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Price Five Cents

Ranks of Arizona Melon 30 ORGANIZATIONS Pickers Solid; Modesto Apricot Workers Strike | Parade, Mass Meeting to

Arizona Growers Offer Increases Seeing That Workers Defv Terror

5th, at 8 p. m.

the convention August 6.

MODESTO DISTRICT

APRICOT WORKERS

County Pays 75 Cents

Per Day

MODESTO, Calif., July 14.-

The strike was called by the Agri-

vesterday at noon, spreading from

he Hughson district where it be-

Demands are (1) for 30c an

hour for all field work; equal

pay for women; and an 8-hour

day. (2) No contract work; all

hiring to be done through the

union; and (3) No discrimina-

tion because of race, color or

Pay has been 15c an hour

and 41/2c to 7c per 50-lb. box

for picking and 7c per 50-lb.

The dissatisfaction against the

that many pickers were compelled

to sleep on the ground, lack of

At a meeting July 10 in the

Hughson district the pickers voted

to strike next day. A meeting was

called in Courthouse Park that day,

where 32 more joined the A. W.

other meeting elected secretary and

rganizer, and drew up demands.

Press and police have combined

to fight the strikers, trying to work

up a "red scare." But the strikers

are holding firm. Police raids on

the Rooseveltburgs have been

made, trying to force the unem-

ployed there to go scab or get out

strike. The El Soyo ranch there,

and board.

Patterson workers will have a meeting tonight to discuss the

participation in strike.

box for cutting.

STRIKE FOR 30° HR.

A. W. I. U. LEADS 1100 Mass Meeting For SALT RIVER VALLEY **STRIKERS**

Ten Arrested in Terror Wave, High Bail Set

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 12. - On strike nearly two weeks, the ranks of the more than 1100 melon pickers here and throughout Salt River Valley are holding solid, despite terrorism used against the pickets and the arresting of ten leaders.

Before the strike, the melon pickers received 10c an hour, or 7c a crate. Since the strike the pay has been raised to 20c to 35c per hour. Pay varying on different conditions of crops in the fields. The strikers are demanding 50c an hour, straight Largest Ranch in Stanislaus through, for all fields, and the prospects of a complete victory are excellent.

One hundred and twenty extra deputies have been mobilized to Striking against the miserable break the strike, but in vain. Many | wages naid for nicking and cutting strikers have been arrested, in an apricots, many ranches and farms attempt to intimidate the workers, in this area have come out solidly. but their release has been won by the International Labor Defense. cultural Workers Industrial Union Attorney Lynch has been particularly active in defense.

Jack Berolla, arrested when en- gan.. tering Library Park to speak at a protest meeting of 300 workers; Henry Sumid, member of the Central Rank and File Committee. arrested at night in bed; Ralph Duncan, arrested with the picket line in front of the R. F. C. offices protesting their scabherding attempt of cutting off relief; Mrs. Sadie Sumid, arrested on the picket line at the Dawson Ranch near Alhambra, and two others, are being held on \$1000 bail each. Motion for release on "habeas corpus" was de- low pay was increased by the fact nied. Hearing has been set for Friday, July 14.

Others arrested at the Library toilet facilities, etc. Park protest meeting were Estorgio Luna, Alejandra Rosero, Ray Wilson and Samuel Lopez. They, too, are held on \$1000 bail.

Deputies are being paid \$6 a day, and one instance is reported where I. U. Next day, Wednesday, ansix of them guarded nine scabs making 60c a day, costing the taxpayers \$36.

1000 HOLLYWOOD STUDIO WORKERS ON STRIKE

Walk Out At Columbia the largest in Stanislaus County, is an anti-war meeting here Aug. 1st Studios, Expected To Spread To Others

LOS ANGELES, July 13. - One thousand motion picture workers went out on strike this week at the Columbia Studios, picture producers, who had refused to accede to the demands of some 400 sound men for a wage-increase and better working conditions. The 600 additional workers, composed of camera men, stage hands and other technicians, walked out in sympathy with them.

The walkout ties up the production of a number of pictures already started, and virtually closes all activity in the studio. Columbia which there are many, and has re- employed Council, demanding refused to date to sign the general lief. union agreement now in operation with most of the other studios. Other studios who have not signed this same agreement are United Artists, Hal Roach and Metropolitan. Plans are now being laid for walkouts in these studios, unless the agreement is signed. It would involve an additional 2500 workers.

Sound-men have been particularly the objects of boss-attack, chiefly because they were the last union to be organized, while the others have been able to force their demands after years of organization.

SLAVE CONDITIONS

JOIN S. F. ANTI-WAR **CONFERERNCE**

Mark Aug. 1 Demonstration

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 .-Representation at the second antiwar conference in San Francisco held Sunday afternoon grew to 30 TUUL Delegates organizations. Further plans were made to make a thorough mobiliza-SAN FRANCISCO, July 18. - A tion on August 1st for a huge antimass meeting to greet the delewar demonstration. There will be a gates to the California Convention parade up Market street, and from of the Trade Union Unity League various districts in the city. These will be held at Equality Hall, 141 will unite to make a protest meet-Albion street, on Saturday, August ing at the Civic Center Green. In the evening there will be a mass Reports indicate large represenmeeting at the California Hall, ations from workers in many inwhich will be addressed by promlustries, particularly from the aginent speakers. ricultural fields, will be present at

The anti-war conference head uarters is at 1179 Market street and organizations desiring to join should make arrangements.

Aug. 1st Issue! Next Week! Order Extras!

The next issue of the Western Worker will be mainly devoted to the struggle against war and for huge mobilizations for August 1st. Make sure you have an ample supply. Send your orders in to reach us no later than Monday morning.

Oakland Council Denies Permit For August 1st Parade

OAKLAND, July 17 A committee representating the Anti-War United Front the Committee for a struggle against Fascism, and the Youth Anti-War Committee appeared before the Oakland City Council for a permit to parade against war on August 1st, but the ermit was denied.

Workers organizations are asked to protest this action to the city authorities and on Thursday a protest delegation will again appear before the City Council, to which workers are asked to be

OAKLAND, July 15 .- The East Bay Anti-War Conference vesterday endorsed the plans of the Pro visional Committee for a big antiwar demonstration and mass meeting Aug. 1st. Forty-two delegates from branches of 15 workers organizations and three churches, and unofficial representatives from the Electrical Workers Union and the Socialist Party, as well as more

Yuma Aug. 1 Meet

than 50 visitors were present.

YUMA, Ariz., July 12.—Plans for paying its pickers only 75c a day are being made by the Unemployed

1500 JAM UTAH STATE CAPITOL DEMAND FOOD INSTEAD OF BEER

Legislature Called To Repeal Prohibition Reminded Nothing Done For Jobless

12.—When the special session of ers from the stairs leading to the the Utah State Legislature called legislative halls. to take up prohibition repeal met. it was greeted by a demonstration is one of the notorious slave-driv- of 1500 workers from all over the the food administrator has his ofing studios here in Hollywood, of state, under the auspices of the Un-fice. A committee sent to see him ing with an officer, or third degree

> The statement presented by the workers pointed out that the last ported very enthusiastically the legislature did nothing for the unemployed. It is not liquor that the workers are interested in but in lators at first refused to hear the workers, and threatened to call the militia to eject them from the interior of the state capitol, but the workers stood their ground for ing on the green, and arranged matthree hours, and finally forced a ters as comfortably as possible for

During the entire period, the canitol corridors rang with the cheers (Continued on Page 3, Col 8) and songs of the workers. At least when the sale is to come off.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July ten speakers addressed the work-

From the capitol building the mass of workers made their way to the City-County Building, where was turned down on the ground that there is no more money, During the meetings the workers supcall for a fight against the "New

Deal' starvation program. During the time that the meeting was in progress at the capitol a workers family was evicted onto the took all the furniture, and brought it in front of the City-County Buildcommittee being elected which was the family to stay there. The sheriff's threat to sell the workers belongings was answered by the and Prosecutor Lenihan with pro- new charge himself, that of "tres- drowned in the enthusiasm among ced by 12:00 noon and a commitworkers that they will be there

S. F. Charities Want More Forced Labor

July 6, 1933.

Under the direction of the Relief Administration, we are writing to let you know that effective as of this date, the able-bodied men receiving relief for themselves and their families will be asked to work one week in three,

We ask your cooperation in a rule that is made in order to protect the relief fund from being used by those who are earning enough through odd jobs to provide for themselves.

Only by requiring those unemployed to report once in three weeks instead of once in four weeks can the relief fund be properly protected.

CITIZENS' AGENCY FOR SOCIAL WELFARE

This notice sent to 18,000 working for grocery boxes shows how Roose velt's "New Deal" is beginning to hit the San Francisco jobless.

CHARITY WORKERS UNION FIGHTS INCREASE IN WORK FOR RELIEF

Calls Mass Meeting on July 30, Want to Chase Many Off Relief Rolls

relief, the stale food being given system worked in other cities. workers, as disclosed recently in

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Fol- ing the "recovery" agitation as a lewing the announcement that re- means for extending the work, so lief workers henceforth will have as to cut the greatest number off up for a hearing on Wednesday. It to work for their arocery boxes one relief rolls. Together with this week out of three instead of one came the announcement that all un- to 421/2 cents per hour. The hours week out of four, as at present, the employed should register at the city are set from 40 to 48 per week. Charity Workers Protective Union Registration Bureau if they expect and Unemployed Councils have to get work on the government procalled a mass meeting to take place jects. In this manner it is planned at Carpenter's Hall, 112 Valencia to follow a discrimination system in giving the few jobs that may be At the mass meeting a decision available. Those who have not lived will be made for action to fight the in San Francisco long enough, Nemove. A large committee was algroes, Mexicans, or foreign born ready sent to the charity office, to will be discriminated against, acprotest the increase of labor for cording to the way the registration

That the move made by the San the open hearing on relief, and gas Francisco Charities is part of the and light shut-offs. The removal of nation-wide "new deal" to the un-Wollenberg is demanded, and that employed, is evident, as on the the city scale be paid for all work. same week, one million New York The Associated Charities are us- jobless were cut off relief.

IS THE CRISIS ENDING?

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Local papers have been carrying headlines: "9000 Return to Work, 21,000 Will Return by Monday." The Charities in many cases refuse relief, saying that jobs can be had at this time. This lie is nailed in their own admissions by a poster on display in the Department of Charities, Room 1209 of the Law Bldg., 137 N. Broadway, which reads: WEEK ENDING JUNE 24-

WEEK ENDING JONE 24-	
Family cases111,137	
Total cases handled444,549	
WEEK ENDING JULY 1-	
	Increase
Family cases113,066	1,929
Total cases handled452,262	7,713
WEEK ENDING JULY 8-	

115.818 2.752 Total cases handled ...463,271 11,009 At the bottom of this report is a notice, "Please be Patient." This report includes only the ones who have been able so far to force relief from the charities.

Likewise, we must take into consideration the thousands of Mexican workers being deported, which keeps the figure down.

EVICTION FIGHTERS APPEAL CONVICTION IN SEATTLE TRIAL EUREKA, Calif., July 11. - Al-

Move New Trial On 11 Convicted, Dismissal For 2 Disagreed On; One Acquitted

Family cases

ballots, the jury finally turned in a on the charges against two others.

Ten of the workers were convicted of gross misdemeanors, interferassault, which carries a sentence tional work and a loss in the noma County court house on Friof one year and \$1000 fine.

The whole three weeks of trial bore evidence of frame-up. Especially foul was the case of Bill Kominski, who though he didn't touch an officer at the eviction fight, and was himself struck down by a sheriff's club, was convicted of 2nd degree assault, with a sentence of two to ten years in the penitentiary.

those convicted and dropping of his determination for a conviction. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3) to the conference hall.

Eureka Fishermen Tie Up Two Days, Win Price Raise

northern fleet, they have been successful in raising the fish prices.

On July 1st the majority of the SEATTLE, Wash., July 12.-Af. stayed tied up, and as a result won ter 95 hours deliberation and 100 from the companies the rates of &c and &c per pound for round fish verdict of "guilty" on eleven of the and 7c and 6c for cleaned fish, case. One of the defendants was for round and 5½c for cleaned. The acquitted, and the jury disagreed demand that the companies have men to clean the fish on the pickup boats at Trinidad was granted.

Till now the fishermen had to clean their own fish, making addi- farmers and workers, at the Soweight.

The fishermen are determined to tempt to foreclose the farm of the maintain these prices throughout 70-year-old James L. Case.

jury disagreed.

International Labor Defense has into court for renewed instructions called reasons given by the judge and other needs of the farmers. called on workers to flood the court and while so doing, brought in a for halting the foreclosure were

Starvation Wage in Steel, Lumber, Cannery Codes Bosses Preparing Company Unions As in Columbia Steel and Bethlehem Shipbuilding in Effort to Prevent Real Unions

Workers Called to Fight

Rank and File Groups in Plants Will Resist Efforts; Will Elect Own Representatives

"Recovery Act"-For

Whom?

CODES IN LUMBER AND STEEL MEAN **BIG CUT IN WAGES**

Steel Code Provides For Company Unions in Plants

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.— The code for the lumber industry is already submitted, and will be provides for a wage of from 221/2 This means that the wages will vary from about \$9 to \$17 per week of 40 hours and from \$10.80 to \$20.40 for a 48-hour week.

The National Lumber Workers Union, with headquarters in Seattle, is calling upon the workers to starvation wage scale.

25c to 40c in Steel

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15 .-The steel minimum wage proposed was set at from 25 to 40 cents per those hired or rehired will get the up for presentation to the legisla- paring to force the workers to ac-

The wage set for the steel workers in the San Francisco district is 37 cents per hour.

The right of collective bargaining, provided for in the "Recovery' Act, is gotten around by the pro- be presented to him. posal that in each company "repre sentatives" be elected by the work- Strike Leaders ers to deal with the employers. This is a blanket endorsement to the company unions now being organized everywhere, to prevent the organization of real unions.

Prepare Company Union

SAN FRANCISCO — Weeks before the proposed steel code was submitted to the government, the set at \$1000 cash or \$2000 property, Columbia Steel Co. at Pittsburgh, ployees a book of rules governing spite flimsy prosecution testimony the company union that is hastily being organized, so the employees got everything that happened on be "represented" in the management of the company's plants. This hough the fishermen here did not hasty move is to forestall action take active part in the strike of the for a real union by the workers. Through the company union agents, (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Unity League. They can be had for \$1.50 per thousand, C. O. D. How many can your organization distribute? Order at 3470 19th St., S. F. **OREGON MARCHERS**

DEMANDS AUG. 15 Hunger Marchers From All Over State To Conference

In Salem August 14

TO PRESENT RELIEF

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17.-Fol lowing up the militant fight of the employed Council from the Governor a special session of the legisin a state-wide Hunger March will

A huge mass meeting will be hour, and the work week to be 40 held Sunday evening, August 13, the code. The Cannery and Agrihours. It is likewise proposed that when the caravans and footmarchthose getting above the minimum ers arrive. August 14 the United is calling upon the workers to rewage now get a 15% increase, Front State Unemployed Confer- sist the code proposals, and will which means that there will be ence will take place, and the pro- lead strikes for higher wages. wholesale firing of workers and gram and demands will be drawn The cannery bosses already preture. On August 15 the demands cept the code have been publicizing will be presented with a mass backing of the Hunger Marchers and burn down canneries, to justify the unemployed of Salem.

If the governor refuses to call the legislature, the demands will

Face Frame-Up In Superior Court

and Mike Marvos, cherry strikers arrested on June 15th by police imported to smash the picket lines, have been bound over to Superior Court for trial on charges of "resisting an officer." Bail has been by two deputy sheriffs who "for-June 16 except that they were attacked."

Original charges of disturbing the peace are tentatively set for trial on July 13 in Judge Clarke's court, Santa Clara.

fleet tied up and demanded more for their fish. For two days they DELAYS FORECLOSURE FOR A WEEK

tion For Main Fight Next Friday

SANTA ROSA, Calif., July 15.-The presence of more than 2000 day at 10:00 a. m., stopped the at-

For a number of weeks the fore-

United Farmers League Calls

MERCED, Calif., July 18.—A call has been issued by the United the trial. closure was threatened, by the Farmers League to all California charges against those on whom the Analy Savings Bank Co. of Sebasto-locals and farmers organizations pol. Large mass meetings took for a state conference to take place During the period when the jury place at the farm culminating in in Merced, on July 30. This meet- vestigation by the National Comwas out, Trial Judge Douglas, who the huge demonstration when the ing will set up a provisional comwas the man who issued the evic- sale was scheduled to take place. mittee to conduct a state-wide cam- Prisoners proved the miserable jail tion order for contesting which of At the zero hour, Judge Comstock paign towards a large Farm Con-conditions were aggravating her Motion for a new trial will be workers were attacked and arrest- issued an injunction staying the ference, based on the struggle for argued Tuesday, July 18, and the ed, April 26, brought the jury back foreclosure to next Friday. The so- farm relief, against foreclosures, All delegates are to be in Mertests demanding a new trial for pass," showing again to the jury the farmers throughout the county, tee at the depot will escort them ternational Labor Defense, 1179

CANNERY WORKERS' WAGES SET AT 27 This is the title of the large leaflet issued by the Trade Union CENTS IN CODE

Cannery and Agricultural Union to Fight Proposal.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—That the recent minimum wage scale of 27½ cents per hour set by the Industrial Welfare Commission was laying a basis for wage codes in the canning industry, has become established, when fifty-five of the largest peach canning companies in the state met and proposed in their code the same wage scale to apply to both men and women. At that rate if forty hours is set as the working week, the worker would receive \$11 per week. No recommendations are made for wages of unemployed who recently picketed any higher paid workers, it having organize and fight against this the Salem court house for a week been "explained" that the wages of demanding relief, the Salem Un- higher paid employees would "automatically adjust themselves."

This means that the minimum lature for Aug. 14, when delegates rate set will actually mean the maximum, and since most get only are doomed to starve, according to cultural Workers Industrial Union

> stories of alleged "red plots" to maintenance of armed thugs until the canning season is over.

TUCKER, ARRESTED SAN JOSE STRIKER, IS FREED AT TRIAL

SAN JOSE, July 12.—Pat Calihan Unable To Get Unbiased Jury in Day and A Half

SUNNYVALE, Calif., July 12.-Ernest Tucker, arrested cherry strike leader, was dismissed today, when after a day and a half spent in trying to pick a jury the box and face a sentence of from 1 to 5 only had six who were not prej-Calif., already submitted to the em- years. They were bound over de- udiced against workers organizing into the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, Judge Roberts ordered the dropping of charges against Comrade Tucker. Geo. Anderson, I. L. D. attorney, defended

The court room was crowded ooth days and hundreds of other workers waited outside for reports on the trial.

The victory proved to the Sunnyvale workers the strength of deense provided by the International abor Defense. Previously the oriest Frahea had tricked six Spansh workers into pleading for them on the claim that the I. L. D. could workers in the Francisco eviction Previously the pay was 5c straight United Farmers League Calls For Mobiliza- not save them. When they agreed the defendants was for round and 51/4 for closed. The he plead "Guilty," and they were given six months suspended sentences, making them liable to arest again any time within that period.

Fifteen more of the twenty-seven neld in jail will come to trial in Conference Santa Clara July 17. Several are defending themselves. Workers are urged to again pack the court at

One striker, Dorothy Gracia, was eleased from the San Jose jail on her own recognizance after an inmittee For Defense of Political illness. Four remain confined because of the exorbitant bail of \$500 cash or \$1000 property, each. Badly needed funds for prison comfort should be sent through the In-Market street, San Francisco.

I.L.A. Misleaders Appoint Officials for S.F. Longshoremen Foreign news Briefs

WORKERS IGNORED FOR FEAR THEY WOULD ELECT HONEST OFFICIALS

"Waterfront Worker" Exposing Bureaucratic Trick, Read by Many Hundreds Of Workers

DESTRUCTION ONE-

Refund—if Any—Will Go

To Bankers; Roosevelt

To Profit

YUMA, Ariz., July 15.—The pres

ident of the Farm Bureau, Mr.

Pickett and his Executive Commit-

as to whether he shall pay or not.

Roosevelt, who admits he is

large cotton grower, has stated that

insure large profits on that which

This deliberate destruction be

5c a pound, and that they want to

Czar Wallace wants to be sure

000 provided to pay for the cotton

destroyed will come from the tax-

Start At Somerton,

Yuma and Gadsden

SOMERTON, Ariz., July 14.—The

can, Filipino, Negro and white

Yuma and Gadsden

-FRANK HAINES.

lions of workers being ragged.

plantations, of course.

the rich), if-

August 1.

the funds.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14. - A "News Letter" was circulated on FARM BUREAU URGES the San Francisco waterfront, announcing that a charter for a S. F. local of the International Longshoremen's Association was granted, and a set of officers were appointed.

The officers named were:

President and Business Manager, Lee Holman; Secretary-Treasurer, C. W. Koenen: Organizer, Albin Kulberg; Assistant Organizer, K. Dahlstrom: Delegates, W. J. Hasset, H. H. Daugherty, J. G. White.

The appointment of the officers from the top came as a thunderbolt to most of the workers on the waterfront, as one of the main inducements for joining the I. L. A. was the promise of a rank and file controlled union, contrasted to the company Blue Book organization. To answer this the officials promise that there will be a secret bal let to approve those appointed. Immediately after the "News Letter" appeared: the "Waterfront Work er," issued by militant longshoremen, came out and was literally grabbed out of the hands of the sellers, many paying nickels and dimes for the little penny paper. The longshoremen felt some thing was wrong and wanted to find out the facts. .

The following is in part from the "Waterfront Worker:"

To the surprise of everyone we find out that a complete slate of officers has been installed without a meeting of the men, without the men voting on it or even being consulted on it. This in spite of the fact that a meeting has been promised us daily for two weeks. We also find that there is also an executive board. Who elected it?"

Have we no say in these things? This letter further states that "Communications have been forwarded to waterfront employers requesting a conference for the pur pose of considering proper wages and conditions of work." The "News Letter" speaks of a secret ballot! We must remember that was what was demanded by the ship owners from the Red Book in the 1919 strike. They did no demand that for our good. Experience has shown that the secret bal lot can easily be fooled with.

Men elected by the stevedores themselves must handle these matters. This slate of officials, this executive board is not the doing of the men who signed for the I L. A. They are self elected. We have time and again pointed out the sell-outs put over by the high officials of the I. L. A. in other ports when the men allowed a few officials to take their union away from them and run it to suit themselves. (New Orleans strike sellout: acceptance of two wage cuts in Tacoma without an attempt at a comeback. President Ryan importing scabs to break the spirit of the Boston stevedores in 1931)."

On Friday morning, while West, organizer of the Proletarian Party and one of the tools for the I. L. A. was speaking, the "Waterfront Worker" was brought, and the men rushed for it. West tried hard to mating that the paper supports the Blue Book Union.

The "Waterfront Worker" fur ther proposes that the workers call for an immediate union meeting. That the meeting elect a chairman by popular vote, that the workers elect their own officials, and these be stevedores well known to the men on the docks. That a large executive board be elected which will include representatives from all docks.

Charities Join To Starve Mother of Mooney Runner 1929.

LOS ANGELES, July 13. - The mother of Ben Boots, young worker ard) which is becoming accentunow serving six months in Lincoln Heights jail for running around the a sign, "Free Tom Mooney," is being denied relief by the charities 1895 and 1900. 17 million unem-Then the charities wrote to Chicago, with the result that she was 1932, according to statistics of Denotified that inasmuch as she had partment of Agriculture report. been away from Chicago for more than a year she couldn't get any powers for markets, fields of exrelief there.

WORKERS IN "HAPPY CAMP" REFUSE TO DO ARMY DRILL

Humboldt Co. CCC Camps Hidden Away, But Not In Forest Land

Eureka, Calif., July 14.-Most of he Roosevelt camps in this county are situated in the remotest parts of the mountains, so that the work ers are kept away from contact with other workers, and any pos-THIRD COTTON CROP sible organizers.

The camps are supposed to be for re-forestation work but all of them in this locality are in places where very little timber of any size could possibly grow. They are mostly in rocks and scrub. '

The workers have government clothes resembling army uniforms. The food in one camp was im proved when the workers protested farmers and getting some of them in a body against the rotten grub to sign up to cut down 33% of given them.

all their cotton, for which they are In one place, situated at Happy to receive from \$7 to \$20 per acre Camp, a crew of carpenters had (\$7 to the poor farmers and \$20 to been sent out from the County Welfare Dept. to help build the camp. And the "if" is that should One day the captain ordered them enough join up for the destruction to line up for a drill. Immediately program, then it is at the option of 28 of them stepped out of line and refused to drill. They said they had Secretary of Agriculture Wallace come there to work, not to be sol-His decision is to be rendered diers. So there was no more drill. After this happened six of the leaders were sent to another camp to try to split them up. However, the workers will continue to fight the purpose of destroying part of the crop is to keep prices up and against military training.

is sold-which will be by the big **CHOWCHILLA FARMERS** cause the bosses warehouses are cause the bosses warehouses are full of cotton for which they paid DESTROY SOURRELS sell, is criminal in the face of mil-

the banks don't lose. The \$100,000,- Farm Bureau Attempt To Reduce Crop Beaten

payers, and will go to the bankers. MADERA, Calif., July 13.—The The money, if ever paid, will go to Farm Bureau, which has been unthe mortgage holder and financiers, successful in their attempts to get while the farmers will continue to cotton farmers to plow under evwork to pay the original sum and ery third row of cotton, has done interest to the Wall street firms nothing about the rapidly increasthat hold the bonds, sold to raise ing squirrels. As a result more than \$30,000 damage has been done to the crops in the last three weeks. What they could not persuade the farmers to do, the Farm Bureau Unemployed Councils was letting the squirrels accomplish for them.

But the United Farmers League organized a committee for squirrel eradication. Headed by Farmer Drennen, the committee of twentyfive came here and demanded boasts of the business men here enough poison for the entire Chowthat there were no "radical" work- chilla district. Faced with this deers in this valley are getting a jolt termined committee, the superviswith the formation of an Unem- ors granted the demand. The comployed Council here. At last Satur- mittee is distributing the two tons Mr. Tharp, a member of the Welday's street meeting they attempt- of poison through area captains, fare Committee, said they were ed to stop the speakers, but did not and the farmers gather and collecsucceed. A large crowd of Mexi- tively poison all the squirrels in their area.

workers heard Comrades Miller and Haines on the need for greater or | these "little Morgans," said one of | mass committee of 150 arrived they ganization in the fight for relief. the men, "we should stir up a good found Mr. Tharp already there. He Other Councils are being formed in batch of poison and go after the had come by car to warn the Wel- was up for delinquent mortgage some of these things.

NOTICE: TO COMMUNISTS IN AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

We know that many of you have to travel from field to field -following crops in order to get jobs. This makes it very difficult for you to keep your party dues in good standing. While you are undoubtedly doing good Communist work where you happen to be, still when your unit hears nothing from you for a long time you are dropped from the rolls.

YOU SHOULD AT LEAST KEEP IN GOOD STANDING. You can do it in the following manner: Send your dues by mail to your unit secretary. Together with your dues, write a report on what you are doing. If you can't write English, write in your own language. It will be translated. If you do not know the unit secretary's address, keep in touch with the following sections:

81 Post street. San Jose. 429 J street, Sacramento. 214 So. California street, Stockton. P. O. Box 454, Monterey, Calif. Room 410, 224 So. Spring street, Los Angeles. 2381/2 E. Washington, Phoenix, Ariz. 645 22nd street, Oakland,

Or direct to District Headquarters. 37 Grove St., S. F. (When writing, do not sign your name on the letter, but give the number of the membership book and the town and number of the unit of which you are a member).

200 STOP N. M. EVICTION, WHILE "SOCIALIST" WORKS WITH POLICE

Determination of Workers Forces Release Of Unemployed Council Organizers

Two hundred workers and farmers | Council organizers did the talking. of the Unemployed Council and the Farm Holiday Association united pay a month's rent in a new place, action to have her reinstated. to prevent the eviction of Mr. and but the landlady was forced to Mrs. Cunningham. The notice to grant 48 hours to find a place and vacate was served the night of July permit the family to retain the furs, stating the family must leave niture. ext morning, their belongings foreited for back rent. Mrs. Cunningham is an invalid

n a wheel chair. Her married daughter, an expectant mother, under doctor's orders not to leave the bed, lives with her. Both sick wo men reached the verge of collapse when they learned that they were to be turned on to the streets to die. Mrs. Cunningham inquired of the constable if he was going to explained that she was unable to ly nodded his head indicating that

he intended to take it. Next morning 200 workers as sembled at the house. When Martha Roberts, organizer for the U C, attacked the constable for the thome. C. Tharp, convenor for the "Socialist Continental Congress in this state, took the platform. He lurged the workers to pity the constable. He asked them to contribute their pennies to pay the rent. They protested they were as poor as the Cunninghams, and that the Welfare Board should be forced to pay.

without money. "Let them find it.," replied the workers. They demand ed Tharp lead a mass committee "Now that we are killing off all to march on the board. When the

CLOVIS, New Mex., July 11.- | him aside and the Unemployed Not only did the "poor" Welfare

> Leaving the Welfare office, Bob and Martha Roberts were arrested. The police chief took them to his office and closed the door. In a moment a woman's voice was heard outside, "C'mon-let's go," the door flew open, upsetting the policeman white when 150 determined faces peered in at him. He turned to the U. C. organizers and said, "Our

ers and farmers entirely victorious. hour for lunch. despicable role he played in throw- | Workers later said Mr. Tharp, the | of the chief's office . . . perhaps to console him. -M. ROBERTS.

Colorado Farmers Stop Foreclosure

JULESBURG, Colo., July 8.—One the court house here and prevented County Treasurer Gyger from holding a foreclosure sale on land of Reeves Loveland of Sedgewick, The farmers served notice that they would be back to stop future foreclosure sales. Loveland's property could force an improvement fare officials. The workers pushed debts to a Nebraska trust company.

amounting to less than carfare. When a big catch is brought in they must work straight throughday and night-until it is finished. On Sunday, June 18, 180 tons of una was brought in. Work started at 2 p. m. and kept going until 4:15 Monday morning. The workers could not stand it and walked out

But there was no organization or

leadership. So when a few of the older women went back, the others followed. One woman worker was fired when a stool told the boss she had caused the walkout. The rest, not being organized, took no -Cannery Worker.

PEDRO CANNERY

STRIKE SHOWS NEED

Workers Without Union Quit

And Are Defeated

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 11.-

The need for organization was

shown again in the recent spon-

taneous strike at the French Sar-

dine Cannery at Terminal Island,

In this cannery men get 35c an

the majority—only get 25c. The

speed-up is terrific. To get the 25c

a woman must pack 12 cases of

There are no regular hours of

work. The workers are called when

a catch comes in. Even if it is only

an hour's work, the canners have

to come and hang around for hours

until they are called, the work

48 cans each in one hour.

OF ORGANIZATION

SIX-HOUR DAY DON'T MEAN 6 HRS: LABOR, CAN MAKER WRITES

on duty. The chief's face went Speedup So Bad Workers Can't Leave Machines

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.-More people were satisfied until you than 200 men and women workers attach her high chair as well and came here." . . . "Satisfied ? . . . at the Pacific Can Co. work in mislike hell" . . . a voice in the crowd erable conditions. The speed-up is sit at the table without it. He calm- answered him, "on 75c a week re- so terrific that no one can leave his machine for a minute during The workers took the organiz- working hours, even for a drink of ers by the arm and led them from water or to go to the "rest rooms." the office. The police chief walked This keeps up for an eleven and off completely defeated, the work- twelve hour day, with only a half

The wages are 30c an hour for ing the sick women from their Socialist, was seen in the vicinity the first two weeks, and 36c an tion, in some sections, of the sixhour day, the wages per week are cut to nearly half, but the amount of work wrung out of you isn't, by

We have no place to eat our lunches, except outside on the hundred angry farmers united at ground. In bad weather we have to do it inside and must eat while inhaling the poisonous fumes from the boiling metal for the tin cans And the place is filthy; it makes you sick trying to eat there. If we all would get together we

-Woman Worker.

Only Soviets Made Gains At London

LONDON, July 14.—After weeks of wrangling it has finally been agreed that no agreement can be reached on currency stabilization, the first and only problem considered by the conference. The U.S. capitalists have made it clear that they do not intend to abandon inflated currency as an effective weapon for beating down European prices. The only achievements recorded at the conference were by the Soviet Union, which utilized the long recess periods for trade pacts with England, France and even had a conference with the U.S. representatives. Likewise further non-aggression pacts such as the one with Rumania were strengthened.

Nanking Navy Mutinies

SHANGHAI, July 11.—Three more vessels of the Chinese (Nanking) navy have mutinied, making a total of six now. The three are reported hour, and women-who are by far to be sailing southward, to join the others, now near Canton. The Nanking government declined to make any statement on the event.

- Big Wage Rise For Soviet Railmen

MOSCOW, July 12.—A reorganization of the railroad industry was accompanied by a number of decrees, including a wage raise for all vorkers, ranging from 20% to 60%. Likewise a political department has been established, such as will train the workers, politically and culturally to understand their role in the Soviet economy. Such a measure has already been carried through in the machine-tractor station net-

Social Democrats Kicked Out of All Jobs

BERLIN, July 11.—By order of Hitler all positions to which Social Democrats have been elected, including the 120 Reichstag seats, and all local and state offices, are abolished.

Until quite recently Hitler used the Socialists, for establishing himself, as they helped keep workers from resisting. In a Reichstag session in May 48 Social Democrats even voted for Hitler.

More Anti-Soviet Provocations By Japan

TOKYO, July 11.—Reports have been received here that the Soviet Government seized a Japanese fishing boat with 20 men on board, when they overstepped their fishing rights off Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka. The Japanese immediately dispatched a warship there.

Terror Against Panama Workers

PANAMA CITY, Panama-A reign of Fascism prevails in Panama, as all foreign born unemployed are ordered deported. A Fascist parade was organized recently, and passing by the president's palace greeted him with a Fascist salute. The drive is aimed primarily against the Communist Party and the Tenant's League, which has been leading a fight against the high rents.

Japanese Migrate Koreans Into Manchuria

TOKYO, July 11.-A Rengo news agency reports that Chinese insurgents have attacked a convoy of 4000 Koreans, guarded by 27 Japanese soldiers, killed three Japanese and 32 Koreans. The Koreans were taken by the Japanese to Southern Kirin province in Manchuria, in line with the policy for settling that section with "Japanese subjects" so as to have grounds for annexing that part in the near future. When the Koreans reached their destination it was found that 1600 were

Finnish Fascists Suffer Setback

HELSINGFORS. Finland-The recent elections resulted in a severe setback for the Lapuan National Patriots, who have been the main driving force for anti-Soviet Union provocations. The elections indicated a general leftward swing. The Communist Party is completely illegal.

Communist Arrests in Greece

ATHENS-Forty Communists were arrested here when a group at the grave of a member of the party killed by members of the Saloniki Steel Helmet Association last Sunday was attacked by police.

Tourist Trade Fall Hits France

PARIS, France-The rapid fall of the dollar has caused a wholesale exodus of Americans from France, Fifteen hundred have left since January. Tourists registered in June marked a big fall over the May figure. Usually there is a big rise over the previous month. The tourist trade is one of the most important factors in French economy.

— Outline for Speakers at Anti-War Meetings

The following is an outline to 1-Economic war between U. S. France vs. Germany, Poland vs. | Already appropriated, \$938,447,000; | diers killed; 28,379,000 civilians in profits from European nations draw the workers away even inti- assist speakers for August 1st, A. and Great Britain for control of Germany, not counting hundreds of millions died—a total of over 41 million at expense of workers. Number of munist Party:

1—Industrial production fell by goods have more than doubled. 0 million.

3—World trade has dropped from going down. United States exports

4—Acute world financial crisis (over 50 countries off gold stand- trol of Pacific and of China.

5—How crisis is effecting U.S.

Agitprop Department of the Com- American imperialism has been France, etc. seriously undermining British 1-What leads to imperialist trade. In Latin-America the British share of imports of 20 countries the world of Socialism rising in the (A) Deepening of world economic dropped from 25% in 1913 to 16% Soviet Union. crisis, now beginning its 5th year. in 1927, and has continued since; America rose from 24% to 38% 33% since 1928. World stock of War between Bolivia and Paraguay over control of Chaco oil fields, a 2-Unemployed, now more than direct result of American-British imperialist conflict. America increasing its share of trade with a total of \$68,290,999,000 in 1929 to British Dominions and colonies-\$26,169,000,000 in 1932 and is still thus for instance during even first two years of crisis, 50% of Canalone have dropped by 76% since ada's world trade was with the U. S. A. 2-U. S. A. versus Japan for con-

Japan is continuing to expand

the bulk of its budget for war-is taking steps to construct a naval track at the Olympic Games with A.? Production in many important harbor and base off the East Siindustries has fallen to level of berian coast; is arming the mandatory islands in the Pacific-behere. Mrs. Bragman, an unemploy- ployed. Wages cut by 60%. Factory tween the Philippine and Hawaiian ed needle worker, because she is employment for April, 1933, was Islands; and refused to sign the the mother of a "radical," is thus 57.8% while factory payrolls stood disarmament proposals on the left to starve for another year and at 38.6% (1926-100%) Total pay- ground that she wants naval parity a half, until she fulfills the three roll in U.S. A. in 1929 was esti- with the U.S. A. and Great Britain. years' residence demanded. She mated at 53 billions, fell to 22 Following announcement of the was told to go to Chicago, where billions in 1932. Farm incomes U. S. Navy construction program, she had lived before coming here. fallen from \$11,918,000,000 to \$5, an equivalent of \$300,000,000 has for the masses. In the Soviet Un-143,000,000; or 57% from 1929 to been appropriated for bringing the ion-no unemployment. Japanese navy to treaty size.

(B) Rivalries between capitalist European powers refuse to pay the U. S. S. R. debts to the U.S. (Antagonisms

Systems. (The capitalist world and

The capitalist world has reached a period of decline and decay and is in a general crisis. The Soviet Union is rapidly progressing, has successfully completed its First Five-Year Plan and is now on the Second Five-Year Plan, which has as its fundamental task the estab-

Opposed to the anarchy of cap- refused their bonus, their disability italism is the planned socialist pro-allowances are cut by one-half bilduction of the S. U. Factories are lion dollars and the soldiers and 115% while money wages increased idle in capitalist countries, 1500 sailors pay was cut 15% and ra-NEW giant enterprises have been | tions 27%. built in the S. U. While wages have been cut to the bone in capitalist | budgets: countries (living standard for | (U. S. A., England, France, Italy workers cut by 50%), wages have been continually increased in S. U. (Over 60% rise since 1929) with growing increases of social insurance benefits. In the capitalist world Fascism and terror against the workers-in the Soviet Union workers (Soviet) democracy. In the capitalist world, hunger and misery

3-Imperialist preparations for

(A) U. S. A. war budget for 1933- Prof. Hersch, the world war was

Anti-War meetings, prepared by the world markets. In all spheres Italy vs. Jugoslavia, Italy vs. to be spent on bridges, highways, lives destroyed. In Europe alone etc., which are for military pur- 25 million people died, a number 206 in 1916. 2-Antagonism of Two World poses (S. F. bay bridges, Canada- exceeding the combined population Mexico highway, Sunnyvale Air of Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Base, Marin Bombing Base, Muscle | Switzerland. Over 20 million were Shoals, etc., etc.) Or the militarized wounded, 9 million war orphans, (Morgan controlled). U. S. Steel 250,000 youth are concentrated. The lion refugees. ENTIRE U.S. Navy is to hold war manuevers in the Pacific this fall. (Statements of President Roosevelt "Build a Navy second to none.") Appropriations for 32 new big ships, lishment of a classless socialist so-plus 17 already being built, 290 class was 20% less than in period, Navy planes, etc. Yet veterans are 1890-99.

Five big capitalist countries war

2,167,000,000 1930 2,324,000,000 1933 almost 4 billions so far this vear.

and Japan)

..\$1,182,000,000

1,828,000,000

4-Imperialist war always at ex-

Brings only mass slaughter and son, director of act, was organizer crats, Germany. Statements by economic misery for masses, and of industry for Wall Street during prominent Socialists here, Thomas, 3-War debts and reparations. war and for intervention against profits for the bosses. According to war. calculations of Swiss statistician,

'reforestation' camps, in which 5 million war widows and 10 mil-

5-Will war bring back prosper ity to workers? (A) Myth of high wages during

world war. 1—In 1918 purchasing power in hours, wages of American working

2-During war years, cost of liv ing and prices increased 60% to

only 12% to 30%. (These figures

based on U.S. Bureau statistics. (B) Worse conditions under in pending world slaughter. 1-Extensive markets U.S. had

in 1914 no longer open.

2-Means wage cuts and stagger clans will continue. 3—Inflation will increase cost of

living, regardless of money wages. (C) Industrial Recovery Act a war measure and a principle means of advancing monopolies under govpense of workers and oppressed ernment direction—outlaws strikes their plans to do the same for comand dictates low wages. Gen. John-

(D) Profits to capitalists. arising from Versailles treaty, 34 will be over one billion dollars. responsible for over 13 million sol- last war, Wall Street made millions is the basic cause of all wars.

millionaires rose from 60 in 1914 t

2-One example to show how capitalist class made huge profits during war is the U.S. Steel Corp profits rose from \$130.531.000 in 1915, to \$333,574,000 (\$1,311 per worker employed) in 1916. In 1917 profits were \$295,292,000 (\$1,102 per worker). U. S. Steel made over 50% profit on its war time con-

6-Tasks before Party and workers in fight against war:

1-Make August 1st, 19th anniversary since outbreak of war huge demonstration. 2-Spread Party leaflets, pam-

neighborhoods. 3-Especially industries important in time of war (Marine, Transportation, Chemicals, Metal, etc.), must be organized through fighting

phlets against war, in shops, in

unions. 4—Fight pacifists, who build up confidence in capitalist peace talk. to prevent the workers from fighting the war plans.

5—Expose treachery of the "Socialists" during the last war and ing war. (Japanese, Social Demo-

6-Build Communist Party for

etc.)

FILE DISGUSTED AT **CONVENTION SELLOU**

Program Opposes Bonus and Restoration of Disability Allowances

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—

The anger of the rank and file of

the Disabled American Veterans at

the sellout at the national convention in Cincinnati is evident everywhere. According to reports reaching the Veterans National Rank and File Committee, members are tearing up their membership cards The betrayal program adopted by the national convention of the DAV includes opposition to bonus payment, leaving to starve the thousands of disability allowance cases, pensions and other vets cut off by the Economy Act, a ban on bonus marches, and opposition to veteran preference on federal employment. The resolution demanding resignation of Gen. Hines, Veterans Bureau Administrator, was passed, and later rescinded.

The Veterans National Rank and File Committee is calling upon the rank and file of the DAV to repudiate the betrayal put over at the convention and join the fight for the three point program for immediate cash payment of the Bonus, repeal of the Economy Act and restoration of all disability allowances, pensions and hospitalizations cut, and immediate adequate 1-Even before U.S. A. entered the abolition of capitalism, which relief for all unemployed workers

—L. C. | ploitation and war debts.



A circus sideshow recently hired man who can turn his head completely around. This is one of the few cases on record where a man looked around for a job-and got

* * * * * BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN: "The C. C. C. recruits are tasting a cordial California hospitality." S. F. News.

The worker looked at the banker. "There are hundreds of ways of making money," he said, "but only

one that's honest." The banker was puzzled. "What's that?" he said. "Ah," said the worker, "I thought

you wouldn't know."

"Today," says Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard papers, "China is brains to give class to the military profession and to help building a

modern military machine." Right for once. Soviet China is giving her best youth and brains, of the working class, and the modern military machine is being built from the equipment captured from the Red-suppression armies!

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BARTER'S BARGAINS: Will make set of false teeth for electric sewing machine.-Ad in Scattle Daily Times.

Wall Street's patriotic societies tell of the "glorious" role of the workers in war, but what they are after is fattening their own roll.

The first decrease in relief expenditures since June, 1932, is reported by the U.S. Labor Department. Which, if it were true, would be no substitute for bread to those families ruthlessly lopped off for the sake of providing prosperity figures and saving capitalist cash.

The decrease reported is real to those families. But on the reportwell, the total shows a 9% decrease in some selected cities. for April as compared to March, and a 54% increase as compared to April, 1932. Ordinary jugglers have a hard job relative to Roosevelt statistic jugglers. They simply lie and are done

Sign at the main entrance to the Chicago exposition:

> NO HELP WANTED -Century of Progress.

Do you think Hitler will now turn his Nazis on himself since it has figures to many tens of thousands. been definitely proven he is of Jew-

Seated in the front pew of the Cathedral, the President joined the congregation in holy Communism. -Error in Hagerstown, Mr., paper. That's about the only demagogy he hasn't attempted to put over vet.

The United States today contains more fossilized remains than any of Kruger, a tool of the corrupt city other country in the world, com- officials in San Francisco, is to ments Collier's. This information keep the apparatus for such an kins, to illegalize the union. comes out since the formation of Roosevelt's brain trust.

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American workers are now asked to stretch a dollar further than the distance Washington threw one across the Potomac.

L. A. COUNTY SALVAGE **WORKERS LABOR IN** FIRETRAP

LOS ANGELES, July 9. - The building occupied by the salvage division of the L. A. County Welfare Bureau, which employs a number of old women and cripples, is a wonderful setup for a disastrous fire. The ground floor is used for sorting, shredding and baling waste paper. The only stairway used by the workers starts in this depart ment where a fire would put it out of use immediately.

I have seen old women on the third floor who are physically unable to use the fire escape, and when the quitting bell rings the rush to get out blocks the stairway from five to ten minutes.

There is not a single fire extinguisher in the whole building.

If a worker is injured here he generally paid, especially for govcan recover nothing. The state ac ernment work and will help put cident commission has ruled he is over the navy construction projust a pauper and therefore has gram with several more battleships.

If you know the right people you set at 40c-47c per hour, 40 hours are paid every week in cash at 40c per week. The wages in electrical an hour, but if you don't know the bureaucrats and are a single work- hour, 36 hours per week. er you do the same work for a amount of garbage daily.

From a private in the L. A. pauper army.

BARTER CONVENTION SPLITS AS FAKERS ATTEMPT TO CONTROL

Two State Executive Committees Now Claim To Be Authorities

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—After three days of wrangling during which the fakers, headed by Kruger, attempted the most crooked methods in order to maintain control, the California State Barter Convention split in two.

Kruger, already exposed as a tool

of capitalist politicians, while attempting to put over tricks that would give him the chairmanship and control of the convention, invited such as Chief of Police Quinn, Director of Relief Wollenberg, Stitt Wilson, Mayor Rossi, summoning her best youth and etc. Quinn praised the barter members for not following the path of the Communists, and promised that if the workers will be patient there will be prosperity in six months. Wollenberg likewise praised the barter organizations and spent most of the time explaining why San Francisco cannot give relief to all. Stitt Wilson of the Socialist Party came down to boost his own organization and the Continental Congress, and made a plea for a fight, but did not indicate what he really meant by that in action.

KRUGER DEFEATED

During this entire time no agreement could be reached for definitely constituting the convention, as Kruger's credential committee attempted to unseat a majority upon flimsy technical grounds, including almost all of Los Angeles, Stockton and some from the East Bay, really the bulk of what's left in the organization. Finally 46 delegates were seated. But when a chairman was elected. Kruger was defeated. Thereupon his credential commitee again brought in a report that the work of the convention for the three days was "all illegal" and that only 17 delegates had a right to vote. Since a convention quorum is 20, it recommended that the convention adjourn. This was the signal for a storm and the 26 delegates barred, together with reactionaries, bolted and going to another hall constituted themselves the legal convention. They elected a committee of five which now claims to be the legal authority. Kruger with his old group of fak-

ers claim to be the organization. The "convention" presented a sorry spectacle for the organization that inflated its membership

It reflected that most organizaverge of collapse. However, the as the barter exchanges. At least that is the trend of thought among the leaders. The fight on the part membership in the A. W. I. U., an

eventuality. The majority that split away, led by an ex-I. W. W. member of Los Angeles, Pat May, although calling themselves a left wing, have not vet clearly indicated what their policy will be although they are in strong opposition to Kruger's group

Call To Fight Starvation Codes

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) the bosses hope to even prevent the workers enforcing the little they are entitled to. The Bethlehem Shipbuilding plants on the coast have already instituted such

More Starvation Wage Codes WASHINGTON, D. C. - Other

codes already submitted, and which will be heard in the course of the next week, are:

Cloak and suit; wages have been set at 50 cents per hour. 40-hour week. This means a huge wage cut for the workers whose union scales are mostly above \$40 per week.

The shipbuilding scale has been set at from 35c to 40c, 40 hours per week. This is far below the wage

For oil the minimum wage was manufacturing are set at 35c per

Johnson announced that rayon filthy bunk in a flophouse with a and silk will likewise be governed harmonic Auditorium is the first meal ticket allowing you a small by the textile code, which goes into since October, 1931, when the effect on July 17. That will enslave Mooney - Harlan Protest Meeting a total of one million workers to was attacked by Hynes and his the \$12-\$13 minimum wage.

ONG PAY DAY ONG

In the master's track we've run our race And find ourselves at the starting place Tired, weary, worn and old While the master's pockets bulge with gold

We made that wealth. With heavy hands We've labored long in many lands. Now we, with rising voices, says, "We've done our work. We want our pay!"

We've sweated and toiled in shops and mills, Speeding our work to the pace that kills, We've carried the yokes upon our necks, Hoping some day for full pay checks.

We want the homes we built with boards. We cut from the forest's endless hoards. We want the engines and rails of steel We made with our hands for a "flop" and a meal.

We want the bread; not crumbs he leaves. Not hash, but steaks, for WE raised the beeves! The theatres, hotels, the shops-Not skid road "joints" and ten-cent flops.

We're numberless, and hard and strong. Now hear us shout our battle song, And march with red flags flying high. We're out to get our pay-or die!

JURY DISAGREES IN TRIAL OF L. A. MAY 1 **DEMONSTRATORS**

Aug. 14; Jurors To Ask Removal Red Squad

LOS ANGELES, July 13.-After 30 hours the jury failed to agree in the case of the six workers on trial here for one month because of May Day demonstrations. The jury was discharged and five of the defendants ordered to report August 14th, at which time a retrial will be ordered or the charges dismissed. Those on trial were Lawrence Ross, Sam Davis, Mack Shone, Louis Fisher, Daniel Seigal and Paul Stern. Davis' case was taken off the calendar.

One of the jurors has asked that Communist literature be mailed to her, and six of them are contemplating writing a letter to Mayor Shaw, demanding the removal of the red squad.

The jury was divided, 6 to 6, in the case of Lawrence Ross, former Communist candidate for Mayor, who conducted his own defense. Ross spoke on May Day and on the Communist election campaign platform in his address to the jury. During the deliberations, it was revealed later, one juror proposed acquitting all the other defendants if they agreed to convict Ross. After the jury was discharged, Judge Irvin Taplin called them into his chambers and asked how it was they couldn't agree to convict

A. L. Wirin and Andrew M Strong, attorneys for the Internaional Labor Defense, conducted the defense of the other workers.

I. L.D. Wins Freedom For Workers Held For Deportation

reed the last member of the Agri- ure sale." tions have either died or on the cultural Workers Union held on deportation charges. Ricardo Santos secret behind the intense fight was of Monterey is now at liberty on the prospect that relief money be- his own recognizance. Previous to ing appropriated by the Federal that Jose Martinez, Y. Fregas, J. Government will be partially dis- Acosta and Rufino Alexandrio had tributed through such organizations been released on the same condi-

Charges in all these cases was attempt of the Immigration authorities, under Secretary of Labor Per-

Fight of Sonoma Farmers Delays

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 6) who know that only the presence Davis Free; Four Appear of a large mass forced him to find the reason.

> The judge stated that he de plored the demonstration, and stated that the "Sonoma farmers will be the objects of contempt and pity of the whole nation," and that he is staying the sale because he finds that the bank accepted a crop of cherries from Case after serving foreclosure notice.

FIGHT ONLY DELAYED The fight was conducted by the

Farmers Protective League of Sonoma. Seeking to gain publicity for their Continental Congress, Socialist Party leaders, J. Stitt Wilson and Dempster, came into the situation. When the decision of the judge was made known, Wilson, who was speaking, announced the victory and immediately adjourned the meeting, despite the fact that a representative of the United Farmers League was scheduled to speak. Wilson failed to bring out the fact that unless all the farmers are on hand next Friday the foreclosure may still be carried thru, since the decision only postpones

The United Farmers League is calling upon the Sonoma farmers to continue the struggle and especially to mobilize for next Friday's hearing. Wilson in his speeches. while demagogically referring to the militant action of the Iowa farmers, continually appealed for "only peaceful methods."

That there are no laws protecting a farmer against the mortgage sharks was clearly demonstrated in the fact that appeals from Rolph and Roosevelt, feeling that the case hurt the "recovery" agitation, carried no weight. Swain, president of the bank, replied by long distance

Southern California Children's Camp

The Southern California Children's Camp is now open for registration. This camp is to be heldstation, Los Angeles, Calif.

L. A. DEFENDANTS IN Foreclosure JAN, WELFARE FIGHT ARE RELEASED

Shapiro, Arrested At Scottsboro Meet, Is Dismissed

LOS ANGELES, July 14. - The our remaining defendants in the case arising from the Welfare Bureau slaughter by the "Red Squad," on January 18, were put off calendar and the defendants were released from bond on their own recognizance. Further prosecution will be subject to thirty days' notice.

The defendants, John Hester, Ezra F. Chase, Fred Daniels, Bill Cooper and Bob Myers were arrested when seventy-five unemployed workers were attacked by the 'Red Squad" in the offices of the County Welfare Bureau, where they had gone to demand sufficient relief, and to protest against dis-

The first trial, which lasted two and one-half weeks, resulted mostly in acquittal and a hung jury. Four of the defendants had charges of riot remaining. Bob Myers won complete acquittal.

Hester and Chase are now serving sentences for turning on gas and water which had been shut off for non-payment of bills.

Louis Shapiro, who was attacked and beaten up by the "Red Squad" in the Scottsboro demonstration at 42nd and Central, but was charged with assault and battery, was also

Small Farmers Get Little On Apricots

The notice printed in the last issue of the WESTERN WORKER. to Washington, "No, I conceive this proving the profits big ranchers; SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—Mili- a test whether mob rule or law and shippers got for apricots (as with every wholesale plant here tant mass protest organized by the and order will prevail in this coun- high as \$100 a ton) has brought practically tied up, voted to stay There are four single beds. We International Labor Defense has try. I shall proceed with foreclos- from a Stockton farmer a protest out until they won all demands. that there should have been in- Without the knowledge or concluded also the figures on what small farmers got for their cots.

STRIKING MILLINERS' RANKS SOLID; DEFY **RED SQUAD TERROR**

Trial of Eight Pickets Coming Up July 17-18

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Eight of the 70 striking millinery workers at Golden Bros. shop, arrested while picketing, come to trial July 17 and 18, charged with disturbing the peace and violating the picketing ordinance. Five are out on the nigh bail of \$1000 each. The terrorism of the "red squad" has failed to break the ranks of the strikers.

Thousands of leaflets and constantly maintained picketing in the face of brutal police terror, brought wide support to the militant strikers and held down the number of scabs. An open hearing in the City Council, forced by the presence of 250 aggressive workers, compelled the politicians to consider the de mands of the strikers that the "red squad" cease its brutal attacks and its interference with picketing. The fakers promised to investigate the actions of the police, and the pick eting law, to refer unsanitary conditions in the Golden Bros, shop to the Health Department and the wage situation to the State Labor Commissioner The strikers are not deceived by these promises, and are strengthening their organizaion daily.

The strikers full demands are: wage cuts and no piece work.

Cleaners Strike in L. A. Shows Need of

sneaking the workers back.

The strikers out eight days and

sent of the action and settlement purposes, as there is no water runcommittee, and against the pre-While the big ranchers are their vious vote of the strikers, A. S. above all, is not fit to bathe in, so own shippers, the small farmer Glassman, A. F. of L. faker, made we are compelled to use a wash again, while a committee won from must ship through them or through individual settlements and sneaked a broker. The result is he only gets the workers back a few at a time. from \$10 to \$25 a ton for fresh. The rest were forced to go back

fruit and 8c a lb. for dried cots. at their old conditions or even in three sections. The first group It takes 5 to 6 lb.s of green fruit worse. But they have learned they leaves July 16th, second July 30th, to make one of dried. The big far-|must take real rank and file leaderand third. August 13th. For further mers, and commission men and ship at all times, and form a real information write Box 884 Arcade shippers make the money, not the militant industrial union affiliated with the T. U. U. L.

Western Worker BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A. Editorial and business offices: 37 GROVE STREET - - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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(1) Recognition of the union and of a Shop Committee and Shop Chairman; (2) That Golden Bros. take responsibility for the new shop and all agreements with the Sickness in Dungeon Due To Shop Committee include the new shop; (3) That Golden Bros. obey the minimum wage for women; (4) Equal division of work; (5) No

LOS ANGELES, July 5.—Just as against the worker. he wholesale cleaning plants here were ready to give in to the demands of striking workers, the A. settling with individual plants and awaiting trial.

15 ORGANIZATIONS OF EAST BAY JOIN TO FIGHT FASCISM

Conference Call Big Mass Meeting July 28

OAKLAND, July 14.—The East Bay Conference Against Fascism met last Monday, July 10th, at Carpenters Hall, and was well attended by German, Jewish and other East Bay workers organizations.

Fifteen organizations have thus ar joined the Anti-Fascist United get any sun at all. We have four Front, and more are expected to be | single beds for six of us, and none represented at the next meeting of of us can sleep comfortable, as we the Conference, which will take are often disturbed by the cops place on July 17th, at Carpenters bringing some one in and turning up to the day before and there is Hall, 763 12th street, Oakland. The Alameda County local of the

Socialist Party has also been invited to join the United Front. The conference issued a call for July 28th in Odd Fellows Hall, 410 but as usual the jailer said "No 11th street. Oakland.

There will be prominent speakers representing the German, Jewish, Please stop sending bundles until I notify you as I have been very A. F. of L. and C. P.

The conference also called for a Anti-Fascist Street Parade on Aution. A special committee was strike, he cuts it out. Now, Comrade F. R., how do you really expect to elected to make the necessary arrangements with the Anti-War Conbuild our paper? Isn't it a fact that during a strike is when the workference.

Then a committee was set up with one representative from each organization to conduct a campaign for relief for the victims of German Fascism.

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League and the Charity Workers

Protective Union, have won their

demands. Large crowds of workers

heard the many speakers, while

the committees sent to the city

hall were given evasive answers.

When a tent was raised by work-

ers to house the family of five for

the night, police were sent to es-

A flat was then provided at 1414

line assembled in front of the place

to prevent their being thrown out

supply of groceries. The Unemploy-

ed Council and other organizations

will continue the fight until Silver's

Silver, a war veteran with three

decorations for valor, is determined

Studio Workers

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1)

These sound-men are highly spe-

cialized technicians who entered

studios as a craft, with the talkies.

One sound-worker says. "I have

been working at Columbia for over

four years in the sound depart-

ment. I'm supposed to be a good

sound man and how much do you

think I get? Less than fifty cents

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work seven days a week and work

two weeks. If the picture stops at

not get overtime but we get the

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WOMEN PRISONERS DESCRIBE FILTHY SAN JOSE JAIL

Unsanitary Conditions

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 9.—Inas much as I am the wife of a worker and know the trials and hardships endured by workers, I have joined their struggle for better wages. At a recent demonstration I witnessed a striking example of the brutal Rank, File Control treatment that is being used by the ruling class throughout the world

Out of the twenty-seven arrested in this particular demonstration there were two women-Comrade F. of L. fakers sold them out, by Harris and myself. We are now

We are served two meals a day one at 9 a.m. and the other at 3:30 p.m. Our cell is very crowded. have a bath tub, but apparently it is installed solely for ornamental ning into it, it has no stopper, and

We are forced to cook, eat, wash and sleep in the one room, the garbage can being a prominent furnishing thereof. This condition alone sometimes makes it almost impossible for one to exist.

There is sickness in the cell and to fight as hard for his family as it is very difficult to procure med- he did for the bosses in 1917-18. ical attention. As for myself, I have The charities refused assistance on been quite ill. When a doctor was a false claim of non-residence. finally sent up by some unknown person, he informed me that I have very weak lungs and inactive TU BERCULOSIS, for which nothing has been done. The continued lack of sunshine and fresh air has weakened my condition and caused me to lose considerable weight. -DOROTHY GARCIA.

Six Women Prisoners Crowded Into Tiny Cell With 4 Beds

SAN JOSE, July 10.-We women comrades in the Santa Clara Couny jail are awaiting trial for somehing we are not guilty of.

Our room is 15x15 and the winon an average of fourteen hours a dow is raised very little, not day. The minute the picture is finenough to get any air, and we don't ished we are laid off, and the average work on each picture is about 2:30 in the morning our pay runs no overtime paid. Not only do we on the lights and leaving them on for an hour or two.

The food is terrible. Some of the comrades from the outside bring us food and cigarettes. We were exa mass meeting to take place on pecting to go to trial this morning, trial this morning." It was put off again. So we are still waiting. Comradely,

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small farmers. GALLAGHER WILL GO TO GERMANY TO DEFEND VICTIMS OF FASCISM LOS ANGELES, July 13. - Leo | made last week, proving beyond

2000 AT L. A. MEET PROTEST HITLER

United, Front Includes 46 Organizations

LOS ANGELES, July 13.—Over 2000 people raised a mighty protest at the Philharmonic Auditorium against fascism and its vicious outrages on workers, intellectuals and Jews in Germany. The huge protest meeting was sponsored by the United Front Conference Against Fascism, composed of 46 workers, liberal and cultural organizations, initiated by the ICOR. A resolution calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners held in the Hitler concentration camps and for the stoppage of terror organized by the Nazis was introduced by Dr. Rosan-

off, the chairman of the meeting, and unanimously adopted. Among the speakers were Dr. J. C. Coleman, executive secretary of the Los Angeles F. S. U.: Al L. Wirin, attorney for the International Labor Defense: Lewis Browne. liberal author, who recently visited Germany; and Sol El-

stein of the ICOR. Attorney Wirin called for a fight against fascism in this country and related the recent attacks on workers in Los Angeles

This protest meeting at the Phil-"red squad."

Gallagher, I. L. D. attorney, doubt that the fire was set by Fasc who recently defended Tom Moo- ist agents. They are particularly new, will be one of the American alarmed at the results of the ingroup of attorneys to go to Ger-dependent investigation headed by FASCIST TERMS, many as defense council for Torg-Einstein, made public last week in ler. Dimitroff, Popoff and Taneff, the English Manchester Guardian. ler. Dimitroff, Popoff and Taneff, the English Manchester Guardian. Communists framed by Hitler, ac Facts proving that Goering, Fascist ccused of burning the Reichstag Minister of Interior, directly engibuilding. A committee is now active neered the affair, came to the comfor the Defense of Political Prison- escaped from Germany. ers, making arrangements for Gal-

sphere," preparing further provocations, in an effort to distract at-creasing protest from workers ev tention from significant disclosures erywhere.

tion in Arizona is so low.

raising funds to cover Gallagher's mittee through one of the 30 Nazi expenses. The National Committee agents who fired the building and The Fascist press reports daily lagher's trip, has sent a telegram of alleged Communist plots for an to the German Ambassador in insurrection and of discoveries of Washington, demanding that ade- weapons during the raids on Comquate defense be permitted for the munist meetings. The line being German and Bulgarian Commun-pursued by the Hitler murderers indicates that any day the world In the meantime, the Hitler may learn that the Communist propoganda apparatus is setting the leaders to be tried, including Thaelstage for an "explosive stmo-man, were "shot while trying to

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD NOT DO!

The following letter from Glendale, Arizona, speaks for itself: Western Worker, Dear Comrades:

busy on strike and not able to sell the paper. I have two bundles on hand now. Yours for the workers, Fortunately the attitude of this comrade is not typical. It shows gust 1st, in conjunction with the that this comrade does not understand that the Western Worker is a August 1st Anti-War demonstraweapon in the struggle, and instead of increasing the bundle during a

ers are anxious to read what our press has to say, in contrast to the lying sheets of the bosses? We hope all literature agents will take notice of this and learn what NOT TO DO. Incidentally, perhaps, this is the reason why the circula-

escape." This demands an ever in-

Editorial Column

"'RECOVERY" ACT GETS INTO THE CANNERIES!

The largest peach canning companies of California met in San Francisco and basing themselves on the minimum wage law for women recently set by the Industrial Welfare Board, set the wage scale in their code for all workers at 271/2 cents per hour. The working week is to be 40 hours, giving eleven dollars for a full week's work. And the average cannery worker gets very few full weeks per

The bosses are fully aware that the workers will not be satisfied with such miserable pay. That is why for weeks they have been preparing to foist the "Recovery Act" upon the cannery workers with brute force. The viciousness of the Santa Clara police was brought to the highest pitch during the recent cherry pickers' strike. The workers were beaten in a shameless manner and 16 of the leaders were thrown into prison. Every effort is being made to railroad them to long jail terms. High bails were set for them and the trials were deliberately scheduled for a late date so as to keep the leaders of the agricultural and cannery workers out of the fields as long as pos-

On the very day that the cannery bosses were meeting in San Francisco, to put through the enslaving act for the cannery workers, the San Francisco Chronicle comes out with a screaming headline of an alleged red plot to burn down canneries. The entire capitalist press featured a story that rags soaked in gasoline were seen near a cannery and naturally the "reds" are responsible. But not the slightest pretense of any evidence was given beyond the statement of the boss-controlled sheriff.

This story is deliberately engineered by the canning companies to develop sentiment against the Agricultural Union leaders now on trial, in preparation to smashing the organization of the workers, as the first step towards jamming the 27½ cents per hour wage, down the throats of the workers.

The canning companies are aware of the big advances the C. & A. W. I. U. has been making recently, leading by the western labor research taken from the U. S. Department the number in 1930. The demand thousands in strikes. Nothing is more alarming to a can- group affiliated with the Labor Re- of Agriculture, will give some in- for farm labor, the number of jobs nery boss than a strike. The highly perishable raw mate- search which has its head office at diteation. rial, and very short seasons, force him to settle quickly 80 East 11 street, New York City. Indexes, Expressed as % of Normal mal and far below the 1930 level. or he faces great losses.

Why are the bosses through their "Recovery" Act administration setting varying scales for workers in different sociated with it, are devoted to soindustries? In some cases the scales are twice as much as cial, political and economic refor the cannery workers. This is because those scales are search in the interest of the work- Idaho 105 not set on the basis of any measure of skill, or that some workers consume more than others. The bosses primarily consider the relationship in strength between themselves and the workers—how little it is possible to force the workers to accept.

Cannery workers! The low wage isn't all that is in store for you! A speed-up unequaled in the history of the industry will be enforced. You will put in 60 and 70 hours work in 40. The bosses will make you wait at the plants whole days for an hour or two work.

Now as never before you need the Cannery and Agricultural Union. Only the degree to which you build your union will determine what your wages and conditions will be. Join, and strengthen Your Organization!

The District Office is at 81 Post street, San Jose. Defend Pat Callihan and the 15 other leaders! Fight the Roosevelt enslaving act.

A. F. OF L. FAKERS WANT MORE DEPORTATIONS

Supporting the deportation drive against Mexican workers, now taking on greater proportions than ever, the San Francisco Central Labor Council, through an editorial in the "Labor Clarion" deplores that the drive is not sufficiently intense. They call upon the employers to co-operate and hire only native born workers.

The basis of their alarm is the sudden discovery, thru the figures of V. S. McClatchy, executive secretary of the states with 188,678, Colorado had California Immigration Committee, that the Mexican population in California has increased.

There is nothing new in this. The A. F. of L. policy for decades has been for discriminating against and for driving out these workers. But the increased interest now corresponds to the move being taken by the Southern California counties to deport thousands of Mexican workers.

Because the Mexican workers have made up the bulk many of the workers who work on of the more than ten thousand who participated in Cali- the farms during the peak or main fornia agricultural strikes during the past three months. They were the most militant, and in the forefront. Through deportations the bosses want to smash the Agricultural Workers Union, and the A. F. of L. fakers give them wholehearted co-operation. It is significant that it is the 5000 Mexican workers who for weeks held out against the raspberry growers in Los Angeles County who are among the first scheduled for the wholesale deportations.

The key to solving the problems of the Mexican work ers as well as those of the native born Japanese, Filipino and others is not in further division, but in unity. This lesson in unity is being learned during the strikes. The workers see that wage increases come only as a result of solidarity.

The Agricultural Workers Union is that organization which unites all the workers. Therefore, together with the fight for working conditions fit for human beings must go the fight against deportations. A. F. of L. members should particularly protest in their locals against the pro-boss policy of the officials.

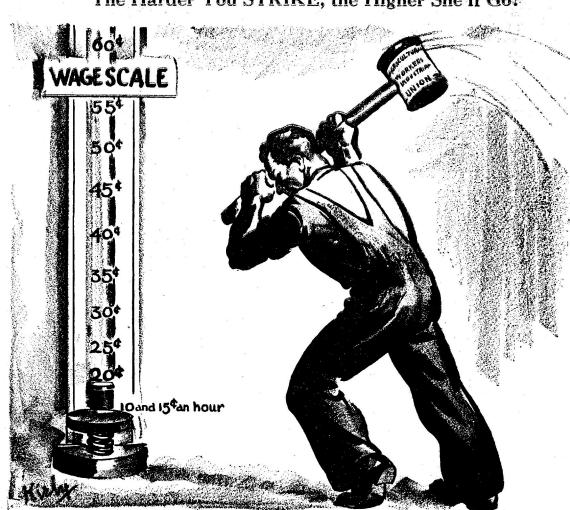
Communist Units Adopting Plans For Building Party

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15 .- During the week of July 17th Communist Party units in District No. 13 (California, Nevada, Arizona) are sending into the district office their plan for building the Party and involving it in greater activity, for the period from August 1 to November 7. For the past three weeks discussions have taken place in all Communist units, on the basis of the recommendations of the Discultural workers was swelled by try. The I. W. W., at one time a trict Committee, As a result plans are being submitted specifying how many members the unit undertakes to recruit during the period; what the major activity will be; what the concentration point will be; what organizations it plans to organize; how it proposes to spread the Western Worker; in what manner it proposes to educate our membership, especially the new recruits; etc., etc.

The District Committee has not set quotas for obtaining new members, to each unit. The slogan issued is: "2000 good standing members by November 7." Each unit determines on the basis of the conditions it works under what it proposes to accomplish.

The District Committee has notified all units that report on plans adopted must be in the district office prior to August 1.

The Harder You STRIKE, the Higher She'll Go!



The Labor Research Association.

and the various regional groups as-

In each of the eleven western

states agriculture is the leading

single industry. The value of ag-

ricultural products is greater than

that of any other industry in these

states. The number of workers en-

is greater than in any other indus-

try in most of these states. In some

of these states the number working

for wages on the farms is greater

than the number of wage-workers

in all other industries combined.

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Yet, it must be remembered, the

year 1930 marked the high level

of activity insofar as agriculture is

concerned, the year of largest

plantings and largest crops; before

agriculture was curtailed by low

prices and mortgage and tax fore-

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held by members of agricultural

Henry Ford to go back to the farm

world with their food?

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ing class. All who are interested in Wyoming .. 106

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International Events and Western Workers

Social Insurance Benefits Doubled in Soviet Union

By V. KOTOV (Head of the Social Insurance Bureau of the USSR)

The remarkable economic progess made by the USSR and the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan n four years resulted in the extensive development of Soviet social insurance, the best social insurance system in the world. An integral Temporary disability297.7 773.5 part of the national economy as a Pensions whole, Soviet social insurance dur- Unemployment benefits 136.0 ing the First Five-Year Plan not | Medical aid only fulfilled the tasks laid down Preventive measures .. 39.1 188.2 in the plan, but moved far beyond Housing for workers.... 123.3 750.0

The number of insured workers luring the First Five-Year Plan increased from 10,540,000 in 1928-29, to 22.6 million in 1932. The social rubles during the same period.

The distribution of social insurance funds is given in the following | end of 1930).

workers pay is now half of the 1930

scale and 30% below last year ac-

cording to the U.S. Department of

Agriculture. Here are the official

-Wages per day-

1933

While U. S. Workers Have No Social Insurance; No Protection Against Increasing Unemployment, Sickness, Death and Old

Principal Social Insurance Expenditures (in million rubles)

1928-29 1932 ... 263.4 470.7 255.6 821.1 General measures (children's institutions.

dietetic restaurants,

insurance budget increased from of unemployment has made it un-1258 million rubles to 4181 million necessary for the social insurance department to make provisions for partment "the enforcement of unemployment benefits since the health and sanitary measures aim-

The Agricultural Workers in the Western States important social insurance services The article below was prepared a glance at the following table, are far above normal and far above tobaggan slide. The agricultural antine and maternity which in the USSR involves a vacation of 16 million rubles. weeks for factory workers and 12 weeks for office workers in two equal periods before and after confinement. All workers and employees, whether employed in the Socialist sector of national economy or in private enterprises, are ical aid such as X-ray, water and entitled to this service. Benefits are paid from the first day of sick- and maternity homes. ness until full recovery or until the person in question is found to be case he is put on a pension.

The Soviet social insurance system provides for the payment of wages in case of temporary disability.

The extensive health protection measures enforced by the socialinsurance bodies, which we shall describe below, together with the systematic improvement in the material condition of the working class have resulted in an ever-decreasing sick rate among the insured. Thus, while in 1929 for 100 insured persons 885 days were lost through sickness: in 1932 this figure dropped to 754.

Every toiler in the USSR is entitled to free medical aid. The health protection system is of enormous importance to the national economy of the Soviet Union. (NOTE: The complete abolition It is founded on the principle of the Communist Party program which prescribes to the health deed at preventing the spread of dis-Provision for workers and em- ease.

The total health protection apability constitutes one of the most propriations during the years of the First Five-Year Plan grew from n the USSR. This service covers 700 million rubles in 1928-29 to two general sickness, accidents, care of billion rubles in 1932. At the same time, social insurance funds increased from 255.6 million to 281

protection, the social insurance deservice for the insured and their families, including dispensaries. hospitals and special forms of medelectric treatment, artificial limbs

The achievements of the Soviet health protection system may be 1.10 permanently disabled, in which judged from the following short

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kept up, farm wages began to drop Nevada 3.40 1.50 as early as 1930. In answer to the Washington 3.60 California 104 132 121 213 First aid stations in factories.. 2.15 1.70 The supply of farm labor, the Roosevelt promise and inflation Capacity of city dispensaries Oregon 3,10 number of workers looking for jobs, scheme, farm wages went down the Tubercular dispensaries California 3.55 2.35

states. The number of workers engaged in wage labor on the farms SPEED LUMBER GODE; HOPE TO STOP WORKERS ORGANIZATION

Farm Supply as % The supply of workers looking for

jobs as a percentage of open jobs

is therefore between two and three

twice as great as in 1930. This

means that for every job there are

WAGES DOWN 50%

What has happened to the meagre

wages of farm workers during these

three years? In answer to the Hoo-

ver promise that wages will be

two or three workers.

Labor Supply of Demand

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Old Company Unions Completely Discredited; Militant Union Being Formed

farms without hired labor. What is toilers whose labor supplies all of country and even throughout the The number of agricultural wage workers in the western states, according to the census of 1930, was 405,384. California lead all the other pose and the uniform of soldiers ganize.

38,170. Washington had 34,313 and became "tin" pants and slickers. Oregon had 26,650 All of these fig-Recently, there has been a small ures are understatements, because many argricultural itinerant workers are missed by the census, and, since agricultural work is seasonal, and the census reports each worklumber is as hard hit by the crisis er under only one classification, But even less than 20% of the workers are on jobs, for as in other ly classified under other occupaindustries, the bosses have devised tions in the census. During the peak of the agricultural season the output per worker is greater there may be twice as many as the than ever before.

number reported in the census Coincident with the speed-up working and looking for work on have come drastic wage cuts. The basic wage in the lumber industry has become \$1.20 a day! The black-During April, 1930, again, accordlist and espionage system is highly ng to the census, there were 36,203 developed. Most of the mills and unemployed agricultural workers in camps are a part of a lumbermen's try. the western states, 17,163 in Caliassociation which maintains a fornia, 5898 in Colorado, 2157 in clearing house (known as a "dog-Washington and 2278 in Oregon. house" to the workers), in which These figures are gross understatements as are all the unemployment ployees are kept. This black-list figures in the Hoover census of ungreat 1923 strike which paralyzed No effort was made to count unthe whole industry.

The camps have been run full time during the season. Eight, ten and twelve hours a day at \$2 for a

Recently, the largest mill in Tacoma has abandoned the stagger system and has laid off part of the crew to hire the rest full time. This ganize the unorganized. s probably due to the fact that the part time workers are showing a

NO ORGANIZATION

At present there is almost no vorkers' organization in the industhe complete collapse of other jobs ber workers, has completely died workers' families; before the work- out. There is left in the field only ers received the kindly advise of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and trolled company union which was organized in 1916 at a time when the industry was in the throes of or age. How much has unemployment continual strike action. Its purpose among farm workers been swelled has been to stifle militant organreliable estimate is available. But a growing wave of dissatisfaction dustry.

Lumber is the basic industry of and growing strike struggles, the organize the industry into the boss great importance. During the last controlled company union. But the war the logging of spruce for mili- workers understand the nature of tary manufacture was carried on the 4L and recently a 4L organizer by the Army. Special "spruce" di- was bodily thrown out of a mill visions were created for this pur- where he was attempting to or

In line with the Roosevelt Re covery Act, a new code is being ncrease in the activity within the drawn up for the industry. What industry. This is due to the ship-this code will be has already been use as war supplies. But even so, industry, A starvation wage will be set which will become standard for as any industry and is running at the whole industry. The provisions about twenty per cent of capacity, of the act will be used in an at tant action and organization of the workers.

The workers have shown their readiness for struggle Unorganized the Northwest. Workers have struck at Tacoma, Olympia, Port Angelus, Coos Bay, etc. These are but the surface indications of tremendous surge of strike activity

The A. F. of L. has sized up th situation and fearing the organiza tion of the workers into the revo tic efforts to organize the Intersystem was perfected after the national Union of Timberworkers which they allowed to die peace fully in 1922 when they saw that the 4Ls had everything under control. But the workers are becoming familiar with the A. F. of L. policy of cooperation with the bosses. They demand a fighting organization which will lead the worker in struggle, a union which will or

The National Lumber Worker Union has issued a call for a con tendency to organize during their ference in Seattle, on July 16, o all workers in sawmills, single mills, plywood and veneer plants paper and pulp mills, pulpwood and logging camps, all forest workersemployed and unemployed, organ ized and unorganized. The National Lumber Workers Union is the only fighting union in the industry. Its program is a program of struggle, uniting all workers irrespective of race, creed, color, nationality, sex

At the conference a plan of ac tion will be formulated by the during the three years since 1930? ization of the workers and it served workers which will be a guide for No direct enumeration, nor even a the lumber barons well. Because of the organization of the whole in-

New Mexico 2.10 1.70 But where are these official wages of 1933? Two out of three farm workers are looking for jobs

that are not open, but where have they heard of wages being offered man Buck's pre-election promise source of support. pickers were striking against 10 to is, in the minds of the rich ranchers. The government does not collect these figures by investigating what the workers receive. They ask the employers what they pay or will pay. And these are the figures which the boss ranchers report confidentially. But when they deal with the workers they try to cut these figures down, and when they do not meet with strong enough organized and militant resistance. the employers succeed. But increasing numbers of work-

ers have been rallying to defend their right to live and a decent standard of living. The Colorado beet pickers, the San Jose cannery workers, the Salinas Valley lettuce pickers, the Vacaville fruit tree pruners, by their strikes in 1932, sent out the call heard by farm workers throughout the West. This year the struggle has grown in great proportions as shown by the militant strikes of the pea pickers in Santa Clara and Salinas valleys, the cherry pickers in Santa Clara valley, the raspberry pickers in San Gabriel valley, to mention but a few outstanding struggles in California alone. In northern California alone the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union has been built up from 400 to 2000 workers in two short months, to help lead in this fight for a living. And this fight has just begun. The farm workers of the West, led by the A. W. I. U. and moving forward in militant alliance with the working class and the poor farmers can smash the attack on their right to live and the "new deal" wage cuts, and win their right to higher wages, better conditions, more relief and social and unemployment insurance.

Miners Organization Meeting

ed the true meaning of the National Recovery Act and the Industrial Control Bill.

Maternity and infancy consultations (in cities) Beds in day nurseries The Soviet social insurance sys- pension equal to 55 per cent of his equal to those listed by the govern- tem provides for pensions to in- wages. Workers of the same age ment in its official statistics? valids, regardless of whether in and with the same record of em-Where in California were the \$2.35 validity is caused by general dis-ployment in other industries are per day wages offered in 1932 when eases or by accidents at work. Pen-entitled to 50 per cent of their the Vacaville workers were strik- sions are also paid to members of wages. In the case of women, the ing against \$1.15 after Congress- families who have lost their main age qualification is reduced by five

Hospital System in the USSR in 1917 and 1932

of \$1.75. Where in California is Under the Soviet social insurance legislation, labor invalids are: workers and employes who have 15 cents an hour pay? The answer partially lost their ability to work at their trade and are forced to en- tem does not limit itself to paying gage in easier occupation (third category); those who have com- but invests huge sums into creatpletely lost their ability to work ing facilities for employment of but are not in need of outside care those invalids who are still capable (second category); and those who of doing some kind of work, and have completely lost their ability is taking measures to teach new to work and are in need of being taken care of by another person (first category).

Workers employed in the leading industries (metal, coal, chemical mining, machine building, etc.) may inder certain conditions receive pensions up to 90 per cent of their vages, if classed under the first category, up to 70 per cent if belonging to the second category, and up to 56 per cent if classed under the third category.

Workers employed in other inlustries receive up to 80 per cent of their wages in the first category of invalidity, up to \$0 per cent in the second category, and up to 46 per cent in third category.

Finally, office employees, who must have a longer record of employment than manual workers in order to be entitled to pensions, receive up to 75 per cent of their wages in the first category, up to 55 per cent in the second category, and up to 41 per cent in the third category.

As regards workers and employees disabled through accidents or occupational diseases, their penecord of employment, amount to 100 per cent of their wages in the first category, 75 per cent in the able climatic conditions. econd and 50 per cent in the third. Pensions to families who lost

their breadwinner depend upon the record of the breadwinner and the industry in which he was emploved...

OLD-AGE

Old-age pensions are paid to all workers, regardless of whether or not they have lost their ability to COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, June work. The amount of the pensions 30.—Thirty-five lumber workers at | depends upon the age, employment tended a meeting in Memorial Park record and industry in which the Wednesday night, where J. Van Or- worker was employed. Thus a 50man and C. P. Johnson, represent- year-old worker with a 20-year recing the T. U. U. L., told them of the ord of employment under the surnecessity of organizing a Lumber face or in an unhealthy trade is Workers Union. They also explain- entitled to 60 per cent of his wages.

leading industry is entitled to a the rest homes and sanitoriums,

pensions to those entitled to them are able to do light work.

The enormous funds spent previously in maintaining the unemployed (136,000,000 rubles in 1929) are now being used by the social insurance organizations for an extension of the prophylatic measures and improvement of the general conditions of the insured. Thus the appropriations for housing schemes under the social budget grew from 120 million rubles in 1928-29 to 720 million rubles in 1932. The appropriations for welfare work (such as children's homes and dietetic restaurants) which did not at all exist in 1929-30. amounted to 168 million rubles in

Soviet social insurance organizations do much to provide the insured with rest homes and health olution has made it possible to convert the palaces and villas of into rest homes and sanatoriums for the workers. In addition, social insurance organizations have built a large number of sanatoriums. health resorts and rest homes on the Black Sea coast, in the Caucasus and in other places with suit-

The scope of the work of the social insurance department in providing rest homes and health resize of the family, the employment sorts to workers and the growth of this work during the First Five-Year Plan is indicated in the following table:

Number of Persons Treated in Rest

Resorts 18,865

A 60-vear-old worker with a 25year record of employment in a Homes, Sanatoriums and Health Resorts 1928-29 1931

Homes 491,822 794,190 1,342,390 Local Sana-123,800 Health

Total571,563 898,546 1,507,002 Workers and engineers constitute 80 per cent of those sent to