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Oakland P.W.U.U. Seats 3 on WPA 'Dept' of Labor

L.A. STRIKERS BLACKLISTED

Major Concessions In East Bay

OAKLAND, March 9.-As a result of the recent struggles of Alameda County WPA workers, led by the Public Workers and Unemployed Union, a "department of labor" has been set up here to handle disputes on relief projects. This "department" consists of three elected by the union and one appointed by the WPA administration.

They are: Larry Reynolds, chairman of the strike committee which recently led 2500 project workers in a strike against overtime work; Fred Rattenhouse, former chairman of the County Federation of uployed and (to which the

Noftz, PWUU fraternal delegate on the Central Labor Council. The administration representative is Bill Goodwin, long recognized as friendly to the workers.

With the placing of these on. the WPA Administration payroll the union feels it has made the first step toward success in its long fight to have the unemployed represented in the relief administration set-up. The WPA has agreed, in writing, that these men shall not be hindered in their union activities.

They will handle only job grievances; the general union demands the be handled separately by the tion committees. Neither will (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

UNIFORM SLING **LOAD GAINED BY** LOCAL DOCKMEN

S.U.P. COURT FIGHT OPENS WITH RANKS OF UNION HOLDING SOLID

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.-Local longshoremen won an important victory in a controversy of long standing, when following W. J. Jamieson, state works proga dispute while loading the Dollar ress administrator, has announced liner, President Taft, an agreeient establishing a uniform slingload of canned goods to be handled by the dockers was reached at a meeting of the Joint Relations Committee.

Six gangs had been discharged while loading the President Taft for refusing to handle over-sized slingloads.

The decision handed down by the Joint Labor Relations Committee on the issue was cited as a signal victory by Harry Bridges, president of Local 38-79. It is the first time that the I. L. A. has ever been able to standardize the work loads on the San Francisco waterfront.

Loads had varied from 30 case others. The decision sets the standard at 35 cases. It also establishes 1960 pounds as a reasonable slingload.

ed fight to establish standard loads and dance. in all Pacific ports, where loads

Project Strikes Win SRA Manufacturing Relief "Crisis" In Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9. -Another California relief 'crisis' is being rapidly manufactured, with the State Relief Administration announcing it will adopt new red-tape regulations to wind around the 40,000 Californians scheduled to be kicked off WPA by July 1st. The State Relief Commission insists it must have \$3,000,000 from the Federal government to finance its expendi-

Pending such a grant plans are laid to throw thousands onto county charity relief as "unemployables," these same workers having already been passed to the state by MAPA-ma wasmale The counties have already an-

nounced their financial impotence in this matter and have cut relief "budgets" to as low as ten and fifteen cents a day for food, rental allowances ranging variously from \$8 to \$12, depending on the county and whether the recipient is single or has a family

One hundred and three "unemployables" face starvation in San Francisco. Some of them, physically incapitated workers, cannot establish their county residence and cannot get county relief SRA objects to taking them, WPA has already reject ed them. Many of them are mothers who are "unemployable" because they cannot leave small children to work on the

useless relief projects. SERA plans to pry into each WPA man's affairs when he applies to them for help after being dropped from the Federal relief. He will be expected to make his last WPA check last two weeks, and will have to present receipts to SRA to show how it was spent. In addition he "must prove he has exhausted every possibility of getting work in private industry."

ARIZONA RELIEF CUT By T. J. Croaff, Jr. (Special Dispatch)

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 9.the task of removing 1750 employes from the WPA payroll in Arizona to meet Washington de-

Instructions from Washington headquarters ordered the state's quota reduced from 14,756 to 13, 000, Jamieson said.

"These people will be eliminated from the government payroll entirely until such time as they can agency," the administrator stated. | jailed awaiting trial. The reaction-Jamieson said private industry is doing little to absorb those being removed from the govern-

WORKERS' SCHOOL FETE LOS ANGELES, March 8.—

ment projects.

lings on some docks to 45 on Despite recent attempts of "Dirty leader of the oppressed people of Willie" Hearst to incite to violence against it, the Los Angeles regards him as a valuable "prize" Workers' School celebrated its and undoubtedly has prepared spesecond anniversary here last night cial forms of torture for him. Be-

A collection of \$75 was taken up manding his freedom. (For edi-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1) for the benefit of the school.

1918 - 1936



AMERICA THE LAND OF THE FREE MO THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

Youngest Veteran Of the World War Of the City-State of New York Decorated by the Government Of France & America For Bravery In Action-Married wite About to Give Dirth FIRED From Position on E.R.B. Shaff Reason Retreachment MAYON F. DAGUARDIA

This World War veteran, the youngest in New York State, was welcomed as a hero when he returned from France in 1918. Now he's on the picket line with other workers from Gotham's Emergency Relief Bureau-fighting loss of his job a retranchment program

BRAZIL POLICE

At Hands of Wall Street Puppet

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Mar. 3.—Luis Carlos Prestes, heroic leader of the Brazilian, workers, and peasants, chairman of the Communist Party of Brazil and member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. was arrested long before authorities seized-and murdered-Allan Barron, son of Harrison George, well known leader in the American Communist Party.

Police circulated a reportgiven wide publicity in South America and the United Statesthat Barron had revealed the 'niding place of Prestes and later had committed suicide by jumping from a three-story window.

Reliable reports establish conclusively the fact that police here tortured Barron for days and unable to wring the slightest bit of information from him, threw him out of the window. Although his body was mangled by the fall, marks of torture were not effaced.

MASS ARRESTS

Meanwhile more than 200 participants in the Northeast uprising last November are now in prison, threatened with the death senary Vargas Government, tool of American imperialists, is sparing nothing in its desperate attempt to smash all resistance of the workers and peasants.

Prestes is regarded throughout Latin America as the foremost Brazil. The Vargas Government ticularly in the United States, detorial comment, see Page 6.)

DELEGATES ANGERED AT ATTACKS IN "AMERI-CAN CITIZEN"

Want Plot Uncovered

VANDELEUR AT LAST FORCED TO LISTEN TO PROTESTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 9.-The storm of protest aroused in labor circles the past couple of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and their scurrilous sheet; the "American Citizen," broke in the Central Labor Council here Friday night.

Delegates from a number of shore and waterfront unions spoke wiet Union. on the red-baiting attacks against all progressive trade unions in this city carried in this week's issue of through which San Francisco's through which San Francisco a cut of the Stalin interview, as open shop forces are attempted to build a mass vigilante movement to be utilized at the right had omitted some very moment for wrecking the cut of the Stalin interview, as open shop forces are attempted in the Daily Worker of the controlled marritime union the statements by Stalin. file-controlled maritime unions, and Fire was directed against antilabor activities of the State Chamher of Commerce brought to light a few days ago by Alfred MURDER BARRON light a tew days ago by Airred Aram, San Jose lawyer, who filed objections with U. S. Webb, atobjections with U. S. Webb, atgeneral of California Prestes Faces Death charging that a field representative of the State Chamber of Commerce, Charles Mariner, had boasted in the course of an address before the San Jose Hi-Twelve Club, that his organization had spent \$50,000 in anti-labor activities in the recent period, and openly advocated the use of the frame-up and physical violence against active trade unionists.

DELEGATES ANGRY George Kidwell, veteran West Coast labor leader who recently broke with the Vandeleur-Rossi machine in the Central Labor Council and openly declared his alignment with Harry Bridges and the militant rank and file, introduced a motion which passed unanimously to extend an invitation to Attorney Aram to appear before the Council and acquaint the membership with full details of Mariner's speech. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

LEAGUE TO HOLD RALLY AT WEST OAKLAND MAR. 15

OAKLAND, Calif., March 8.-A program of maximum interest to all will be offered at a rally under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism to be held at Tailor Memorial Church, 121st and Magnolia sts., Oakland, on Sunday, March 15th. The program will offer a refind employment with some other tence. Seven thousand have been gress, which met in Chicago, by one of the East Bay delegates.

> "Ethiopia," a sketch by Dr. Harry F. Ward, will be enacted by members of the East Bay Teater Union. General Fang Chen-wu will

deliver an address on "A United China Points the Way." A well known speaker will talk on "The American League Against War and Fascism and What It

Means to You." West Oakland and invites the at-

COUNCIL WARSTALIN INTERVIEW JTILATED BY HOWARD BY

WILL BE MOST DEMO-CRATIC IN WORLD"

Raps Fascist Ballot DOUBTS FREEDOM EXISTS

FOR JOBLESS UNDER CAPITALISM

Mr. Roy Howard, official of the Seripps-Howard newspapers, went to Moscow, talked to Joseph Stalin and sent the interview back to the days by the latest exploits of the United States. It was splashed across the front pages of thousands of newspapers. It was, in fact, given a prominence all out of proportion to the usual attention capitalist newspapers give so "unimportant" a factor as the So-

There's an old adage that says: Don't look a gift horse in the face." But this "gift horse" was the "American Citizen," the organ cocamined in the light of the full

For instance, the discussion turn ed to "personal liberty." Mr. Howard had declared "state socialism" exists in the Soviet Union. Stalin outlined the difference between state socialism and the Soviet sys-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

1003 at Meet to **Protest Ousting** Of Crockett Man

HARRY BRIDGES APPEALS TO ALL UNIONS TO JOIN AFL

CROCKETT, Calif., March 8. -More than 1000 persons attended a public mass meeting held here last Tuesday night to protest the discharge of Allen Engles by the Crockett Sugar Refinery.

Engles is a member of the Sugar Refinery Union and was framed and discharged by the company on a flimsy charge. A resolution demanding his reinstatement was adopted by unanimous and thunderous vote and later was sent bor Council.

Main speaker at the meeting was Harry Bridges who declared: "When you have solidarity you have something more powerful than money.'

He appealed to all unions to eration of Labor in order to take advantage of the added driving power thus acquired. "Take charge of your union,"

he continued, "and run it yourself. port on the National Negro Con- Elect as your own representatives such men as will represent your interests and whenever they fail to faithfully represent you, you by-laws to remove them."

Other representatives from trade if elected-but it is also pledged unions in Contra Costa County | to fight for the insertion of a prowho spoke included: Sam Herod | duction-for-use plank in the Demand Cap Riley of the Rodeo Oil Workers' Union; J. E. Christen- ber of other progressive planks son and J. H. Stevens of the based upon the most urgent needs Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' and demands of the broad masses Union of Selby; R. V. Lytten of of the United States, such as so-The League is working to make the Martinez Oil Workers' Un- cial insurance, anti-war, preserva-With this start, leaders of the at the Cultural Center with a cause of this a world-wide protest a foundation for narmonious and ion, and J. Faulkner of the Rich- tion of constitutional rights of the local I. L. A. will make a renew- banquet, speech by Leo Gallagher movement must be aroused, par- understanding race relations in mand Potters' Union. Tom Corra people, guaranteeing of the rights of the Crockett Sugar Refinery of labor to organize, strike and tendance of all liberals and inter- Union explained the purpose of picket, etc.

HE EMBARRASSED CAPITALISM



Joseph Stalin (left) talks things over with K. E. Voroshilov, people's commissar for defense. The interview Stalin granted Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard newspapers embarrassed capitalist officials and only a highly censored version appeared in American papers.

SINCLAIR ANNOUNCES SLATE FOR MAY PRIMARIES; OLSON **NOT LISTED AS A DELEGATE**

PASADENA, Calif., March 6.—Completing the EPIC slate for the May presidential primaries, Upton Sinclair yesterday announced the eight delegates-at-large on the slate which he will head per-

If elected to the Democratic National Convention, the EPIC

The delegates-at-large are:

Richard Crane Gartz, of Alta- the list of delegates was the name ant in the 1934 gubernatorial cam-Gartz, famed liberal; Mrs. Helen primaries. Artieda, of Oakland, member of the EPIC board of directors; Almon A. Heath, of Hawthorne publisher of National EPIC to the officials of the company Monthly and business manager of by the Contra Costa Central La- EPIC News; Alanson Sessions, of Bakersfield, member of the EPIC campaign committee and editor of the Kern County Union Labor Journal; Mrs. Barbara Brooks, of Costa Mesa, Orange County; Dr. George J. Saylin, of Los Angeles, member of the EPIC affiliate with the American Fed- board of directors; Mrs. Mary Craig Sinclair, wife of the founder of EPIC, and Upton Sinclair.

In addition to these eight delegates, 40 others have been selected by caucuses held at the last EPIC convention here on Feb. 23.

PROGRESSIVE PLANKS

Not only will the EPIC slate have effective provision in your vote for the presidential nominee in the Philadelphia conventionocratic platform, as well as a num-

Conspicuous by its absence from ies of the district.

the Locarno pact will be held in (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

delegation will cast its first vote for Sinclair for the presidential nomination, but will switch its second vote to President Roosevelt.

dena, Sinclair's campaign assist- of Culbert L. Olson, EPIC State Senator, who previously bolted the paign and son of Mrs. Kate Crane Roosevelt-McAdoo slate for the

Olson achieved considerable disfavor with the Epic rank and file by his surrender of the Democratic State Central Committee to the McAdoo forces last January, and his acceptance of a \$10,000-a-year ob from Jim Farley, Roosevelt's patronage chief.

L. A. 'Foreign Legion' Called Unamerican

LOS ANGELES, March 7.-Chief Davis' "Foreign Legion" has been characterized as "atrocious" in a resolution of condemnation received here from the Phoenix, Ariz., City Commission.

The resolution denounced the activities of the Los Angeles police "border patrol" as un-American and charged that "many inoffensive families have been taken from buses and automobiles and Industrial Union, Women-memsubjected to harsh treatment."

been received here from the Portland, Ore., City Council.

POLES STRIKE

WARSAW, Mar. 6.-Nearly 60,000 textile workers in the Lodz of the fact that Bethlehem has district struck today in sympathy dined the workers the right to with the strike for higher wages choose the union which they wish of workers in the smaller factor- to represent them for purposes of

LOCARNO AND VERSAILLES TREATIES DEFIED BY GERMAN ADVANCE

Italy Sees Loophole

JAPANESE EMPEROR PICKS "SAFE" FIGUREHEAD FOR PREMIER

All Europe was nearer to armed conflict by one long German goose-step when Hitler's regiments marched in and occupied the Rhineland last Saturday. At one stroke, the fuehrer revoked the Versailles treaty and called the hand of the Locarno pact. He threw down the gauntlet to the farmer World War allies, virtually declaring: "Fight or shut up."

He moved with arrogant confidence, knowing that the former allies are divided among themselves and that France would never have signed the Franco-Soviet pact if she had any faith in the Locarno treaty.

This done, the Nazi dictator thundered warnings of Bolshevism to his Reichstag, dissolved that body, declared a new "plebiscite" for March 29, and departed for a vacation in Berchtesgaden. France immediately strengthend her border garrisons, placed them on a war-time basis and dismantled all pontoon bridges crossing the Rhine. An emergency conference between all signatories of

Employers Seek To End Shipyard Strike at Pedro

BETHLEHEM STEEL MOVES TO SPLIT SOLIDARITY BETWEEN UNIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 9.-It was learned here today that Bethlehem Steel had made overtures to the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, Local 9, at San Pedro leading toward a split in the solidarity

of the striking workers. Local 7 of San Francisco was to meet tonight and it is understood a proposal will be considered to send a delegate to San Pedro for the purpose of asking the strikers there to stand firm.

The Bethlehem Corporation, main firm against which the workers have been striking since Jan. 3, proposed that the San Pedro workers return to work pending arbitration of their demands. Meanwhile the employers promis-

ed to recognize the union. Scabs imported from across the Bay were being used at the local Betalehem Shipyard. At the same time, picket lines are being maintained by the Machinists and the bers of the Women's Auxiliary of A similar resolution has also the Industrial Union-turned out to picket this week.

> At Washington, D. C., it was reported Representative Marcantonio, progressive congressman, is attempting to get the Legislature to consider the strike here in view colective bargaining.

LABOR COUNCIL Communist Speech That Was Suppressed on West Coast Jobless Strike DELEGATES RAP ANTI-UNIONIST

(Continued From Page 1) "If these things are true," Kidwell declared. "It seems to me this constitutes a genuine case of subversive activities."

The evident temper of the meet ing as delegate followed delegate in demanding drastic action forced Edward D. Vandeleur, president of the Central Labor Council, and president of the California State Federation of Labor, to drop the policy he had followed previously of consistently ignoring or ridiculing all demands for action in regard to the anti-union offensive now centering in the drive on the maritime unions. After several unsuccessful attempts to choke off discussion he finally ruled that all delegates wishing to take up the question shall attend the meeting of the Council's Executive Committee next Monday night, obviously hopeful that in this way the whole thing could be quietly shoved aside.

EXPECT ACTION

Judging from the general sentiment among the delegates it seems unlikely that Vandeleur's hope will be realized. Unions which formerly took no interest in the continued barrage carried on against the waterfront unions are now bitterly resentful at finding themselves included in the lengthy list of "subversive" organizations carried in the current issue of the "American Citizen."

The president of Miscellaneous Employees' Union, Local No. 110, protested against the use of the union label on this fascist sheet, and asked that action be taken for its withdrawal. "I object to vigilantes having the union label. Vigilantism is a definite threat to organized labor," he declared, "the Chamber of Commerce should be shown that this must stop." A motion in regard to investigate the use of the union label on the "American Citizen" was passed some time ago in the Sailors' Unnion of the Pacific.

Harry Bridges reported for I. L. A. 38-79 that the longshoremen nad finally been successful in getting employers to agree to a standard load for the whole port on one commodity, being canned goods.

SHIPYARD STRIKE

Reporting on the shipyard strike, Dillon, delegate from the Machin ists' Union, stated that "Other reports to the contrary the shipyard strike is still on," and appealed for support.

A delegate from the Elevator Operators' Union requested dele- are farmers and live around Haytes to ask every operator he comes in contact with for his union card, to aid in building up prestige for

UNIFORM SLING LOAD GAINED BY LOCAL DOCKMEN

have been heavier than in San

in Superior Court on March 10. name."

busting policies of V. Olander, retired international secretary of the I. S. U. and Paul Scharrenberg, California's own labor Judas.

The reactionary I. S. U. Executive Board has been called together in Chicago for a meeting for the middle of the week, according to a report in the cap-

meeting to "discuss" the question of the Sailors' Union of the Pa- and that they would meet with the cific charter on hearing a report union for the purpose of collective from Ivan Hunter, I. S. U. vice | bargaining. president who was recently on the Pacific Coast to "look over the

Coasts are demanding of the Ex- men were again on the job. Last Councilman Cunha, a man who ecutive Board that they submit the major decisions of the Convention to a referendum vote of the entire membership.

charter and the dictatorial amendments of the I. S. U. Constituwith the rank and file and bitter who were fired to a membership resentment is crystallizing into or- vote of the Association and then ganized protest against the rank- they would meet with the Board splitting tactics adopted by the of Directors to bargain collective-

The main issue of 1936 is how to put America back to work. We have from twelve to fifteen million unemployed. More than 16 million people are on a starvation relief dole. This is cutting the wages of those who still have jobs. It is completing the bankruptcy of the farmers. It is driving the small business men and professionals to the wall. Millions of young people leave the schools without hope of employment. Half the country is already below the poverty line. The cancer of unemployment is eating at the heart of the whole country.

Just this problem is evaded by all the political spokesmen who are filling the air with their frenzied speeches. Democrats and Republicans, of all factions, are united in covering up this issue with optimistic reports of increasing production and pessimistic opinions about each other. They cry that prosperity is again just around the corner. They point to profits multiplied by several hundred per cent. But they do not tell you that increased production is mainly of more labor-saving machinery, which is throwing several more workers out of a job for every one that gets temporary work. With increasing production, we have increasing unemployment. Even if we regained the 1929 production level, there would still be nine million workers on the streets. Prosperity, yes! But only for the bankers and great industrialists.

Plenty for All

Union Strikes to

Win Recognition

IN FIGHT

By a Worker Correspondent.

About three weeks ago we start-

ed organizing the Hayward Pro-

ducers' Association, a cooperative

composed of 1290 members who

for that Sunday to get the men

together to talk over the union.

Everyone came to this meeting

and brought the money to pay

mitiation. They decided at that

meeting to support the two men

who had been fired, and to go

out on strike the next day, which

they did. A committee was elected

to meet with the Board of Direc-

tors. This committee attempted

to do so Monday night, but they

refused to discuss the issue, and

The next day the City Council

of Hayward called the union and

asked the representative to meet

with the City Council. When this

meeting took place, the represen-

tative found that this was not

really a City Council, but only a

group of business men who hap-

pened to be members of the City

Council and the Chamber of Com-

merce. This group arranged a

meeting with the Board of Direc-

men, but would not re-hire these

two, and under union conditions.

NO CONCESSIONS

make any concessions until the

Monday night the union repre-

sentative met again with the

Board of Directors, and the pro-

that they would all go back to

work under the old conditions

they would hire the rest of the strikers.

refused to hire the men back.

What insanity is this! What incredible crime against humanity! Our country has half the riches and productive capacity of the world. We have factories and enterprises capable of producing enough to fill all needs. We have millions of workers and farmers, able and eager to produce. But our wealth is monopolized by a handful of so-called "best families." And the government refuses to put men to work producing what we need. It says that if it must put men to work, they must produce things we do not need. It scratches its head over the problem of now to maintain millions in poverty and idleness, so that they will not interfere with the growing profits of Wall Street. Meanwhile in the name of a "balanced budget," it spends billions for war and subsidies to Wall Street, cuts relief and refuses Old Age and Unemployment Insurance, and shifts the tax burden off the rich over to the shoulders of the poor, by processing, sales and excise taxes.

We Communists demand that the govern-

Disregarding a barrage of protests, Columbia Broadcasting System refused to carry Earl Browder's radio talk on any of its many West Coast and Middle West stations. First it

ment shall assume responsibility that every

able-bodied worker shall be given a job, at

union wage scales. We demand that the

farmers shall be guaranteed a market at fair

prices for their produce that all the people

need. We demand that all people not thus

taken care of, shall be provided with a Fed-

eral system of Old Age, Unemployment and

Social Insurance, sufficient to maintain the.

American standard and paid for out of

attacked so bitterly. This is why the Hearsts

and MacFaddens incite to lynch-law against us.

Every agent of Wall Street demands that the

Communists be crushed, because the Communists

constantly keep this issue of unemploymen

before the country. When you hear the blood-

and-thunder denunciations of the Communists,

remember that the same accusations were made

against Lincoln when he led the struggle against

Let us have no illusions! We cannot begin

to solve this problem of unemployment until we

begin to break the rule of Wall Street over the

country. The House of Morgan is the real ruler

today. It ruled under the first Roosevelt, und

Taft, under Wilson, under Harding, under Hoo-

ver. It has strengthened its rule under Frank-

lin D. Roosevelt. Presidents come and go, but

the House of Morgan goes on forever—until

the American people are prepared to make a

fundamental change in the present system which

produced the House of Morgan, and the other

monopolists-Rockefeller, duPont, Mellon. Re-

publicans and Democrats, alternate in and out

of office, but the rule of Morgan grows stronger

and more all-embracing. With the growing power

of Wall Street grows the misery and starvation

among the people, is in ruins and bankrupted.

Now all the most reactionary forces in the coun-

try, gathered from both old parties in the Liberty

League, with its agents, the Ku Klux Klan Tal-

madges, the Hearsts, the Coughlins, the Hoo-

vers, try to stampede a desperate and despairing

people onto the path already followed by Hitler

The New Deal, which aroused such hopes

That is why we are called "reds" and are

the profits of the capitalists.

Break Their Rule

would be carried by Los Angeles, Sacramento, Denver and Salt Lake stations. Later Columbia, probably yielding to Hearst, suppressed the talk over

the talk was suppressed in Detroit and in New England. The Western Worker herewith is publishing the full text of Com-

rade Browder's talk. Germany, fascist Italy, militarist Japan. They have entrenched themselves behind the apparently impregnable stronghold of the Supreme Court, which in brushing out the wreckage of the New Deal has outlawed all future social

these stations also. In the East

A New Party

The Communist Party calls upon the American people to defeat this reactionary bloc as the greatest threat to our liberties and our lifeinterests. But we are profoundly convinced that it cannot be defeated by the Democratic Party and Roosevelt. They have surrendered all strategic points to reaction. The first steps of a real struggle against Wall Street and its agents requires that we break away from Wall Street's machinery of rule—the old two-party system of alternating between Republicans and Democrats, both parties owned by Wall Street. This is the old game of matching pennies, according to the rules: heads Wall Street wins, tails the people 10se. Tweedledum and Tweedledee are still twins, even when one wears the cold mask of Hoover and the other the professional smile of Roosevelt.

Every great crisis in American history has required a new party to solve it. The old parties have always failed at the turning point in history. The people have always found it necessary to create a new party and put it into power.

Millions of American workers, farmers, and middle-class people are already coming to this conclusion. Millions are ready to agree on a simple program that could immediately begin to improve conditions. We Communists propose that in 1936, all of this opinion should get together in every town and city, in every state and on a national scale, to form a Farmer-Labor

Would Aid Workers

Such a Farmer-Labor Party would not require that we all agree on a complete program. It would not yet take up the full program of Socialism, of revolution, for which many are not yet prepared. It would pledge itself to carry out only those few simple measures which millions of people are already agreed upon.

Whenever a capitalist closed down his factories and threw out his workers, such a Farmer-Labor Party when in power, would be pledged to reopen that factory and put the workers back to work at union wages.

Such a Farmer-Labor government would outlaw the yellow-dog contract and company unions; it would help the workers to make our industries and agriculture 100 per cent unionized and here let me say one word about the Committee for Industrial Organization headed by John L. Lewis: While we disagree with his support of Roosevelt, we support fully the fight for industrial unionism.

A Farmer-Labor government would tax the rich to care for the poor; it would enact genuine old-age, unemployment and social insurance legislation that would really give social security to all of those who would not yet be put back to work; legislation along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress, which everyone knows was originated by the Communists.

Such a government would really guarantee the equal rights of the Negroes who now are stirring with revolt against their shameful treatment, even worse than Hitler's treatment of the

Such a government would provide for the millions of youth at least their minimum needs by enacting the Youth Act worked out by the American Youth Congress.

Such a government would stop the rising tide of reaction in the country.

Such a government would handle the Supre-Court as Lincoln did, and drastically remove its dictatorial usurped powers.

Such a government would make impossible for Morgan-Hearst to drag us into another imperialist war; it would join with all peace forces in the world to restrain the German, Japanese and Italian war makers; it would keep America out of war by helping to keep war out of the

All these measures, while not revolutionary, would organize masses of people against Wall Street rule, would place the representatives of the people into office, would relieve the population from its most immediate and desperate diffi-

Our Program

LOS ANGELES, March • 7.-

Suit for \$12,043 damages was filed

Robinson, apparently a scab,

He did not state how he knew

is alleged attackers were I. L. A

stated that he was at work last

The Communist Party, in 1936, puts forward as its main proposal to the American people that they organize themselves in such a Farm-(Continued on Page 6)

DISCRIMINATION Stalin Explains Democracy to Mr. Howard; Soviets Have No Basis for **Opposing Parties at Election Time**

FREEDOM-TO'STARVE! "We built this society not for the curbing of personal liberty, but in order that human personalities should really be free. personal liberty, liberty without

agine what 'personal liberty' the unemployed can have who go hungry and cannot find utilization of their labor.

there is no unemployment 'and how long the Modesto Boys have pauperism, where a person does mation for Parties struggling may lose his job, home and bread. Only in such a society is real and not illusory personal and every

tions, refused to recognize the haps he remembered the garbage mained, classes and class strug-The men today are still on unemployed pawing the rotten constrike. We are now circulating a tents, looking for something-any- which jucludes also the field of those who are unfit, striking them

elaborated in the U.S.S.R. proto hire the men back. They said so far is in sympathy with the tions. To what degree can this new system alter the situation in the U. S. S. R., since formally police has been intimating that the only one Party will come forward the right to be elected.

Stalin replied at length, but neither the question nor the re-

"We will adopt our new constitution probably at the end of this year . . . As was already anounced, in accordance with the new constitution, elections will be universal, equal, direct and secret.

"You are misled by the fact that only one Party will come forward with union recognition. They would three representatives of the Cali- at these elections. You do not see how there can be an election elect, those who they trust to struggle under these conditions. "FREE WORKERS"

who paid a visit to the Modesto tem. Among other things, he such. We have no parties stand- attack of waterfront strikers. ing in opposition to each other, just as we have no class of capitalists and a class of workers ex- April 17th when "striking memploited by capitalists in opposi- bers of the union attacked me and

> ively of free working people of require medical treatment." cities and villages, workers, peasants, intelligentsia. Each of these strata may have its special interests and express them in

more classes, as soon as bound; aries between classes are effaced as soon as only a few but non fundamental differences between various strata of the Socialist socity remain-there no longer can among themselves.

RAPS FASCISTS

that in Germany capitalism has re gle have remained which all the same will break into the open, opposing classes just as it broke through, in, let us say, Spain.

namely the Fascist Party, exists, but for the same reasons and i will fare no better there either. "Why will our elections be universal?

"Because all citizens, excluding those deprived of vote by court,

"Why will our elections be

"Our new Soviet constitution will, in my opinion, be the mose

Perhaps Mr. Roy' Howard thought the American people would not be interested in democratic constitutions. Perhaps he felt the comparisons which Americans, reading the full report, might make would be too sharp. Or perhaps he thought the emphasis on Soviet preparedness for war might sell more papers and put a dan-

(Continued from Page 1) Paris on Tuesday, March 10th. LEAGUE OF NATIONS

tunity to distract attention from his floundering invasion of Ethiopia and bludgeon other powers into relaxing embargoes against was told by police that they would is reported as assurin France of Italian support against the German move. Observers proclaim the gesture as insincere and an effort to conciliate France prior Combination subs for the to the Italo-Ethiopian peace dis-

coming in nicely. They cost Nations.

of the working population of our boundless country. "Do you think the election his determination to increase hos

struggle will not exist? But it will exist, and I forsee a very animated election struggle . . . "Have you or haven't you built a good school? Haven't you im-

proved living conditions? Aren't you a bureaucrat? Have you helped to make our labor more effective, our life more cultured? "Such will be the criteria with which millions of voters will approach candidates, casting away nominating them for elections.

"Yes, the electoral struggle will be animated. It will proceed around numerous very sharp questions, namely practical questions having first-rate significance for the people.

WORKERS HOLD POWER "Our new election system wil

spur on all institutions and organizations and will force them to improve their work. Universal, equal, direct and secret elections in the U. S. S. R. will be a whip in the hands of the population against poorly functioning organs of government.

Scab Sues ILA Local HITLER CALLS For \$12,043 Damages FOR SHOWDOWN WITH NATIONS

The League of Nations has called a special session for Friday, March 13th and has invited Germany to participate. Reports inlicate that Germany will refuse. Mussolini, recognizing an oppor-

Western and Sunday Workers are cussions before the League of

AFRICA WAR EASES The invasion of Ethiopia is reported to have relaxed, although Mussolini vehemently proclaims

tilities at a later date. Important among the problems which will face the League on Friday is the question of sanctions against Germany. It is reported that Germany will follow Mussolini's lead in replying to sanctions by threat-

SHOW DOWN

ening to plunge all Europe into

Yet, if neither sanctions nor military actions are applied against Germany, it will mean that both the Versailles and Locarno treaties are meaningless and no longer Moscow newspapers have rec-

ognized the Rhineland move as a definite step nearer to war, though not necessarily with immediate was a loyal worker in the revo.

IN JAPAN Japan has buried the murdered

bodies of the cabinet members chosen by the people in recent elections and a new set is being appointed by Emperor Hirohito. A fifty-eight year old diplomat, Koki Hirota has been appointed premier by the emperor. Hirota, long known for his straddling attitude on all issues, has the rep-Women will enjoy the right to democratic constitution of all utation of being neither here nor there, this not that, right nor left, no liberal nor reactionary. He is led militarists. Hirota provided the adjudged an ideal "front" for the needed political cipher which osnew dictatorship by extremist tensibly grants all things to all

When Hirota was appointed foreign minister, two years ago, he received full approval of the military extremists. STRATEGY

Leaders Victims Of WPA Blacklip

(Continued from Page 1) this board have the authority to fire anyone nor to select the work- « ers to be laid off in the anticipated 🎉 cutting of WPA rolls.

JOB STEWARDS In order to better organize the jobs and exercise control over spontaneous strikes the PWUU asked permission to elect job stewards and the request was granted by administrator Koetitz. The entire job stward system will cooperate with union investigators in the new "labor relations department." These union representatives will investigate every job en which a complaint has be, made, interviewing the workers,

In a conference between the WPA and the project sponsor is held the union representative will

and making a report.

One complaint has already been adiusted. The foreman on a project was forcing the men to move a heavy concrete mixer by hand, instead of using a truck. This heavy machinery was moved down a steep hill in this manner, where a slip might have meant the killing or maiming of one or more". men. This was imendiately or dered stopped.

"DOUBLE CROSS" IN L. A. LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Be-

cause they dared to lead 3000 workers on the Slauson-La Brea storm drain project in a strike, 39 workers have been blacklisted from WPA by Administrator Colonel Donald H. Connolly.

"These men can never again work on WPA," was the ultimatum of Connolly and his assistant, Major Dillon.

In addition to the blacklisting, a campaign of terror and intimidation is being carried on in an effort to break up the organizaemployed Union on the project.

Of the 39 blacklisted, six were members of the PWUU job committee-Goolsby, MacKenzie, Aaron Johnson, Sweat, Galloway, and Hicks. These workers were" arrested by police last Tuesday, the day after the successful strike, when they were protesting the discharge of Goolsby for a

"BEHAVE YOURSELF" They were held two hours by

police at the Wilshire station and warned to stay away from the PWUU and not even go to the project to get their pay.

One of the arrested workers get him back on the job "if you dignantly rejected the "offer."

Connolly has refused to give these blacklisted workers a hear-

ing of any sort. The County Council of the PWUU has issued a call for pro-

tests to be sent to Pres. Roosevelt, FERA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, State WPA Adm istrator Frank Y. McLaugh. and Colonel Connolly, demanding the right to organize without in eng

timidation-incidentally, a demand...

of the strikers which was granted,;

and then arbitrarily revoked the following day. The PWUU particularly urges A. F. of L. trade unions to protest this fascist attack on the right. of workers to organize.

Red Funeral to Be Held in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 7.-Funeral services will be held here Monday at 2 p .m. for Samuel Rubin, former teacher in the Los Angeles Workers' School, who died here last Thursday. Although he was not a member

of the Communist Party, Rub tionary movement.

Before he died, Rubin requested a Red Funeral, which will be held at his home, 7932 West Fourth strect. He leaves a wife, who has also been active in revolutionary

bare-faced militarist would have drawn sharp protest from the rapidly growing radical forces. Selection of a confirmed liberal might have resulted in another massacre by the capitalist-control-

Moscow papers, undeceived the pseudo-liberal face of the new. government, predict a new and intense drive by Japan fulfilling the famous Tanaka plan of con-The task of selecting a new set | quest. It is believed increased of parliamentary puppets was hostilities on the border of the

In two days we signed up 17 out of 23 men employed there. We started the union on Tuesday, and on Thursday night, the management fired two of the men. We had already arranged a meeting

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I. S. U. MEMBERS AROUSED SAN FRANCISCO.—With their back in town, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific will take up its fight to regain their charter funds,

At the 51st anniversary meeting of the Sailors' Union, Attorney Sapiro declared, "We will fight until we get you back your property, your money and your

He also attacked the union-

It is presumed that they are

Rank and file seamen from all

The revocation of the S. U. P

SHOWN MODESTO BOYS PROTESTED

of the people

At Hayward Plant SAN QUENTIN Mar 6.—"How long have they been in?" This was the suprising question asked WORKER EXPOSES VIGILby Warden Holohan of a dele gation from the Scaler's Union

> Boys at San Quentin. Headed by Pete Garcia, vicepresident of the union, the delegation protested against the discrimination being made against the victims of the Standard Oil

frame-up. In answer to their protests, Warden Holohan feigned ignorance and said, "I don't know what

is going on.' Asked why it was that the Modesto boys were allowed only fifteen minutes to speak with visitors, while arch criminals received the full hour allotment of time, Holohan stated that he was

unaware of it. He then asked the delegation

Garcia reported that the Boys are in fairly good spirits and waiting expectantly for the result of the appeal which is to be handed down within 30 to 90 days.

should return under union condi-

petition getting signatures of 10 thing-to eat. per cent of the membership to call general meeting. Conditions are Although they have tried to hire strike-breakers, so far they have Howard: only eight men working, when tors for that night. At the meet- they really need 23 men. Almost ing the Board of Directors refused every farmer we have approached viding for a new system of elec-

For the past week the chief o 'vigilantes" would take things into at elections?" their own hands unless the strike was settled immediately. In Havward there are about 200 organized ply found its way to the Scripps-However, the committee said vigilantes, led by some of the fol- Howard presses. Stalin said: hey had been instructed not to lowing citizens: Clarence John son, real estate man of Hayward; drove the truck into Oakland under police protection during the general strike, as a demonstration posal was made by the strikers Drake, manager of Montgomery-

Ward's Store in Hayward. Among the vigilantes are also tion are exceedingly unpopular submit the case of the two men fornia Conserving Company: Kenneth Sloan, Jimmy Proust, and Lawrence Laseur.

The vigilantes were principally organized to prevent the cannery shipowner-collaborating I. S. U. ly. The Board of Directors, al- workers in Hayward from orgathough they had agreed the men nizing.

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quotation marks. "It is difficult for me to im-

"Real liberty exists only where exploitation has been annihilated, where no oppression of some peoples by others exists, where not tremble because tomorrow he

other liberty possible." Mr. Howard's blue pencil evidently objected to so practical a definition of personal liberty. Percans of American cities with the

DEMOCRACY

The discussion then turned to favorable for us in some ways. | the new Soviet Constitution soon to be put into effect. Said Mr.

"It is evident that election lists

here yesterday against the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 138-82, by C. C. Robinson, lift truck operator, who tions. And we have hundreds of charged he was injured by an

beat me so severely I was unable tion to each other. "Our society consists exclusto work for three weeks and still

numerous existing organizations. "But as soon as there are no

"Under National "Socialism" there is only one Party. But nothing will come out of this Fascist one-party system. The situation is struggle of parties representing off lists, advancing better ones,

"In Italy also only one Party,

will have the right to vote and

equal? "Because neither differences in regard to property (differences partly existing) nor differences of race and nationality will cause any privileges or disadvantages. elect and be elected equally with those existing in the world." men. Our elections will be really

equal. "Why secret?

"Because we desire to give the Soviet people absolute liberty of voting for those they desire to ensure their interests.

"Why direct? "Because direct elections on the will be put out not only by the spot to all representative organs, gerous competitor in a bad light. Communist Party, but by all kinds up to the supreme organ, are a Anyway, he blue penciled more approached with great delicacy by Mongolian People's Republic are of public and non-Party organiza- better guarantee of the interests than half of what Stalin told him. the emperor. Appointment of a imminent.

A Strike in Germany

Ruhr Miners Besieged for Two Days; 400 Arrested

LONDON, Mar. 6.—For two days in the heart of Germany's richest coal field, an army of picked Prussian police conducted a full dress siege of several hundred German miners at the bottom of the Helene Mine, near Gerdler, in the Ruhr district.

An eye-witness account of this terrific affair, no word of which was permitted to appear in the German newspapers, reached London vesterday.

At the bottom of the whole by ss is the fact that preparations were going forward for the election of the German factory

Last year, despite wholesale terror and espionage by the Nazi secret police and the basses, the workers succeeded in electing large numbers of genuine working class representatives to the councils.

This shock for the Nazis was followed by a new terror wave which has been going on righ through the last nine months.

The miners in the Ruhr district had already selected a secret list of trustworthy men who were to be put up at this year's relections in opposition to the official list of the Nazi candidates. News of the existence of dence of the state of opinion among the Ruhr miners, leaked to the Secret Police.

THE BIGGEST RAID • Forces were hurriedly mobilized

for a huge secret police raid on four hundred miners were suddenly arrested, in one of the big- | carry out their instructions. gest actions of the kind carried out by the Nazi police since the coming of Hitler to power.

Among those arrested were a number of the men on the list for election to the Council. It would seem that this year the Nazis are trying to forestall any uniformed police turned out, and harvest crops for the wealthy land- a united front of all Chinese forces repitition of what happened at tried to get the men to come up owners of this section was given in San Francisco to back an antilast year's elections.

THE PARTY LIVES AND FIGHTS

Ende Bezember Der Sieg des Kommunismus ist nicht aufzuhalten! Profiz 15 Ple Die Rote Fahne

Lesen - Weltergebenl

Sewaltiger Sieg des proletarischen Internationalismus über das faschistische Brandstiftergelindel!

Der Broteklinem ber Werflätigen ber gangen Welt zwingt bas Blutgericht Sitlers gum Arcifpruch Dimitroffs, Torglers, Bapoffs und Taueffs. — Berzehnlacht eure Rrafte zur reste losen Beireinun ber vier Revolutionare, zur Rettung bes Subrers ber ABD, Genoffen Thal-mann und aller eingekerferten Antifalchiften!

Des devilche und des Mathrecken eine und eine gesellte Well-glacht geten des richtliches Werd-neumergefried, geges die blubes duelte hildenschländen genonnen, is it eine perufügende Richeitege er Transpfliedenkapien und der Franspfliedenkapien und der flagflere der Leichster Piecope-flenfleren der Leichster Piecope-nacht, das fie unter her Will-lamenmeht der Verschländer und Konlinkerk-Leiten-dem Den Den Conlinkerk-Leiten-

Despite all suppressive efforts of the Nazis, "Die Rote Fahne," the newspaper of the German Communists is still being printed and circulated by the underground organization. Above is a reproduction of the front page of one of the illegal issues. It is printed in fine type on thin paper, 53/4x9 inches, and can be folded and carried in small space.

STAY-DOWN MINERS

When the news of the raid and the arrests spread through the mining towns and villages of the Ruhr district, the men at this list, and of the other evi- the Gerdler pit determined on a sort of "stay down strike," partly as a protest, partly as a form, of protection against piecemeal ar-

They realized that if they all stayed down together and came the mining area. No less than out together it would be more difficult for the secret police to

> They stayed down. The Secret police, who had been waiting for them to come up to arrest the known militants, were nonplussed.

BESIEGED They telephoned for assistance from the uniformed police. The

The men refused. Police were then ordered to besiege the place, and a whole army of them was put on the job, some trying to drive the men from the mine, the others forming a cordon to prevent anyone getting out unobserved.

The siege continued for two whole days and nights. At the end of that time police finally fought their way into the pit and dragged out a number of men under

PROSPERITY

500 names will be stricken from anese army at Charhar and Jehol. relief roles here before March 13, Earl W. Cummings, district WPA the Chinese playground here last director, has announced. Immediate | Sunday to greet the general. They need for agricultural workers to passed a unanimous resolution for

C.S. PRISONER **BIRTHDAY**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Albert Hougardy, prisoner No. 57590 at San Quentin, will have a birthday on March 23rd. He is one of the eight working class organizers railroaded to sentences of one to fourteeen years in the infamous Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial. Friends and sympathizers are urged to send him greetings. He will be thirty-six years

CHINA GENERAL WILL BE FETED AT S. F. DINNER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6 .--General Fang Chen Wu, heroic commander of China's 6th Route Army, will be feted here on March 15th at a banquet at the Far East Cafe, 631 Grant Ave., 6:30 p. m.

Representatives from many or ganizations and unions will be present to greet the famous antimperialist fighter.

Redfern Mason, former president of the Northern California Newspaper Guild and recently a candidate for mayor on the United Labor ticket will be toastmaster of he evening.

Reservations may be made at 60 cents per plate by phoning Underhill 9173.

General Fang was formerly governor of Anhuei province, is a member of the National government and the central executive committee of the Nationalist Party. He was one of the organizers of the Chinese People's Army in 1928 and commander of the 6th Route Army. He fought the Japanese army in Tsinan, Shangtung province in 1933 and was commander in chief of the "Anti-Jap-FRESNO, Mar. 7.—More than ary Army" and fought the Jap-

More than 2000 Chinese crowded l'imperialist program.

A WANDERING HOMESTEAD

A FEW VOICES **OUT OF THE FIELDS** "We ordinarily think of slum-

as peculiar evils of metropolitan centers. They are not. Out in rural sections are slums indescribably worse."-Rexford G. Tugwell, Resettlement administrator

Thirty-seven thousand families of American whites entered California during 1935, at the end of a long immigrant line of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Negroes, Hindustanis, Mexicans, Filipinos, to serve the crops and farmers of the

Dr. Tugwell states:

"No one can estimate accurately what the process of deterioration in rural areas has done to human beings. You see the outward evidences in sunken, pale, defeated faces, in ragged, undernourished children, in ramshackle housing conditions, with families of ten and twelve living in one and two rooms.....

WAGES

Agricultural wages vary from 15 to 25 cents an hour. The average yearly income of a California farm worker is \$251. A migrant:

"Livin? It's kind of sorry. You work a while, then lay up a little, then go broke, and then move. You wait for work two weeks, then fight like flies for the work. You eat it up faster than you can make it."

From Imperial Valley the migrants follow the harvest to the San Joaquin, Santa Clara and Sacramento Valley. Upon the labor of ancse and Save China Expedition- the 200,000 migrant farm workers the crops of California depend.

OFFICIAL REPORT

U. S. Special Commission report: "We found filth, squalor, an entire absence of sanitation, and a crowding of human beings into totally inadequate tents or crude structures built of boards, weeds and anything that was found at

Thousands of families travel from crop to crop in dilapidated cars like this with all their belongings strapped on. You don't have to take the word of the Communists for these deplorable cinditions. Go and look for yourself or read the voices in the accompanying

hand to give a pitiful semblance of a home. Words cannot describe some of the conditions

THE OWNERS

California Lands, Inc., owned by Transamerica Corp., is the biggest California "farmer." The parent company showed a net profit for 1935 of \$20,000,000. A single farm worker:

"Livin' a bum's life soon makes a bum out of you. You get started and can't stop."

Wealthy growers are violently opposing the plan of the Resettlement Administration to provide decent housing for the migrants. Alex Johnson, secretary of the California Farm Bureau Feder-

"California has its slaves, slaves of bankers and commission men. We have a system of slavery here worse than the slavery of the South. The South slaves. We have slaves here toward whom nobody feels any obligation."

felt a moral obligation to its

VIGILANTE VOICE San Joaquin Valley grower:

"We won't have no organization of our laborers. We'll stop them in our own way. How? We'll start shooting if they interfere with our labor that's working." Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker

and the other Criminal Syndicalism prisoners helped organize the mento; and Hon. David F. Bush, migratory workers. Judge Dal Lemmon:

"An indeterminate sentence of from one to 14 years in state Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalprison."

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials sup-

Why California Agricultural LABOR COUNCIL URGES FREEDOM Workers Look to Communism of c. s. VICTIMS

ORGANIZATIONS URGED TO MAKE APPEALS TO PAROLE BOARD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.-Full text of the resolution for the freedom of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, passed by the San Francisco Labor Council on January 31st, follows:

RESOLUTION Whereas, Five men and three women were convicted in the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento about a year ago for violation of the criminal syndicalism act, and said persons are now confined in prison; and

Whereas, Said persons were acquitted of the charge of committing any acts of violence, and it therefore appears that said persons are being solely imprisoned for holding certain political and economic opinions, and attempting organization of agricultural workers of our state; and

Whereas, Organized labor, many newspapers and prominent citizens have repeatedly urged repeal of the criminal syndicalism act; now therefore be it

Resolved, That San Francisco Labor Council herewith petitions the State Board of Prison Terms to carefully consider all the facts and circumstances and the law involved in the above convictions and fix the sentence of said persons at the minimum term allowed by law; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the three members of the board, namely Hon., Frank C. Sykes, Kohl Building, San Francisco; Hon. Joseph H. Stephens, president, Sacra-Oakdale, Calif., and copies be given to the press.

The California Conference for ism Act, 68 Haight street, San Francisco, urges all organizations and unions to pass similar resolutions. The cases of the prisoners will come up for consideration by the board late in April or early

- BEHIND THE WALLS OF THE SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY ---

The Bagley-McNabb Caper—Two Convicts the hangman, Fred Hogoboom. Try to Shoot Their Way Out-Jim McNamara Framed By Guards

or articles written by a man just up so many times we are almost released from San Quentin peni- insensible to pain. We have been tentiary. They throw a sharp starved continually and if the rope light on the present shady situa- which you are going to give us the condemned men so they could tion surrounding the resignation now can be any worse than the of Warden Holohan.

THE BAGLEY-M'NABB CAPER

Quentin from Folsom because the be dangerous as long as he was Bagely came off. near his partner Samsull. He manufactured some crude guns right under the eyes of the San Ouentin guards and on a foggy day he and Bagley tried to shoot their way out. They failed, were caught and stripped of a lltheir clothing before being taken to the Captain's office for questioning. Eyewitnesses assert they never saw two men walk so straight with their heads up, unafraid as they did when being marched to the Porch (as the Captain's office is

The men on the condemned re heard all the shooting and noise and surmised something was amiss. They could see the porch from their cells, so when Bagley and McNabb came across their line of vision they watched intently. It didn't take the guards being tried they were located on on the Porch long to get the tor- this tier. As the entire group of ture started. They sapped both convicts around with everything they could lay hands on. McNabb of exercise each day, they could could barely crawl when he left talk without interference. Mcthat torture chamber, Bagely could walk but with great difficulty.

ON TRIAL

Of course they were placed on The home-made gun which bb was using went off acintally and killed a convict. MacNabb was known to have uttered: "Goddamit, that had to happen just at a time like this" But they were not tried for killing the convict, they were tried for escaping, or attempting to escape.

This is the second of a series as saying: "We have been beaten terture we have gone through. then bring on the goddam rope and let's get it over with." Jim McNamara, noblest and

most admired prisoner in San Quentin, and the oldest class-war McNabb was brought to San prisoner in America, was working on the condemned row when the prison officials thought he would escape attempt of McNabb and

> It was Jim's duties to carry buckets of food to the condemned men and to attend to their wants, especially when they are locked in their cells. But no one is allowed to go near or approach a condemned man without a guard along. When Jim fed the condemned men he carried the buckets on his arm and as the guard got to each cell Jim handed him the bucket. The guard places each bucket within the cell and after all have been fed no one is even allowed along the tier where the condemned men are kept, and that included Jim as well.

CONDEMNED ROW

When Bagely and McNabb were condemned men are taken out to a small yard and allowed an hour Nabb was agreeably surprised to cape. He took their names and

are still working in prison, one the other a yard guard, Pete Richardson. They had been laying for Jim for many years. Now, they thought, the time has come to get lim off that job Going to the that Jim had been the one who had provided Bagely and McNabb with the names and numbers of be summoned to court.

CRUDE FRAME-UP

That men hired by the State of California to keep convicts from misbehaving would stoop to such vile and low practices just to get the oldest prisoner in San Quentin removed from a job he had held ten and more years, is unbelievable. Jim was astonished when confronted with such a grossly framed up story. But not for a minute did lim doubt that he was being made a scapegoat to cover up some glaring mistakes of the

When informed of the charge he simply said, "If you will explain how I can talk to a conwithout a guard along, I might be Jim McNamara killed. able to learn something, but this is only a downright damnable lie and you know it. The word of a you want with me."

He was put to sweeping the floor in one of the cell blocks. At that time he had nearly twentythree years of prison life behind

THE REASON

What was the reason behind trial he 'had his attorney issue reason, and there is no doubt that knew he was such a nice guy." subpoenas for them to appear in the close cooperation of Guards court and tell what they knew of Hogoboom, Pete Richardson, his beatings. (Here it might be "Square-Deal" Haney and Sam well to mention that the Califor- Harris gave rise to the thought nit Penal Code forbids the beating that they were being pushed from or torturing of any convict while behind. Later it came out that wanting to get Jim out of the structed South-Block Cellhouse on coming to prison for an unusualserving a sentence in a state they had been given specific or- way. They had framed a young the top floor, a section entirely ly brutal crime. The Prison Board

him into an argument, so that if asked him to expose the frame-up. he should raise a hand to one of Jim swung into action at once. the guards he would be shot on He hates frame-ups and will aid the spot! Therefore, from facts any convict if he thinks he has that afterwards came out it can been victimized. Jim was able to be definitely stated that both the prove to one or two of the more Warden (James B. Holohan) and sensible guards that it was such for Bagely to get saw blades into demned man when I am liable to the two State Prison Boards were a crude frame-up that they, alarmbe shot for going near their cells a party to the conspiracy to have ed, requested the Warden to re-

Why?

known, the kindest and most ad- to the framers' yarn. convict will not be taken against mired man who had ever served a guard, so go ahead and do what time in an American prison. Be- of his visitors about the case and than a minute, Bagely hit the CLASS, an act which capitalist taken out of the hole. America cannot forgive. Con-Namara that I said goodbye to find the condemned men knew all this? It couldn't all be per- him." The hardest and toughest with better food, and as he was that he had been so badly beaten sonal animosity, because Jim spoke criminals considered it an honor doing the book (life) he accepton the day of his attempted es- to quite a number of guards and to be able to say, "I was talking ed. Jim McNamara by his noble a loaded cane down on the head many of them respected him high- with Jim McNamara today. Jesus, numbers and when he went to 1y. The hangman had a special heza heluva good guy. I never ly worshipped him.

SPECIAL REASONS

Sam Harris and "Square-Deal"

lease the young con from the dungeon. As usual, the Warden post-Because Jim was the best-poned action until he could listen

cause, and this is of great im- these, knowing Jim's goodness, guard, the rat hit Bagely. What portance, he had GIVEN HIS brought such terrific pressure to was this rat doing so close to LIFE FOR THE WORKING bear that the young fellow was

Later it was established that the demned men on their last mile to young fellow had sought to prove fully 200 feet away? Whether or the scaffold always waved a fare- his innocence but could not obwell greeting to him. Many of | tain an audience with the warden. | them told the hangman as they His vindication brought a troubled mounted the steps, "Tell Jim Mc- conscience to the prison officials. They offered him a good easy job

Haney had special reasons for placed them in the newly-con- on the Los Angeles force before ders to push Jim McNamara runner who Jim knew. A friend cut off from the rest of the prison, and the Fascist agencies of the At his trial McNabb was quoted Two guards carried an intense around and, if possible provoke of the runner came to Jim and a place the convicts call "Siberia." State find such rats useful. What

der McNabb's toc-nails to see if puted to be working for a private in the cell) there was a silence

rnown that Bagely had got out of ganizations. is cell in Siberia, whacked the guard over the head, and was in OF CRIMINAL THE PAROLE turn knocked out by the convict BOARD FREES WHILE THE who was runner in "Siberia." It SACRAMENTO DEFENDANTS is unimportant to mention this rat LANGUISH BEHIND BARS, by name, it would not only dirty CHARGED ONLY WITH THE the page, but give him an idea CRIME OF MEMBERSHIP IN he was a "hero."

A full account of this has never been given out, simply because the reporters of the capitalist papers must depend on the "handout" given them by the prison officials. Hence, their garbled ac-

THE FACTS

From witnesses who were in "Siberia" at the time a number allowing themselves to be shot covered. of facts have been brought to down like dogs. That night when (Next issue: "A DYNASTY light that place the prison of the bell rang in the various cell FADES AWAY.") ficials in a rather peculiar position. First: How was it possible the impregnable "Siberia?"

Two convicts and a guard are

the only ones allowed entrance

there; the convicts being trusted rats, the guard, one who has worked a long time in the prison. Sec-By that time Jim had told some ond: the whole affair took less Bagely's cell when the lights were all out, and his business was to stay at the other end of Siberia, not he knew that Bagely would slip out through the cut bars the moment the lights went off, it appears that he must have stood behind Bagely and waited until the guard was struck while making his rounds, then he crashed act had made a friend that actual- of Bagely. Moreover, the loaded cane was left at the desk by the guard when he started making his rounds.

Anyhow, the Warden recom-After the court had convicted mended that the rat be given a McNabb and Bagely, the guards parole. He had been a policeman

ney were carefully stripped and | for? They make excellent tools | houses to signify "music hour" searched. A few of the wise-crack- in the hands of fink agencies to (when portable phonographs and ers claim the guards looked un- spy on workers. This rat is re- musical instruments can be played he had held out anything on them. detective agency in Los Angeles . . . a few coughs were heard A short while before they were where his "talents" will certainly . . . domino games were stilled, hung the prison was thrown into be applied to the "wonderful" and the prison was quieter than other uproar when it became pursuit of spying on workers' or- when all the lights are turned off.

> AND THIS IS THE TYPE THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

DEATH

The convicts were offering a silent tribute to the lifeless bodies of Bagely and McNabb. For three nights this same procedure continued. "For," the convicts said, "if we are forced to go without music when some peanut politician dies why can't we go without it when one of our own pals is

It was by far the greatest display of solidarity ever made for Well . . . they hung McNabb two convicts, even though they and Bagely. They dotted the were dead. That five thousand walls with an unusually large convicts would stand together in force of armed guards while the silent demonstration for Bagely "California Holiday" was taking and McNabb was too much for place. There was no disturbance the prison guards and officials. that Friday in the prison yard. It scared them into a jittery stage The convicts had better ideas than from which they have not re-

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

During the last two months. with the concentrated efforts of our entire Party membership, 519 new members were added to our ranks. For the first time since the General Strike of 1934 we carried through a successful recruiting drive-not only reaching the goal set, but going over the top. The District Committee congratulates the entire Party on this splendid work and wants to give honorary mention to such sections as San Mateo which doubled its membership, to Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino who practically doubled the original quota, and Constitution of the I. S. U. of to Los Angeles, East Bay, Stockton, Merced, San Diego, Sonoma, who also went over the top.

ONE-FIFTH FROM A. F. L. A special outstanding feature of this drive has been the fact that more than one-fifth of those recruited were members of the American Federation of Labor, an example of what we REALLY could who is active in the trade unions

One weakness stands out above all (and there are many) despite the good work. We recruited only 14 Negro workers—ten of whom charter of the Sailors' Union of come from Los Angeles. East the Pacific the I. S. U. Conven-Bay, which has conducted excel- tion did not notify the Sailors' lent work in preparation for the Union of any charges, or at any American Negro Congress did not time request or demand that acrecruit a single Negro worker. tion be taken by the local union The failure to recruit Negro work- to correct or rescind any action ers only means that our Party alleged in violation of the Interis not yet awake to the problems of the Negro people.

AN ALARM

Can we now fold our hands and say the job is done? Emphatically NO. Here we must issue a warning-in fact an alarin to every member. The dues payments on ships and had not been emduring the month of February ployed prior to the strike were show that these members have not yet been assimilated. Not only that—the dues payments reached any organization other than the the lowest point since November, 1935. This shows an impermissible looseness-a failure to pay attention to this important political task of making every member a regular dues paying member. This looseness was responsible for the loss of nearly 2000 members during 1935 alone. If this continues upon by the Convention, which the good work in recruiting will by their nature, are an immediate . also be lost.

by May, is a remarkable task- vor a strike, etc., and a task which we will fulfill as we fulfilled the recruiting drive. But RECRUITED - AND EVERY ONE OF THE 2500 REGISTER-ED IN JANUARY, 1936.

UNIT WORK

To keep our members we must devote our attention to transforming our units into active political ber will feel that to miss a unit meeting means to miss that lively guidance which he needs for effective work among his fellow workers. The new members themselves will help us in this. We propose that the section organizers shall meet with the new members, not only to give them a better understanding of the Party, but also to learn from them. These new members can tell us many things that are wrong with our units. They can let us know what they expected to find and what they ac-

tually did find. The leading comrades in the sections shall hold conferences with the unit organizers to discuss the work of the units and what is needed to activize them. Leading comrades shall then visit the units for a period of several weeks and help the members to work out simple tasks in the trade unions in the mass organizations, in the neighborhoods around the main issues which the workers face in these respective fields.

OVERHAULING UNITS

Meetings shall be held with groups of activists who should be asked to cooperate with the leading committees to begin this serious overhauling of the work of our units.

The new members just drawn into the Party shall be carefully guided not only through the new members classes but through personal attention by an older comrade, preferably the unit organizer. We know that the majority of the new members are not yet attending these new members classes. We have to take every possible step to guarantee that to personally supervise this.

NATIONAL I.S.U. REFERENDUM ON CONVENTION ACT IS DEMANDED

Rank and File Fight for Return of SUP Charter: Constitution Denounced

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.-While reactionary East Coast officials strive to break the fast growing unity developing between the seamen on all coasts, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the Marine Firemen, Oilers' Union adopted the following resolution, signifying their intention to continue the fight for a national rank and file controlled International Seamen's Union.

WHEREAS: The delegates to the 33rd Convention of the International Seamen's Union of America, were, with the exception of the Pacific Coast delegates, not duly elected, as is required by the A. and therefore, were not truly representative of the I. S. U. of Sailors' Union in all Districts of A. membership, thereby strongly the I.S.U. and to the Executive indicating that the actions taken at this Convention could not at all have been in conformance with the desires of the membership,

has arbitrarily revoked the charter ton. do if every member of our Party of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, for various reasons such as would take seriously the need of alleged violations of the Interdrawing in active trade unionists. national Constitution or agreements, and

SUP NOT NOTIFIED

WHEREAS: In revoking the national Constitution or agreements, and

ISU VIOLATE OWN PACT WHEREAS: The agreement by ference for Social and Labor Lewhich work was resumed after gislation to be held on March 21 the 1934 strike provides that all at the Hotel Delano. men who were then employed considered strikebreakers, and as such were to be discharged, and Sailors' Union of the Pacific would be composed of such men, the employment of which would

be a direct violation of the agree-

ment of the San Francisco General

Strike, and

WHEREAS: Certain Constitutional amendments were passed menace to the democratic con-We know our Party has the trol and general well-being of all cnergy, the will and the means District unions of the I. S. U. started in three sections of New to overcome this weakness. The of A., even refusing the members goal now set, to have 3100 good- the right to vote on major issues standing members in our Party such as whether or not they fa-

DICTATOR CONTROL

WHEREAS: These Actions, this means that we must KEEP whether merited or not, will split EVERY MEMBER OF THE 519 tip and weaken not only the already well organized Sailors' Union of the Pacific, but all marine workers organized in the various maritime unions of the Pacific Coast and will eliminate any democratic control of the organizations as has been attained and bodies so that every Party mem- place all control into the dictatorial hands of the National Executive Committee of the ISU of A., and

> WHEREAS: These actions will render the maritime unions easy victims for attacks by employers and constitutes an attack against the fundamental, democratic, trade union rights in all crafts, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this organization shall hereby go on record as demanding that the National Executive Committee of the ISU of A. immediately institute a referendum vote of the at a dinner to be given at the entire membership of the ISU on the ratification or rejection of street, Sunday evening, March 15, all major actions of the 33rd Con- at 6:30. vention of the ISU including particularly, the actions regarding the Constitutional Amendments and the revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific; such referendum to be participated in by all bona-fide members of all District Unions of the ISU including the membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and

be it further RANK AND FILE VOTE

RESOLVED: That such recommittee, which shall consist of one member from each of the floor, 121 Haight street. constituent district unions of the ISU including the S.U. of P. and the results, thereof, shall be considered as final and binding upon

Comrades, we can and must keep every member. We can and must reach 3100 dues-paying members by May. With the same determination with which everyone of you carried out the splendid every new member is involved in recruiting drive-let us put a stop a class. The leading comrades of to fluctuatoin. EVERY MEMthe sections are made responsible BER A DUES-PAYING MEM-BER BY MAY.

officials and membership of the

ISU and be it finally RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution shall be immediately sent to the National Executive Committee of the ISU and to all locals and branches of the Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council, and to the State Federation of Labor, and to the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. and to all Labor press in WHEREAS: The Convention California, Oregon and Washing-

JOINT ACTION **COMMITTEE TO** HOLD MEETING

FRAZIER - LUNDEEN BILL KEYNOTE OF NEW YORK CONVENTION

zier-Lundeen Bill is the keynote of a call for New York Con-

Pauline Hogers, Secretary of the New York Joint Action Committee for Genuine Social Insurance stated that this conference is being held in preparation for the National Congress to be held in Washington about April 4, 5, and 6th. "The New York campaign," she stated, "for the popularization of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill is under way. A large mass meeting will be held on March 29th at which representatives from Washington will be present to discuss various aspects of social insurance. The building of local social insurance clubs on a congressional district basis has already been York and is spreading fast to other sections of the city. Hundreds of resolutions for the endorsement of the Bill have been circulated among the organizations in New York. There is a certain professional and fraternal organizations, as well as among unions."

Post cards on the Frazier-Lundeen Bill, pamphlets and copies of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill and resolutions for endorsement are available at the New York Joint Action Committee, 799 Broadway. Room 438. Organizations should order this material as soon as

Christening of Tom Mooney YCL Branch, Mar. 15

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.-The official christening of the Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist Leage will take place Boys' Dairy Lunch, 15 Market

Archie Brown will be toastmaster. Speakers will include Ben Dobbs, president of the branch and representatives from the Mooney and Modesto Defense Committees. Lorine Norman, C. S. prisoner out on bail pending appeal will speak on the Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.

A reading by Ben Legere of the San Francisco Democratic Council and musical numbers will complete the program. Dinner will serendum shall be supervised by be 35 cents per plate. Reservations democratically elected balloting can be made at the Young Communist League offices, second

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hysterical, red-baiting American tional 150. Citizen, has been attempting to organize a vigilante force in Crockett, where much Contra Costa County's heavy industry is located. We think the Major may be slipping, or why can't he stop the supporting their paper?

bounded at length on how Com- the Mason Opera House and browbeat themselves into giving celebrate their fulfillment of their the last cent out of their own quota. to ourselves is a mystery. In sell- quotas.

San Francisco Section:

The Contra Costa section is the ing tickets for admittance to the latest to go over the top in the Clay International Theater where drive to raise a \$7500 sustaining the Soviet film, "Frontier" will be fund for the Western Worker. showing, beginning March 21, the Contra Costa's quota was \$50, and Party members and sympathetic with \$8.43 turned in this week workers complain they don't get they have fulfilled it 100 per cent. enough tickets to sell. Last night Major Sanborn, editor of the a comrade came back for an addi-

> Ten cents out of every admission sold goes to the Western Pacific: Worker sustaining fund.

San Francisco section plans "Victory Affair" on March 29, at workers in his own territory from 121 Haight street, to celebrate its fulfillment of its quota. Los An-The major, in his paper, has ex- geles plans another, a concert, at munists, in their unit meetings, Cabaret at 230 Spring street, to

pockets for tickets, donations, etc. You have just three weeks be-Just why we should be so mean fore the drive closes to get those

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EAST COAST SEAMEN PLEDGING NATIONAL UNITY WITHIN I.S.U.

SUP Convention Delegate Cites Need for Democratic Control of International

(Statement by Al. V. Quittenton, delegate to the recent national convention of the International Seamen's Union of America, assistant secretary-treasurer, Sailors' Union of the Pacific).

FROM THE VOICE OF THE FEDERATION

The seamen, both on the West and East Coast, are determined more than ever to unite against not only our arrogant employers but also the splitting tactics of certain delegates to the recent I. S. U. of A. convention, in recommending the revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for refusing to yield to the mandates and policies of a dictatorial Executive Board.

This action was taken of course & and endeavour to separate and divide us from the ever growing militancy of our brothers on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. The members on the East Coast however are not blind to these maneuvers and are now showing a United Front not only against the shipowners but also any officials of the Unions who use such tactics to the detriment of the general membership of all our Unions.

We on the West Coast are exceedingly grateful to our Eastern Brothers for their support in our efforts to regain our charter.

We shall fight united with them more determinedly than ever bere to stave off any such attacks are now being directed against

The majority of the rank and file are not interested in fighting and quarrelling among each other. On the contrary we realize the importance of mobilizing all United Action our forces for against not only he ship owners, bankers and industrialists, but also payer the TAILOR will dare to attempt to split our

These sentiments are being ex pressed by the Eastern and Gul-Seamen, by printing, dirculating and signing the following cards which express their true Union spirit in attempting to build a National Maritime Federation, a great economic army of all maritime workers. CARD ADDRESSED TO HAR-

RY LUNDEBERG; . Secretary to the 7,000 members of the Sailors Union of the

GREETINGS; I pledge full support to your demands for the return of your charter. Your expulsion by the Convention, which does not meet with my approval, weakens and endangers our union. Your fight is our fight, because without un-

through a powerful rank and file Jack McDonald's

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ity between East and West

to be able to outlaw the militants controlled International Seamen's Union, we cannot defeat the ship

> CARD ADDRESSED TO EX-ECUTIVE COMMITTEE I. S. U. of A.:

Signed Book No .

As a loyal member of the Eastern and Gulf Districts of the ISU I endorse the petition of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for the return of their charter which was revoked by the National Convention.

I am opposed to any changes in the International Constitution unless voted for in an International referendum.

I call upon the Executive Committee to respect the rights of the membership by conducting an international referendum on any constitutional changes and for the return of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

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RIP TIDES By LeMae

"NO VIGILANTES ALLOWED"

Based on an Actual Occurrence) well I've always had your intera stop in front of the Union Hall. | it's all about. The mayor called Shorty untangled himself from me up and asked me if I'd serve behind the steering wheel and on this Disaster Plan Committee. swung his chunky body to the Well-I figured I might as well sidewalk. With a scowl on his serve on it. If it is a phoney face he stormed into the hall.

The meeting was under way. the crowd in the rear. "Mr. pres- earthquakes or fires-you know, ident, I've gotta beef on my mind stuff like that. We got nothing and I want it explained right

from the chair he continued, "I was delivering a load to a WPA

oject on the way home this cernoon. While the men were unloading the truck, some guy walks up to me. Takes a look at my union button and says, 'That's a fine bunch of b-s ya' got in that outfit. Nothing but two-bit vigilantes,"

Shorty eyed the membership. "I was measuring that guy for a good bust in the jaw as I asked him what the hell he meant by calling the Teamsters' Union a bunch of b-s. He handed me this." From his shirt pocket Shorty withdrew a clipping, tossed it on the secretary's desk and said. "I want this read, then maybe the rest of the fellows will savvy why I didn't paste that WPA worker."

"He's out of order," the Big Shot cautioned the chairman. "Read it," the meeting hollered.

Like he was reaching for a lighted cannon, the secretary picked up the clipping. "It's about the Disaster Plan," he announced and began reading, "- - it is a rather clumsily-veiled instrument for giving unlimited power to vigilantes . . . the Disaster Plan Committee is comprised of Mayor C-, J. B. of the Chamber of Commerce, E. Z. of the American Legion and C. R. of the Team-

Shorty spun around to the membership and cut in, "Yeh, now do you guys understand why that WPA fellow called us a bunch of vigilante b-s? I want to know what the hell this is all about. What are we doing mixed up that pot-bellied gang from

Chamber of Commerce and a mch of booze-artist Legionaires. Them lousy s-b-s never have done us any good. All they ever do is gang up on a bunch of working stiffs like us. If this keeps | chair. up Ch-sake we'll have to join the National Guard to protect Union," Shorty concluded.

Voices rose to a loud murmur. "He's right," someone hollered from the rear.

The Big Shot raised his hand.

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The five-ton truck lumbered to ests at heart. I'll tell you what proposition then I'll be in a position to protect you men. But, it Snorty pushed his way through ain't phoney. It's only in case of to worry about—it's on the level." The Big Shot sighed with relief Without waiting for recognition inwardly as the rows of scowls began to fade. He stiffened.

> "Goddam it, ya' know where this clipping comes from. It's from that damn Communist magazine, the Pacific Weekly, that's printed in Carmel. They're all Communists down there!" Big Shot screamed. He began to hit his accustomed stride. "The Disaster Plan is okay, I tell you, but these dam Communists are twisting the whole thing around for their own purposes. Ch- they're trying to run the whole goddam Bay. We gotta keep them out."

men, Big Shot gazed at them bel- | State of Guanajuato, come to proligerently, "Well-does anybody test to the National Government want to speak in favor of 'em? You-you've been doing a lot of ajuato Reduction Company. For talking,—how about it?" he challenged a rank and filer sitting in on strike against the company, dethe front row.

"Sure I want to talk-I'm boiling over," the member addressed snapped back as he took the floor. 'Shorty is right," he began. "What the hell ARE we doing mixed up with this dirty bunch of labor- Donald and Smith attempted to ago that some of those same yel- refusing all attempts to arbitrate Railroad Workers' Union where a ion, covered with the red flag of the North American octopus had place them in a hot pan of water much relief as you were receiving low rats went up to Santa Rosa. the strike. As a last resort the You guys remember what they miners formed a caravan and, cardid to a bunch of working stiffs rying posters demanding the exlike ourselves-and all they were pulsion from Mexico of the "perdoing was trying to organize.

"Damn it-every time the boss wants any workers beaten up all mile walk to Mexico City, arrivhe has to do is call 'em Commu- ing 14 days later with bleeding nists and sic the teamsters on and calloused feet and bearing

"Cn-, it's bad enough to have fellows in your own union going way as a result of silicosis poisonaround beating up his own kind ing. without having your officials sleeping with a bunch of vigilantes -I tell you we gotta vote this down," the rank and filer shouted

"There ain't any motion on the floor-vou're out of order," Big Shot broke in, from behind the

"Well—I'll make a motion then", Shorty leaped to his feet. "I make ourselves. And this ain't the first a motion that we instruct our oftime I've heard cracks about our ficial to get the hell off that Disaster Plan Committee and to tell the mayor to keep the name of the Teamsters' Union to hell out of that vigilante plan."

The chairman didn't bother to "Listen you fellows," he pleaded, put it to a vote as the entire able leader to take his place con-"You know me. You know damn membership roared, "Second it."

The March of the Mexican Miners Healthand the Class Struggle

Caravan of Protest Demands American Mine Owners Be Expelled from Country

This march of the Mexican miners was briefly reported as a "hunger march" by the capitalist papers in this country. Since the facts of the struggles of the Latin American peoples against imperialist exploitation might embarrass the Wall Street Government if too thoroughly understood here, such distortions of events of this nature are to be expected. None of the capitalist papers reported that these miners wanted their American bosses kicked out of their country.

(By Special Western Worker Correspondent)

MEXICO CITY, February 28. —One of the most important demonstrations against American imperialist exploitation occurred two weeks ago with the arrival in the Misled by the silence of the capital of 600 miners from the against the American-owned Guanfour months the miners had been manding higher wages and adequate protection against dangerous working conditions which have already resulted in the deaths of many workers from silicosis.

> The American managers, Macnicious foreigners MacDonald and Smith," set out on the long 265with them one of their number-Luis Chavez-who died ion the

RAILROAD UNION

Outside the city limits the "Caravan of Protest" was met by delegations of workers who joined the miners and marched with them SOLIDARITY—SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE



Louis Chavez worked in a Mexican silver mine in Guanajuato. He got silicosis, because the American owners ignored pleas for safety measures. Chavez and his fellow workers struck. Facing starvation, 600 of them undertook a 265-mile march to Mexico City to demand that the foreign exploiters be expelled from the country. Chavez died on the way, but his comrades saw to it he finished the march-in his coffin. Above is pictured the head of his funeral cortege in Mexico City. The Syndicate of Railroad Workers preceded the casket, which was draped with a red flag. Observe the red flag of the Communist Party of Mexico in the background.

which were blocked off from traf-Cathedral of Mexico and Alameda dead miner lay in state in the with his comrades, but who was my feet gets kind of cold, especial-illness is due to such a poisoning fic by government orders, past the Park to the headquarters of the hall of the Railroad Workers' Un- weak even at that time, because meeting was held.

Many speakers addressed the meeting, including Miquel Velasco of the newly-formed Confeder-ions. The miners were given food dren die like that!" ation of Mexican Workers. The leader of the miners, Tomas Ul-

"We are miners. We go fifteen or two thousand feet down into the earth to extract the precious metals. But what happens to the silver which we ex-America where it is used to flag, Ulloa said: build big buildings in Wall

owners to ride about in."

nist Youth and of many trade unand accommodations in the Department of Labor building.

A PLEDGE

the funeral which was attended National, that MacDonald and by representatives of all the trade | Smith have been forced to submit unions in Mexico. The chief to arbitration; that the governspeaker again was Ulloa, leader ment-assigned arbitrator is on his tract with our hands at the dan- of the miners' caravan. Pointing way to Guanajuato. It is also reger of our lives? It goes to to the coffin draped with the red ported that sometime today the

Street and to buy expensive au wasn't able to arrive on foot with Palace.

into Mexico City through streets tomobiles for the American us because he died on the way of banners of the People's Front died, so have died our fathers, Against Imperialism, the Commu- brothers and grandfathers. But the time now. I have used ten If your demands are refused, we are not going to let our chil-medical doctors, two dentists, one let us know, and we will get the * * *

> Monday, March 2.—The Mexican Government announced to-On Sunday, March 1, occurred day through the columns of El

miners will be received by Pres-"Here lies Luis Chavez who ident Cardenas at the National

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

POISONING ON RELIEF

Imperial Valley, that land of the lynch-rope and dungeon for labor organizers, shows us what is in store for workers throughout the country if we allow fascism to be thrust upon us. R. N., whose letter is printed below, shows us how his body has become wracked with pain and disease, probably through the intentional neglect of Imperial Valley relief officials.

El Centro, Calif.

Dear Sir:

When it first started was about the last week in June, 1935. had a kind of dizzy attack and palpitation of the heart, or I thought it was. I have a gassy stomach, when I expel gas, I get relief. I had several doctors to wait on me and they would name it different things; also the doctor said I had pyorrhea, trench mouth, and I've had four teeth pulled out, and treatments for that; and didn't any of them do me any bills, but cut your family to \$2.60 good for over two or three days at a time. The medical doctors especially.

worse along and along. I had a pain in my right side around my my lungs. And my stomach seems of the lower jaw passes pus all any doctor bills, past or future. throat doctor, and I have had help of the State Federation of three weeks' treatments of the Unemployed and Allied Organispinal cord. I have a chronic case zations in taking it up with the of catarrh. I blow flakes out of state office of the SERA.

my nose stained with blood in morning. One nostril seems be stopped up which makes hard for me to get breath. At time I first got hurt I was paint ing for the relief, and cutting the paint with turpentine. The relief? gave me about fifteen days of medical treatments, otherwise I've had to foot my own doctor bills, and now I'm broke.

I have ten in the family and now I am cut off WPA. They want me to move out on the farm and they are allowing me \$26.00 per month until I start farming and not well.

ANSWER: This sounds suspiciously like poisoning from the work that you were doing. Possibly it is lead poisoning from the paint. It is typical of relief officials in such a vigilante area that they should first cause you to become seriously ill by their disregard for your safety, then not only refuse to pay your doctor per person a month in order to make you, a sick man, go to work for the big growers at slave Later on it seems like it gets wages.

DEMAND EXAMINATION

Our advice is that, if possible, breast that runs through my you go with a large committee body. Now it's in my back, from of friends to demand that the the middle up. In my throat and SERA pay a doctor to make a under my collar bone it's a place thorough examination and give a there seems to ache, it's also hard report of his findings. Demand a to breathe. My stomach is gassy copy of the report and send it to and seems like there is gas in me, care of the Western Worker,

We will then be able to advise silicosis. Here lies one who was full all the time. When I expel you as to what to do further. If Saturday night the body of the in the forefront of the strike along gas I get relief. The bottom of it can be established that your ly when I feel bad, and when I you are entitled to at least as the miners' union and flanked with sucked away his life blood. As he I get some relief. The fourth tooth at that time, plus the payment of

Can You Name This Column?

CONDUCTED BY M ARJORIE CRANE

This new column which started out as "We Women Workers" is going to be improved. And this is your chance to help improve_it and at the same time win a FREE SUBSCRIPTION for one year to the new women's magazine, The Woman Today.

The name for the column must be short and to the point. You may submit as many names as you wish. Write each entry on a sheet of paper, together with your name and address, and send it in. The contest closes Saturday, April 18th, and the winner will be announced in the issue of Thursday, April 23rd.

THE SANTA CRUZ QUILT ◆

tells us they plan to have a whole pooth of their own at the International Labor Defense Bazaar iere in San Francisco on March 20th. Home-made preserves and parkling jellies, cakes, cookies, and candy, Santa Cruz mountain erns in hand-made baskets, garlen plants, pot holders and aprons -and a hand-pieced quilt, all put ogether and quilted with the tiniest even hand stitches-will make display that should be the cener of attraction.

Since these comrades live too ar away to be here for the perod of the bazaar, a group of San Francisco girls, who, for their part, re not experts with jellies and quilts, have volunteered to arange and manage the boothand add themselves to the decora-

The quilt is now on display at he I. L. D. office. It is a beautiul thing, full 90 by 95 inches, in ı lovely pattern and coloring, and The Santa Cruz group asks us

o announce that they will take orders for pieced quilts, any size or pattern, the money to go to of these fine household pieces, ou can have one well made at a price much less than the stores ask, and the money will go to a lit will be a bargain.

BUT NOT WAGES NEW YORK. Mar. 8 .- The

Standard Statistics Co. has re-

extremely high.

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON 532 - 15th Street, Oakland

, cause you are glad to support. Leave vour order at the I. L. D. office, 1005 Market street, Room

Such work as this is an inspiration to everyone, so if your bunch is doing anything of the kind, let us know, and don't hide

your light under a bushel. Only two weeks or so till the International Labor Defense has its annual bazaar. If you are planning to do any sewing for it, or to run a preliminary affair,

you'd better hurry.

One group of women is meeting weekly in the afternoon and making things for the bazaar. One reads while the rest sew. They have finished several good books and are now reading Anna Louise Strong's "I Change Worlds"and have turned out some neat looking aprons, children's dresses, and piece-work cushions in the meantime. Not to mention the fact that a number of women were drawn into the activity who might not have been brought into the working class movement in

any other way. And if pre-election prosperity has given you means of doing some hefty buying, you might the I. L. D. So if you want one hold off some of it till March 20. You will be able to get almost anything, from a can of fish to a fur coat, at the I. L. D. affair and

> BUTCHERS WALK OUT PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 6.-Butchers and cutters today joined the strike of 500 meat truck drivers. At least 13 packing companies were affected. Meat was reported at a premium in some sections of the city.

DR. LEON KLEIN

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GHANDI CHOOSES

The physical frailty of Ghandi, of India in their struggle against British Imperial oppression, now requires his retirement from active life and the choice of another

This choice, Ghandi's own, has fallen upon a Marxist. Graduate of Harrow and of Oxford University, trained within the framework of British Imperial ideology. this young Indian is an ardent communist.

What this means to the future of the oppressed people of the 'nd falls into its place in the nistoric stream. The Russian peoole, crushed under Czarism, freed

of the Indian people, a third mighty nation to rise from sleep,

Slowly but certainly, over this of all lands do unite.

C.P. Leader Is Freed

archy.

Tremendous mass protests and threats of strikes forced the government to release the Communist

of all of the developments in the dle next fall. They will find that Soviet Union today should not be the American people are not all

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

ARE RUSTING

ditch-digging machines and steam dreds of men in a day are stand-

picks and shovel dirt out above their heads, regardless of their physical strength or their being

create the wealth of America, must Yankee bombs and poison gas. I now get down into the ditches told him I'd like to help him out. and strain their flabby muscles He was O. K. and aching rheumatic joints to the breaking point or starve.

support the human laborers displaced by their machines.

A nation of people claiming the most fabulous wealth of any nation under the sun should be amply able to care for their aged and infirm and when they can't they had better change their form mentary fraction of the Greek of government to meet the re-Communist Party, arrested Wed- quirements of human welfare and

> If the political bosses of the two old parties don't stop their while pretty soon they are liable to wake up and find an entirely

TROPICAL ROMANCE

San Francisco.

Editor, Western Worker: Last night I dreamed I was a had just closed a nice fat contract with the salesman from a Japanese firm. It was for some of his goods he let me have dirt

get plenty profit on the deal. Yes sir, I sure liked that little mug. Everybody on the streets was talking about the war, so we did too. He told me how the Japanese fascist army was hammering away at the borders of the U. S. S. R. Then he showed me how there was a lot of dough in Hundreds of old men who, in it for anybody who fixed it so their younger days helped to his Government could get a lot of

> Then a funny thing happened. While I was sitting there trying to figure out a way to get my cut out of it, another bird came in. He said he represented Du Pont in the U. S. and explained the "neutrality" bill his Yankee Congress had just passed. He said it was going to help him sell us his stuff if only we'd declare war on an Asiatic or European power. He said I could buy everything Du Pont has got for sale and peddle it to my pals in the Japanese army at a handsome commission.

So what do you think I did? I called up our Dictator and told him it was high time to show those damned Reds a thing or two. And he agreed we'd have to do something about those unquibbling and do something worth reasonable and irresponsible peopel who kick up such a hell of a fuss over missing a few meals. Anyone who would be abreast new set-up of bosses in the sad- When I said I'd see that he got his share, he promised to declare war on the U. S. S. R. that after-

That was when I woke up. But do you think the South American WPA Worker. | business men will wake up?

TRIED BY NAZIS AT EARLY DATE

AMERICAN SEAMAN FACES HOSTILE COURT

HAMBURG, Germany. -- Close on the heels of the conviction of Charles Nisselbeck, naturalized business man in some South American citizen, on the charges American country. I had a swell of high treason against the Naz big office somewhere, I think it government, comes the informa was in Uruguay. I remember I tion that an early trial date wil he set for Lawrence Simpson American-born seaman.

Simpson was taken bodily fron the American Liner Manhattan or ing idle and rusting in order that cheap. He seemed like a good June 28th, 1935, and has been held in the Fuhlsbuttel concentra guy and it looked like I would tion camp without a hearing since He was arested by the Naz

> locker. Information as to the trial wa received in a communication from

Maitre Bourthoumeiux, French at torney in the case, by the Inter national Labor Defense. The attorney stated he had re ceived this advice from the Ameri

con Consul in Hamburg. He als said that only German counse could be retained in the case, al though foreign counsel may ac as aide. A committee sent by the Na

tional Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners to Secretar of State Cordell Hull, last July elicited the information that th 'German authorities will render Mr. Simpson all appropriate as sistanc**e."**

LOS ANGELES, March 3. The Los Angeles Committee or Public Housing has been orga nized, it was announced here to day, and will advance a program for government-financed slum clearance.

Helen Alfred, secretary to the Naional Public Housing Conference, who is now in Los Angeles formed the local committee, which is to work in cooperation with the

Recently, an adverse court ruling caused withdrawal of a \$10.-850,000 appropriation for a lowcost housing program here.

SIMPSON TO BE

secret police on the charge tha he had anti-Nazi literature in hi

SLUM CLEARANCE IN L. A. IS PLANNED

municipal housing commission.

realed that 152 U.S. corporations eported dividend raises for Febuary, compared to 203 in January and 76 in February of last vear. Statistics, not "revealed" show that more than 1,000,000 nen were thrown out of work in January and that wages remained low while food costs still were

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behind these reports, behind these

statistics, you can see and feel a der this socialist system industrial without this book. It gives a asleep, and they will not long en- noon. whole people toiling, sweating. growth and the ability of the complete picture of conditions in dure the present oppression and singing, laughing as they go about people to take full advantage of the Soviet NUnion as of Jan. 1, slavery. the mighty business of building a such growth are limitless.

Reviewed by John King. Practically all of the contributions to this symposium are reprints of speeches and reports made by leading Soviet commissars before the Seventh Congress production decreased 24 per cen of Soviets of the U.S.S.R. held in January, 1935. They cover the to 1934, industrial output in the four-year period between the sixth | Soviet Union increased 139 per and seventh congresses—the per-|cent!

iod which witnessed the triumphant success of socialism throughout the Union. Among the topics discussed

are: the peace policy of the Sot Union; the relations of the .S.S.R. with capitalist countries; changes in the social structure of the country; the extension of the democratic principle in the Soviet the way to distribution. electoral system; progress in the electric, coal, oil, iron, c'nemical and building industries; consumers' goods; the increased financial victorious in the Soviet Union. power of the U.S.S.R.; trade relations with other countries; national defense; foreign exchange, etc. Practically every phase of

Interpolated as they are with numerous statistics, these reports are far from being "dry," wearisome reading, as is so often the ment of indirect elections by di-

Soviet activity and life is covered.

NOT DRY READING

se with such reports in cap rect elections and the substitution List countries. Rather, they of not entirely equal suffrage by make exciting, breath-taking read- equal suffrage. ing. The reason for this is that

Books and Pamphlets . .

THE SOVIET UNION, A Sym-new, a better life. Having served the chains of posium of Soviet Leaders (Incapitalism, which today are holding productive forces in check in every other part of the world, i is possible for them to utilize their full resources, both natural and physical. What is the re sult? While the world industria during the six-year period of 1929

DRAMA REVEALED The whole drama of modern civilization is revealed in those statistics. Capitalism can no longer produce because under capitalism it is impossible to distribute the fruits of production. Socialism can produce because it has eliminated the profit system which blocks

There are many conclusions to be drawn from this book. One is the fact that today socialism is During the past four years-the period covered by these reportsboth agriculture and industry have been placed on a permanent, sound socialist basis. Perhaps the most convincing proof of the success of socialism is the democratizing of the electoral system. This has been accomplished by the replace-

COMPLETE PICTURE Another conclusion is that un-

MARXIST TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR

inuing the fight for liberation.

world, is obvious. It means that he people of India, instead of lighting merely for national liberation, will become a part of the far more important task of liberating all oppressed human beings from all oppressors. This s a part of the logic of history,

hemselves and achieved the U. s. S. R. Millions of Chinese, recently among the most oppressed peoples of the world, today, live under Soviet rule. And now the masses

awake to communism. disordered planet, the proletarians

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 28.— The Greek government today released the chairman of the parlianesday for "insulting" the mon- human rights.

MEN AND MACHINES

Los Angeles. Editor, Western Worker: In some secluded and out-ofthe-way places may be found the shovels of yesterday. Machines capable of doing the labor of hun-

the unemployed may have pick and shovel jobs. Men of all occupations and trades are forced into wet sewer ditches and storm drains to swing

accustomed to such work.

Why not tax the millionaires, billionaires and their political yesmen into the sewer ditches for a while and see how they like it? At least they should be taxed to

EDITORIALS

The State Conference to Repeal the C. S. Act

Over 190 organizations have already pledged support to the state-wide conference for repeal of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act, which will convene in Sacramento on April 19. This is undoubtedly one of the most vital events of the year in the struggle of labor and liberal groups for civil rights. The Criminal Syndicalism Act hangs as a threat over all unions and progressive organizations, and it is their common responsibility to force its repeal.

Don't wait for representatives of the conference to contact you. Bring the matter up in your organization or union at the next meeting. Have a delegate elected to represent your group at the conference. Communicate with the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, 68 Haight street, San Francisco, UNderhill 9173, or the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West Second street, Room 326, Los Angeles.

The Unemployed Must Demand A Part in Handling of Relief Funds

· For many years the various unemployed organizations throughout America have demanded representation on the relief boards and commissions. How such a sound, democratic proposal can be logically vetoed by the relief bureaucrats

is still a mystery. After all, the jobless citizens of this country are more vitally interested in HONEST AND ADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF FUNDS than anyone else. It's the unemployed who suffer when the State Relief Administration announces it has to cut expenses because its \$2,000,000 expenditure in one month is too great. The SRA, in one month, spent \$900,000 on AD-MINISTRATIVE COSTS and only \$1,100,000 for RELIEF CHECKS.

Now the SRA announces a "crisis," with consequent increased misery for the unemployed. On Page One of this issue is a news item that points the answer to this whole problem.

The Alameda County Public Works and Unemployed Union has at last won representation in the WPA administrative offices, to handle labor disputes as to conditions on the

complete confidence in the American people.

We feel certain that life itself will final-

ly bring the great majority to support the

full Communist program of the fundamental

reconstruction of the country along the lines

of the highly successful Soviet Union, on the

The Soviet Union has proved this is the right

road. While capitalist nations have fallen into

crisis, the Socialist system of the Soviet Union

has made the greatest gains in production, in

living standards and culture ever withnessed in

the history of the world. It abolished unemploy-

ment and won the broadest democracy because

it drove out its Liberty Leagues, Hearsts and

Wall Streets. That is why the Soviet Union is

Communists propose, every ablebodied person

could immediately be put to work. The wage

scale under Socialism from the beginning

could range from a minimum of \$1000 per

year up to ten or twelve thousand dollars at

present value. To realize this requires an

aroused population, organized and determin-

ed to sweep all obstacles out of the way, to

break the rule of the bankers of Wall Street

and to put the masses of the people in pos-

That, in brief, is the utimate program of the

Communist Party. When we have the support

of the majority of the toiling people, we will

put that program into effect with the same firm-

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Hollywood Office, 1116 North Lillian Way.

Santa Barbara Office, 208 W. Canon Perdido.

With a system of Socialism, which the

today the stronghold of peace.

session of their own country.

San Diego Office, 635 E Street.

Abolish Poverty

basis of Socialism.

Browder's Radio Speech

(Continued from Page 2)

ished chattel slavery.

workers and farmers.

efforts make it a reality.

er-Labor Party, with such a program. We have ness, the same determination, with which Wash-

The next step is representation of the jobless unions, and the A. F. of L., on the relief administration TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT THE SIZE OF BUDGETS, WHO DE-SERVES RELIEF, and how much of the relief tunds shall go into the pockets of the officeholders who wind the red tape.

Murder Hatched By Wall Street, Is Executed in Brazil

American newspapers—particularly those of the West Coast-made much of the yarn to the effect the son of Harrison George, noted American Communist, had divulged the hiding place of the Brazilian Communist leader, Luis Prestes.

Now, several days after Barron had been reported a suicide, the truth comes out. Not only had Prestes been taken into custody before Barron was arrested, but police tortured Barron for days and, unable to gain information from him, tossed him from a third-story window.

American imperialism is deeply entrenched in Brazil. The present Vargas government is an abject tool of Wall Street. Revolting peasants and workers of Brazil last November challenged Wall Street's rule. They were slaughtered, jailed and tortured into partial submission. But Prestes, a recognized leader of the revolt and a prominent Communist, escaped.

Communists the world over are in the forefront of the struggle of exploited peoples against their banker-masters. That's why police hunted Prestes as a wild and dangerous tiger is hunted by natives of India. He is a menace to their rule. . And that's why they attempted to brand Barron as a stool pigeon and welcher.

Now it falls upon the working class of the world to save Prestes from death at the hands of the Vargas gunmen. Barron is dead-murdered. Preston must live. He can be saved by world-wide protest, as Dimitroff was saved from the Nazi butchers.

Protest today to the nearest Brazilian consulate! Demand freedom for Prestes and his 7000 fellow prisoners, victims of Wall Street

The San Francisco Brazilian Consulate is in the Mills Building, 220 Montgomery street,

ngton and the founding fathers carried through

the revolution that established our country; with

the same thoroughness with which Lincoln abol-

months after a majority gives power to the

Communist program we can completely abol-

program or not, however, we are convinced that

millions of you in America are ready for this

immediate organization and program which we

propose-ofa Farmer-Labor Party. Let Mr.

Hamilton Fish, when he answers me tomorrow

night, answer this proposal for opening the fac-

tories, of Old Age and Unemployment Insurance,

and give the program of his party-not drag out

red herrings. Each listener who wishes more

information, write to me at 35 East 12th street,

New York City. I will be glad to put you in

touch with people of the same opinions in your

locality and give you all the information possible.

Read the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker,

(National organ of the Communist Party. Ed.,

Western Worker), outstanding fighters for the

The Communist Party has no interests apar

from yours. We propose no actions except those

which the American people are prepared to or-

ganize and carry out themselves in their own

interests. We are convinced that millions of

you are ready for such a Farmer-Labor Party

in 1936. Let us get together and by our united

San Pedro Office, 244 W. Sixth Street.

Oakland Office, 419 Twelfth Street.

Sacramento Office, 1024 Sixth Street.

We say most seriously that within two

Whether you agree with the full Communist

The Power Trust's Idea of 100 Per Cent Americanism

Employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., have informed es that their bosses have subscribed to Colonel Henry R. Sanborn's "red herring" newspaper, "The American Citizen," for everyone on their payroll. As a return courtesy, it is said that many of the employees are chipping in to present the bosses with subscriptions to the "Western Worker."

"It is only natural," said one employee, "that the same huge lower trust which engineered the Mooney frame-up should give its support to a lascist 'heel' like Sanborn, This means that **S**anborn is getting a payoff from the P. G. & E. and that ultimately t will be ground out of our

We asked another employee what he thought of it and he said: "I didn't read it. I just used to clean my shoes.'

A third said that his wife folded t up and put it in the bottom of the bird cage.

"I read it," said a fourth. "Boy what a nightmare! If the Comnunist Party was anything like he says it is in there, I never would have joined it."

"I don't believe in force and violence," said a fifth, "but that guy Sanborn should be spanked.' The last issue of the "Amerian Citizen" is largely given over o lamenting the fact that Amrican students are giving their support to the struggle to estabish socialism and are blowing nedicine men like Sandborn. San- munist parades. born's belief is that bearded aliens



them or else bribed them with all- munism. But if they let that rubber raspberries at capitalist day suckers to march in Com- crack-pot Sanborn keep on publishing that paper, everybody'l!

We even heard one man re- join the Communist Party.

JOHNSON, HALLETT, REICH REPUDIATE

Cannon-Shachtman Group Seeking Merger With the Socialists

Norkers Party have resigned from he realistic program of the Com-

nunist Party of the U. S. A. and ers is for united action. of the Communist International. The resignations confronted the ecent Workers' Party convenion held at New York City the atter part of February. Resign-Suppressed in California ng were Arnold Johnson, secreary of the National Unemployed League, a prominent leader in mass work and a member of the Political Committee of the Workers' Party; Bill Reich, educational lirector of the Pennsylvania Unemployed League, who served 30 ave in a Columbus Obio iail or fighting evictions, and Win-Unemployed League, treasurer of Cedar Crest College for activity with the unemployed.

The three issued a joint statement which rocked the already faction-torn convention to its depths. It exposed the filthy disintegration within the Trotsky party and warned the Socialist Party of a Trotskyite move to join the "militant" Socialists with the idea of keeping intact the Trotskyite faction and thereby assuring the continued publication of the

Trotskyite publications. Leading the move to join the volutionary activities. In part it ion.

THEIR STATEMENT

disrupting force within the labor ion. movement.

"Today when fascism and war nenace the working people of the ever lower the standard of living ionists—all groups that have the year. . . .

Warning their "Socialist com-| interest of the workers at heart, | ades" against the introduction of must join hands in this common fective struggle against war is Trotskyism into the ranks of the task. The accomplishments of the impossible without consistent Socialists of America, three pro- Peoples Fronts in France and struggle in support of the peace ninent leaders of the Trotskyite | Spain encourage us in the con- policy of the Soviet Union and in viction that similar united efforts | defense of the Socialism which hat group and have declared for can succeed in the United States. Everywhere the cry of the work- the Soviet Union. We are con-

"We have found, however, from our experience, that Trotskyism seeks insidiously to prewent this united action. . . We accuse it of being a counterrevolutionary force, providing objective aid to Hearst and other reactionaries, and spreading paralysis and confusion within the working class movement under the banner and slogan of world revolution." MUD SLINGERS

of the Trotskyite Party and these national." movements in turn have disintegrated. The statement continues: MORE STATEMENT

class and inhibit effective action. of this group is to disrupt.

"Trotskyists, realizing the utter bankruptcy of their movement in "We entered this movement the United States, now plan to (Trotskyite) because we felt that enter the Socialist Party to carry the revolutionary aims of the work- on the same destructive activity Mosley Fascist Group ing class could best be realized there that they carried on withthrough it. It is now clear that the in the former American Workers movement cannot serve to advance | Party, to solve their inner facthe interests of the working class tional problems by confusion and ganized workers forced the City but that it has on the contrary slander within the Socialist Party Council to withdraw their perbeen so corrupt and has so de- and to poison the minds of the generated as to constitute a serious | Socialists against the Soviet Un- | to hire the City hall for a Fascist

WARN SOCIALISTS

"From our experience we wish world, when the ruthless profit- danger of Trotskyism to the So- black-shirted hoodlums. seeking of the capitalists depresses cialist Party. Socialist Party members must be forewarned of the ing up and chased them out of of the working class, the great, splits, expulsions, recriminations, town. urgent need is for united action verbal black-jacking, physical lead The permit was cancelled this to defeat and destroy these dan- pipe hurling and file-pilfering time by a vote of 31 to 12 and gers. There is no time to lose. which has characterized the Trot- the deputation left to make sure Socialists, Communists, trade un- skyite movement during the past that all roads were closed to the

"We are convinced that an efhas already been established in vinced that a struggle against fascism is impossible without a determined, earnest effort to build a mighty people's front led by a united working class. . .

Therefore we resign from this rency daily: convention as members of the Workers Party. We stand with the Soviet Union. We hail its socialist success and declare it to be the shining hope of the workers of the world. We stand likewise for the united front-of Socialists, Communists, trade unions and other groups that will charges and counter-charges which defeat fascism, halt war, and newspapermen, particularly some low Hallett, treasurer of the have been made by every Trot- overthrow capitalism. We, as true of Hearst's employees: Lehigh County (Pennsylvania) skyite against every other Trot- Communists, call upon all comskyite with the result the Work- rades who believe likewise to forthe Allentown Teachers Union ers Party has disintegrated ra- get their self-righteous sectarend who in 1935, was fired from pidly. Members have dropped out ianism and to accept and work in sheer disgust. This disintegra- for the realistic program of the tion has been carried into the Communist Party of the U. S. mass movements under guidance A. and of the Communist Inter-

> SOCIALISTS TAKE HEED Clearly, the intrusion of the Trotskvist group into the Social-"Why do we see this wreckage ist Party, would mean strife and around us today? Because Trotsky- | factional struggle. Counter-revolism is a negative force, capable utionary, sly, and consumed with only of producing division, sec- | a burning hatred for the Comtraianism and strife. Its ultimate munist International and the Soeffect is to divide the working viet Union, the historical function of the upper classes. His advice "Escape From the Soviets," on the

Its primary aim is to destroy | Socialist Party members of the the Communist International. Its West Coast should immediately Rise like lions from your slum-Socialist Party is the Cannon- Mief object is to attack the suc- send letters and resolutions to Shachtman faction. Opposed still cessful socialist economy of the the National Executive Commit- In unconquerable numbers; o this move is the faction head- Soviet Union. . Today the So- tee of the Party at New York, Shake your chains to earth like ed by Muste and Abern. The viet Union, by its scientific so-demanding that these professional split in the Trotskyite Workers cialist construction, stands as the disrupters be barred from ever en- Ye are many, they are few. Party already had come about greatest challenge to the capital- tering the Party. All honest, sinbecause of this divergence of op- ist world. . Yet nine-tenths of cere Socialist Party members will in a recent Sunday Worker that inion. The statement by John-the space in the New Militant not fail to see the sincerity of son, Hallett and Reish goes fully and other Trotskyist organs is this statement-forewarned is foreinto the factional strife and snows devoted to what? To fighting the armed. The United Front and the Dirty Willie Randolph Hearst clearly the depths to which the bosses and fascists? To building Farmer-Labor Party are major Wants to see the U.S. first, Trotskyite petty politicians have the mass movement? No. To slan- emergency measures confronting First in armies, sunk in the mire of counter-re- der ous attack on the Soviet Un- all sincere people at this time. We First in navies, should work toward this end.

English Workers Ban Use of City Hall to GRAND

OXFORD, England.-A large deputation representing all the or mission for Sir Oswald Mosley

Once before the Council had granted Fascist Mosley the use to warn Socialist comrades of the of the city hall for his gang of

Irate workers broke the meet-

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

Shortly after Hitler came to power in Germany, Herman Goering, his flabby and deprayed right hand man, made the famous declaration, 'Whenever I hear the word culture, I reach for my Mauser."

From the viewpoint of a blood-sucker, there is some wisdom in Ancient rulers feared popular eduction and intelligence as much

as modern fascists. At one time only Monks and noblemen knew how o read or write. To teach a commoner these arts was a crime punishble by death.

The written word was scarce and few could read it anyhow. News passed through the country by word of mouth. To make odds and ends of information easier to emember, rhymes were invented. The power of rhymes became so great that it shook empires and ulers held them in greater fear han the Black Plague.

Later on, educated gentlemen nade a hobby of writing up how they felt about certain women, sunsets and landscapes in rhymes, and this was called poetry.

Today, fascist nations have sucreeded in suppressing almost every form of culture except rhymes which circulate freely among the oopulace despite clubs, guns and ensorship.

In October last year, Mussolini's overnment tried to use rhymes or their own purposes, and the low regret it extremely. They popularized the following little litty among embarking troops and he public at large:

For a Christmas present To the Duce we'll win The war and wrap the Negus In a sausage skin. A quick, short war, Two months, no more, And we'll dence around the bon-At Sellasie's door.

Christmas came and went, bu the raymes stayed on. Troops and citizens still recite it all through Italy and at the front. Mussolini has made laws against it to no avail. It has become the favorite sarcasm of the masses and continues to spread resentment against the fascist regime. In Japan, another little ditty has caught on which neither laws nor threats can rub out of the publie mind and which gains cur

I work. I work as best I can, Yet for all that My living Is none the better-Blankly I gaze at my hands.

gained popularity which could ap-

You cannot hope To bribe or twist, Thank God, The British Journalist. But seeing what The man will do Unasked. There's no Occasion to.

bers

dew:

A rhyme by Slim Pickens ran

First in castles for Marion Davies. sponsoring the debate.

Main rhymsters on the American continent are the Mexicanand Negro workers. Mexican workers go in for mile-long poems and anyone who pleases can add another stanza. Some Mexic rhymes have passed by word yet mouth through many generations gathering extra stanzas as they go, but never having been written down. In a later column I'll give

One American rhyme which I egard as a prize-winning masterpiece goes:

a lot of examples of them.

The golf links lie so near the mill That almost every day, The little children at their work Can see the men at play.

The American army is one of he champion rhyme factories of he world, their old standby being: You're in the army now, You're not behind the plow. You'll never get rich You - of a -. You're in the army now.

Another popular one in the army though I don't believe it orignated there) is:

> Did vou ever think When the hearse goes by, They'll soon be burying You and I.

And the worms crawl in. And the worms crawl out,

Already I'm at the end of this olumn and haven't tapped the subject yet. We'll deal with it § again from time to time. Meanwhile, send in to me all your favorite rhymes—short ones particularly-and we'll make a col-

USSR Democra-

TOPIC OF DEBATE

In England a certain rhyme has Strong vs. Bryant

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.-Is Soviet Russia democratic? Anna Louise Strong, American university graduate, newspaper correspondent and one of the ed-

itors of the English language Moscow Daily News says it is. Stewart F. Bryant, retired Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy and with the Na Intelligence Service in the Far East during the period of Allied?

intervention in Russia, says not,

Shelley, the great English poet, The two will debate the question whenever he turned his pen on at Dreamland Auditorium here political or social subjects turned on Wednesday night, March 11, out lines that are being revived Dr. Strong recently debated with today much to the embarrassment Tatiana Tchernavin, author of to the British working class was: position of women in the Soviet Union. Dr. Strong took the de-

> 'This Soviet State,' Anna Louise Strong's latest book will be issued soon by Henry Holt and Co. It is the most recent of a long series of works reflecting her exhaustive and intimate knowledge of happenings and life in every corner of the U.S.S.R.

> Tickets for the March 11 debate are available at Sherman and Clay; Tom Girton's, at the F porium and at the door. The American Russian Institute is

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