# RALLY BEHIND COAST UNIONS IN ANTI-FASCIST FIGHT! - See Editorial Page Six

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# SAILORS WAGE FIGHT TO RETAIN AFL STATUS

# Casey Denies San Diego Council Election of Officers

# **VOTE BLOCKED**

DELEGATES RE-ELECTED BY UNIONS ARE FLOUTED

# Dictatorship Scored

UNION-S PLITTING TACTIC IS SEEN AS FASCIST **AUTOCRACY** 

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 29.-Waving a telegram of authorization from William Green "to take action as you deem fit," Joseph Casey, state organizer of the A. F. of L. appeared before the Central Trades Council here tonight and blocked an election of the Council officers which the newly chosen delegates from the locals had assembled to vote upon. The half was crowded to capacity.

Referring to Green's telegram, asey sold: "Acting under these instructions, I will now appoint all officers. They will conduct all business of this Council. They will call the meetings and carry out all activities. . . . All delegates but four will be seated. ... I will now name those who will be the officers of the Federated Trades.

The list, with the exception of two men, was a solid block of reactionaries, discredited and despised in the labor movement here. Loud booes greeted the calling of each reactionary appointment. These rose to roar when Carl Barnes, overwhelmingly repudiated in the Carpenters' Local and not even a member of the Central Council was named secretary treasurer.

DELEGATES REFUSE TO RISE

Those named by Casey included: Fred Graham, pressman, president; Walter Stutz, vice (Continued on page 2)

# 1200 SEAMEN **VOICE FIGHT TO**

ANY MOVE TOWARDS DUAL ORGANIZATION VIEWED WITH HOSTILITY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.-'200 seamen at a special rallying meeting of the three branches of the I.S.U. held in the Sailors' Union hall on Wednesday attested in no uncertain tone that the International Seamen's Union belonged to them and they would fight any

and all efforts to split their ranks. "Our place is in the ranks of the American Federation of Labor and we will not relinquish 'the International, which we rebuilt only after a tremendous struggle, to any Scharrenbergs-Olanders and their bosses, the shipowners," declared Sam Telford, in warning the membership against any ideas or attempts to set up an independent organization, "we must take a lesson from the successful fight waged by the 40,000 expelled mine workers, who not only fought their way back into their union but have been the leading force in the fight for industrialization of the mine

workers' crafts. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

# DIEGO COUNCIL SCOTTSBORO BOYS TELL TRUE STORY OF SHOOTING OZIE

Powell Was Not Trying to Escape But Was Shot Down in Cold Blood by Sheriff After Fight in Machine Was Over

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Sheriff J. Street Sandlin did not shoot Ozie Powell to prevent escape. He stopped the car, got out into the road, drew his gun, and shot Ozie with cold blooded aim. This was the story revealed by Roy Wright and confirmed by Clarence Norris, the other two Scottsboro boys who were in the car.

Attorneys Samuel S. Leibowitz

and Clarence L. Watts obtained

an interview with them in the

Jefferson County jail after au-

habeas corpus could he gain en-

Ozie Powell did have a knife.

VIOLENT THREATS

threats and advised to dismiss At-

their threats had taken effect.

nfuriated.

Later, when the boys appeared

in court and refused to dismiss

their attorneys, the guards were

It was while they were being

aken back from Decatur to Bir-

mingham that Ozie was shot. All

the way along in the car the boys

of the guards. They were insult-

ed, threatened, gibed. One of the

deputies said: "-you have been

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**WARD ATTACKS** 

**GAG MEASURES** 

IN L.A. SPEECH

FOR ANTI-LABOR

BILLS

League Against War and Fas-

cism, declared that these bills are

part of a "concerted and sustained

attack" upon the civil liberties

SPEAKS IN S. F. FRIDAY

Francisco, Friday evening, Jan.

31, under the auspices of the

Northern California branch of

the American Civil Liberties Un-

He will address a free public

meeting to be held at Native Sons'

Hall at 8 o'clock. On the same

afternoon, Dr. Ward will address

L. A. SPEECH

Jan. 28th, Dr. Ward declared that

the National Congress of Industry

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

Speaking to more than 2000

Dr. Ward will speak in San

guaranteed by the Constitution.

While being taken to Decatur,

with in Decatus

## C.S. Prisoners' **Bail Petition** Again Refused

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30. -The State Supreme Court has rejected the petition of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners for bail to be set pending action on their appealant.
The patition was rejected with out opinion, despite the fact that an opinion was specifically asked for.

(More C. S. news on page

# 2 San Francisco **Newspapers Back On Six-Day Week**

PUBLISHERS CRACKING were subjected to the full wrath DOWN AGAIN

Cracking down with typical Fascist ruthlessness, W. R. Hearst's two San Francisco newspapers, The Call-Bulletin and The Examiner, this week restored the six-day week in their editorial departments.

This reactionary move was timed to coincide with longplotted lock-out of the militant waterfront unions (scheduled for last Monday, but delayed because of the unexpected expose by the maritime workers' leaders) thus demonstrating there is a concerted drive by big business interests to break the progressive labor movement on the Pacific Coast.

# ATTACK ON GUILD

By forcing the pre-NRA work schedule back on their editorial workers without a resultant increase in pay, executives of the two Hearstian papers sought to smash the growing militancy of the Newspaper Guild, which a month previously had succeeded in restoring the five-day week on the Examiner and its retention on the Call-Bulletin. Handicapped by intimidation from the executives and timidity of some of the reporters, the Guild has nevertheless fought to attain 100 per cent membership in the staffs of both papers. It is continuing the fight. This week's action destroyed

any illusion of staff members of the two newspapers regarding the the League of Women Voters, at 'democratic' ideals of Millionaire the San Francisco Center, at 3 Hearst, their boss. Since the de- o'clock. pression began the editorial workers on both papers have suffered three 10 per cent reductions in Southern California liberals in the pay without a restoration. The Los Angeles Epic Auditorium on six-day week amounts to a fourth pay cut.

Although the five-day, 40-hour in which reactionary business (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

# BEEF SQUAD VICTIMS IN 'MURDER' RAP

SMALLMAN AND JEFFRIES HELD ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE

# Frame-Up Obvious

CORONER'S INQUEST AT KILLING REVEALED NO SUCH EVIDENCE

By John Broman.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 29,-Timed by the shipowners to coincide with the drive against the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, charges of first degree murthorities exerted every effort to der were formally brought here deny them this right. Not until yesterday against Claude Smallman Liebowitz mentioned a writ of and Edward Jeffries, members of the Marine Firemen's local of the International Seamen's Union.

Arraigned in municipal court He obtained it in some manner here yesterday on the charge, of murder of John Raymond kiley, notorious thug in a ponce controlled "beef squad" within the the boys were subjected to violent union, both workers pleaded not guilty. Preliminary hearing was torneys Liebowitz and Watts and set for Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at permit the judge to appoint a de- 10 a. m., in San Pedro Municipal fense attorney. They made no an- Court. swer and their guards assumed

Riley received a fractured skull last June 24th, when in broad daylight he participated in a raid of the "beef squad" on the home of a militant worker in the union. Smallman, with the intention of "dumping" him. However, friends of the worker defended him from the "beef squad," which was completely routed.

Smallman and Jeffries were arrested in San Francisco last week, Smallman at the Marine Hospital and Jeffries in the office of the Voice of the Federation.

Attorney for Smallman is Grover Johnson, and for Jeffries, Thomas Higgins of Los Angeles appeared at the arraignment, saying he had received a telegraphed request to do so from Jeffries' attorney in San Francisco. CORONER VERDICT

According to the coroner's iurv INDICTS FASCIST CLUBS

verdict rendered last June 27th, 'Death of Riley was caused by a fractured skull and brain concussion as a result of a gang fight at Third and Center streets, San Naming the U.S. Chamber of Pedro, June 27th, 1935, when said Commerce, the National Associadeceased was struck with a blunt tion of Manufacturers, and the instrument or instruments by some Liberty League as the real forces person or persons unknown to the behind the Tydings-McCormack jury, and we find this homicide to gag measure and the Kramer Sedibe without any justification." tion Bill, now before Congress, Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the

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# SITUATION ON MARINE FRONT HIT'S WARBIRD WASHINGTON.—(FP)—

Closely concerned with the fight going on behind closed doors in the International Seamen's Union convention are those who are laying plans for the next war.

Government officials are worried more than they care to admit about the possibility of strong seamen's and longshoremen's organizations striking in event of war and tyign up shipment of munitions and materials of war. More than any other section of the working class these men have the power to say no when asked

to go to slaughter. It may be that from the entire fight may come something like the Australian agreements imposing compulsory arbitration on the seamen.

# L.A. CHARITIES FACE DRASTIC

RELIEF WORKERS ALSO to pass through Kweichow pro-THREATENED BY CUT

# Hold Inquiry

HIGHLY PAID SNOOPERS TO FIX RELIEF ELIGIBILITY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.-Inpartment the Board of Supervisors exporting a billion lire (\$80,000,books and investigate administrative operations of the department.

Hiring of a special investigating corps to "determine eligibility" of the 40,000 relief workers on the rolls, was also ordered.

Chairman Legg of the board stated that the county will face a deficit of more than \$2,000,-000 before the end of the year at the present rate of expenditure.

Payne will hire 15 investigators at an expense of \$7300 during the Fascist Logic Falls next 60 days, to make a "cross section analysis of the case load of the charities department."

Payne said the budgets will be investigated, and a check made of residence, legally responsible relatives, outside income and eligibility for state aid, on all relief

# This inquest was held during (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7) Scottsboro Boys

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The attempted murder of Ozie Powell by an Alabama sheriff is really an act of the ruling class directly incited by the reactionary judge into whose care capitalist and landlord justice has placed the nine innocent Scottsboro boys-symbols of the persecuted Negro people. The united front of all who labor, black or white, of city and country, is the weapon that will defeat the forces of reaction, jim-crowism, lynching and frame-up and will emancipate the working class, the Negro people and the people of America as a whole.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of the United States calls for the united front of all enlightened forces of America to save the Scottsboro boys. (Signed)

EARL BROWDER, General Secretary. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman.

ITALIAN SNOBS STAMPEDE TO GET THEIR MONEY OUT OF COUNTRY

# Invasion Floundering

URUGUAY WANTED TO SELL RUSSIA RECOGNITION IN CHEESE DEAL

PEIPING, Jan. 30.—Sweeping advances of the Chinese Red Army are reported. The mercenary troops of Chiang Kai-shek have been routed and foreigners are rapidly evacuating cities in Kweichow province. Communist forces are estimated at 50,000. Martial law is being declared by the Kuomintang in neghboring cities to throttle the overwhelming symmunists.

Plan of the Red Army headed by Ho Lung, reports affirm, is vince and unite with the main body of Red forces in the Northern part of Szechwan province.

ROME, Jan. 30.-Fearful of the imminent collapse of fascism in Italy, high officials of the regime, including Mussolini's brother-inlaw, Mattaloni, were recently caught secretly pouring funds out of the country. Feltrinelli, presdicating "drastic curtailment" of ident of the Italian credit bank, funds of the County Charities De- was caught in the act of illegally yesterday ordered County Auditor 000) to a foreign country in gold, Payne to make an audit of the cash, bonds and stocks. He committed suicide. Twenty-seven bankers implicated were fined a total

# **HEARST QUOTER** IS BAFFLED IN L.A. RED DEBATE

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# To Pieces In Disaster

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.—For the first time in the long and dishonorable history of the American mance of the Coast Guard ser- utive board on behalf of the en-Legion leadership a member of vice; "Thirteen Hours by Air," tire International-without even that organization dared to appear in debate on the same platform Lines; "The Sky Parade," which have expressed bitter opposition with a Communist here last night, cheers commercial aviation. and the disaster that overtook him definitely established the reason why such affairs have not been held before.

Capt. Jack O'Brien-bull-necked, red-faced lawyer, the American prototype of a Hitler storm-trooper—dared to debate Harold Ashe, official Communist Party speaker, on the question: "Resolved: That Communism is a menace to the American labor movement."

The complete failure of the Legionnaire's "logic" was witnessed by a capacity crowd of 700 at Music Arts Auditorium, as Ashe ripped to shreds any pretense of argument that O'-Brien advanced. In fact, the Legionnaire obviously prepared his debate from the columns of the vicious Hearst press, which, by the way, he defended lustily

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# CHINESE RED Seattle Labor Council ARMIES ROUT Sends Unanimous Protest MERCENARIES To Green, ISU Convention

Reactionaries in Majority Control Stall Convention Adjournment as Operators Maneuver for Attack

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Adding to a storm of protest flooding the International Seamen's Union convention, the Seattle Central Labor Council unanimou sly voted to address Green and the I.S.U. in protest against the reactionary union-splitting move of the undemocratic machine-pac ked convention.

## ILA DELEGATE ELECTED AS **COUNCIL HEAD**

STOCKTON, Calif., Jan. 29.-While the Waterfront Employers and Industrial Associations gather for a final smash against the Maritime Union Stockton Central Labor Council delegates defiantly elected as their president, Walter W. Mahaffey of ILA,

Local 38-102. R. A. Woodruff of the Operating Engineers' local was named as Council vice president.

## WAR BALLYHOO **MANUFACTURED** AT HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. Jan. 29 -(Hollywood News Bureau)-More war propaganda is being brewed in the studios.

Paramount is making "I Loved A Soldier," starring Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer; also under production at Paramount is "Reunion" with Herbert Marshall and Gertrude Michael. "A Message to Garcia," with

Wallace Beery, John Boles and

Barbara Stanwyck, is being made Century Fox's as is 'Under Two Flags," starring Ronald Colman, Victor McLagen and Rosalind Russell. Warners First National is preparing 'Anthony Adverse" with Frederick March and Steffi Duma; 'Sons O' Guns" starring Joe E. Brown and Joan Blondell: "Hearts Divided," with Marion Davies, a Napoleonic "drahma." Building up aviation are Paramount's "Border Flight," a romystery thriller of United Air

# Debate Need for Organized Rank And File in Union Convention are unconstitutional

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—"Resolved: That there is a necessity two Sailors' delegates to the Confor an organized rank and file movement in the trade unions."

here on Thursday. February 13th, warned the membership to take? at 6:30 p. m., by Bill Busick, educational director of the Interna- quo with the I.S.U. despite any tional Ladies Garment Workers' rumors or action taken by the Union, taking the negative, and Matt Pelman, section organizer of the Young Communist League, taking the affirmative.

The debate is under the auspices of the Thursday Discussion Club, meeting at the cafeteria at 648 So.

membership prepared to was a strenuous battle to retain the charter lifted by 18 hand-picked reactionary delegates who were the majority at the I.S.U. con-

At the same time, Harry Bridges

stated to the press today that he

would persist in his objections to

"star-chamber" investigation of the

waterfront proceedings by "G",

men, and continue to demand 'a'

full and open Congressional hear-

Headquarters of the Sailors'

Ugion of the Pacific hummed

with activity as the arouse

# vention; also to maintain full Thug Herders Busy

Simultaneously with the flood ing of the city with copies of the Fascist sheet coyly named American Citizen, which incite the public to open vigilantism against the maritime workers, a furious drive is being made to recruit young men into a "Protective Patrol" for some "expected trouble on the waterfront."

With headquarters located in the Flood Building the Protective Patrol also has herders, along the piers, who are attempting to enlist youthful vagabonds on a promise of "a good job at a good wage."

membership in both the I.S.U. and the American Federation of Labor and to regain control of union funds.

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific has retained Aaron Sapiro, noted New York attorney who took a prominent part in the steel union negotiations last year.

FIGHT FOR FUNDS Their funds were tied up by a restraining order as a result of an injunction sworn out by five. of the reactionary I.S.U. execconsulting the membership who to this move in all ports and branches—the Sailors' Union, through Attorney Michelson, are prepared to show legal cause Monday in Federal Judge Roach's

The latest telegrams from the vention who have been instructed to stay there until the adjourne This subject will be debated ment of session as spectators, no action but to remain status convention.

court, why the actions of the

and illegal.

EMPLOYERS' PLANS The first steps of the shipowners to take advantage of the plans of the International officials "reorganize the West Coast was ions" was seen with the filing 🐠 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

# Seattle Labor Council Backs Charter; Protest Sent to Green Sailors' Fight to Retain AFL

ation.'

(Continued From Page 1) articles of incorporation with the secretary of state by the Pacific American Shipowners' Association.

According to the information given, the association plans to "promote harmony between employees and employers with respect to wages, working conditions, and act as an intermediary in disputes."

Listed as officers are Hugh Gallagher of the Waterfront Employers' Association as president. with T. G. Plant, J. A. Lunny Lloyd Swavne, W. Bush, and Donald Watson as directors. SAILORS PLEDGE FIGHT

At a special meeting of the Headquarters Branch of the Sailors' Union a resolution calling for the issuance of a pledge card pledging to fight to retain their eharter and to remain within the American Federation of Labor was adopted unanimously. The opledge cards are to be printed at once and distributed along the ""Pacific Coast.

#### LABOR COUNCIL BACKS SAILORS

SEATTLE.—Taking the initia--tive in the fight to enlist full support in their fight to retain their status in the I.S.U., the loca' Branch of the Sailors' Union succeeded in rallying the Centra' Labor Council behind them.

Despite the objections of President O'Reilley that protests and investigation was outside the La bor Council's district, the delegates voted unanimously to in-Westigate the revocation of the Sailors' charter.

COMMITTEE ELECTED The protest was telegraphed to the floor of the I.S.U. convention and to President Green. A committee of ten was also elected to work with the I.S.U. locals to re-establish harmony between branches and the inter-

A joint I.S.U. meeting adopted a resolution pledging to remain within the I.S.U. and the A.F.L. and condemning any efforts to set up an independent union.

# BRIDGES DEMANDS PUBLIC

OUIZZ SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30 .--Coast unions, Department of Justice men sought to quizz Harry Bridges in his office, but received no information from the militant president of the District Council.

"We demand a public investigation where all the facts can be brought out," Bridges stated, "there will be no star chamber proceedings. Although the shipowners and the I.S.U. officials are demanding that the Department of Justice investigate, we have asked and insist upon a Congressional investigation so that the public may know all the facts."

This plain statement of Bridges was seized upon by the Hearst rags as an excellent opportunity to portray the rank and file leader as defying the United States gov-

# CONVENTION STALLS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—Obviously stalling since the adoption of the shipowner-inspired motion to revoke the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, the reactionary-controlled International Seamen's Union Convention lagged with no efforts being made to draw it to an end.

The deliberate stalling of the convention times co-incidentally With the opening of the joint shipowners' meeting in New York City and the deadline of the rank and file threatened Atlantic Coast seamen's strike, on January 31.

## RED HERRINGS

The eighteen self-appointed delegates, who constitute a reactionary majority to the convention, made a feeble effort to cover up their own union-smashing moves by calling on Congress for an "investigation of possible plots against Pacific Coast maritime labor organizations." Such a public investigation was demanded last week by the S. F. District Coun-

cil of the Maritime Federation. Knee-deep in red herrings, the Scharrenberg-Olander forces took ings against the West Coast un-

tation to explain that the chartered group 'had never been connected with the Maritime Feder-

#### ASK MINERS' AID

A telegram was received at the ers' Convention asking for their support by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in the fight to retain

President John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Unionism of the A.F.L., is looked to by the West Coast seamen for aid to protect the Maritime Federation which is built along industrial lines.

# PERKINS CALLS PARLEY

Her desk deluged with a storm of protests and demands for government intervention to prevent the lifting of the Sailors' Union charter, Secretary of Labor Perkins called a hurried conference with V. Olander, I.S.U. secretary-treasurer and Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady.

Meanwhile any further action on the part of both shipowners and convention is hinged on the esults of the hearing Mon. in Fed. Court at San Francisco, when an attempt will be made to obtain a permanent injunction against the funds and property of the Sailors' Union.

# S.F. PAPERS BACK ON 6-DAY WEEK

(Continued from Page 1) week was professedly established with the advent of NRA this polcy has only been followed in half-hearted fashion. Many editorial workers never did have the five-day week and others who did were often required to give up their days off when the editors felt their services were needed Efforts of the Guild to bring about collective bargaining were spurned by the managements of both papers. Guild activity has resulted in frequent dismissals from the staffs.

# DISCRIMINATION

One such dismissal, that of Re-Although Congress has to date prominence as a test of Section ignored the request of the Dis- 7-A of the now defunct NRA. The triet Council No. 2 of the Mari- Guild pressed the fight from San ation of the proposed plan of the twice won decisions from the shipowners to smash the West National Labor Relations Board holding that the Call-Bulletin had violated the code in firing Jennings. But here the powerful Publishers' Association brought pressure to bear on President Roosevelt, the Guild victory was nullified and Section 7-A was proved

# PROTESTS ASKED

Since then Hearst and his coteric of reactionary publishers with the support of other finance capitalists have carried on an unrelenting war against militant unions, progressive legislation and all forms of true democracy. Newspaper workers are fast learning that their only hope of staving off Fascist slavery is militant action in cooperation with workers in other industries.

The Guild is urging trades unions and all progressive organizations and individuals to send the return of the six-day week.

WANTED-Pictures, etc. of agri-Underhill 9173.

# WARD ATTACKS **GAG MEASURES** IN L.A. SPEECH

(Continued from Page 1) groups recently got together constitutes "the real Fascist mobilization in this country."

The meeting, sponsored by the League Against War and Fascism and American Civil Liberties opening of the United Mine Work- Union, heard brief reports from five delegates to the League's recent Cleveland congress, and unanimously passed a resolution their charter in the I.S.U. and the calling upon the city authorities to grant the Public Works Unemployed Union a parade permit, previously refused.

#### MOTHER CHEERED

Mrs. Margaret Stevens, Pasaage, was warmly applauded when she said:

"We mothers in the League are fighting a difficult battle today to save ur sons from fighting stupid battles later on."

The year 1935 saw more gag laws introduced in American legislatures than any 20 years prior to 1934. Dr. Ward asserted: it saw armed forces called out against lafor's right to organize and picket, in more states than ever before.

As ever-increasing power over the economic and political life of more mercy on you than a snake.' the nation is being concentrated in the hands of a small group, to repressive measures, at the cost of the American people's civil rights. If the people retain the him. civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution, they will not allow the concentration of economic and political control to proceed indef-

## KRAMER BILL

The real purpose behind the Kramer Sedition Bill is revealed by a study of the several hundred convictions obtained under similar measures now in effect in various states. In not one of these convictions was an act of violence proved, Dr. Ward stated. Instead, men have been jailed for lawful strike activity, for organizing labor and farm unions, for distributing literature which can legally be sent through the mails.

The real aim of the Tydings-McCormack Bill is to make it porter Dean Jennings from the possible, whenever necessary, to Call-Bulletin, gained nation-wide suppress opposition to the use of National Guard forces against strikes. Under the sweeping terms of the bill, the League head astime Federation for an investiga-, Francisco to Washington and serted, any person who urged a Guardsman not to shoot down strikers could be fined \$1000 and imprisoned two years.

> Dr. Ward charged that the bill's sponsors had attempted to quiet A. F. of L. opposition by using the term "Army and Navy of the United States" in place of "armed forces of the United States;" this change does not exempt the National Guard from the bill's jurisdiction, however, since that organization has within the past year become officially part of the U.S.

> "The only way to stop Fascism," Dr. Ward concluded, "is for all elements, from as far left as you can go to as far right as they will come, to join in a united, mass, fighting organization!"

NEW ORLEANS.—(FP)—Five hundred extra officers have been added to the New Orleans police force in order to protect citizens protests to the publishers of the and visitors from violence and Examiner and Call-Bulletin against robbery, which are increasing as a result of wholesale cutting of the and county. Governor Bibb Graves several conventions scheduled for cultural fields, strike scenes, etc. the city during 1936 have been C. S. Conference, 68 Haight st. cancelled owing to fear of vio-

## 1200 SEAMEN WILL FIGHT TO STAY WITH ISU

(Continued from Page 1) "There may be hundreds of us

expelled, and I as former secretary of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, will undoubtedly be one of the first, but you, the rank and file, will carry on the fight for our re-instatement, the same as you did in 1921. Scharrenberg was expelled then and came back in to be kicked out again tional law." in 1935. We can do it again and O'Brien charged that the Comthis time every one of his reactionary cohorts will go with him

-for good." The meeting adjourned with the communists foster "bad conthe sentiment practically unanimous for a determined fight against any efforts of Scharrenberg and his clique to keep the International as their own and dena, mother of three sons of war with feeling strong against any undue or hasty steps which would lead to a move towards an independent organization.

# SCOTTSBORO BOYS TELL SHOOTING

(Continued from Page 1)

told two or three times what to do and wouldn't take my advice. From now on I will have no

HOW IT STARTED At one point, Ozie muttered that group is compelled, in order under his breath resentfully. Edto maintain its control, to resort gar Blaylock, the state policeman who sat beside the driver in the front seat, turned and slapped

> Ozie got out his knife and slashed at him. Clarence Norris.

nim to drop the knife. Ozie dropped the knife. Sheriff Sandlin, at the wheel,

pegan blowing the siren. He applied the brakes and stopped the car. The boys threw their hands over their heads.

#### CALM KILLER

The sheriff calmly got out of the car, drew his gun and said: "Now I'm going to get rid of all you sons of bitches."

He fired point blank at Ozie who crumpled up beside Nor-

The other boys pleaded franally for their lives. The sheriff poked the muzzle of the gun against their heads and threatened them.

Just then the other cars in the caravan drew up.

WHITEWASHING Governor Bibb Graves, of Ala-

bama has issued a statement on the affair saying: "The officers did their full duty and are to be commended for handling a most delicate and deplorable situation in an efficient manner."

Ozie Powell is lying near death in the Jim-Crow Birmingham hospital. One foot is chained to the bed. Deputies are permanently stationed at the end of his bed where they jeer him in his agony. A delicate two-hour operation was required on his brain and he has been delirious ever since.

## NEW INDICTMENTS Lieutenant-Governor Thomas E.

Knight, Jr., has anonunced that he will ask special indictments against the three boys for "felonious àssault "

Meanwhile, throughout America, a protest storm is rising which looms as one of the greatest demonstrations of public sentiment in American history. Demands for freedom of the nine innocent boys are pouring in from every state relief rolls. There are rumors that of Alabama and President Roosevelt are héaring from America.

> Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

The delegates made an eloquent

plea for unity among workers in

the maritime trades, pointing out

through the Maritime Federation

is something new in our indus-

try, whose past history has been

one of a lack of solidarity be-

# LEGIONNAIRE IS SINGED IN TALK

(Continued From Fage 1) as "American."

WANTS NATIONAL C.S. LAW When asked if he believed in the California Criminal Syndicalism Law, O'Brien revealed his Fascist character by replying: "No. I do not-I believe in a na-

munist Party was a "menace" to American labor on the ground that ditions" to capitalize on them, and carry on activity for "the express purpose of crystallizing discontent, capitalizing on human misery." By quoting a 12-yearold book, O'Brien "proved" there was starvation today in the Soviet Union. By quoting William "proved" that labor considers "Communism is a menace."

"If there are any Communists the crowd, you should hiss Green," said O'Brien, "He's a labor leader!"

O'Brien said he was "against Communism" because it divided the workers, destroyed freedom. and divided the workers, and he challenged Ashe to show where the Communist Party had ever led any successful struggles for the day-to-day needs of the work-

#### COMMUNISM VS. FASCISM

"We Communists have a two fold program," stated Ashe, "One is to teach the workers there is a class struggle, one which is parwho was nandcuffed to him, pulled ticularly bitter in this, the sixth him back into the seat and told year of the depression; this means to lead the workers in their dayto-day struggles for immediate gains. The other is to prepare the workers for the eventual overthrowal of capitalism,

"O'Brien is calling down the same condemnation against the Communist Party as does Hearst in calling for vigilante action, in driving to split the workers, force lower wages and a lower standard of living, to use force and violence against Communists, Socialists, Epics, Utopians, trade union leaders and trade union rank and file who dare to protest wage-cuts and lower living standards. This is the program of Fascism, Mr.

O'Brien! "The Communists do not believe in force and violence. The capitalist class not only believes in it but practices it on all possible pretexts. I appeal to the American Legion members-mo allow any demagogue to get you aligned against your class brothers in the class struggle, which we can't evade.

must trust only in yourselves and in your leaders only so long as they carry out the will of the rank and file.

"The reason the A. F. of I leaders attack the C. P. should be apparent, because it is the Communist Party and other militants who are challenging these leaders, who are a threat to their continued, bureaucratic existence -and they know it."

# C. P. AND THE UNIONS

Ashe outlined the Communist position in building up the trade mions as a bulwark of the workers against Fascism, of strengthening them to win immediate gains for the working class.

~ In rebuttal, Ashe stated: "The capitalist system is dying. whether we like it or not; and we'll all attend the funeral, whether we like it or not! "As to Mr. O'Brien's state-

ment that the Communists 'take

#### **DIEGO UNIONS** DENIED RIGHTS BY GREEN'S AID

(Continued from Page 1) president; Carl Barnes, secretary-treasurer; Stanley Gue, Ed Dowell and Jack Botts, board of administration; and Gorey, Donnelly, Wilbur, Poteet, Mc-Cullom and Crum, executive committee; Hauss, sergeant-at-

All lined up to be sworn in. Stutz rapped for everyone to stand. A few started to comply. There were cries of "Sit down!" Not a delegate stood. Casey began: "Do vou solemnly pledge your honor that you will, to the best of your ability, comply with the laws of -" "THE CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE," a delegate shouted.

#### COUNCIL PROTESTS

After Case's officers had been 'sworn in," Jack Northy, a carpenter took the floor to protest. Stutz rapped excitedly for order. He called the meeting adjourned, Green, A. F. of L. president, he but not a single delegate left. Paul Orloff, elderly president of the Waiters and Bartenders Local arose and called Casev a "dictator." He was cheered loudly.

Delegate after delegate protested bitterly. Casey and his little group of reactionaries sat in silence, not venturing a word. When A. C. Rogers, progressive secretary removed by Casey, stood to speak, it was necessary for him to wait for the applause to subside. "We want Steinmetz and Rogers!" the delegates shouted. Rogers exposed Casev's fabrication that a "dual Council had been formed."

"The progressive caucus o thirty-three unions was called," he said, "to draft a letter of protes against Casey's actions. Such caucuses are customary and ob viously within our rights

## TROTZKYISTS BUSY

When Delegate Wosk inquired who the four barred delegates were, the reactionaries started for the rear of the hall. Casey went first followed by Crum. There were shouts: "The rats can go now!" and they were booed to the door.

The progressive caucus was then called to order by John Lydick. Rogers read the protest letter to Green. He condemned the issuance of a spread around the Labor Temple Sunday suggesting a dual organization. The leaflet had been issued by a handful of local Trotzkyists but had been signed "A Group of Progressives." The four delegates Casey had

specifically barred were: Harry Steinmetz, former president; A. C. Rogers, former secretary:

The San Diego labor movement is at white heat over Casey's actions. The progressives are determined to force Casev to ob-"We say to the workers: you and trade union democracy. Meanserve constitutional proceedings while all A. F. of L. locals throughout the country are urged to protest to William Green and Casev against the latter's Hitlerite maneuvers.

> advantage of human misery,' we Communists didn't cause this misery—we're trying to change

Two collections were taken. Ashe took up a collection of \$29.64 for the Communist Party. For the work of attacking Communism "throughout Southern California," Capt. O'Brien took up a collection of 70 cents!

wives were in attendance, but dustry.' very little support for O'Brien could be seen in their ranks.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal

# TWO VICTIMS OF PEDRO BEEF SQUAD CHARGED WITH MURDEP

(Continued from Page 1) a virtual "reign of terror" by the rest of the "beef squad" and by police which lasted two or three weeks. Automobiles filled with armed thugs toured San Pedro looking for militant rank and filers in the union. Character of the inquest may be seen by some of the following testimony, given by Clyde Bruley, a member of the "beef squad."

"I could not say who struck Riley because I didn't see Riley," testified Bruley.

"Do you know whether Riley was struck with any weapon? asked a deputy district attorney. "He must have been," replied Bruley.

"Was he knocked down?"

"He must have been. I got clubbed on the head. My arm is pandaged because of a previous fight with the same gang."

"Do you know if Riley recognized the man or men who at tacked him?"

"I didn't hear him name any one," said Bruley. "I wasn't there!" "Do you know whether or not "Who was the man you say you

gave a few bumps?" "I didn't know whether or not previously you had encountered the same crowd of men in any

SMALLMAN BEATEN

"Not altogether. There was one day we were coming down the street. We encountered one of them and he was with another beef squad. fellow, about a block and a half from their shack. It was the day we raided their shack. We did during their reign of terror in give this fellow a few bumps—"

"Who was the man you gave" few bumps?"

"Smallman Two days before this attack by the beef squad, Smallman was severely beaten by the squad; the few "bumps" he received included a broken shoulder and four ribs caved in. Once previously, Smallman had also been seriously in-

iured by these thugs. Robert Franklin North, another of the thugs, was asked, "Would you be able to state who struck Riley?"

"No." he replied.

"Did you or Riley or any of, men in your crowd have weapons at all?"

"No, sir, there wasn't a weapon in the car!"

The beef squad had driven to the scene of the fight in a motor car, and were positively known to carry weapons and clubs, but "there wasn't a weapon in the

Original leader of these thugs was Fred W. Friedl, business agent for the Marine Firemen's local, who was killed in a mysterious gun battle with police detailled by Detective Lieutenant lack Fickes in the early morning on June 22nd, just two days before the beef squad tried to "get" Smallman. The night before his violent death, Friedl was ousted from the union by a 48-to-1 vote of the rank and file of t local, tired of his anti-union" tivities and rebelling against

Many honest trade unionists fell under the blows of these thugs San Pedro.

**1ANCHUKUAN TROOPS REVOLT:** 

NEW STUDENT UPRISINGS (Continued from Page 1)

sentenced to long prison terms. tarily gain territory that is to The Italian royal family has also invested about \$10,000,000 in England through King Leo-

pold of Belgium, brother-in-law

of the Crown Prince of Italy.

# L.A. CHARITIES FACE CUT IN **ALLOWANCE**

(Continued From Page 1) PREVAILING WAGES? LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.-

Promised "prevailing wages" but with no specification as to trade union wages, 300 workers now on the rolls of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration are to be given construction work on the new General Motors Corporation assembly plant at South Gate, officials of the company announced today.

Tom Finney, supervisor of reemployment and labor coordination for LACRA, stated that the company officials had promised "full cooperation in the drive to Many Legionnaires and their return relief clients to private in-

Trade unionists here are reported demanding that union men be placed on the job, instead of company has asked for both skilled and unskilled workers.

vading forces are revealed as desof 5,000,000 lire and seven were perate onslaughts which mor

quished immediately after. Bur dened with the heavy machinery of modern warfare, Il Duce's troops are unable to cope with the agile, guerilla forces of Ethiopia which are snapping at the LONDON, Jan. 30.—Reports feet of the Italian military ma-Daisy Lee Worcester, former ex- received here confirm the com- chine like a pack of jackals torecutive committee member; and plete debacle of Italian legions in menting a sick elephant. Blunderng, floundering, ravaged by discase, torn by revolts, nerves frayed by months of incessant guerilla raids and sniping, the Italian march of glory is scarcely equal to the weather and the landscape, let alone the never silent rattling of Ethiopian machine gunners.

> GENEVA, Jan. 30.—The furious rumbling of Uruguay against the U.S.S.R. for alleged revolutionary plots dissolved in laughter when the Soviet delegate Litvinov revealed that the president of Uruguay tried to sell Russia 200 tons of cheese on threat that he would break off relations if the Soviets wouldn't buy. Litvinov pointed out that the workers and farmers' government was not ready to sell itself for any amount of cheese.

LONDON, Jan. 30.-The King was buried.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.-Orders have been sent out to all U. S. army posts to immen from the relief rolls. The mediately start training troops for actual fighting.

CAIRO, Jan. 30.-Student protest demonstrations against Br ain are continuing and increa ing. British police have resorted to firing into the ranks of the young people. Injuries mounted to 55 in recent conflicts. Every time a slain student is buried there is a demonstration into which the British fire, killing at least another, who is buried in still another demonstration which is again. fired into and more killed. The demonstrations keep getting larger and larger.

MOSCOW, Jan. 30.—An entire company of Manchukuan troops, fully armed has marched across the Siberian border asking asylum. They declared they had just mutinied and kills four Japanese officers. They

were disarmed and interned ROME, Jan. 30.—Italian consorship has so furiously berated correspondents for sending achieved by this convention. Only verse reports from the African real national solidarity of our un- front that the latest official we "Nothing of note on either from

# PLEA FOR UNITY MADE BY WEST COAST DELEGATES AT ISU CONVENTION PLEA FOR UNITY

# URGE FEDERATION AS ONLY WAY OF PRESERVING UNITY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Outvoted by hand-picked and self-appointed reactionary delegates, West Coast delegates to the International Seamen's Union convention nevertheless gave a brilliant account of themselves, contrasting the union-splitting tactics of the reactionary I.S.U. officials against the strides made by the West Coast seamen under progressive leadership in winning improved conditions and building up the International union in all departments.

Excerpts of their joint statement made during the convention.

"At this time, the Pacific Dis tricts of the I.S.U. are being attune out in their unceasing froth- tacked sharpest by the shipowners. Why? Not only because we sons to grant a charter to the have secured union recognition, in Deep-Sea and Purse Seine Fisher- creased wages, improved condimen of California. Even then tions, union control of hiring, and

per cent, but because the growth of the union on the Pacific has aroused the spirit of unionism throughout the industry.' These words, spoken by Pacific

Coast Seamen delegates to the I.S.U. convention, are the chief explanation of factors behind the shipowner drive to smash the Olander could not resist the temp- have organized the seamen 100 waterfront unions.

that it was unity which brought "The mutual cooperation of all marine unions on the Pacific

> tween the crafts." ANSWER CHARGES Answering charges that SUP membership in the Federation is such federations are not new in

the labor movement as a whole. "The Councils which have been formed in the Building and Metal trades, are similar to the Maritime Federation, and

same purpose as the Federation -to secure the voluntary cooperation of all crafts in a given

Showing the need for Federition solidarity, it was predicted that "once the unity of all unions, which is achieved through the Federation, is smashed, then the I.S.U., along with other unions, will sink under the attacks of the shipowners. We say this is true, not only on the Pacific, but upon the West Coast unions. in the East and Gulf—the conillegal, it was emphasized that tinued existence of the I.S.U. in all districts will depend upon strengthening our own unions, by organizing the unorganized and by assisting in the formation of maritime federations on all coasts!"

(I.S.U. in forming federations in how can we get the shipowner L. They were formed for the the East and on the Gulf, the delegates delivered the following slogan: "The shipowners have 100 per cent unity-there must be 100

> and other crafts in the industry." Charges' that the shipowners refused to recognize their obligations and abide by agreements were hurled in answer to attacks

| REFUSE TO PARLEY "For four months, now, they have refused to negotiate—and this is a fact which no one can denv."

The problem is not the ques-Calling for the assistance of the by agreements; the problem is: are confronted with."

to conclude agreements which will provide the same kind of wages. the country.

UNIFORM AGREEMENTS The necessity for uniform agree

crafts, between the East and West,

working conditions, and union control of hiring in every section of per cent unity between the un-

ions of the seamen, longshore

ments, national unity, and trade union democracy were brought "Friction between the various

and lack of uniform national policy have existed for too long. We recognized that it will be criminal if these things are not remedied and if this unity is not ion, and a strengthening of our communique was hammered down tion of unions which fail to abide ranks can meet the problems we into a gem of brevity. It read

The program adopted by the

Conference includes plans to

win the active support of trade

unions, lodges, clubs, church and

cultural organizations to the

fight to win the release of the

three miners, to halt the depor-

tation of foreign-born workers

from Gallup, and to force the

court charges against the

twenty-three people who were

arrested for signing resolutions

of protest to Judge McGhee

during the Aztec trial of the ten

Gallup miners, seven of whom

A campaign to obtain at least

25,000 signatures, particularly

of trade unionists, to a petition

to Governor Clyde Tingley

calling upon him to grant an

unconditional pardon to the

three convicted miners is a part

of the program adopted at the

conference. The State Commit-

tee will also undertake the rais-

ing of \$75,000 bond for the three

The Committe plans to estab-

lish April 4th—the anniversary

of the day in which deputy sher-

iffs fired on a gathering of un-

employed workers in Gallup,

murdering two unemployed

miners and killing the sheriff of

the county - as National Gallup

Day. The erection of a monu-

ment over the graves of the two

murdered miners, Salomon Es

quibel and Ignacio Velarde, is a

part of the Committee's plans.

The State Committee, which

includes the members of the for-

mer Santa Fe Gallup Defense.

Committee, will have headquar-

ters in Santa Fe. Albuquerque

members of the Committee will

carry on the work here as a

Greetings from the three pri-

søners, who are in prison be-

cause they were active in "

Juan Ochoa and the mother of

Affirming their steadfast be-

lief that their freedom would be

workers, farmers, and progress-

ive people of New Mexico and

the United States, the three im-

prisoned miners sent their best

wishes for the success of the

two young children.

State Conference.

City Committee.

contempt of

dismissal of all

were acquitted.

# L.A. COUNCILMAN SURROUNDED BY WHITED FRONT

HEARS CASE OF FRAMED MEN FOR HOUR

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.-Councilman Franklin P. Buyer, reactionary, paid the penalty for the refusal of the City Council to hear a United Front committee protesting inhuman discrimination against political prisoners in Lineoln Heights jail, here yesterday when the committee surrounded the councilman and forced him to listen to their case for a full hour. " Refusing to fall for the "run-

around" game of the City Council, the committee gave a full outline f the cases of James McShann, rold Hendricks, and John Sanders, three unemployed workers convicted on frame-up charges and now in the jail, and Buyer "heard it all, whether he liked it

Incidentally, the well-fed coun-"cilman missed his customary 'luncheon.

Two hundred composed the militant committee, representing Civic League, Epic Clubs, Utopian groups, American Civil Liberties Union, International Labor Defense, and many other organizations.

Workers are urged to write the "City Council and Mayor Shaw demanding an open hearing on "the horrible conditions now exsisting in Lincoln Heights jail.

# **OPEN FORUM**

WELCOME, COMRADE F- G-, Mo,.

January 15, 1936. Please send me a sample copy

of your paper and any othe literature you may care to send. I want to learn about your , movement. I am interested. It is

time to be up and doing. I am respectfully, G.T.L.

Los Angeles, Calif. January 15, 1936 Editor, the Western Worker

Dear Comrade: 'The teachers' unit, Los An-... geles 'Section, wishes to correct . a statement which has appeared twice in recent issues of the Western Worker, regarding Dr. Winger, formerly a teacher at Los Angeles Junior College.

Dr. Winger was not fired for political activity or radical sympathies, as the story in the held throughout Germany," said , larly liberal. The stories which per cent of the votes. have appeared in the Western Worker, (one of which was country is bad, with only gov-San Francisco) have only served ing profits. Munitions and all to drive him farther away from businesses allied with war are us. a result which you can read- being forced ahead in a feverish

...ily understand.

The facts of the case seem to be as follows. Dr. Winger was a probationary teacher who desires it, but when war does would have become permanent come it will be halted abruptly by mand subject to the tenure law had he been given a contract to ple, principally the Communists, teach this year. In order to a- the open Democrats and members void making him permanent he of the Roman Catholic Church" "was not given a contract but simply a promise that after he had been out a year he would be same truths that have been printhired again. The purpose in avoiding making teachers permanent it that their salaries can be held at the minimum, instead of receiving the automatic increase given to permanent Hollywood Unit teachers, and also that teaching staffs can easily be cut down if the teachers do not come under the tenure law. We are, of course, opposed to this.

"We want to see the Western Wörker become a popular paper a mass paper for California workers, and we feel that accurate news is another requirement, and we will do our best to see that it is sent in.

Comradely yours, Teachers Unit Los Angeles

#### ILA Wins Victory In New Orleans Strike

NEW ORLEANS.—(FP)—Con-Longshoremen's Association have operation in Los Angeles of the en signed at Mobile, Ala., with dangerous one-can street cars. shipping interests, according to It is informally and simply writ-New Orleans, labor officials. The .new arrangements, said to pro- ing out specific applications of wide for almost complete use of general Party principles. The im-Negro labor on the docks, will portance of solidatity bet ween Gulfport, Miss., and Pensacola, and unemployed, is well brought Fla., as well as at Mobile.

## A PIG'S EYE View of PUERTO RICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-(FP) -- Despite slums unequalled anywhere else in the world and economic exploitation of the natives by large sugar companies, the people of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have "a deep feeling of loyalty and gratitude towards the American government, Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes reported on his return from a visit to the Caribbean. That is, "all except a mere handful of professional agitators who, since the change of administration in the islands, have found no field for their activities."

#### POVERTY

Ickes describes the slums in Puerto Rico. "I have never seen human beings anywhere living under such terrible conditions," he said. "Miscrable dwellings, so close together that it is almost impossible to walk between them, are built over oozing sewage which lies constantly on the surface. Little children play in open unsanitary sewage that is covered with thick, noxious scum. These slums are an offense not only to the eye but to the sense of smell. More and more, of late years people have been driven into these cesspools through failure of accustomed employment.

"These shameful conditions are a disgrace to any civilized people.

#### PRIDE

"There are 240,000 school children in Puerto Rico for whom the local government has not been able to provide school facilities. And yet this is a possession of a nation that has prided itself on its system of free public education!" Sec. Ickes recommends improved service and the building of bet-

ter hotels in the islands.

# American Writer Says Hitler Would Lose New Election

POINTS TO FEVERISH WAR PREPARATIONS; GROWTH OF UNITED FRONT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25-'With a free press in Germany, Hitler could not survive six

months!" Bouton, American newspaper cor- lations, not against American caprespondent in Germany for 23 | italism, but against American peoyears, was printed in today's Los ple.

Angeles Times. "If an honest election could be Western Worker read. He is far Bouton, "I am confident that ....from radical, not even particu- Hitler would poll less than 50 but against the Japanese as a pressed by years of poverty and

"The financial situation of the copied in the Hearst paper in ernment subsidized projects showpreparation for conflict.

> "Hitler's plan leads inevitably to war, although I do not think he a revolution of the German peo-Thus, in the columns of the

> red-baiting Times, is exposed the ed in the Western Worker and Daily Worker—a rather odd con-

# Circulates New Shop Bulletin

GOOD WORK

Unit J-9, Hollywood Sub-Section has just issued the first copy of their neighborhood paper, Red Cars, directed chiefly toward workers in the Pacific Electric Railway System.

sheet, priced at one cent.

Volume 1, Number 1 covers weak points in the Social Securities Act, warns of impending relief cuts, and points out advantages of the United Front. There is also tracts recognizing the International | a call to workers to protest the

to the Repeal Conference, declared: ten, and does a good job of point settle outstanding difficulties at racial groups, between employed

# RACE HATRED: FUEL FOR THE ENGINES OF CAPITALISTS' WAR Program Calls for Vigorous Fight for

# Imperialist Profits And the Famous Yellow Peril

By Michael Quin.

I once talked with an officers in the U.S. Navy who also believed in God and human kindness. He spent his days studying gunnery and his night studying God. He nosed around among remote philosophies and knew all the Gods by name and all their inexplicable virtues and wraths. His twin devotions were marksmanship and brotherly love.

Once I questioned him on how he reconciled his passion for human gentleness with the murderous thunder of artillery. His answer was that the United States Navy was our only defense against a barbarian invasion.

#### BLIND PREJUDICE

When I pointed out that Coast Guard cutters would be enough to repulse all the barbarians alive today, he was quick to reply: "But what about the Japanese?"

On another occasion, I heard a seaman declare: "War is a racket. You couldn't get me to fight in any war. Except if it was against the Japs. I'd fight against the Japs any day."

#### ARMED IDIOCY

Both of these sentiments are stupid, but very important. Stupidity when it has its fingers on the triggers of 16-inch guns is worth paying attention to.

Propaganda on the "YELLOW PERIL" has been neatly inserted in the American mind throughout half a century. Every national culture includes the propagation of special race hatreds. Today, these subtle manias are the only motive force through which the capitalists of all nations can lead populations into wars which have no other object than to further private profit interests.

CLASSES NOT RACES

Populations taught to think in terms of races instead of in terms of classes have, in the past, been dry tinder to the flame of jingo war propaganda.

The merciless exploitation of the Oriental masses by American capitalist interests is readily utilized by the capitalists of both China This statement, by S. Miles and Japan to inflame their popu-

The imperialist conquests of Ia-

ger today that capitalism will util- the Jews.

SUPREME COURT

GETS DEMAND

FOR BAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.-

An exhibition of photographs, doc-

uments and objects pertaining to

the California agricultural fields

and the Criminal Syndicalism case

will be on display here in connec-

tion with the mass meeting to be

held in the Building Trades Tem-

ple at 8 p. m., Feb. 5th. The meet-

ing, which is called by the Cali-

fornia State Conference for Re-

peal of the Criminal Syndicalism

Act, will be addressed by Lorene

Norman, one of the C. S. prison-

ers, now out on bail; Professor

Max Radin of the University of

California, and many other promi-

The International Labor De-

fense has filed a writ with the

State Supreme Court demanding

that bail be set for the prisoners

in order that they may be able to

MIKE GOLD

Michael Gold, editor of the

New Masses, in a letter addressed

"California surely does not

want the ghastly honor of being

the state that opened America's

gates to a Hitler. But its Crim-

inal Syndicalism law is cer-

tainly a piece of fascist legis-

lation, a Nazi blow against

prepare their appeals.

nent labor leaders and liberals.

# Japanese Imperialism



But Not the Japanese People

ize the world-wide resentment against Mussolini's rape of Ethi-Italian capitalism, but against the Italians as a race.

The seeds of race hatred are planted in grammar school and cultivated in popular fiction, the movies and every other medium through which populations gather ideas and prejudices without even realizing it. These falsely hased hatreds lie dormant in the popular mind: We need only look to Nazi Germany to see how effectively a clever propaganda campaign can awaken and make use of them.

INSANE RAGE

The insane rage of Jew hatred which swept Germany with the advent of Hitler was by no means pan are utilized by American cap- | population. But there is no quesitalism to incite the population, tion that large numbers of othernot against Japanese imperialism, wise well meaning Germans, opfinancial worry, uninformed as MUSSOLINI NOT ITALY | to the real causes of their woe, There is a very imminent dan-loppressors, but against a race-

Exhibition of Photographs To Be

#### WAR IN ORIENT

A major war is looming in the opia to incite hatred, not against Orient today, which, if it reaches a certain stage, cannot fail to in volve the United States.

> The elements of this strugle may be enumerated as follows:

> 1. The revolutionary struggle of the Chinese masses for liberation from foreign and native capitalism and for the establishment of a Soviet China. 2. The struggle of Chinagenerally for nationalist independence and freedom from domination by Japanese, British and American imperialists.

3. The failure of the present Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) government, a puppet of the foreign interests, to effectively combat either of these movements.

4. Imminence of the possibility that the revolutionary and nationalist independence movenents may unite forces in the common cause of driving out all foreign imperialism.

5. The avowed program of Japan, already far advanced, to

# An Investigation of America's Pet **Nightmare**

6. The determination of both British and American imperialism to maintain their grip on China, suppress the Chinese nationalist and revolutionary struggles, encourage Japan to launch her war against the Soviet Union, and yet prevent her from driving out their competing interests.

Behind this situation, it must be considered that Japan is acting in a desperation similar to that which is driving Mussolini into violent adventures in Africa. The Japanese population is in a state of great unrest and the capitalist rulers are unable to cope with the economic crisis at home.

peril." Whether it would be a battle cry for direct intervention against the Chinese or a competigoal would be the suppression of the Chinese masses.

To this there is only one reply the American people can make. We will support no war between rival imperialist interests squabbling over who shall

ploiting a foreign people.

REFERENCES: International Publishers. \$1.75. Japan's Drive For Conquest-

Pamphlets No. 47. Five cents. China Today-A monthly magzine of information and opinion on the Far East-15 cents per copy-published by the American Friends of the Chinese People,

MOSCOW .- (FP)-Retail trade in the Soviet Union during 1936 will be double that of 1933, the People's Commissar for Home Trade estimated in a report to the Central Executive Committee, now in session.

secure imperialist domination over all of China and a good part of Siberia; to not only suppress the Chinese revolutionary and nationalist movements but to drive out America and Britain as rivals; and to war against the Soviet Union.

#### DESPERATION

This whole situation treads squarely on the toes of American imperialism and will sooner or later bring the cry of "Yellow tive war with Japan, its ultimate

have the greater privileges in ex-

We will support no war of intervention against any people engaged in a revolutionary struggle to establish a government of their own choosing.

Militarism and Fascism in Japan-By O. Tanin and E. Yohan By Grace Hutchins. International

168 West 23rd st., N. Y.

# SOVIET TRADE DOUBLE

# Workers Fight

ORGANIZED LABOR

IN FIELDS

PHOENIX, Ariz, Jan. 23-Orgonized in the fall of 1933, the Vegetable Packers Union have achieved amazing results for the workers of the Fascist brought to the conference by governed Salt River Valley.

cents per hour the rate of pay forty-five to seventy

When the fascist Governor B. B. Moeur ordered the workers to work the harvest at fifteen cents an hour under threat of martial law and no relief for those who refused, the Phoenix Federal Labor Union wired protest to Relief Administration of ficials in Washington. As a result the local relief authorities were instructed to furnish aid to all jobless who were refusing to work for unreasonably low wa-

He also attacked the efforts of the state authorities to intimidate foreign born workers

assaults upon the rights of labor in Arizona that the importance of organizational work is daily becoming more apparent.

At a private party held in Los Angeles last week, \$50 was collected for the freedom campaign and the following letter was addressed to Caroline Decker and Nora Conklin, the two women C S. prisoners, and to Louise Todd held at Tehachapi state prison fo women:

"Dear Caroline, Louise, Nora: "We are confident that many thousands of these small affairs and the large campaign meetings which are planned will strike the blows necessary to wipe out the vicious law which now holds you behind the grey cement and steel bars of prison.

# State-Wide Defense Committee Established for Gallup Miners

Freedom of Three Framed Miners

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 21.—Pledged to a program of steadfast action to obtain the freedom of Juan Ochoa, Manuel Avitia, and Leandro Velarde, the three Gallup miners now serving 45-60 year sentences in the State penitentiary on frame-up murder charges, a New Mexico State Gallup Defense Committee was established Sunday afternoon at the New Mexico State Gallup Defense Conference

#### a held here in People's Society Hall. A Soldier of Japan Offers A Small Gift

Wan Min of the Chinese Communist Party, speaking at the World Congress in Moscow in August, 1935, told of the heroic action of a Japanese soldier who delivered a truckload of war materials to anti-Japanese partisans in China. He waited, but the partisans did not come. When he saw the Japanese soldiers approaching, he committed suicide, leaving behind him a letter which came into the hands of the Chinese Communists It read: \

"I send you a small gift of 60,000 cartridges and many hand grenades and bombs. I wanted to speak to you personally, to tell you of the love, the solidarity and respect of the Japanese Communist Party for the toiling people, for the Chinese people, and for China's glorious Communist Party in the joint struggle against the imperialist bandits."

(From JAPAN'S DRIVE FOR CONQUEST, by Grace Hutchins. International Pamphlets No. 47.)

# Agricultural **Hostile State**

STRONG GAINS MADE BY

By T. A. Croaff, Jr. fight for united trade unionism in the U. M. W. A. among the coal miners of Gallup, were Mrs. Isabelle Ochoa, wife of

From a scale of twenty-five was increased to fifty cents an hour for choppers and five cents an hour for packers.

One of the most active and nilitant unionists in the state, Lester B. Doane, organizer for the state federation of labor, has been establishing two Federal Labor Unions in the valley.

Speaking on behalf of orga nized labor, Mr. Doane urged the necessity of activity to unify the ranks of agricultural workers to gain better living conditions in Arizona.

with threats of deportation, if they joined union organizations. It is because of the increased

"This law, and the infamous frame-ups that go with it, have been tolerated too long. The

# Baldwin Gives Alarming View On War Crisis

On May 22, 1935, Premier Baldwin made a speech on future wars in a mood of calculated despair, as he had somehow to justify the trebling of the British air force. He said: "I have been occupied my-

self in studying questions of air raid precautions, and I tell the House that I have been made almost physically sick to think that I and my friends and the statesmen in every country in Europe, 2000 years after our Lord was crucified, should be spending our time thinking how we can get the mangled bodies of children to the hospital and how we can keep the poison gas from going down the throats of the people . . ."

Mr. Baldwin made no suggestion that a sound international policy could prevent such a situation.

From POISON GAS, a pamphlet published by the Union of Democratic Control, in London.)

workers are rapidly learning the real anti-labor sentiment of such legislation. It remains only for us to organize this sentiment into definite action to win repeal of the law and your freedom.

you with the resolve to have a real victorious reception with all of you present."

"Our warmest greetings to

This letter was signed by all of the 55 persons present.

# tradiction of the capitalist press!

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# On Display at C.S. Mass Meeting

RED-BAITER—FLAG WAVER—DUCK EATER

Left to right: Red Hines, Neil R. McAllister, L loyd Buchler. Three engineers of the railroading machine that placed the C. S. prisoners in the penitentiary. Hines was head of the Los Angeles Red Sound but acted as "technical adviser" for the prosecution. McAllister, special prosecutor, tried to use the trial as ballyhoo for re-election as district attorney. He was defeated by an overwhelming vote. Buchler, assistant prosecutor, tried to plant personal friends on the jury and was exposed when one of them presented him with some ducks. Full account of this well-fed trio will be found in the pamphlet: THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR.

American democracy. If the people of California don't want concentration camps, the death of free assembly and free speech, race persecution, the outlawing of all liberalism and trade unionism: now is the time to act.

"Wipe this infamous law off

your statute books, Californians! It does not belong in a state that has bred such great champions of freedom as Mark Twain, Jack London, Frank Norris, and George Sterling!

"As one who once worked and lived in San Francisco for years,

ness racketeers have forced upon them. "Success to your campaign! "Sincerely,

"MICHAEL GOLD."

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# HOME WE WOMEN

WORKERS

A Note to Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt: Dear Eleanor R.:

A few pages past your letter that appears in the San Francisco Daily News, is a daily letter from yourself and your husband to the housewives of America that is very pointed in content, and more important to us than who sat next to you at dinner or how the flags are carried up and down stairs before the President.

On the pages where the groceries are advertised, where the American housewives learn that even bargain bacon is too high for the recovery pocketbook, and the price of margarine is more than the price of butter used to be-here are things you have to say to us that we completely understand. These are the things, my dear lady in blue, that we will remember when we have to decide whether you and your smiling husband will grace the White House table for another four years.

#### SMILES

And speaking of smiles, there seems to be considerable smiling among the high so-and-sos that make up your social environment. There is always a twinkle in the eye of dear Franklin or of this or that chief dignitary. Do they all feel as though they are playing some great joke on the American people, putting on a show of dignity and importance, and getting a lot of respect and awe from these good citizens, when all the time they are a bunch of favor-selling racketeers, bargaining in lives and liberty, and peace and war? Or do you all just twinkle at each other as a matter of course, and is that the smart thing in the land of tax-bought hors d'oeuvres.

I'd like to see "My Day" written by the American housewife herself. Such a document would make your hair stand on end, my dear Eleanor, if you had the acumen to understand tits significance, which I very much doubt,-though you have, I shouldn't wonder, a kind heart, wouldn't kick a cat for the

# SERVE MARGARINE?

Have you ever had an ache under your shoulder blade because you were tired past all firedness and hadn't relaxed, even when sleeping, for weeks? Do you serve margarine on the White House table? Why not? I serve it on mine, and am wondering how long it will be 'till I won's even have that for the kids.

Your sons are a bit reckless bout driving cars, but their future under the present pattern, is pretty well assured. Why? We don't know what is going to happen to our boys, and I more than suspect that the manipulations of your Musband and his pals are going to send them soon straight to the hell of an American-made Ethiop-Tan expedition. That's the kind of men's Local No. 884 (Brother- which came with a large local. things I have to think about in "my day."

Scripps' newspapers thinks yours maintain democracy within their is the most important day in America; but it's full of just so at their recent meetings. Forced and honest leaders of the strike much mattress-stuffing to me. The by Don Cameron, international rep- put into office. It was later found most important women in America liaven't had a chance to say much in the newspapers up 'till now. I tempt to oust militants from of-They are beginning to do their fice the membership completely member could be elected to of saying on the picket lines. There's turned the tables and elected a fot of them that will have a little full slate of progressives. -billet doux with their heartfelt regrets for you and Franklin at the next election.

Yours sincerely, Malvina Reynolds.

# Re-Register!

All workers are reminded that every voter in the state must re-register by March 26, 1936, in order to vote in the presidential primaries, on May

Communist Party members and sympathizers are urged to register immediately.

Even if you have voted in the state for forty years and have lived twenty years in the same house, your name has to go on the books again if you wish to declare your choice of nominees for president.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

# Over 17 Million U.S. Unemployed

## AN INCREASE OF 116,000 OVER FIGURES FOR LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The total number of unemployed persons in the United States in November, 1935, was 17,029,000, according to the fourth annual estimate of Labor Research Association made public today. This was an increase of 116,000 over the figure for November, 1934, the announcement stated.

Increases in employment in manufacturing industries, domestic and personal service and trade. between November, 1934, and November, 1935, were balanced in part by decreases in agriculture and coal mining, the Association reported. Other industrial groups registered only slight changes.

#### **NEW GENERATION**

Increases in employment were not great enough to absorb the "gainfully occupied" persons added to the population during the year. according to these figures. The number of young persons coming of working age and seeking jobs more than offset such gains as there were in employment op-

The estimated total includes as unemployed those workers having relief work on federal emergency projects, the research group stated Of the 17.029,000 men, women and young workers counted as unemployed in November, 1935, 2, 054,000 were on PWA, WPA, or CCC relief jobs. Even omitting these two million persons on government relief projects, it was estimated that nearly 15 million had no work in that month.

GOVERNMENT FIGURES As in its previous annual estimates, the Association bases its figures on employment indices of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and other government agencies.

The unemployed for November, 1935, were listed as follows: agriculture, 1,760,000; forestry and fishing, 85,000; coal mining, 211,000; metallic and nonmetallic mining and quarries, 128,000; oil and gas wells, 48,-000; building, 2,054,000; manufacturing, 2,452,000; steam railroads, 621,000; telephone and telegraph, 188,000; postal service, 39,000; all other transportation and communication, 624,000; wholesale and retail trade, 875,-000; all other trade, 405,000; professional service, 859,000; laundries, cleaning, dyeing, etc., 48,-000 hotels and restaurants, 265,000; all other domestic and personal service, 796,000; public service, 36 000: industry not speci fied, 610,000. To this list is added the 3,930,000 increase in number of gainful workers since 1930, and the deficiency of 1,000,000 in the unemployment census of 1930 as estimated by the United

States Department of Commerce.

# Once a Docker WENT TO WAR Disillusioned

He's just another war vet. An old man now-but he used to work longshore on the San Francisco docks.

When he left for France and the trenches they told him he'd get anything he wanted whenand if-he returned. He remembers that they told him this.

He's back now-a broken man. He has no shoes, very few clothes. no job. He has to bum a hat now, a pair of pants later, a meal every day.

"When I worked before the Green was a great labor leader tion." and a wonderful union man.

"I don't think that any more. I thought Tom Mooney just an permitted an hour long tirade beother gangster. I don't believe that any more either.

"I think the Western Worker is a swell paper and the only

#### CO-OP WHOLESALE AIDS LOCKED-OUT WORKERS

SUPERIOR, Wis.—(FP)—When Cooperative Wholesale of Superior told the management it plane. "would regret any labor trouble at If the stunt method proves" efthe Duluth plant."

Thereupon the company immediately capitulated to its workers' demands.

The workers, members of the Western Paint & Varnish Co. Inrecognition, reinstatement of all ment. The unemployed are in for workers without discrimination, a long siege and must wage a tertime-and-a-half for overtime and

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity-Bulwark Against Fascism". Price 5 cents.

# THE UNEMPLOYED ARE IN FOR MORE STRUGGLE TEST SHOWS COPS ARE MORONS

One expelled member of the Communist Party, two Trotzkyites, two fascists, three expelled members of the PWUU, one a stool-pigeon and one of their wives along with two honest unemployed workers comprise the entire attending membership of the National Unemployed Association which holds weekly meetings in the Aragon School with permission of the Board of Education, and has for its president and dictator none other than Louis Finesilver, red-baiter and selfboasted ex-pinkie snooper who was expelled several weeks ago from Loc. 40 of the PWUU by a vote of 28 to 3 for being a dis-

Finesilver is on such friendly terms with the red squad that they know him by his first name and speak in laudatory terms of him and the organization that "Louis and his friends are organizing among the unemployed to fight that radical Public Works and Unemployed Union which is roping in the unemployed at an alarming rate."

The telephone tender of the red squad went, so far as to state to an unemployed worker who called him for information, "You can join Mr. Finesilver's organization with safety as it is a 100 war," he says, "I thought William per cent AMERICAN organiza-

This police recommend taken with the fact that Finesilver was fore the Citizens Relief Committee, with no organizational backing at which time he screamed, "blood will flow in the streets of paper around here that actually los Angeles," can along with tells the truth. I read it all the other facts at our command mean but one thing:

> Louis Finesilver is a provocateur and a stool-pigeon . . . He resides at 2643 Loosemore street. In ancient Rome the unemployed

were supplied with bread and circuses. But it remained for bosses of the Duluth, Minn., plant modern WPA officials on Project of the Western Paint & Varnish C-1680 to attempt to prevent a Co. locked out workers who sought union meeting last Friday at 2:45 collective bargaining, the Central p. m. by hiring a stunt man to . . . parachute jump from an air-

fective Connolly may soon be standing on his head atop the City Hall while Pilling and Thompson perform on the flying trapeze.

RELIEF FORECAST dustrial Union, were granted union | Stormy. With no sign of abaterific struggle against actual starva

The arresting of Col. Connolly on a charge of violating the state labor laws in an attempt to force him to pay the prevailing union wages on WPA Projects is a plan



undergoing serious consideration in legal circles friendly to the cause of the Unemployed and

At Flower street headquarters Pilling ground like a grain of corn between the mill stones of organized mass pressure from below and the Fleishhacker bankin g budget cut orders coming down from above turns right and left like a weather-cock in the wind and knows not what instant the sympathy he is said to hold for his hungry dole-cut charges may catapult him out of the L. A. relief set-up.

In the meantime it is rumored that LeRoy Bruce, who conceived and promoted the idea of herding Tuberculars into the vermin-ridden pesthole of concrete and steel, (The Lewellyn Iron Works Building at 1250 So. Main street 'now called American House') is planning to edge out Rex Thomson as head of the County Welfare and install himself as the "Grand Master of Hunger."

"A few years ago in an intelligence test, the average mental age of the L. A. police force soared to the amazing level of nine years. (Morons are rated at 10 to 12 years in mental age.)" Extract from the Unemployed

Leader which we can very easily believe after observing Captain William (Red) Hynes and other members of the force at the Plaza building and helping children to shoot-off police and press purchased . . . firecrackers . . . in an attempt to disrupt an unemployed demonstration arranged by the Public Works Unemployed Un-

enslave racial minorities.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

# JOTTINGS FROM THE JOBLESS Council Scores Shipper Attack

# TELEGRAM TO PERKINS DEMANDS PROBE OF LOCK-OUT THREAT

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

OAKLAND, Jan. 27.—The Alameda County Central Labor Council, at its regular weekly session, voted to send telegrams to Madame Perkins, Alameda County congressmen, the two senators from California and to President Roosevelt requesting an immediate investigation into the threatened lock-out of the maritime unions of the Pacific Coast.

The wires also stated: "This threatened lock-out is an attack against the entire labor movement."

# **Boondoggling?** \* \* \* Well—Hardly **WPA Speed-Up**

By a WPA Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The WPA project I work on is typical of speed-up and competition enforced on all WIPA jobs in the country.

The bosses demand 20 wheelbarrows of dirt per hour and you have to wheel it 300 feet to the dump. And if you can't make this amount they classify you as a "cripple" and give you a green slip which states: "Work Unsatisfactorv."

So to hold this lousy job the workers are forced to break their necks and fight each other because one is stronger than another and can wheel more dirt. They single us out a few of us at a time so three of us complained to the superintendent.

While loading our wheel-barrows we are so crowded together that it is impossible to work any faster. The barrows go past the checker so fast he gets balled up and can't keep track. A week ago last Saturday one worker fell off the narrow plank and got badly hurt. in his car.

# Nationwide Tour Is Planned for Florida **Unemployed Leaders**

NEW YORK .-- (FP)-A nation-wide tour is being organized for Eugene F. Poulnot and Sam J. Rogers, companions and fellow-The peace policy of the Soviet victims of Joseph Shoemaker of against Marshall Lakey, Oklahoma attempt to Tampa, Fla. Kidnaped and flogged City sculptor, and 13 others, have by a mob for organizing the un-been dismissed by Federal Judge employed, Shoamaker died, while Edgar Vaught. Poulnot and Rogers survived. Their tour is under the direction of the ing of postcards and telegrams to Joint Committee for Defense of a judge last spring urging release Civil Liberties in Tampa, 112 E. of 14 jobless arrested at a relief 19th street, New York City.

organize the workers of the Cook Oil Co., this concern finally was signed up this week. The Public Works and Unemployed Union delegate reported on rotten conditions at the Regional Park Project. The delegate also exhibited a handful of grievances stating that families up to nine in number were being forced to "live" on \$55 per month. The Council voted to appoint a committee of three to work with the PWUU in an attempt to gain higher wages for these workers. MOONEY CONFERENCE

The committee appointed last week to meet with Tom Mooney reported that Mooney had asked a delegated group of five from each union to meet on Feb. 16 at the Pacific Building to hear defense attorneys.

Secretary Spooner, in answer to question from the floor, reported that City Manager Hassler had promised that he will confer with the Red Cross relative to amending the Disaster Plan Ordi-

The Warehousemen and the Tailors reported progress in organization. Postal Clerks reported 3000 passing civil-service examinations, out of which ten will receive jobs within a few months The Clerks' delegate pointed out several grievances, amongst them The boss took him to the hospital the threat made in Washington to take away the civil service safeguard. He stated the Clerks very soon may have to call upon the council to help maintain this safety provision against the politicians,

#### CASES DROPPED AGAINST **COURT PETITIONERS**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(FP)-Federal charges of "conspiracy to obstruct justice," filed The "crime" had been the send

demonstration in the city in May

The Teamsters reported that Annual Ball of the Lenin Branch after six years of attempting to 119 I.W.O., Sat. February 22, 8 p. m., Sokol Hall, 739 Page st. LABOR DEFENDER NIGHT. Dance - Entertainments, Feb. 2, 779 Vallejo, 8:00 p. m. Auspices I.L.D. Support the Labor De-

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MASS MEETING, BUILDING TRADES TEMPLE, 14th and Guerrero, FEB. 5.

Speakers: Assemblyman Paul Richie, Kaspar Bauer, Anita Whitney, Pat Lydon and others.

SIXTH ANNUAL I.L.D. BA-ZAAR, Redman's Hall, 3053, 16th st., March 20, 21, 22. Keep these dates open. Watch for further announce-

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of Los Angeles can march for-

ward to ever greater victories

and closed shop agreements with every shop and planing mill in the city. They con serve as an inspiration to the rest of the working people in this Chamber of Commerce dominated Los Angeles. This can be done best if

FIGHT HIGH DUES But the newly elected officials the millmen will regard the to

# How L.A. Millmen Won Control of Their

hood of Carpenters and Joiners) This time the millmen of Los Anwere determined to have officers Maybe the feature editor of the of their own choosing, and to was not going to happen again. organization was amply proven to hold a new election, in an at-

> Some eight months ago the Millmen's Union had a membership of only about thirteen. Sevcabinet shops in Los Angeles. 50 cents an hour for skilled me-1 it was practically a new local, chanics. In a short time the mem- naving grown from a memberstrike was called which resulted in ship of thirteen to one of almost strike was called whichresulted in a thousand. the shutting down of practically

every plant in the city. After six weeks the strike was brought to a successful conclusion with, in some cases, 100 per cent increase in wages. Leadership of the strike was completely in the hands of militant rank and filers; the old leadership, especially the business agent, Anderson, proving incapable of anything but

#### speeches. MANY STRUGGLES

Since the birth of the local, before the war, it had gone through numerous re-organizations which it had grown many times from mushroom size to a membership of 800 or more. Each time dwindled again because of a lead-

That the members of a Mill-Jership which feared the militancy geles were determined that this

Immediately following the strike an election of officers was held resentative of the Brotherhood, that this election was contrary to the constitution of the Brotherhood which stipulated that no fice who was not registered in the general office for a year or more. Despite the fact that Anderson, the business agent, was aware of this ruling he made no eral militants entered the local and protest. On the contrary, he himstarted a widespread organization self nomiated brothers who were campaign in all store fixture and new in the local. The members felt that they had a perfect right Wages were as low as 45 and to elect whoever they chose since

# AFTER THE STRIKE

The efforts of the millmen to ried by the local. clean house, organize themselves properly and extend their union to the planing mills of the city did not stop with the strike. The employers began to chisel on the conditions won by the men, and Brother Anderson, who still renained business agent, met these attacks with continual postponement of action. It was only upon pressure from the membership that decisive action was taken with different shops and several closed

shop agreements were secured. Again and again Anderson was exposed before the membership. The membership demanded copies of the constitution to was only paying per capita tax to old ones were elected in violation

This is the sort of article the Western Worker is glad to print. It deals specifically with specific problems. It puts in writing extremely valuable experiences which other trade unionists will read and which may serve to guide them in their struggles. This type of article will bring more readers to the Western Worker. There should be more of them in the future.

which Anderson and his henchman Vandyke, the financial secretary, replied that "they were a bunch of dumbells anyway," and didn't have to see the constitution. The members demanded accurate financial reports and it was only after months of bickering that they were able to get them, only to find discrepancies on every page.

The planing mills were not being organized. Every progressive measure brought before the local, such as indorsement of the American Youth Congress was fought by Anderson and his clique, and only because the members were convinced of the necessity of such affiliations were they car-

# RESENTMENT GREW

As the weeks passed the resentnent of the member against the, reactionaries in the local grew greater and greater. The membership had grown to a thoutionaries that such moves would centered his attack upon the rank er of the strike and former presbe "in violation of the constitu- and fife. Without consultation with ident of the union, (one of those the constitution at every step—in ship he called a special meeting by an overwhelming majority.

the district council and the general office for about thirty members, despite the fact that the membership again and again tried | the Brotherhood of Carpenters to straighten out the dues sys- ran its affairs they didn't care to tem in order to have full rep- remain there. It was only due to resentation. But this was not to the quick action of militant memthe interests of the reactionaries bers of the union in standing up who were attempting to use this to declare the necessity of resituation against the rank and file leaders in order to smash up the

#### CAMERON So powerful was the rank

and file sentiment and so steady was its march to a clean house in the union that Anderson and his machine called upon the general representative of the West Coast, John Cameron, to intervene and save their necks. Brother Cameron came and declared that he was going to investigate. He promised that he was going to meet with the elected officials of the local.

But he disregarded this prom ise and instead of investigating sand. Every move to maintain the corrupt activity of Anderson derous votes closed the nominademocracy in the union was met and his little group, who were tion after an honest worker had ers out of the local. by long speeches from the reac-1 trying to dictate to the local, he tion." This despite the fact that the elected officers and without a that had been removed by Camethe same reactionaries violated word of warning to the member- ron) was elected business agent their own interests. The local was of the union, at which he presidnow second largest carpenters' ed, for the purpose of a new eleclocal in Los Angeles County, but tion of officers, declaring that the

of the constitution. WANT NO HITLER

There was tremendous resentment against this and against Cameron's high-handed way of conducting the meeting. Shouts came from all over the hall: "We want no Hitler here!" He threatened the local with removing its

charter, and many of the men declared that if that was the way maining in the A. F. of L. that no violence was done to Brother Cameron.

Thirty registered members were

slate of officers. Only one office, did not require registration in the general office, and that was the job of business agent. Out of these thirty members the members of the local, at the following meeting elected, by huge majorities, those who had been in no way connected with the old ma-Chine. Not one of the old clique was elected. In many cases the members of the local did not even permit their nomination. Thunbeen named. Brother Kohm, lead-

ORGANIZATION DRIVE Immediately upon their election, the new officials embark-

zation campaign to recruit every millman in Los Angeles into the union. What was intended to be a defeat for the rank and file proved to be a victory for them and an overwhelming defeat for the reactionary forces in the local. Prevented for many years from joining the union by hatred for Anderson and his corrupt group the unorganized millmen of the city have begun to look with new hope to Local 884.

But the reactionaries have an

other card up their sleeve, and that is the Carpenters' District Council ruling that all members of the brotherhood in Los Angeles must pay \$2.25 per monta dues. The great majority of the members of Local 884 do not earn all that one thousand members enough to warrant such a high could choose from to elect a new dues system. This dues system was originally carried some years ago by a referendum vote to the carpenters. The dues before that had been below \$2.00. A fake referendum ballot was drawn up which asked the members of the union whether they wanted to pay either \$2.50 or \$3.25. Quite naturally they chose the lower sum. In every local there is widespread resentment against this exorbitant due's rate. The reactionaries would like to see this dues rate enforced in 884 so as to drive many broth-

have taken steps to counteract as their own to preserve and build, this. There is a ruling in the dis- if they will interest themselves in trict council to the effect that if every affair and endeavor of the five locals call for a referendum local union. The millmen have a vote that this must be held. Local great job to perform. By their 884 is sending committees to every actions in the last three months carpenters' local in the city, rais- they have proven themselves ready ed upon a widespread organi- ling the necessity of lower dues, and capable to perform it.

# RIP TIDES

By Le Mae.

# Intimi dation

Mac surveyed the crowded mess- the toilet.

"We should let 'Frisco handle this," some one spoke up, "you know these fellows are not memders of the Federation yet."

"What the hell's that got to do with it-you know damn well it's that guy Ryan that's stalling their charter. Besides they were blacklisted because they supported the crew of the M- in their beef for overtime while cleaning out them lousy dirty deep tanks," Mac reminded them.

"We can take it up when we get into 'Frisco and make sure some thing is done about it," a deck steward suggested mildly.

"Yeh, we'll have 'em send a resolution of protest to the Hawaiian branch of the Industrial Association," a fellow steward jeered.

turn to?" the mate shouted down minute," the yeoman echoed down the hatchway.

"Maybe," Mac answered back "and maybe we won't."

"I am as good a union man as anybody, but what the hell is the use of us getting in trouble for a handful of Filipinos-," the wiper didn't get a chance to finish his objection before several pounced on him-literally.

"What the hell do you meanthe crew of the M- didn't raise any squawk when the handful of Filipinos stuck their chins out by supporting them."

"No-and what's more-you know damn well the sugar barons won't bar Filipinos, Kanakas, Japanese, Chinese or white if they are looking for scabs-they didn't ask what color when they were looking for 'em in '34."

Mac cut in, "Anyone who has been through the last year and a half on this Coast and hasn't learned that lesson ought to have his head examined-let's get back to the point. Do we take a vote demanded impatiently. to support the Hilo longshoremen or do we pull out of Honolulu with our flag dragging the The skipper slammed the telestern?"

"I make a motion we hold the longshoremen are re-instated," an into air without hesitation.

"Well-do we support 'em or soiler elbowed his way in between do we leave 'em in the lurch?" | the messtable and the threshold of

"Second it," chorused a few

"Now let's have some discussion on it," a messman acting as chairman called.

"Suppose we do tie her," an A. B. objected, "they might pay us off here-.'

"So what?" some interrupted "ain't 'cha ever paid off on the wrong end of a trip yet?"

"I am not afraid to pay off here, but I think we're picking a bum beef," a quartermaster offered, "they can make it hot for us here." "I am still waiting to hear a

good reason why we shouldn't back them longshoremen," Mac spat a perfect bull's eye through the open port.

"Hey, deck delegate-the old "Say, are you fellows going to man wants you up on deck a from the top deck.

"Be right back," Mac admonished the rest of the crew, "si tight till I see what's up."

"I understand you fellows are taking a strike vote down there,' the skipper nodded his head to wards the foc'sle and pointed a hand in the direction of the pierhead, "if you are, better have the boys get a load of that."

Mac's eye followed the skipper's hand. 'A company of soldiers was lined up there—with fixed bay-

"Have your bunch of radicals get an eyeful of that and then take your strike vote," the skipper mocked as he mounted the bridge.

Mac whistled down the companionway, "Come on up, guys, I got something to show you." "Well?" he waved his hand in the direction of the armed troops "Well-nothing-let's take that vote," the maker of the motion

"All those in favor of tying her up-raise your hand."

graph back to "finished with the engines" as he gazed in ange ship at the pier here until the and disgust-every hand jerked

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# Our Work in the Negro Masses

# THE BUILDING OF A NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

By Pettis Perry.

(Los Angeles Section) Our new approach in working among the Negro masses and the lask of the Communist Party, the building up of a National Negro Congress is the most important step that we have made in this lirection. This Congress promses to make history in the unification of the Negro people. Eveywhere that a good deal of work has been done, a lot of enthusiasm is created among the Negro people. The reason for this is obvious. In the first place, with the unprecedented crisis of capitalism, the Negroes are the greatest sufferers. Aside from the iact that the Negroes are sysematically excluded from many anions, which leaves them wholly anprotected as far as their economic conditions are concerned they are subjected to many forms of lynch terror and mob violence. What has happened in the last

In March, 1931, we had the frame-up of the nine innocent Scottsboro boys, which has stirred the Negro people throughout the whole world. Later, the frame-up of Angelo Herndon, under a Georgia slave law. And, with the coming of the new deal, the plight of the Negro people has grown worse. The codes of the NRA, with its wage differential is bringing the Negro people to a greater desire for struggle.

iew years clearly bears this out.

"BLACK FILE" SYSTEM And in Los Angeles, under the CWA, the Negroes were put on National Negro Congress would

separate projects, given segre- | draw these people into activity the committee will gain more gated employment offices, etc. On and make this one of their points in putting a greater mass of workthe LACRA, the supervisors set of concentration, a lot of this ers into motion, at the same time confusion would be overcome.

up a "Black File System" which means that Negro social workers were given Negro applicants; on the grounds that white applicants would object to Negro visitors. There is nothing to substantiate this, however. Today, we see the gro women in the sewing projects, real reason for this discrimination, because under the WPA set-up, in their efforts to cut down expenditures, the Negroes, as usual, are the first to find themselves out of a job.

We quote from an editorial appearing in the Los Angeles Sentinel (a Negro neighborhood advertisement sheet), January. 16th,

"And just last week, six Negro case aids were discharged, while whites, with lower grades. were kept, because Mrs. Opal Gundiff. Hope dist. director, insists on restricting white files to white workers, while she gave most of her black files to other whites. Discharged Negro workers are asking that Mrs. Gundiff be discharged."

#### MILITANCY RISES

From this, it is clear that the Negro people are no longer willing to submit to discrimination without a struggle, even though their approach to the whole matter is not as advanced as it should be. They regard this as the policies and practice of one individual, rather than the whole administration itself. Nevertheless, if the local sponsoring committee of the

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are victimized, in spite of qualifi- organized workers, in fighting discation. Moreover, we are informed that definite attempts are gin to discuss the Randolph resobeing made to segregate the Ne- lution in their local and take deffrom the white. Already, the basement of the Second Baptist Church at 24th and Griffith, has been secured for a project, with no ventilation. A bunch of Negro clients have been transferred to this sweatshop, but because of a militant stand taken by some of the women, the projects that they were transferred from were forced

# L. A. PROGRAM

Therefore, it is necessary for the Communist Party in the Los Angeles Section immediately to undertake the following:

to send over a few whites.

1. To exert every effort to help the local committee of the National Negro Congress to intensify their activity around these issues, at the same time, to broaden the Congress.

2. In addition to supporting the program of the National Negro Congress, the Communist Party must come forward with its own program for Negro rights. Delegations should be immediately sent to the WPA headquarters to demand that all sewing projects have sufficient ventilation, where the workers' health will be more secure. 3. The right of Negroes to

any and all jobs, with equal rights with the white. 4. Abolition of the "Black File

System." 5. Economic, political and social equality for the Negro peo-

ple. Thousands and thousands of leaflets should be spread around to every sewing project, particularly in the Negro territory, exposing this vicious discrimination. Meetings of every

## OAKLAND PROGRAM

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every trade unionist that is inter-The above also shows that they ested in the organization of uncrimination should immediately beinite steps to put it into practice A fight against Jim Crowism

#### PLATFORM OF NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

The National Negro Congress will be no new organization, nor does it seek to usurp the work of existing organizations. It will seek rather to accomplish unity of action of existing organizations.

It is with these objectives clearly in mind that we propose for discussion and action by the Congress the issues outlined below:

1. The right of Negroes to jobs at decent living wages and for the right to join all trade unions. For the right to equal wages and equal labor conditions with other workers. For the organization of Negro workers with their fellow white workers into democratically controlled trade unions.

2. Relief and security for every needy Negro family; and, for genaine social and unemployment insurance without discrimination. 3. Aid to the Negro farm popilation, to ease the burden of debts nd taxation; for the right of larmers, tenants and sharecroppers to organize and bargain col-

4. A fight against lynching, mob violence and police brutality; for enactment of a federal anti-lynching law; for the right to vote, serve on juries and enjoy complete civil liberty.

5 The right of Negro youth to equal opportunity in education and in the economic life of the community.

6 For complete equality for Ne gro women; for their right, along with all women, to equal pay for equal work; for their right to a suitable environment for themselves and their children-an environment which demands adequate housing, good schools, and recreational facilities; for their

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By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

"Socialized medicine," nedicine." "compulsory health insurance," "clinics"; these and many other terms are thrown about in such confusing manner that the average person cannot nake head nor tail of them.

For these reasons, we must get clear in our minds the meanngs of these terms. We can l compare the term, "socialized medicine," with "socialized industrial production."

"Socialized industrial production" can mean merely largescale, privately-owned production, such as a large automobile factory; or it can mean the same ndustry government-owned andcontrolled. "Socialized medicine" can also mean private medicino organized on a large scale, or it can mean the large-scale practice of medicine under governnent control.

On the other hand, the term 'state medicine," is easy to define. This means medical practice under government control whether that medical practice is organized on a small scale, such as under the "panel system," or on a large scale, such as in the nublic clinics

We believe that "socialized nedicine" should be used in reference to any sort of medical practice in which there is close cooperation of the doctors. whether government controlled or not. If one wishes to refer to a system of medical practice such as exists in Russia, he should refer to it as "socialized state medicine." Using the terms in this man-

ner, the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, or the Ross-Loos Clinic in Los Angeles, or the Woodland Clinic, although run for profit. would be forms of socialized medicine. "Compulsory health insur-

out of all wages to put in a fund which is later used to pay doctor and hospital bills. A clinic is an institution, whether public or private, where

socialized medicine is practiced

ance" is a system wherein the

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Today, we have a fine example of the operation of the most vicious laws under the capitalist system: the law against dissemination of birth-control information. If we should carry the correct birth-control information in these columns, it would probably serve to save this young wife's life. We would also be put in prison for our efforts and the Western Worker would be fined several thousand dollars.

help save a life, you will win

our undying gratitude. D.E.L.

We believe that sterilization would solve the problem, unless the wife thinks that she might want another child at a later late. There are methods of birthcontrol which are quite safe for ill women, although not to 100 per cent. We cannot understand the doctors refusing to give out the information, as there is no law against a doctor telling patient personally. Our advice s to go to a trusted doctor in large city.

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#### Friends of Labor!— Rally in Defense Of the Labor Unions!

Pacific Coast employers, assisted by the splitting tactics of the more reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor, have brought their campaign to its first climax with the following events:

- 11. The shipowners' plot to abrogate all agreements and awards, organize fascist vigilante terror and smash the maritime unions;
- 2. The decisions of the International Seamen's Union convention ordering the West Coast district to withdraw from the Maritime Federation, and revoking the charter of the Sailors' Union:
- 3. The attack on the progressive San Diego central labor body by the attempted RE-PLACEMENT OF DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED OFFICERS BY REACTION-ARIES APPOINTED FROM ABOVE.

These things did not happen merely coincidentally. They are part of a well-ordered plan, and the attack is being launched simultaneously in many centers.

As to the threat of fascist-vigilante action to smash the unions, already word is received that so-called "Protective Patrols" are being hired at an office in the Flood Building, "because trouble is expected." Red-baiting vigilante sheets are being circulated.

The working class and all friends of labor must be mobilized to meet this union-smashing attack. We must develop a rousing campaign throughout the entire labor movement and in liberal and progressive circles in defense of the trade unions. Resolutions should be introduced in every trade union and sympathetic organization putting forward the following demands:

A) A PUBLIC CONGRESSIONAL IN-VESTIGATION into the shipowners' plot to destroy the unions;

mmediate action by Central Labor Coun-State Federation of Labor officials in each district for the calling of conferences of trade unions to formulate plans for combatting and exposing vigilantism-in accordance with the statements of President Vandeleur that the whole A. F. of L. membership be constituted a "Committee of 100,000 Against Vigilantism."

& C) Protesting and condemning the revocation of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and demanding its re-instatement; also supporting the Sailors Union in its fight to remain part of the I.S.U. and the A. F. of L.;

D) Protesting the action of Green's representative, Joe Casey, in illegally suspending the officers of the San Diego Federated Trades Council and appointing others in their place, and demanding that the San Diego unions and their representatives be permitted to democratically elect' officers of their own choosing.

Socialists! Liberals! Religionists! Anti-fascists and progressives! We members of the Communist Party urge you to join in the campaign to save the unions and thwart the fascist attack!

## To the Striking Shipyard Workers

Your strike is the concern of every San Franeisco worker. Its victorious outcome means an increased standard of living and the strengthening of the trade union movement. The workers of San Francisco hail your militant struggle.

Now is the time when all working class organizations should make it a point on the order of business to encourage all members to join in fraternal solidarity on the picket lines and to support the strikers with food and funds. This would be a blow to the Bethlehem autocratic interests.

It is to the interest of the ship yard strikers and to the San Francisco workers that guarantees be developed in the course of the strike which will assure victory.

Unity must be shown by all the labor organizations involved in the strike. Some agreements should be realized to assure unified settlements so that one section of strikers will not return to work before another group. Some agreement can also possibly be made on the question of uniformity of demands.

By all means—jurisdictional bickering must be halted. It endangers the strike. The victory of the strike is the main thing, and any 

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organization or individual that beclouds the main thing with questions of jurisdictional bickering is playing into the hands of the Bethlehem Company.

Mass picketing is vital and must be encouraged. This was the reason why the Camden strike was victorious and received the overwhelming support of the A. F. of L. organizations. Every man, wife, sister, and daughter on the picket lines to protect the bread for your table.

Mass strike meetings should be held more often to keep the strikers constantly posted on developments. Publicity is the important weapon in the strike, and the Strike Bulletin should come out often and regularly.

Weld the Strikers together! On the picket lines, carry your demands painted on placards! Sing working class songs of solidarity! Raise higher the morale of the strikers. Forward to a victory of the strike!

#### The Western Worker Must Live and Grow

A business man from a small town in Oregon sends \$2 for a subscription to the Western Worker -two worn dollar bills wrapped in a torn section of one of Hearst's Sunday comic pages. A worker -this time from Minnesota-asks for a sample copy of the Western Worker and some Communist Party literature. He ends his short note with the words: "It's time to be up and doing!"

A California farmer sends a small donation and writes: "Long live the Western Worker and the Communist Party!" Another worker in a small. California city has just been elected delegate to the central labor council—and writes immediately to the Western Worker with the good news.

An unemployed school teacher in Southern California writes she is conducting a class in "current events" and wants the Western Worker staff to advise her as to the type of literature she should get for her group; she enclosed money for a subscription to the Western Worker. A student asks how he should approach his class-mates on the subject of the Communist Party. An agricultural worker sends a story exposing a local vigilante group.

The daily mail brings to the Western Worker office a cross-section of "life in the Far West." It isn't a pleasant life the common people live. It isn't a full life. It's a life of day to day struggle for existence. It's a life of WPA futility and "garbage basket" relief.

The Western Worker must reach the people of the West. It must bring the Communist Party into their daily lives. It must remind them that America was born of revolution. It must show them how they can improve their lot-in the shop, on the docks, aboard the ships, at school, in the orchard and behind the plow. In a word—the Western Worker must become a mass organizer of the West-exposing, teaching, leading the common people along the only true path to a fuller life, the path that leads to the overthrow of this system we all are learning to despise and hate.

The drive for a \$7500 sustaining fund for our peper is nearly half over. Let's dig in. Let's do like the Russian workers and farmers old with their Five-Year Plan. Let's over-fulfill

The reward? An eight-page Western Worker. More news, more guidance, more readers, more Communists. Is it worth the effort? We think it is. Subscriptions and donations to the Western Worker will be your most effective answer.

#### Union Men! Now Is the Time To Join the Communist Party!

Expulsion of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific from the American Federation of Labor is the boldest move ever made by the top dictatorship and foreshadows a struggle on which the whole fate of democracy in the unions will depend.

It is against the Communist Party that both employers and the A. F. of L. dictators voice their common rage. This is because union men who are members of the Communist Party are the most informed, capable, and uncorruptible men in the unions. They are uncompromising in their loyalty to the rank and file membership and tireless in their efforts to build and strengthen democracy. They constitute the most effective impediment to the trickery and cagey diplomacies of employers and dishonest union officials.

If you are an honest, class conscious man, your place is in the ranks of the Communist Party. It is here, in organized, disciplined cooperation with the other Party members in your union that you can best protect your union in the present crisis.

## Three Bloody Years Of Terror

On January 31, 1933, Hitler came into power. It is a day which marks the beginning of a bloody reign of terror, oppression, and degradation; a day when the labor unions were smashed and liberals as well as labor subjected to bestial

For three years, Germany has been a Hell. In Germany, no one thought Hitler could come to power. A whole nation was caught off

"Have we in America done as much as we might to push his words of hate down Hitler's throat?" asks the Daily Worker in a recent edi-

The voice of every worker must be heard for Ernst Thaelmann, for Von Ossietsky, for the other 100,000 imprisoned in Nazi jails and concentration camps.

"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.

# **Party Life**

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

# Criticism and Some Advice On Sale of Literature

CRITICISM

Very little is done or said in the section on literature. The reason for this must be looked for in every unit, sub-section, and section functionary, as well as every Party member. Lenin said, "Without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary practice." No wonder we are not reaching out with our literature to our contacts and to the people as a whole. New pamphlets are coming out almost every day. Our party comrades do not even know about these pamphlets, so how can we expect the non-party people to read our literature. No one is bringing it to them.

In the units and sub-section committee meetings, literature is generally the last thing on the agenda. As soon as the chairman says, "the last thing on the agenda is literature," someone makes a motion to adjourn the meet ing. This goes on every week. Let us take the San Francisco section committee meeting; to my knowledge they haven't had literature on the agenda for the past month or two, and my belief is that that is reflecting itself on the lower bodies of our party. 1 SUGGESTIONS

If we really want to build a nass Party, if we really want to work in the trade unions, want o stop fluctuation and have proper recruiting, we must have a mass distribution of our literature. 1 want to make a few simple suggestions:

1. That every party member buy a Party Organizer each month (5c).

2. That every unit buy at least two Communists for its unemployed members and all employed comrades buy a copy for study (20c).

3. That every party member be responsible to sell 50c worth contacts, workers on the job,

These three simple things can be done if we raise the question ished petty shop keepers, but the in the unit buros, and convince overwhelming bulk are workers' our Party membership that unless we do this, our Party is going to remain small and our fluctuation is going to increase. FINANCIAL

Now about the financial end of comrades say: "Oh, well, we owe money to the Party, and it can wait." Every sub-section owes about \$50 average to the section literature department. Where did this money go to? They do not have literature on hand. Party comrades claim that they have paid for their literature. The subsections are responsible to see to it that their units pay their bills right away, and turn in their money so that we can pay our bill to the center, and get more new literature.

What about our Western Worker? There are 600 comrades in the San Francisco Section. Our bundle order is 600 to 650 for the whole section. If every Party member should take only two copies, this would mean that we would double our bundle orders. Some comrades may say, "I don't need two copies, I want only one." I would like to suggest that each Party member keeps one copy for himself, and send the other one to his contact in the trade unions, fraternal organization, etc. After one month, this should be followed up and I am positive a subscription could be gotten. If a Party member has no contact at all, the unit should give him one. The unit buro should always check up at every meeting just what was done. In this way we can make our Western Worker a real organizer and the work o four Party would progress faster,

What do you say, S. F. comrades? Let us hear from you. S. F. Lit. Dept.

# Aid for Students Advocated by A.Y.C.

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—A bill calling for a permanent government set-up to provide work relief for jobless young people and financial aid to students in vocational and high schools, colleges and universities, has been introduced into Congress by Sen. Benson of Minnesota and Cong. Amlie of Wisconsin. The bill was drawn up by the American Youth Congress.

# "YOUNG LOCHINVAR CAME OUT OF THE WEST"



#### CONSIDERATION PARTY MUST GIVE THEM SERIOUS

By I. S. K.

The last census places the Mexican population in the United States at three million, the great of literature a month to his | majority of which is in the Southwest. Over 300,000 live in Los Angeles alone. There is a small middle class and some impoverand migratory agricultural labor-

> In this part of the country the Southwest it is the Mexican ques-Mexican worker is one of the tion which is the paramount racial most important sections of the question. This does not mean that proletariat. With some variations he plays in the Southwest a role similar to that of the Negroes in the South.

The Mexicans are the lowest paid of all workers and the most exploited. They are discriminated against and culturally stifled. They have the greatest per cent of unemployed, and receive the smallest relief. Employed in such important industries as agriculture, railroad, canneries, packing houses, garment, oil, construction, rubber, in plain words, in the key industries of these parts, they are without a doubt one of the most strategic sections of the proletariat in the Southwest.

# IMPORTANT TASK

With such a vital strata of the proletariat, with problems differing from the rest of the population, it would be expected that the Mexican question, their problems, and the organization of the Mexican masses, would be one of the most important tasks of the Communist Party in this district.

Yet we see that even the Resolution of the District Committee, entirely omits any mention of Mexican work. This neglect seems to have become a habit.

The resolution fittds space to

outline work among the Negro workers. The population of Negroes in the Southwest is comparatively small. Although it is important to work among the Negroes, as it is among every section of workers, they do not hold the strategic position in the Southwest as do the Mexicans. It is for a small group of Negroes, should so disregard the vastly more numerous, and in this part of the country, more exploited Mexican worker.

I regret the necessity of making racial comparisons, but I can see no other method of dramatically illustrating our indiffermunist Party. NEED PLAN

There has never really been a concrete plan for Mexican work mapped out in this District. This neglect may be due to lack of analytical insight. But I think a greater factor is the desire of our District leadership to imitate the Center. Quite correctly from a national viewpoint great stress is put upon Negro work. But in the ve stop concentrating upon Negro work, but i tis as impermissi-

In the last five years little the Cuban upheaval. progress has been made among the Mexicans. Their membership in the Party still remains small, A great deal gained in the agricultural strikes was organizationally lost. In 1930, despite police terror, we rallied thousands of Mexicans in Los Angeles May 1st. In 1935, less than a hundred attended the demonstration. We failed entirely to fight the deportation of unemployed Mexicans.

# LANGUAGE PAPER

The Mexican workers, because of the closeness to their Mexican homeland, even after generations in this country, continue to speak Spanish. A paper in that language is also absolutely essential. Yet Lucha Obrera, our Mexican organ, was allowed to fail. Our leadership and naturally this attitude reflects upon the membership) has done little save give lip service towards Mexican work.

There is no reason why we should not have a large influence among the Mexican masses. They have a revolutionary tradition and are militant. They join unions readily, but are handicapped because of language difficulties, and in some instances because of discrimination and being unwelcome by the A. F. of L. leadership. This made the distrange, therefore, that the Dis- viding maneuvers of the Mexitrict, which is capable of giving can Consuls and their agents in so much attention and directives organizing strictly Mexican unions extremely easy.

The Mexican residing in the

United States remains vitally interested in Mexican affairs. At the present time they follow with unabated interest the antiworker the stepson of the Com- | ted States is subsidized by some | masses.

Mexican political or religious group, (the Catholic question takes on political significance in that country).

# ANTI-CARDENISTS

More than one Mexican revolution originated on this side of the border. At the present time Los Angeles is a hot-bed of counter - revolutionary, anti-Cardenista intrigue.

Our Mexican fraction tried cluding eight prominent A. F. valiantly to counteract the re- of L. leaders, which was set up cent visits of Calles and Mor- are continuing the fight to or assistance was given them by ble for the Communist Party to the non-Mexican membership. neglect Mexican work in the South- The party in the Southwest must west as it would be in Alabama be prepared to do as much in is re-printed in this pamphlet. It to neglect work among the Ne this great Mexican crisis, as did is answered most effectively by the Party in New York during | Charles P. Howard, president of

> The Party should also, initiate a broad united front of Mexican Communists. Anarcho - Syndicalists, Cardenists, and all anti-fascist, anti-Callista elements in this country.

In a few instances some progress has been made in helping our Mexican comrades. The Los Angeles workers school is cooperating with the Mexican fraction in organizing Spanish speaking classes, and a meeting of Mexican party members is being called which leading non-Mexican comrades will attend.

# DISTRICT DUTY

But it is the duty of the district to see that Mexican work Wall Street and the Far East, is really begun in all seriousness company unions, the anti-imper-talist fight in Mexico-extremely be acquainted and educated to understand the Mexican question. as they never understood the Negro question.

districts other than our own California, Arizona and Nevada the YCL Congress and other and a close connection with the important matters are discussed Communist Party of Mexico, a Mexican Department, similar to the Negro Department, consisting of both Mexicans and Americans to aid them, should be formed for the entire Southwest, under the guidance of the Central Committee.

But it is up to District 13 to initiate these new must be raised in the coming conventions. And out of this and further deliberations, a concrete program for Mexican work must be mapped

# **Books-Pamphlets** IN REVIEW

United We stand. By Green; 64 pp.; Workers Library Publishers, New York City, price 10 cents.

Are you wondering "what's doin'" in the Young Communist League these days? Do you kuow the "why" of the change of YCL tactic that has left not a few new Comrades rather puzzled? The answer, told in an extremely logical and simple manner, is contained in this pamphlet by Gil Green, National Secretary of the YCL of U.S.A. It is Gil Green's report on the proceedings of the Sixth World Congress of the Young Com nunist International, which, it September, 1935, brought together hundreds of representaives from Young Communist Leagues of some 57 different countries. The report was made before 5000 youth at St. Nicholas Arena in New York on November 15, 1935.

Hitler Against The World-The World Against Hitler. 48 pp.; Workers Library Publishers New York City, price 5 cents. "When Hitlerite fascists speak

of peace there is war in the air." This pamphlet sets forth in 'etail dae feverish war preparaons now going forward in vazi Germany. It also tells why the preparations are being made and how, inevitably, the United States and the rest of the world vill become involved in this laughter.

It contains a very good analyis of several parts of Hitler's program "for the masses." hows why and how Hitler has et himself and his regime up 's "saviors of Europe" against Communism.

Industrial Unions Mean Unity. Publication No. 3 of the Committee for Industrial Organization, Room 45, 1001 Fifteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; 24 pp., price 10 cents; 5 for 25 cents; 12 for 50 cents; 100 for \$3.50. As stated on the cover, this

pamphlet is an answer to Presi-

lent William Green of the Am erican Federation of Labora Lewis' support of industrial union organization at the recent national convention of the A. F. of L. is well known to all. But Lewis and the committee, inganize the millions of unorganize ed workers in key industries. William Green's formula, "The Case for Industrial Unionism," the International Typographical Unioi; by Harvey C. Fremming, president of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers; by Thomas F. MacMahon, president of the United Textile Workers; by John L. Lewis, M. Zartsky and the General Executive Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

An excellent pamphlet with which to approach A. F. of L. workers.

The January number of the Communist is excellent reading. By all means, you should read Alex Bittelman's "Review of the Month." A translation of Lenin, dramatic-and the Socialist administration in Reading, Pa., are a few of the topics.

No. 21-22 of the "Communist Because Mexican work involves International" also should be required reading. France, Britain, fully.

#### Lenin Meet Brings Factions Together

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 21.—The appearance here tonight, on the same platform, of District Organizer Rapport of the Communist moves. The Mexican question | Party and Robert J. Pearsall, representing the Pierce County local of the Socialist Party, in a Lenin Memorial day meeting, aroused a large audience to enthusiastic cheer-

"This union is the kind of me-There can be no successful morial Lenin would like," said Callista movement in that coun- labor movement; there can be Rapport. Both stressed the necestry. That their sympathies are of no successful revolutionary sity of broadening this united front vast importance can be seen by movement in the Southwest, to include all working class orence and its consequences. We the fact that every important without the involvement and ganizations, as the one means of must stop making the Mexican Mexican newspaper in the Uni- participation of the Mexican saving the American people from the horrors of fascist rule.