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"Increase Demonstrations" Urges Mooney, Exposing Court Soviet Planes Defeat Japanese Invader in First Battle Fighting May Day Meetings Show Growing Unity of Toilers

PEA STRIKE ENDS WITH GAINS FOR WORKERS; UNION STRENGTHENED, ORGANIZATION DRIVE STARTS

Meetings in All Fields Scheduled During Week To Plan New Struggle During Second Crop

Strawberry Pickers Near San Diego On Strike

SAN DIEGO, April 24.—Fifty Filipino and Mexican strawberry pickers in Twin Oaks Valley are on strike now for three days. They are asking for 20 cents an hour in place of the 15 cents given now.

The workers are realizing that in order to have an effective struggle, it is necessary to broaden it and with the help of organizers of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, steps are being taken in that direction.

That the bosses are not able to get scabs so easily is evident by the fact that they are forced to give 18 cents per hour for such as are working.

Women Lettuce Strikers Win

CHUALAR, Calif., April 24.—Twenty-eight Mexican women working in the lettuce packing shed here went on strike against the twenty cent an hour wage. When the shed walked out solid the boss tried frantically to get scabs, but none would work. So within three hours he was compelled to call the strikers back and give in on their demands for 30c an hour.

SEATTLE COPS FOUGHT BY 700 AT EVICTION

Workers Guard Home Three Days; 15 Arrested

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—Answering Sheriff Bannick's threats to use guns to put through the next eviction, the May Day parade is to be led with trucks piled high with furniture and carrying banners, "Freedom for the Eviction Fighters!" and "We will continue fighting evictions!" The 15 workers arrested at the Frandsen eviction are held on riot charges with assault charged against some.

With more than 20 evictions pending, Bannick's threat to use guns is intended for intimidation.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 27.—Fifteen workers were arrested and Sheriff Bannick and nine of his deputies were beaten when members of the Home Owners Protective League and the Unemployed Citizens League fought bitterly yesterday afternoon to stop the eviction of Frank Frandsen from his home at 4435 35th avenue. More than 700 workers and their families were in the demonstration.

For three days the workers had guarded the house, many coming fifteen and twenty miles to help. A camp was established outside the house and workers sang and held meetings during the night while waiting the eviction attempt.

When the sheriff and his gang arrived the neighbors blocked the street and the thugs started slugging men, women and children alike. A hurry call was sent for

SAN JOSE, April 30.—With the time for picking the first pea crop over, and having forced wages up from 10-17 cents per hamper to 17-20 cents per hamper, the strike was called off by the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

At present the main stress will be preparation for another struggle during the picking of the second crop, which in the north California fields, will reach the high point during the latter part of May. In most camps the workers are very enthusiastic, feeling that as a result of the strike gains were made, and above all a Union now counting close to a thousand members in the pea fields has been established. It is reported that even a greater number have registered during the strike, but many have not yet been issued membership cards, or assigned to locals.

The first step for the Union's organization drive will be a series of meetings in the following centers: San Jose—Wednesday, 81 Post St. Decoto—Saturday. Russel City—Saturday. Alvarado—Saturday. Hayward—Saturday.

The meetings will take steps to tighten the organization, and elect executive committees of the locals. Organizers will be sent to all fields where union locals have not yet been established.

10 A. F. OF L. UNIONS IN SALT LAKE MAY 1ST CONFERENCE

SALT LAKE CITY, April 25.—A very successful United Front Mooney Conference was held here in the Labor Temple on the 20th. Of 27 organizations participating, 10 were Trade Unions affiliated to the A. F. of L. The California delegation to the Chicago Mooney conference arrived just in time for the conference and was seated as fraternal delegates.

The conference unanimously endorsed the International May Day parade for the freedom of Mooney and Billings.

The attempt by the committee to get a May Day parade permit was openly disrupted by two leaders of the State and City Federation of Labor, M. I. Thompson and George Yeager, who appeared before the Board of City Commissioners. With deliberate lies they convinced the Commission that no Trade Union was authorized to participate in a May Day parade and that a Mooney parade "was only a Communist racket."

But the effort, though given wide publicity in the press, gained nothing. Next day the Butchers Union, the Barbers Union and the Carpenters Union swung behind the United Front, the Butchers joining and the others condemning Thompson and Yeagers, endorsing the United Front and voting a contribution. More local unions are expected to follow.

Local members of the Socialist Party are participating.

WAR NEWS!

HARBIN, May 1.—Japanese troops, used to slaughtering without serious resistance, disorganized and badly led Chinese forces, were surprised when they were caught today bombing tracks at the Soviet border and given a dose of Red Army fighting skill.

Ten thousand Japanese troops were withdrawn from the Northern Manchuria front for use against the First Workers Republic. While these were massing at the border, Japanese planes circled over the lines in Soviet territory. Following Red Army Commander Voroshilov's instructions, not to invade foreign territory no matter what the provocation but to defend Soviet territory to the last drop of blood, a squadron of Red Airfleet planes took the air against the Japanese. The Japanese withdrew after the first few minutes of fighting.

HARBIN, Manchuria, April 28.—The Chinese Eastern Railway is again being used as a means for provoking the Soviet Union, laying a basis for intervention. The Japanese consul general announced that "Japan will be obliged to fulfill her treaty and defend Manchukuo in case of Soviet intervention."

Starting with claims upon the Soviet owned locomotives, the puppet state is being used by Japan for laying claim to the railroad. Traffic has been actually suspended, as Manchukuo mercenary hands are causing wrecks.

"It is a direct lie when you talk of locomotives being held without authorization in the USSR," Comrade Kuznetsov, Soviet vice-chairman of the Chinese Eastern R. R., replied in a note to Li Shaokeng, chairman of the board and Japanese puppet. Shaokeng had declined removal of rolling stock to Soviet territory, which, as last year, is being used as provocation against the USSR.

TOKIO, May 1.—Japanese imperialism is clearly determined to war upon the USSR now. Her internal crisis is driving her to this. This is evident from today's arrests of thousands of May Day demonstrators here who have shown unexpected strength. The demonstrators carried slogans against the war. The size and militancy of the demonstrations are especially significant in view of the great terror that exists, especially the constant threat of using the decree giving death penalty to convicted Communists. Accompanying the arrests the government officials made pleas for support of the war.

ASSEMBLY AMENDS SYNDICALISM LAW, BUT FORCED TO RECONSIDER

State Repeal Committee Will Intensify Drive for 150,000 Names

SACRAMENTO, May 1.—On motion of State Assemblyman Chas. Stream of San Diego, the bill on the Syndicalism Law, as amended, introduced by Thomas Maloney and passed on Saturday night, it was decided to reconsider it.

The passage of the bill which eliminates the section used as a basis for making membership in the Communist Party and other workers organizations illegal, was evidently considered a mistake by the 'big bosses' of the State.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Although refusing to recommend passage of the Maloney Bill for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, the judiciary committee nevertheless decided to recommend an amendment to the bill, which would eliminate clause No. 4, section No. 2, of the law. The clause to be eliminated reads: "Organizes or assists in organizing, or is or knowingly becomes a member of any organization, society, group, or assemblage of persons organized or assembled to advocate or teach or aid or abet criminal syndicalism."

Benjamin Ellisberg, Chairman of the State Committee for the Repeal of the C. S. Law, received the following letter from Assemblyman Thomas Maloney, in answer to the demand that the entire law be repealed:

Your letter of the 24th received relative to the Criminal Syndicalism Law is received.

25 Salt Lake City Vets Go East

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 24.—A large and enthusiastic mass meeting of veterans and other workers here tonight gave a send-off to 25 ex-servicemen leaving for Washington. They were joined by two delegates from San Francisco, who reported sentiment between here and the coast is favorable to the fight of the vets against the compensation cuts.

S. F. VETERANS LEAVE ON MARCH TO WASHINGTON

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—During the past week 34 veterans have left the headquarters of the Veterans National Liaison Committee for Washington. Of the 237 registered, a great number are expected to leave May 2 and 3 on the Bonus March, to arrive at the capitol May 12.

Support of the fight against compensation cuts has been widespread among the vet organizations. Members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and former members of the B. E. F., being most strongly represented.

OAKLAND POLICE REFUSE DANCE PERMIT IF NEGROES ARE ADMITTED

City Council Refuses To Act On Discrimination Move; Unemployed Council Leads Struggle

OAKLAND, April 29.—Though Mayor Morcom admits there is no law to back up the move, Police Chief Drew has refused a permit for a dance to the Fifth Dist. Unemployed Club if they allowed Negro workers to be present.

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Typical of the Jim Crow methods employed is that of several thousands of election workers only one Negro was hired, and that many

FRISCO WORKERS DEFY RAIN IN MAY 1 PARADE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—Despite the downpour the San Francisco workers demonstrated, with a parade more than two blocks long, along Market street with a meeting at Civic Center, attended by 3000 workers.

The workers showed their determination to carry through the celebration by sticking it out in the rain and for a half hour cheered the speakers at the Civic Center.

As we go to press the Scottish Rite Auditorium is filled for the evening celebration.

LOS ANGELES, May 1.—The Red Squad savagely attacked the speakers at 5th and Towne streets, and at 43rd and Central streets, where thousands of workers demonstrated today. Two speakers were taken to the hospital while others were arrested. The capitalist press has started a wild hysteria against the Communists. Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate for Mayor, was arrested.

Hundreds of police were mobilized to put down the other five demonstrations scheduled to take place.

EAST BAY OAKLAND, May 1.—Two hundred workers carrying banners marched through the central streets in Berkeley, although there was a continual rain. A meeting was held at Comrades Hall.

In Oakland likewise 200 paraded in the rain. There is to be an evening demonstration.

As we go to press, reports reach us of May first demonstrations throughout the world indicating that the workers have made a greater display of force than ever before. Capitalist press reports state that more than 500 Japanese Communists were arrested. From the Soviet Union comes the report that at least one million swarmed the Moscow streets.

The Chicago police have resorted to provocative bombing, so as to have the excuse for raiding all Communist headquarters and banning the huge demonstration planned.

NEXT ISSUE Detail story and pictures of May first demonstrations. Los Angeles election results.

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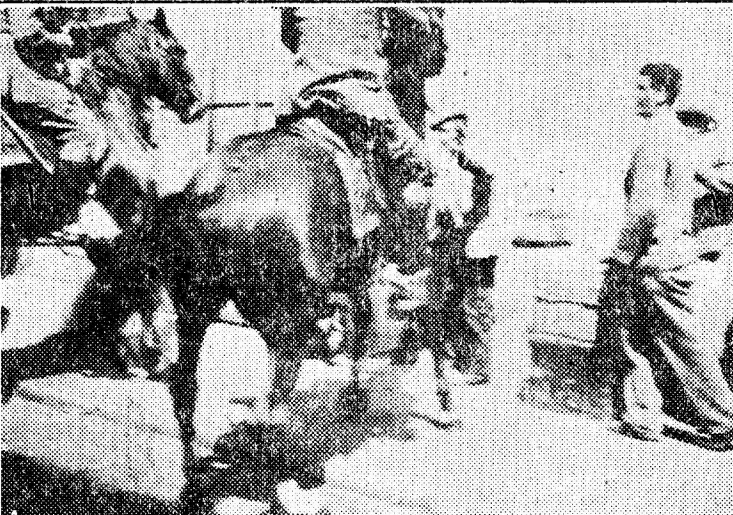
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Bulls Fail to Still Shout "Free Mooney!"



Upper photo, Mounted police club and arrest Manuel Simon as White, square before court room during Mooney hearing. Lower photo, Mounted police club and arrest Manuel Simon as White, square before court room during Mooney hearing.

MOONEY CALLS FOR BIGGER AND MORE MILITANT DEMONSTRATIONS

The following is Mooney's statement, telegraphed to the Chicago Free Mooney Congress, now taking place. Mooney refutes the lies of Walsh and others who stated that he is opposed to having demonstrations during the trial.

By TOM MOONEY

I send most fraternal greetings to Congress delegates. This Congress was called to organize the fight for my freedom and to link this fight for freedom of all class war prisoners, with every struggle of the workers for their own needs. In your hands I place my fate and not in the hands of the capitalist courts. The decision to postpone my trial on account of the demonstration in front of the court is a slick maneuver designed to destroy militant fight for my freedom as crystallized in your Congress today.

Fellow unionists, comrades and friends! Don't be fooled. The reason for postponement was intimidation from behind marble top desks from the bankers. They fear to expose in open court my frame-up for which they are responsible. They seek to prevent any trial, or if a trial is forced on them to make it a fake trial, so they can brand it as such and thus continue my imprisonment. But no capitalist judge has the courage to admit this. He puts this blame on the workers who demand my freedom.

LIFE SAVED BEFORE BY DEMONSTRATIONS

The murderers of Sacco and Vanzetti and some of their so-called friends tried also to shift blame on demonstrations of workers. The Alabama lynchers and their tools who pose as friends of the Scottsboro boys use the same argument. Can anyone doubt that only world-wide demonstrations could have saved their lives.

342 Red Votes In Richmond

RICHMOND, Calif., April 25.—The vote for the three Communist candidates for the City Council was, for Prater, 342; Moore, 322, and Violet Orr, 250. The total vote cast was 5,205.

MOONEY CONFERENCE CALLS FOR MORE DEMONSTRATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—The Tom Mooney United Front Conference gave wholehearted approval to the policy of continuing mass demonstrations for Mooney's freedom, and the demonstration held outside the court room on April 26. Mooney's statement read before the conference was received very enthusiastically.

Refuting the lies of the capitalist newspapers, who reported that the Mooney family disapproved of the demonstration, John Mooney, Tom's brother, made a stirring appeal for more and most militant mass struggles as the only way to get results.

A delegation was elected to go before Judge Ward and again request that arrangements be made for accommodations to large masses of workers when the trial opens on May 22, or at least to make arrangements for wires to a large hall so that workers can hear all the proceedings. The action of the workers for that day will depend upon Ward's decision.

BULLETIN As we go to press the report reaches us that the great Tom Mooney Congress at Chicago opened at Masonic Temple with 2000 delegates already present, representing many national and international organizations. A great mass meeting at the Chicago Stadium, at which 30,000 are expected, is part of the congress arrangements.

"News" Lie Nailed!

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MOONEY IN NEW PLEA TO SYMPATHIZERS

San Francisco News Repeats Anti-Demonstration Request as Police Plan for Second Trial

Drastic police measures were assured today to prevent demonstrators from breaking up a second trial for Tom Mooney, after Superior Judge Louis H. Ward on Wednesday postponed the case until May 22 because of disorder outside the Hall of Justice.

Mooney, through his attorneys, requested a second trial during the trial, while Police Chief W. J. Quinn ordered more rigid precautions against public outbursts on May 22.

"There will be no recurrence of demonstrations when the trial is opened again," declared Police Capt. Horace M. McGowan, who marshaled police forces to handle the crowds.

Hynes Red Squad Evicts Family; Workers Clubbed

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—75 led by Hynes of the Red Squad attacked forty eviction pickets on Nineteenth street at three o'clock this morning, knocking unconscious a woman, two men and clubbing others. The Relief Workers Protective Union mobilized four hundred workers to help evicted family, which was taken by a police truck to a small garage.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—After wavering a week, Judge Ward openly revealed that he is lined up with Tom Mooney's framers, by delaying the trial to May 22, on the flimsy pretext that the trial cannot go on with the large number of workers outside. He contended that the workers shouting, "Free Tom Mooney" would prejudice a jury.

All developments leading up to the trial indicated clearly that the judge was preparing to have the case dismissed. He refused to subpoena witnesses for the defense, refused to bring Mooney over into the court room, and had encouraged in every way the district attorney and O'Gara, assistant attorney at the time of the framing, to appeal the matter to a higher court. It was the presence of thousands outside the court room that (Continued on Page 3)

1400 HEAR RED CANDIDATES AT L. A. MEET

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—Fourteen hundred workers at the Trinity Auditorium heard the Communist candidates speak at the last great pre-election day rally on Saturday evening.

Legionnaires threatened to break up the meeting with stench bombs, despite the Superior Court injunction order restraining Hynes from breaking it up.

A workers vigilance floor committee guarded the meeting against the hoodlums. This is the first time in three years that a Communist meeting was held in the L. A. downtown section without being broken up.

The speakers, including Gallagher, Ross and Rothstein, were greeted by a tremendous ovation. Sam Ornitz was chairman.

ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS ORGANIZE UNION

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—For the first time the Alaska Cannery workers have formed a union to combat the slave conditions they have been made to suffer every year after signing their seasonal contract.

Tuesday, 40 of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union met and drew up demands which a delegation of fourteen took to the Alaska Packers Association, and to Meyers and Young, labor contractors.

The two main demands were for (1) complete freedom to all workers to buy goods as they choose, without forcing them or making compulsory such purchases, and (2) to set definitely in their copy of the seasonal contract for labor in Alaska the time to commence work and time to quit, making provision for all overtime work compensation, and this to be in understandable language, preferably in English.

These demands aim at the abuses of compelling the Mexican, Filipino and other workers to spend a large part of their seasonal wage in advance, when signing up, with contractors Meyers and Young, who run a clothing store at robbery prices, and at forcing them to sign a contract they can't read, wherein no provisions are stated as to hours and conditions of work, but a clause makes them forfeit all wages if they attempt to organize on the job.

A meeting is called for noon May 2, at 1529 Powell street, the headquarters, to hear the report of the delegation on what answer is given. In the meantime, three members of the delegation who had already agreed to go to Bristol Bay canneries on the S. S. Kvichak, leaving May 10, who were being kept at a boarding house on Pacific street, were thrown out by Meyers and Young.

Ramon Flores was elected president of the union and an Executive Committee of two Mexicans, two Chinese, two Filipino, and two white workers chosen.

Plans are being made for picketing the wharf where the men are to board the Kvichak in case the demands are refused.

FIGHT GRAFT AND DISCRIMINATION IN L. A. SCHOOLS

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Workers' children in public schools here are constantly burdened with new fees and charges by the politicians in charge.

In the grammar and high schools, children pay 50 cents to \$1.25 for towel service. Those who cannot are given demerits. Recently, students of several large high schools circulated petitions for free towel service for children of unemployed workers and lower fee for the other children. The administration side-tracked the delegations who presented these petitions, by claiming budgets are being cut by the school board.

In Los Angeles Junior College, the administration plans to charge \$25 per semester, making it impossible for thousands of workers' children to get a higher education.

NEGRO TEACHERS
There are many Negro students, but not one Negro instructor, although many are qualified to teach there. In the whole Los Angeles school district, there are only 23 Negro teachers; proportionately there should be about 250. They are not even put on the "tenure" list but are merely appointed by the school board at their discretion or through the help of some of the reformist politicians.

Thousands of children cannot attend school through lack of shoes. The school district and the City Council merely throw a few dollars to the Parent Teachers Association to take care of them. Hot lunches are not given hungry children of unemployed workers. In some schools, they charge five cents for a one-cent glass of milk. Lives of children have been endangered by graft constructed buildings which crumbled during the recent earthquake. Mayor Porter's "inspectors" declared buildings safe which were later condemned as traps when it was found their walls had moved several inches. Contractors reaped millions of taxpayers' money and built cheap, flimsy schools. Thousands of children would have been killed had the quake occurred earlier in the day. But the lives of hundreds of thousands of school children were not considered by the grafting politicians and cold blooded capitalists.

600 AT SEATTLE FILIPINO SALMON CANNERS MEETING

SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—The Filipino cannery workers here are trying to organize against the slavery conditions offered by the labor contractors for the salmon season. The miserable wage offered is \$110 for a five month season, of which the great part is eaten up with bills which must be run up before the time is over.

Last Tuesday at 110 Cherry street a tumultuous meeting of more than 600 workers drew up their demands. The main one was for a fixed wage of \$40 a month and up (plus found), depending on the kind of work.

A committee of 15 was elected to lay the demands before the contractors.

The first action was an attempt to stop the Filipinos who went aboard ship for the canneries on the 19th. A great number of workers went to the dock early in the morning and while they did not succeed in dissuading the entire group, they convinced nine to stay behind and join with them in the fight. On the next shipment we expect to do much better than that. We will fight to the limit.

ALASKA WORKERS FEEL CRISIS AS REST OF THE U. S.

Gold Production Increases But Number of Men Are Reduced

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April—Alaska is in the grip of the depression just as well as any of the states.

The largest industry is fishing, which produced in 1928 a pack valued at \$47,487,763. In 1931 it produced a pack worth but \$21,161,256. These are the bureau of fisheries figures.

The production of copper ore is practically abandoned, even at the Kenecott mine, which taps one of the richest copper deposits in the world. The gold output has increased 12% since 1927 but the number of workers in that line has not increased. This is due to the installation of a fleet of electrically driven dredges in the Fairbanks district. These dredges require only a few men to operate them.

The Alaska railroad has drastically reduced the number of its employees. Also the wages have been cut even as on the railroads in the states. The appropriation for the road commission was cut to a basis of barely maintaining such roads as were already completed.

The majority of the people in the interior of Alaska live by hunting and trapping. The price of raw furs has been lowered more than 60% since 1929.

The workers in this region are supporters of the idea of revolutionary socialism which does not mean the Socialist Party. Only a few are indifferent to the labor movement.

Yours for a United Soviet States of America!
—Worker Correspondent.

COUNTY HOSPITAL OF L. A. WORKS WITH PRISON GRAFTERS

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—George Churckick, an unemployed worker, was arrested for "vagrancy" in Pasadena several weeks ago and given 10 days in jail. Sick from tuberculosis, he had been advised by doctors to stay in California.

When taken to jail one of the cops put him at hard work. Unable to do it, the cop grabbed him and threw him on the floor. When he was revived, his body was badly wrenched and unable to move. He was taken to the County jail hospital in Los Angeles and when his ten days were up thrown out, though he still needed medical attention.

At the County hospital they refused to keep him, and sent him to the White Memorial Clinic for an X-ray. He had to pay his last few dollars for the X-ray, and then they would not tell him what sort of an injury it showed, as they are working hand in hand with the grafting County jail and hospital officials.

Vote for the Communist-endorsed candidates May 2. Only they will fight graft in the jails and hospitals and against police brutality.

85 Charity Workers Walk Off Job When Comrade Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Eighty-five charity workers walked off the job in Suro Forest yesterday in protest against the criminal lack of precaution taken for the safety of men there. Last week a worker had his leg smashed so badly that amputation is required, when a big timber jumped out of a chute and crashed through the wall of the mess hall. Yesterday, Newton Lowe, of 226 Hickory street, head of a family, was killed instantly when a heavy limb fell down upon him, splitting his skull. After topping trees, limbs are left hanging where they may while men work below felling them. The strong afternoon wind sent the limb hurtling down, killing Lowe and endangering others.

CHARITY WORKERS UNION FIGHT FOR SAFETY ON JOBS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Wednesday at a job in Suro Forest, known as Forest Crew No. 2, where many Fillmore jobless work for relief, a worker's leg was broken, due to the failure of accident prevention.

Sticks and timbers are sent hurtling down a trough on the hillside at a terrific velocity. Directly in line with this chute stands the mess shack, and on this occasion a speeding timber failed to make a sharp turn and crashed through the wall, smashing the leg of one of the workers inside. Two previous accidents of this sort have occurred, though luckily for the workers, no one was injured.

When a delegation from the Charity Workers Protective Union visited the job and took up the matter with the superintendent he admitted "something should be done" about the hazard, but wouldn't do it, referring the delegation to Wollenberg, director of relief.

Having had experience with this buckpassing and empty promises before, the delegation took the matter to the workers there who had come down from the hill for lunch.

The bull of the woods tried to run them off but the workers interfered, yanking him aside while the delegation spoke. When the bull of the woods commanded the men to quit the meeting and go into the shack they laughed derisively. So the bull phoned for more bulls and the police patrol car came up some time later, after the delegation had gone. Then he blustered and demanded the men turn in their tickets and go home so he could check up on them and fire some but the workers refused. In the face of their solidarity he had to back down.

—Charity Worker.

How To Get Relief

SALEM, Ore., April 26.—When Mrs. Burkhardt went alone to the Red Cross asking that her wood be delivered, because her husband was blinded with poison oak gotten doing road work for relief, she was refused. When she went with an Unemployed Council delegation, she got it!

Workers Describe Ford Hell Hole at Richmond

RICHMOND, Calif., April 30.—That Ford's modern efficiency was not merely confined to his new model was sharply brought home recently when after great ballyhoo on the re-opening of the plant here, the increased speed-up resulted in overstocking in a month. So, on orders from Detroit, 400 men were fired.

It was the "benevolent" Ford who was one of the ringleaders in hiring men only for the days and hours of the day when he had work for them. Many come to work and find there is nothing for them—or that they have been laid off indefinitely. Or they may be laid off until next day. Often they appear at their usual hour, 4 p. m., and are told to wait till 6. At 6 p. m. they are told their operation will not begin until 8. Though they must wait those four hours, they may then only work till midnight and get wages for four hours.

The maximum wage allowed is \$20 a week. A great many are employed so irregularly that they do not make enough to pay carfare out to the plant and back. The same is true of the drivers working for Greenway, who has the contract to drive Fords from the factory to various agencies throughout the state. One driver made only \$5.45 last week.

From Washington to Chicago—For Mooney



Handcuffed together, Val Kohler and "Happy" Peterson of the Bellingham, Wash., I. L. D. hitchhiked to Chicago Congress. They will be unchained at the Free Mooney Congress.

"EAT ROTTEN MEAT," JOBLESS TOLD

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 26.—Writing the State Agriculturalist at Salem for an inspection of the rotten mutton the Governor's Relief was doing out brought the following reply:

Dear Sir: . . . "I am sure the meat is not unwholesome and unhealthful as very frequently meat becomes slightly moldy but this is harmless. Many of the English people allow their meat to become soft and moldy before they eat it. They consider this a proper ripening, so to speak.

Very truly yours,
(Dr.) W. H. LYTLE,
Division Chief,
Department of Agriculture.

The inspector came down a day after the letter but "forgot" his stamps and testing implements. Consequently the inspection amounted to a few remarks to the county agriculture agent, Mr. Henderson.

We were not organized then so had to let the thing blow over, but the mutton was all disposed of a few weeks later.

50% of Yuma County Farms Foreclosed

YUMA, Ariz.—A farmer correspondent gives us some very interesting figures on the farm conditions in Yuma County at this time.

More than 50% of all farms here have been foreclosed or turned back to original owner and are now vacant. Another thirty-five or forty per cent are living on their farms at the good will of the mortgage holders. Only about 10% are making any headway in paying even the most elementary expenses.

The banks in Yuma County have been practically non-existent for the past year or so.

The United Farmers League has been organized here in Yuma County and protective measures are being worked out to aid the toiling farmers.

PAINTERS GYPED BY BARTER HEADS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—At the Somerton, a high class hotel on Geary street, recently a job of re-decorating on the new bar and other painting work which was worth more than \$400 was undertaken by the local Barter outfit.

Part of it was painting 20 rooms on a basis of \$7 a room. The men, who were contracted at \$7 a day a man, were given \$4 a day in script while the two "overhead men," Tackaberry and Kelly and one other, who are getting free rooms in the hotel, are the only ones who know what becomes of the money. The script is worthless as there is nothing in the Barter junkhouse that the men could use in any way at all.

Another job of the same sort where painters, a half dozen of them, have been gyped on a week's work is at Webster and Waller street. The overhead men, Krueger and Rice, contracted for \$169 worth of work but the men get \$4 worth of useless script every day.

Smith, secretary of A. F. of L. Painters Union 19, is doing nothing about it. And the State Labor Commissioner is solid with the fakers. He wouldn't lift a finger against this robbery. "It's up to the men themselves," says he.

Since the men have signed no contract they could take it into the small claims court. But they'll keep on being biked until they learn how to fight in an organized and militant manner.

Monterey Forms 2 Block Committees

MONTEREY, Calif., April 14.—A mass meeting of unemployed was held in the Seaside Church tonight at which several new members joined the Unemployed Council. The meeting endorsed the planned County Hunger March to be held in the near future for more relief and against being cut off and sent to seal in the vegetable fields. Recently two Neighborhood Committees of 20 and 17 each were formed in Seaside.

Speed Up Results in 400 Getting Fired; Not Paid While Waiting in Shop; Cheated Out of Gardens

Machinery of the plant is keyed up to the maximum speed that workers can be made to stand in their fight against starvation for their families. Every day big, husky men have to quit, while others breaks down and they are fired without receiving sick benefits or hospital care. If the chasis line is held up, if the pumps do not work, if belts and carriers fail to operate, the workers must not only do the maximum but make up for the defects of the machine. If the worker has to wait in line an hour for his tools, he must make up that time. Workers rush from task to task, for production must go on at mad-house speed, grinding out new millions for Ford.

Once a year an auditor is sent out from the East. He fires the bosses who are not driving the men fast enough, and as for the men themselves, well, it's just too bad. When the Long Beach plant was closed, Ford had to find jobs for his stool pigeons somewhere, so workers in Richmond were fired as being "too slow" to make room for

these rats.
Ford plants are kept spotlessly clean to impress visitors. But the men must spend their twenty minutes gulping their lunch on the dirty wooden loading platforms. There are no benches, no tables at which they may sit. Nor are there any towels in the toilets. After a hard and dirty day workers must wipe the water from their hands or face on toilet paper (which is forbidden) or on their shirttails.

ACCIDENTS
An increasing number of accidents occur, due to speed-up and deficiencies in the safety system, such as exposed conveyor gears, no shields on portable buffers and grinders, obsolete welding equipment, etc. Despite this a physician is available only two hours daily. And if a man is off more than five days from illness contracted while working in the plant, he is automatically fired, without compensation and without receiving medical attention.

A new Ford wrinkle is his plan for increasing sales of his fertilizer. The men are "urged" to do truck

L. A. PERFECTION BAKERIES GIVE 10% CUT BUT MORE WORK

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—Workers of the Perfection Bakeries received a 10% wage cut the first of this year. Shortly after this cut all the workers were given a sheet of paper with five blank spaces which were to be filled in with the names of five prospective customers. After working nine hours making the products, workers are told this isn't enough, now you must go out and find some customers to buy what you made. The bosses proclaim this scheme to be very successful. However, the workers are still receiving the same low wage.

After the recent earthquake business increased due to the company getting the business of bakeries that were wrecked. Several weeks after the quake, the bosses came to the workers soliciting for the American Red Cross relief fund. Workers were told they could give their donation now or have it taken out of their next pay check. It seems to me that the bosses who made the money taking advantage of someone else's misfortune as a result of the quake, should be the ones to contribute to the relief fund. Certainly the workers' made no profit as a result of the business increase.

Every year each worker has to donate 12% of one week's wages to the Community Chest.

The workers at present are forced to accept wage cuts and contribute to these different organizations because of lack of organization.

Production has increased, but how about the wages? The bosses promised a wage increase but have the workers received it? Workers, what are you going to do?
—Worker in the Perfection Bakeries.

Workers Kicked Out of L. A. Hospital They Built

LOS ANGELES, April 28.—At the L. A. County General Hospital, which cost \$16,000,000 of the workers' money, great numbers are turned away daily for lack of room. Those admitted are treated with neglect, and are sent away half-cured.

On April 13 Regina Bragan applied to have a tooth pulled. She had a fever of 102 and was in great pain. The operation would have taken only a couple of minutes but she was tortured with all sorts of unnecessary questions in department after department. After four hours of this she landed in the Social Service. Almost fainting with agony she offered to answer any questions after the tooth was pulled but refused to endure any more cross-examination. For this they sent her away, without any treatment whatever.

Water Fight Won

MONTEREY, Calif., Apr. 24.—The Unemployed Council having turned on the water in all cases of slutt-offs, the water company has backed down and is turning on water where previously they had turned it off.

Water Fight Won

garden. How this works out was shown in the cases last year when after being assigned a lot and paying to have it plowed and harrowed, and buying fertilizer, workers, and their wives put in spring and early summer hoeing and watering the garden. But when the time for harvest came the crop was gathered up under their noses and turned over to the Community Chest.

ORGANIZE!
The madness of the pace and abominable conditions have created great dissatisfaction. The Detroit strikes which won better conditions are regular subjects of conversation. We are like the inmates of an asylum where a visitor saw one guard watching 500 men working about the place.

"I should think," he remarked, "that they would get their heads together and overcome you."

"No," the guard answered, "that is why they are here."

In Ford's we are kept inside from the moment we come in until we knock off the job, running like mad men. But we are beginning to get our heads together and realizing we must organize into a militant union like the Auto Workers Union which is not afraid to fight for improvement of conditions for the workers.

—From 4 Ford Workers

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Heavy Fighting Along Chinese Wall

PEIPING, China, April 28.—The Chinese facing the Japanese along the wall are reported to have lost 2,000 dead and seven thousand wounded since the occupation of Jehol province. Today 600 Chinese were reported killed as a result of the Japanese drive towards Peiping. Fighting is reported becoming more intense with several towns having changed hands. On the eastern battle front the Chinese claim to have recaptured a forty-two mile stretch of railroad.

Citroen Workers On Strike

PARIS, April 23.—Sixteen thousand workers of the Citroen auto works have been out on strike for three weeks. They were originally locked out by the employers who wanted to impose a 10% cut amounting in practice to 21%, but immediately turned it into a strike. Although the workers in the Paris auto industry are poorly organized the movement was not spontaneous, as the revolutionary shop committees have for some time been leading departmental struggles.

The strike is conducted by a united front strike committee of seventy including members of the revolutionary and reformist unions, and unorganized workers.

The employers have already agreed to considerable concessions, and the workers are awaiting the new negotiations.

German Union Fakers To Aid Hitler

BERLIN, April 24.—The treachery of the Trade Union leaders in Germany offering cooperation to Hitler for the sake of "preserving" the trade unions, and for the return of the union property, has even led the reactionary Amsterdam International to decide for breaking off relations with the German Union.

Soviet Answer To Britain With Boycott

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 24.—In answer to the British embargo against Soviet imports, the Soviet government has issued an order prohibiting all its foreign trade organizations from purchasing British-made goods, or to engage in any shipping on vessels flying the British flag.

Soviet Boycott Hits British

LONDON, April 24.—After failing by threats to halt the Soviet trial of the six British spies, some of the influential papers are now beginning to consider the decision for an embargo as a "hasty step," realizing the answer of the Soviet Union with a boycott against England will have great damaging effect. This opinion has already been expressed in the "Economist" and "The Financial News."

The most bitter opponents to the Soviet Union, and those hailing the trade war, are such as have heavy investments in Canada, to which they want to divert British trade, especially for wood pulp. The desire on the part of the British Imperialists to keep Canada, fast shipping to the influence of the U. S., in the British empire, was a fundamental factor for the action taken.

The British Labor Party's joint council is lined up with the Imperialists requesting the Soviet Government to release the spies.

Fascists Falling Out

BERLIN, April 25.—The process of disintegration in the camp of the Fascists has now reached a point that it is expected that at any moment a cabinet shakeup will take place, resulting in the removal of Dr. Alfred Hugenberg and Baron Van Neurath of the Nationalists.

WORKER DESCRIBES SHACK AT MODESTO ROOSEVELTBURG

MODESTO, Calif., April 21.—We drive into the Cooperative Cannery Cabin camp ground to see how conditions of the people there are. After the rain, the place looks like a swamp; you have to look around first in order to pick out your course. The sewers are filled up. Filth is floating in the mud puddles. The fire wood is wet and very difficult to burn.

We step into one of the cabins. The first room is about 8 feet by 10 feet, in this room we see two beds and one trunk; the beds and bedding weren't fit for a human to sleep in. There was no room for chairs. The next room contains another bed. There are six in the family, four boys and a girl and the mother, who is sick.

The sick woman told us of their misery, lack of medical care, etc. As she talks we look around the room that serves as a living room, kitchen, bedroom and dining room, we see an old wood stove with a frying pan filled with potatoes and onions (their evening meal). We did not see a table.

We asked the mother how they were living, and she told us that one of her boys was working on the County road. He had come home as some one had stolen his mattress. There had been no effort to find this mattress and the boy was sleeping cold, and the tents used as shelter were old and leaking. The family hadn't enough bedding for themselves, but had to share what they did have with this son. Another son works cutting wood at the Relief Home; these two boys are the only support. Boys who should be in school, but who are working for their groceries.

This is only one of many such cases.

—Worker Correspondent.

Klamath Jobless Act!

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 18.—Because he refused to bale hay at 12 1/2¢ a ton, to work out a \$17 private debt, J. E. Crevels and family were cut off relief. The newly organized Unemployed Council marched 50 members down to the relief board and before they marched home again Crevels' family was put back on the relief list and got his rations that afternoon!

—From 4 Ford Workers

New Mexico Organizing

ROSEWELL, N. M., April 23.—Since the March 4th demonstration of 1000, Unemployed Councils and United Farmers League locals are springing up all over the Pecos and Hondo valleys. Organizers in the Rio Grande Valley and in the north part of the state report many enthusiastic meetings, and the forming of united fronts.



TODAY'S DEFINITION:

OPTIMISM

"Perhaps in a month this intense feeling will die down."—Judge Ward, postponing Mooney's trial.

Evidently he has never heard what happens when oil is tossed on a fire. And the oily excuses of a legal faker cause the same reaction.

"Mooney is in jail. It is immaterial to him, whether he is tried now or a month from now," Ward adds. But how material it is to the move for a dismissal which couldn't be put over till Walsh was lined up to help.

The Parent-Teachers Association gives financial support to the S. F. Symphony Concerts, adding "children should not be deprived of good music."

The music thousands of school kids would appreciate most is the sound of silver in daddy's pockets on the way to the grocery store.

But the well-filled bellies of the P-T. A. turn at the thought of any cash relief for the jobless.

Comrade X is worrying whether dollars will stabilize at 3.2.

The House Appropriations Committee is considering a budget item of a salary cut on Roosevelt. Every worker cheers the idea, but a long and diligent search failed to find one who would bet it goes through.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"There are no rich men left in the United States."—Chas. M. Schwab.

Pearls and perfume are prizes the UCRA barterites of S. F. offer at a card party they plan.

Can you stop an eviction by tossing Woolworth pearls to the landlord? Can you drink eau de cologne when the water is shut off?

In L. A. the UCRA's are learning block committees will do the trick.

The Cal. legislature brings up another one of those fine points they revel in making license plates unnecessary for trucks "engaged in legitimate barter transportation." A new committee must now be set up to decide who is illegitimate among these fakers.

In the Soviet Union competitive production figures of industry are read in the papers with wider interest than baseball scores are in the U. S. A.

HAVE CONFIDENCE!

Manila, P. I., April 28. The 60-year-old Sultan of Sulu was married to a 14-year-old girl Tuesday. The sultan previously had reduced his harem to two women because of economic conditions, but a spirit of optimism now prevails, a Davao newspaper reports.

The goldbraider recruiting for forestation camps praises "the fine middle class boys" who will help the unemployed by chopping down trees. Figure that one out!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. What indications are there of strong support to the Bonus march? A. Well, aside from the great numbers going, you might consider the sudden activity of the Legion Commander, and the stool Faulkrod to behead it with disruption and a rival march.

Single Workers Win Relief in Eureka

EUREKA, Calif., April 21.—As a result of a militant demand by seventeen single workers for two days' work a month, a special meeting of the Welfare Board was held yesterday at which they were granted one day's work (\$3.20) for this month and other relief in the future. Previously single laborers have been sent to labor camps, but these workers, under the lead of the Unemployed Council, which has already shown the Board what it can do, refused to go there.

Sekulich, Neri, Jackson Miners, Deported

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Stanley Sekulich and Ferdinand Neri, arrested in the Jackson mines last May when trying to organize the miners, sailed for Czechoslovakia and for Italy last week. Held on Angel Island by the Immigration Department since their arrest, they waived voluntary departure and returned to their native countries to continue actively in the class struggle there.

SOVIET RECOGNITION SIGNATURE DRIVE GROWING

An East Oakland barber, Comrade Bany, signed up 178 people out of 183 approached! Twenty-five Market Street Carmen signed up as soon as Comrade Meshchakov approached them! 38 Red Bluff workers and farmers signed Comrade Kemries petition.

The East Oakland local of the Friends of the Soviet Union leads in number of signatures per member, having upwards of a list to the credit of each. This group meets weekly to check up on its progress. Most of these names have been collected from house to house.

In the San Francisco Bay Region over 50 labor and fraternal organizations are participating in this campaign. In San Francisco six A. F. of L. locals are participating. Comrade Lancop of San Francisco has already turned in the 6th list completely filled, collecting along the street. One out of every four or five signed.

When Comrades Snyder and Klein spoke before the Mill Valley Carpenters local, 28 out of 30 signed the petition.

Of Oakland comrades who have been out on the street with tables in front of empty stores on the main streets, Comrade M. has collected over 600! Comrade Florence Tobey collected 25 in two hours last Saturday.

Comrades Woskoff and Joe Kahn filled six lists each. The signatures turned into both the San Francisco and Oakland headquarters totals but 4100 to date. This is entirely inadequate considering the duration of the campaign and the seriousness of the international situation with Japanese imperialism again threatening the peace between Soviet Russia and Japan.

Sympathizers and friends of the Soviet Union should write immediately to the campaign headquarters, Room 201, 1179 Market Street, S. F., and collect signatures. Signers need not be registered voters or even citizens. Oakland headquarters are at 1555 San Pablo Avenue, corner of 16th Street.

Help get one million signatures by July 4th and force Roosevelt to recognize the Workers and Farmers Government.

Mooney Trial

(Continued on Page 3) prevented the dismissal on the 26th.

Several days prior a committee representing the labor jury came before Judge Ward, requesting that the trial take place in the Civic Auditorium to enable the large number of workers to be present. Judge Ward denied this as well as the request for reserved seats for the labor jury. The court room could accommodate only 100 people—few more than the newspaper reporters, and the many involved in the frame-up crew, never failing to be present.

WORKERS COME EARLY

As early as eighty-thirty, workers began to pour into Portsmouth Square, opposite the Hall of Justice, and soon numbered thousands. The police would not permit a meeting to take place. A committee of five immediately went for a permit to the chief of police who was out, but left word that all meetings be broken up.

Comrade Tom Johnson of the Mooney Molders Defense, went outside and, mounting a platform, told the mass of workers that a permit for a meeting was refused. Immediately from all parts of the square came forth shouts, "Free Tom Mooney," "We want Mooney." This was the signal for the large number of mounted police, who rode into the crowd dispersing it to all corners of the square. For at least two hours the police kept chasing workers into various side streets, only to find them returning in ever greater numbers. In a number of cases workers were clubbed, and there were several arrests.

WON'T PROSECUTE

The prosecution stated that they will present the matter without evidence. The judge's rulings laying down the procedure for the trial was in complete harmony with the wishes of the prosecution. Evidence introduced in the previous trial will be barred. The judge stated that the trial will prevent the "preparing of legal loopholes," through which Mooney may be proven not guilty on the previous charges. That would prevent the bringing into court all the perjured witnesses that were used in the frame-up.

The judge again left a loophole to prevent a real trial by stating that if the district attorney can convince him Mooney is innocent he will grant the motion to acquit before Mooney is even allowed to take the stand. Walsh, chief attorney for Moo-

Mooney Statement

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Wide demonstrations have so far saved their lives; that Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered not because of demonstrations but because the demonstrations were not large enough, or powerful enough.

"The demonstrations of revolutionary Russia led by Lenin before the American Embassy in Petrograd in 1917, caused President Wilson to commute my death sentence to life imprisonment. The working class saved my life in 1917. Only the most militant and determined unified mass action can free me today.

I sincerely hope that no group or individuals at the Congress will attempt to utilize the cowardly subterfuge of the judge in postponing the trial date, on the pretext of working class demonstration, as an argument against militant working class activity.

BOSS DEMONSTRATION ALL RIGHT

At time of my first trial bankers, public utility interests, and chambers of commerce, staged the most prejudicial demonstrations against me. The court offered no objections. Now when workers demonstrate, the court suddenly discovers that demonstrations interfere with justice. It is very likely that were it not for these demonstrations the indictment would have been dismissed, and there would be no possibility of a trial. The organized power of capital fears to grant me a new trial, because of the great incentive this would be to the struggle of the workers against unemployment, wage cuts, starvation and fascism. The rulers of dying capitalism fully realize the significance of my freedom to the workers. Herein lies the fear and class prejudice that is barring the way to my freedom.

FIGHT LINKED WITH ALL STRUGGLES

There is just one power in the world that can secure my freedom. That is the organized power and might of the workers. So build your Congress. Organize branches and united front conferences in every hamlet, village, town, city, county and state in this union. Let my name be used as a rallying point for the exploited, the dispossessed and the disinherited. Let my fight for freedom be linked with every real demand of the workers. I am proud that the capitalist class selected me as a symbol in the worldwide struggle between capital and labor. I do not regret one minute of the 17 years of my life spent in prison on behalf of the workers. I am more than ever determined that my life shall be dedicated to the cause of the toilers regardless of race, creed, color or nationality. May this Congress assume the historical role of welding a real united front of labor. Our greatest enemy today is sectarianism. This must be overcome if real progress is to be made. I urge you to stand shoulder to shoulder and march irresistibly forward in the fight for my freedom for the Scottsboro boys for all political prisoners for the everyday needs of the workers for the defense of the Soviet Union and ultimately for a classless society in which the workers will be the masters of their own destiny.

Yours for proletarian solidarity through the united front of all working class organizations now today.

TOM MOONEY, 31921.

all the judge's rulings and as far as the demonstration is concerned, he even believed the "ring leaders should be brought before the judge for punishment." This despite Mooney's repeated call to workers to intensify mass pressure for his freedom. The Communist Party has issued a statement, denouncing Walsh's position as treacherous to the Mooney defense, also pointing out that it is the fight of the workers that forced a new trial and only the continuance of this mass struggle will prevent a dismissal and eventually force his freedom.

The Mooney Molders Defense Committee likewise issued a statement, pointing out that it was demonstrations that saved Mooney's life in 1917, and it was the continuance of these demonstrations that kept his case alive and forced the new trial! That Ward's reason for shifting the trial is really an attempt to shift the responsibility for the continued imprisonment on those who for 17 years have fought for Mooney's freedom.

Showing clearly that plans were prearranged, all the capitalist papers immediately came out in a chorus, with screaming headlines and editorials laying the postponement to the demonstration. The policy of mass demonstrations will be continued, to a greater degree than ever.

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STATEMENT ON MOONEY TRIAL ISSUED BY COMMUNIST PARTY

The militant demonstration of several thousand workers in front of Judge Ward's court last Wednesday prevented him from carrying out his obvious plan to kill Tom Mooney's opportunity for a new trial. It is a well known fact that the big corporations were and are feverishly mobilizing every ounce of support to prevent the trial. Judge Ward differed from the rich corporations only in tactics. He wanted to take away Mooney's opportunity to legally expose the frame-up evidence in a second trial by suggesting that the District Attorney move "to acquit" before any testimony was examined. The rich corporations did not want to risk any sort of a hearing. In the last few days Ward yielded even in this to his capitalist masters.

Although the trial was set for Wednesday, he postponed it until Thursday. He then called for a hearing "to discuss legal preliminaries" as to evidence. These "legal preliminaries" had been discussed and Ward had decided upon them fully eleven days before. In order to further assure the bosses of his intention to prevent Mooney's chances at a trial, he counter-manded his own order, which was already in the Warden's office, to bring Mooney into court Tuesday. Instead he decided that Mooney should not be brought until "necessary." When he came to court on Wednesday for his "legal preliminaries," he was all set to dismiss the case through one legal trick or another—but did not dare to do so because of the militancy of the workers who crowded the courtroom and Portsmouth Square. Instead he postponed the case "until no demonstrations for Mooney's freedom take place." With "no demonstrations" he can quietly dismiss the case. In fact Judge Ward has already urged the District Attorney to apply to Supreme Court for an order to stop the trial.

For 15 years this "quietness" surrounded the infamous frame-up of Tom Mooney. As a result no step forward was made to free Mooney. The S. F. News, Call-Bulletin, etc., were satisfied. They could pretend to be for Tom's freedom and yet have him behind the bars. In the last two and one-half years we have broken through this silence. The workers all over the world, just as the workers in Portsmouth Square, aggressively and heroically fought for Mooney's freedom. That's how we fought our way to the point where we had at least the legal promise of a hearing.

In Judge Ward's squirming to crawl out of the position he is in, he has found an ally in Frank P. Walsh, technically attorney for Mooney, but actually a capitalist—a member of the Tammany Hall corrupt capitalist political machine, and one of those responsible for fifteen years silence in the Mooney case. He also condemned the demonstrators. He also demanded "quietness" and even the arrest of the workers in Portsmouth Square. What reward did he expect from Roosevelt for his services in suppressing the militant fight for Mooney which is disturbing the present boss controlled administration in Washington?

As a matter of fact, thousands of workers gathered, stood by and attentively listened to a speaker who was reporting the proceedings in the court. Suddenly the police rushed in and broke up the gathering. The workers naturally protested, shouting "We want Mooney, free Tom Mooney." It was these protests—made after the attack by the police—which was used as a pretext by Ward. Who ordered the meeting broken up? Wasn't the provocation so convenient, and so co-ordinated with Judge Ward's action, as to be obviously planned?

The San Francisco capitalist papers, already before the time set for Wednesday's hearing, carried large scare headlines about all "reds" converging in thousands on San Francisco—they talked of "battle," "tough demonstrators" and other faked stories to provide the alibi for the Judge. They failed. And so they were forced to use the protest of the workers following the police attack, and even then only dared to postpone the case.

These papers are today covering the miserable lies with new falsehoods that Tom Mooney appealed against further demonstrations. This is not true. Tom Mooney called for the greatest demonstrations possible and warned us against provocations just like the one the police committed at the orders of the higher-ups. The Western Worker carried Tom's own appeal for huge demonstrations.

WE HAVE PREVENTED A DISMISSAL LAST WEDNESDAY. WE HAVE ONE MORE MONTH TO MOBILIZE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TO VOICE OUR DEMANDS TO FREE TOM MOONEY AND GET A NEW TRIAL!

DON'T BE DECEIVED BY WARD'S TRICKY MANEUVER! EVERY PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO BE IN THAT COURTROOM!

DEMAND A RE-EXAMINATION OF ALL EVIDENCE MAY 22! DEMAND MOONEY'S RIGHT TO BE IN COURT! INCREASED MASS STRUGGLE WILL FREE TOM MOONEY!

A CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES

A lone comrade, Mrs. E. Babin of San Francisco, has set for herself the prodigious task of defeating the entire city of Los Angeles in a Western Worker subscription drive. A formal challenge has been sent to L. A. and upon acceptance, rules of the contest will be as follows: Duration will be from May 1st to August 1st. New subscriptions, including the special 6-week offer and renewals will count. Results will be published in the Western Worker.

Los Angeles should welcome the challenge mentioned above as an opportunity to make up for a bad showing in the circulation drive just closing. Approximately 20% of a quota of 500 subs was realized. This week Los Angeles is THE ONLY CITY SHOWING A LOSS in Western Worker subscribers. In sharp contrast is the fact that San Pedro sent in 10 new subs, San

With the YOUNG WORKERS

Tour Prepares Towns For National Youth Day, May 29-30

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Answering requests of several towns, a tour is being arranged by the Youth Anti-War Conference in preparation for National Youth Day here May 29 and 30.

Lillian Dinkin and Bob Rapp will speak in 12 northern California towns. The schedule is for Eureka May 3, Chico May 5, Stockton May 6, Sacramento May 7, Modesto May 8, Fresno May 9, Kernman May 10, Monterey May 12, Watsonville May 13, and San Jose May 14.

Other meetings will be in Vacaville May 9, San Mateo May 9, Redwood City May 10, and Hayward May 10. Comrades Kutnick, Austin and Cunningham will speak.

The Northern California Anti-War Conference will be held in the afternoon of May 29 and a ball is being arranged for the evening. On the next day a sports meet will be held in the morning and anti-war demonstrations in the afternoon.

The Fillmore Conference, based on the issues of Anti-Fascism, Anti-Imperialist War, for freedom of the Scottsboro boys and for independence for the Philippines, will be held May 5, at the Methodist Church, 1667 Geary street, at 3:30 p. m. All youth clubs and organizations are urged to send delegates.

A city-wide track meet is being planned for May 14.

Eureka Schools Threaten to Expel Y. C. L. Members

EUREKA, Calif., April 14.—The Principal of the Eureka High School and Captain Rutledge of the police department are threatening students who belong to the Young Communists League with expulsion. One League member has already been brought before them, but he defied their threats.

The Principal is afraid the students are going to organize a fight for free lunches and free car fares for children of the unemployed. He also fears a school strike if he expels anyone for belonging to the Y. C. L.

San Jose Sports Club Going Strong

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 23.—Increasing crowds, which last week reached 200, are attending the free Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Matches held every Friday night at the Workers Center, 81 Post street, by the Workers' Sports Club.

The bouts are real snappy affairs and the sports movement here is growing. After something of a struggle we won from the School Board the right for our basketball to use the Woodrow Wilson School gym, with all its equipment.

Our baseball team walloped the Public Market nine recently, and are challenging any amateur nine in the Santa Clara Valley. Many of the members practice on the punching box, boxing or taking setting up exercises daily from 2 to 5 p. m. But we badly need a canvas for our ring. Anyone who can donate one, or will contribute to our fund for this canvas, please get in touch with 81 Post street.

Southern California Sports Union Started

LOS ANGELES, April 23.—Sol Fisher, organizer for the Labor Sports Union, has formed a Provisional Committee for the L. S. U. of Southern California.

The Jewish Workers Clubs was the first to receive its L. S. U. charter, and a few high schools of the National Students League have scheduled games in competition. Youth branches of the International Workers Order, which automatically holds a charter, have not responded to the call. Realizing the importance of the young workers in the class struggle, "A Workers Sports Club in Every Shop!" is the slogan here.

Hi-D Club Active

BERKELEY, April 23.—The Hi-D Club, Finnish Workers Youth group, has organized a shock brigade to strengthen their activities. The first thing they did was start a study class starting probably with the Communist Manifesto. Next was putting a table at University and San Pablo avenue for collecting signatures in the Soviet Union recognition drive.

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WHERE TO GO

DANCE, EAT, laugh and be gay with us! Saturday night, May 6, 8 p. m., 1223 Fillmore. Spanish, Negro, Japanese and other entertainers will feature the INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM. Hot plate dinner at 6 p. m., 20c. Adm. 25c. Ausp. Fillmore Unemployed Council.

DANCING, GOOD MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, FOOD. Young and Old. Get the cobwebs off your feet! Come to the Workers Hall, 1529 Powell St., Sat., May 6, 8 p. m. Adm. 25c. Unemployed Council Cards, 5.

FRESNO JOLLY TIME BARBECUE — At Kings River, Reedly Picnic Grounds, Sunday, May 7. Good dinner and program. Given by Friends of Soviet Union, Fresno Section. Trucks leaving for picnic at Fresno court house, 9 a. m.

LOS ANGELES PROLETARIAN CONCERT and entertainment, Sat., May 13, 8 p. m., Knights of Pythias Hall, 124 N. Townsend st., Belvedere. Excellent radio to be raffled off. Adm. 25c. Ausp. Goodyear Section, Communist Party.

Seattle Eviction

(Continued from Page 1) State troopers, city police and the State commander of the American Legion. Many of the workers were severely injured, but fighting in the house and on the street with barehands, rocks and baseball bats against the clubs and blackjacks they gave as good as they got. Negro and white workers fought together. Sheriff Bannick, hated for eviction activities including the recent Blonder eviction fight, was cut with a flying rock, and a dick named Sears got his jaw dislocated when he tried to arrest young Orlan Frandsen.

Frank Frandsen, formerly a worker for the Puget Sound Power and Light, has been unemployed a year. He had paid \$3700 into his home and offered to somehow dig up \$25 a month to continue payments and keep his family of five under a roof. But the real estate sharks wanted their \$50 a month, and when he fell behind got the eviction order so they could rob him of his home.

The International Labor Defense is defending the arrested workers. JOE'S SHOE REPAIR 1361 Fillmore St. Ladies' Soles and Heels, 75c ALL WORK GUARANTEED

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Syndicalism Law

(Continued from Page 1) ism Law. For your information last night the judiciary committee amended the bill eliminating clause 4, section 2, at my request.

I feel that this is a good move as we are getting something out of the bill anyhow, instead of seeing it killed.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter and with kindest regards I remain Sincerely yours, THOMAS MALONEY.

This step is regarded as part of the demagogic policy of the Assembly in an effort to stem the tremendous sentiment against the bill being especially stimulated by the signature campaign at present. The boss legislators hope to deceive many of those now supporting the anti-syndicalism campaign, on the basis that no organization is outlawed by the law. The fact is that of the hundreds that have been arrested, on the basis of the law, were charged with assemblage, speaking, writing or distributing literature to advance "criminal syndicalism" and criminal syndicalism was interpreted to mean any act that hurts the bosses, be it a strike, demonstration or campaign.

The State Committee for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law announces that the move being taken by the assembly is only an indication that there is tremendous mass pressure being exerted on the State legislators, and will not discourage the campaign for collecting the 150,000 signatures to place the question of complete repeal before the people.

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Editorial Column

NEXT STEP IN THE PEA FIELDS

Wages in the pea fields have gone up from 10 to 17 cents per hamper at the start of the strike to 17 to 20 cents per hamper in most of the fields, at present. Having accomplished that much the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union decided to call off the strike.

But the fight for higher wages is far from ended. The two demands that the strike was called for are 30 cents per hamper and hiring through the Union instead of contractors. In addition to the small wage gains the basis has been laid for a solid organization of all the workers that will be in a much better position to make the fight at the earliest opportunity.

That opportunity is coming very soon—in fact a much better opportunity than the one on which the workers struck last. In most parts of California, especially central and northern California, the main pea picking (the so-called second crop) will take place in May and June. This year in all the main counties there are larger crops to pick. The official survey for agriculture reports the last three comparative years of pea crops for April, May and June:

	1931 acres	1932 acres	1933 acres
Alameda and Santa Clara . . .	6,500	11,000	12,000
San Mateo	6,000	8,000	10,000
Monterey and Santa Cruz . . .	4,500	6,200	6,870

Thus in the coming two months a larger crop than ever before will have to be picked. If the workers go back on the job, and carry out the tasks assigned by the union, to organize all their fellow workers of all nationalities then the two main immediate objectives of the union will be won this season:

- 30 cents a hamper.
- Hiring through the union.

BEWARE OF NEW PROVOCATIONS!

The trial which uncovered a nest of British Imperialist spies, who as technicians in the electrical industry, were planning to cripple the Soviet power supply, again proves that the capitalist countries are ever scheming for intervention.

Sabotage work was dealt a deadly blow in the 1930 trial when a huge apparatus, financed by Russian White Guards and Imperialist countries, was uncovered. From the mouths of the saboteurs the world was told that their function was to stall the progress of the Five-Year Plan while preparations for invasion were made from the outside.

However, the Imperialists continue scheming to carry through their plans. Thanks to the vigilance of the glorious OGPU, so hated by the capitalist class throughout the world, they are being uncovered and ruthlessly rooted out. The conspirators sent spies among their technicians involved in the work contracted by British companies. The function of these spies, according to their own confessions, was to revive the old wrecking apparatus, bribe as many as possible, and prepare to disable the most vital electrical stations, at a decisive moment during intervention.

Such work is regarded as a crime in any capitalist country. But the British Imperialists were thrown into a fit of hysteria at the audacity of the workers government placing the agents of the greatest Imperialist power on trial. Threats and the breaking off of trade relations did not intimidate the proletarian dictatorship. The trial went through. The Soviet Power will not allow any Imperialist power to deal with it as it were a colony.

USED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN U. S.

Of great significance to us in the United States is the manner in which the capitalist press utilized the occasion for publicizing the reports of the British war makers. The occasion was used by all opposed to recognition as further "proof" that relations with the Soviet Union are not possible. Great Britain, preparing a war against the Soviet Union, is anxious to block such additional strength as would come to it from U. S. recognition.

In the forefront of this reaction against the Soviet Union are the Greens and the Wolls of the A. F. of L. The San Francisco "Clarion" in its last issue features most prominently the speech of Green before the American Legion, which was a vicious attack against the Soviet Union. This reactionary again fishes out the old fable that "highly paid" American labor will have to compete with Soviet "forced" labor. And this at a time when actually millions are working for their groceries.

Thomas of the Socialist Party joins the chorus, in the last issue of the "Leader," and deplores that although the case against the spies is clear, "it will tend to strengthen the opinion in Russia that the use of the G. P. U. is necessary." Thomas would like to see the defender of the Soviet Power, the G. P. U., liquidated so that the Monks would work unhindered.

The new attempts on the part of Japanese Imperialism to provoke the Soviet Union into a war are by no means disconnected from the plans of the British Imperialists. Now as never before is it necessary to rally to the support of the Soviet Union.

The rank and file of the Socialist Party, of the A. F. of L. and all other workers should join behind the campaign of the Friends of the Soviet Union, for one million recognition signatures by July 4th.

Defend the Soviet Union!

EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS IS GOAL IN SCHOOL DRIVE

Taking the lead in the drive to collect \$800 for the coming California district school, Oakland section has set up a School Finance Committee. Reports from other sections and units as to plans for their quotas are coming in very slowly. To date, Unit 9 of San Francisco is the only unit to report a definite plan.

The month of May must see real intense efforts to raise the amount necessary, so that the school will start promptly on June 12th.

Quotas by sections:

San Francisco	\$100.00
Los Angeles	\$100.00
East Bay	\$ 25.00
All others, each	\$ 10.00

STUDENT QUALIFICATION

Over 75% of the students who will attend the school will be chosen from the concentration points of Transport, especially Marine Transport, and Agriculture. The school committee reports that directives have been sent out as to the necessary qualification of students. They must have been in the Party at least four months; under 35 years of age; of working class origin and preferably native born and have shown ability for leadership in mass work.

All working class organizations and sympathizers are urged to give active support to the school by raising funds for at least one student. The recent strike of the pea pickers and the movement to Free Tom Mooney have made clear the urgent need for skilled forces capable of leading these mass struggles. The purpose of the school will be to provide the Party sections with a corps of fresh, well trained functionaries.

"You Quiet Them and We'll Try Again To Dismiss Next Month"



"FREE TOM MOONEY"

By ORRICK JOHNS

Portsmouth Square slopes toward Kearny street, making a natural amphitheatre, facing the Hall of Justice, the stage. It was the stage of the first trial of Tom Mooney seventeen years ago. Once more the stage is set to try Mooney.

Great mass meetings of workers, tremendous demonstrations, weeks and months of organized effort, the building up of powerful united fronts have made known the determination of the working class that Tom Mooney shall come into court and expose the reeking perjury and frame-up that has cost him the best half of his life. Fearing the strength of this movement a judge has granted the trial.

The workers are coming to see their demands are carried out. By eight-thirty the lower slopes of the "amphitheatre" are filled. The sidewalks lined. Farther up more workers crowd into place. They are coming by the thousands.

Inside the hall there is breathless excitement, panic. Khaki suited officers fly about giving orders. Bluecoats line the corridors. Machine guns hide behind windows. The capitalist "news" writers joke loudly with their natural allies, the police. Suddenly there is a rush to the big entrance, a crowding on the stairways. The workers' delegation, refused a permit to speak, is walking rapidly back across the street. They merge in the mass of comrades.

A speaker rises among them. He reports briefly. Then begin the shouts, "Free Tom Mooney." Now the square reverberates with the shouting. The sound roars through the halls and chambers of the building. The lackeys of the law are alarmed. This is something new. The masses are taking part in the trial of a worker. These corrupt holes, these chambers of filthy bargaining, are hearing the rude shouts of workers fighting for a worker.

The cossacks get busy. Mounted bulls spur toward the crowd, leap up the stone coping, charge on children and women. The demonstration breaks up slowly, faced with insurmountable odds. The workers separate, then form again, shouting, "Free Tom Mooney!" They gather in the street on the other side of the square, still shouting slogans.

The courtroom inside is packed. The labor jury, refused reserved seats, has come early and forced its way in. The judge suddenly appears.

As the court rises, the judge hurriedly gives orders to shut the windows, pull down the shades toward the square. In that act he symbolizes the cleavage between this courtroom and the demonstration outside. The thick wall of the Hall of Justice is the wall between the classes. A conflict is about to take place in the court, a conflict between lawyers, but this is a trifle. The real conflict is between this legal system and the working class outside—between the pretense of justice within, and the demand for the abolition of all capitalist "justice."

He addresses himself solely to Walsh, to the lawyer who has come from the East. He lays down the conditions under which he will permit the trial. And Walsh accepts them. No evidence of the frame-up or perjury. Walsh accepts it. Nothing to refer to what has happened since. Walsh accepts it. No "loop-hole" to Tom's release on the charges which now imprison him. Walsh accepts it.

Workers in the courtroom can hardly contain themselves. They are wondering, where is the fight? They look to Leo Gallagher, the associate counsel. Gallagher, tense, is whispering constantly to Walsh.

Walsh shakes his head in the negative. At last Walsh makes an objection.

"Your honor has stated that he did not order the defendant in court today, because we would only discuss legal matters. But, your honor, even on these legal matters we must consult with the defendant."

The trial, forced by the tireless efforts of the workers, is about to be sold. The oiled machinery of the plot proceeds. The judge calls attention to the shouts still coming in the windows.

"To tell the truth," he says, "I was going to order the defendant into court today until I saw this demonstration." This is a contradiction of his own previous statement, but he is in a tight place and what's the difference. "They even yelled in my ears, 'Free Tom Mooney,'" he continues. "They would certainly do the same to a jury. This trial cannot go on."

"Your honor," says Frank P. Walsh, "I deplore this demonstration as much as you do yourself. This demonstration is in contempt of the peace and dignity of this court. Those people out there are not friends of Tom Mooney. Their ringleaders should be brought to court and punished."

This is the real bombshell of the day. Tom Mooney's attorney attacks the workers' loyalty to Tom Mooney! The celebrated counsel called to defend a class war prisoner serves the ruling class. Both the court and Walsh want to split the Mooney forces, encourage the disrupters, separate Tom Mooney from the militant struggle. In a few minutes the papers are out: "Communists prevent new trial for Mooney." That is what this scene was planned to accomplish, what Ward and Walsh and the corporation bosses wanted.

The workers will answer them. They will answer with bigger and stronger demonstrations.

Cultural Federation To Be Formed

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—A call for formation of a Workers Cultural Federation on June 1 is being issued by the Workers School of this city. The Federation will be composed of all workers cultural groups, including choruses, dramatic groups, art clubs and language cultural organizations.

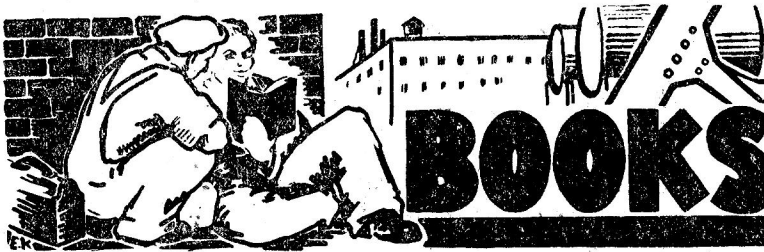
While each club retains its own identity and autonomy, through the Federation they will gain the co-operation of other organizations with similar aims, and a broader, more effective contribution to the revolutionary movement will be achieved for all groups.

San Francisco will be central headquarters for the Federation, but all cultural groups of northern California are urged to join.

Editor Tells Truth For First Time

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—Says Paul Kelly, editor of the Portland Oregonian, when talking to his friends and not for publication: "Here I am, editor of a Republican newspaper, forced to support the Democratic administration because we realize that UNLESS ROOSEVELT HAS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT, WE MEN IN OUR POSITION WILL FIND THE WORKERS DESTROYING US! WE KNOW THAT UNLESS WE KEEP THE PUBLIC FOOLED BY THE ROOSEVELT PROGRAM, AND SUPPORT IT, OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED, AND THE WORKERS WILL BE AROUSED TO THE POINT OF ACTION."

Mexican workers on the salmon



FORCED LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES.

"It is well recognized that much of the work in the industries in the Southwest—projects in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, the Imperial Valley in southern California, big ranches, railroad construction, irrigation jobs—has been done by Mexican workers slaving under peonage. Thousands of Mexican forced laborers toil in the beet fields of Colorado, Kansas and other states."

Thus Walter Wilson opens his discussion of peonage among Mexicans in his book, FORCED LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES, just published by International Publishers. The volume was prepared under the direction of Labor Research Association.

The book shows how the U. S. government obligingly cooperated with employers, through the Rainey Amendment to the Emergency Immigration Bill, to permit the importation of Mexican workers under conditions of actual slavery. The workers were held on the job on which they were imported to work, and no matter how intolerable the conditions were they could not leave it. Long after the war-time emergency had passed the workers were still being held.

canning fleets of the Pacific Northwest are forced to sign a contract which holds them practically in slavery. Even the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries admitted after investigation that when a laborer signed a contract and entered a canning factory it was virtually impossible for him to escape.

Instead of opposing these conditions, the American Federation of Labor, Wilson points out, has supported such peonage bills as the one introduced in Texas to hold Mexican and Negro workers in the State.

In contrast, the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, affiliated with the Trade Union Unity League, is organizing the Mexican workers in the Imperial Valley and in the Colorado beet fields and has already led notable strikes, which are included in this volume.

One chapter gives a Marxian analysis of the whole question of forced labor under capitalism. An attractive board-bound edition sells for \$1.00. It may be obtained from the Workers' Bookshop in your center or from International Publishers, 381 Fourth avenue, New York City.

—GRACE HUTCHINS.

This forestation racket brings up the question: How many world wars are there between 18 and 25?

International Events and Western Workers

Hitler Terror Hastens End of German Capitalism; Social-Democrat Leaders Refuse United Front Struggle; Members Joining With Communists

(Continued from Last Week)

Social-democracy crushed the proletarian revolution in 1918 in Germany. Social-democracy lured the masses with stories of the victory of socialism by democratic means, without any sacrifices, without any deprivations. Social-democracy has led to fascism.

This means the second historic downfall of social-democracy, the downfall of its mass influence, the beginning of a new exit from social-democracy on the part of broad working class masses.

As a result of the dissatisfaction expressed by the working masses concerning the social-democratic policy, and their demand for a joint struggle with the Communists, the Bureau of the Second International, in order to increase its influence, has issued an appeal to the workers of the world, in which it writes:

"We call upon the German workers and the workers of all lands, in view of the tragic danger facing them, to cease all mutual attacks and begin to fight against fascism. The Socialist Labor International is always ready to enter into negotiations with the Communist International on the question of united struggle as soon as the latter expresses its readiness to do so."

Communists are not in principle opposed to agreements with other parties concerning joint activities. But in this they are following the example of Engels who, in 1883, in a letter to H. Triers, wrote that he was enough of a revolutionary, when circumstances required it, to reject just the same measure.

The Communists follow the example of the Bolsheviks and Lenin, who during the Kornilov uprising invited the Menshevik and socialist revolutionaries to enter into a militant agreement for joint struggle against Kornilov, changed the form of their struggle against Kerensky for the time being, and reinforced the agitation for what might be called the "partial demands" put forward to Kerensky: for the arrest of Milukov, for arming the Petrograd workers, for calling faithful troops into Petrograd, etc. The Communist International did not believe in the sincerity of the Second International Bureau's proposal, and could not believe in it, because of all their past behavior. Nevertheless, in the critical days it did not refuse the proposal.

COMMUNISTS OFFER UNITED FRONT

In its appeal to the workers of all countries, the Executive Committee of the Communist International declared that in the event of an immediate advance towards true, joint struggle against fascism and the capitalist advance, it recommends the Communist parties to accept the proposal of the Second International Bureau for "a cessation of mutual hostilities," but only during the joint struggle against the bourgeoisie and on condition that against everyone who violates the conditions of agreement in the work of operating the united front, the most relentless struggle should be carried on, as against strike

breakers undermining the united front of the working class. The Second International, therefore, now has an opportunity of proving in practice that its proposal was sincere, that it is really intending to take the road of struggle to last.

But social-democracy fears the true united front of the workers more than the plague, for this united front can only be a front of revolutionary struggle. As for German social-democracy, it has already proved that while offering a proposal to the Communists, in the pages of "Vorwarts", to conclude a pact of non-aggression, it was urged by one motive that the Communists should forget its past sins and cease criticising it in the present and that it should be free as before to betray the working class. Even on 20th of July last year, after the dissolution of the social-democratic government in Prussia by Von Papen, the German Communist Party made the proposal to the German social-democratic party and the all-German federation of trade unions, to organize a joint strike against fascism. In reply they qualified the Communist proposal to organize a joint strike as provocation, and thereupon turned it down. When Hitler came to power, the German Communist Party renewed its proposal and was again refused. Now, when the reign of terror has begun, and when the ink had scarce dried on the "Vorwarts" with its article by Stampfer on the need for concluding a "pact of non-aggression" between the social-democrats and the Communists, the leader of the German social-democratic party, Wels, hurriedly quarantines himself from the Communists as from the plague, and, crawling on his belly before the fascists, writes a letter to the "Most Respected Vice-Chancellor" Papen to the effect that social-democracy has nothing in common with the Communists, that there exists no united front between them, and that "the exemplary discipline of the social-democratic party in these days" should convince Papen that there is no need to close down the social-democratic press.

The terror of the Hitler-Hugenburg-Papen fascist government against the working class has considerably hastened the trend of history, but not in the direction desired by these gentlemen. In the days and nights of the present reign of fascist terror, millions of social-democratic workers are thinking heavy thoughts and forming new conclusions: they see that the fascists are aiming blows not only at the Communists, but at them as well, and that at the same

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Funds Go To Victims Of Hitler Fascism

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The proceeds of the Anti-Fascist terror meeting held here on April 24 left a balance of \$43.60 which, as decided by the meeting, will go to the Workers International Relief, with headquarters at Amsterdam, and will go defending the victims of Hitler terror.

time Mr. Noske is given a pension he asked for and Mr. Wels licks the boots of the hangmen. The social-democratic working class masses are rapidly drawing the practical conclusions and turning their backs upon their treacherous leaders; they are extending a hand of fraternity to the Communists, who alone are honestly leading the fight for their emancipation and for the emancipation of the whole working class to its final conclusion. And the Communist Party and millions of proletarians who follow in its train are passing through a rapid militant training under the blows of fascist terror. In this party and in the minds of these millions of workers who vote for the Communists, there remain to this day not a few legalist survivals, habits and illusions. Now, when the Hitler dictatorship is driving the Communist Party underground and terrorizing the Communist workers, its countless exemplary cadres rapidly increase and learn to combine illegal work with preparations for open mass revolutionary action. Never before have the words of Lenin in Two Worlds written in 1910 been so applicable to Germany:

"The irony of history has brought the ruling classes of Germany, which in the second half of the nineteenth century created the strongest state and reinforced conditions for the most rapid capitalist progress and the most stable constitutional legality, to a position where this legality, their legality, has to be smashed, must be smashed in the name of bourgeois domination. . . . The time is now approaching when this fifty years of German history must, by force of objective reasons, give place to another period. The epoch during which the legality created by the bourgeoisie was utilized is giving place to an epoch of mighty revolutionary battles, and these battles will actually mean the destruction of all bourgeois legality, of the whole of the bourgeois order; and in form it should begin (and is beginning) with panicky efforts on the part of the bourgeoisie to get rid of the legality which it created itself and which has become insufferable. The socialist proletariat will not for a moment forget that they are faced with inevitable revolutionary mass struggle, which will break down all and every form of legality belonging to the bourgeoisie which is doomed to die. . . . This is the meaning of the peculiar pre-revolutionary situation in Germany today."

German fascism has begun a devastating advance against Marxism and Communism. But Marxism and Communism are living and will live and they now reply to Hitler and to the whole of bourgeois society, groaning in the throes of crisis and seizing the last means to save itself, in the following words of the Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels:

"Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution."

Then Let's Have United Action!

We have received the following letter from Robert J. Pearsall, chairman of the Socialist Local of Alameda County:

Editor, Western Worker: However unintentional, the mistaken impression created by your headline, "Oakland Socialist Party Mass Meeting Endorses United Front," in your April 24 issue, should be corrected.

"United Action" is of course desired by every intelligent worker, but the words "United Front" denote at the present time certain specific proposals, which are under consideration by the Socialist Party, National and International, and had the Communist resolution mentioned the "United Front" or concerned itself with those proposals, my action as chairman of the meeting, and the action of the other Socialists present, would of necessity have been different. Nevertheless, I remain

Yours for the Revolution,
ROBERT J. PEARSALL,
Chairman, Socialist Local, Alameda County.

The resolution referred to was adopted at a mass meeting under the auspices of the Socialist Party, held in Oakland on April 11, and included the following 6 points: Against the Roosevelt hunger program, for unemployment insurance, for workers rights and re-

lease of political prisoners, against Fascist terror, struggle against war, for recognition and defense of the Soviet Union. Anyone who will refer to the complete resolution published in the April 24th issue, and compare it to the proposals for a United Front, made by the Communist International and the Communist Party of the U. S. (both appeared in the Daily Worker), will immediately see that they are essentially the same. The resolution is likewise in line with the proposal made by the Trade Union Unity League, that the Continental Congress, so far confined to the Socialist Party supporters, be broadened to include the Communist Party and the organizations it leads.

What, in fact, would happen if the Continental Congress would be all inclusive? It would constitute a United Front of labor. The organizations within that United Front would not give up their identity, or principles, but would put their entire forces behind the issues agreed upon.

The trouble is that the Socialist Party leadership has trained its members to regard the expression "United Front" as denoting some kind of a Communist maneuver within which there must be Communist control. Western Worker readers need hardly be told that this is a distortion, aimed at pre-

venting united action in the ranks of the workers, and it is time that all sincere members in the Socialist Party realized this.

From Pearsall's letter it is evident that while the Alameda County Socialist Party has gone ahead of other locals, the expression "United Front" seems to still be objectionable. There is a fundamental agreement, and certainly there is no need to quibble if the name be "United Front" or "United Action," as Pearsall would have it. If the Socialist Party locals in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and everywhere else took the position of the Oakland local there, in all probability, would be united action. That is providing this is meant seriously. We certainly do not overlook the fact that a motion for supporting the workers ticket was rejected by an 8 to 5 vote in the County Committee of the S. P. (All other candidates were of capitalist parties). Likewise the communication for joining in a May Day demonstration was not even brought before the committee.

Finally we want to express our surprise at receiving a letter from a Socialist Party member, ending with "Yours for the Revolution." It is indeed a rare case. It is either an old-timer who paid no attention to all events since 1914 or one that is simply an S. P. member by mistake.

—G. M.