

THE TREMENDOUS demonstration of strength and unity shown by the maritime workers and the active support of Organized Labor is having its effect; whether the shipowners are really weakening, or whether their conciliatory and "optimistic" statements appearing in the press are just another maneuver on their part, remains to be seen, however.

The attitude of the strikers is one of watchful waiting, not relaxing their vigilance, their picket-lines, or their publicity campaign until a satisfactory settlement is reached, not just talked about, and the **BASIC DEMANDS OF THE UNIONS ARE MET.**

The mass response of both seamen and longshoremen to the appeal of Harry Bridges on his Eastern tour, together with the effective publicity campaign of the striking unions, has undoubtedly caused both the shipowners and Ryan and Hunter many

A WORD OF WARNING!

(Editorial)

sleepless nights, and brings the prospects of victory much closer.

Ryan's latest futile act of desperation shows his fear that the longshoremen on the East Coast will not carry out his strike-breaking orders much longer. And in the International Seamen's Union, the rank-and-file in the East and Gulf are steadily moving

in to take over control of the district unions of the Sailors, and the Cooks and Stewards, just as they have already succeeded in doing in the East Coast Marine Firemen's district organization.

The outrageous strike-breaking, activities of the Hunter-Scharrenberg clique in the I.S.U., and the justified indignation of

the rank-and-file of the seamen, should not, however, cause them to fall into a trap which the shipowners and the strike-breaking officials are devoutly praying for.

Any tendency to talk "new union" now, to leave the I.S.U. would play right into the hands of the officials, and leave control of the union in their hands at a time when the rank-and-file have the most excellent opportunity to take over the leadership of the union in the East, just as they did on the West Coast.

There are some workers who may be misguided into falling for such propaganda. It is even reported that in the Gulf an independent organization of seamen is being advocated by a few. This wrong and dangerous policy must be promptly and effectively repudiated wherever it raises its head among the maritime workers.

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STORM OF PROTEST AT NEW RYAN TREACHERY

SPAIN MILITIA WHIPS ITALIAN, NAZI FASCISTS

German, Italian Anti-Fascists Play Big Role for Govt.

MADRID—German and Italian anti-Fascist volunteers played a leading role here last Wednesday when government troops inflicted a crushing defeat on German and Italian Fascists, who are fighting with the Spanish Fascists.

The Fascists attempted a surprise attack under cover of a dense fog, but the surprise was on them when the alert Madrid defenders in the Casa de Campo sector not only repelled them, but counter-attacked. Heavy Fascist losses were reported.

Franco's forces also attempted attacks on the workers' militia at the Casa de Campo and Pozuelo on the Madrid front, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

More Fascist Bomb Atrocities
More than 50 Fascist planes bombed Madrid again Wednesday, killing many women and children. Government planes shot down four Fascist pursuit planes and one trimotor bomber. Two rebel warplanes were also shot down in flames near Princess bridge, spanning the Manzanares River.

The Fascist bombers completely destroyed the Vieja Church in the Tetuan district.

At Fresnedillas, 25 miles west of Madrid, government forces destroyed a Fascist rear guard in a flank action. Fascists were beaten in an attack on Valdemorillo, east of Fresnedillas.

Govt. Forces Attack
Government troops captured Villareal on the Burgos front, where they were steadily advancing toward the rebels' "capital."

In the south, militia were preparing an offensive against Franco's forces near La Lina.

The government announced 18,000 Fascist soldiers have been killed since the Madrid siege began six weeks ago.

ISU Reactionary Murders on Gulf

HOUSTON, Tex.—Johnny Kane, 35 year old striking seaman, died Tuesday, a victim of murder.

Wilbur Dickey, business agent of the Marine Firemen. Dickey shot and wounded Kane on Dec. 4. Enraged by the shooting of Kane, strikers stormed Dickey's office and taught him a lesson the reactionary will long remember.

NEW ORLEANS.—The police cells here were again filled with 35 striking seamen and longshoremen were arrested on the picket lines. Despite such constant arrests, the picket lines remain solid.

The Idea of Union Goes Over Big With Golf Caddies

STOCKTON.—The idea has even hit the golf caddies. The idea of organizing and striking for decent wages and conditions.

About 50 boys at the Stockton Golf and Country Club struck and demanded preferential hiring. The wealthy golfers, like the shipowners, want to "reserve the right of hiring whom they chose."



Democracy Will Triumph

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Alameda Workers Alliance Halt WPA Layoff; Unions Aid

Picket Line of 200 at "Victory Banquet" Causes Politicians to Send Protest to Washington Against Cuts

OAKLAND—Victories on two fronts, the Works Progress Administration and State Relief Administration, have been seen as the climax of a mass workers' struggle carried on under the leadership of the Workers' Alliance of Alameda County.

The picket line at W.P.A. headquarters Tuesday morning was informed that the layoff orders on the cultural projects have been rescinded.

Prior to this a joint committee from the Alliance and from the maritime strike committee in Oakland had secured the reversal of a State Relief Administration policy of putting strikers on W.P.A. jobs ahead of those whose applications had been in for months. The obvious intent of this policy was to get the strikers off the picket lines. The

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PROSECUTION OF EARL KING IN SHAKY END

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OAKLAND—A. M. Murphy admitted his role as the state's stool pigeon in the attempt to frame Earl King, Frank Conner, E. G. Ramsay and George Wallace for the murder of Chief Engineer Alberts on the Fichtler Point Lobos last March 22.

He admitted that he knew his hotel room prior to his arrest had been wired for dictograph, as was his cell in the Piedmont Jail when the district attorney's office attempted to "frame" a conversation between him and Ramsay.

Admits Phoney Arrest
He admitted that his arrest in front of the harbor police station was prearranged.

He admitted that he had deliberately provoked a policeman to give him a beating in order to make union members believe his arrest was genuine and that he was involved in the case in the same way as the other defendants.

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PEOPLE PLAN LEGISLATION

Call Cal. Convention in Sacto. in Jan.

LOS ANGELES—In order to mobilize labor and progressive forces against the concerted attacks being planned by the large organized employers and manufacturers against the people, the California People's Legislative Conference is calling a statewide convention in Sacramento on January 16th and 17, 1937.

Calls to this convention are being printed and mailed out to trade unions and other progressive organizations by the California People's Conference, Room 911, 424 South Broadway, Los Angeles. Headquarters are being set up in Sacramento.

Action for Needs of People
Individuals and organizations may obtain further information by contacting this office; suggestions for proposed legislation are welcome.

Rep. Welch Said to Plan Compulsory Arbitration Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—They're at it again. Those who want to see the maritime unions effectively crippled have again been spreading the word that the railway labor act will be made to cover the maritime industry. That means compulsory arbitration.

Latest report is that Representative Welch of California will introduce a bill to the above effect—a way of hog-tying the unions.

Strong Arm Stuff
C. A. Baker, Ben E. Jones and William Pritchard formed the committee which made the request to Leroy Kitts, Community Chest executive director.

Richard said \$8000 of the \$10,000 goes to salaries of Institute officials, including a uniformed slugger.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG HOLDS TO DEMANDS

Kai-Shek's Death Is Both Reported and Denied

SHANGHAI, China—Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang was holding fast to his most important demands, including stopping of anti-Communist activities by the Nanking government and a stronger policy against Japanese aggression, it was reported here.

The Marshal's captive, General Chiang Kai-Shek, dictator of the Nanking government, was variously reported as having been killed, but other reports denied this.

Captured with Chiang were General Chen Cheng, Vice-Minister of War and Chief of Staff; General Chiang Tso-Pin, Minister of the Interior and former Ambassador to Japan; General Chiang Fang-Chen, and others.

Marital Law
The Nanking government proclaimed martial law throughout China, and reported it had sent troops against Marshal Chang's army, estimated at 300,000 men.

On Thursday, General Chiang Ting-Wen, captured with Chiang, forbade hostilities against Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang.

The Nanking government has sent several "mediators" to meet with the Marshal.

Hit Community Aid To Scab Institute

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Community Chest's plan to give \$10,000 a year to the scabby Seamen's Church Institute has been hotly protested by a committee from the Maritime Federation's Bay Area District Council.

The committee asked that the funds be transferred from the Institute to the Union Recreation Center, which serves thousands of Maritime workers.

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5000 Pedro Marine Strikers Picket in Modesto Protest

San Francisco Labor Council Committee to Go Before Merriam to Demand Full Pardon for Seven Framed Men

LOS ANGELES—Approximately 5000 striking maritime workers were picketing the Standard Oil Company here starting December 15, as part of a coast-wide protest against the Modesto frameup.

Starting in the harbor area, picket lines were thrown around Standard Oil gas stations as plans were in preparation to move inland as far as forces will permit.

Following revelations made by James Scudder, chief state witness in the trial of the maritime workers who were convicted in the Modesto dynamite case, the unions are not only directing their campaign against the Standard Oil, but are demanding that Governor Merriam pardon six men who are now serving time in San Quentin.

All So. California
Speakers are to be sent to all Central Labor Councils in Southern California urging protests be sent to the governor and asking for an investigation of the frameup.

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco Labor Council's committee will present its demands to Governor Frank F. Merriam early next week for the pardon of seven of the union men convicted in the notorious Modesto frameup.

The committee, which is awaiting the return of the Modesto defense attorney, Aaron Shapiro, from the East, will

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Oregon's Governor Thinks He's Still In the U. S. Army

PORTLAND, Ore.—Governor Charles Martin is a retired Army General. He thinks he's still in the Army.

Outstandingly vicious in his cracks about the maritime strike, he told poultrymen who whined about "tremendous losses" because they couldn't get corn unloaded from ships:

"Why in hell don't you get it?"

He told the Chamber of Commerce that "somebody on horseback" will come in and handle the strike situation. He has fascist ideas.

N. Y. WELCOMES HARRY BRIDGES

Madison Sq. Garden Packed for Meet

NEW YORK—New York's Madison Square Garden, seating over 20,000, was crammed when Harry Bridges spoke here Wednesday night.

Bridges' message to the New York maritime workers was one of unity of all maritime crafts and on all coasts.

He described the great anger of the Pacific Coast longshoremen at International President

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SF Demonstration For Spain People

SAN FRANCISCO—Francis A. Henson, just returned from Spain and Germany, will speak on "Spain: Center of World Crisis," at the outdoor demonstration of the American League Against War and Fascism at the Civic Center here Saturday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m.

The Rev. Herrick Lane, Presbyterian minister and secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Church Federation in San Francisco, will be chairman.

Other speakers will be Dr. G. Fauci, of the Italian-American Labor Bureau; Elaine Black, district secretary of the International Labor Defense; Bert Leech, state organizer of the American League, and speakers from the Waterfront and Frank Spector from the Communist Party. The main speaker is a former Socialist.

Support For Bridges Is Reaffirmed

West Coast ILA Calls on All ILA Locals to Protest Ryan Strikebreaking, Removal of Bridges from Int'l. Board.

SAN FRANCISCO—Indignation swept through the ranks of the Pacific Coast's 39,000 maritime workers, at Joseph P. Ryan's high-handed removal of Harry Bridges from the I.L.A. international executive board and as I.L.A. international representative on this coast.

In the traditional way of reactionary labor officials, Ryan struck not at the employers, but at the workers themselves.

Ryan announced the removal of Bridges from the above-mentioned posts at an international executive board meeting in New York which Bridges attended.

It came as a result of the great heat put on Ryan for his strikebreaking actions against both East and West Coast strikers.

Bridges had been donating his \$75 weekly salary as international representative to the strike relief.

Great Anger
Bridges has received great receptions from the longshoremen as well as other workers in his speaking tour of the main East Coast ports: New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.

Ryan's spiteful action only increases the stature of Bridges in the eyes of West Coast maritime workers. His standing as president of the Pacific Coast District I.L.A., vice-president of the California Federation of Labor and delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council is unimpaired by Ryan's action.

Ryan appointed William Kraft of Seattle to replace Bridges in the post international organizer. The I.L.A. Pacific Coast District will not recognize this appointment.

The joint maritime strike committee here adopted a resolution calling on all labor councils and all I.L.A. locals to protest the action of Ryan.

The district executive board

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400 Fish Cannery Workers Out in Pittsburg

PITTSBURG, Cal.—A walk-out of 400 fish cannery workers has tied up the big F. E. Booth Co. plant here.

Called by the recently organized Fish Cannery Workers Union, the strike is for union recognition, a 5 cents an hour wage increase, and time and a half for overtime.

Women are in the forefront of the strikers ranks.

7000 IN SIT-DOWN

TOLEDO, O.—Adding to the wave of sit-down strikes, 7000 workers in the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co. here remained at their machines, but did not work. This followed collapse of negotiations with the Flat Glass Workers Union on a 1937 contract. The Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Pittsburgh is also struck.

STOOL PIGEON ADMITS TRYING TO OUST EARL KING FROM HIS OFFICE IN FIREMEN'S UNION

Murphy State's Witness in Murder Frameup, Cannot Find Entry He Says He Made in Union's Books

OAKLAND—A stool pigeon who had his day in court when he was lying about Earl King and other members of the Marine Firemen's Union "plotting" the death of George Alberts on the S. S. Point Lobos last March 22, has been showing just what his testimony is worth under cross-examination.

PLAN A MERRY XMAS FOR THE STRIKERS KIDS

Maritime Recreation Center, Junior Union Sponsor Party

SAN FRANCISCO—Children of San Francisco strikers won't fail to meet Santa Claus on Christmas Day. Not if organized labor in this city can help it.

Dad may be on strike, but unionists and other people of San Francisco will see that the strikers' kids get toys.

Five thousand at least of the strikers' children will be at the Christmas Party Dec. 25, sponsored by the Maritime Recreation Center and Junior Union No. 180 (among whom are newsboys and bootblacks). The party will be held at Exposition Auditorium (Civic Center), which the city has donated. A 50-foot Christmas tree has been promised by the Dept. of Parks.

Send in toys, old and new, for the strikers' kiddies. Send them to the Recreation Center, 32 Clay Street.

Greet McNamara, 25 Years in Jail

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Your steadfastness has been a never ending source of inspiration to all fighting for the emancipation of the working class," the California State Committee of the Communist Party wrote J. B. McNamara, oldest labor prisoner, on the 25th anniversary of his imprisonment.

The letter follows: Dec. 10, 1936.

J. B. McNamara, Folsom Prison, Calif. Dear Comrade McNamara:

On this, the 25th anniversary of your imprisonment, we wish to convey to you the fraternal greetings of thousands of members and sympathizers of the Communist Party in California. The recent decision adopted by the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Tampa, Florida, supporting the fight for your release, and that of Matt Schmidt, encourages us to continue and extend the campaign to return you to your rightful place in the labor movement, now that this campaign has been given a tremendous impetus by the action of the A.F.L. convention. Your steadfastness and faith in the working-class through all the long years of your imprisonment have been a never-ending source of inspiration to all of us who are fighting for the emancipation of the working class.

With fraternal greetings, California State Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.

CORRECTION

In the speech of Harry Bridges printed in our last issue, a sentence which included the words, "the interests of the public are best being defeated by the maritime unions" (in last paragraph) should have read "the interests of the public are best being defended by the maritime unions."

Christmas Presents to Labor Prisoners

SAN FRANCISCO.—For those who will send Christmas presents to any of labor and political prisoners in San Quentin, the following extracts from the prison rules are of value: "Inmates of this institution are permitted to receive articles such as, handkerchiefs, neckties, socks, scarfs, belts, garters, suspenders, toothbrushes (no paste), cigarette holders, pipes, fountain pens, eversharp pencils, musical instruments, safety razors and double edge blades only (no soaps or powders) cheap watches (no wrist watches)."

"The following publications are contraband and are not allowed within the prison walls: "All newspapers and magazines published in the State of California.

"Magazines devoting to boxing or prize fighting. "So called "Detective Story Magazine," including True Detective Mysteries, Real Detective, Detective Story, Detective Fiction Weekly, Detective Library, Black Mask, Thrilling Detective, Clues, Complete Detective Novel, Rapid Fire Detective.

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FLY HIGHER!



GENERAL V. KHRPIN, assistant air force commander of Soviet Red Army, who reported to recent Congress of Soviets that U.S.S.R. will soon have 7000 planes and more than 100,000 pilots available for defense from Fascist attacks.

Picket Standard In Modesto Case

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present its demand in the light of the sensational recorded confession of James T. Scudder, chief prosecution witness.

Labor Committee

The committee, announced by Council President E. A. Vandeleur Tuesday, consists of James E. Hopkins, member of the San Francisco Teamsters' Union and president of the State Federation of Labor; John A. O'Connell, secretary of the Labor Council; George G. Kidwell, business manager of the Bakery Wagon Drivers of San Francisco and delegate of the State Federation to the recent A.F.L. convention in Tampa; Henry Schmidt, president of I.L.A. Local 38-79, and Thomas L. Chambers, president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

Meanwhile, plans are being made to accelerate the activities of the Modesto Defense committee, to publicize the latest exposure of the frameup and to unite the labor movement in a renewed campaign to secure the release of the labor prisoners.

The bombshell of Scudder's confession has obviously made some of the prime movers of the frameup uneasy. District Attorney Leslie A. Cleary of Stanislaus County, whom the defense will charge with subornation of perjury before the County Grand Jury, issued a statement in his old red-baiting vein, charging Attorney Sapiro with furthering the aims of Communism. He argued that the case had been "ably tried" by Faulkner and O'Connor, previous attorneys, hired at an expensive figure by the reactionary McGovern, who was since expelled from the Marine Firemen's Union.

Cleary continued to bring out his colors as a red-baiter by declaring himself "sympathetic" with trade unions, but opposed to "red elements" getting control. Which, as most union men know by now, was part of the hue and cry by which the original frameup was put over.

4 More Shipyards Added to Strike

The 43rd day of the San Francisco shipyard strike found four new Bay district shipyards added to the three Bethlehem yards tied up by the strike of 14 A.F.L. craft.

Over 100 machinists have struck the Alameda plant of the Moore Drydock Co., with 300 other workers refusing to go through their picket lines.

The men seek \$1 an hour for journeymen and 75 cents for helpers. Machinists struck also in the General Drydock, Columbia Machine Works, and United Engineering Co. The Shipyard Workers Union is still picketing the Bethlehem, Los Angeles and Craig Shipyards in Los Angeles.

Carpenters Gag On Lumber Men Stays

LAKELAND, Fla.—Rejecting demands of 74,000 non-beneficial timber and furniture workers for a voice and vote in union affairs, the convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America attempted to soften the blow by permitting six fraternal delegates to address the convention and proposing a survey and union label for the lumber industry.

The proposals were made by a sub-committee appointed by President William L. Hutcheson. The concessions were regarded as unsatisfactory by the non-beneficial affiliates, who pay 25c a month dues in place of 75c. They demand a voice and vote in all affairs except those pertaining to pensions or insurance benefits.

After machine-like approval of a resolution condemning the C.I.O., the convention, machine-rolled by reactionary President Bill Hutcheson, ended.

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR STRIKE AID

Bay Area Maritime Council in Special Appeal for Funds

SAN FRANCISCO—An emergency communication has been sent out to all publications and all friends of labor by the San Francisco Bay Area District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast.

We consider it of such extreme importance at this time that we are reprinting it for the information of our readers: Dear Sir and Brothers—Greetings:

This letter is no formalized, routine matter. The immediate fate of 40,000 union men and their wives and families may well depend upon your answer.

An Infamous Campaign

We are now confronted by one of the hugest and most infamous campaigns against organized labor in American history. The shipowners of the Pacific Coast, in an effort to break our unions, have shut down operations, tied up commerce and locked out the entire maritime profession. Seamen, longshoremen, engineers, stewards—every man who makes his living by the sea, from the Captains right down to the lowest in rank, have been locked out with the proposition that they will not be allowed to go back to work unless they accept the shipowners' terms—terms which would mean the smashing of unionism in the maritime industry.

Thomas G. Plant, spokesman for the employers, stated in an unguarded moment, that they were ready to tie up the Pacific Maritime Industry for two years, if necessary, to bend the unions to their will. Later, for publicity purposes, this statement was retracted. But every bit of evidence points to the fact that such a program is being carried out.

Meanwhile, the shipowners are engaging in an expensive publicity campaign seeking to blame our unions for this tie-up, and to incite public opinion against us.

Our ranks are solid and our morale is high. But our picket lines are "marching on their stomachs," and those stomachs are pretty hungry. In thousands of homes, wives and children are suffering want and hardship. It is on this hunger that the shipowners place their greatest hope. By starving ourselves and families, they are trying to bend us to our knees.

In addition to this, we are faced with the necessity of carrying on our publicity campaign if the public is to hear and know the truth about this infamous attack. We have no such facilities as the shipowners. We work with volunteer labor and the poorest tools in an effort to combat one of the slickest and most powerful propaganda machines in the country.

Our case is really desperate. On our shoulders falls the responsibility of carrying on and winning a life and death struggle which may well determine the future of organized labor on the Pacific Coast and the fate of every liberal movement.

A Critical Stage Around San Francisco Bay are concentrated 20,000 of the 40,000 workers locked out. Our relief kitchen is eating up \$1,000 a day. We have planned and are attempting to hold a Christmas Party to give some measure of happiness to the thousands of children of the strikers who are faced with a meagre, cheerless Christmas.

This struggle has reached a critical stage. We are willing to shoulder the hardship and are determined to carry on until this decisive showdown is won. But we MUST have your support.

This is your share of the struggle. You don't have to suffer the cold weather in the waterfront picket lines—you don't have to tighten your belt and fight on half-rations. But this is one thing you can do: Our situation is critical. We must have finances immediately. Send as much as you can to our Central Relief Committee, Harry Bridges, Chairman of Joint Marine Strike Committee, 112 Market Street, Room 506, San Francisco. The fate of this decisive struggle for decency, democracy and unionism in the Pacific ports depends on you.

Sincerely yours, H. W. BRIDGES, Chairman of the Joint Marine Strike Committee.

SINGAPORE WORKERS

SINGAPORE, Malaya.—For increased wages and the right to organize their own union, 3000 workers, employed on erection of the new British naval base, are out on strike.

New Fascist Group Called 'Bluecoats' Limited—No Less

LONG BEACH.—Big bosses and crackpots formed a united front here to form the Civilian Army of Bluecoats, Ltd., to "combat radicalism." The "Bluecoats" have filed incorporation papers with Secretary of State Jordan in Sacramento. One James I. Butterfield is head of the fascist outfit.

Halt Layoffs on Alameda WPA

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committee's demand that strikers be retained on S.R.A. was granted.

The mass meeting of 600 last Sunday in Municipal Auditorium Theater was itself a good indication of the strength of the organization, when it is recalled that two years ago the relief workers could not even hold a meeting on the back steps of the Trade School.

Met With Koeltitz

Following it up, the workers' committee met with District W.P.A. Administrator Walter Koeltitz Monday afternoon, telling him they would be back next day prepared to stay in his office until an order had come from Washington rescinding the layoff orders.

Monday night the workers picketed, successfully, the scheduled "victory party" of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee in the swank, scabby Hotel Leanington after it had refused to wire Washington demanding the rescinding of the layoffs. The line soon swelled to 200 including wearers of a dozen different A.F.L. union buttons. The manager, hot under the collar, was restrained from calling the police, by politicians who were anxious to avoid trouble. It was estimated that at least 200 banqueters or patrons of the hotel turned away refusing to go through the Alliance picket line.

Assembly Protest

The committee in charge of the picketing was called in, and a protest telegram sent by two assemblymen, George P. Miller of the 14th district and H. A. Dannenbrink of the 18th district.

Addressed to President Roosevelt, James A. Farley, Harry L. Hopkins and the National Emergency Congress, the telegram requested the rescinding of the order and declared: "The sentiment of the people who made Democratic victory possible in this county are in full sympathy with the unfortunate men who will be laid off."

The picket line withdrew at 8 p. m., proceeding to the W.P.A. office where it held a street meeting before breaking up.

Following receipt of the rescinding order next day, the workers carried on the fight to prevent reassignment of those who had been discharged to lower pay classifications. Proceeding to the board of supervisors, they got the supervisors to finance a telephone message to Hopkins' office and Washington, after which the supervisors sent in their own name a telegram which said in part: "...urgently request that the announced reduction on Federal Projects be reconsidered. Community favors continuance."

L. A. Cultural Workers Retained; Women Remain Cut Off

LOS ANGELES—Mass pressure brought restoration of jobs to 396 workers discharged within the last ten days from the cultural projects here December 15 following "orders from Washington."

At the same time came word from W.P.A. headquarters that 1800 of the 2000 women laid off the sewing projects were being cared for by direct relief under the L.A.C.R.A. setup, though there was no announcement concerning the other 200 mothers, who charge their income is far beneath that received on the sewing jobs.

They are still maintaining their picket line at W.P.A. headquarters, demanding reinstatement.

County W.P.A. director Colonel Connolly returned here December 15 from a conference with relief officials from 11 western states in Salt Lake City, with the information that enough money had been obtained from Washington to carry the present relief quota of 47,000 workers.

Obviously to induce the mothers on the W.P.A. picket line to desert their demands for the starvation dole, Roy W. Pilling, director of the L. A. Relief Administration, said that customary red tape is being waived "for the special accommodation of these women."

ANTI-LABOR FRAME-UP SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A

number of Progressive Miners of America members are out on bail under frame-up charges of conspiracy to bomb coal trains.

NEW STEP IN FARMER-LABOR CO-OPERATION

Farmers' Union to Meet With State A.F.L. Body

SAN JOSE—A significant step toward farmer-labor cooperation has been taken by the California Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union, which held its convention here.

A committee to discuss problems of farm labor was appointed to meet with the California State Federation of Labor. The committee will call on the coming legislative session to inquire into the conditions of agricultural labor.

E. V. Garrod of Saratoga, re-elected president of the Union, was empowered to appoint two assistants. An unfortunate step was the selection of Alfred Aram as the committee's attorney. Aram's record in Salinas was none too savory.

Big N.Y. Welcome To Harry Bridges

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Ryan's sabotage of theirs and East Coast seamen's strike, and at the action of Ryan in removing him as I.L.A. Pacific Coast representative.

Plea for Unity

In his plea for unity Bridges stated: "The West Coast strike is not won if the East Coast men lose. The East Coast men must have unity—or they're going to lose. Therefore, correct this situation and give them unity."

"When I return to the West Coast, it will be my job to give the men the East Coast situation. I could give the West Coast men a picture like this: 'You've got practically all you asked for, you can accept it and let the East Coast men go. I know what the answer would be, if the East Coast men get the unity they're entitled to. If they can't get that unity, we'll still do our best.'"

Who? Massachusetts New York liberal congressman, also spoke. The meeting was opened by Jack Lawrenson, member of the East Coast seamen's strike committee.

The meeting, which raised over \$2200 for the East Coast strike, sent a telegram to President Roosevelt demanding halting of ship subsidies until strikers' basic demands are met. Repeal of the anti-labor sections of the Copeland Act was also demanded.

Louis Weinstein, secretary of Painters' District Council 9, pledged the support of 16,000 union painters to the seamen's strike, and C. Zimmerman, of I. L.G.W.U. Local 22, pledged support of the latter's 30,000 members.

Weinstock declared: "We condemn Ryan for his strikebreaking activities."

Bridges said of the "red herding": "There are two classes of people who raise the red cry—employers and their tools, reactionary labor leaders. They call us Communists because we want the 8-hour day and want to be paid when we work."

"If that is being Communist, then my instructions from the West Coast are to be Communist 100 per cent."

3000 heard Bridges in Philadelphia.

Prosecution Ends In King Frameup

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Deputy District Attorney Ralph Hoyt, questioned by reporters, did not deny that dictagraph records of the jail cell conversations were in possession of the state, but Wednesday the prosecution suddenly announced that its case would be completed the following morning.

It was indicated by this that the other outstanding stool pigeon in the case, Matthew Guidera, would not be put on the stand in this limited time, but the announcement in any case is a virtual admission of the complete inability of the prosecution to prove any conspiracy to kill Alberts. Moreover, the state's witness attempting to connect Wallace and Corner with the killing have been thoroughly exposed by cross-examination as contradictory.

The prosecution ended its case 20 minutes after court convened Thursday morning, following which the court adjourned until Friday morning when the defense witnesses will take the stand.

They Lie Awake Nights Thinking These Things Up

RIVERSIDE.—City officials must lie awake nights thinking up ways of making life more miserable for what they consider "the lower classes."

Riverside's latest is an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to solicit alms or transportation (hitch-hiking) on the city streets. A fine of \$100, or both the fine and 3 months in jail is the punishment.

Indignation at New Ryan Treachery

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declared: "Bridges was never appointed by Ryan, but was democratically elected by referendum of the membership on the Pacific Coast and won the election by an overwhelming majority, thus making Ryan's attempt to remove Bridges not only ridiculous but unconstitutional and illegal."

"Harry Bridges will continue to function as president of the I.L.A. on the Pacific Coast." Renewed support for Harry Bridges from I.L.A. leaders in the southern California port, came after the Ryan attack. Roy Donnelly, I.L.A. president here, said:

"We stand behind Bridges in his demand that all maritime unions must be pledged to support each other in a solid front against the employers."

Elmer Bruce, chairman of the San Pedro Strike Committee, also blasted Ryan's actions. Commenting on a report by Joseph P. Ryan that decision to form a national marine transportation department in the A.F.L. had been reached, Mervyn Rathbone, secretary of the San Francisco joint strike committee said it would be a good thing if controlled democratically by the rank and file, but that if not democratically controlled it would be a move to block the formation of a real national maritime federation.

Meetings between Thomas G. Plant and other shipowners with representatives of the Sailors, Firemen and Cooks have been continuing all this week. Steam schooner operators discussed technical working conditions with I.L.A. representatives. The question of mates tending hatches was among those discussed.

A joint statement on the meetings with shipowners was issued by Harry Lundberg of the Sailors, J. E. Ferguson of the Firemen and S. F. Burke of the Cooks. It said: "An agreement in principle has been reached on certain general provisions of new agreements now being negotiated between the Sailors' Union, Pacific Coast Firemen and Cooks & Stewards' Association and the Coast Committee for the Shipowners."

"These agreements in principle include the troublesome questions of hiring and enforcement of contracts and awards. Negotiations are now proceeding on the questions of hours, wages and working conditions. There still remain, however, the necessary negotiations with the licensed personnel and the longshoremen."

Four L.A. Workers Frame-up Sentence

LOS ANGELES.—Denying their motion for a new trial, Municipal Judge Leo Aggeler last Tuesday sentenced Maion Freeman, James Carter and Jim Dell to 10 days, and Edward McDowell to five days, in the notoriously foul Lincoln Heights Jail for "disturbing the peace."

The four workers were arrested last September at a Communist Party election rally in a free speech zone, police framing up charges of "inciting to riot, refusal to disperse, resisting an officer, and disturbing the peace." The first three charges were dropped in their first trial, in which the jury disagreed 9-3 in favor of acquittal.

Defense witnesses overwhelmingly disproved the police frame-up charges.

Louise Todd is Welcomed Back

SAN FRANCISCO.—The International Labor Defense welcomes Louise Todd back into the ranks of those fighting for democracy and maintenance of civil rights.

Louise Todd is being released Dec. 19 on 1 1/2 years parole after serving 15 months in Tehachapi Women's Prison on a "perjury" charge as an outgrowth of the campaign to place the Communist Party on the state ballot.

LEGION HEADS OF REDLANDS HELP GROWERS

Call Maintenance of Low Living Standard "Americanization"

REDLANDS.—Not speaking for the average rank and file American Legion member, Legion officials here announce that they will place the organization at the growers' disposal should there be any labor disputes at the height of the navel orange season.

One Wesley Frost is chairman of the Legion's committee to aid the growers. This is called "part of the post's Americanization program."

The Legion officials apparently don't see the irony of calling the maintenance of low living standards "Americanization."

The post officials announce the Legion will "cooperate with growers in preventing radical agitators (their name for any labor organizer) from engaging in destructive efforts."

Legionnaires who are union men should protest to the Redlands post.

WPA Mothers Tell L. A. Cops Insults

LOS ANGELES.—Supervisor John Anson Ford, head of the Democratic Committee, invited Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, who is now in Los Angeles, to lend his aid to the sweeping investigation of abuses in the Federal relief program here, which include the WPA, CCC, PWA, NYA, Federal Theater, Federal Artists, Federal Writers, Army Flood Control and allied groups.

A committee of sixty, headed by representatives of the Workers' Alliance, protested to Mayor Shaw December 9 against the vulgar and intimidating behavior of police during the sit-down strike of the discharged mothers at WPA headquarters.

One of the mothers declared that a policeman said with heavy implication, "Why I'll take you two girls home and give you two dollars."

Mrs. McNamee, representing the women who conducted the sit-down strike, told Shaw how they had been barricaded from the upper floors, that the toilets had been locked, the water shut off, furniture removed, telephones disconnected, newspapers taken from the room and even that food was not permitted to be passed into them.

Shaw, of course, passed the responsibilities of this to WPA authorities, who had previously passed them to him, and declared the police had not prevented food being passed to the mothers, that they had not shut off the water and locked the toilets, but were only there to keep order.

When it was pointed out to him that the police had arrested two of the pickets, Shaw said it was because they had committed a nuisance. The women then informed him that they had not ever been charged with this offense, but with disturbing the peace.

In the end, Shaw agreed to wire Harry L. Hopkins, national food administrator, requesting that the women be reinstated and that no more cuts in the relief projects be put into effect.

Meanwhile, the picket line at WPA headquarters goes on nearly a hundred strong.

"Results" of Probe Of S.F. Police

SAN FRANCISCO.—Results of the police graft investigation over about eight months were summed up here as costing \$59,000 in public funds, with one cop "acquitted" of graft charges, and the district attorney's office considering whether to go ahead and prosecute or to dismiss graft cases against two cops, Sam and Louis Beber, bookmakers.

Chief investigator Atherton has definitely quit probing graft, although he has said graft payoffs to local police have continued as much as ever.

Not Complete Investigation In the San Francisco Hospital graft scandal, Health Director Geiger announced dismissal of Miss Florence B. Hagerty, following a hearing on payroll padding charges. Miss Hagerty claimed she left two employees on the payroll after they left the hospital through carelessness and not intent to defraud.

No report was made on further charges by the Hospital and Institutional Workers Union that employees of the hospital had to "kick in" part of their wages in order to keep their jobs.

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ALL SET FOR BIG L. A. MASS MEET DEC. 27

Bridges Coming Is Eagerly Awaited By People There

LOS ANGELES—Speaking before the packed chambers of the Central Labor Council here Roy Donnelly, president of the San Pedro local of the International Longshoremen's Association, sent out a call to all organized labor and friends to attend the huge mass meeting of the Maritime strike at the Olympic Auditorium on December 27th.

Donnelly explained that the meeting had originally been called for December 18, but that Harry Bridges, the principal speaker, had been called to New York, making impossible his appearance on that date.

"The employers are trying to starve us out, while they are spending millions of dollars misrepresenting the issues of the strike on radios and in the reactionary press," said Donnelly.

He said that never before had the workers in the maritime industry realized so clearly the importance of unity in the ranks of labor, together with the good will of the public, "which is ours."

Donnelly declared that organizations all over the country are sending resolutions to President Roosevelt demanding that he use his power to end government subsidies to shipowners that refuse to treat workers fairly.

Thanking the scores of unions and other organizations that have rallied to the support of the strikers, Donnelly said that the cause would be hopeless if it were not for this financial and moral solidarity.

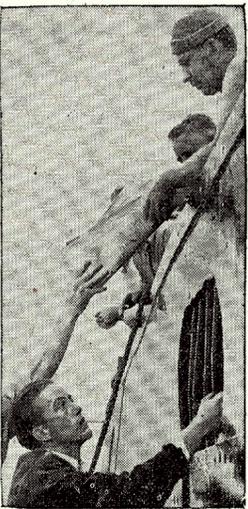
Prominent speakers at the December 27 mass meeting will include, besides Harry Bridges, J. J. J. secretary of the Central Labor Council, and outstanding liberals and ministers.

Subcommittee Meets

SAN PEDRO — The strikers' bulletin here reports that in addition to voting to make the Joint Central Strike Committee open to the membership in general, it was also voted that all sub-committee meetings were likewise to be open to any Union member in good standing, who wishes to attend as an observer.

This includes the meetings of the Special Duty Committee. Chairmen of sub-committees have been instructed to publicize the meetings of sub-committee meetings as soon as the Publicity Committee has obtained this information, it will be published in this paper.

JOINING IN



EVEN BEFORE these seamen step ashore, they get news of strike in San Pedro and join the strikers' ranks.

REACTIONARIES STOLE PLENTY

Accountants Find Grange Robbed Men

NEW YORK—Certified public accountants have found the books kept by the reactionary Cooks and Stewards officials a mess of corruption. These same officials are bitterly fighting the East Coast seamen's strike.

Says Albert Lannon, an outstanding leader of the seamen's strike, of the accountants' findings: "What we have been convinced of all along has been borne out by the investigation of the union books in the hands of David Grange. Further inquiries, which will be conducted, will show that the union membership has for years been swindled."

"Not only have Grange and his strikebreaking clique grafted on the seamen, but we intend to show that Grange in particular has received thousands of dollars from the shipping lines to demoralize the membership, to prevent strikes, and crush the growth of the union."

Immediately upon receiving word from the accounts that evidence of corruption had been unearthed against Grange and his group, the rank-and-file cooks and stewards issued a call to all members of the union to send in their names, addresses, book numbers and the amount of dues paid to Grange between the period of Jan. 1, 1935, to June 1, 1936. The results will be tabulated and checked.

COPS TRIED TO BLAME THIS ON THE STRIKERS

But "Victim of the Attack" Made Them Look Silly

SAN PEDRO—Following is a quotation from the Evening News:

"One man was beaten in what police describe as violence attributable to the strike. He is C. A. Brubeck, 35, a marine clerk, who was found unconscious on the Santa Fe right-of-way in Wilmington.

"He told police at Wilmington hospital that he was attacked by several men after helping a cousin with baggage from the French liner Oregon."

Following is a sworn affidavit by C. A. Brubeck, the "strike violence victim":

"To whom it may concern: The following is a true account of how I sustained the injuries described in the daily press as resulting from 'violence attributable to the strike.'"

"On December 7th the truck on which I was riding lost its end gate. To prevent any of the load from falling off I moved to the rear of the truck. We then proceeded down Manchester street, bound for San Pedro. Approaching the Santa Fe station in Wilmington the truck wheel struck a metal traffic button and I was bounced out of the truck, landing on my head and losing consciousness. Unaware of the accident, the driver kept on going. I regained consciousness in the Wilmington emergency police station. The police asked who had beaten me. I told them that no one had beaten me and explained how my head injury had taken place. The police then refused to return my union book and other papers until they had verified my statements. The following day an article appeared in the Los Angeles Evening News stating that I had been a victim of 'strike violence.' Either the police or the Evening News reporter deliberately distorted the nature of my accident to make it appear that I was a victim of strike's violence."

(Signed) C. A. BRUBECK.

The above is a fair sample of what the shipowners want the public to believe.

7 NEW STEEL LODGES

CHICAGO.—The Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers chartered seven new lodges recently at Indianapolis, Ind.; Decatur, Ill.; Peoria, Ill.; Lorain, O.; Cleveland, O.; Maplewood, Mo.; Rock Falls, Ill.; Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and Toronto, Can.

WIN GAINS



WAREHOUSE STRIKERS won big wage and other gains before returning to work in cold storage houses in San Francisco. Photo shows warehouse union member releasing some food for hospitals during the strike.

HOW SLANDER DRIVE WORKS

Shipowners Using Office Employees

LOS ANGELES—When the phoney organization of freight clerks, contracting agents and others in the shipowners' office force was exposed as a company-instigated confusion department, the "Big Three" lines, then came out in the open with the announcement of a new program of propaganda.

Officials of the American-Hawaiian, Matson and Dollar lines met here December 12 to instruct 150 of their office employees on how to spread misrepresentation of the maritime strike issues.

Slander Campaign

F. A. Hooper of the American-Hawaiian line revealed the scheme when he said: "We propose to put out 50 teams of two men each Monday, with the entire city districted, and have them distribute literature and other propaganda."

He said public opinion would be sounded out, in an effort to point out to merchants that they were losing money because of the strike, and that the strike issues would be "explained" by the field men.

Hooper did not mention the millions of dollars of government subsidies that overflow the coffers of the shipowners

PEDRO UNIONS GIVE PRESIDENT SOME FACTS

Big Mass Meeting Has Plenty to Say On Strike

SAN PEDRO—The recent big meeting of the maritime unions in Wilmington Bowl sent the following open letter and resolution to President Roosevelt (They speak for themselves):

"Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:

We have been involved for many weeks now in a struggle for the continued existence of our unions. This struggle was precipitated in the first place by a minority group among the larger ship owners. Their spokesmen have publicly stated that they are determined to continue the strike for two entire years, if this is necessary to break our resistance.

Central Issues

The central issue is the control of the hiring offices and halls. If the steamship operators could control the hiring of the men, they would hire only the fastest, the youngest, the most docile, and would drive them at the highest speed for the longest possible hours.

If we shall control our own hiring offices, as we must in order to continue our organized existence, we shall continue to do as we have done in the past, and detail men to work primarily on the principle of equal opportunity of employment to all qualified workers, without respect to age, race, color, extent of union activity, or employers' preferences. This is the issue, and this is the reason of the strike."

Many of the owners of the ships are willing to deal with us and bring an end to the struggle. Surprisingly enough, these are mostly unsubsidized lines. On the other hand, the operators of three large lines, two of them heavily subsidized, remain adamant in their determination to break the maritime unions. These three lines are the Dollar Steamship Company, the Matson Navigation Company, and the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company. The losses caused to the country as a whole through the strike are already sufficient in amount to purchase the interests of the operators of these ships in their entirety.

This hostile minority group of steamship operators are only part owners of some of the vessels in question, with the United States Government itself major owner thereof. Surely this handful of men are exceeding their prerogatives in prolonging a great strike and rendering these steamships idle which they but partly own and which were built for the purpose of enriching a few millionaire operators.

All Unions Present

Now therefore, we in meetings assembled in all our component crafts; sailors, firemen, cooks, stewards, radio operators, mates, engineers and masters, longshoremen and shipyard workers, do hereby subscribe to the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The statements in the above letter are matters of fact, and of record, and are known to all of us, and

WHEREAS: Certain steamship operators over a period of years have received several hundred million dollars from the United States Government, including the sum of \$973,885.00 to the Matson Navigation Company, and the sum of \$2,912,654.00 to the Dollar Steamship Company, for the year of 1936 alone, and

WHEREAS: These moneys were to be used for the creation of efficient and up-to-date American merchant marine, and to aid the steamship operators in meeting with a fair American standard of wages and working conditions on the ships and docks, and

WHEREAS: It has been proved by governmental investigation that the steamship operators have failed to do either of these things, but instead have always tried to divert these government moneys so far as possible into their own salaries, bonuses, and profits, and

WHEREAS: The Dollar Steamship Company and the Matson Navigation Company, in particular, are blocking settlement of the strike by their obstinate determination to abolish the system of union hiring-halls that have functioned for the past two years, and

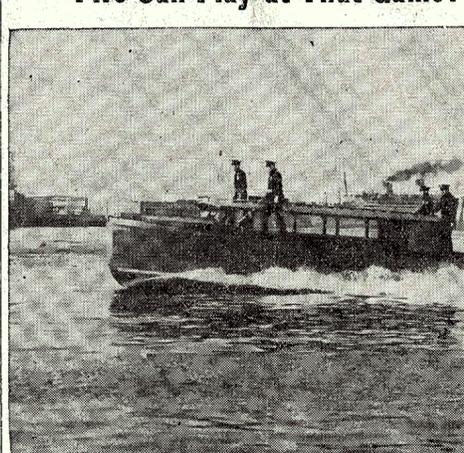
WHEREAS: This system of hiring offices and halls is the sole barrier to the destruction of the maritime unions by the employers, with a consequent return to the barbaric conditions that existed prior to 1934; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we respectfully urge and request that you enter upon a program of action designed to bring these recalcitrant operators into honest and sincere negotiations with us for the purpose of immediately terminating the strike. And be it further

RESOLVED: That if certain steamship operators persist in their past practices of profiting excessively from government funds on the one hand, and of seeking to destroy the maritime labor unions on the other, that your administration consider the feasibility of recommending legislation to the convening Congress aimed at the immediate repossession of government-owned steamships, and their operation by the Federal Government itself, under suitable agency.

Respectfully submitted by the San Pedro Joint Central Strike Committee and by the San Pedro locals of all the maritime unions on strike, after unanimous adoption in joint mass meetings of all the membership involved."

Two Can Play at That Game!



POLICE SCOUT for chance to make trouble in Los Angeles Harbor, but are disappointed, thank you. The seamen in many ports have also taken to patrol boats, for peaceful picket purposes.

What Is Wrong on the Waterfront?

By JOHN SCHOMAKER (Chairman of the Joint Maritime Strike, Publicity Committee, San Francisco.) (Released to all publications)

The present maritime controversy which has frozen all ocean-borne commerce on the Pacific Coast, is a struggle between a small group of shipowners on the one hand, and the entire maritime profession on the other. Meanwhile the interests of the general public are very seriously involved. It is our claim that the

interests of the public are no different than the interests of the maritime unions, and believe we can demonstrate this to almost anyone's satisfaction. The shipowners are very fond of using football teams to illustrate their arguments. I am going to borrow that football team for a moment and use it to illustrate our contentions.

Who's In Wrong?

Suppose, for example, a dispute should occur on this football team and you, representing the general public, were asked to judge the merits of the controversy. And suppose that when you investigated the matter, you discovered that the entire team, including extras and water-boys were of one, solid opinion with the exception of one man—the man who owned the football and wouldn't let the others go on with the game until they did as he wanted. It wouldn't take you very long to decide who was in the wrong.

This is exactly the situation on the waterfront today. The shipowners represent only one function in the maritime industry; they sit in their offices making financial deals and transactions concerned with shipping. In the entire industry, the shipowners themselves are the only ones who believe they are right.

The captains of the ships, the licensed officers, the radio operators, the sailors, the engineers, the oilers, water-tenders, wipers, the stewards, the cooks in the galley, the scullions and dish-washers, the bakers, the pantry-men, the waiters, the mess-boys, the bellboys, are all of the unanimous opinions that the shipowners are entirely in the wrong.

And it doesn't stop there; the men who load and unload the ships, the longshoremen, barge-men, scalers, checkers, etc., are

also of the solid opinion that the shipowners are wrong. The shipowners' own clerks believe they are wrong and are out on strike with the others.

One of the leading arguments in this controversy is the matter of efficiency and safety at sea. Will you ask yourself fairly, who is the best authority—the most reliable authority—on which the general public can depend for an opinion on these questions? Is it the shipowners? Or is it the Captains and the licensed officers and the rest of the seagoing personnel?

Years of Training

On the shoulders of the licensed personnel rests the greatest responsibility in these matters. Years of training and experience are necessary before they can pass the rigid examinations necessary to obtain licenses. These men and the rest of the seagoing profession have the greatest concern anyone could possibly have with matters of efficiency and safety. Their very lives depend upon these issues.

But the entire maritime profession is not the only group which believes the shipowners are wrong. The United States Government held an investigation of the maritime industries last year which not only denounced the shipowners but submitted reams of evidence proving that the maritime unions are correct beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Let me quote to you from that report—the report of the Senate Committee to Investigate Air and Ocean Mail Contracts: "The American Merchant Marine is neither adequate nor is it in any true sense privately owned. Responsibility for this country's failure to secure that which it sought, and for which it was willing to expend and has expended hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money must lie at the door of three classes of people. First, this burden of costly failure rests upon the enactment of an ill-advised compromise law. Second, upon certain public officials who flagrantly betrayed their trust and maladministered those laws. Third, upon those individuals, who, publicly posing as patriots, prostituted those laws for their private profit."

Waste and Inefficiency

"Private ownership and operation of merchant and aerial transportation with government subsidy has resulted in a saturation of waste, inefficiency, unearned exorbitant salaries and bonuses, and other forms of so-called 'compensation,' corrupting expense accounts, exploitation of the public by the sale and manipulation of stocks, the 'values' of which are largely based on the hope of profit from robbing the taxpayer, and a general transfer of energy and labor from operating business to 'operating on' the taxpayer. Measured by results, the subsidy system, as operated, has been a sad, miserable failure. Many of its apologists have been shown to be those who have directly received financial profit, or those, who for various reasons, have been influenced by those who did directly profit from it. Not the least of these influences

involved."

WAREHOUSE UNION MAKES NEW GAINS

Strike Booms Drive of Organization in Industry

SAN FRANCISCO—The warehousemen's strike has brought about a new boom in organizational gains for the Warehousemen's Union (I.L.A. 39-44).

The big United Cigar warehouse has been organized, bringing wages up from \$65-75 a month to \$107. The 8-hour day and a week's paid vacation has also been won.

Sign Large Coffee House

The largest West Coast coffee house, Hills Bros., and four other coffee firms have been organized.

McKessin, Langley and Michaels have been hindering negotiations with the drug warehouses, the former firm acting apparently with Industrial Assn. backing.

JAPAN CRUSHES UNION

KOBE—Official organ of the Japan Seamen's Union, No. 20, carries a strong protest against suppression of the arsenal workers union, Kangyo Rodo.

has been the millions of Government dollars flowing through the hands of the immediate recipients, their associates, affiliates, subordinates, holding companies, and allies, into the treasuries of newspapers, magazines, and publicity agencies. Evidence before this committee has illustrated the existence and effect of these evil influences."

"The subsidy does not always reach its intended beneficiary."

"While the clamor has always been made that our marine subsidy would provide funds for the payment to American seamen of wages set at a proper level, and substantially in excess of foreign wages, in many instances, the proper wage scale has been cut and money transmitted to mail contractors in constructive trust for American seamen has been diverted by the contractors to their own private profits for exorbitant salaries and unearned bonuses. This practice and result is wholly indefensible."

I have now demonstrated to you that not only the entire maritime profession, but even the United States Government believes and knows that the shipowners are wrong. The only other group of opinion that is necessary to make it a case of the world against the shipowners, is the opinion of the general public.

Public Support

We of the maritime unions believe that the general public is substantially in support of our struggle—and we call upon that general public to make this support heard and felt.

Our demands are moderate and quickly stated. We want to continue the union hiring hall system which has been in operation ever since the 1934 strike, and which the shipowners now want to abolish. We want to continue the six-hour day for longshoremen, which has also been in operation since the 1934 arbitration award. In fact, in this whole controversy, we are only asking two concessions which are new. These are for the payment of overtime to seamen in cash instead of in time off, and the granting of the eight-hour day for the Marine Cooks and Stewards.

I believe that these issues are so simple, and so manifestly just, that they need no elaboration.

As to Arbitration

The final question to be answered is, why do we refuse to submit these issues to arbitration? The answer is pretty easily stated. In the first place, arbitration means that you put your signature on a blank sheet of paper and let someone write whatever they please about it. Considering the ability which shipowners have manifested in the past to influence and corrupt supposedly impartial agencies, such a method of settlement is obviously questionable. The Senate Investigation committee was of the opinion that it would be difficult if not impossible to set up any impartial body which the shipowners could not manage to corrupt.

We are willing to submit normal issues and disputes to this method of settlement. But we cannot submit matters on which the very existence of our unions depend—we cannot put our signatures to a document and empower some supposedly impartial agency to write our death warrant above it.

SUPPORT FOR STRIKING SEAMEN URGED BY COMMUNIST PARTY

RESOLUTION AND STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY

THE NATION-WIDE strike of marine workers is of the greatest significance to the entire American working class. It is the spearhead of the workers' drive for a living wage and better conditions in all other industries.

Although conditions in the industry are scandalous and are harmful to the lives of seamen and passengers alike, the ship owners refuse to grant the just demands of the striking marine workers. On the contrary, they are making every effort to try to use the present strike to smash the militant marine unions and re-establish fink rule in the industry. Their main aim is to smash the marine unions.

The arrogant and brutal strategy of the ship owners is being countered by the unity and solidarity of the marine workers. The seamen have met every attack of the ship owners with greater unity, and they are pressing forward now to defeat the conspiracy of the shipping magnates and force them to grant the just and reasonable demands of the maritime workers.

The role of the officials of the I.S.U. is that of a strikebreaking agency for the ship owners... They have been exposed again and again as the paid tools of the ship owners whose one concern is to serve the men who pay them bribes.

BY REFUSING to support the striking longshoremen on the Pacific Coast and by ordering the longshoremen in the Eastern and Gulf ports to work ships that have been struck, Joseph P. Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, is acting against the best interests of the strikers and is preventing the strike from coming to a speedy and successful end. This is equally true of his action against the French ship, Champlain, as an act of retaliation against the solidarity of the French dockers with the maritime strikers here. Likewise, the reactionaries dominated the A.F.L. Convention, after suspending the C.I.O. unions, attempted to stab the East Coast strike in the back by declaring it outlaw.

The Roosevelt Administration grants enormous subsidies to the greedy ship owners who use it to swell their money bags. But it has not lifted a finger to end intolerable conditions in the American marine industry. On the contrary, in San Francisco, through its intended enforcement of the Copeland fink book bill, the administration is helping the shipowners to perpetuate fink rule. The Copeland Bill and the Ship Subsidy Act are blows against the democratic rights of all labor, and the seamen deserve the full support of all progressive forces to prevent the enforcement of these laws to defeat the strike and to secure the repeal

of the anti-labor sections of these acts.

The striking marine workers can and will win. But they need the widest support from organized labor and from the public generally. The ship owners are counting on starvation as a weapon to drive the strikers back to work at fink conditions. The solidarity of the trade union movement with the strikers can and must prevent this from taking place. On the Pacific Coast the trade unions have given a splendid example of working class solidarity. The example of the Pacific Coast unions should be followed in every Atlantic and Gulf port, in every trade union, in every central labor body, and in every working class and progressive mass organization.

RESOLUTIONS supporting the strike should be passed immediately. Resolutions should be passed demanding that the government withhold subsidies from the shipowners until they settle with the strikers.

A victory for the marine workers will be a victory for the entire working people. It would give greater impetus to the organizing drive in steel and the other basic industries. A successful marine strike would be a wedge which would smash past the barriers of low wages and bad working conditions. It would be a victory for all progressive and democratic forces and a smashing blow against Wall Street and all reactionaries.

The Communist Party fully endorses the strike of the marine workers. It pledges to support the strikers with all the resources it can muster. We call on all trade unions and every progressive organization to join with us in giving every material and moral support to the strikers.

THERE IS AN URGENT need at the moment for food and money. We call on the trade unions in every Gulf, East Coast and West Coast port to call conferences in support of the strike and to work out programs for organized support and aid which will help the maritime workers defeat the shipowners.

Prevent the recruitment and transportation of strikebreakers, particularly in the cities on the Great Lakes.

Protest the use of terror against the strikers, or any attempt to restrict their right to picket.

Workers, trade unionists, progressives! Support your striking marine brothers. Demonstrate your unity and solidarity with the maritime workers. Their fight is your fight. Their victory will be your victory.

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The Tide Turns for Anti-Fascists in Spain



THE FASCISTS didn't count on the stout-hearted resistance of the whole population of Madrid, and so their ideas of walking into the Spanish capital within 24 hours after they approached the city have had to be abandoned. In fact, newspaper correspondents in Spain now report Fascists' chances of ever taking Madrid have just about vanished, even with the aid of money, arms and soldiers from Fascist Germany and Italy. Photo shows heroic workers' militia

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
 California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

Asylum for Assassins

THE GROUP of misguided intellectuals who have fallen into the trap of demanding the right of asylum for Trotsky, may not realize that they are endangering the fight for the right of asylum, and playing into the hands of the enemies of freedom and democracy. Sentiment can have no place in dealing with the counter-revolutionary leader of all the anti-Soviet forces, who has not hesitated to plot murder and assassination against Soviet leaders, with the help of the Fascist secret police of Hitler, the Gestapo.

The right of political asylum cannot include the defense of assassins. Who uses the weapon of assassination as a political instrument? The Fascists have time and again demonstrated that they do not hesitate to resort to murder of political opponents when it suits their purpose. Will any honest worker or intellectual shed any tears over the fate of Fascist murderers who are caught red-handed? And if the Trotskyists, who still proclaim loyalty to the revolutionary principles which they have shamefully betrayed, resort to the same method aimed at the existence of the land of Socialism, then they can be treated no different.

The right of asylum for political refugees from the land of Hitler and Mussolini, is a sacred right that must be defended, and the fight for that right becomes a weapon in the struggle against Fascism. But to defend that right for one who has become the rallying-point for all the anti-Soviet elements throughout the world, plays into the hands of the Fascists and thereby objectively strengthens the anti-Soviet front of those who aim to overthrow the Soviet regime and Socialism, and restore capitalism. Even those who hate Communism the most, the Hearsts and their kind, suddenly become admirers of Trotsky and extol his virtues, because they recognize in him a most valuable tool in their campaign against the Soviet Union.

The trial of the 16 terrorists in Moscow, who openly confessed the Trotskyist murder plot against the Soviet leaders because they were caught with the goods, leaves no doubt as to Trotsky's guilt. The conduct of the trial, in the presence of the foreign press, was praised by such world-famous lawyers as the British jurist Pritt, thus exploding the ridiculous contention of the fascist press that there was something suspicious about the confessions.

It is regrettable that Socialist leaders like Norman Thomas, can lend themselves and their names to a campaign of slander against the Soviet Union under the guise of "defending" Trotsky. It is even more astonishing that writers who have sincerely joined the anti-Fascist front, like Sara Bard Field and Charles E. S. Wood, should allow their names to be used in a campaign which is being effectively used for an anti-Soviet crusade by the bitterest enemies of the Soviet Union, and the foes of democracy and peace. It is especially ironical because these writers and their associates in the Western Writers Congress were insidiously referred to by the Trotskyites as the "Pulp Writers Front" and the "Pulp Writers Seminar."

Surely they must realize that the fight for the right of asylum is endangered and discredited when it becomes a fight to defend assassins. The right of asylum DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO HARBOR ASSASSINS. At a time when the struggle against Fascism is taking on such stern and serious aspects, when the bloody hand of Hitler and Mussolini are seen in the Fascist war against democracy in Spain, it is the urgent duty of all honest Socialists, intellectuals, and champions of democracy and peace to make their voices heard in defense of the embattled forces of democracy in Spain, and on the side of the Soviet Union's peace policy. To associate themselves with the Trotskyite anti-Soviet campaign in any way, even unintentionally, objectively gives aid and comfort to the Fascist enemy. The road to hell, they say, is often paved with good intentions.

These agents of the bosses from politics and replace them with genuine working class representatives.

The Modesto case, the Mooney case, as well as the continued campaign to free Earl King will be made the battle cry for the formation of a genuine Farmer-Labor party. These anti-working class conspiracies, along with the recent passage of the Copeland Bill has definitely proven to the workers that political action must be utilized as well as strike action.

During the recent election the stevedores saw the need for political action. They fought London both with their votes and financial assistance. More seamen registered this election than ever before. Many of them used the absentee ballot.

But this was just the beginning. Despite the Anarcho-Syndicalist ideology which has influenced them for the past twenty years they now definitely see the need for a change in tactics. The Copeland Bill started this

action, the knowledge that state officials helped to frame the Modesto Boys will undoubtedly accelerate it.

Speaking to men who have studied the leaflet written by Francis Gorman, member of C.I.O., calling for the building of a labor party, proves that the workers are ready for this step.

As one picket captain said: "Labor has learned many things during its struggle for better conditions, but nothing has been more important than the knowledge that our own state officials are directly allied with our enemies in their efforts to send us to prison. This exposure of the stool pigeon Scudder being in the pay of Standard Oil, as well as working arm in arm with state officials, should bring a lot of votes for a working class party in the next election."

"What else does labor need to prove the urgency of a labor party?" said a sailor who had just heard attorney Aaron Sapiro tell of having trapped Scudder into making this confession.

San Francisco Reaches 80% of Quota Six Weeks Left to Double Party Membership

(By State Organization Dept. Communist Party)

Six weeks remain till Jan. 21. During this period we should pay special attention to recruiting. By Jan. 21 there shouldn't be a single comrade who hasn't recruited ONE NEW PARTY MEMBER.

San Francisco is howing the way. Our San Francisco comrades have recruited 400 new party members or 80 per cent of their quota. What do you say to that, Los Angeles? There is another thing that we would like to mention to our San Pedro comrades: Out of the 400 new party members recruited by San Francisco, 170 are from the Maritime industry. Now is the time to recruit these workers.

After lagging behind for several weeks, Santa Clara County is showing results. It is climbing rapidly and should be among the leaders by the first of January. And at last we hear from Merced: Hope to hear soon again. And we want to put in a good word for Contra Costa who came in with three new cards to reach an even dozen.

Let's not forget. Only six weeks remain. Results so far:

San Francisco	400
Los Angeles	362
Alameda	107
Bakersfield	30
Santa Clara	23
San Diego	24
Monterey	20
Sacramento	19
San Bernardino	17
Merced	17
Contra Costa	12
Sonoma	9
Santa Barbara	8
San Mateo	5
Stockton	5
Tulare	4
Eureka	4
Fort Bragg	1
Arizona	1
Nevada	1
Fresno	0

First Stop Intervention!

THE PROPOSAL jointly made by France and England for mediation in Spain for the purpose of carrying out a plebiscite ignores the rights of the Spanish people in the same way as the so-called "non-intervention pact" ignored those rights. Contrary to international law, this latest proposal again places both the regular democratic government of Spain and the Fascist Franco and his Moorish hordes on an equal plane.

Nevertheless the Soviet Union, always striving for peace, has adhered to the proposal, declaring it is ready to discuss with the other countries the form of mediation. The Soviet government points out that the actual decision as to whether or not a plebiscite shall be carried out must remain in the hands of the Spanish government.

No foreign pressure on the Spanish government to force it to go through with a plebiscite against its will can be tolerated. This government was elected under conditions when the Spanish people were able freely to express their choice.

But if the Spanish people are to be given the possibility of freely expressing their will at this time—ALL INTERVENTION AGAINST THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT MUST BE HALTED IMMEDIATELY!

Germany and Italy should immediately withdraw their troops who are fighting as units on the side of the Fascists! Wholesale shipments of arms and munitions to France must be halted.

While the mediation proposal made by France and England does not provide for this essential—the Soviet Government will meet with the other powers to discuss the proposal. The Soviet Government, in accordance with its policy, supports any initiative which contributes to the cause of peace in any way.

Pan-American Meet Fails to Forge Effective Peace Weapon

THE Pan-American Peace Conference has not succeeded in forging effective weapons for peace. True, the agreement for mutual consultation of all countries involved in case of war in the Western Hemisphere is a step in the right direction—but the failure to agree upon the policy of mutual assistance against a war-making aggressor robs the consultative pact of its effectiveness as a deterrent of war.

Also—there is no formal recognition of the necessity of collaboration with the peace forces of the rest of the world, particularly with the collective security program of the Soviet Union.

Roosevelt declared that the struggle against war is today unthinkable without a struggle for the defense of democracy. We hail Roosevelt's implied condemnation of the Fascist doctrine of self-sufficiency in his statement that the nations which have carried furthest this doctrine have achieved only "falling standards for their people" and "ever-increasing loss of the democratic ideals in a mad race to pile armament on armament."

Unfortunately the action of the United States in agreeing to a consultative pact without the policy of mutual assistance against an aggressor, and the failure to establish machinery for collaboration with other peace forces throughout the world do not translate these utterances into action.

We must turn to Hull's calling for the building of a people's peace movement—a call with which we fully agree. A mighty and effective people's movement for peace in the Americas will work with similar movements in the rest of the world, and bring pressure to bear on all capitalist governments to take swift action, based on collective security, against the aggressor nations, the war-crazed Fascist powers.

Soviet Union Note on Mediation in Spain Civil War

MOSCOW.—Maxim Litvinov, People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, transmitted to the French and British ambassadors the following note in reply to a proposal of the British and French governments to participate in mediation to end the armed conflict in Spain. The note reads in part: "The Soviet government considered and still considers that

Murder Points a Lesson

THE MURDER of a striking picket of the Sun Shipbuilding Yards in Chester, Pa., carries with it a sharp and unanswerable lesson in practical politics.

The murder was perpetrated during a combined attack by police and fire-fighting apparatus against a picket line, in which fire engines rode into the striking workers and streams of water were turned against them at the same time that police swung their clubs over the heads of the strikers.

This massacre of the workers was ordered by John G. Pew, head of the Sun Shipbuilding Yards and a member of the reactionary "American" Liberty League.

Liberty League politics, dominated by Pew, controls the City of Chester.

What if Chester had a Farmer-Labor administration? Then certainly neither the police department nor the fire department would have been used to smash a picket line and escort scabs into the yards!

A Farmer-Labor city administration in Chester would have taken steps to protect the right of the workers to picket. Police under such an administration would rather be used to protect the picketing workers from attack by scab-herding thugs. Firemen would be organized into a union, and cooperate with their striking brothers.

This again points an objective lesson to organized labor: that of the need for independent political action by the working class, of the need for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Woodring Tries to Lull Labor

THE RECENT widespread expose by the Nye Investigating Committee of the war department's mobilization plan caused that department to change its tactics in planning the mobilization of labor during the next war. The original plan openly called for a strict censorship of the press, and also for the universal draft of labor into the wartime army—a draft which would abolish at one blow all of labor's rights of collective bargaining and strike.

Popular resentment against this labor-smashing provision has called for a "new and revised" mobilization plan. This plan, Secretary of War Woodring and his aides declare, does not contain the press censorship and labor draft provisions—yet. Therefore, these officials hope, labor will cooperate to the full with the plan. Industry, they declare, has already signified its willingness to cooperate. Naturally, the large scale employers of labor would.

But this "new and revised" plan is merely a stunt to lull organized labor to sleep. Woodring does not deny that the completed plan will include the drafting of labor. The reason the plan hasn't been "completed" yet is that the War Department hopes to have labor accept it in its present state, then quietly and without publicity complete it later by including this anti-labor provision.

The mobilization plan calls for the setting up of machinery for compulsory arbitration—and in war time the President is given the power to take any action he sees fit—no matter what labor laws are on the statute books.

Labor must not allow itself to be drugged by the War Department's latest maneuver. Opposition to the proposed robbing of labor's elementary rights in wartime must be built up now—before war is declared. The most effective step that can be taken by trade unions now is to adopt resolutions against the proposed mobilization plan, and send copies of them to the Secretary of War and to the President. That—and affiliate with the American League Against War and Fascism.

Sordidness of Modesto Case Shows Need for Labor Party

(By a Striking Sailor)
 A leopard never changes his spots!

As all of us know, more than twenty years ago California—the P. G. & E.—used the perjured testimony of stool pigeon Fred Oxman to railroad the militant labor leader, Tom Mooney, to prison for life.

More labor history was written last week when the striking maritime workers learned that the same role had been played by the provocateur James Scudder, who brazenly boasted that he too had been hired by Standard Oil to swear the lives of the nine Modesto Boys away to prison.

Not only will they continue to strike for better conditions, but this business of framing their leaders must stop. Not only will the campaign to expose these time-worn tactics of the enemy be continued, but they will be enlarged upon.

Since it has been found that not only were the shippers responsible for this conspiracy, but certain state officials assisted them, the unionists will redouble their efforts to expel (Cont. below in next column)

der, who brazenly boasted that he too had been hired by Standard Oil to swear the lives of the nine Modesto Boys away to prison. But while the bosses haven't learned to change their spots, the workers are certainly learning some valuable lessons in their struggles.

This sardonic scheme of the shippers to carry out a series of framed-up charges against militant union leaders will not go unchallenged by the union men.

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YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Workers in Braizing, Welding, Metal Founding, And Galvanizing Get "Metal Fume Fever"

Pittsburg, Calif.

DEAR DOCTOR BISSELL: I am a braizer and I use a Tobin bronze brazing rod. During the past year, I have had four or five attacks of chills and high fever, usually directly after work. Is this connected with my job?

ANSWER—Tobin brass contains copper, zinc, and tin. You have what is termed "metal fume fever," caused by breathing in the zinc fumes at your work.

Workers in the occupations of welding, metal founding, torch metal cutting, and galvanizing are especially liable to get these symptoms. There is evidently no lasting injury to the health, and the longer a worker is in that particular occupation, the less likely he is to get the attacks.



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, and Small Pox Can and Should Be Prevented in Every Child

Alameda, Calif.

DEAR DOCTOR: Is it wise to have a small baby injected to prevent typhoid fever? What other disease can be prevented by injections?

ANSWER—In the large cities, there is very little danger of typhoid fever, as the same water systems supply the wealthy and so they are very careful to see that no typhoid germs get into the water. For this reason, it is better not to subject a small baby to such injections. However, if it is planned to go some place where you are not certain of the water supply, by all means have the child injected.

Very important is that you have the child injected against whooping cough. This dangerous disease causes more deaths in babies under two years of age than diphtheria, measles, and scarlet fever combined, and is much more wide-spread among workers' children because of unhealthy living conditions. These injections should be given as early as six months of age, if possible.

Four months later, the child should be injected against diphtheria, and four months after this he should be vaccinated.

Standings in the Drive to Support Western, Daily and Sunday Worker

BELOW are the standings of the various counties and sections in the drive for the annual sustaining fund of the Western, Daily and Sunday Worker.

"If the county and local committees will really work to make outstanding successes of affairs and other fund-raising means in the immediate future," said Harry Kramer, state manager of the drive, "we can reach our half-way mark as scheduled on January 7th.

"The slowness of the drive in getting under way," said Kramer, "must be offset by an increased effort now. Whenever any activity is planned, the state committee should be notified immediately so that the proper aid can be given through publicity in the Western Worker."

Western and Daily Worker Drive Standing as of Dec. 15, 1936

County	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
Los Angeles	\$5000	\$267.51	5
San Francisco	3000	225.00	7
Alameda	1000	21.00	2
San Diego	400	6.00	1
Sacramento	150	10.00	7
San Mateo	150	.....	0
Santa Clara	150	15.00	10
Sonoma	150	21.15	14
Santa Barbara	125	71.07	57
Contra Costa	100	13.90	14
San Bernardino	100	25.00	25
Monterey	100	.50	1
Fort Bragg	75	17.10	23
Bakersfield	50	.....	0
Merced	50	.....	0
Fresno	50	.....	0
Stockton	50	.85	2
Tulare	50	.....	0
Eureka	50	0
Nevada	25	0
Arizona	25	0
Y. C. L.	100	0
At Large	1050	1.40	0
Fort Bragg	75	17.10	23
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Seven Youth Legislators in Washington State Assembly 3 Parties Are Announced for Press Benefit

OLYMPIA, Wash. (YNS)—Though the annual session of the State Legislature is more than one month away, this capital city of Olympia is already being occupied by some of the youngest legislators ever elected in the State.

The old adage that "children should be seen, but not heard," was cast aside by Washington voters last election day, when seven members of the Youth Section of the powerful Washington Commonwealth Federation were elected to the State Legislature.

The Federation's legislative "children" will be heard from a great deal in the years to come for they constitute the greatest array of progressive sentiment ever assembled in the State's governing bodies.

Average Age 25
Elected were Margaret Coughlin, 24-year-old wife of a King County deputy prosecutor, executive secretary of the W.C.F. Youth Section; "Gus" Hall, vice-president of the M.A. Trades Council, former chairman of the Northwest Youth Congress; "Mike" Smith, outstanding legislator in 1934 and chief exponent of optional military drill; George Gregg, former chairman of the University of Washington student committee; Francis Pearson, member of the executive committee of the Northwest Youth Congress; Lloyd Lindgren, the "baby" legislator of the 1934 session; Edward Henry, King County deputy prosecutor, former secretary to Marion Zioncheck in Congress, early organizer of the W. C. F. Youth Section. The ages of the successful youth candidates average 25.4 years.

The successful candidates are wasting no time. Already there is news of the organization of a youth legislative council, which will lobby for young people's legislation, assist the young legislators, and arrange open hearings. A state youth bill, designed to establish a State Youth Commission, to raise National Youth Administration wages by appropriating state funds, and to institute additional projects, is being drafted. In Seattle a petition drive for 50,000 signatures has been launched.

To Reduce Tuition
Other legislative measures in the process of formation include a bill providing for optional military drill, a bill providing for the reduction of tuition fees

in state schools, and a bill providing for maximum hours and minimum wages in household employment. The latter bill is being drafted in cooperation with the Industrial Girls' Division of the Y.W.C.A.

Although conservative legislators believe that the Democratic landslide was responsible for the success of the young candidates, the truth is that in the primary elections the young people in King County showed their vote-getting ability. Fifteen per cent of the total votes accorded to legislative candidates in the eight King County districts where Youth Section candidates were in the field and about 20 per cent of the legitimate Democratic party vote in these districts were won by the "youngsters." These were remarkable percentages in view of the unusually large number of legislative candidates this year.

HOLLYWOOD—The Hollywood Press Club has planned a New Year's Eve Party with a full program of dancing, entertainment and a delicious southern style chicken dinner, which will be served at midnight.

Dancing to the music of an excellent orchestra will go on all through the evening and until the small hours. Various surprises will feature an extravagant program of unique entertainment.

The Party will be held at the Edith Jane Studios, 1750 No. Highland, Hollywood, to raise funds for the maintenance of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, with the admission price at \$1.25.

Dinner will be served only to those who obtain their tickets prior to the date of the party, but the dancing and entertainment will be open, at a small charge, to all.

Browder Film to Be Shown in Heights

LOS ANGELES.—Given for the benefit of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, a fun and frolic party has been set for Saturday, December 19, under the auspices of the Workers' Press Conference.

Included in the program are radio entertainers, novelty dancers, skits, and the Earl Browder film bringing out highlights of the election campaign. Dancing will follow the entertainment and there will be door prizes, games and plenty of good food.

The affair will be held at 3054 Wabash Ave. and can be reached on the "B" car line.

Part of the proceeds are to go to the striking maritime workers.

Russian Workers' Party in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sponsored by a group of San Francisco Russian workers, a dance and entertainment for the benefit of the Western Worker is scheduled on the evening of January 9 at the Knights of the Red Branch Hall, 1133 Mission St.

The one-act play, "Departure," will be given in Russian. Russian dancers and singers will entertain, and a Russian orchestra will play for dancing.

Among refreshments to be served will be Russian Piroshki. Admission will be 35 cents.

Apple Pickers For C.I.O. Campaign

WATSONVILLE.—The interest of agricultural workers in industrial organization is shown in a resolution adopted by the Apple Workers Union, affiliated with the Fruit and Vegetable Workers.

Condemning the suspension of the Committee for Industrial Organization unions and calling for their reinstatement, the union declares that "the plans of the CIO to organize auto, steel and rubber workers into industrial unions have already shown this to be the correct method of organizing this huge body of unorganized workers."

East Bay Frogs In Training For Big Jump

ANGEL CAMP, Calaveras County, Calif.—Every Spring the Mayor of this little city hires a brass band. The Mayor and the brass band go to the edge of the city to welcome—a frog! The winning frog of last year's Angel Camp Frog Jump.

No less than 25,000 people came out from the Bay Region to see the Frog Rodeo last spring. Angel Camp is 160 miles from the Golden Gate.

Today the Mayor of Angel Camp is studying the frog situation—a little earlier than in any previous year. It seems that some class-conscious frogs in the Eastbay have got the jump on him.

These frogs are now in training for a Frog Rodeo to be held in Berkeley at Comrades Hall, 1819 10th St., on New York's Eve.

And—believe it or not—these members of the Croakers and Hoppers International are offering all of their earnings to the Western Worker Drive!

No wonder the Mayor has to pull his chin-wiskers and smoke a long time on his old corn cob pipe! Even frogs are changing their ways! Earning money for the Western Worker! Putting on a Froglympics for the benefit of the working class! More hops to them!

STUDENT STRIKE

REDLANDS.—About 350 students at Redlands High School went on strike over refusal to allow the boys' basketball team to use the girls' gymnasium. The students held a parade in downtown streets.

Strikers Will Hear Lecture on Sex at Recreation Center

SAN FRANCISCO.—Union Recreation Center will present a lecture on "Health and Sex Problems of the Workers," by Dr. Vera Goldmann, physician and prominent lecturer, on Wednesday, December 23rd. The Center is located at 32 Clay St., and is now being operated by the San Francisco Joint Maritime Strike Committee.

"For a long time," says the "Center News," in announcing the lecture, "people have been held in the dark about the causes and cure of social diseases and blunders which, with proper knowledge and education, could have been easily averted. These things and many others more intimate will be unfolded quite thoroughly and frankly by Dr. Goldmann. After the lecture time will be allotted for questions."

A class in parliamentary law is being held every Friday night, 7:30 p.m., at the Center. Under the direction of Edmond Baudreau, instructor for the adult education program of the W.P.A. The class began December 11. Union men may register on the bulletin board.

I.L.D. Dance to Aid Political Prisoners

SAN FRANCISCO.—Beginning its drive for Christmas relief for labor and political prisoners, the International Labor Defense will hold a dance Saturday night, December 19, at 8 p.m. at 1254 Market St. A union orchestra will furnish music.

Subscribe to the Western Worker.

Voices of Labor Social Security Act Inadequate

San Francisco, Dec. 13.

Editor: I am not a subscriber to the Western Worker, because I am afraid of trouble, but always buy it on the stands. I have not seen anything about the Social Security Act which is taking effect Jan. 1, 1937. To me it looks like Uncle Sam is picking the workers' pockets.

It is impossible that the boss pays. He takes the amount out of wages one way or another.

—A. F.

Ed. Note: The criticism against the Social Security Act and the Unemployment Reserves bill which gives it effect in California is first of all it is inadequate. Secondly, it levies the cost on workers as well as employers. Labor leaders at the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor spoke in favor of putting the entire cost on the employers.

The positive feature of the bill, however, is that it does recognize the principle of social security and that in consequence it gives a real basis for the fight to improve it.

The Communist Party favors the amendment of the bill to embody in it the provisions of the Frazier-Lundeen Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill. This would mean extending it to take in the agricultural workers and farmers who are not included in the Social Security Act, putting all the cost on wealthy corporations and large income tax with its administration under the department of labor, and giving compensation for unemployment at prevailing trade union rates, in no case to be less than \$10 a week for single unemployed.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

ATTORNEY HERMAN PHLERGER is the latest trained seal whom the shipowners have procured to balance the brightly colored ball of public opinion on his nose.

Phleger found the present situation on the waterfront very difficult to argue from the employers' standpoint. Apparently, he found it impossible; because in his broadcast over Station KPO, Wednesday night, December 9th, he discarded the situation completely and invented one of his own.

The situation as he presented it made the maritime workers look like pretty unreasonable fellows. Of course, no such situation existed; nevertheless, it made the maritime workers look like unreasonable fellows, and that was all Attorney Phleger was paid to do.

According to Phleger, the longshoremen have been receiving very good wages since the 1934 strike. That much is true. They haven't been receiving a penny more than they deserve, but nevertheless, it is only fair to agree that their wages have been good during this period.

The rest of Phleger's argument is based on sheer imagination. He made it all up himself out of his own head.

He declared that now the longshoremen want still HIGHER wages and that when the employers refused to grant these still HIGHER wages, the longshoremen walked out on strike.

He further said, that the employers begged them to come back to work on the proposition that the question of HIGHER wages should be submitted to arbitration; and that the longshoremen refused to arbitrate.

To the uninformed public ear, this might sound like a very serious indictment of the longshoremen. That is exactly why Phleger invented it.

The fact of the matter is, however, the longshoremen are NOT striking for higher wages. They are not striking for anything new. All that the longshoremen are striking for is continuation of the union hiring hall system which has been in effect since the 1934 strike, and continuation of the six-hour day, which they have also enjoyed for almost two years and which was granted to them by previous arbitration.

Apparently the employers believe that if any issue is submitted to arbitration a sufficient number of times, sooner or later, by the law of averages, it will be decided in their favor. Their motto seems to be: If at first you don't get what you want through arbitration—arbitrate, arbitrate again.

What actually happened was, the employers demanded that the longshoremen relinquish control of the hiring hall and increase hours from six to eight. When the longshoremen refused to submit these issues, which have already been arbitrated, to still further arbitration, the employers summarily locked them out, shut down operations, and said that they would remain shut down until the longshoremen gave in.

Of course, the other maritime unions have issues too, and all of the unions are standing firmly together. One will not return to work until justice has been established for all. The other unions want to retain their hiring halls the same as the longshoremen.

There are only two demands in the whole strike which call for new concessions. The Cooks and Stewards are asking for the eight-hour day, and the Seamen in all departments are asking for cash payment for overtime instead of payment in time off.

The eight-hour day is supposed to be universally established throughout American industry. It cost American labor long, bitter years of bloodshed and suffering at the hands of capital to win the eight hour day. Its achievement is regarded as a milestone in the progress of civilization and enlightenment. Do you think such a principle can be arbitrated today?

The argument for cash payment for overtime is that seamen are required to put in their overtime in ports where their time is valuable to them, and are given time off in return in ports where the time is worthless to them. I wouldn't arbitrate such an issue and neither would you.

What more bone-crushing argument could you propound against the shipowners than that they will hire a man like Phleger to make a radio address like that?

HOLLYWOOD RESUME: Zaharoff is Ticklish Problem With Film Company

HOLLYWOOD—Warners' projected picture on the late Sir Basil Zaharoff, international munitions king, involves so much skulduggery that diplomatic toes may be trod on and selling difficulties thus arise abroad. The State Department has been called in for advice. Also there is talk of getting Lloyd George to Hollywood as technical adviser, at a high salary, so he won't squawk. He's mixed up in Zaharoff's deals and might make trouble otherwise.

There was a famine of news-reel material in the U. S. that could pass muster as bearing on the Windsor-Simpson affair, when the situation reached its climax. Fox Movietone dug up some 9-months-old vacationing scenes.

Gaumont-British, 20th Century Fox and Metro are still dicker-ing for a merger. James Cagney has completed "Great Guy."

A pedestrian who was filmed in a crowd outside 15 Maiden Lane, New York, in the picture of that name, is suing 20th Century-Fox for \$50,000 because the film was done without his permission and without proper compensation.

Shakespeare has been weighed in the balance at Hollywood and found wanting. Box office returns on "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet" and "As You Like It" (the latter British-made) have been disap-

pointing. So the bard is at liberty. The industry finds more can be done with Mickey Mouse.

Warners bring out "Black Legion" Jan. 20. They will concentrate even more in future on productions inspired by the headlines. Eddie Cantor will star in "Saratoga Chips," introduced play by Damon Runyon and Irving Caesar.

Will H. Hays is back from Italy, where he tried to negotiate peace for the American film industry with Il Duce. He says Americans will be allowed to export about \$1,200,000 a year of film revues from Italy hereafter, but how it will be divided among competing picture concerns remains a mystery.

Francis Safta, Hungarian sabre and pistol artist who fights duels by the dozen, is getting little publicity in U. S. newsreels for his efforts on behalf of his wife's

State Conference Gives Guidance to the Fight Against Fascism and War

An outline to guide the organization of struggle against War and Fascism is, in effect, the main resolution passed by the California State Conference Against War and Fascism held Dec. 12 and 13 in the Building Trades Temple in San Francisco. Delegates at the conference numbered 227, of which 83 were delegates from 50 different AFL bodies. Six more were fraternal delegates from four AFL locals and 22 were representatives of 14 different independent unions. Called by L.A.W.F. The conference was called by

the American League Against War and Fascism. The main resolution reads as follows: Whereas: Today humanity is menaced with the ominous threat of another world war which would bring far more destruction and suffering than the last, reaching far behind the front-line trenches and into the homes of every man, woman and child; and Whereas: the chief source of this menace of war comes from the adventurist policies of the fascist powers, Germany, Italy and Japan, which have: 1. Openly violated every treaty and international obligation and set into motion a gigantic rearmament program to back up their policy of aggression; 2. Violated the sovereignty of other nations, as in China and Ethiopia; 3. Openly aided the fascist rebels who rose against the legally constituted government of Spain, in defiance of the so-called "non-intervention pact"; 4. Aimed at the destruction of democratic institutions and government, to be replaced by

ruthless fascist or military dictatorships such as exist in their own borders; The Fascist Alliance 5. Formed a military alliance through a German-Japanese pact, to be followed by an Italian-Japanese pact, ostensibly against Communism, but in actual fact and so recognized throughout the world, a war pact aimed not only against the Soviet Union but also against France and smaller nations whose independence is threatened, and which threatens to involve the entire world; and Whereas: the danger of another world conflict can only be averted by the collective action of those forces throughout the world that stand for democracy and peace, as against fascism and war, and America can be a powerful factor in that direction by adopting an active policy of collaborating with those nations that stand for peace; and "Neutrality" not Neutral Whereas: the American government while pursuing its isolationist policy of "neutrality" appropriated about one billion dollars in the 1937-38 budget for

war preparations, under the influence of powerful reactionary forces in our country that would have the United States side with Hitler and Mussolini, and did not prevent the shipment of war materials to aggressor nations; therefore be it Resolved, That we greet the declarations of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull, at the Inter-American Peace Conference, as a partial step forward from the policy of isolation to one of more active collaboration with other nations for democracy and peace against the fascist aggressor powers; and we especially welcome the declaration of Secretary Hull calling for the organization of a mass peoples movement, as the most powerful factor in the struggle for peace; and be it further Resolved, That we call upon the American Government to put these declarations into effect by active collaboration with the Soviet Union, France and the other nations that are mutually endangered from the threat of fascist aggression, and by joining with them in putting its weight

GIVE BACKGROUND TO ARREST OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK, GROWTH OF ANTI-JAPANESE MOVEMENT

Marshall Chang's "Anti-Communist Army" Has Not Fought Chinese Red Army For the Past Two Years

SIAN-FU, China—Officially, the army of Marshall Chang Hsueh-Liang, who captured Dictator Chiang Kai Shek, has been known as the "northwest frontier anti-Communist army."

Actually, Chang Hsueh-Liang has not led his troops against the Red Army of Soviet China for the past two years!

Chang, who had fought against the Chinese Red Army, was persuaded to his present position of demanding stopping of the National Nanking Government's anti-Communist campaign and of calling for a united China against Japanese imperialism, by Yang Fu-Shing.

Turned Progressive
Yang was governor of Honan Province during the fifth and sixth drives against the Soviet people (there have been seven drives in all—all failures), and was also a "red-baiter," but became convinced that a united China, including the Soviets and the Chinese Communist Party, was necessary to resist and defeat Japanese aggression. He thereupon convinced Chang Hsueh-Liang.

Chiang Kai-Shek had repeatedly demanded that Chang bring his soldiers to Fukien and Kiangsi. When the fighting broke out recently on a minor scale between Chinese and Japanese-led Manchukuan in Suiyuan province, Chang thought he had built up enough prestige so that he could come here to Sian-Fu, capital of Shensi Province, and persuade Chang's soldiers to go where he wanted them to—to a place that would not interfere with Japanese aggression in North China and Mongolia.

New Demands
Marshall Chang was reported to have changed his demands on Chinese leaders of the Nationalist Government to the following:

The assignment of certain provinces to Chang and his followers as a new homeland, and increased pay for the soldiers from the national treasury; no discrimination against Chang or any of his followers because of their present rebellion and the kidnaping of Chiang Kai-Shek; immediate cessation of the central government's campaign against the Chinese Red Army in Kansu Province and elsewhere; a stronger anti-Japanese program by the central government.

Chang's previous demands had been much stronger, also including the immediate uniting of all China behind a war against Japanese imperialism in China. However, the Marshal did not back down on the question of stopping the Nanking government's campaign against Soviet China.

SIT-DOWN STRIKERS WIN
DETROIT.—United Automobile Workers of America won agreement for a 75 cents minimum hourly wage for all workers following two sit-down strikes at Kesley Hayes Wheel Company's two plants.

JAPANESE UNIONIST
TOKYO.—Satoshi Kobuta, official of the National Council of Japanese Labor Unions (Zenryo), was arrested on a charge of distributing "Communist" literature among seamen.

Mexico Labor Will Fight Asylum For Workers' Enemy

(Mexican Labor News.)
MEXICO CITY.—The Confederation of Mexican Workers (C.T.M.) has announced that it will oppose any action by the Mexican government in granting asylum to Leon Trotsky, when the latter is expelled from Norway.

The C.T.M. declared that the activities of Trotsky in recent years have definitely aligned him in the camp of the counter-revolution and have even laid him open to the charge of being in sympathy with the German Nazis. Under the circumstances, the C.T.M. stated, his presence in Mexico would give rise to new divisions in the working class and would create problems harmful to the labor movement.

Shippers Back L.A. Scabby Outfit

LOS ANGELES.—In what is believed to be a move backed by shipping interests to organize non-union maritime employees for the purpose of creating confusion in the workers ranks has been revealed here.

The non-union group consists of freight solicitors, clerks and contracting agents, who have been thrown out of work by the strike.

IRISH FREE STATE ACTS FOR FREEDOM

Abdication of British King Edward Bears First Fruit

DUBLIN.—First fruit of King Edward's abdication and the "Wally" scandal which shook the British Empire in its worst crisis since the World War, was seen here when the Irish Free State eliminated the King's influence in domestic affairs and became practically a republic.

The Daily Eireann (Parliament) passed, 79 to 54, an amendment to the constitution recognizing the British crown only as an influence in the Free State's foreign relations.

The bills hamstringing the King's influence were introduced by President Eamon de Valera, who stated that Britain was not going to be allowed to interfere in the Free State's internal affairs.

The weakening of the British Empire can be seen in these words by De Valera, words which alone would have brought British troops to Ireland 10 or 15 years ago.

The London Daily Worker, organ of the British Communist Party, commented on King Edward's abdication, as follows:

"The abdication of King Edward VIII expresses the success of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin's maneuver to replace an unsuitable royal figurehead by a more pliant tool. . . .

"The real aim of the reactionary forces associated with Baldwin is to strengthen the monarchy as an instrument of class rule and reaction against democracy and the working class. . . .

"The Communist Party's campaign for an independent labor fight against both the King and Baldwin was widely supported by the rank-and-file of the labor movement and by the parliamentary representatives of the Labor Party. The Communist Party is now leading the fight for republicanism in the Labor movement, for separation from Baldwin, for an alliance of united labor to fight for the real needs of the masses, democracy and peace."

Not a Real Peace-Maker



CARLOS SAAAVEDRA LAMAS, Argentina's foreign minister, is one of the delegates at the Inter-American Peace Conference in Buenos Aires, and recently was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, but the Argentine government has repeatedly made overtures to the Spanish Fascists, who launched a rebellion and invasion against the legal, democratic government of Spain.

ROLE OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE'S FRONT

By M. ERCOLI (Final Installment.)

Guided by these principles of Leninism, the Communist Party of Spain has carried on the struggle not only to bring about united action by the working class, but also for a broad anti-Fascist People's Front, which represents the peculiar form of the development of the Spanish Revolution at the present stage.

Groups in People's Front
This front embraces the working class and its organizations, namely, the Communist and Socialist Parties, the General Workers' Union, the Syndicalist Organization of Pestana; it is supported now by the Anarchist National Confederation of Labor; further, it covers the middle class in the shape of the Republican Party of Azana, and the Catalanian Party of Escer; it includes groups of capitalists represented by the party of Martinez Barrio—the "Republican League," by the Basque nationalists; it is supported, apart from the Catalanian "Rabassaires" organization, by millions of Spanish peasants who have no party of their own, but who hate Fascism and are hungering for land.

Differs From French Popular Front
The Spanish anti-Fascist People's Front, as a specific form of the unification of various classes in face of the Fascist danger, differs for instance from the French People's Front.

The Spanish People's Front is operating and carrying on the struggle in circumstances of a revolution, which is solving its capitalist-democratic tasks in a consistent democratic way, in circumstances of a civil war which is demanding exceptional measures so as to ensure victory for the people.

In the same way it does not explain the real character of the Spanish People's Front to define it simply as the "democratic dictatorship of the workers and peasantry."

Govt. Goes Further
Finally, the People's Front in Spain bases itself not only on the workers and peasants, but on a wider social basis. Secondly, under the pressure of the civil war, it is adopting a series of measures which go somewhat further than the program of a government of "revolutionary democratic dictatorship."

And at the same time the peculiarity of the Spanish People's Front consists in the fact that the split in the ranks of the working class, the relatively slow pace at which the masses of the peasantry are being drawn into the armed struggle, the influence of middle class an-

archism and of social democratic illusions which have not yet been outlived, and expressed in the striving to leap over the stage of the capitalist-democratic revolution, are creating a series of additional difficulties in the struggle of the Spanish people for a democratic republic.

Born in Civil War
The democratic republic which is being established in Spain is not like a capitalist-democratic republic of the usual type. It is being born in a civil war, in which the leading role is being played by the working class, in a situation where Socialism has been victorious in over one-sixth of the earth's surface, while in a number of capitalist countries conservative capitalist democracy has already been destroyed by Fascism.

A distinctive feature of this new type of democratic republic is the fact that Fascism, which has taken up the struggle against the people, is being suppressed by the armed might of the people, and that there will be no place for this chief bloody enemy of the people in this republic.

Should the people be victorious, Fascism will never be able to enjoy such liberty, for instance, as in France, the U. S. A., or England, where it makes use of capital democracy and the rights provided by it, to destroy democracy and establish a regime of arbitrary rule.

Dispossessing Fascists
Secondly, the material basis of Fascism will be smashed in its republic. Now already all and enterprises belonging to those participating in the Fascist revolt have been confiscated and handed over to the Spanish people.

Now already, in conformity with the military situation, the Spanish government has been compelled to establish control and the regulation of the economic apparatus in the interests of the defense of the republic. And the more stubbornly the insurgents carry on the war against the lawful government, the further will the Spanish government be compelled to go along the road of strictly regulating the whole economic life of the country.

Toward Future Conquests by Workers
Thirdly, should the people be victorious, this new democracy cannot but be alien to all conservatism; it possesses all the requisites for its further development; it provides guarantees for further economic and political conquests by the working people of Spain.

And it is precisely for this reason that all the forces of

world reaction desire the defeat of the Spanish people.

German and Italian Fascism not only organized the revolt of the Spanish generals, but are now giving wholehearted support to the insurgents, and are striving to bring about the defeat of the republic. All the parties of extreme reaction and war in all capitalist countries are sympathetic to the insurgents and are ready to support them.

Fighting World Fascism
Thus the fighting people of Spain are faced not only by the insurgent generals, but also by the front of world reaction.

Concluding Article By C.I. Leader
This article concludes a series of six on the Spanish Revolution by M. Ercoli, member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

For additional reading, see "The Communist," or the new book, "Spain in Revolt," by Harry Gannes and Theodore Repard. The latter is being given free with every yearly subscription or renewal of the Western Worker (see advertisement on this page). This literature can be bought at any worker's bookshop, or write International Bookshop, 170 Golden Gate, San Francisco.

Hence the difficulties against which the Spanish people are coming up in suppressing the revolt. These difficulties are being further increased by the fact that there are parties in the capitalist countries, but which in fact under the mask of "neutrality" are supporting the Fascist intervention. This second camp, which covers, for instance, the British conservatives and the French Right radicals, is in essence allied with world reaction. This camp has, in fact, the support of certain reactionary social-democratic leaders as well.

Camp of Democracy
Finally, the opposite camp, namely, the camp of the working class, the camp of democracy. The foundation of this camp is the international working class, with all its sympathies on the side of the Spanish people. This camp includes all honest anti-Fascists, all true democrats, all those who understand that if the Spanish Republic is allowed to be crushed, then this means allowing a blow to be dealt at the entire international anti-Fascist front, and encouraging Fascism to make further attacks on

the working class and democracy.

Fascism is playing with fire. It is setting the war-machine in motion not only against a people of distant Africa, but is attacking one of the peoples of Europe. It cannot now cover up its bandit actions by cries about Versailles; it is not Versailles that it is tearing up, but the liberty and independence of the Spanish people, and is letting loose against itself a new wave of hatred among the toiling people.

Fascism is thereby preparing for a new advance of the anti-Fascist wave throughout the whole world. When German Fascism came to power in Germany, it also counted on intimidating the peoples by the Leipzig trial. It achieved the opposite results. The wild frenzy of Fascism in Germany assisted in the formation of the People's Front in France and Spain, and let loose the movement for the People's Front throughout the world.

Nazi and Italian Imperialism
But the Italian and German Fascists are pursuing imperialist and aggressive aims as well. They want to crush the Spanish Revolution so as to seize part of the colonies of Spain, to occupy part of its territory and to transform it into a base for the preparation of their further onslaughts on the people. The insurgent generals are agents of foreign imperialism, which is threatening the independence and integrity of the country.

In 1919, in connection with a reference to the Brest Treaty, Lenin said: "The difficulty in the situation with us was that we had to bring Soviet Power into being against patriotism." The struggle of the people against the insurgent Fascist generals in Spain bears the character of a national struggle in defense of the country against foreign enslavement, and this still further extends the basis of the revolution. The People's Front is not only continuing the revolutionary traditions of the Spanish people, but also continues the glorious traditions of the struggle carried on by the people of Spain to rid the country of foreign oppression and barbarism.

C. P. Policy Proved Correct
Thus, we are faced in Spain with a situation where in the fire of revolutionary struggle confirmation is being provided of the historic correctness of the political line outlined by the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International. It is being confirmed not only by the scope of the anti-Fascist struggle which has developed in Spain,

but also by the part being played in this struggle by the young Communist Party of Spain. At the Seventh Congress, Comrade Dimitroff said:

"We want the Communists of each country promptly to draw and apply all the lessons that can be drawn from their own experience as to the revolutionary vanguard of the working class. We want them as quickly as possible to learn how to sail on the turbulent waters of the class struggle, and not to remain on the shore as observers and registrars of the surging waves in the expectation of fine weather."

In the turbulent waters of the class struggle, the Communist Party of Spain is being transformed into the stalwart helmsman of the fate of its people.

Communists Lead
With every day that passes it is winning authority among the masses by its selfless devotion to the cause of the revolution, by its high adherence to principle, by its steadfastness at the front and in the rear, by the discipline of its commanders and fighters, and by its profound conviction of the correctness of the path outlined.

Organizer and inspirer of the People's Front, the Party is fighting, fully conscious of its historic responsibility, for the final victory of the People's Front over Fascism.

Fascist Italy Plans New Robber War In Africa, Says Professor

SAN FRANCISCO.—Fascist Italy is preparing for new robber wars, Professor Howard H. Martin, of the University of Washington geographic department, told the Commonwealth Club here last week.

"French armed forces in North Africa are busily preparing to meet Italy's next step—moving into Algeria and Tunisia," he said. "All Europe believes Italy's grabbing of Ethiopia is only her first move in Africa. She needs wheat, mineral resources and colonizing space, and Ethiopia can supply only a small part of these.

"Mussolini thinks the Mediterranean is essentially Italian property, anyway."

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Francis Hensen, formerly of the League of Nations' Commission for Refugees, told of his experience with Fascist terrorism in Germany, and Lionel Stander, film actor, delivered a monologue entitled "The Third Bishop of Munster," portraying a clergyman forced to a militant stand by Nazi persecution.

J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, who was scheduled to speak on Nazi activities in Los Angeles, failed to appear.

MEXICO PLAN FOR PEACE IN ALL AMERICAS

Inter-American Court of Justice Set-Up is Proposed

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.—Mexico proposed an Inter-American Court of Justice and arms embargoes against aggressors in the Western Hemisphere at the Inter-American Peace Conference meeting here.

The proposal differed from a previously submitted plan in that it would prohibit export of all war materials to aggressor nations.

Set-Up for Peace
Mexico's plan would coordinate and perfect existing peace treaties into a single document and create the Inter-American Court to settle disputes. The document would guarantee non-recognition of territory acquired by coercion, prohibit armed forces to collect public debts, and create a series of multilateral reciprocal trade agreements giving Western Hemisphere nations trade preference over Europe and Asia.

No Finances for Aggressors
The arms embargo clause would prohibit export to any aggressor any war armaments or war materials, including petroleum, coal and steel, and prohibits granting of financial credits to any aggressor.

The Inter-American Court would be composed of one member from each Western nation, including Canada.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

In the last issue, this column touched upon the record of Seattle's Mayor Dore in the past, as compared with his present stand for labor. Here's some dope on Dore.

You remember Dore bragging at the maritime mass meeting that Seattle was 95 percent organized?

Well, when he was first elected mayor of Seattle back in 1932, he showed he was lined up with the Chamber of Commerce by saying: "No union man will be employed by the city if I have my way."

The result was Mr. Dore was defeated in 1934, and only won re-election this year, when he put on a "labor face."

In his first term, Dore cut his own salary in half—he could afford to, because he had been a criminal lawyer with a reputed income of 50,000 a year. But he used this as an excuse to cut the wages of all city employees—which they could not afford to accept. These employees are still suing for—and winning—their back pay.

Keep a Tight Rein . . . In interviewing a United Mine Workers official who knew Dore, I remarked that it was okay for labor to accept Dore's support at the present, as long as he goes down the line for labor, but not to trust him behind your back.

"Well," said the U.M.W.A. official, "it's like feeding a rope into a machine. If you let the rope get too slack, it will snap."

The "News-Week" magazine refers to Dore as "Seattle's chameleon." What Seattle labor needs is a mayor who will be true-blue to labor, a man from labor's ranks. And the same thing is true for all labor in regard to all governmental offices. And the way to get true-blue labor men in office, men who won't change their colors like chameleons, is to set up a real Farmer-Labor Party throughout the U.S.A.

L.A. Mayor Also Chameleon . . .

Mayor Shaw, the little pip-squeak for the L.A. Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn., is also doing a chameleon act; according to reports, he has changed registration from Republican to Democratic in preparation for the municipal elections next April and May.

The reason is that Republicans are in bad odor in Los Angeles, and so is Mayor Shaw. Shaw thinks he can perfume himself with a Democratic registration so he can get re-elected.

Go out to the zoo and ask the keeper if a barrel of the most expensive perfume in the world would do a skunk any good, and you'll have the answer to whether Mayor Shaw can rid himself of his foul, anti-labor, anti-democratic record.

Faced with reactionary officials up and down the line, the Alameda County Central Labor Council has come out for independent political action with a labor slate in the Oakland municipal elections. It's up to the Los Angeles Central Labor Council to do the same thing, to deodorize the city of Mayor Shaw and his gang.

The Shaw Machine . . .

An idea of how Mayor Shaw and his political machine—financed by L.A. bankers and industrialists—functions can be gotten from the following report.

"The reactionary political machine here December 7th successfully maneuvered one of its oiler cogs into a \$6000-a-year job on the Board of Public Works."

"Culminating weeks of intensive campaigning and wire-pulling, James 'Call Me Jimmy' Bolger, foxy secretary of Police Chief Davis and henchman of Mayor Shaw's city hall gang, was elected into the new birth from his \$3600-a-year job in Davis' office when the City Council ratified his appointment, which was made by Mayor Shaw last spring."

"Councilman Parley Parker Christensen made the only talk against the appointment when he said that he wished Bolger would take the floor to explain to the council just what he ever did as Chief Davis' secretary."

"I am told his service has mostly been political," he said. "How much pressure had been exerted on the councilmen can be gleaned from the fact that Christensen's two fellow Epics, Will Kindig and G. Vernon Bennett, both voted to the appointment."

And Shaw thinks Democratic perfume will deodorize himself!

San Pedro

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WITH THE URC SPORTS TEAMS LAST WEEK-END

Baseballers Tie and Win Forfeit While Soccerites Lose

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—In Union Recreation Center sports last week-end, the Class A baseball team No. 1 tied, and the Class C, No. 2 team, won on a forfeit, while the soccer team lost.

URC, 6; Munny RR Club, 6 Last Sunday, December 13th, 10 a.m., at Seals' Stadium, the URC Class A nine were tied by the Munny Railway Club in a hard fought game that was URC's until the ninth inning, 5-3.

Some of the URC boys got too confident and, intentionally or not, made errors to let themselves get tied. Risso, URC pitcher, struck out 13 men. Risso and Meade made two runs each.

Munny Club collected 10 hits, URC eight hits. According to the Chronicle newspaper, of the three games that were played in the Seals' Stadium, the URC vs. Munny RR tilt was the best.

The URC team has five more games to go in the Winter League, and if they win all of them, they will take second place.

URC vs. Regal Park Tailors

This was supposed to be played at Ocean View Park at 10 a.m., but the Regal team dropped out of the League a couple of weeks ago, due to something or other, so the second team took the game on a forfeit—no hits, no runs, no errors.

Next Sunday, December 20th, the game will be at the Ocean View Park, 2 p.m. This is the last game of the Winter League for Class C, and incidentally the hardest for the URC team. The Visitation Valley Club, URC's last opponent, hasn't lost a game. They are a Class A team, and what they are doing in the lower Class C is not known, unless they want to be absolutely sure of finishing first.

If at any time the URC No. 2 team wanted to beat any club, this is the club, and if the boys do what they can do, the Visitation Valley Club will be dumped. Hope they'll do it. Come and see it.

URC Soccer Club, 1; Hijacks, 2 Due to shortage of players and other bad luck, the URC eleven lost to the weaker opposing eleven.

According to Bill Bogdanoff, the hard-working organizer and manager, who put the URC soccer team on the map, this game should have by all means been URC's because of their ability, but hard luck is hard luck.

The games are played at the Golden Gate Beach fields—no game next Sunday.

URC Soft-Ball Team Started

The URC has started a softball team that seems to be all right. They played last Saturday, December 12th, and had a merry-go-round around the slow Millinery Union. Club—score, URC, 21; Millinery Union, 7.

The URC will play every afternoon at Jim Rolfe's Park at Army and Potrero Sts. Anybody that has a waterfront union card can come and try out. If necessary, more teams will be formed to take in more players.

War Veteran Sees New Hearst Tie-Up With Roosevelt

By a Worker Correspondent.

ROSEBURG, Ore.—I am a World War vet., and one of the 24,600 neuropsychiatrics that inhabit Uncle Sam's Veterans' Facility.

The election is over, one of the capitalist parties is victorious, things begin to happen. Dirty Willie Hearst grabs a telephone on election night and calls up Hyde Park, no doubt to sing "Happy Days Are Here Again."

One of Willie's sheets, the Seattle P.-I., that blasted F. D. R., will reopen with Editor John Boettiger, the President's son-in-law. The President's son Elliott is the head of William's radio stations.

Miss Ethel DuPont, whose family opposed her future father-in-law, will wed Franklin Roosevelt Jr. The DuPonts manufacture implements of wholesale slaughter.

Harper Sibley, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, called on the President and asserted that his organization had never been in politics. Colby M. Chester, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, promises cooperation and puts the lid on criticism of the New Deal at the annual convention of the association.

Regardless of all the smoke in

Member of Alaska Cannery Union Denies Charges

Editor, Western Worker:—

Referring to a recent article in the Western Worker written by an Alaska cannery, "Alaska Cannery Worker in Attack Against Two Members of His Union as Anti-Union," mention is made in the article about myself, accusing me of "dirty discrimination" against any race other than the Spanish American.

I wish to state right here and now that I very much resent such a statement on part of the writer, who perhaps is not so well posted on the initial negotiations that brought about the formation of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union.

Denies Being In "Clique"

Furthermore, I consider it as damaging to my character and my reputation. The writer refers to me in the article as one of "Feliciano's clique." On the contrary I am and always have been

Editorial Note

This letter is printed to give both sides of this situation in the Alaska Cannery Workers Union. However, we are confident that the union member who wrote the story to which this member objects, had his facts correct. The previous story was also okayed by another member of the union. We invite these two members or any member of the union to reply to this letter.—Ed.

a man of my own ideas and have never discriminated between any races regardless of nationality, color, creed, or political affiliation.

Right from the beginning I gave my whole hearted co-operation to the formation of the now successful A.C.W.U. At one of the earlier meetings in the Seals' Hall on Clay St., Brother Woolf was elected president and I was elected general organizer. After that I began to inscribe the names of all applicants without discrimination as to race or origin, the only restriction being to register only those who had been to Alaska in other seasons previous. This understanding was arrived at between the fish companies' officials and the A.C.W.U. Later at another meeting a 25 percent of new applicants was approved and then began to enroll applicants regardless of race, color, creed or previous Alaska record.

Says He Gives Best Efforts

As one of the men who took the initial steps in the formation of the A.C.W.U., I have at all times put forth my best efforts and given all of my time disinterestedly for the benefit and to the interests of the "rank and file" in any organized movement, and continue to do so to this date.

Furthermore, I consider the accusation of "discrimination" as unjust, without any foundation whatever and uncalled for, probably arising through misinformation carried about by a certain disgruntled group who were not able to attain their aims.

I will appreciate it greatly if you corrected these statements through your columns or if you referred the matter to the writer of such defaming accusations.

Very truly yours, Domingo Fajardo.

political battles, the capitalists are class-conscious.

Farmer-Labor Party Needed What does all of this signify? It means that the time is now, to form a strong United Front for 1940 to oppose the capitalists.

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AGRICULTURAL WORKER WINS WEEKLY PRIZE

His Story Wins Book On Spain; Send In YOUR Story

An agricultural worker wins the latest prize for the best workers' correspondence story, printed in the last issue of the Western Worker.

And the prize is "Spain in Revolt," the newly published book by Harry Gannes and Theodore Repard. R.L.D., of the Stockton Agricultural Workers Union, is the winner—if he will send in his address, the book will be forwarded to him immediately.

More Prizes

R.L.D. will find "Spain in Revolt" very interesting, for agricultural conditions in Spain were very similar to those in California. Two million agricultural workers toiled in Spain, with three million small farmers in addition, before the Fascists launched their murderous revolt against the government.

"Spain in Revolt" is also being given as the prize for the best story in this and the next issues. For the following two issues, the prize will be "History of the American Working Class," by Anthony Binna.

Write YOUR Story

These are books you want to read and own, so get in the swim with a story from your factory, your union, your picket line, your farming area, or your neighborhood.

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L.A. County Spurs Funds Drive to Help Spain

SAN FRANCISCO.—Los Angeles County last week raised \$50.95 for the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism, bringing the total raised by the Communist Party of California to \$1390.27. All funds are immediately forwarded to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Recent contributions are: Previously acknowledged, \$107.32; Dr. X, \$2; Santa Barbara, \$20; Dombey Bryans, \$10; Los Angeles County, \$50.95; total—\$1390.27.

WPA SIT-DOWN STRIKE

CHICAGO.—Almost 40 WPA employees are spending day and night in a sit-down protest against mass layoffs, in an inner office of WPA headquarters here.

BAKERS' SIT-DOWN STRIKE

DETROIT.—At Gordon bakery, 300 sit-down strikers hurled back loaves of bread in answer to teargas bombs thrown at them by deputies, who got the worst of it. They left the bakery when the company agreed to keep the plant closed until the strike is over.

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Daddy Gets a Visit, and Wins a Strike



DUSTY BENCHES and cold concrete floors served as resting places for Midland Steel sit-down strikers in Detroit. Strikers emerged victorious after eight days inside the plant. A striker's child pays him a visit.

Professional Workers on WPA Join Up With Workers' Alliance to Fight Against Job Reduction

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—Keenly enthusiastic throughout the meeting, over 600 people massed in Oakland Auditorium Theater in order to pledge solidarity with the W.P.A. Union of Professional Workers, affiliating with the Workers' Alliance.

Representing the American Federation of Government Employees, Ben Legere registered the sentiment of the assembly when he posed the question: "Who won—Roosevelt or Landon?" Post-election developments he stated, point to a reactionary trend.

An emphatic call on organized labor for independent political action was made by the "best fighter for C.I.O. in the Alameda Central Labor Council," John Walters, Typographical Union.

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HOOLIGANISM BY SCABS CAN INTIMIDATE UPHOLSTERERS PICKETS AT INGLEWOOD SHOP

Pickets Accept Challenge of Large Group of Scabs, Who Thereupon Show Big Yellow Streak and Retreat

By a Worker Correspondent

INGLEWOOD—The strike against Kroehler Manufacturing Company of Inglewood has been in progress for over 10 weeks. During this time picketing has been conducted on peaceful terms; a picket line has been maintained daily since the strike began.

A few days ago some scabs got on top of the building and annoyed pickets by throwing rocks at their cars, breaking windows in several.

These hooligan acts were followed by dumping water from the top of the building on the men and women who were peacefully picketing the plant.

Scabs Fear Pickets

Later, when the picket line was smaller than usual, 25 or 30 scabs came out to challenge a small number of pickets.

Even though the line was small, the pickets offered to accept the challenge, whereupon the scabs returned to the inside of the building.

Local 15, Upholsters International Union, called upon all union shops to picket in mass form, in order to show the scabs they were not merely opposed by a few workers, but that hundreds of organized workers were determined to end the rotten practices of Kroehler's and make it more difficult for strike-breakers.

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Steel Workers Organizing Committee Gets Set in California

AMALGAMATED LODGES IN 3 WEST PLANTS

SWOC Representatives Making Survey of Steel Industry

SAN FRANCISCO—The Steel Workers Organizing Committee, set up by the Committee for Industrial Organization, is moving into the Pacific Coast area and has already set up three lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, it was revealed here last week.

Lodges have been organized at the plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company in South San Francisco, and at the plants of the Star Wire and Steel Company and the Pacific Wire and Steel Company at Tacoma, Washington.

William Dalrymple, international representative of the United Mine Workers, and Richard Francis, secretary of District 10, Washington, of the U.M.W.A., are representing the S.W.O.C., having been sent out by the Chicago headquarters headed by Warren A. Bittner.

Interviewed last Saturday by representatives of the Western Worker, Dalrymple and Francis said they are conducting a survey of the steel industry in California, Oregon and Washington, and will set up an organizing office soon after the first of the year in the center of the greatest concentration of the industry.

San Francisco is the probable headquarters for the S.W.O.C., due to the steel fabrication plants concentrated in South San Francisco and in Contra Costa County.

Both Dalrymple and Francis spoke to the membership of the Utility Gas & Electrical Workers, an independent union, which is getting ready to affiliate with the U.M.W.A. on Friday night, December 11th, at the Labor Temple.

"We're not only going to try to organize the steel industry in California," Dalrymple told the membership, "we're going to organize it!"

New members will not have to pay initiation fee or dues for 30 days.

It is estimated there are between 20,000 and 30,000 steel workers in California.

When "red-baiting" by reactionary leaders in the organized labor movement was mentioned, Dalrymple stated: "They try to raise the 'red' issue so as to confuse the real issues."

Francis is chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League in the state of Washington, to which he said a majority of the A.F.L. unions are affiliated. Asked about the possibilities for a Labor Party in the state elections two years from now, he said it depended on future developments.

Dalrymple and Francis were to be in Los Angeles for five days, returning to San Francisco on Friday, December 18th. They have already surveyed the steel industry up north. Their headquarters are at the Chancellor Hotel.

Movie Shown in L.A. Gives Proof That Mooney's Innocent

LOS ANGELES.—A documentary moving picture of the Tom Mooney case, featuring Tom himself, will be shown at the Filmarte Theater here Tuesday night, December 22nd.

The picture, made since Mooney has been confined in the San Francisco County Jail, will have its world premier on the above date.

Proceeds from the admissions will be divided between the Tom Mooney Defense Committee and King-Conner Defense Committee.

Advance notices indicate that trade unions will be strongly represented both on the night the picture opens and during its full run.

Marine Firemen Aid Labor Prisoners Christmas Fund

SAN FRANCISCO.—A union on strike—the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers' Association—goes on record as the first San Francisco organization to contribute to the Christmas drive fund for labor and political prisoners and their families. In the letter containing the check the Union stated to the Prisoners' Relief Department of the International Labor Defense, "organization conducting the

Report on [the First Full Year] of Activities of the C.I.O.

(Submitted by John Brophy, C.I.O. Director)

When the Committee for Industrial Organization held its recent general meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., John Brophy, director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, made a comprehensive report of the committee's activities for the first full year of its existence. It was a very informative and illuminating statement, and, believing that it will be of interest to every member of the United Mine Workers of America, we reproduce it here. The report was as follows:

PART I. REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

It is just a year since the Committee for Industrial Organization was formed, and it is therefore appropriate to review the changes that have taken place during this period.

A. Events Leading to the Formation of the Committee for Industrial Organization

In November, 1935, the newly-formed unions in the mass-production industries were suffering severely from the craft, do-nothing policies of the controlling group in the American Federation of Labor.

The recently-chartered United Automobile Workers was barred from effective organization work by an official leadership of sympathy with their main purposes and imposed upon them by President Green over their protests. They had been given a limited charter, with boundaries not clearly defined but which opened them to craft attack. Because of the continuation of these unsound conditions, three other unions in the auto plants, with tens of thousands of members, refused to enter the American Federation of Labor and enhanced the prevailing confusion. The plea of delegates representing the United Automobile Workers for an immediate rectification of these conditions had been bluntly voted down at the Atlantic City convention of the American Federation of Labor. The whole union movement in autos was threatened with disintegration.

The situation in the rubber industry was even worse. What had been a most promising movement in 1934 had been almost ruined by craft segregation and a vacillating policy. The United Rubber Workers had just been given an international charter, but only 3,500 members were left to receive it. Their delegates, profiting by the sad example of their brothers in autos, had succeeded in electing their own officers instead of the craft-minded organizers Green wished to appoint. As a result, the new international had been left to its own devices with utterly in-

sufficient aid from the American Federation of Labor. When their spokesman at the Atlantic City convention appealed for a wider charter, he was ruled off the floor.

In the steel industry a year ago, the American Federation of Labor executive council was still in the midst of ineffective negotiations with the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and

CIO DIRECTOR



JOHN BROPHY, director of the C.I.O., who reports on a year of Committee for Industrial Organization activities.

Tin Workers, in spite of a definite mandate from the 1934 convention to proceed with a vigorous campaign. While the official excuse for inaction was internal differences in the Amalgamated Association, it was clear that there was no real desire to go ahead, no faith in victory, and that the conflicting jurisdictional claims constituted an insuperable barrier to the executive council. There was genuine demand for unionism from the steel workers, and the company unions were moving steadily in the direction of independent organization. But, without guidance or help, their efforts seemed doomed to fail or to result in a steel union outside the American Federation of Labor.

The radio locals had likewise been rebuffed at the Atlantic City convention in their renewed plea for a national charter. These federal labor unions had achieved marked success in their own plants, but efforts to protect themselves by extending their organization had been checked by the difficulty of receiving charters for additional locals. An independent union in radio and electrical manufacturing plants desired unity with these American Fed-

eration of Labor groups, but

only on an assured industrial basis. These independents had been driven outside by earlier sad experience with craft divisions. But at the 1935 convention the controlling group in the American Federation of Labor continued to refuse the national charter essential for consolidation of existing unions and for further progress.

In many other industries the federal labor unions faced similar difficulties, and indeed were even less advanced. In gas and coke, in aluminum, in cement and flour milling, in many other lines, the locals were scattered and often weak and the executive council showed no desire to assist them to establish themselves on a sound basis. The executive council report revealed that, in the fiscal year of 1935, 133 directly affiliated locals had been suspended or disbanded. Many other groups that had sought organization under the banner of the American Federation of Labor had been refused charters from the start, or had been fatally delayed while the American Federation of Labor investigated possible claims by craft unions.

The whole wave of unionism generated in 1933 had been seriously weakened, and apparently was to be entirely dissipated if the controlling craft policies continued. Indeed, many of the locals had been kept alive only by the inspiration and assistance they had received from international unions within the American Federation of Labor that recognized the need for industrial unionism and aggressive policies in the mass-production

industries. While the controlling craft group were stultifying and splitting up newly-organized groups in the name of sacred jurisdictional rights, these same leaders were grossly invading the chartered fields of other American Federation of Labor international organizations. In 1933 the executive council gave the Teamsters' Union jurisdiction over the beer drivers although such workers had, for some fifty years, been organized by the Brewery Workers Union in accordance with their industrial charter granted by the American Federation of Labor in 1887, twelve years before the Teamsters received their charter.

In 1935, continuing this same policy of violating industrial charters in favor of powerful rafts, the controlling group in the American Federation of Labor sanctioned a raid by the metal trades department and the building trades department on the membership of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. This raid was made during a strike and through a settlement signed in the east without the knowledge of the workers involved or the Smelter Workers Union. The controlling craft group in the American Federation of Labor were apparently determined to extend their influence, not by adapting their policies to the needs of the unorganized, but by raids on duly chartered industrial unions.

B. Accomplishments of the Committee for Industrial Organization

The Committee for Industrial Organization was formed early

Plan Organization of Unorganized



JOHN L. LEWIS and C.I.O. aides discuss plans for organizing steel, rubber, auto and other mass production industries.

ANTI-FASCIST MEET HITS AT WAR CARGOES

Union Delegates In Support of Its Resolution

SAN FRANCISCO.—Brought in by trade union delegates, the following resolution was passed by the California State Conference against War and Fascism, Dec. 12 and 13:

WHEREAS: The 55th convention of the A.F.L. went on record against war, condemning Italy as an aggressor nation, and

WHEREAS: The Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast, in agreement with the A.F.L. convention's decision against war, went on record in favor of an embargo on war cargo and against shipping of the same, and recommended to all affiliated unions that they refuse to handle or transport all materials itemized as such in the official embargo by the President of the United States, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this con-

Labor Board Lets Drug Union Plea Go Unheeded in L.A.

LOS ANGELES.—Holding that the business of the Sontag and Thrifty drugstores is not interstate, the National Labor Relations Board has rejected the pleas of Pharmacists Union, Local 480 in the union's fight against the stores' refusal to grant union recognition.

Further charges that union members have been discharged for union membership and have been intimidated and coerced, went unheard by the Labor Board.

ference go on record endorsing the position adopted by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast, and be it further

RESOLVED: That delegates of this conference are hereby instructed to introduce similar resolutions in their organizations endorsing the stand of the Maritime Federation and that copies of such resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, the Senators and Congressmen and to the newspapers, and be it further

RESOLVED: That we call on the American League Against War and Fascism and all organizations here represented to give leadership in rallying public opinion and organizational support for this concrete stand against war.

RESOLVED: That we look to the thousands of labor and political prisoners and their dependents will continue to January 15, 1937. Funds should be sent to 1005 Market St., Rm. 410.

RESOLVED: That we sincerely thank you for your help. Your spirit in the face of the many difficulties that beset you, confirms us in the belief that your present struggle will result in victory for the labor movement generally.

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VIGILANTISM IS RAPPED AT ANTI-WAR MEET

Trade Unionists At Anti-Fascist Conference

SAN FRANCISCO.—With 50 A.F.L. bodies represented, the State Conference against War and Fascism held here last week end hit vigilantism sharply. The resolution passed by it stated:

WHEREAS: A sharp resolution against vigilantism was passed by the 37th Annual Convention on September, 1936, of the California State Federation of Labor, and

WHEREAS: The continued attacks by vigilante groups, such as in the Stockton celery strike, and during the election period in the Imperial Valley, Eureka and San Bernardino, make it essential that the movement against vigilantism be intensified, and

WHEREAS, State Federation of Labor Convention called for setting up of defense committees and devising such methods and means as conditions may demand; and

WHEREAS: We have the example of the formation in San Jose of a Citizens' Committee against vigilantism and for Civil Rights which is taking the issue direct to the people and all organizations and groups, as well as the Trade Unions, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this State Conference call on all organizations to work together locally in setting up such Citizens' Anti-Vigilante Committees, and be it further

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CIO Rubber Union Gets There Fast

AKRON.—The striking growth of the United Rubber Workers of America was reported in the November issue of The United Rubber Worker. Seven new local unions have been chartered since the first of October, bringing the international roster to 57 locals. The membership of the U.R.W.A. was reported as over 35,000, with 25,000 centered in Akron.

Rapid gains on eastern and western seaboard were reported. The U.S. Rubber Co., open shop stronghold, has been defeated in two encounters by the growing union. Workers in subsidiary plants in California and Rhode Island now belong to the U.R.W.A. Organizer Bill Carney has been sent to Detroit, where the main plant is located. He has reported gains there.

Akron locals are reporting several hundred new members each week. Goodrich local now has 9,000 out of 10,000 workers. Goodyear has 8,000 of 13,000 employed.

Inglewood Chamber Wants Vicious Anti-Picket Ordinance

INGLEWOOD.—Striving by every vicious method available to put down the growing labor movement, the Chamber of Commerce here went before the City Council with a resolution requesting the passage of an anti-picketing ordinance.

War and Fascism to give its utmost help to the Trade Unions, church groups and other bodies in a movement which will bring about the guarantee of full and complete rights of labor and the people and be it further

RESOLVED: That we work concretely towards the passage of a State Law to curb all vigilante activities.

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MEXICAN FARM LABOR LEADER IS FRAMED UP

Labor-Hating Judge Shows Prejudice Openly

SANTA ANA.—William Velarde, former general secretary of the C.U.C.O.M. (Mexican Agricultural Workers' Union), was denied an appeal here on his conviction of vagrancy, by labor-hating Judge Allen of the Orange County Superior Court.

Velarde had been sentenced last summer to serve 90 days in connection with his activities in the strike of the orange pickers.

Oral notice of the appeal was given at that time, Judge Allen, however, ruled that because the written notice of appeal was late in reaching him that Velarde would have to serve his sentence.

Allen was the judge who sentenced the strikers last summer to jail sentences or deportation, thus paving the way for relief officials to deny the strikers' families food, clothing and shelter.

It was in this strike that the International Labor Defense secured the release of over 100 strikers at the time of the mass arrests.

Velarde, too, was defended by the I.L.D.

FIGHTS DISCRIMINATION

EVANSTON, Ill.—Wm. Bell Jr., Negro student, is suing Northwestern University for \$5000 damages under the state civil rights law, for barring him from the bathing beach. The university chapter of the American Student Union is aiding Bell.

Mass. Federation Goes to Bat For Harlan Miners

NEW YORK.—Liberation before Christmas of the four Harlan county miners serving life terms for alleged murder in the famous Everts battle cases of 1931 is urged on Gov. A. B. Chandler of Kentucky in letters sent by the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor and the Consumers League of Massachusetts.

A like plea, advocating that Chandler clear his state of a stigma and "add luster to an official record which we understand is commendable," has been dispatched by the League for Mutual Aid, national organization with headquarters in New York City.

Forward March For Santa Clara County

SAN JOSE.—Proof that the working class of Santa Clara County is very definitely on the march is seen by the fact that new unions are continuing to be formed.

Latest unions to be organized are the Tailors and the Service Station Attendants.

The Tailors Union has long been defunct in this territory but is now being re-organized with practically every tailor in San Jose signed up. Application for a charter has been made and it is hoped that by the time it arrives organization will be 100%.

The organizing of Service Station Attendants in San Jose and surrounding territory will see one of our most sorely exploited crafts within the ranks of Organized Labor. Some of the workers are working full time for as little as ten and twelve dollars per week. A number have signed up and a charter application has been forwarded to Washington. Organizing will continue pending the arrival of the charter. This should be a large and militant union.

Like others whose interests lie closely with workers' welfare, this writer was amazed—and amused—at this misplaced concern. Coming from an official of the Pacific Tire and Rubber Co., it would be comprehensible. Emanating from a gentleman who avowedly is interested primarily in the well-being of the strikers. . . . Shades of Paul Scharrenberg.

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L.A. TEAMSTERS FORGING AHEAD VERY RAPIDLY

\$4000 to Maritime Strike Through Labor Council

LOS ANGELES.—Nearly \$4000 has been turned into the Central Labor Council here for the aid of the maritime strikers. Hundreds of dollars more have been pledged and most of the local unions report that the proposed 25-cent voluntary assessment tax for the duration of the strike has been accepted unanimously by the membership.

Glass Industry

Spokesmen of the Glass Blowers' Union announced here that a move is now in operation to organize the unskilled workers throughout the glass industry.

More than 600 members have been recruited into the Retail Shoe Clerks' Union in the short six months of its existence. A huge mass meeting is to be held here December 13 at Shrine Auditorium for the purpose of continuing the drive to make all retail shoe stores a closed shop.

With one representative from each lumber yard in Los Angeles County formed into a board of strategy, and in consideration of the recent strike vote of the membership of the Lumber Workers' Union officials announce that as soon as the Maritime strike is ended the lumber workers will concentrate on one yard at a time until all yards in the city are organized 100 per cent.

Teamsters Forge Ahead

The Teamsters' Union is forging ahead rapidly in its plans to organize the unorganized, with 900 recruited during November alone. Deep inroads have been made into the finky Eastern Outfitting Company and organizers report an agreement is expected to be signed soon. After years of fruitless attempts, the L. A. Transfer Company has been finally signed up.

With 21 business agents in Southern California, the prospect of organizing all rolling stock in this section of the state is highly promising. Already 90 per cent of all trucks coming in over the Ridge Route are organized. Under the slogan of "No union card, no milk," plans are well under way to draw all milk truck drivers into the union.

Lynwood beer is still unfair to its workers and all union men are urged not only to boycott this product, but to refuse to patronize dealers handling it.

With over 100 shops and business places on the unfair list, and with between 60 and 70 picket lines being maintained, the Central Labor Council this week sent out a call for pickets to report at the Labor Temple every morning at ten.

G-MAN MIXES IN ON PAC. RUBBER

OAKLAND.—The Republican Oakland Tribune, in allocating a "generous" two-and-a-half lines to the strikers of the Pacific Tire and Rubber Company, stated that the strike "is in its eighth day."

As these strike-days hurtle, startling situations leap into being.

The United States government has entered the ranks of the strikebreakers! Mixing (with strikers and doing picket duty, is one of Uncle Sam's snooty G-men! What he is after, the infamous California frame-up cases can best attest. Before many days lapse, the strikers expect to expose this "rodent."

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