that at least part of the remaining demands will be granted as a result of the demonstration.

HUNGER MARCHERS ATTEND

The demonstration was also attended by 40 Hunger Marchers from Spokane and Yakima on their way to Olympia.

On that same day the main column of marchers from Seattle arrived and were joined by the 35 delegates from Pierce County, who together made a very impressive caravan in the march to Olympia.

The United Front movement in Tacoma has thus far succeeded in thoroughly exposing the program and leadership of the Unemployed Citizen's League. Altho the top leadership repudiated the United Front the locals have repudiated the bureaucracy, also electing delegates to the Hunger March.

and resolved to stand guard to prevent the sheriff from putting the furniture out.

The eviction was to take place on Monday, January 16. The sheriff's eviction squad found a meeting of 200 people going in great style before the Rautio home. 5,000 leaflets were distributed telling the neighbors of the case. The stools from the sheriff's office circled the block a couple of times and left.

At this meeting a committee was elected to collect names and addresses for a petition to protest evictions. 50 home owners have already signed up.

The chairman of the League is S. North at 1120 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif.

FIGHT ATTEMPT TO EVICT WORKER FROM FORECLOSED HOME

200 At House Stop Sheriff From Putting Out Family Including 4 Children

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 18.—Nick Rautio worked hard to build his own home. He put his own labor and savings into it. Now he is unemployed and cannot meet his payments. He has 4 children and a sick wife.

Immediately the mortgage shark, J. H. G. Runde, proceeded to rob Rautio of his home. It was sold at auction to Runde's mother. A nice fat bargain. And now he has ordered the sheriff to throw the Rautio family out on the street in the middle of the winter.

The League for the Protection Against Foreclosures and Evictions, which has been formed by unemployed workers facing the loss of their homes, called a meeting on January 14th in front of the Rautio home at 1814 Chestnut Street for the purpose of preventing the eviction and to start a movement for a moratorium for the small home owner.

The meeting was attended by over 200 people from around the neighborhood. A delegation of 25, all home owners, was elected to see the sheriff and the mortgage shark Runde. The meeting unanimously voted to protest this evic-

sion and shall receive full payment of insurance for four weeks prior to and four weeks after childbirth.

Needs of Women

Even during the crisis thousands more women have been drawn into industry for the reason that they have replaced men at much lower wages. Due to their miserably low wages and fear of losing their jobs these women workers are forced to stick to their job until the day of their confinement. We realize that even a four week rest before and after childbirth is hardly sufficient especially when we see the provisions made in the Soviet Union, where workers are in control of industry, for an eight week rest before and after childbirth.

SECTION 3, Par. 9.—Small farmers who do not earn a cash amount equal to the unemployment benefit shall receive full payment of unemployment insurance in accordance with this act.

This clause is very important for the protection of the thousands of farmers who are forced to sell at below cost prices dictated to them by the large packing corporations. Even while working they cannot earn enough to maintain a bare existence.

Tax Employers

SECTION 6, Par. 1.—The funds for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act shall be raised by taxing each employer an amount equal to 3% of his total payroll.

In all other insurance bills proposed previously the cost of paying the insurance was placed mostly upon the workers who were still employed, but we insist that this cost must come from the enormous profits which are piled up by the exploitation of the workers.

SECTION 7, Par. 3.—The numbers of the State Conferences shall elect from their own body 15 delegates who will form this Workers' Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Workers Administrate

You will most probably doubt the ability of workers to administer this insurance fund but let us for a moment examine the administration of relief funds at the present time. In the city of San Francisco it has been definitely proven and admitted by those in charge that the \$23,000 appropriated and handled by the Seamen's Institute only \$5,000 actually went for relief of the unemployed seamen, the other \$18,000 being paid in salaries and overhead expenses. This is only a typical example of how relief funds are handled, hundreds of other cases could be mentioned. Aware of these things, we workers know that we are much more capable of administering an unemployment insurance fund than any agency that might be set up by the State Government.

In the face of the facts presented to you about the destitute condition of the unemployed workers and farmers you cannot honestly deny the need of unemployment insurance. Knowing of the continued process of rationalization of industry by introduction of labor saving machinery and speed up of workers, you must admit that unemployment of millions of workers has become a permanent institution and will remain as long as the means of production are in the hands of a few.

Therefore, members of the State Legislature, if you are representing the majority of the people of California (and the majority are the workers and farmers who have piled up the wealth of this State) we demand, in the name of the 900,000 unemployed of California, that you take immediate serious action toward the enactment of the State Social Unemployment Insurance Bill.

In conclusion I wish to state that we of this committee must have an answer in regard to the disposition of this bill before we leave the Assembly chambers.

Walter Lambert's Speech Before California Legislature

(Comrade Lambert is now on his way East to report on the struggles of the Jobless in California. He will stop over in St. Louis and Chicago).

Mr. Speaker, Members of State Legislature,

Comrades and Fellow-Workers:

This committee which appears before you today has been elected from the ranks of the 1000 Hunger Marchers delegates now in Sacramento to petition State Legislature. This army of Hunger Marchers is composed of representatives of every section of the working-class and small farmers, in the State of California. In the name of these delegates and the hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers who they represent we are here to present the State Social Unemployment Insurance Bill to the members of State Legislature. Before continuing with the explanation of the need of this Insurance Bill, I wish to have the Bill read in full.

Mr. Speaker, will you ask the clerk of the Assembly to read this copy of the State Social Unemployment Insurance Bill?

(The Bill is read).

Now that you have heard the provisions of the State Social Unemployment Insurance Bill in full, I will explain the basis for the drawing up of such a bill and why certain provisions were incorporated into it.

During the last three months, conferences of unemployed workers and small farmers have been held in the various counties of the State at which conferences proposals for an unemployment insurance bill had been advanced by the different sections of the unemployed represented. On the basis of this information the State Hunger March Committee drew up the bill which has just been read to you. The need for such a bill is unquestionable. From the mouths of the 1000 delegates now gathered outside the Capitol building we have heard the tales of starvation and misery that their respective groups are forced to endure.

Misery Increases

The industrial workers have seen an increase in unemployment of from 40-50% in the last two years of the crisis. These unemployed must humiliate themselves to get even the miserable charity boxes handed out by the so-called relief agencies who force the unemployed to work on jobs formerly held by workers receiving wages.

The seasonal agricultural workers and other migratory workers face even worse conditions. During the short periods of employment, their wages will furnish hardly an existence. Right in the vicinity of Sacramento we have such examples as in the Vacaville District where wages have been reduced to less than 15c an hour. This is not an isolated case; other sections report even lower wage scales such as tree pruners in the Santa Rosa District who receive as low as 7c an hour. During periods of unemployment they are shunted from town to town and community to community, forced to live in the now notorious "Hoovervilles" which have sprung up like mushrooms since the beginning of the crisis.

150,000 Vets Starve

The conditions of the veterans I know well, being myself a world-war veteran who fought in the trenches in France. Among the 900,000 unemployed in the State of California, there are over 150,000 unemployed veterans. Despite the reports published in the press, stating how adequately the veterans are being cared for, thousands of them are forced to sleep in flophouses, eat in soup-lines and in general face exactly the same miserable conditions as all other unemployed workers.

The condition of the small farmers has kept pace with the lowering of the standard of living of the industrial workers. In the last

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two years of the crisis thousands of small farmers have been forced from their land, today thousands more face eviction due to their inability to meet the interest on mortgages and payment of taxes and assessments. We see examples of this in the San Joaquin Valley where the Bank of America has two-thirds of the small farms under mortgage. The middle-class has fared no better than the workers and farmers. They are no longer well-to-do and thousands of them have been forced into the ranks of the large army of destitute unemployed of California. They also must join the united struggle against starvation.

Profits Still High

In comparison with this lowering of the standard of living of the workers and farmers we still see the profits of the big corporations remain approximately at the same level as before the crisis and in several instances these profits have increased above the level of 1929. The salaries of these corporation officials have varied by very little, many still ranging from 50 to 100,000 dollars a year. These profits and enormous salaries have been maintained only at the expense of the working-class and small farmers.

This has been done by throwing hundreds of thousands from their jobs and speeding up those that remained making them also submit to wage-out after wage-out. In the midst of this continual worsening of conditions, capitalist economists are busy predicting that the bottom of the crisis has been reached, that the upturn has started. But on examining the basis of their analysis we find that the only reason for their prediction is that the rate of increase of unemployment has slightly decreased. What remarkable deduction!

Explains Bill

Unemployment Insurance Bills have been presented before to this State Legislature and in numerous other States but never has an Insurance Bill been presented which considered all sections of the working-class and small farmers. The State Social Unemployment Insurance Bill which we have presented today meets all these requirements. I will read certain sections explaining why such provisions have been incorporated into this Bill.

SECTION 3, Par. 1.—All persons mentioned in Section 2 are entitled to payment of Unemployment Insurance regardless of race, sex, color, nationality, creed, political belief or length of residence.

We unemployed know from our experience with the so-called relief agencies that every form of discrimination is used to evade the distribution of relief to the needy, it is therefore absolutely necessary that such a provision be added for the protection of every section of the unemployed.

SECTION 3, Par. 5.—Ex-Servicemen, who are incapacitated as a result of their service in the military or naval forces, and who receive government compensation or disability allowance less than the amount of the unemployment benefit, shall receive full payment of unemployment insurance in accordance with this act.

With the cuts already put into effect on compensation and disability allowances and even more vicious proposals by the federal government for economizing at the expense of the disabled war veterans, it is imperative that they be included by a special provision in this bill.

SECTION 3, Par. 7.—Women workers shall be given leave of ab-

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Japan Ready for Jehol Advance

PEIPING, North China, January 19.—With the mobilization of the Japanese and Manchukuo troops completed, the order for the renewal of the drive into Jehol is expected at any moment.

The troops are centered at Shanhaiwan, recently seized, at Muckden, Manchuria, and the railway zone between Chinchow and the Great Wall.

It is also reported that 33,000 Chinese "irregulars" known as the "Red Spears" and "Big Swords" are massing for attack at Tunghiao, Manchuria, near Kailu, Jehol province. They are remnants of the Su Pin Wen forces supposedly suppressed.

U. S. S. R. Gains in Pig Iron

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., January 16.—Production of pig iron in the Soviet Union during the first ten months in 1932 has increased 28.3% as compared with 1931, according to the latest statistics.

Although the plan for the period has not been carried out in full, the Soviet Union is the only country in the world registering an increase and now occupies first place in Europe and second place in the world.

In the U. S. pig iron has dropped 54% as compared with the previous year and 79% in comparison with the same period in 1929.

Strike at Singer Plant in Japan

TOKYO, Japan, January 19.—The strike of the workers at the Yokohama plant of the American-owned Singer Sewing Machine Co. against a 10% wage cut has now extended to six cities and involves 5,000 workers.

The struggle has taken a very intense form, the strikers having wrecked the Yokohama branch. The American government is demanding an investigation. One hundred and sixty four are reported arrested.

Bolivian Airplanes Raid Hospitals

ASUNCION, Paraguay, January 19.—The foreign colony in this city have lodged a formal protest against the Bolivian government charging that airplanes carried thru a raid over Bolivian cities and machine gunned a hospital in Asuncion.

Communist Exposes Japan-France Alliance

PARIS, France, January 19.—M. Peri, Communist Deputy in the Chamber, exposed the support that France is giving to the Japanese Imperialist campaign, demanding that Paul Boncour definitively answer if the 1907 military treaty between Japan and France still holds.

He also charged that the helplessness of the League was due to conscious policy followed by France and England, giving support to Japan. Paul Boncour refused to answer on the grounds that first the League should be heard from.

2,000 Arrested in Japan Raids

TOKYO, Japan, January 18.—More than 2,000 have been arrested in the course of raids upon workers organizations throughout Japan. Most of those arrested are in the early twenties.

The Japanese authorities state that 7,000 "radicals" have been arrested in the course of the year.

Philippine Legislators Oppose "Independence"

MANILA, Philippine Islands, January 19.—A poll of the Philippine House reveals that the majority are opposed to the "Independence" Bill just passed by the American government.

The business people here especially consider the Bill will cut off the chief market for Philippine goods 80% of which goes to the U. S. as it will make competition with Cuban and American sugar especially most intense.

Futhermore, U. S. military forces will be retained.

STEVEDORING CO. KICKS THAT ASTORIA LONGSHOREMEN ARE SLOW

Letter Demands More Work From Men; Just Put Over a 10% Wage Cut.

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 18.—The Stevedoring Company started the new following is a copy of a letter which was posted in the window of the longshoremen's hall:

Portland Stevedoring Company
810 Porter Building
Telephone ATwater 1381

Portland, Oregon,
January 7th, 1933.

Mr. F. M. SWEET,
Stevedores' Service Inc.,
Astoria, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing our phone conversation, we are writing to vigorously protest the slow work of the gangs supplied by you to load the 500M feet of square taken on the S. S. "California" at Warrenton, January 3rd and 4th. The gangs working in Nos. 1 and 5 hatches did particularly poor work, considering the show they had. With the aid of the stowing machine in No. 1 hatch, Rouwen's gang should have easily finished in 12 hours instead of 16.

A comparison by districts shows that the Astoria gangs are doing the slowest work of any on the River. This condition cannot continue! If you expect us to use those gangs on the ships loading in the Astoria district, there must be an appreciable pick-up in their work. They must be given notice of this complaint and told that it has reached the point that they will either have to bring their work up to the standard of the other districts, or we will be forced to make other arrangements for gangs when working down there.

Your truly,

Portland Stevedoring Co.
By J. B. GILKEY,
Manager.

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The Marine Workers' conditions in this locality are going from bad to worse. About a year ago they had a 5% wage cut. The Stevedoring Company started the new year with a 10% wage cut and not only do they cut wages to the bone, but they want to drive the longshoremen to most super-human speed ups.

If the longshoremen are working a little slower we have to take into consideration that they are lucky if they get 8 hours work per week and therefore they don't eat very fat meals getting 75c an hour.

Of course the manager of the Stevedoring Company with the other fat bellied parasites don't know that when a man does work like long-shoring he must have something to eat, because they themselves have never done a days work in their life.

This letter might have scared the Jesus out of some longshoremen, but there is only one way to stop this nonsense and that is by organizing committees of the rank and file and fight all speed-ups and wage cuts.

—Longshoreman.

Men Hired at S. F. Waterfront, Wait But No Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Labor conditions on the San Francisco waterfront are steadily getting worse. Gangs are hired and made to wait around for hours and then are sent away without any pay. This applies particularly to the Grace Line dock on pier 46.

Time is made out short. Those who kick are fired and blackballed from the dock. Incompetent overseers shove the blame for honors on the workers, causing them to be fired.

What's to be done about this? Longshoremen have a reputation as fighting men. Join the Marine Workers Industrial Union!

—Stevedore.



DEGENERACY

Trotsky making anti-Soviet slander out of his daughter's death from an old ailment, by telling the capitalist press it's Stalin's fault.

Balch of the State of Washington, who started the use of wooden money for relief purposes, has sent samples to Rockefeller, the dime giver, and Herbie, of the fake R. F. C. They will, no doubt, weep over the lost opportunities.

Headline in S. F. News. "Pope Issues Bull To Make 1933 Holy Year."

"Where has the money gone?" asks Democratic Representative Lamneck, stating that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has distributed \$1,500,000,000 but without any effect upon business, industry, agriculture or the unemployment situation.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN



"There has been no waste and extravagance. The administration has cut deeply into the bone."

Having already wage-cut deep into the flesh of his lower paid employees, the bone is the next step.

Hearst has 24 alabaster lamps for his San Simeon palace held up in the San Pedro customs, pending decision whether they be works of art or just lamps.

Herbie, who has fished in Latin America before, goes to Panama for sharks next March. The Wall St. boys will call this favoritism, but the sharks off Monkey Island will jump out of the water and yell "Brother!"

Fifty per cent of all children at 12 years have healthy minds and bodies, Dr. Bellow told the Osteopathic recently. These capitalists apologetes are always boosting their figures. But never doing much to make them real.

Recent walls of a veteran panhandler disclosed that "six hours work on the stem only got 30c." Another capitalist basic industry gone haywire.

Communist Debates Banker Before Preachers

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 10.—One hundred fifty ministers, delegates to the Inter Denominational Ministerial Convention of Southern California, meeting at Pacific Palisades, heard representatives of capitalism and Communism present their views before the convention recently.

300 Hear Report of Eureka Marchers

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 16.—Three hundred local workers and their families heard the report of the Hunger March delegates at a mass meeting here last night. One of the largest meetings held in months cheered the militancy of the Column in every city along the march, and the plan of the State Committee for the continuance of the fight against hunger.

Conference March 4 for Defense of Scottsboro Boys

The Scottsboro Unity Defense Committee has sent out a call for a Scottsboro Unity Conference to be held on March 4th, 7:00 P. M. at Odd Fellows' Hall, 11th and Franklin Streets, Oakland, Calif.

Numerous groups have already pledged their support to the Provisional Committee which has been formed recently from representatives from the International Labor Defense, National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, Negro and white workers organizations. Delegates are expected to come in from all over the State to give expression to a mass movement in anticipation of the coming trial of the Scottsboro boys in March.

This State Conference will be preceded by local conferences in San Francisco on January 27th, San Francisco on February 10th, 8:00 P. M., Room 305 California Hall, San Francisco and in Oakland on February 17.

Workers organizations that have not elected delegates to these conferences are requested to take this up immediately and inform the Provisional Committees at the following addresses: Madfrey Odner, 1350 Franklin Street, San Francisco or Dr. Matt Crawford, 1940 Acton Street, Oakland, Calif.

PHOENIX PROTESTS STAY AUCTION ON WORKERS' HOMES

Bosses Fear "Iowa" Movement Will Spread.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 17.—A Court action stayed the sale of Phoenix property for non-payment of paving assessments on January 10th. This order, however, is only temporary. The State Hunger March exposed the condition which existed among the small worker-home owners. Banners were carried in the March and leaflets were distributed denouncing this sale. A mass meeting was held at which a Committee of Workers was appointed to go before the City Street Superintendent to register a protest.

Yolo County Gets Taste of Jobless Council Militancy

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 18th.—The Yolo County Charity racket was thoroughly exposed January 17th, when a number of workers, led by the Unemployed Council of Yolo went to Woodland, the County seat, to demand relief. Upon arriving in Woodland, the committee of 35 marched to the Court House and demanded food from Mrs. Porter, the Welfare agent. As usual, this overfed faker referred them to the Probation officer. He in turn tried to squirm out of the responsibility by saying that the Supervisor, Mercie, had charge of all County cases.

Los Angeles I. L. D. Holds Bazaar

The International Labor Defense of District No. 14, Los Angeles, is holding a bazaar on Jan. 27th, 28th and 29th, at 2706 Brooklyn Avenue. There will be entertainment and refreshments. At this time funds are greatly needed, particularly now when the I. L. D. has inaugurated the campaign to repeal the vicious criminal syndicalism law. All workingclass and sympathetic organizations are asked to co-operate to make the bazaar a success.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—The John Reed Club of Los Angeles is planning to put out a pamphlet on Criminal Syndicalism in conjunction with the campaign for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law. The artists, writers, and cinema units are working together on the pamphlet. It will contain a resume of the Imperial Valley case, the Red Flag case, history of the Criminal Syndicalist Law and other such laws.

LAST TWO WEEKS!!!

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Build the War Chest for 1933!

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Young Communists of Watsonville Expose Legionaire

WATSONVILLE, Calif., Jan. 19.—On Jan. 16th, the students of Watsonville Schools were herded into the Fox Theatre where they were addressed by Homer Chailaux, representing the American Legion, on "Americanism." He attempted to glorify the American youth who gave their life in the last world war, (To protect capitalist profits). He portrayed Stalin as rulling by an iron dictatorship and the Soviet Union as a country where children are taken away from their parents at the age of five years.

Haslip Missing

Hearne M. Haslip, recently released from San Quentin, where he served ten years on a charge growing out of his participation in the railroad strike of 1922, has been missing for the last nine days.

Communists Expose Technocracy At L. A. Meetings

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 10.—The bosses' movement under the guise of Technocracy in Los Angeles has aroused tremendous interest. The Illustrated Daily News here has been publishing the Technocratic organization frenziedly. The official Technocrat Speakers Bureau has been swamped with demands for speakers.

Discrimination in Relief

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 18.—A destitute old man, who once had worked for the government and who had some political pull, received from the County Relief Department the usual box of groceries. The bacon contained therein was of inferior quality. The old fellow kicked about it. Because of his political connections, a county official immediately replaced the poor bacon with good bacon and stated that a mistake had been made.

PLAN TO SMASH COLORADO MARCH

(Continued from Page One) The Unemployed councils are active in fighting for immediate relief demands for many families, as preparation for the Hunger March. Of 25 cases where committees took up relief demands for Spanish-speaking families, all answers were refused, relief followed in 21 cases.

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WHERE TO GO

DR. RALPH REYNOLDS ON "TREATMENT OF CRIMINALS IN U. S. A. AS COMPARED WITH THE SOVIET UNION." Friday, January 27, 8:00 P. M., 1223 Fillmore Street. Admission 10c. Auspices Western Worker Booster Club.

RUSSIAN VECHERINKA given by Russian Branch of the I. L. D. Saturday, February 4th, at 1223 Fillmore Street. Program begins at 8:00 P. M. Dancing, Ballalaik Orchestra. Russian Dishes will be served from 6:30. Admission 25c. Unemployed with Card 5c.

ADVANCE NOTICE Annual I.L.D. Bazaar, 1223 Fillmore Street, Feb. 25 and 26, 1933. Please keep these dates open and give support.

JOBLESS BATTLE L. A. POLICE

(Continued from Page One) Ittees, and came with the families for immediate relief from the county. The large force of workers overawed the authorities who took the cases up individually and parcelled out relief slips.

S. F. POLICE BACK JAPANESE SPY

(Continued from Page One) on the coast as it is an outgrowth of the extremely intense struggle against the Japanese Imperialist agents. Due to the failure of the authorities to press this case, Geo. R. Anderson, I. L. D. attorney, has asked to be appointed as a "special prosecutor" when it is brought before the Superior Court.

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Editorial Column

KEEP THE FAKERS OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco News, one of the Scripps Howard chain, is now engaged in a ballyhoo campaign for the "Barter Plan" as a solution for the crisis. A great appeal is made to "public minded citizens who will undertake to lead the organization of this substitute for money." The News building is offered for beginning such enterprises.

The executive secretary of the State Division of Marketing, Ben S. Allen, has already announced that all possible assistance will be given for advancing the plan. The bosses, their press and government agents look to this plan with great hope.

"SELF-HELP" SCHEME REVIVED

There is nothing new in the barter plan. It is only another name for the self-help schemes sponsored by fakers in many parts of the country. The Western Worker has been continually unmasking these substitutes for struggle, and there is very little new to deal with here.

It is obvious, however, that the heaviest artillery seems to be mobilized for introducing the plan in San Francisco.

The News continually points out that San Francisco is one of the large cities still "behind," having no barter plan.

But what the News considers "behind" is, on the contrary, to the credit of the workers of San Francisco. This is not the first attempt to introduce the scheme. For over a year every attempt has been nipped in the bud, thru the alertness of the Unemployed Council members.

SCHEME TO REDUCE RELIEF

The workers were soon told of the experiences with the self-help schemes in other parts. It is a plan for shifting the burden of relief to the workers themselves in place of directing demands to the bosses and the government. It's a plan for reducing the wages of many workers to only script or provisions valued at about 10% to 20% of the prevailing wages. And by no means least important, it is a means of making the starving jobless a prey for fakers to exploit.

The present attempt is to create a united front of all fakers. Austin Lewis of the Socialist Party who has so far met with failure to organize this kind of a racket in the Bay area will probably join in this movement.

SAN FRANCISCO BETTER OFF WITHOUT THEM

Is the plight of the unemployed in San Francisco any worse because of the "backwardness" as the News terms it? Everyone knows that altho little to boast about, relief in San Francisco is still comparatively higher than in most parts. For instance it is much higher than that given in Seattle where the News informs us that 100,000 are organized on a self-help basis. The same is true in comparison with Portland, Salt Lake City and any other important center where the News says the workers finally hit upon the right track.

The News bewails the fact that San Francisco's relief bill is rising to over \$500,000 monthly. That is not for the workers to worry about but the bosses and their government. It only shows that the continual fighting on the part of the Unemployed Councils has forced the Associated Charities officials so that they dare not turn down applicants for relief.

SCHEME IS TRAP SET BY BOSSES

For the workers of San Francisco to accept the suggestion being made by the bosses thru the News is nothing short of falling into a trap and the beginning of an onslaught upon concessions won after bitter struggles, costing many brutal beatings at the hands of the police, many arrests, and jail sentences.

Only the continual struggle as represented by the Unemployed Councils will force the maximum relief.

The campaign of the News is a challenge to the Unemployed Councils. They hope to catch them asleep. Their calculations are not altogether unfounded. Many Councils, with the State Hunger March over are relaxing and resting on their laurels. But the March was to be a means for intensifying the fight, and no time should be lost in doing so.

The fight must now be carried into neighborhoods and block committees must be organized everywhere, and be on the alert for every case of lack of relief. In this way we can defeat the fake relief schemes of the News and the bosses.

FIGHT THE BARTER SCHEME FAKERS! BUILD FIGHTING UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS!

Beginning Next Week

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The Western Worker will print a series on the most recent attempts being made to introduce "Self-Help" fakers into San Francisco.

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**L. A. Liebknecht
Anti-War Rally
Attended by 750**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16.—Seven hundred and fifty attended the Liebknecht Memorial Anti-War Rally held under the auspices of the Young Communist League of Los Angeles Sunday, January 15 at 124 North Townsend Street.

The audience responded very enthusiastically to the speakers among whom were: Joe Reed representing the young contingent of the National Hunger March, Lawrence Ross of the Communist Party speaking on the war development, Meriam Brooks recently elected a youth delegate to the International Red Aid Congress held in the Soviet Union, and Yetta Stromberg.

A film showing war preparations in the San Francisco area, taken by the Workers Film and Photo League was also shown.

**Applicants for Jobs
Routed by Police
With Shotguns**

DENVER Colo., Jan. 16.—On account of the Stock Show being on, a lot of Unemployed Workers gathered around the place thinking they may grab off a few days work.

On last Monday morning some of these workers went to the offices of Swift and Armour packing house which is nearby the Stock Show and asked for jobs. The crowd became so large that the Swift and Armour officials called the police. Auto loads of cops came rushing out and drove the Unemployed away with shotguns. This angered the workers and quite a few declared they were going to join the Hunger March.

—Worker Correspondent.

STOP MUNITION SHIPMENTS TO WARZONES! —By T. JONES.



International Events and Western Workers

Philippine Bill Gives Increasing Stranglehold for American Capital; "Freedom" Sets Up Puppet State, Builds Military Strength Against Exploited Workers and Peasants.

By EMMETT KIRBY

The prediction in this column last week that Hoover's veto of the Philippine "Independence" bill would stand has proven incorrect. Senate votes representing capitalist interests for Cuban, Porto Rican and domestic sugar were sufficient to override it.

However, the basic question was not whether the Philippines be given independence, but through what means most effectively to exploit the Filipino workers and peasants.

In addition to postponing for twelve years the fake freedom outlined, it raises, under the pretense of giving the native capitalists time to find foreign markets, a tariff wall increasing from 5 to 25% on Philippine products exported to America. This measure, resulting in increased prices, will mean a further assault

on the living conditions of the already oppressed workers and peasants. And that will result in greater revolutionary activity, the main thing imperialism dreads.

America would retain, even after the twelve transition years, her military strongholds.

Immigration restrictions will be raised to an equality with that of other foreign nations, resulting in wholesale deportations of Filipino workers from the country, as the A. F. of L. wants it.

ECONOMIC CONTROL

Economic control, by American interests, of the Islands will be strengthened and the Filipino plantation owner will find his freedom a blatant hypocrisy when the railroads and steamship lines remain in

hands and exploit him for "all the traffic will bear." Having paid high freightage on his sugar cane to an American-owned refinery, he will find his check smaller because the tariff restrictions are being used as an excuse to cut his price.

And naturally the plantation owner will shift his burden onto the workers and peasants.

A PUPPET STATE

Retention and strengthening of military and economic chains upon the Philippines, coupled with the need of native bourgeois support, brought the 30 years old fight for freedom to a head this year, and the result is one of the purest examples of the "benevolence" of the American Imperialist policy. It provides a native "government" of native bourgeois agents, and throttles them economically and politically. The Philippine Constitution must be approved by the United States. Any amendment to the Constitution must be approved by the President. In fact, the President has a blanket right to suspend any law they enact.

While these chains are being made fast in the twelve transition years, provisions give American imports preference and enable them to increase their stranglehold, a very important matter to any Imperialist country. In 1930 American imports amounted to \$78,133,028 — or 80% of the total.

MILITARY BASES RETAINED

Freedom is to be found only in the fists of the workers themselves, and in organization they are fighting back. Realizing this, and admitting the growth of the mass revolutionary movement and the influence of the Communist Party in the Islands, Hoover based his veto in part on the claim that during the transition period American Imperialism "would be daily faced with the likelihood of having to employ military measures to maintain order in a degenerating military and economic situation." The group he spoke for held it unsafe to release, even the slightest bit, complete control for at least fifteen or twenty years.

The "independence" bill provides for the permanent retaining of all military bases, which may be increased at will during the twelve years remaining. This is, as Hoover goes on, "because the political dangers of the situation are greatly increased by the present instability in the Orient." Meaning, of course, the spread of the Chinese Soviets and the growth of the Communist influence in the Islands. American-Japanese rivalry in Asiatic markets is a determining factor in increasing naval bases for "the spirit of imperialism and exploitation of peoples by other races has not departed from this earth." America fears "the entry into the Philippines of a neighboring military power," added the hypocrite Hoover.

ANTI-IMPERIALIST CAMPAIGN

Against this vicious fakery, backed by the A. F. of L. leadership, the beet-sugar bosses, and the bourgeois Philippine nationalists, the Anti-Imperialist League is rallying support. Their 6 points enumerated include immediate and unconditional independence, no tariff barriers, no immigration exclusion, immediate withdrawal of American armed forces and battleships from the islands, the stopping of terror against workers' and peasants' organizations and the release of those now in Filipino jails for anti-imperialist activities. For this country, an end of discrimination against the thousands of Filipino workers is demanded.

ing vigorous proletariat and the old rotten capitalist class. But the best elements amongst these technicians will not be misled—they will rise above the confusion of Technocracy and other similar middle-class and capitalist philosophies and join the revolutionary masses. Some of Technocracy's catch-phrases in a more distilled form may become part of a Fascist ideology in this country. It may affect some sections of the workers and poor farmers. But that depends largely upon the leadership of the Communist movement, who must now conduct a bitter struggle against Technocracy, giving them no less quarter or toleration than any other group of capitalist misleaders.

The building of the Communist Party, the greater distribution of Communist literature, the increased struggle against capitalist oppression, exploitation and demagoguery will be the best teacher of the masses against the confusion of Technocracy and for a revolutionary way out of the crisis.

(THE END)

THE FALLACY OF TECHNOCRACY

Benjamin Franklin and Karl Marx Agree on Labor Basis of Value; But Scott Discovers the Erg which Bohm-Bawerk Found 57 Years Ago; Gasoline Replaces the Lord in the Religion of Technocracy; How Scott's Grandfather "Finished" Marx; Technicians Should Be Communists.

By SAM DARCY

Article III.
We have already shown that Technocracy is an attempt at explanation of the crisis without reference to class relations. This appealed to the ruling class ideologists. But this is precisely the fallacy of Technocracy.

In the proposed solution of the crisis the Technocrats are in the same fog as in their analysis. Howard Scott in his official statement says:

The cause of our trouble lies in the fact that during these years instead of thinking of our well being and of the operation of our country in terms of energy, we have thought of it in terms of something purchasable with dollars. IF WE ARE TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM AT ALL WE HAVE GOT TO GRAPPLE WITH THIS QUESTION OF ENERGY: upon it everything else rests.

It is a fact that all energy of whatever sort may be measured in units of ergs, joules, or calories. That is of utmost importance. The solution of the social problems of our time depends upon the recognition of this fact.

A company can examine the sample of a certain grade of gasoline and tell you in figures that will never change exactly the maximum number of heat units that can ever be extracted from that grade. He can measure exactly and that exact measurement is absolutely necessary in running our system. But can the sales manager in the office next to the laboratory tell you the price of gas next month, next year or ten years hence? It is absolutely impossible and because it is impossible we are playing with dynamite when we attempt to harness the system to price.

This jumble of jargon is obviously intended to impress the superficially minded. For a Marxist it can only produce a hearty laugh. Let us leave our "scientists" for a while in order to examine the question of exchange.

LABOR BASIS FOR VALUE

On the surface it appears as if all exchange value is measured in terms of gold and silver money. We say that a certain article has a certain price. Indeed an article doesn't always have the same price. Consider a pair of shoes—not only can you buy the same size shoes at quite varied prices (for example between \$1.00 and \$15.00) but even the very shoes that cost \$1.00 today may cost only ninety cents or \$1.25 a few days later. Now the question arises—What explanation can we give for these differences? Why can't a pair of shoes cost the same amount of dollars at all times?

For the answer we must go beneath surface appearances. Let us consider the reason for the same pair of shoes fluctuating in price. There are many factors, that account for this. For example if the market has a great volume of shoes on hand and small demand for them the dealer will sell cheaper in order to close out their stocks. If, as in war time, there are not enough shoes and the demand is great the dealer will ask more money for them. This question of supply and demand is one of the most important ones determining the fluctuations. But if we examine closely then we find that the fluctuations are always around a certain given

point. Our problem is to find out—what determines that point? And by this we will understand why a certain measure of gold or silver money must be paid for a certain commodity.

Karl Marx in his book called the Critique of Political Economy says: The first sensible analysis of exchange value as labor-time, made so clear as to seem almost commonplace, is to be found in the work of a man of the new world.... That man is Benjamin Franklin, who formulated the fundamental law of modern political economy in his first work which he wrote when a mere youth and published in 1721 (A Modest Inquiry into the Nature and Necessity of Paper Currency); He declares "It is necessary to look for another measure of value than precious metals. That measure is labor. By labor may the value of silver be measured as well as other things."

GOLD, SILVER ALSO COMMODITY

Thus, the reason that a certain pair of shoes cost a dollar, is because it took approximately the same labor to produce the gold one dollar as it took to produce that pair of shoes. It took labor a certain amount of time to produce all commodities.

It is the amount of labor time contained in each commodity (varying for different periods according to technique) that gives it its value. The reason that gold and silver is used as a medium of exchange is because of all commodities it was found in practice to be the least perishable, the most convenient to handle and findable in sufficient quantities to carry on trade and commerce. Except for this, gold and silver is no different a commodity than any other product of man's labor under capitalism. Despite the danger of monotony we must repeat: Commodities are sold approximately for their value but the producer only gets back part of the value he puts into them by his labor. The balance goes to the owners. They cannot consume or sell the greatest part of it, and therefore accumulate their goods. When these unsold stocks reach sufficient size the factories shut down since there is no sense producing more when what is on hand cannot be sold.

In the light of this exchange process let us consider the "solution" of the Technocrats.

RETAIN PROFIT SYSTEM

The Technocrats do not propose confiscation of the means of production. They are careful to make it clear that they do not want a Communist program of abolishing the exploiting class. Therefore the profit system, the cause of the crisis remains, and their "solution" is no solution at all.

The Technocrats only propose to complicate matters by changing the medium of exchange. Instead of a gold or silver dollar they propose to use an "erg." An erg is simply a certain measure of energy. The worker would under their system receive no cash wages but credits. He could then go to the store and buy things and have them charged against his credits. This is really a type of industrial feudalism.

How would this solve the problem? If the capitalist system is

not abolished, then the owners of industry would still accumulate vast unsold stocks same as now. How many ergs would go to the capitalist and how many to the worker? Who would own and control the means of production? If not the capitalist then the engineer? Who would determine how many ergs shall be credited to the engineer? Assuming what is obviously ridiculous that the capitalists would voluntarily surrender their ownership of industry and turn it over to the engineers, would not the engineers become a new exploiting class? What guarantees are there that this would not happen? Maybe their high moral character? Maybe engineers are more god-fearing than capitalists? That's clearly idealistic nonsense.

WANT TO MEASURE USE VALUE

But many other problems remain unanswered. They say that all life has its sole source in natural energy. If the engineers will control the distribution of this natural energy, then will it be divided equally amongst all? Or if it will be divided according to how much work is done, then how will they measure it? For example: How many ergs did it take to produce the brilliant theory of Technocracy? And how would the quacks who produced that theory be paid? And who would decide that?

It is increasingly clear that the entire Technocratic structure is so unsound that not even one of our well known building inspectors could be bribed into passing it. A lot of engineers, indeed!

How stupid are some of their assertions can be seen from their claim that while the money value of let us say gasoline changes from time to time, the "energy" value will never change.

Religious people create a god. Then they endow him with great mysterious powers. That makes him independent, nay, greatly superior to ordinary people. Then they become slaves to that god.

So with the Technocrats. Man made gasoline. Gasoline or any other commodity is their god. Gasoline, for them, has "value" because it contains "heat energy." (Not because man made it useful), that because the number of "heat energy units" always remains the same, its value never changes and therefore this is the scientific system of exchange. And the labor that man gives to the commodity which is what gives it exchange value, has no more role than the work of the religious in creating a god.

VALUE NOT ABSOLUTE

In the first place we cannot consider the "value" of gasoline without considering its utility to man. Before the automobile was invented gasoline was a wasted by-product in the distillation of petroleum. It had no value at all because man did not have any use for it that he knew of. He therefore threw it away. The exchange value of the other petroleum products in that distillation process was much greater because all the labor time put into the process had to be paid for by them alone without any income from the gasoline. When gasoline became useful in automobiles the labor time put into its production was paid for out of its sales, and

the other commodities produced in the same process fell in exchange value proportionally. On the other hand when two men stand at a river, the water has great use value, but can they sell it to each other? But in a nearby town, to which the water must be transported, it has the same use value, but now it also has exchange value, because it contains labor.

Thus the value of a certain product can never be eternal, absolute or mysterious. The source of its value is its utility and the source of its exchange value (price) is the average amount of socially necessary labor time that it takes to produce it in a usable form. Even so we have not given even all the main factors which change both the use value and the exchange value of a commodity.

The same gasoline in a poor machine might give less energy in the productive process; in an improved machine a greater amount. Also the value of a certain article is modified by the discovery of substitutes. For example if sufficient water power is harnessed for electrification it might be cheaper to use it in machinery than gasoline; possibly a good engine using coal oil, or other substitute for gasoline might be invented which gives better and cheaper service than gasoline; in any of these cases gasoline would lose both in exchange as well as in the degree of its use value to man. With the erg, joule, calorie, or other measure of energy or heat, Scott has a partial measure of use value. This can be better understood if one realizes that ordinary air currents contain energy. But who will buy air? When air is obtained from concentrated oxygen, in other words after labor has been applied, then it gets an exchange value.

OLD ARGUMENT

The discussion of this question is not new. In 1900, Eugen Bohm-Bawerk, head of the famous Austrian school of economics published a book in which he also "finished" Marxism. Being far more intelligent than the Technocrats he did not deny completely the role of labor in determining value, but he did make the charge that Marx's labor theory of value does not take "nature" into consideration and that it "denies the participation of nature in the production of goods" This charge was false.

In 1875 the Socialists of Germany in convention at Gotha adopted a program the first sentence of which read "Labor is the source of all wealth and all culture." In sharp criticism of this Gotha program Marx wrote "Labor is NOT the source of all wealth; nature is just as much the source of use values (and it is of these that material wealth consists) as is labor, which is of itself a manifestation of a natural force—human labor power."

The Technocrats now go much further than Bohm-Bawerk. They completely deny the role of labor in production under advanced technology and assign everything to nature (energy). We have already dealt with the labor theory of value. There are really two characteristics which wealth has: one, its use value; two, its exchange value. The participation of nature in the creation of use value cannot be denied but exchange value is purely an expression of the relations between man and man.

The essence of the fallacy of Technocracy in this question lies in the attempt to establish an absolute never-changing, eternal measure of the value of products. As we have already shown exchange values change as conditions among men change. Only their use value (if it is known to man) depends upon nature as well. Scott & Co. are so anxious to abolish the role of labor in society that they overlook this entirely.

CONFUSE PRICE AND PROFIT

There are times when the Technocrats speak in a confused way about "profits." But there is a method to their confusion. They occasionally intermingle the word "profit" with the word "price." For example:

Under the present price system we manufacture goods not to use, but to sell—and make a profit; and profit as we have previously seen in a debt claim.... The sublime irony of our situation is that we must fight and strangle our competitors to get rid of our products at a price.

No one should be fooled by this phraseology. The few words stolen from Marx in the first sentence are not sufficient to hide the knavery in the rest of the paragraph. The Soviet Union is today still producing for sale at a price—but not at a profit. These two things are not the same.

Profit is not a mere "debt claim." To so define it hides capitalist appropriation of labor products.

Such a definition leads us back to the religious hokus-pokus which characterizes all Technocracy. Profit is a material thing—that part of the workers produce which the manufacturer has left even after paying the landlord and other sharers in the loot taken from the workers. The cause of the crisis, as we have already shown, is not the mere use of money, but the capitalist system of producing for private profit. Scott creates this confusion in order to blur the sharp line of demarcation between classes. He pretends that there is no difference between the U. S. S. R. and the U. S. because both have price systems. That's utterly ridiculous. The difference is so profound that the two world systems, capitalism versus Socialism (not to be confused with the capitalist misnamed Socialist Party) are in a deadly struggle which must end in the death of the present capitalist system. Inscribed on its banners is the Communist slogan, "From each according to his ability to each according to his needs." This system will emancipate mankind from exploitation as practiced in capitalist society.

TECHNICIANS SHOULD RALLY TO COMMUNISM

The engineers and other technicians throughout the world, eliminated from production, their talents made useless by a decaying capitalist society which sends them to the breadline, look longingly at the Soviet Union and hope for a place in a system of such great opportunity. The Technocrats, who are at best only pseudo-technologists not real scientists try to mislead the technicians by telling them that there is no difference between the Soviet Union and the U. S. By this they hope to keep the technicians from the revolutionary movement. Undoubtedly they are aided by the middle-class intellectual tendency to hesitate, waiver and doubt between the two main classes of society, the natur-