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ORGANIZED UNEMPLOYED WIN RELIEF FIGHT

A Communist Speaker in Parliament

A LESSON FOR ALL AMERICANS

A New Voice in Britain's Politics

On November 17, the people of England elected a Communist serious alarm among capitalist to Parliament. This was circles. For generations they had led the masses of Britain by the nose with patriotic slogans-led them into war and slaughter, poverty and misery.

REACTIONARIES

Rank and File Make

Clean Sweep of

Elections

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.-

The chain of reactionary officials

who have held sway in San Fran-

cisco trade union circles for years

was shortened considerably as a

result of the recent elections by

After years of control, the en-

tire reactionary machinery of Lo-

cal 265 were swept out by an

aroused rank and file. President

Sutton was badly routed as a re-

sult of his policy of fighting in

Acton, also a Yellow Cab ally

found himself on the street. Mc-

Ifact that there was no rank and

of the Communist Party in an at-

The results proved a boomerang.

An hour after the fake bulletin

had been distributed the rank and

file issued a leaflet, exposing the

The complete defeat of this re-

guidance of the fakers of this

with the Industrial Association

during the General Strike and

known to be good union men, and

the rank and file expect them to

really help in the fight to obtain

decent wages and working condi-

battle is now ahead, with the

coming up. Local 265 of the Chauf-

feurs' Union, under its new lead-

ership, should emerge victoriously.

Jittery Gadget

Is Wiggle Neon

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec.

29.—Communist phraseology

is beginning to burn into the

American consciousness and

crops out in strange places.

Witness the class conscious

blurb which appeared under

an illustration in today's

"Warren Boyd, local Pack-

and dealer, points with pride

to his new Mobilite Neon

Sign, the first of its kind in

San Francisco, and which is

Boyd's Christmas present to

his building. The new Neon

which has a peculiar manner

of movement, is called "Wig-

gling Neon" by the prole

Chronicle.

To Proletariat

actionary machine is highly wel-

tempt to scare the workers.

crude fraud.

the Chauffeurs' Union.

But the election of the Communiet leader William Gallagher to the House of Parliament was a the House of Parliament was a danger signal. It meant that the masses had graduated from the long, hard college of experiencethat they were prepared to exert

eir will and challenge the rulers. On December 11. Gallacher made his first speech in Parliament. In the proud history of British

tecraft there is no oration as sound, sincere and powerful. It is not a masterpiece of oratory along the lines of traditional British pol-It is the voice of a brand new "politics," totally unrelated to the past, alongside which the mouthings of England's traditional tatesmen stand as empty elotence-mere recitations of arti-

When Gallacher's voice boomed out in the majestic halls of Parliament, the strength and awakened intelligence of the whole British working class echoed in the interests of the Yellow Cab his words. And the representa- Company. Business agent, Dixon,

of British capitalism stirred who has held an official position in their chairs. They were in the union for twenty years, was to the voice of a new also defeated. Financial secretary, that spoke the doom of their

Lenih said that Communists must | Manus, a bosom pal of Scharrenspeak and act so as to command berg and Vandeleur, who saw the the respect even of their enemies. coming trend of events, did not Gallacher die just that. When he even run for any office. finished speaking, the capitalist However, he did make the Labor representatives were visibly shak- Council delegate's post, due to the en. They were not altered in purpose or character. They were still filer "eligible" to run. On the eve the representatives of capital. Yet of elections, the local fakers pubthey were forced to voice recogni- lished a bulletin under the name tion and admiration of this stran-

ger among them.

We are re-printing the speech in full. It deserves full and careful reading. It is significant to America. With the growth of the united front and the Farmer-Labor Party movement, the question arises, what would real representatives of the people say in Con-

Compare the words of Gallacher with the standardized mouthings of American capitalist politicians. Imagine for yourself a man in office speaking with as aided in the smashing of the much sincerity, honesty and force- Workers' Press at 37 Grove street. charter-lifting is plainly seen in port to the Machinists. fulness on the deplorable condition of the United States.

GALLACHER'S SPEECH

Mr. Gallacher: As a new member, I have ben given advice by many older members of the House, and I will endeavor to avail myself of it in so far as

is consistent with what I am supposed to do as the representative of a great working ber, I have been given advice by class constituency.

I have been advised that, on rising to address the House, one should make at least a reference the preceding speech. I am sorry that in this case I canthat accept that advice.

(The previous speaker was Lady Astor.)

I cannet tolerate such flippancy, corning, as I do, from a constituer y where the medical officer la year could issue a report that 50 per cent of the children ttending the schools ing from disease or rere.

I ha een the harrowing effects c e most terrible povering in the homes erty and of the per and I am not of the temp that takes these

things lightly. the King's speech are (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

UNION MEMBERS CHARGED WITH "DISTURBING THE PEACE"

Released on \$50 Bail

BUZZELL AND EMPLOYERS IN ATTEMPT TO SMASH MILITANT GROUP

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 29.—Arrested Thursday by police cooperating with cannery owners to break up a militant strike, five women members of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union were out on bail of \$50 here today, after a writ of habeas corpus, brought in their behalf by Defense Attorney J. Allen Frankel, was dissolved by Superior Judge Ruben Schmidt.

Charges against the five workers are the time-worn ones of "disturbing the peace." The workers are Mrs. Jesus Diaz, 24; Mrs. Juanita Caracoza, 38; Mrs. Ruby Mendoza, 19; Mrs. Concha Contu, 20, and Mrs. Jesus Cervantes, 38.

A Cannery Workers' Defense Committee was just set up here yesterday, with headquarters at 226 West Sixth street, Room 9, San Pedro. Workers and other trade unions are urged to send funds to support the miniant struggles of the cannery workers and to smash this "disturbing the peace" frame-up.

Trial of the five women has been set for January 6 in Los An- MACHINISTS SET geles Municipal Court. Protests demanding their immediate lease and freedom should be sent to Benj. Scheinman, calendar judge of the municipal court.

TRIAL JAN. 6

The Fish Cannery Workers' Union recently conducted a successful strike, but when its Ameri-1 can Federation of Labor charter was removed a few weeks ago, canneries broke their signed agreements with the union and the the waterfront, on Jan. 2. workers were forced out on strike Local 68, an affiliate of District comed by the maritime union of

San Francisco. It was under the 11. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Counlocal that confused and misled cil, who removed the charter on rank and file members cooperated the "grounds" that Jack Moore,, business manager of the local, "is a Communist."

The anti-union character of the The newly elected officers are the breaking of Qe agreements by

CHURCH POLL IS tions for the workers. The hard STRONG AGAINST MILITARY DRILL question of renewed agreements

ONLY SIX PER CENT WILL BACK "ANY" U.S. WAR

By Federated Press.

NEW YORK-An overwhelming vote in favor of a smaller army and navy, government control of the munitions industry and abolition of compulsory military training in schools and colleges features the latest returns of the plebiscite on war and peace conducted by the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches of America.

The poll, which has now passed the 150,000 mark, shows a strong trend of peace-mindedness in every section of the U.S. Only 6 per cent of the votes tabulated, or 8742 out of 150,487 persons voting, declared that they would support "any war which the U. S. government may declare." 15 per cent, or 20,909, said that they would support "no war which the U. S. government may declare." An additional 33 per cent, or 46,448, voted to support "only a war in which U. S. territory has been

POLICE JAIL 5 Britain Blocked By Labor; WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES STRIKE Chinese Students in Revolt

Japanese Action in Britain's Dilemma-Imperialist Envy and Indecision China Threatens

British Imperialism Halted By Voice Of Masses

Soviet Union

LONDON, Dec. 30.-A temporary stalemate in international politics has followed collapse of the infamous Franco-British peace proposal. Britain, finding herself a house divided, is now treading water in the diplomatic field, uncertain as to what course to take next. British capitalists want a compromise with Italy in the Mediterranean so as to free Britain's hands to deal with the growing crisis in the Orient. British labor demands complete sanctions against Italy, cessation of the war, and hands off China.

Britain, at the moment, sees Italy walking off with Ethiopia, Japan walking off with China, and her own hands tied by internal

The new strength of labor opinion in England, which was expressed by the election of a com-munist to Parliament, is the prin-cipal amphilip bloom of the pringram of British imperialism.

A series of secret conferences are now in session throughout Europe, preparatory to the re-(Continued on page 2)

FOR STRIKE ON SHIPY ARD SHOPS

MARITIME UNIONS WILL SUPPORT SHOPMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.-Unless their demands are met, Local 68, of the Machinists' Union will strike in all shops along

again. Protests demanding the Council No. 2 of the Maritime immediate return of the charter Federation, has been assured of to the union should be levelled at full cooperation and support in the event the strike takes place.

> Already the membership of the Maritime Firemen's Union aboard the vessels have been notified of the impending strike. They have been instructed to render full sup-

The workers are demanding a minimum of 90 cts. an hour and a 40-hour week. About 300 machinists work along the front.

recent elections.

of the flood and fished for commodities.

From the central office of the Sheman Corporation, engineers, at 22 East 40th street, New York City, there are threads of espionage that cover the nation, and in one year brought Sherman enough of an income to warrant his paying a tax to the Federal gov-Thomes P. McGuire, vice-

president of the organization,

explains it: "'We send representatives into the plant where there is trouble and through us they endeavor to instruct the workers along constructive instead of destructive lines. They try to point out to them what the teaching of the radical agitator, bolshevik, socialist, or whatever you want to call them will bring them to."

(Edward Levinson, in Harper's Magazine.)

FARM PAYMENTS

Farmers' cash income from sales of farm products and government benefit payments in November was \$716,000,000, compared with \$856,000,000 in October and \$612,-Local 68 enjoys a full rank and 000,000 in November, 1934, acfile leadership as a result of the cording to the Agriculture Dept. in Washington.

When a devastating flood swept the neighborhood of Houston, Tex., the doors of bulging ware-

houses were swept open and the hundreds of unemployed got their first chance in years to avail

themselves of some of America's stored up plenty. With nets and fishing poles, they lined the course

Disaster Achieves What Capitalism Cannot

NEW WAGE SLASHES MAPPED BY WPA AND RELIEF HEADS

Carpenters Demand Prevailing Rates of Pay; Arizona Asks Security Funds ...

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Demand that the prevailing union wage be paid immediately on all city WPA projects was made on the City Council here yesterday by A. M. Hart, official of the local Carpenters' District Council.

a ruling by Attorney General U. Project No. 1529. S. Webb and Arthur Johnson of the State Labor Department to the effect the state prevailing wage

law applies to WPA projects. Meanwhile WPA officials were planning further action leading toward reduction of relief and WPA wages. Concentration camps-forced labor camps-for all single men on relief in California, was the order here today as WPA Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin and the State Relief Commission announced forty or fifty such camps will be

established throughout the state. The men will receive a so-called "subsistence" and wages ranging from \$15 to \$25 per month.

NO FARES

An order also has come down from WPA headquarters here discontinuing payment of transportation fares for WPA workers employed at the \$55 per month "security wage" on the Hyperion

Pacific Gas and Electric, chief ransportation firm here, will be the gainer. Special WPA Hyperion trains will be instituted and workers will be charged 25 cents per round trip.

Discrimination against Mexican workers also is being considered by the relief commission, it is reported. Budgets for these workers, many of whom have large families, may be cut to \$11 per month, it is indicated.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28. (FP -Arizona's first application to the federal government under the nev social security program was mailed to Washington by Florence M Warner, executive secretary of the Arizona State Board of Publi

Funds to aid the needy bline for the care of thousands of de pendent children, for aid to crip pled children and for child wel fare activities in rural areas wer sought in the application.

This state cannot be eligible for federal pension funds until the Arizona law relating to pensions is changed, so that no application under this section of the act has been made, Miss Warner said.

The amount sought from th federal government for the nex quarter is \$100,000. Arizona mus contribute during the same quar ter \$120,000, this money to come from the state's luxury tax fund CHILD WELFARE

The program for child welfare activities in rural areas is in its formative stage. It probably wil' be based on a study of child mortality rates and other data on young children obtained for the various counties, Miss Warner told the Federated Press correspondent today.

In order to take advantage of the federal funds for the next quarter, applications from the various states must reach Washington by January 1, and the staff of Miss Warner's office was rushed yesterday preparing the voluminous material needed for the applica-

PUBLIC WORKS UNION AT HEAD OF MILITANT STRUGGLE

Appropriation Voted

PWUU COMMITTEE MEETS OFFICIALS AT THE BILT-MORE HOTEL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.-Smashing defeat for the attempt to impose 7 to 17 per cent cuts on the starvation relief budgets of California workers, was dealt here yesterday by a militant committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, which forced the immediate appropriation of \$4,000,000 additional funds to care for the unemployed next month.

The appropriation, twice the size of previous appropriations, was voted here yesterday by the State Relief Commission, after the PWUU forced a hearing on the situation in the palatial Biltmore Hotel, where the commission was

"I tell you, we will not tolerate cut in the budget," Pat Callahan, of the PWUU County Council, demanded. "We demand an increase of 25 per cent in the budgets.

"We protest the establishment by WPA of single-men concentration camps-Hitler camps-to produce cannon fodder if we get into

"We do not intend to take this insult sitting down, and we do not intend to starve quietly."

POLICE TERROR

When the committee went to the Biltmore Hotel, yesterday afternoon, plice tried to stop them and to terrorize the committee. However, the threat of additional mass pressure was so great that Pilling and Pomeroy, SERA executives, rame down to the sidewalk and escorted the committee through the lines, disclaiming responsibility for calling the police.

Following the voting of the appropriation, several members of he relief commission began to ret the "willies" as they thought of explaining their actions to the 'big shots" of California.

Jack Roberts, of the State Conroller's office, said that the aditional money would have to be mised by getting it from the ankers, giving State's warrants as ecurity.

"There is no assurance that the anks will provide this \$4,000,000 or any more money at all for is," he wailed.

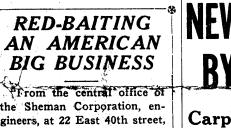
The increased influx of transient vorkers into California was benoaned by Max Lewis, who said, a condition has arisen that is langerous to the wholesome life of the individual and of the county. Jungles and shacktowns are eappearing."

Transient workers have been ut off relief by the Federal gov-

The PWUU committee, composed of 300 delegates from all of the organizations' locals, first. went to the SERA office at 741 So. Flower, where it was given the run-around by Slane, complaint receiver. Learning that Pilling and Pomeroy were ensconced in the Biltmore, the delegation immediately voted to go to the hotel to present their demands.

Following the victory, which means that no relief cuts will be instituted for at least one month, the delegation went to the headquarters of Local No. 5 at 1211/2 So. Broadway, where a "pep rally" was held and further plans drawn

воусотт HEARST NEWSPAPERS!



Headache for Adolph

RODO SHIMBUN PARTY IS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.-

Solidarity of American workers

with the Japanese workers of Cali-

fornia was convincingly demon-

strated here last night, when a

Communist newspaper, Rodo

Shimbun, at the Cultural Center.

An unusually interesting pro-

anese workers, featuring a prole-

tarian play in Japanese illustrat-

days. Dancing followed the pro-

The collection taken up

RELIEF CUT

Pennsylvania's direct relief load

has been cut by 18,384 cases dur-

ing the last week, according to

SOLIDARITY TRIUMPH

Young Communists and Socialists Give Views on Fighting War - - Fascism

Y.C.L. Open Meeting in Los Angeles-Schneiderman, Communist Party District Organizer Speaks

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—"We are living in a world of crisis | proletarian sanctions against the and of threats of a new world conflict. It is up to youth in particular to know the problems and tasks facing the people of

Twelve hundred youth of Los Angeles, assembled in the Mason Opera House at the open membership meeting of the Young Communist League, accepted with enthusiasm the challenge put to them here last night by William Schneiderman, organizer of District 13 of the Communist Party.

"The Communist Party pledges to help build a United Front youth were misled in Germany, among the younger generation," and as a result Fascist rule has said Schneiderman. "We will do reduced Germany to the cultural all in our power to build the unity level of barbarism, has mobilized of the younger generation in the fight against war and in the final build a gigantic war machine for victory against Fascism."

Predominantly composed vouth who were attending a Y.C.L. tack against the Soviet Union, meeting for the first time, the and to plunge the whole world audience enthusiastically received into war. Schneiderman's speech and the report on the Young Communist International, by Jack Olson, disstrict organizer of the Y.C.L. A healthy discussion of the Y.C.I. decisions, toward building a unified youth organization, completed

S. P. OBJECTS

David Hubbard, a member of the Young People's Socialist League, spoke in opposition to the Communist position against war. Lou Rosser, Southside organizer of the Y.C.L., told of the successes being made in his area by abandoning "bedroom meetings" and coming to the youth with large open meetings. Twenty-five new recruits for the Y.C.L. have ben gained by the change, he said.

The struggle against Fascism throughout the world was outlined by Schneiderman in his

"The Seventh World Congress of the Communist International pointed out the advancing menace of Fascism and how to organize to combat and to defeat it.

the entire youth of Germany to the purpose of plundering neighof boring small nations, for an at-

FASCIST DANGER

"The danger of Fascism is something that concerns us here in the United States. The American Liberty League, Hearst and Coughlin, the reactionaries in the Republican Party want to make sure that they will be able to continue to exploit the people and to gain more profits.

"But they clothe their real aims, their real fascist program, with slogans of democratic rights and defense of the Constitution. This is the real danger of Fascism in America.

"We can stop it before it is too late. A powerful United Front of the masses can prevent these reactionary forces from coming to power. The youth can and must play a decisive role in this United

FARMER-LABOR PARTY "The best means we have is

and the lower middle classes. "We must fight against the war danger, first rousing the masses to

people all over the world. The world conflict. We must develop Fascism". Price 5 cents.

fascist aggressors, and must also put pressure on all capitalist governments to enforce the League of Nations' sanctions. We must support the consisent peace policy of the Soviet Union and organize such support so as to be felt in the government offices and in the halls of the League of Nations.'

SPANISH TRADE PACT PREPARED FOR SIGNATURE

FRANCO-SPANISH QUARREL BENEFIT HELD NOW SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—With Franco-Spanish quarrels settled, the way is now paved for the early signature of a trade treaty between Spain and the United

The Spanish-American agreement already has been drawn up and Luis Calderon, Spanish Ambassador at Washington, is now in Madrid for the express purpose of obtaining his government's approval of the document.

He has Roosevelt's assurance that he is thoroughly acquainted with the treaty and is willing to gram was presented by the Japsign it.

Calderon hopes that the pact will be concluded in time for his ing the rise of the working class return to Washington early in movement in Japan since feudal February.

The Franco-British pact ended gram. Throughout the evening disastrous tariff war which be- chicken chow mein and chop suey gan more than a year ago.. Its was served in the Cafeteria. origin was due almost entirely to French desire to monopolize the Rodo Shimbun was \$67.32. Spanish Automobile market. Motor cars are not manufactured in through a Farmer-Labor Party, Spain and American automobiles to rally the workers and farmers have always been favored by Spaniards.

Help distribute 500,000 edition of announcement by SERA As in-The lesson of Germany must be the inevitability of the United Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working istrator Robert L. Johnson. There burned deep into the minds of States being drawn in in any Class Unity-Bulwark Against remain 253,175 cases representing

ing class don't go together. EPICS DEBATE FOR JAPANESE **COMMUNISTS ON** WORKER PAPER **SOCIAL ORDER** States.

Here is how the flood of protest signatures was amassed in

New York against holding of the Olympic Games in Nazi Ger-

many. In scores of cities, similar petition sheets are being filled

to show Hitler that fair play in sport and a raw deal to the work-

ASHE AND RICHIE SLATED FASCIST FILM FOR L. A. CLASH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.-Opening debate of the 1936 season will be held here next Sunday, man Paul A. Richie, of San Diego, record crowd attended Japan and Harold Ashe, organizer of the Night, benefit for the Japanese Downtown Sub-section of the Communist Party,, under the auspices of the Sunday Discussion Club.

Subject will be: "Resolved: That cause of the new social order."

A large crowd is anticipated for this debate, which will be held at week, starting tomorrow night Clifton's Cafeteria, 648 S. Broad- were being launched today by the way, at 11:15 a. m. The creation American League Against War of a Farmer-Labor Party is expected to form a large part of the discussion.

former Socialist and former asso- agement asked the League to state ciate of Bob Noble, was com- its reasons why the film should pletely routed by W. G. Farring- not be shown. ton in a debate on the question: "Resolved: That there is a menace of Fascism in the United is being backed by the Italian to lead the rising campaign of

BOYCOTT HEARST ADVERTISERS!

NAZI SHIP TO BE 'WELCOMED' BY WORKERS

DELEGATION TO PROTEST DOCKING OF EMDEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.-On January 20, the German Nazi Cruiser Emden, considered one of the best equipped of Hitler's navy, will arrive in Portland, Ore.

An official gesture of welcome will be extended to the officers and men of the cruiser by Mayor Joseph K. Carson and other officials of the city.

At the same time, a cooler unofficial welcome is being planned by the I.C.O.R., local Jewish organization, who have elected three delegates to contact other Jewish organizations in an effort to build up protest against the Nazi cruiser's docking in Portland.

The committee is working with similar group from the Ameri can League Against War and Fascism to develop ways and means to make the protest effective Trade unions and all other organizations actively opposed to Fascism are being asked to join in urging a ban against the Emden landing in Portland, which is to be the cruiser's only port of call in the United

GETS PROTEST OF L.A. LEAGUE

Jan. 5, between Epic Assembly- SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT PHILHARMONIC

> LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.-Widespread protests against the showing of "Man of Courage", a ed, and directed by Mussolini," at the Philharmonic Auditorium this and Fascism.

Protests against this attempted "justification" of Fascism were so golia. Last Sunday, Ellis O. Jones, great that the auditorium man-

The promoters of the film showly denied this. Possible picketing two trains at the Northern raffway shown, is being planned.

(Continued from Page 1)

convening of the League of Nations in the middle of January. Meanwhile, Italy in Africa and Japan in China are meeting resistance to their invasions far in excess of what was expected. The Ethiopians have driven back the Italian legions on both fronts. Nation-wide revolt is stirring in China which threatens Japan, the treacherous Kuomintang Chinese Nationalist government, and also British and American capitalist

The situation in France is similar to that of England, the will of the people thwarting the will of the millionaire exploiters. France has already confessed that she cannot depend on her armed forces to back up a war of conquest and revolution may follow if such a course is attempted.

interests.

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 2.of Ethiopia into the background, as events crystallize sharply in the Far East, the world imperialistic powers are desperately attempt-1 King Leopold of Belgium, acting ing to keep the course of the presumably on behalf of Mussowidespread Japanese war machine lini, will seek to influence the polwith considerable justified misgivings that the Japanese war- isting sanctions and the definite lords may give them the double- shelving of the proposed oil sanccross.

The fears of Great Britain and American imperialists who have never been able to reconcile themselves to Japanese encroachment upon "their" plum tree, is particularly well founded as a result of the strategy of Epic promotes the film reported to be "written, act- the latest reports emanating from

high military officials the Japanese army with or without the their girth. The proposal is inconsent of the Tokyo Government had embarked upon a campaign of ter, the shortage of which has military pressure on Outer Mon-

STUDENTS LEAD FIGHT

Despite martial law in the antiimperialist city of Shanghai, demonstrations are being staged freing claimed that the production quently. Students are continuing Consulate, which, however, prompt- anti-imperialism. Over 2500 seized of the auditorium, if the film is station and preceded to Nanking

Japanese invaders and the native

The students were met by an armored train carrying 500 troops who were rushed out by the Nanking government in an effort to block them.

CHAHAR-A Japanese inspired army is attempting to drive a wedge through Chahar Province toward the city of Shantu in an effort to cut the trade routes between Northern China and Soviet Mongolia.

A political Council which had been set up under Tokyo guidanch in the province of Hopeh was t cause of the widespread student demonstration of opposition.

Outer Mongolia's war minister and other leaders attended a conference in Moscow and the actions of the Japanese army in North China were studied.

The plan of action which Soviet Forced to relegate the floundering Union will follow in protecting the Mussolini exploitation campaign People's Republic of Mongolia were not disclosed.

LONDON.- It is reported that to North and Soviet China, but icy of the British government toward the modification of the ex-

> Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

Stomach Tax

BERLIN, Germany.—A German newspaper has proposed a "stom-According to the statement of ach tax" by which rotund Germans would be taxed in proportion to tended to cut consumption of butroused the ire of those citizens unable to understand that Hitler's rearmament plans must take precedence over their own well-being.

> The Western Worker has received several inquiries as to whether Norma Noral was the wife of Alex Noral

Norma Noral is a sistu Alex Noral.

THE FIRST SPEECH OF A COMMUNIST MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

many questions that must be dealt with frankly.

No Robber Aggression

There is the conflict in Abyssinia. I want to bring out clearly the issue that is involved, for some of my hon, friends for whom I have great regard have won applause from the other side of the House on this question. I hope I may never see the day when I win applause from the opposite side of the House.

I am concerned with the fact that confusion is being created on this vital question, and is being used by supporters of the govern-

The great labor movement in this country stands for rigid opposition to robber aggression on prnciple.

These benches represent support for the Abyssinians, a colonial people, in the fight they are making to maintain their independence. That is the vital difference between this side of the House and the other.

application of sanctions cannot be make a deal with Italy. allowed to confuse this differ-

on this point. I do not mind him fair. deceiving himself, but I object to

him trying to deceive others. He said that the foreign secretary's speech at Geneva represent- League of Nations. ed a change of policy.

It represented nothing of the sort, but only a continuation of a to a new situation. It represented the brazen hypocrisy that has the utterances of representatives that would guarantee British railof the National government.

. How any man could make such a speech I do not know, with a National government imposing its ism crushing down the Indians. Africa.

ence for Abyssinia, for which we stand, then there must be independence for Egypt, for India, for all colonial peoples, and the right of the colonial peoples to work out their own destiny associated with and assisted by the more advanced Western peo-

Is the National government co-

Reference was made by the leader of the opposition to dualism, but that word is being used now to create an entirely wrong

A Double Game

You can easily have an immediate program and an ultimate

The National government are pursuing not a dual policy but are playing a double game, and are preparing, if the opportunity presents itself, for what the Americans call a "double cross."

The National government is ready at any moment to double cross the League of Nations and there in what he himself declared Questions of sanctions and the to double cross Abyssinia if it can

The foreign secretary, when he made his speech, was pursuing The leader of the Liberal Party exactly the same policy as the yesterday gave an exhibition of previous foreign secretary when the most deliberate self-deception he was handling the Japanese af-

> Never until this situation arose did we see in the National government any passionate desire for the

When Japanese invaded Manchuria, the then foreign secretary

Because he told you that he was way interests in Manchuria and

The passion for the League o Nations only arose when British | Broken Men military control over Egypt, with imperial and financial interests the iron heel of British imperial- were threatened in the North of

ing of British interests in the Su- hospitals. dan and Egypt. When the right hon, gentleman

the member for Warwick and Leamington (Mr. Eden) was in Moscow last year, in a real atoperating with the League of Na- mosphere of peace . . . (interrup-

> Yes, war does not come from the heart of human beings; it comes as a consequence of the greed for territory and trading

Take away the incentive of the cment of profit and you take way the incentive for war.

In Soviet Russia there is no desire for any territory outside their own. Stalin has said that they do not covet an inch of anybody else's territory, but will not give up an inch of their own. For the building of Socialism they must have do not let them forget that this peace, and so a peace policy is invasion may be the forerunner of

While the right hon, member for Warwick and Leamington was to be real peace atmosphere, the is one thing will always stand bebefore the butcher in Berlin. The door was slammed shut and you had the spectacle of the British ain and invade London. foreign secretary waiting until he was given permission to enter,

Did that produce peace or peace

It produced the German naval pact, drove France away from Britain into the arms of Italy, and gave Italy the opportunity, as a result of the unsettling of the

war against Abyssinia.

The German naval pact was the coping stone on the remilitarization of Germany.

There is a Cenotaph in Whitehall, erected to a million young peace pact, and are

government towards the League ders and on other fronts. There of Nations is to utilize it as far are a million more broken men. I as it can in order to force Italy will take you around some of the to make a deal for the safeguard- asylums, I will take you to the

They were sent to die to destroy German militarism, which was menacing civilization. But now German militarism is erected stronger than ever before. Will hon, gentlemen take down the Cenotaph?

The re-arming of Germany has brought a menace to the whole of civilization.

Now, the scene having changed, he one-time for eign secretary, Hitler's man Friday, is at the home office. So we are getting a German invasion of London.

Is any hon, member prepared to say that this has anything to do with bona fide football and sport? (Interruption.)

Hon, gentlemen may laugh, but a different invasion.

Whatever animates the German militarist, whoever they would desire to crush at the moment, there foreign secretary was grovelling fore them, and that is the hope that the day may come when they can see the tragedy of the pit and may crush the imperialists of Brit-

An hon, member with a touch of humor said that if you put men on to making armaments, 16s. in a £ will go in wages. If you put men to dig in the sand, 20s. in the £ will go in wages.

If hon, members are so engaged about armaments, why not get men and boys piling up metal on ing scrap iron at each other.

bat the war spirit that has reup armaments. That can only be done by denouncing the German naval treaty,

and then, associating with that the Soviet Union, associating with is brought to bear upon the mat-

If you have 50 nations cooper ating for peace and carrying for ward a steady policy of peace and disarmament, through their eco- Hero nomic and financial power you can force the other nations to disarm

If you use your economic and financial power, Germany and Ja pan will be forced to disarm.

The National government, composed of Tory die-hards with the discredited remnants of other parties thrown in, will never lead the fight for peace.

WHAT OF DEFENSE?

Have you defended the miners' families in Wales, Lancashire, on the North East Coast and in Scotland? Have you defended these places-go and look at them-which give the appearance of a country that has been devastated by the enemy? Have you defended the

There were over 1000 men killed in the pits last year and nearly 200,000 injured. Have you defended them?

Come with me to the mining villages, and, day after day, you the tragedy of the miners' homes. Have you defended the unemployed? We have heard about the

Yesterday the hon, member for Bridgeton (Mr. Maxton) drew attention to the gyrations of hon. gentlemen opposite in connection with the means test during the

effects the means test was having upon men, women and children in the country. Not one of them would defend greatest peace power in the world, it or stand for it. When pressure

going to change it, but are you for the evil you have done during from? the past four years?

I have heard of hundreds of cases, but one of the most outgoing to compensate in any way standing in my mind at the moment is that of one of the heroes who came back from the war

The Paralyzed

paralyzed. He has lain in bed since the end or the war and has never moved. Do you remember the promise we made as to the treatment that these heroes were to receive?

Do you remember how the duke and the worker were to walk along the road hand-in-hand, with roses on every 9de and happiness lying close at hand?

in bed. His boy grows to manhood-he is 21 years of age-and gets a job. The means test is operated in that home. The boy is persuaded

Here is a paralyzed man lying

to leave home and live with relatives so that the family income shall not be interfered with. He leaves his bed-ridden father and weeping mother and goes to his new home. He cannot eat; he cannot sleep.

Despair settles upon him, and in a week comes the end-suicide. He is driven to death by the means test, as thousands of others have been done to death. Were you anxious for them?

Ahe you going to change it because you have seen the ghastly work which you have done? I have seen it, and I cannot forget

there will not be any need for political opposition. It is a very sericus problem and one which is dear to his heart.

The chief medical officer in his and supporting the Franco-Soviet ter, we hear some flippant talk the fact that we were making no the working class. this build- about going to change it. You are headway against maternal mortali- If the £7,000,000,000 which we ent reckoning.

You may pay tribute to, or worship, the Madonna and Child, but House who have not yet become day after day you are doing the

Madonna and Child to death. On this side of the House we represent and speak for the workers of this country, the men

who toil and sweat. Hon, members on government

benches: So do we. Gallacher: Oh, you do speak for the workers, do you? Hon. members on government

benches: Yes. Gallacher: Alright. We shall see. The leader of the miners says that theirs is the hardest, most dangerous and poorest paid job in the country. Is there anybody who will deny it?

The miners make a demand. They ballot for it, and the ballot is a record, and we who speak for and on behalf of the miners demand an increase of 2s. a day for

That's how we speak for the miners. Now it is your turn. Speak now. Two shillings a day for the miners! Speak, you who claim to represent the min-

We say not a penny for armaments. It is a crime against the people of this country to spend mother penny on armaments.

Every penny we can get should go in wages for the miners, to- ple's government concerned with wards the health and well-being the complete reconstruction of of the mothers and the children this country, with genuine coonerand adequate pensions for the 10s. a week for an aged man or woman who has given real service to this country and has work-

We require every penny we can

pent during the war in ruin and destruction had been spent in making life brighter and better for It comes from low wages and

low unemployment relief. The the people of this country what a mothers and children have to suf- difference it would have made. I would make an earnest appeal to hon, members of the

> case-hardened in iniquity. The National government are travelling the road of 1914, which will surely lead to another and more terrible war, and to the de-

struction of civilization. Are hon, members going to fol-

low them down that road? The Party which is represented on these benches, from which, at the present moment. I am an outcast, has set itself a task of an entirely different character. that of travelling along the road of peace and progress and of spending all that can be spent in making life higher and better

for all. We invite those of you who areprepared to put service to a great cause before blind leadership of miserable pygmies who are givin; a pitiful exhibition by masquerading as giants.

Real People's Government

To put first, service, not to a National government such as is presented before us, but to a Las bor government drawing towards itself all the very best and mos active and progressive elements from all parties and constituting itself, as a consequence, a real peoation with the other prace mations peace and progress.

I make an appeal e give a warning.

Do not try to sto road along which w ling. Do not try road by the meshe: tanglements or by

Do not try it les, an evil div tome upon you and you have to pay a price far beyond any pres-

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There was not one member on did not support the League of Naeach side of the House and we You have not defended the unaged and infirm. Last night the for preserving world p ce, a povwhole European situation, to make the other side prepared to stand policy that has been pursued by tions against Japan; he became can settle our quarrels by throwchancellor of the exchequer was ernment that follows ne road of employed and the mothers and the an attack upon Abyssinia. up for the means test as it was the National government, adapted the spokesman for Japan against children. It is all very well for the meeting some friends, and they I challenge anyone to deny that being operated in any industrial the League of Nations. Why? You cannot ever hope to comprime minister, in his introductory were having a dinner, the cost of had there been no pro-German constituency in the country. speech, to say that on the queswhich was 35s. a head. Thirty-five policy there would have been no appeared time and time again in trying to get a deal with Japan mained in Germany by building Why? Because of the terrible shillings a head for a dinner, and ion of maternity and midwifery

> ed in factory or mine. report last year drew attention to get in order to make life better for

Workers Deported Postal Clerk Fired Hospital Union Negro Cavalry Health Purchasable

WASHINGTON.—(FP) — For several workers who have been active in the labor movement, the holiday season meant being taken from their homes and families to Fuis Island, to await deportation 1 .nds which some of them had not seen since they were chil-

In most cases, the U. S. Department of Labor plans to send the prisoners to Fascist countries where they await imprisonment or death. One of them, Walter Baer, a Portland, Ore., engineer who helped organize the unemployed, is scheduled for delivery to Hiller despite his American family and his claim that he was born in Calexico, Calif.

Others facing deportation unless protests to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins rescue them are: Carl Ohm, 28, New York, alleged Communist who participated in a demonstration for Negro rights; Vincent Ferrero and Domenick Sallitto, residents of the U. S. for 30 and 15 years respecfively, who sublet part of their Oakland, Calif., restaurant to the editor of the anarchist publication. .an; Fred Werrman, 38, alleged Communist, who attended an unemployed demonstration at Chicago; Oscar Mannisto, 50, with wife and three American-born children at Astoria, Ore., resident of the U.S. for 23 years and member of the Typographical Union

NEW YORK.—(FP)—An appeal to Postmaster-General Farley is being made on behalf of ley is being made on behalf of 38-79 SENDS clerk fired for what he claims is Scrimination against union work-

20 years, charged with membership

in the old Workers' Party, which

went out of existence about 10

"Levine, an active member of the National Association of Post Office Clerks, was dismissed on a charge of "delaying the mails." The charge followed Levine's stopping to exchange a word of greeting with a fellow employe just leaving the office. There could have been no delay, Levine charges, because the mail he was collecting was not due to be shipped for two hours, thus permitting him more than adequate time to gather it.

Postmaster Albert Goldman of New York has refused to act in the case and advised that the case be carried to Washington.

NEW YORK .- (FP)-Hospital Employes A. F. of L. Union No 171 is conducting an organizational campaign to bring the 44-hour week and the American standard of living to New York's underpaid and overworked hospital employes. Wages as low as \$30 a month, hours running up to 78 a week, and "food unfit for the more fastidious animals" are among conditions compained of. Legislation for the 44-hour week is being sought in the Board of Aldermen and the State Legislature.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. -The famous Negro 10th Cavalry, with an illustrious record running back to 1866, is no longer being used in military maneuvers. Its members are assigned to service as grooms for private polo ponies of white officers and other menial tasks, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People charges.

Three years ago the historic 10th was broken into three units, which were then assigned to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., Ft. Myer, Va., and West Point, N. Y. Replying to an inquiry from the association, the adjutant-general's office of the war department states that it is "an honor" to care for horses used by the army war college and general staff.

ALBANY, N. Y.—(FP)—"Public health is purchasable. Within natural limitations, any community can determine its own death

Coincident with an alarming slash, in public health budgets throughout the nation in response to "economy" campaigns by those | ical Oil Company resumed oper-York State Department of Health, a majority of the 5000 striking h of the statement.

THIRD PARTY CALL ISSUED IN SO. DAKOTA

ANTI-CAPITALIST PARTY TO BE LAUNCHED ON FEBRUARY 4

HURON, S.D. (FP)—All groups willing to aid in regaining the stolen heritage of the common people," are called on to send representatives to Huron February 4 to launch a third party in South Dakota, draw up a platform and nominate candidates. The call is issued by Chairman Edward Welsh of the South Dakota Farmer-Labor Progressive Association.

Many local, county and city units of the South Dakota Federation of Labor and the Farmers' Union are expected to send delegates, although neither organization went on record for a Farmer-Labor Party at their state conventions last Fall. Moral support has been pledged the third party movement by Pres. Oscar Brekke of the South Dakota Holiday

In Brown county an anti-capitalist party has already been formed with representation of various groups from Townsend clubs to Communists.

The Townsend movement spreading rapidly in South Dakota. and here it has some elements of Townsend manager, insists that no nember of a political party may address a Townsend club as a politician—"if he wants to join the club, all right, but let him come in and sit down as one of the boys." He is noted for the cracks he takes at reactionary politicians when they appear on the program with him. Carpenter declares that there must be a redistribution of wealth, that the rich must stand the brunt of the Townsend sales tax feature and that there must be rank and file control of political representatives.

DELEGATE TO ANTI-WAR MEET

CONTRA COSTA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL TO SEND DELEGATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.— Harry Garrett Executive Board member of I.L.A., Local 38-79. was elected as representative from the Northern California Congress o the American League Against War and Fascism Congress, which opens in Cleveland on Jan. 2.

Garrett will ask for credentials from the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation as well as from his own local. The Council is also an affiliated body to the local chapter of the League Against War. The local Congress will bear all expenses incurred by the delekate in this trip to Ohio.

The selection of a maritime worker as delegate signifies the realization of the need for full support of organized labor if the serious threat of war and fascism are to be averted.

The Contra Costa County Central Labor Council, considerably enthused over the Congress Against War, is contemplating sending a delegate from their own body and at their own expense, to the Congress.

The actions of this Central Labor Council is of particularly vital interest due to its locality in the center of one of beehives of war activities. One of the largest industries here is the Hercules Powder Company, a direct subsidy of the Du Pont Ammunition manufacturers, who in turn are also ardent backers of "Americanism."

Here also thrives the British Acres, a huge tract devoted to making war supplies for Great Britain. The oil industry is also well represented here.

The initiative displayed by the workers here, in the fight against war, is a unusually healthy omen, especially in the light of the fact that undoubtedly the vast majority of the workers are earning their meager living from the production of war materials.

STRIKE ENDED

BOGOTA, Colombia.-The Tropwho don't believe in "soaking ations last week and dispatches the rich," this reminder appears from Barrancas report that the on envelopes mailed from the New strike has been virtually settled, Actual studies have proved the workers having won better wages and working conditions.

A New Factor Enters World Politics: The Power of the Masses to Dictate

SUPPORT THE COMINTERN

Ink was scarcely dry on the reports of the World Congress of the Communist International before events confirmed one of the most important conclusions on which it based its policies.

The Comintern concluded that the masses of the world are now n a position to decisively influence world affairs, and that this factor s one of the most important considerations in formulating any pro-

AFRICAN QUESTION

Witness the two most vital world levelopments since the congress:

1. Both Great Britain and France faced major crises in their parliaments when they attempted to follow international policies which ran contrary to the will of the masses. The infamous Franco-Britain "peace plan" which was submitted to the League of Nations had to be abandoned in one of the most direct about faces in the history of capitalist diplomacy.

Both France and Britain had secret imperialist alliances with militancy. M. S. Carpenter, state Italy. It has been the policy in the past for real international deals to be carried out in secret and for a surface play of politics to be enacted for the benefit of the

CHINESE QUESTION

Newest developments show this o be impossible in the future. Deals made in private become meaningless if they run counter to the will of the mass.

2. In China, the Kuomintang (Nationalist) Chinese government had secret understandings with Japan and was ready to permit her to seize the North China provinces for purposes of suppressing Communism, a task in which the Kuomintang has

This, too, ran counter to the will f the mass and China is faced with a major political crisis as he mass support of the Kuomintang melts away, largely toward sympathy with the Communists. The Communists are ready to fight against foreign intervention: The Kuomintang is not. Sincere nationalists elements in China naturally have more in common with the Communists than the Kuon

A strong element of imperialist desperation is revealed both in the the Chinese and the Mediterranean situations. The wall of resistance being flung up by the masses is one which the capitalist powers 1 had not fully reckoned on. And to meet it, they are faced with two alternatives: either to bend to mass will and permit their imperialist plans to be thwarted, or to attempt to suppress mass will by

DANGER POINTS

Recent investigations carried out by the British "intelligence" service and reported in the public press reveal that:

1. Italian imperialism is in a state of desperation and would not hesitate to plunge belligerently into war against Britain if oil embargoes are imposed. On the other hand, the alleged support of the Italian masses to the fascist government is sheerly fictitious and such a move might result in revolution in Italy and the establishment of a Soviet Republic by the people.

2. France is afraid to face any war situation because she knows that war will not receive the support of the masses; and that any attempt of France to plunge into war might result in revolution and the establishment of a Soviet republic.

3. The masses of the world are uniform in their demands for complete embargoes against Italy and the choking off of the Ethiopian conquest. Failure to meet this demand will mean a melting away of what mass support the capitalist governments still enjoy.

4. Germany is set in her determination to invade the Soviet Union. The Nazis do not enjoy the support of the German people and such a move would not only plunge all Europe into war but would probably result in revolution in Germany and the establishment of a

s eager to attack the Soviet Un- factor as strongly in their most far handed strategies.

LATEST EVENTS Five Lira-Four Cigarettes-And Death



Five Lira (about 20 cents) and four cigarettes per day; these are the wages paid the men who are duped into shouldering the murderous burden of Italian imperialism in Ethiopia. The ammunition they are carrying in the boxes was paid for by sweating and starving the Italian masses. It is conservative to estimate that at least one of the smiling "heroes" pictured above has already left his vulture cleaned bones on the deserts of Ethiopia.

on on the Siberian border at the same time Germany attacks, she is aced with the problem of China going rapidly Communist to the South of her war base in Manchukuo. In view of the failure of the Knomintang to cope with the will of the Chinese masses, Japan now finds herself faced with the ultimate task of either permitting policing the whole area; an underthe Soviet Union impossible.

JAPAN'S AIMS

ent would indicate that she believes herself capable of this giant undertaking. In fact, she has resented all efforts of Great Britain a division of the spoils of China. Both Great Britain and America are covetous of the loot of China and jealous of their present holdings there. At the moment they view Japan's maneuvers as an attempt to dominate all China and and spoke for 21/2 minutes. drive out competing imperialist interests.

Indeed, it is not impossible that Tapan would be willing to postpone invasion of the Soviet Union, hoping that she would be able to secure her domination of China

'An important factor in analyzing imperialist maneuvers is that the imperialists are convinced that Communism can be suppressed by orce of arms-to use their own words, "wiped out." Therefore, hey are unable to view the conquest of China as a giant and pernanent policing task on an expensive scale that would strain the esources of any power. They regard it as a matter of: march in, nurder, make laws, set up a system of corrupt Chinese administrators with plenty of graft privileges to insure their loyalty, and then to relax and enjoy the profits sweated out of the hide of Chinese labor.

They do not comprehend the nature of Communism. They do not realize the historic force against which they are pitting themselves. This largely explains why the capitalist powers could be taken y complete surprise by inevitable world-wide development which the World Congress of the Comnunist International not only recognized well in advance, but upon which it formulated its policies.

The factor of the mass will of opulations exerting power over dares to run counter to it. It is international affairs was one for to be looked for that as soon as League. which the British and French im- imperialism digests this truth and perialists were so little prepared recovers from its present panic, it that the first real demonstration of will adopt a policy of seeking to its effectiveness plunged them into conform in all respects to mass Another important factor to be genuine panic. And it is to be demands on the surface, but con-

L. A. THEATER IS EMBARRASSED "RED SALUTE" SALUTED WITH HISSES L. I. D. STAGES DEMONSTRATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24-1 An usher dashed out from the China to go Communist, or else While thousands of Christmas theater, yelling, "I'll smack that shoppers looked on, many of them guy down!" But instead, he stayed taking that would drain her in admiration, the Student League to listen to the speaker. strength and render invasion of for Industrial Democracy and the "Did you hear that red talk?" National Student League staged a woman asked the traffic police a lightning demonstration of pro- man from the corner of Seventh test in front of Loew's State The- and Broadway, reputedly the busi-Japan's policies up to the pres- ater here yesterday, against the showing of the red-baiting film "Red Salute".

floated down from the Loew's to reach an accord with her as to State Building and were thrown into air by the demonstrators. As the people scrambled to read these denunciations of the film's slanderous attack on the student peace movement, a speaker was hoisted into the air by a fellow-student

"Boycott 'Red Salute'," was onof the slogans shouted by the militant students, along with "Support the Student Anti-War Move ment!"

Reactions expressed by passers by were in most cases favorable. the boy with her, "you've got to choose. You've got to be on one side or the other!"

"No," the cop replied, "but I'd like to find out what it's all

Mason Opera House between representatives of the Young Peoole's Socialist League and the Young Communist League. The attempted to leave the ship along YPSL's challenged the YCL to with the crew in protest of its the debate, which will be held on war cargo. He had escaped from January 10. Subject has not been announced as vet

The student demonstrators were from University of California a Las Angeles, Los Angeles Junior "Well, honey," said one girl to College, Frank Wiggins Trade School, Belmont High School Roosevelt High School, Hollywood High School, and others.

GUNS AGAINST DEMOCRACY

Whether American capitalism intends to hand out the future of American labor through the pay window or on the end of a bayonet can be judged by the recent book of strikebreaking instructions issued by the War Department to all regiments. The following is an excerpt:

"Troops have a right to use such force as is necessary to carry out their orders and to accomplish their military mission, and individual officers and men are not liable for honest errors of judgment in determining how much force is necessary in a given emergency . .'

flung imperialist colonies as they were in their homelands.

Mass power is now a definite factor and no imperialist power

TO DEBATE ON PEACE ROAD AT L.A. MEETING

YPSL AND YCL DRAW UP UNITED FRONT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.-How to rally the masses of America on "The Road to Peace" will be debated here on Jan. 10, 8 p. m., at the Mason Opera House, between representatives of the Young People's Socialist League and the Young Communist League.

Held under the joint auspices of the YPSL and the YCL, this debate is expected to draw a packed house. Admission will be 15 cents.

"The YCL is not looking upon this debate as an argument, but as a friendly discussion of our differences toward a United Front between the two organizations," said Matt Pelman, section organizre of the Young Communist

Several weeks ago the two youth subject at the Sunday Discussion Club before several hundred young between the YCL and the YPSL. | North and South Dakota.

DOCKERS VOTE FOR THE I.L.A. IN GULF POLL

WORKERS REPUDIATE OLD COMPANY UNION BY 10 TO 1 VOTE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30. Mobile longshoremen forced the recognition of the International Longshoremen's Association, by the Mobile Steamship Association, when they voted by a margin of 10 to 1 to have the I.L.A. represent them in collective bargaining. However, the local reactionary officialdom of the I. L. A. has kept one pace ahead of the increasing militancy, and has signed an agreement that amounts to a virtual strikebreaking pact.

The agreement stipulates that the contract shall run for 2 years and not until 1 year has elapsed can any part of the agreement be discussed. There is to be no halt in the work regardless of any "discussions" which may arise. All disagreements are to be settled by arbitration.

The complete disillusionment of the workers with the company union was clearly evinced by the fact that the greater majority of the men who voted had formerly belonged to the Mobile Benevolent Association, company union. Only those who had worked 6 months as longshoremen were allowed to vote. Inasmuch as the M. B. A. formerly held the contracts for loading all ships in Mobile, all longshoremen who wanted to work were forced to

Pensacola and Gulfport employers and workers have agreed to abide by the result of the Mobile elections. New Orleans, one of the most important ports remains the only place where the strike

GREEK SEAMEN HALT MURDER **CARGO VESSEL**

KIDNAPED AS CREW QUIT SHIP

PORTLAND, Maine, Jan. 1.-One more militant crew added its have died from the effects of torprotests to transporting scrap iron ture administered by the Nazi war materials to Chopper Musso- secret police. line murder machine, when the seamen of the Greek freighter It- LONDON.—Thirty Bengalese

The skipper of the vessel was brought into court on a charge of kidnaping his radio operator to force him to sail with the ship. He Pictures of the demonstration was arrested on a warrant taken were taken by the Film and Foto out by local Greek workers after league, and will be shown for police had been called to a local the first time at the debate at the shipping agency, to help place the

radio operator aboard the ship. The radioman had been forcibly detained by the captain when he the ship and made his way to the shipping agency in search of a new berth.

The skipper was released by the assistant district attorney on the grounds that the kidnaping charge held "no merit." The captain was free to sail by court edict, but the court could not solve his problem of finding a radio man and a

Fourteen of his crew had deserted the ship, despite the cooperation of the shipping agencies and police in illegally detaining \$38,000 workers' education projthree members in jail because the captain wanted "to be sure the men would not jump ship."

Protests from workers' organizations forced the release of the three men. The protests also forced a ruling by the local immigration officials that the imprisoned men and the radio man had a legal right to refuse to sail on the

Under the ruling the men are allowed to remain in this country for sixty days while seeking berths on another vessel.

Meanwhile the vessel is tied up.

Farmers Oppose War

MADISON, Wisc.—At the third annual congress of the Farmers' organization, Minnesota Farmers' Holiday Association, a unanimous resolution was passed against war and fascism. The congress also resolved on the election of delegates to the Third U. S. Congress organizations debated on a similar Against War and Fascism, to take place in Cleveland, January, 1936. Similar resolutions against war people, a meeting memorable for and fascism have been adopted suit against McCormic and Silverconsidered is that although Japan noted that they were hit by this triving to betray them by under- the friendly spirit that prevailed by the farmers' organizations of ato S.S. Companies last week for

FOREIGN NEWS **Briefs**

Milk at the Pistol Point Soviets' Prosperity German Unionists On Trial

BERLIN, Germany. - General Goering has mobilized the Gestapo, the Nazi secret police, for the purpose of enforcing the comoulsory delivery of milk by the German peasants. The peasants are ordered to deliver all milk not required for their own use to local dairies in an effort to remedy the shortage of butter and fats which has occurred under the Nazi regime.

In spite of government denials of the introduction of ration cards, they are being adopted in one form or another by food stores, which will only sell to customers with cards.

Peasants failing to observe government regulations in selling milk and other products face possible death or imprisonment.

MOSCOW.—The Stalingrad Region on the Volga River reports that every peasant household in the Region now has a cow, and every collective farm possesses a herd of cattle, besides the cattle belonging to the peasants. Thus the Region has fulfilled the task set by Stalin to liquidate cowless households. Previously, before collectivization, many of the peasants were too poor to own cows.

The sugar industry expects to produce 130,000,000 poods (one pood equals 36 pounds) of sugar from the sugar beets raised in 1935. The largest amount ever produced in one year in pre-war Russia was only 103,000,000 poods. This year's record crop was achieved in spite of the fact that the Ukraine in general, where most sugar beets are grown, had insufficient rainfall.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.--Reorts have been received here that 600 workers will soon go on trial in Wupperthal, Germany, for the CAPTAIN HAS RADIOMAN crime of organizing independent trade unions in the Ruhr district. They were arrested last February, and were subjected to the third degree. Twelve are reported to

> charged with plotting against British authorities. According to claims of the police, the defendants had in their possession a large quantity of revolutionary literature.

LONDON, England.—(FP)—In an effort to break public sympathy with Britain's miners, who have voted to strike in January, the nation's coal mine owners are increasing the price of fuel for home

The operators' plea is that probable higher wage rates dictate the price rise, but the move is seen as a definite effort to halt the workers' strike plans.

Approaches are already being made by the mine owners to other big industries-railways, gas companies and electric power firmsasking that they join the move to raise consumer prices.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico.—(FP) -A strongly-worded protest has been cabled to President Roosevelt against the cancellation of a ect for which 45 teachers had completed training courses at the University of Porto Rico on the promise of jobs.

The cable is signed by the commissioner of labor, the treasurer of Porto Rico, the industrial commissioner, the head of the medical service state insurance fund and numerous university professors and officers of the Free Federation of Workingmen, affiliated

with the A. F. of L. The project was cancelled by Director Ernest Gruening of the Porto Rico Reconstruction Administration, who said that there was a lack of funds and that other projects were more vital. Relief Administrator James R. Bourne recently resigned in protest against the 60c-a-day wage scale for fruit plantation workers proposed by Gruening, one time liberal editor,

SEAMAN SUES

Rolled and crushed by a 3500pound clamshell bucket, forced to sleep sitting up for 18 days, George Prohaska, seaman, filed

RIP TIDES

By LeMae

Take a Rat's Word

ors scoffed.

the reason the rats left the ship

. . . they were more thorough.

You guys know damn well the

whole thing was a fake," it was the

eiler on watch, as he stuck his

head into the messroom. "Ship-

I would have piled off with the

It doesn't take long for an old

rusty hulk to go once she starts.

A good, stiff trade wind. A swiftly

that happened, an angry, cross sea

just reached up and slapped her

Every time a sea hit her she

groaned and creaked. You could

just feel the sea shake rivets from

her. It wasn't long before the

pumps were started. Even then

she might have weathered it but

. . her "boilers were kind of

A terrific blast sounded like a

boult of thunder that had broken

loose below decks. And then the

swirling clear blue sea was clut-

Morning and a seagull on the

thing floating in the now somewhat

tered with debris.

kicked up sea. The first thing

"Hello, skipper, what's on your speaker was a fireman who had mind today?" the enquirer was the just come up from his watch in paunchy well dressed port super- the fireroom, "All you have to do the United States States Engineerintendent. Luxuriously he rolled a is lean a slicebar up against them ing Department for labor on war big fat cigar in his mouth as he boilers too harsh, and it'll go right projects. gazed at the tall rugged figure through." behind him.

"Annual inspection for the old man said," — vessel tomorrow," came the worried deply. "The ship is beginning to tell her years."

vado, as he reached for another "What's the matter, her engines?" the superintendent frowned slice of rugged looking beef. as he visualized the terrific cost it would entail.

"No, the old turbine still kicks over alright, it's her boilers, getting pretty thin," and as an after thought, "We lost quite a few rivets on the last passage."

"Oh, she'll hold together alright, captain," the frown was replaced by a reassuring smile, almost of relief. "You're not afraid to take her out, are you?"

"Well, no, but the crew . . The port superintendent cut him short impatiently, "Fire the crew, there are plenty of men on the ping hadn't been so damn tough, beach.

"Yes, but how about the inspection," the skipper persisted, "You know they have ben tightening up since those three vessels foundered."

"Just go aboard and go ahead with the damn inspection, leave me do the worrying." With this rudder clear off at the rudderadmonishment the superintendent post. Into the trough she rolled. waved the skipper in dismissal.

Soberly the master mariner left the huge office with a distraught mind, as he thought of the old vessel loaded well down below the Plimsoll mark-with nitrate-and September in the Gulf . . . hurricanes. He aroused himself from his troubled thoughts as he suddenly recalled the inspection. Back to his ship he hurried.

"Miss Tarlin, get me the steamboat inspector on the p'one," the port superintendent call d to hi lookout for breakfast spied some-

"Hello, Jim? . . . this is Frank . . . yes, of the Green Funnel outfit. How are you? . . . Say, still waters . . . it was the old Jim, the S- is due for inspection, man, and clutched in his stiffened will you take it easy with her . . . you know, the skipper is kind of worried about her bottom . . . you better go easy on the pressure in her boilers when you try her out, too . . . Okay, you'll take care of it . . . swell. There's a box of cigars on their way over, Jim . . . I'll see you at the club tonight . . . thanks . . . good

'Miss Tarlin, I am leaving now if Captain Thomas comes in for his papers, tell him I said to make sure he gets a clean bill from the inspectors, before he sails."

"Well, that's one more inspection behind us, eh, Mr. mate," it was more a sigh of relief, the skipper uttered as he waved a military machine. farewell to the little pilot boat.

"She won't stand many more, sir, that is inspections," the mate answered with an emphasis in his voice.

The skipper grew thoughtful. . . "Better make sure soundings are taken regularly," he cautioned the mate.

"Pumps are more effective than a sounding rod," mumbled the mate under his breath, as he checked the sounding report of the morning watch.

"I had a hunch to get off this packet before she sailed," the

ONE-MAN CARS TO BE RAPPED JANUARY 14TH

mue L. A. UTILITIES BOARD TO

HOLD HEARINGS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Opportunity to protest the danger- regular army. Painstakingly and ously inadequate transportation patiently he carried out his work service afforded by the one-man of educating as many as he could cars of the Los Angeles Street reach, teaching them what he had Railway Corporation, will be given learned. The work had brought e on January 14th when the encouraging results. And then it City Board of Public Utilities and came . . . WAR! Transportation starts open hear-

will have the opportunity to sub- gether long enough to attack the mit facts bearing on the situation | Soviet Union. They want to crush and to make protest at these the only workers' republic in the hearings. The purpose of the world,-and us along with it! And hearings, according to the City they want us to do it,-US!" Council, is to gain facts for the He held it up again and looked purpose of creating an ordinance at it—the offensive conscription

banning one-man street cars. A number of serious acidcents have occurred here within the last few months, in which one-man

were involved. Carulate the Western Worker

Find Workers on WPA Used for War Projects

LOS ANGELES. Dec. 20.-Young workers on WPA projects are being drafted-no less!-for

Kept ignorant of their drafting "Well, you know what the old until they were under command of a U. S. Army lieutenant on the "Rats always quit a sinking War Department project, about ship," the bo'sun reminded the a half-mile north of the Grand men with an affected air of bra-Central Airport in Glendale, 50 workers were taken off the Arroyo Seco WPA project last Tuesday.

"The old man is right," vouched Two workers who refused to the mess man, "I haven't seen a be drafted left the war project, single rat in the storeroom since and demanded a transfer from the Arroyo Seco project foreman, from "Aw, you guys talk like a bunch Labor Coordinator Burns at WPA of scared animals, didn't we just headquarters at Twelfth and Sanhave inspection?" one of the sailtee streets, and from other WPA "Yeh, we had inspection, that's

"You weren't transferred from the Arroyo Seco project," the project foreman said. "You were drafted! You're outa luck. You're a man without a country now!"

Reinstatement on WPA has been promised these two workers Although no definite information could be obtained, it was believed the War Department project was a flood control job to protect the airport-invaluable in case of war-from possible flood waters from the surrounding hills.

CALCUTTA RIOT

Rioting between Moslems and Hindus during simultaneous observances of a Mohammedan religious festival and the jubilee celebration of the Indian National Congress resulted in two deaths and fifteen injuries last week.

The Indian National Congress has campaigned for years for Indian independence from Great

RIOT IN JUGOSLAVIA

ZAGREB, Jugoslavia.-One dead and many injured were reported as a result of political rioting at Sebenico between followers of the hand was a broken oar stamped Croat leader Vdladko Matchek and .. "Passed Inspection, 193 . . ." Jugoslav fascists.



Bathtub Salon Established in Highclass Home

Mrs. Adolph Berle, Jr., wife of the New York City Chamberlain, has just installed twin bathtubs. This is the first authentic case of twin bathtubs which has come to our attention. In the Berle household the installation had become a necessity, because Mr. Berle's most brilliant remarks were made in the tub and Mrs. Berle was unwilling to miss them. The Berles can now bathe simultaneously and wittily, side by side, a living mass of soapsuds and epigrams. We understand they are very serious about this, as they are about everything. -Reprinted from the New Yorker.

WORKERS' PRESS PARTY PLANNED TO HELP PAPER

RAFFLE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR PRIZES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.— Planning to double its quota of Broadway, starting at 8 p. m.

J. E. Snyder will be the feature of the program with a lecture, illustrated with colorful posters from the Soviet Union. Refresh- that under no circumstances whatments and other entertainment will also be a part of the program. Admission is five cents and is good in a drawing for four six- Cream, Slendaform, Silph Chew- plan of work? Are you improving months subscriptions to the West-Fern Worker.

Drive, Unit A-6 of the Downtown Sub-section of the Communist

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

FAKE MEDICINES

LISTERINE-According to the very wild and wooly advertising of this product, it is supposed to kill cold germs in the nose and throat passages, sweeten the breath, and cure dandruff. Halitosis, that deadly enemy of all success in the bourgeois world, that insidious barrier between the woman and her career, marriage, and between the man end commercial advancement, can be routed in an instant merely by gargling Listerine.

What happens is that a badsmelling breath is covered by a smell that some think isn't quite as bad. For it consists largely of the strong-smelling thymol, which is very cheap when not sold under the name of "Listerine," with small amounts of boric and benzoic acid.

As far as its anti-germ value is concerned, scientific tests have shown that \$495.00 worth of Listerine kills germs exactly as fast and as thoroughly as one cent's worth of corrosive sublimate. In fact, some scientists have found that many breeds of germs will be due to intestinal worms. flourish in Listerine, using it as a

Bad breath is caused either by decaying teeth or by some disease of the stomach-intestinal tract.

LIFEBUOY SOAP-Who has not heard of that terrible condition, "B. O."? If the miserable people who suffer from this condition will only use Lifebuoy Soap, SAM INSULL the B. O. will vanish like a kulak before a collectivization drive.

The main difference between this soap and less "clean" brands \$17 for the Western Worker is that it contains a cheap, strongsmelling disinfectant that is used widely in hospitals to disinfect the Party will launch its campaign floors. People associate the smell here on Sunday, Jan. 5, with a of this disinfectant with hospitals Workers' Press party, at 1211/2 So. and therefore with cleanliness. If one appears in public smelling like a hospital, he must be clean!

FAT REDUCERS—The followsoever will reduce weight: La-Mar Reducing Soap, Dr. Felt's Soap, ing Gum.

Other "reducing drugs" are dan- ther improvement to be made?

gerous to take except under a doctor's care. In this class was "Marmola" which contained the dangerous thyroid until the drug was exposed. Then cascara, a simple laxative, was substituted for the thyroid and Marmola became safe but useless.

MARY'S WONDERFUL STOMACH REMEDY

The claim is made in advertisng that this fake will cure galltones and will drive the stones out of the gall-bladder without an operation. If the directions on the bottle are followed carefully and the stools are watched, sure enough! you will find the stones as real as life.

The remedy contains chemicals which will form stones in any stomach on earth.

WORM REMEDIES

The most usual trick of these fakes is to describe general symptoms which could be due to any one of dezens of different diseases These symptoms are made out to

A laxative is included in the remedy, which will hasten the recovery from most diseases in children. Then when the child gets better, the remedy is supposed to have cured him (which t hasn't) from the worms that he never had!

IN COMEBACK

Sam (glutton - for - punishment) Insull is back at it again.

stations in the Middlewest.

The utility monarch announced plans last week to become the active head of small broadcasting

The chain will be a combination The chain will be a combination of stations located in small towns N.L.R.B. Att'y serving a rural population.

George Buffington, partner in a Chicago brokerage house, admitted ing are widely advertised drugs he has been handling financing for the proposed venture.

How good is your unit work Form-O-Youth, Melto-Reducing ing? Did you carry out your last VALLEY REACTIONARIES from week to week? How is fur-

A Short Story By CARLE

THE SHIP THAT WENT TO WAR

WAR! WAR DECLARED!

U. S. DECLARES WAR!

That was the beginning . . . Directly upon the heels of the official proclamation came the call for volunteers. The scant dribble

of response was appalling to the

Congress rushed the passage of an immediate conscription law.

Even of you did love the sea it didn't matter much in these times. You couldn't love the conditions under which you worked as an oiler,—that is, when you could ship out as an oiler.

He waited, day after day, with the bitterness of a lost hope, for his turn-for the chance to sign on. Now, he didn't think so much about whether he would be signed on. There were other things in the air. And at the end of the day he went home.

In the mail box he found a printed post card . . without a stamp! He took it out. He saw it-he read every word of it before he realized its portent,-the conscription call . . .

Herb Saunders had quite recently served four years in the

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"The dirty bastards!" he spat out with considerable venom. "So Any individual or organization they did it. They finally got to

call . . .

log cond fraternal gas; selt the thwack of gun butts had thrust them into the common going to do about it! undreds

He wondered just what he was going to do about it. Strikes were one thing . . government hysterics another!

He scratched his chin in perplexity and tried to recall the exact wording on the conscription call . . .

Elsa, his wife, attached herself to Lynne Patterson like a ravenous boa-constrictor . . . Emotional stability had completely collapsed! Her body was a ripple of convulsions! . . Her lips had bruised themselves with their kisses! . .

Her legs were rubber! . . The lock of her arms and his alone held her erect. The only coherency that ran through the pattern of her screams was the theme of this horror that had descended upon them-this monster that was tearing him from her and sending him to destruction.

He looked down at the table -at the prophet and reminderat the conscription call . . .

* * * Was in its middle stages advanced shipping to a Gargantuan scale. Maritime workers were at a premium. The oiler had "signed on" the troopship Lola. Gus Evans

Sergeant Saunders . . . A huge milling crowd clogged the dock to bid goodbye to the first civilian troop ship. Through the crowd surged a spasm of uncontrollable emotion. Names were called. Women sobbed, cried, and

was a scaman. Saunders was

moaned. Women shouted . . . One frantic, hysterical young wife threw herself in the wake of the retreating ship. She was fished out more dead than alive . . . Here was war! Here were men

death! Men!-boys in uniform! walking -sitting-lying about the deck of the Lola. Here were men shakexciting experiences. Violence was dread. Bitter men! Disillusioned the wall's the truth! e're all nothing new to him. He had tasted men! Men hating the forces that going to die! And whare we

And then, one day out the first message appeared, calked in white on an alley-wall: LIV-ING CORPSES. ALL OF US! Before authority could diover and remove it some had pticed and others had learned if it. While the first message we still traveling from tongue to ongue another appeared in a derent

HUNDREDS LED LIE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER!

Again the message travell rap idly from tongue to tongt over stolidly impervious minds; broke over them like waves or an ocean rock and spread in ahousand different directions. Cafter another the messages weared and were read. Small diussion groups formed. The civili Patterson, the seaman Evai took advantage of it. SergeantSaunders took a subtle advanta; of it. The news sceped like bilgewater into the engine ron:

WHOSE WAR AREWE FIGHTING?

"A bunch of damn for, they are," the oiler said. "Indreds of them, and not a dan one wants to die. But they going meekly-hundreds of the going we taking them there?But I to resist. At the first lication

WHO PROFITS BY UR DEATH?

No one knew who wawriting the messages. Authority as running helter-skelter over a ship, deserting their families to go trying to hide their etement slogans. * * *

> Confused with the day nd lost memories Lynne Patters sprang

and shoot us! Why don't we do something about it? . . . " A gunbutt crashed into his skull saw the officers cowed and cor-

and blood spurted. 'Lock him up!' an officer shouted. ished their weapons.

* * * But a new wave of slogan CAN'T WAIT FOR THE

TRENCHES! The men were openly hostile to SHIP IS YOURS-TAKE IT! fired his gun. But Saunders had being attack-ted from within by Authority ordered the men round- launched himself broadside and the enemy! Read Hearst. He the ship. It met the bulvrk of cd up and massed. The colonel the two of them crashed in a heap tells you what's happenin'!" His addressed them and explained on the floor. this maneuver on the pretense

waters. The men were not fooled. Some one shouted, "Damned if we'll die like rats!" The colonel retaliated with a warning that they ly it was difficult to follow him. were ordered to retire to their quarters and remain there. Some a personal note; he had come to one answered, "We're not in the a special part of the news:

trenches yet!"

The colonel turned white with wrath. "Who said that?" he roared. Pause—"Here's the man," from an answering voice. Guards and efficers waded into the mass. Suddenly from some one, "Stoolpigeon!" The cry was taken up, without a murmur. And hy are tried to look in all directions at once. "Stool-pigeon! Get that they'd put an armed gul over The center of the mass seethedthe ranks of the men.

slowly but inevitably to their and run down the author the the hands of guards and "loyal" soldiers! Shouts and cries and blows! One section of the ranks sweeping forward . . .

Seaman Evans dashed for the Able seaman Gus Evants all his ing with fear. Here were men up on the forward ik and engine room. "Stop the ship!"

Sergeant Saunders pushed him-

War drums rolled, rolled even lets he had escaped. But now it hate. Hardly a ripple of laghter lards! We ought to be home and across damp hair. It came away cenary-fairly yelped at the miserwas just a question of how long . . anywhere. All solemn and solber. we're letting them take us out smeared red! One arm hung limp, ably small gathering ni the Legion experience with labor problems, dripping blood-dripping from five hall. His sadistic features twisted

> A restless murmur poured over them. "Lock every damn one of on that they ain't tellin' you. the deck. Armed guards brand-them up," he ordered. He wiped Well, I'll tell you . . . Look at his forehead again. Suddenly he New York, and Chicago, and San called in alarm, "The wireless Francisco-a bunch of reds, the room!" and turned and ran. A league against war, and the friends writing swept the ship: SO THEY group of men chased after him. of Russia, a lot of Bool-sheveeks

nered.

found a disheveled officer urg- tacking our police in the streets.

* * *

And then . . . The newscaster talked so rapid-But now he lowered his voice to Get rid of 'em! . . ."

". . Certain unscrupulous groups using the war situation for personal gain, have been circulating false news reports . . speaking of an incident in the sense of an insurrection . . . Friends, the Radio Press has always been an authentic and trustworthy source 'Stool-pigeon!" The invading men of news . . These rumors have you know what they haven't said? guess it wouldn't do forust us Stool-pigeon!" The guards and been capably and effectively han- if our own news sources had not done it diligently and well. His officers met a resisting stone wall. | dled by the government without | informed us?—NO!—They wouldn't and shouts and blows issued from A handful of foolish men mutinied they are forced to say something, it. Enraged, the colonel emptied aboard the troopship Lola yes- -what do they say? . . . 'Nothing to us had made accurate estimate all six chambers of his gun into terday, shooting several guards serious. Just an exaggerated in- of the man," Pandemonium broke loose. Hate tor, and forcing the engine room but her voice was firm and level. -rage flared! The roar of dis-crew to stop the ship . . . How- "It's a lie! Can't you read between charged firearms! Guns torn from ever, the situation was rapidly the lines? Those men have freed put under control . . .

Lola drifting well off her course. that memories provoked in her. BULLETIN: The president life had encountered varied and silent in the face of a nameless shouted wildly: "The ving on he bellowed. "The troops have all citizens report to the nearest to do about it here at home? . . . cisco. American Legion Post.

The legionaire—head of the disin strikes on the waterfront. Bul-slaughter-hating with a violent of us and we're a bunof cow-self erect and wiped his hand trict training camp, patriot mer- men on that ship!"

fingers. He looked around. He into a hard lump.

". . A 'floating Soviet' they call it. Well, what are we going to He saw armed men standing over do about it? There's plenty going Bursting open the door they are spreading propaganda and ating the operator to greater speed. The troopship Jorden couldn't sail their officers. ARISE-THE He wheeled at their entry and because the crew deserted. We're anger of importance stumbled over "Lock them both up," Saunders his lips, "What are you? a bunch that they were entering dangerous panted, nursing his injured arm. of damned cowards? Yes, cowards! You want 'em to shoot you down? You want 'em to burn your homes, and rape your wives, and torture your kids? . . Get out and fight 'em! Kill 'em!

> A house meeting of a section of the Women's League for Peace and Freedom was in session. They had paused to listen to the "news." At the conclusion, Elsa-Lynne Patterson's wife remained standing next to the radio; she turned. nowever, and faced the group. "Have you heard what they're

saying?" she inquired sharply. "Do forced us to give a report of an Do you think they would have incident that otherwise would have told us about this rebellion at sea unduly exciting the public mind. have dared to tell us. And now and officers and the radio opera- cident . . . " Her lips quivered themselves! Do you know that? BULLETIN: Two government They are free!!" She was tense: ships believed to have sighted the she ignored the presence of tears

suggests as a "morale emergency" about it? . . . What are we going fornia National Bank of San Fran-Shall we answer the call?

"You bet we'll answer the call!

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Wirin Irritates The Vigilantes

WORK UP LATHER

EL CENTRO, Calif., Dec. 24. -Because A. L. Wirin, attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, was active in litigations involving invasion of constitutional rights of underprivileged groups; freedom of speech and assembly; and is devoted to the cause of constitutional guarantees, and has had he has incurred the wrath of the

fascists in Imperial Valley. "This is the kind of litigation," Manager Robert Hays of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce states, "In which Wirin was engaged in Imperial county and which made the community here doubt the wisdom of his appointment to a government position in Washington where his radical sympathies and tendencies might do irreparable harm to the government."

Hays is leading the Valley's reactionary elements in a bitter struggle to have Wirin discharged from his position. Wirin was recommended to the Labor Board by judges of the United States district court, the superior court of California, the Los Angeles municipal court, officers of the Los Angeles bar association and a United States senator from New England.

The board of directors of Hays' organization, as well as the executive committee of the California department of the American Legion have adopted resolutions demanding Wirin's discharge.

However, in a letter to Hays from J. Warren Madden, chairman of the Labor Board, he praises Wirin highly: "On the basis of these endorsements, the board gave him (Wirin) a place as one of a considerable number of attorneys on our staff. His work is ot a technical nature and he has conduct has given us every reason to believe that the distinguished gentlemen who recommended him

Mill Foreclosure

PORTLAND. Ore.—Foreclosure suit against the Western Lumber Company, operating a sawmill at Westfir, Ore., was filed last week "And what are we going to do in Federal court by the Anglo-Call-

The complaint stated that the company issued \$1,150,000 in bonds "We'll answer the call of our in 1927 and is unable to redeem them.

Gerber Describes Soviet Union IVES LIE TO HEARST ROT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.-Vividly contrasting the land of the workers and the land of the capitalists, a letterfrom Sam Gerber, now in the Soviet Union, has been received by his fellow-workers in the Cleaners and Dyers' Union here.

'Workers Wanted' Signs Numerous

Three members of the union local are now in Moscow supervising the construction and operation of a huge modern dry-cleaning plant. Gerber's letter follows:

Cleaners and Dyers' Union, 1417 So. Georgia st.,

Los Angeles, Calif.

Fellow workers, Greetings!

You are probably now reading

ers and peasants of Russia made lies about the Soviet Union? I a thorough housecleaning: they shall tell you. were sick of war, starvation and ignorance. They kicked out the bosses and took things in their own hands. It was not an easy job. Through the years of war, civil war and intervention practically everything was destroyed industry. He does not want you and the workers started to build from the beginning. And today, from a backward country, the Soviet Union has become an admnced industrial country.

heroic struggles of the workers and peasants. They had to fight the enemy not only from the outside but enemies inside—the bosses did everything that was possible to discourage and stop the march of the workers to a better life.

SECOND VISIT

I have been in the Soviet Union in 1932 and now am here ágain. I could hardly recognize Moscow, and the progress made in such short time is remarkable. I have seen the Moscow subway, and, believe me, it is something to ta" about. There are very beautires in Moscow now, jam-

all of all kinds of goods. I have not seen anyone starving in the streets here yet, and from the the plant, and when finished it will way people eat up here I don't be a dandy. Well ventilated, beautithink I shall see it.

Can you imagine, fellow workers, here they don't fire you for belonging to a union, but on the contrary, you must belong to the union in order to work on the job. (How do you like this?)

PLENTY OF JOBS

And another thing, in the facto ries and everywhere you go you see signs:-"Workers wanted" (how do you like this?). Everything and everyone must work for the welfare of the workers. Here you don't have to go on strike, be-

cause the factories belong to the workers.

Happy New YearWith

Success in All of

Your Struggles

Perhaps Mister Hearst already

nas wished you, the working class

of the West, a "Happy New Year."

No doubt he hopes you suddenly

will forget his vicious campaigns

against you and your unions and

take him at his word-just this

But the Western Worker, in

wishing you a Happy New Year

wishes you success in your strug-

gles for a better life. The West-

ern Worker knows that your pos

sibilities for success in 1936 exist

solely in the strength of your or-

Because the Western Worker

knows this its pages are open to

reports of your struggles-in

your union, at the shop, at the

relief and PWA offices, in the

political field. But if these pages

are to remain open to these re-

ports you must do your part in

YOUR ORGANIZER

The Western Worker needs

be paid, the engraver, the tele-

must be paid. We must pay for

Comrade Lenin said the workers'

press is a most effective mass or-

printed below are for your con-

venience. Use them. They will

The Western Worker is sincere

This sincerity is based on your

desire to see it grow-to become

your most effective mass organizer.

CCC YOUTHS WIN

STRIKE AGAINST

FOOD AT CAMPS

"NO EATS-NO WORK" ULTI-

MATUM OF BOYS GETS

RESULTS

By a CCC Bov.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The

The fellows were not getting

enough to eat to stick with them

through the working day. The

cooks were pretty good for a CCC

camp, but they just didn't get

enough to dish out. The army of-

ficer in charge of the kitchen

claimed that the mess staward,

who is the enrollee who prepares

most of it, leaving little for the

rest. This was a foolish argument.

as there should have been enough

Some fellows couldn't stand the

in wishing you a Happy New Year.

be printed frequently.

the reports of your struggles.

helping us to carry on.

ganization.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Many years togéther with you l have been fighting for better coni e Hearst press, as I did two ditions. Do you remember Mr. months ago, about starvation in Hearst coming to our assistance, the Soviet Union (Russia), and on the contrary, in our fights. how millions of people die every Hearst was always on the side of day there. Hearst is so worried the bosses. Why doesn't Mr. about the poor Russian workers, | Hearst worry about the American why? This great American liar workers? Why not help the workand labor's enemy No. 1, worries ers in the cleaning and dyeing inabout workers! Something smells dustry in his own city, who work bad, and from my letter you shall | many hours at such low pay? Why does he worry so much about the Eighteen years ago the work- Russian workers? Why all the

ONE OF THE WORST

owns millions of acres of land, factories, mines, newspapers and owns large interests in the movie to know the truth about the Soviet Union. He does not want the workers of the Soviet Union to succeed. He is afraid if you will can help it grow by contributions find out the truth you may take could write many pages of the an example of the Russian workers and put Mr. Hearst to work. miles away from Los Angeles, but I think of you all the time. I think of the rotten miserable conditions you have. I think of the dry cleaners whole lives are always in danger. I think of the drivers, of the pressers and spotters who have to work such long hours for so little pay.

Fellow workers! Keep on fightditions, don't believe the promises of the bosses, they always lie.

NEW PLANT

self are building a plant here. No! effort nor money is spared for ful large dry cleaning rooms and all comforts provided for the youth in the CCC camps will workers. You have no such plant fight for decent conditions! This in Los Angeles. You may have was unmistakably shown by a sucone in the future, that is, when cessful food strike in my camp. Hearst will be gone and you will

soon be able to join your ranks. Fraternally yours,

Sam Gerber.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lorine Norman, one of the C. S. victims, released from Tehachapi on bail in order to give birth; and to Ed Kinz (Lorine's husband) upon the death of their infant son. The son was born Nov. 30th and died Dec. 22.

war prisoners and their families the I.L.D. drive for Christremain

ferred to Folsom.

Sal Francisco County jail were visited by Elaine Black and Arand Billinger's "Fatherland".

bled from last year was fulfilled almost 200 per cent, a total of \$287.35 being collected to date with more coming in.

...ors and all visitors should resister with the I.L.D. office so that such visits will be more ekually distributed. There are 17 class war prisoners in San Quen

Perhaps the happiest workers on Christmas day were the four scaler defendants freed the day before

ket street, not later than Jan. 5.

Hougardy



Albert Hougardy, 52590, San Francisco, former Sacramento section organizer and victim of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, was among those who received Christmas gifts and greetings from International Labor De-

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San Francisco Workers' School Will **Open Classes Monday, January 13**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.— Schneiderman, district organizer of money-badly. The printer must The San Francisco Workers' School graph office, the post office-all number of courses to meet the needs and requirements of every the paper upon which are printed section active in the working class movement. For weeks a large number of friends of the school have been working overtime to ganizer. It will be as effective as carry through the plans for the you, its readers, make it. You winter term and they all assure every friend of the school that the \$1 for employed workers for a full and subscriptions. The blanks courses offered will be of interest to everybody.

courses:

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Wednesday, 8-9:30 p. m. Instructor M. Crane.

four-week lecture 'courses on the Farmer-Labor Party and the Decisions of the 7th World Congress. The first will be given by B

Blame for Killings

Mentally unbalanced Charles N. Layman, water carrier who shot project at Exposition and Crenby a coroner's jury today.

Responsibility for at least two

shooting, Baumgartner testified, he National Defense, and were forced ran to the policeman standing in to work for 20 cents a day. The one of the storerooms and shout- expenditures of the Royal Cana ed to him to come out and get dian Mounted Police, an important the madman. The policeman re- arm of national defense, rose from fused, he said, and then he asked \$2,900,000 in 1930 to \$5,300,000 in him for his revolver, but again 1934, while new armories and air-

sanity test.

he fellows hooted and jeered un til finally the top sergeant came over and said: "All those who want to eat, follow me to the mess hall.''

We were then given a much better lunch.

IMPORTANT LESSON

The fellows learned important essons from this. They learned welfare officer asked us to be not to place too much confidence quiet and take up the food ques- in army officers by first wanting tion at another "gripe" meeting to give them a chance, by giving them more time and by waiting for them to fulfill their promises.

WeWill Acknowledge All Receipts in Next Issue

The next issue of the Western Worker will carry a full report of all money turned in to date in the drive for a \$7500 sustaining fund. Thereafter regular acknowledgments will be made, probably once each week.

mass organizations, therefore, are urged to forward immediately all funds in their possession. In order to receive acknowledgment in the next issue all funds must be in not later than Thursday morn-

This is the opening shot in the campaign to build a bigger and better Western Worker for 1936. Start the campaign off right by cooperating to the best of your ability.

FIRST TWO WEEKS

During the first two weeks of January all mass organizations are to arrange affairs for the Western Worker. During these two weeks, also, house parties and similar affairs should be held. House parties are most effective in building enthusiasm for your newspaper and at the same time they provide a means for collec tion of funds.

Don't forget-prizes are being effered to sections and individuals A trip to the Soviet Union and mimeograph outfits are included. Headquarters for the Western Worker Campaign Committee are at 121 Haight street, San Francisco. Send funds there. Send also reports of your own experiences tion on the school. Register today in helping build the Western Worker. These experiences are

valuable in stimulating initiative. And don't forget to make use of the blanks printed on this page. If one or two blanks are not sufficient, additional copies of the Western Worker can be secured at your nearest book shop.

Soviet Engineers Shown Boulder Dam By Czarist Refugee

BOULDER DAM, Ariz.—Three Soviet engineers, who had participated in the construction of Dneprostroy, visited the Boulder Dam recently, to get hints for the con struction of the Volga dam, which in size and power capacity will rival Boulder Dam and exceed low cost housing project in South three times the capacity of Dne-Boston." (New York 'Herald-Trib- prostroy, which was the largest power plant in the world at the time it was built.

By a freak of fate the visitors, A. Gridunov, Boris P. Popoff, and Alexander Rubenstein, were guided around the dam by D. Gumensky, houses and apartments would des- a White Russian who had fought against the Soviets in 1919 and

later fled the country. After sixteen years the White Russian heard of the engineering triumphs of this country, which under the czars had never dreamed of building Dneprostroys and other power plants of nearly equal size now under construction.

Costly to Japanese

Japan's purpose in seizing Manchuria was threefold: a source of raw material, a market for Japanese goods, an outlet for surplus population. The results of four years occupancy by Japan have "proved negative in many respects," according to a report published by the conservative Japanese economic Journal Econ-

Japanese finance capital is oposed to the creation of new industries in Manchuria which could only compete with Japan's home industry. To date 72 per cent of the invested capital in Manchuria has gone for non-profitable strategic-military construction such as railroads, auto roads, ports, etc., only a small part having gone for industrial and agricultural construction. Export of consumer's goods plays a very unimportant role for the reason that the impoverished Manchurian massés are unable to buy Japanese merchandise. In

tially an important market for Japanese investments, and if, at present, Japan is spending more noney in Manchuria than she is realizing from it, she has succeeded in obtaining a drill ground for war preparations against the

Hearst Doesn't Mean It -- But We Do MOVIES TO BE COMPLETELY Smashing Victory of I.A.T.S.E. Opens Way

workers in the motion picture industry under an industrial union, was seen here today as the result of the smashing victory already obtained by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employ-All sections sub-sections and ees, by which a closed shop agreement has been signed with the

> union for the first time in the history of Hollywood. Unskilled laborers and painters are the only workers not yet repesented in the basic agreement signed by the major studios with the union, but it was expected that they would be given recogni-

> > tion in the next few months. Henry Browne, international president of the union, is expected to arrive here next week to conclude agreements with all ndependent producers.

The closed-shop agreement goes back to the basic agreement of 1933, which was disrupted when the IATSE lost its strike due to urisdictional fighting with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. While no wage increases were signed into the

NEWSPAPERMEN GAIN DEMANDS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 1-Victory came to editorial employees of the Amsterdam News Tuesday after an eleven-week lock-out.

The men won full recognition of the New York Newspaper Guild, reinstatement of discharged workrs, the five-day, 40-hour week, and | FRANKLIN BLDG. TO THE a ten per cent increase in pay. All scabs were discharged.

The victory makes the Amsterdam News the first unionized Negro periodical in the United States.

The contract runs for two years Dismissal notices ranging up to hree months for workers employed for nine years were also written into the contract, as well as a clause calling for time off for overtime work.

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HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 29. agreement, the wages are to be -Complete organization of all fixed every year of the five-year agreement.

UNIONIZED AFTER JANUARY 2

For Final Big Drive

Workers who scabbed on the IATSE in its strike of several years ago were reported "sweating plenty" and begging the union for a union card.

No worker will be allowed in the studios without a union card after January 2, and notices to this effect have been posted in all major studios. If any worker, whose position is questionable, is taken back into the union, it will only be after drastic fines are imposed, it was reported.

Workers who come under the agreement include lamp operators, 'grips," drapery men, drop men, green men, prop makers, lab workers, and all cameramen and assistant cameramen except "first cameramen." The "first cameramen" have a separate agreement under the American Cinema Photographers' Union, not affiliated with the American Federation of

Threat of Browne, who fought for industrial unionism at the last A. F. of L. convention, to organize all the studio workers under an industrial set-up, was reported as the reason for the film magnates' capitulation. Recent 20ninute and half-hour strikes in film houses all over the country, demonstrated effectively the strength of the union.

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Dave Uren, Austrian and my-

We are trying to finish the job as soon as possible and I shall

nenus and orders the food, was ncompetent. But I found out from one of the read cooks that they couldn't get all they ordered. Another excuse of the officer, at which the fellows laughed, was that a few hogged

appetites. DESERTION

conditions and quit, saving they would rather take the flimsy chance of finding a job on the "outside." The fellows who stayed showed their resentment in many ways. During the first week the camp was established, the insufficient food led some fellows to try to organize a protest delegation. There was no delegation since most of the fellows wanted to give "them" chance because the camp was so

new. The following weeks brought no improvement. PROTESTS MADE

A written protest was handed in. The next night the mess officer called a meeting of the fellows to air their grievances. Promises were made-they were not fulfilled, as was to be expected.

A week later, at lunch, a particularly poor meal was served. The fellows began shouting, "When do we eat! No eat-no work!" When any one attempted to leave the mess hall, he was told to wait until we got something to cat. The that evening. 'We're hungry now!' we retorted.

Finally everyone left for bar- But the most important lesson of racks where all agreed not to go all they learned, was that only by to work until we got more to their own independent action can eat. When the work whistle blew, I they get results.

the Communist Party, to start

offers for its winter term a varied Wednesday, Ian. 16. Registration for the school car be made through letter or by coming up to the Workers' School office, 121 Haight street. From now until Jan. 13 when the school opens the office will be open from 1 until 8 p. m. every day. The charge for the school i

The following is a list of the

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I. Wilson. Principles of Organization: Tuesday, 8-9:30 p. m. Instructor

Of special importance is the

Coroners Jury Lays

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 .and killed six men on a WPA of the workers' standards of living shaw boulevard last Monday, was strikes and lock-outs. From 88 formally blamed for the killings labor disputes involving 16,738

lieutenant from Willshire police station by C. C. Baumgartner, number of strikes have occurred 2701 South Harcourt boulevard, a than in the whole of 1934. city engineer on the storm drain

the policeman refused him. Layman will probably be given

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Low Rental Housing Program Opposed by Real Estate Owners

course and 50c for unemployed.

Come up and get more informa-

and do not wait until it is too late

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In 'Housing Under Capitalism," prepared under Labor Research Association direction in the International Pamphlet series (No. 46, 10 cents), Sidney Hill, the author, makes the point that "the realty interests are afraid of a genuine low-rental housing program which would cut into their

profits." By way of additional confirmation of this point, we may cite the writ sought by ex-Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts to restrain the "public works administrator from carrying out a une,' November 16, 1935). The petitioners are "property holders in the section chosen for the Old Harbor housing project," continues the dispatch. "They contended that the projected low cost

troy their own investments." Strikes in Canada Show Rapid Growth

During 1934, 1,182,123 people, On Police Detective or 11 per cent of Canada's population, were dependent on direct relief. In Vancouver alone, 50,000 out of a population of 300,000 are on relief. The constant lowering Manchurian Seizure has resulted in a great number o workers in 1931, the number increased to 191 disputes involving leaths was placed on a detective 45,900 in 1934, and during the first seven months of 1935, a far greater

During the same four years, 20,-157 men went to labor camps un-When he was informed of the der the control of the Dept. of ports costing millions, are built

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spite of the severe agricultural crisis in Japan, mass immigration of Japanese into Manchuria has completely failed. However, Manchuria is poten-

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What the Communist Party Means by Mass Pressure

The state and national governments and particularly the relief administration are amazingly well equipped. They have acres of stenographers and the whirring of their calculating machines sounds like a locust swarm. They have graphs and charts and a staff of experts that would strike envy in the heart of God almighty.

Yet this sprawling engine of efficiency seems unable to calculate the relief needs of the unemployed. Government heads have made administrators of all their friends and relatives, who in turn have mobilized their friends and relatives into an incredible army of pen pushers. And it is all to no avail. There are "slip-ups" and "misunderstandings" and "accidents" that occupy half the columns of the daily press in explanations and apologies. Meanwhile, the unemployed are expected to freeze and starve unless they have recourse to eating one another or can knit government red tape into a warm sweater for the winter.

There is a better solution.

When the unemployed march in a body to the relief offices and ask for satisfaction, the most bankrupt of states unexpectedly find funds to provide for them.

In plain words, the unemployed GET in exact proportion to what they ORGANIZE AND DE-

And the administrations and their vast boondoggling clerical armies GET AWAY WITH just as much as the unemployed LET THEM get away with.

The sloppy transition of the California unemployed from relief to the WPA created a hungry purgatory in which men, women and children found themselves without subsistence, cut off relief and not yet on WPA.

The daily press prated about accidents and misunderstandings. But when the unemployed of Los Angeles put a bit of mass pressure on administrators, they were very quick to find means of correcting the situation.

It was neither an "accident" nor a "misunderstanding." It was plain ornery greed. The administration was so damned anxious to get the unemployed off the state payroll and onto the Federal rolls that they all but built fires under them. It didn't matter to them how many children hungered providing they could save money. In the shuffle, they thought they could do some plain and fancy short-changing and get by with it.

The Six-Hour Day And the Waterfront

To date the sailors have not been successful in their fight to gain the six-hour day on steamschooners despite the fact that approximately 34 thips are tied up along Pacific Coast ports.

Up until the time of this writing the sailors have tried to keep the dispute within the confines of their own organization. Unfortunately, the shipowners have, so far, found it cheaper to lay the vessels up than to accede to the sailors' de-

This means that ALL the other maritime craft are now INVOLVED.

Apparently in realization of this turn of affairs, District Council No. 1 of the Maritime Federation at Seattle has made a recommendation which it hoped would help adjust the matter in conformity with the Maritime Convention.

District Council No. 1 urges the sailors to take a referendum vote of the membership on the fol-

"Do the sailors want to continue their present independent action to gain the six-hour day?" If the vote is "yes," then District Council No. 1

pledges itself to back the sailors with the policy laid down by the Emergency Convention.

It is well for the sailors to consider the fact that a vote to continue the present independent action is a STRIKE VOTE.

AND THIS IS ASSUREDLY NOT THE PROPER TIME TO STRIKE. A fight to gain the six-hour day in an in-

dustry is not "job action" by any stretch of And for those who argue that a few of the smaller shipowners have already signed up it is

well to remember that the signing of individual agreements is exactly the same policy that Scharrenberg and Ryan use. It is rank splitting of the most dangerous sort. . It is an old game of the employer to have half

the union on the job and the other half on the picket line (in this case an imaginary one). The sailors must also be on the alert to pre-

vent the present independent action from develop-

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ing into an affair similar to the disastrous tanker **Party Life**

The tanker strike was called by the Scharrenberg gang for one specific reason: To destroy the Maritime Federation in its infancy.

It failed of its purpose when the Federation called the strike off to preserve the unity of the maritime unions. To this end the sailors will do well to submit

to their membership for consideration through a referendum vote the following points: 1. Are you in favor of continuing the pres-

ent independent action to gain the six-hour 2. Are you in favor of referring this question to the Maritime Federation for the best

possible adjustment?" The outcome will be the true expression of the Sailors' Union and on this basis the other crafts involved will certainly cooperate with them in line with the program of the Maritime Federation of which the sailors are a vital part.

Gailacher's Speech in the British Parliament

One good example is worth a thousand admonitions. That the Communist Party must overcome its fault of sectarianism was one of the main points stressed by the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International. The inrportance of accomplishing this correction needs little explanation. It makes no difference how correct what you are saying is if the person you are saving it to does not understand you.

The speech of Gallacher in the British Parliament (re-printed in full in this issue) should be studied carefully by every Party member. Here is your example of the Party line presented in warm, human terms. A human being talking like a human being and not like a book of advanced mathe-

Read back over Lenin. There, too, is your example. When you are reading Lenin, you are listening to a man as well as a theory. You feel this and you know it. You can read for hours without fatigue. It isn't a necklace of slogans. It is a man talking to you in warm, human terms, and his words are filled with confidence and

One of the roots of sectarianism is the fear in some comrades that they will be guilty of bourgeois sentimentalism. As a consequence their writing and speaking is so cut and dried it is not likely to arouse response in any human being. Comrades who masquerade before the masses as emotionless "men of iron" are the greatest of sectarians. Anyone would pay a dime to see a "man of iron" in a freak show, but no one would feel like sitting down with him and talking over their

It is humanity we are dealing in and it is out of humanity that we will build a better world. And for this it is necessary that we appreciate, understand and feel with humanity.

Another root of sectarianism is that some comrades are self-conscious in the face of theory and dare not rephrase issues and invent new ways of presenting them. As a consequence they merely parrot slogans and paragraphs of committee re-

There is a language that all men understand -even the capitalists, and that is why they were severely shaken by Gallacher's speech. It is the plain language of human hopes, ambitions, needs,

Gallacher spoke pure Party line, but spoke it confidently, like a human being, in his own words

Lenin spoke the purest Marxism, but spoke it in his own warm, personal language. You can't talk like Gallacher.

You can't talk or write like Lenin,

But you can write and talk Party line in your own natural language. And when you do, your fellow men will realize that Communists are sincere human beings like themselves, organized to build a better world.

Peace and Good Will And Armored Tanks

On the Sunday before Christmas, General Motors broadcasted a sermon. (It sounded, like a sermon.) They got very enthusiastic about brotherly love and peace and good will to all. And they particularly rejoiced in their excellent prosperity (profits) of the ending year.

Amidst all these hallelujahs it is well to remember that General Motors 1935 prosperity was largely based on potential war machinery, tank engines, etc, shipped to Africa to aid Italy in its invasion of Ethiopia.

Are the Poor Happy?

"When it shall be said in any country in the world, my poor are happy; my jails are empty of prisoners, my streets of beggars; the aged are not in want; the taxes are not oppressive; the national world is my friend, because I am the friend of its happiness; when these things can be said, then may that country boast of its constitution and its government."

By Thomas Paine.

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few. and to render the masses poor and dependent."-DANIEL WEBSTER.

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Boiling Over



Social Security Legislation Depends on Power of Labor

To Oppose Social Security Bill

WASHINGTON. — (FP) — Unless labor is on its toes, employer At the following unit meeting, the unit organizer should check opposition may block even the mildest forms of social insurance the previous meeting to see if they in a number of states. This is a were carried through; and if they warning issued by Congressmen returning to Washington and by weren't carried out in full, the unit organizer and buro should labor officials who have kept in make further suggestions to help touch with developments since passage of the security act threw According to the information the issue of social insurance into that we get from the sections, the states. They report strong and excluded employes; and 12 million behind this amendment, which is not all sections, sub-sections and organized activity against unemunits are utilizing the org. letter ployment insurance in many parts, to the fullest extent. Wherever efforts to cut down all security the org. letters are used most, the benefits to a minimum, and many work of the units has shown a pitfalls strewn in labor's way.

greater progress. We therefore In Illinois the state manufactursuggest that every unit should use ers' association and the Chamber the org. letter according to the of Commerce have been instruabove plan, and we are sure that mental in blocking passage of an in this way the work of the Party unemployment compensation law. and the inner life of the units will In Michigan the organized manuimprove accordingly, and we will facturers are bitterly opposing unemployment measures of any kind. They have kept pensions down to NOTE: Articles for Party Life \$16, half to be paid by the Fedare still coming in slowly. We eral government and half by the suggest that every unit in the disstate. In New Jersey and Missouri, the employers are openly write to this column on the probtrying to block state unemploylems and progress of that particment legislation; in other states opposition is often more under-

STRUGGLE EFFECTIVE

ANTI - MUSSOLINI Where labor has been alert and SERIES HALTED exacting in its demands, however, outright opposition to social in-BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS surance has been modified in some cases to acceptance by employers of the security act as a "lesser NEW YORK.—(FP)—The Britevil." Some Congressmen relate sh foreign office has intervened that where agitation for the Lunto stop publication in England of deen bill has been strong, employa series of articles by Angelica ers have been more inclined to Balabanoff, former fellow-exile of embrace the security act. The Mussolini, telling how the Italian growth of the Townsend plan has dictator betrayed his political conalso been a factor in promoting victions and sold his country into acceptance of state pension laws. Government officials, however,

labor leaders and Congressmen.

Interviewed by Federated Press, A. J. Altmeyer, member of the nents: "You will see how much Social Security Board, would not sincerity there is in the opposition confirm the labor and other reports of organized employer opposition. The Balabanoff articles were He noted that the National Association of Manufacturers has been questioning the constitutionality of currently in Norway, Sweden, and the security act, but said that in Holland. They tell how the author the states he was encouraged by met Mussolini in Switzerland when the general degree of acceptance, he was penniless and loathesomeincluding that of the Chambers of ly diseased and how she helped Commerce and other business inhim, to her laer sorrow, to get

of influence in the Socialist move-Union is against every attempt to Alabama, California, Massachu-

Oregon. The workers covered include 35 per cent of the total payroll of employers subject to the federal tax, he estimates.

PAYROLL TAX

bosses; 9½ million agricultural, of the security 1 act. government and other specifically Of the roughly 25 million cov cred by the federal payroll tax. board reports.

the law's unemployed benefits, when they are included under its pension provisions, Altmeyer declared that the pension "follows a man through his whole life," in the course of which he may shift from small to large employers. The unemployment compensation, on the other hand, follows back only a year or two, and would present much greater, administrative difficulties, he said, if applied to small employers.

LABOR REPRESENTATION In regard to labor representa-

tion on the boards set up to administer state unemployment laws, Altmeyer said his impression was that Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, Alabama and California provide for such representation, and that it may also be provided in other states.

are less ready to generalize about state experience to date than are

Nine states and the District of Columbia now have unemployment laws to match the security act, according to Altmeyer. They are setts, New Hampshire, New York,

Or Big Business Will Sabotage

Townsend plan agitation, Altmeyer Employers of about half the 50 stated that the Security Board had million gainfully occupied persons not discussed amendments. He also Herriot, forced to resign from in the United States are subject said that the board has taken no to the payroll tax, Altmeyer says, stand on the Clark amendment, Excluded from the law's unem- which would exempt employers ployment provisions are some 31/2 with private pension schemes from million workers employed by small the contributory pension provisions

Many employers are lining up who are listed as self-employed. opposed by the American Federation of Labor, but some big corporations have already indicated ecfrom eight to 10 million are now ceptance of the existing law by also covered by state laws, the adjusting company schemes to it. The General Electric and Stan-Asked why workers for small dard Oil of New Jersey, for inemployers should be excluded from stance, have recently adopted pension plans designed to be supplementary to the government pen-As to the non-contributory old-

age pensions, based on need, Alt- ernmental breastworks. meyer reported that 39 states and territories already have pension | Eden to succeed Sir Samuel Hoare laws, though not all of them con- as foreign secretary is some enform to the federal act. Asked couragement to Laval opponents about possible discrimination and does put a definite stop to against Negroes in Southern states, any Franco-British plunder deal he said there is nothing in the to carve up Ethiopia in Mussosederal law to prevent states en lini's interests. There has been acting different scales of benefits, no doubt about Eden's stand in except that it does include provi- the business since the beginning. sions for a "fair hearing." State His attitude toward it will only grants may be disapproved if fair be confirmed by British reaction hearings are not provided, but toward the last attempt which Altmeyer admitted the possibility has sent Sir Samuel Hoare into of different levels of benefits being the wilderness, left Prime Minislaid down "on a cost of living ter Baldwin sadly shaken and embasis."

KEEP PARTY LIFE SUP-While there have been rumors PLIED WITH ARTICLES in Washington that the adminis- ANALYZING UNIT WORKtration may itself propose some IMPROVE OUR ACTIVITY BY liberalizing amendments to the AIRING PROBLEMS.



Denver Unemployed who revolted against intolerable conditions on relief jobs a year and a half ago. Words accomplished nothing. But when they threw away their shovels and struck, they got results. | pay.

Crisis in FRAN

By Bob Holliday.

Last minute reports from Paris indicated that Ambiguous Premier Pierre Laval had been barely successful in holding his post at the top of the French political heap.

He was sustained by a narrow majority of 35 ballots in the Chambre des Deputes vote of confidence on his foreign policy, according to first unofficial count.

All day Friday, steel helmeted nobile guards with carbines on their shoulders were held in reness for possible disorders du. g the voting, all around the Chambre des Députes.

FACE CRISIS

It was generally felt that the Laval cabinet was facing its most serious crisis to date in the chamber vote on his foreign policy.

Groups of people gathered around the old Bourbon Palace. Gendarmes and mobile guards kept them moving, prevented any large gathering. More guards were posted in the shelter of a nearby railroad station.

Deputies in the Chamber assaild Laval's foreign policies. In the hamber lobbies predictions of the memier's majority fell from around 25 to 10 votes.

LAVAL BLUFFS

Laval puffed: "I have searched ny conscience. I wonder what crime I have committed again peace and the country."

This in the face of known vac-Ilation in applying the league covenant against Italy, neglect of Franco-Soviet relations and failre to protest Austria against sermany as a result of dealings with Hitler.

With his Italo-Ethiopian set-Employers Organized Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Labor Must Be Alert tlement plan disavowed and buried in London and Geneva, with Premier Benito Mussolini and Emperor Haile Selassie unsatisfied, with Sir Samuel Hoare, his Britsecurity act, to counteract the ish partner in the robber deal. out of office and disowned, and with one of his ministers, Edouard leadership of his party, I Pierre Laval is far fromwortt of

> he woods yet. PEOPLE'S FRONT CONFERS

> His last two votes of confidence have been extremely reluctant. Almost one hundred of those who voted for him on the previous vote of confidence disagreed with his policy but considered it unwise to turn him out just at that juncture, with the Front Populaire still undecided as to whom they could

agree upon for leader. Ultimately, of course, Laval will have to find some graceful way of retiring or face humiliating defeat now that the is outside gov-

The appointment of Anthony barrassed Laval no end.

REVOLT RIPE

Actually the only thing which keeps Laval in power is fact that no one else is ready and the fact that the budget is still in suspense between the Chamber and the Senate. With other internal political questions governing the situation, namely the widespread Communist move ment, it is not likely that the government will run any ri unless by accident. No of wants the succession. No one wants to face the risks what the present government's supporters promise will immediately follow the downfall of Lavas These risks are demolition of the French franc and revolution.

Pay Checks Late

PHOENIX, Ariz - (FP)-1. Arizona, too, WPA pay checks ust never seem to arrive. Alhough a \$44 an \$77 monthly scale epresents "security" to 8000 Arizona breadwinners, many complain that after working over a month, they still await their Acats