Scheme To Wreck Militant Unions On West Coast Exposed By Harry Bridges

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1,000 Millmen Strike In L.A. Fixture Shops L. A. FRAMEUP

WEBER'S PLANT DEFIES UNION; SMALL OWNERS SIGNING UP

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—One thousand members of Millmen's Union 884, affiliated to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, struck at a majority of the store fixture manufacturing concerns here early today.

Sacramento Meet

LOS ANGELES, April 14.-

Mobilizing for the Sacramento

Criminal Syndicalism Law, 200

delegates attended the meeting of

the Southern California Councils

night at the Grace Methodist

Church, 200 North St. Louis st.

Final arrangements were made

for transporting the delegates to

the Sacramento Congress this

Party, and John Leech, Los An-

SOCIALIST PARTY

"The Socialist Party pledges its

support in a drive to obtain signa-

tures for the purpose of placing

a C. S. Repeal proposal on the

November ballot," stated Trimble.

ramento!" said Leech. "There our

job will be to work out a program

and to organize forces to secure

repeal of this vicious, anti-labor

EPIC SPEAKER

necessity for struggling against

"In Lincoln Heights jail are

wo workers right now who were

Carey McWilliams, author-at-

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conditions," said Christensen.

"Our slogan must be On to Sac-

Communist Party.

Weber's Showcase and Fixture & Company, at Avalon boulevard and Slauson ave., was the largest factory affected, with 500 C.S. CONFERENCE workers walking out. At noon today a mass picket line of more

in 100 was demonstrating. Three smaller shops settled almost immediately today and signed agreements with the union. Demands of the millmen are \$1

an hour minimum pay, recognition of the union, and improved working conditions.

Shop owners met two or three times today, it was reported, in an effort to get together to fight the Conference for the Repeal of the strike, but their efforts seemed doomed to failure before the militant front of the union. .

Union truck drivers serving the shops affected have also walked out, stated C. H. Buck-ley, member of the union executive board.

BOSSES' STALD

following statement:

"We won't stand for a closed shop. There are many good mechanics who won't join a union. These men are excellent workmen, and we want their services.

"We offered the union time and one-quarter for Saturdays and holi days, and time and one-half for Sundays. This offer, however, may be withdrawn now. The union wants stewards to collect duesin the shops."

PREVIOUS GAINS

The union carried on a success ful seven-week strike last year, and won increases in pay to a minimum of 85 cents per hour in Criminal Syndicalism Law." most shops from a previous low of 40 to 45 cents an hour. From a membership of 30, several months before the 1935 strike, the union action of the People's Front of members.

Unorganized shops never before Hearst and Chandler. touched are now the object of Only about 10 or 12 boys, working as apprentices failed to strike at Webers. They were part of approximately 50 young workers, whom Webers had hired expressly for strike-breaking, but the majority of these were showing their militant solidarity on the picket line today.

Larl Browder's book "What Is Communism?" is rapidly becoming a best seller in Workers Bookshops. Get a copy, read it and pass it on.

Police, Armed, Make for Docks In Automobiles

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15. - Fourteen automobiles and manned by five policemen and one civilian each at the Hall of Justice here close to 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Car occupants were armed with rifles, it was reported from reliable sources. Uniformed police appeared to be taking orders from civilian passengers of each car.

The Santa Rosa, Grace Line ship precipitating the present waterfront crisis, docked at Pier 35 while the police were being outfitted at the Hall of Justice.

HUNG JURY IN OF SAM JONES

Jobless Turn Court Into Forum on Labor Party

LOS ANGELES, April 14.-Although conclusive testimony by workers thoroughly exposed the attempted frame-up of Sam Jones, nilitant Negro leader of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, a jury in Municipal Court, Division 8, last night failed to reach an agreement on the charges Delegates Ready for of "disturbing the peace" and "battery" and was dismissed.

Today, re-trial of Jones was set for May 4th, in Division 7 of the Municipal Court, and bail was reduced from the previous exorbitant \$500 to \$100.

Throughout the trial members of the PWUU kept the court room packed, and waited for hours to for Constitutional Rights here last get inside.

OPEN FORUM

While the jury was out, Jone turned the court room into an open forum. Elected chairman for a

A united front of speakers out- ed to discuss, and it was decide ployers' committee, issued the lined the fight against reaction that the Farmer-Labor Party was and for constitutional rights, in- the most vital issue. Speakers cluding Glen Trimble, executive were limited to three minutes state secretary of the Socialist each.

"We need a united front of all geles Section organizer of the labor unions, churches, and other organizations to stop the starvadying from malnutrition," declared Holmes, PWUU member.

> Aaron Johnson, one of the famous "39" who were fired from WPA for organizing a successful strike, stated, "If we organize a Farmer-Labor Party, we will be able to get a decent standard of living. "Let's get in contact with all trade unions and other organizations, and build such a party."

"NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY" UTOPIAN SOCIETY While he was speaking, the Hugh MacBeth, of the Utopian court bailiff came in and stopped Society, spoke admiringly of the the meeting. "It's not allowed to has grown to more than 1000 Mexico in forcing the exiling of make a noise or disturbance in ex-dictator Calles, as a blow to the court room," said the bailiff. "Testimony" of a number of "If there are any Hearst or

top officials of the LACRA was the union organizers, who are util- Chandler stool piegons here," said to the effect that Jones performed izing the current struggle to MacBeth, "they'd better write this a football tackle on one Finnen, strengthen the ranks of the union. down, because I'm declaring now variously identified as a police officer and LACRA official, who was trying to stop a PWUU delegation from keeping an appoint-Parley Parker Christensen, Epic

City Councilman, spoke on the ment with Director Pilling. peace" and "battery," according to these officials and the city American Youth Congress. prosecutor. But testimony of a framed, for struggling for better number of other workers who were on the grievance committee showed that actually, Jones pices of the Building Trades torney, and Rev. Floyd J. Sea- was pushed by the committee and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.) SAN PEDRO, Saturday eve.

SHIPOWNERS SHOW THEIR HAND ILA CHARGES

The lockout of 4000 San Francisco longshoremen, by the refusal the shipowners to deal with I. L. A. Local 38-79 to hire through the hiring hall established by the 1934 agreement, is now revealed as plot to oust the elected leaders of the Longshoremen's Local Union. The only excuse the Waterfront Employers' Association could find for their violation of the agreement is that they won't deal with "radicals," by which they mean any honest, militant leader elected by the rank and file, and who WON'T SELL OUT to the employers.

WHO NAMES SHIPOWNERS' OFFICERS?

The maritime workers' answer to the waterfront employers was expressed in the words of Harry Bridges: "When you will permit us to name your officers we will let

you select ours. Our officers are responsible to the membership and not the Waterfront Employers' Association."

Precisely because the union membership will not permit the shipowners to dictate who shall be the union's officials, the employers have deliberately proceeded to precipitate a bitter struggle which was not of the union's choosing. It is obvious that the question of handling the cargo of the S.S. Santa Rosa is not the issue, since the union agreed to work the ship, but the empoyers persisted in breaking off relations with the union.

POPULAR SUPPORT FOR LONGSHOREMEN

Not only the maritime workers but Organized Labor generally recognizes the real issue is a threat to smash the maritime unions and union working conditions. This is evidenced by the resolutions of support to the longshoremen pouring in from San Francisco local unions, the Seattle Central Labor Council, and others. Organized Labor must stand by, on the alert, ready to swing into action to support the struggle of the locked-out longshoremen.

Butler Anti-War Meeting Student Strikes, April 22

ITALIAN TROOPS ADVANCING ON ETHIOPIAN CAPITAL

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

With American gasoline exploding in their motors, airunmerciful bombings have given the advantage to Mussolini's legions and the army of Haile Selassie is reported in retreat, leaving ghastly acres of slain bodies behind them.

Other movements of Italian troops are skirting dangerously near to vital British interests and friction between the two powers is increasing daily.

Meanwhile, the League of Nations is stalling for time on both the African situation and Hitler's re-armament of the Rhine. Japanese provocations on Soviet and Outer Mongolia borders continue with gradually increasing ferocity.

General Butler

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17. -General Smedley D. Butler, former commander of the U.S. Madress five mass meetings in Cali- prominent citizens. fornia during April.

The schedule of anti-war meet- ing, Page 3.) ings as announced to date is:

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday eye., April 22nd, 8 p. m., Dreamland Auditorium, under the joint This constituted "disturbing the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism and the

> SAN JOSE, Thursday eve., April 23rd, in the State College, Morris Daly Auditorium, under the aus-Council.

BOSSES PLAN MAJOR FIGHT

Exposes Union Smashing

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16. -In the following statement, issued today by Harry Bridges, president of I. L. A. Local 38-79, the longshoremen replied to the provocative howls and misstatements of the Waterfront Employers' Association:

The suspension of the National Longshoremen's Board award by the Waterfront Employers' Association of San Francisco was a major step in a carefully laid plan that was arrived at some months ago by a culmination of interests such as the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Association of San Francisco and the Waterfront

BOSSES PLAN AHEAD Realizing that the growing trength of the waterfront unions

and seriously impaired the huge profits of steamship operating, augmented by Federal ship subidies, these interests, as far back as May, 1935, have been endeavoring to undermine and destroy the waterfront unions of San Francisco and the Pacific Coast.

To have declared open war on these unions, which waged such a militant fight in the summer of 1934, will not have been the most means to accomplish their end. Too much support and sympathy would have been forthcoming from the organized labor movement and the general public. It was necessary to conduct a plan ficials of the I. L. A. far more subtle if it was to be

On Dec. 9, 1935, the final plans were laid.

FORESTALLED BY UNIONS On Jan. 20, 1936, the waterfront unions, knowing of the plan to disrupt the shipping industry and create industrial strike not only on the Pacific Coast but on a national scale, appealed to President Roosevelt and the Departments of Labor and Commerce and various representatives at Congress to institute an open congressional investigation of the sec-

ret plans of the employers. The resultant exposure by the press through this demand caused he employers to temporarily abandon their immediate attempts o execute their scheme.

The waterfront unions, following he policy that forewarned is forearmed, avoided giving employers in excuse to put their plan into action and place the blame on the vaterfront workers.

WHO WANTS FIGHT?

The employers thus proceeded to use every effort to antagonize he men with the intention of forcng them to rebel at the condiions imposed upon them, in order hat an issue might be created for their purposes. Such, indirectly, was the case of the Santa Rosa. The main hope of the water-

front unions was to get the whole affair before the public and expose the attempts of these interests to deliberately cease operations and through widespread publicity lay the cause at door of "reds," "radicals" and "irresponsible" union officials. The S.S. Santa Rosa was ordered to pass reiterated his former stand to the San Pedro so as to cause the crisis effect that hiring through the to arise in San Francisco, which joint hiring hall, as provided for is the key port and the center of in the Longshore Award, should union activity on the Pacific Coast. be resumed.

OFFERED TO WORK SANTA ROSA

At a special meeting Monday,

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Bridges Gets Ovation And Solid Support at **Meet of 4000 Dockers**

Bridges' Statement I. L. A. COAST OFFICIALS STATE SUPPORT OF S. F. LOCAL; BRIDGES TO TOUR COAST

Telegram from Seattle Voice of Action

WESTERN WORKER 121 HAIGHT ST

SHIP SFROM EAST)

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL PASSED RESOLUTION ON MARITIME SITUATION STATING QUOTE THAT WE THE SEATTLE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL DENOUNCE THE DISRUPTIVE AND SUBVERISVE TACTICS OF THE SHIPOWNERS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO DECLARE A COASTAL LOCKOUT OF THE MARITIME UNIONS AND THUS LAY A BASIS FOR NATIONAL ANTI-LABOR LEGISLATION THE SMASHING OF THE MARITIME UNIONS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS SMASHING ALL ORGANIZED LABOR AND WE THEREFORE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO THE MARITIME CRAFTS ON THE

PACIFIC (ALSO WIRES DENOUNCING THESE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES OF THE SHIPOWNERS BE SENT TO GOVERNMENT HEADS AND PRESIDENT GREEN AND THE SENATE INVESTIGATION COMMIT-TEE AND WIRE OUR FULLEST SUPPORT TO FRISCO LONGSHOREMEN STOP SEAMEN'S UNION CALLING SPECIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SCAB

VOICE OF ACTION

BULLETIN SAN PEDRO, April 17.-The S.S. Virginia, which docked here this morning, is not being worked by longshoremen. Status of the ship is the same as that of the Santa Rosa, storm center in San Francisco dock lock-out.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.- | SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.-Shipowners, continuing their lock- Four thousand locked-out San out against the 4000 members of Francisco longshoremen meeting the local longshore union, stubbornly refused to deal with elected officials of that union and in him a unanimous vote of confidicated they would talk to no one but Pacific Coast District of-

This action, and the fact that shippers are diverting ship after ship from this port, clearly indicate the nature of the present attack upon the maritime unions. The Waterfront Employers' Association, as an immediate objective in the attack, seeks ouster of the militant leadership of Local 38-79 of the I. L. A., the abolition of the dockand-gang steward system, and of the union hiring hall estab-

lished by the 1934 agreement. Diverting of ships from this port s seen as an attempt to isolate the San Francisco unions from the rest of the coast.

BRIDGES REPLIES

Replying to the attempt by emdeclared: "Our officers are responsible

to the membership and not the the present dispute and emergency. Waterfront Employers' Association. When you permit us to name your officers we will let you choice of our officials are conselect ours.

present constituted will be in of cals and branches on the coast refice until September, 1936," he questing all to endorse this reson stated, "and as such, on local lution. questions dealing with Local 38-79, I. L. A., you will deal with them and no others."

He also told how the employers are seeking to blacklist at least 12 longshoremen because of their militancy at union meetings.

LEWIS DECLARES SUPPORT Meanwhile, William J. Lewis, district president of the I. L. A., said district officials will be glad to deal with the shipowners but

From the East came word that International I. L. A. president, Joseph P. Ryan, had designated the San Francisco longshoremen, Lewis and A. H. Petersen to repmembers of the I. L. A., officially resent him. Ryan, who only yes- Sunday. He will also include Sevoted to work the Santa Rosa and terday conferred with shipown-

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n Dreamland Auditorium last night cheered Harry Bridges and gave dence in reply to the shipowners demands that he and other "radi-

cal" leaders be removed. Following his report, the meetng went on record for the followng program:

5-POINT PROGRAM

1. That no member of this association shall apply for or accept employment at any dock gate or pier-head.

2. That any and all members ere ready and willing to work on obs assigned to them, provided such orders for jobs are placed at the hiring hall by the employers.

3. That we adhere, absolutely and unreservedly to our democratic and constitutional rights to elect officials of our own choice.

4. That we stand by the officials of this local who were all elected by overwhelming majoriployers to dictate who shall head ties and declare that we have comthe union, Harry Bridges today plete faith in their integrity and ability to cooperate with the membership to make adjustments of

5. That we will never accept the employers' dictates insofar as the cerned. Be it further resolved that "The officers of the local as this resolution be sent to all lo-

COAST-WIDE SUPPORT Further developments at the meeting were:

The complete backing for I. L. A. Local 38-79 (S. F.) of the Pacific Coast officials of the I. L. A. with several I. L. A. locals already on record and a statement from San Pedro declaring that longshoremen there are prepared longshore unions or dictate their policy. They are watching the cargo "diverting" strategy with a view to determining action to aid

the S. F. local's fight. Harry Bridges will tour the Coast and address longshoremen beginning with San Pedro tonight. to be followed by Portland on attle if possible.

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ANITA WHITNEY, COMMUNIST, CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS; LABOR PARTYITES ACTIVE IN EAST

what side I am on!"

fascist tendencies.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16 got busy and as a result the Re- Sunday, April 19th. -Anita Whitney, long knowr and loved as a militant fighter for the rights of the common people will be a candidate for Congress in the Fourth Congressional Dis-

Anita Whitney, a Communist Party candidate, polled 100,820 votes when she ran for the office of state controller on the Communist ballot in the 1934 elec-

visors here to appeal the case.

Meanwhile, forces of reaction The conference is to be held endorsed the congress.

publicans (read Liberty League) The Hamtramck People's League picked the anti-laborite Henry whose candidate for city council, Sanborn as their congressional | Mary Zuk, was elected last week. candidate in the First Congres- also will send five delegates. Scores against war. sional District. Sanborn is editor of trade unions, including Teamof a twice-monthly tabloid dedi- sters and the Brewery Drivers' cated to attacking the maritime locals have voted to participate unions in particular and the Com- in the Farmer-Labor Party movemunist Party in general.

DETROIT, Mich., April 14.-Her first public pronouncement ed Automobile Workers' Union, announced that rapid progress is came last week in the form of a comprising 22 affiliated locals, has being made in preparing for the leaflet condemning the Judge Lou- voted to send five delegates to trade union congress on the Laderback one-man car injunction the conference for launching a bor Party which will be held here and calling upon the county super- Farmer-Labor Party in Wayne on Saturday afternoon. County.

NEWARK, N. J., April 14.-The Committee for the Organiza-The District Council of the Unit- tion of a Labor Party yesterday

More than 30 trade unions have

April 25th, 8 p. m., Wilmington

SAN DIEGO, Monday, April 27th; details not yet announced. LOS ANGELES, Friday eve., April 24, Shrine Auditorium, 8:30 rines and now a leading figure in p. m., under the auspices of a rethe struggle against war, will ad- ception committee composed of

(More news on the Butler meet-

Student Strikes

BULLETIN

BERKELEY, Calif., April 17. -Pres. Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California here has granted the students permission to hold a demonstration against war at 11 a. m. on April 22nd.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 -Coinciding with the great mass neeting in Dreamland Auditorium Wednesday evening, April 22nd and the arrival of General Butler on the West Coast, students throughout America are laying plans for a nation-wide strike

Dr. Ernest C. Moore, provost and vice president of the Uni versity of California at Los Angeles has already announced that he will take all steps to oppose the student demonstration. Meanwhile, a student committee is actively going ahead with plans for the walkout.

ley has received the students' demand for permission to hold the demonstration, but his reactions have not yet been reported.

President Sproul of the Uni-

versity of California at Berke-

CARDENAS CALLS FOR UNITED FRONT MEXICO LABOR BLOC

Employers Seek to Isolate S. F. Local

GENERAL ATTACK ON UNIONS TO FOLLOW IF 38-79 BROKEN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Attempts of the Waterfront Employers' Association to isolate and smash I. L. A. Local 38-79 as a man on a Long Beach WPA job general attack on West Coast unions seemed doomed to failure today with reports that William J. Lewis, president, and A. H. Petersen, vice president of the Pacific Coast District I. L. A. had definitely taken a stand supporting the San Francisco Local in its fight to retain

clared a return to conditions ex-

isting previous to the 1934

strike when longshoremen were

Actual suspension of the award

occurred at 3:25 p. m. yesterday.

In a lengthy statement sent the

longshoremen and the press the

employers attempted to justify

the lockout by the usual charge

BRIDGES REPLIES

Harry Bridges replied imme-

diately. He pointed out that long-

shoremen were regularly dispatch-

ed to work the Santa Rosa. He

"Our union took action Mon-

day night and our members are

prepared at this time to handle

the cargo on the steamer Santa

Rosa as called for by our agree-

He denied that longshoremen

had been responsible for some

+00 alleged "violations" listed by

the employers. He denied long-

shoremen had violated the award

or the decisions of the arbitrator

provided for by the award in case

PLANNED ATTACK

Bridges pointed out that under

he award the employers have no

ight to hire longshoremen other

han through the joint hiring hall

and that no notice of termination

of the agreement can be given by

either party to take effect prior

The longshore president re-em-

phasized the willingness of the

mion to submit all disputes to

he regular channels provided for

settling them—through the ma-

chinery provided by the National

The present lockout was planned

by the shipowners last January

but postponed when the District

Council of the Maritime Federa-

o September 1, 1936.

Longshoremen's Board.

ment."

of disputes.

of "violation" of the award.

hired from the docks.

As Joseph P. Ryan, International president of the I. L. A., stated yesterday that the West Coast situation would be left in the hands of Lewis and Petersen, their support in the fight to keep the hiring hall system can be regarded as a victory for the San Francisco longshoremen.

Conclusive evidence that the Waterfront Employers' Association is attempting to isolate Local 38-79 in their union-smashing drive, is seen in the following communication from the Employers' Association:

"Mr. William J. Lewis, District President. Internat'l Longshoremen's Association,

San Francisco, Calif. Dear Sir:

As you were advised yesterday, Waterfront Employers' Association of San Francisco have suspended all relations with the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-79. This action was forced upon the employers by the wilfull and persistent violations of the fundamental provisions of the Award of the Government Arbitration Board, and the decisions of the Federal Arbitrator, culminating in the refusal of Local 38-79 to work the S.S. Santa Rosa, Suspension of relations with 38-79 was directed solely against the radical and subversive leadership of the Local which has fallen under the domination of Communist agitators. Employers have no desire or intention to abrogate the award or break off dealings with the International Longshoremen's Association. On the contrary, the Waterfront Employers' Association desires to continue its relations with the

They are prepared to meet with you at any time. Yours very truly,

Association, District 38.

Waterfront Employers' Ass'n. of San Francisco. By: A. Boyd, secretary.

This communication was receiv ed in response to a request by the I. L. A. Labor Relations Committee that the Employers Labor Committee meet with them in order to attempt to settle the present dispute. The request is strict ly in accordance with the provisions of the present Award.

The refusal of the employers to meet with the officials of Local 38-79 can only be regarded as an attempt at dictatorship as the officials were elected by overwhelming majorities by referendum vote. Bridges, the main target of attack, received 2318 votes out of a possible 2600.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15. -Shipowners here yesterday fired the first gun in their long-planned attack upon the maritime unions when they suspended the 1934 peal the C. S. Act pouring into lation, which will be held next Longshore Award-renewed last year-and instituted a complete lockout against the 4000 members of Local 38-79 of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Excuse for the action was found as the Grace Line ship, the Santa Rosa, docked at Pier 35 here yesterday morning. The rank and file I. S. U. strike committee on the East Coast had declared the vessel unfair.

At an executive session of the District Council of the Maritime Federation here yesterday morning, however, it was voted to work join with the Southern California 26th, her birthday. the Santa Rosa and longshoremen delegation and enter Sacramento were prepared to do so, if Grace Line officials would allow a committee representing maritime unions to examine union books of the ship's crew.

EMPLOYERS REFUSE PEACE building. Meanwhile, a spontaneous picket line of 2000 maritime workers had massed at Pier 35, awaiting Haight street, not only for dele-

developments. The shipowners refused to allow the requested examination of the Santa Rosa crew's books, however. The Distrct Council, still seeking peace, then voted again

Disregarding this, shipowners the Longshore Award and de- of radio addresses yesterday aft- San Diego, and A. C. Rogers. | cals" for control of the shipping order to accomplish their ends, city of San Francisco.

Jury Fails to Agree in Jones Case; New Trial

(Continued From Page 1) WPA RACKETEER

One defense witness, Frank D. Davidson, testified that the forewas forcing the men to contribute \$5 monthly to buy liquor for the foreman, under penalty of losing their jobs.

Unexcited by the attempted frame-up of Jones, WPA officials tion over this situation, and Major Lee S. Dillon, WPA personnel director, promised an "investiga-

Workers and Workers' organizations are urged to send protests to Municipal Court, Division 7, Los Angeles, demanding that Jones be immediately freed without another trial.

Webb Still Stalls On Santa Rosa Tar Mob Investigation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -(FP)-Seven months after the Santa Rosa episode in which Jack Green and Sol Nitzberg were tarred and feathered by vigilantes for organizing agricultural workers, Atty.-Gen. U. S. Webb is still "investigating." A San Francisco paper queries him monthly for a report, and with monotonous regularity receives the

same reply. Meanwhile, damage suits against Fred Cairns, alien Chamber of Commerce official, are being pushed on behalf of the victims by the American Civil Liberties Union. Cairns' answer that Green's character was bad because he advocated criminal syndicalism has been ordered stricken out by U. S. District Judge Roche. Libel action against Cairns and his attorneys may be undertaken. Cairns is also suing his victims for assoult and battery in Santa Rose superior court, apparently on the grounds that they resisted attentions of the vigilantes.

Earl Browder's book "What Is Communism?" is rapidly becoming a best seller in Workers tion exposed the plot and demand-Bookshops. Get a copy, read it ed a public Congressional inves-

Bus Caravans Will Carry Delegates To Sacramento for C.S. Repeal Meet men in their stand against the union-smashing attempts of the

RADIO BROADCASTS AID REPEAL CAMPAIGN IN LOS ANGELES

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man, pastor of the Grace Meth- Beverly Hills. odist Episcopal Church, also

A collection of \$160 was taken up to aid in financing the delegates

BUS CARAVAN

the last minute, Herbert Nugent, Chernin stated over the radio. secretary of the United Front, predicts that the Sacramento meetng will be one of the most force- fascist congress." ful demonstrations of public opinion ever held in California.

Delegates will assemble here at 68 Haight street, Saturday, cism, all organizations that stand April 18th, at 2 p. m. A bus carain a body. A dinner and entertainment will be held in Moose Temple on Saturday night,

The conference itself will open on the following day in the same tacked the Criminal Syndicalism picket lines would be withdrawn,

Reservations at \$1.75 for the ganized labor in California. round trip are available at 68 gates but for the general public.

RADIO BROADCAST

LOS ANGELES, April 15 .-Bringing the anti-criminal syndicalism law campaign to tens of however, to sabotage the affair. in favor of working the ship's thousands, Rose Chernin, executive secretary of the Southern California Councils for Constitu- Angeles attorney and author; Paul under the guise of fighting the sent notice of the suspension of tional Rights, launched a series Ritchie, Epic assemblyman from "Reds," "Communists" and "radi- down the port of San Francisco in an issue on the waterfront and

ernoon over Station KMPC, of

These radio programs will continue every Tuesday afternoon 1:45 to 2:00 o'clock, over KMPC, and will feature a broad united front of speakers.

"All organizations who are against fascism and who are for men were duly dispatched in strict vented from working by a mass the maintenance of our constitu-SAN FRANCISCO, April 17. tional rights, should be represent--With scores of endorsements of cd at the state-wide congress for the state-wide conference to re- the repeal of this anti-labor legisthe conference headquarters at Sunday in Sacramento," Rose

"Particularly should trade unions be represented at this anti-

DECKER BIRTHDAY

All workers, all who oppose fas-

for maintenance of civil rights, van will leave at that time and are urged to send telegrams of will pick up the East Bay dele- congratulation and support to Carogates at Carpenters' Hall in Oak- line Decker, Criminal Syndicalism land at 3 p. m. They will pro- Law victing now in Tehachapi cede to Stockton where they will Women's Prison, on Sunday, April

> SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 15, -Speaking before a capacity crowd ployers, immediately that they of more than 500, A. C. Rogers, progressive labor leader here, at-Law as the biggest threat to or-

The meeting was called by the Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and took place in a local school. A false rumor published in the

papers here stated that the meetof the plot, some of which have ing would not be held. This failed, already been taken, are to divert the major portion of the shipping Speakers of the evening were: of commerce of San Francisco Carey McWilliams, prominent Les from the port of San Francisco

Letter to William Fischer

WESTERN WORKER Editorial Office, 121 Haight Street., San Francisco, Calif.

Wm. Fischer, 120 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Copy to W. J. Stack. Dear Sir and Brother:

We are in receipt from Brother Kelley copies of letters by W, J, Stack of Seattle and your reply, addressed to the Western Worker and the Voice of the Federation.

We believe it inadvisable and inopportune to publish such controversial questions, especially at a time when the maritime workers face a crisis on the waterfront, which would only serve to confuse the issue of maintaining the unity and solidarity of the

While we recognize that there are many honest differences of opinion on questions of policy in the maritime unions, which can and should be aired in the workers' press, we do not believe that personalities should be resorted to, at the expense of the real

We are therefore of the opinion that no good purpose will be served by the publication of these letters in the Western Worker, and we sincerely hope that you and the Voice of the Federation will come to the same conclusion.

> Fraternally yours, EDITOR WESTERN WORKER.

4000 Longshoremen In Militant Meet

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William J. Lewis refused to intercede and go over the head of

Bridges accused the employers of 600 violations of the award, including withholding of back pay due longshoremen for more than eight months. He stated that the local would ask for shorter hours and higher pay if the shipowners persist in their stubborn union smashing tactics. He is also in favor of arbitrating the matter of removing "radicals, Communists, subversive "leaders." He had earlier pointed out that the longshoremen are as much entitled to dictate who the shipowners' directors should be as the shipowners are to appoint union officials.

The meeting decided that the San Francisco and Oakland waterfront will be patrolled by union squad cars.

Diversion of ships continue, the latest reported being the Coolidge, Malolo and probably the Virginia sister ship to the California, I. M. M. passenger liner.

FIREMEN MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17. The Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers' Association of the Pacific last night voted unanimously to re-affiliate to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. They also went on record to fully support the longshoremen in their stand against the

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific will hold its annual con-

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their delegates to the local Mari-

ions, which numbered several hun-

dred. The remainder of the long-

shoremen, who were ordered to

start work at 11 a. m., dared not

risk their personal safety or stand-

ing as union men to work the

ship, in opposition of other mari-

time unions. Such are the basic

The longshoremen voted to work

the Santa Rosa because of infor-

mation received from the East

that the status of the seamen's

strike on the East Coast was of

LOCKOUT DECLARED

knew the longshoremen intended

to work the Santa Rosa and the

ing a lockout on the San Fran-

This action of the employers is

the most flagrant violation of the

agreement that they have so far

dared to institute. The next steps

lost no time in arbitrarily declar- office.

At 3:30 p. m. the waterfront em-

principles of unionism.

a confusing nature.

cisco waterfront.

STEWARDS MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.-The Marine Cooks and Stewards last night voted support for the locked-out longshoremen of San Francisco.

While sentiment was strong for re-affiliating to the Maritime Federation, the matter was delayed until next week, due to various pending court actions.

The Stewards and Firemen both withdrew from the Maritime Federation following revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific by national officials. Both unions, however, continued to send fraternal delegates to Federation meetings.

Book Store at Pedro Entered By Vigilantes

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 15.—Hoodlums early this morning broke into the International Bookshop here. broke the glass door, knocked books off shelves and tore the backs off others.

The store was visited yesterday by Hache, well-known and universally hated red squad member. He was seen again at the door of the store around midnight. The place was entered between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning.

When the bookshop manager notified police this morning he was told he had "no business opening a radical book store." No one has been sent to investigate the raid thus far.

EMPLOYERS WITH UNION-BUSTING CONSPIRACY

committee, or for arbitration if

necessary, have been unavailing.

"MODERN MASTER"

Their answer to this request

will serve to give the uninitiated

some idea of the dictatorial at-

U. S. Treasury of millions of dol-

Rosa is a striking example of a

subsidy-built ship which can be

operated with hardly a single pas-

senger or ounce of cargo with no

structions of their men.

FORCE AND CHICANERY

titude of these modern masters

Since the lockout, declared by in the way of their huge-profit-

lars in ship subsidies. The Santa the means themselves they are so

loss to the employer because of far as the I. L. A. is concerned.

Federal subsidies and mail con- The machinery of this award and

The employers demand as a M. C. Sloss, still remain intact.

price of lifting the lockout that The people of San Francisco should

the local officials of the Long- voice their demand that the port

shoremen's Union be removed from be immediately re-opened by the

The great crime of the local un- of 4000 wage earners and their

ion officials has been that they families be lifted and that, if a

were elected by overwhelming ma- dispute exists, the machinery of

jorities through secret ballot of the award be immediately resorted

the membership, and have pledged to in order that peace may be

themselves to carry out the in- restored on the San Francisco

waterfront.

BRIDGES' STATEMENT CHARGES WATERFRONT

time Council were so instructed the employers two and one-hours taking.

by the membership. Gangs of after the longshoremen were pre-

conformity with their agreement picket line, efforts of the union

with the employers. One gang to require them to observe the

commencing early, while per machinery of the award, especial-

forming their duties, had one of ly that part of it requiring the

the members beaten by one of the hiring of men through the hiring

pickets of other maritime un- hall, referring disputes to the joint

Longshore Unions

(Continued from Page 1)

ers and their representatives or how best to smash the 'Frisco maritime unions, declared today he reserves the right to revoke the local's charter.

Paddy Morris, district secretary of the I. L. A. flew here by plane from Seattle. Petersen and Lewis have been here for some time. Not one of these officials has to date committed himself on the demand of the employers that the leadership of Local 38-79 be

STANDSTILL SEEN

Should the employers continue the lockout much longer work on the waterfront will be at a standstill. Contractors are not asking for scaler gangs and a big percentage of the membership of the vention at San Pedro on May 15. Bargemen's Union is not workng. Both these unions are affiliated to the I. L. A.

Indication that organized labor will back the longshoremen was seen in a resolution condemning the shipowner attack and demanding action by the San Francisco Central Labor Council passed by the Machinists' Union, Local 68 here this week.

RESOLUTION IN SUP-PORT OF I. L. A. No. 38-79, Adopted by Machinists' Local 68

Whereas: The Waterfront Employers' Association has served notice on the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 38-79, that no men will be hired through the hiring hall, which was set up, according to the provision of the arbitration Award; and,

Whereas: The lockout of the longsnoremen by the Waterfront Employers' Association, according to their own statement, has for its purpose the elimination of the rank and file leadership in I. L. A. No. 38-79; and,

Whereas: Success in this program on the part of the shipowners, will result in a general, moving in, on all unions, therefore be it,

Resolved: That we endorse the fight of the membership, and the officials, of I. L. A. No. 38-79, to maintain their present hiring halls; and be it further,

Resolved: That our delegates to the San Francisco Central Labor Council, be instructed to request that body to concur in this resolution; and be it further,

Resolved: That our secretary will notify I. L. A. No. 38-79 and the District Officials of the Pacific Coast International Longshoremen's Association, of this action.

and remove some of the obstacles

The record of every official of

the local I.·L. A. Union is open

to anyone that cares to investigate

and if guilty of any crime they

would long ago have found them-

The case of the waterfront work

ers is clearcut and unashamed. We

ments and refuse to arbitrate, use

AWARD STILL IN EFFECT

The 1934 award that settled the

strike still remains in effect inso-

the services of the arbitrator, Judge

waterfront employers; the lockout

constantly referring to.

selves in the penitentiary.

the most recent being the dynamiting of the passenger train in which five railway workers and eight passengers were killed-and to pledge Confederation support of President Cardenas in expelling from the country the chief leaders of reaction. Speakers representing the rail-@

Shipowners Attack 50,000 PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR

CARDENAS' WAR ON TERRORISTS

MEXICO CITY, April 12.—At the call of the Confederation of

Mexican Workers, over 50,000 workers carrying banners and placards

demonstrated today in the Plaza de la Constitution in front of the

balconies of the National Palace. The demonstration was called by

the Confederation to protest the terrorist acts of the Callist forces;

way workers, the Regional Federation of Workers and Peasants, and the Mexican People's Front The Left Bloc of the Mexic addressed the huge crowd. Luis I. Rodriquez, speaking dent Cardenas today asking that from the balcony of the National the property of Calles, Morones,

Palace in the name of President Leon, and Ortega in Mexico be Cardenas, declared that the Pres- confiscated. Groups of peasants and workdent's desire was that the workers of Mexico form a united front ers attempted today to take possession of Calles' two estates as quickly as possible. He stated, that the enemies of the proletariat Santa Barbara and Anzures. Powill accomplish nothing, as the lice stopped them in these at-President would not cease in his tempts persuading the workers to efforts to form a solid labor bloc appeal to the government for a against them. He concluded by judicial order under which the saying that the present strikes in properties would be turned over the country were not due to the to them. existence of communist groups, but to the efforts of workers to improve their conditions.

regime, Cardenas from now on

will take drastic action against

expulsions will probably follow

NEW ARREST

Today the reactionary General

Jose Tapia, former governor of

Lower California was arrested. It

supporters of Calles have already

Thirty leaders of the (CROM)

Regional Confederation of Work-

ers and Peasants, the labor group

which Calles controlled through his lieutenant, Luis Morones, have

been arrested and charged with

complicity in the Calles terror-

stic plans. It is generally believ-

ed that Calles, Morones, Ortega

and Leon were the "intellectual

rage of April 6th, when the Vera

FAKERS' STRIKE

The strike in the tixtile center

of Orizaba, pulled by the CROM

leaders in protest against the lib-

eral government authorities has

completely collapsed with the ar-

rest and expulsion of Morones.

Morones has planned to spread

this strike to various other cities

where the CROM organization has

strength. Now the CROM work-

ers of Orizaba are ousting from

he unions those leaders who co-

operated with Morones in calling

the strike. The workers of the

CGT (General Confederation of

Workers) have expelled as trai-

tors Julio Ramirez and other of

their reactionary leaders. It is

expected that both the CROM and

the CGT will not join the united

front Confederation of Mexican

Workers.

is reported that other reactionary

fled the country.

those of Calles and Morones.

"JUST IN TIME" MEXICO CITY, April 11.-

CONFISCATION

MEXICO CITY, April 11

Senate sent a message to Presi-

The newspaper La Noticia car-MEXICO CITY, April 13.—The ried a story today that the government acted none too soon in arrest and expulsion of Calles and his henchmen from Mexico, marks expelling Calles, Morones and Co., the inauguration of a new policy as the Callist revolution had been of the Cardenas' government. planned for May. Hitherto inclined to be far too According to this report, lement toward enemies of his

revolution was planned last year in Vancouver, B. C., at a meeting attended by Calles, Ortega, those who seek to overthrow his and several reactionary generals government. Other arrests and and Mexican capitalists. One million dollars was subscribed for propaganda in the American and foreign press against the Cardenas government. Ortega was made "chief" of the revolution; Luis Morones was given the job of "handling" labor; and the generals were assigned to subversive work in the army.

Real Americanism Has Its Trouble In Tacoma, Wassis

TACOMA, Wash.-"The Comnittee for Protection of Fundamental Americanism," lately formed instigators" of the dynamiting outin Tacoma, organized a meeting recently at which Anna Louise Cruz-Mexico City passenger train Strong was to speak was wrecked with a loss of 13

The Tacoma Schoolboard canon two hours' notice. The arrangement committee found itself unable to rent any other hall, because hoodlums from the American Legion had made threats that windows would be smashed and

the meeting broken up. After the City Police Depart ment had refused protection, the Committee brought pressure to bear on the Sheriff's office with the result that deputies were assigned to cover the meeting, which was very successful and had a record crowd. There was no disturb-

The Fundamental Committee organized strong protests in the City Council chambers during the debate on the infamous Flag Ordi nance, which was introduced by Councilman Callender and passed.

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attempts to buy and intimidate longdrawn and bloody conflict of these officials, and failing in their 1934. The employers, by their acefforts have now seen fit to close tion, are deliberately forcing such 65 Sixth St., San Francisco

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The workers on the waterfront The employers have resorted to do not wish a repetition of the

call upon the people of San Francisco and Bay Area to decide; to demand the real reason for the lockout on the San Francisco Waterfront; to demand why the waterfront employers, whose hue and cry has always been that the of industry who yearly drain the longshoremen violate their agree-

Progress of United Front in China And Foreign Policy of Soviet Area

ANTI - JAPANESE UNITY HELD URGENT

Comrades Mao Tse Dun, chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Chinese Soviet Republic, and Wang Dya Chan, People's Commisar of Foreign Affairs, recently granted an historic interview to a correspondent of the Red China News Agency. This interview was broadcast by the radio station of the Chinese government.

In their statements, the two Chinese Soviet leaders covered the whole subject of the relations of the Chinese Communists to the struggle for national liberation in

We publish below the statements of Wang Dya Chan.

Correspondent (turning to Comrade Wang Dya Chan): How is the work of the Soviet government or the organization of the anti-Japanese united front in China

Wang Dya Chan: The establish nent of the united front for the deliverance of the country with all political groups and all parties regardless of previous points of view, throughout China-that is the policy being pursued by the Soviet government with all its heart, determination and persistence. Our efforts aim at realizing this great object with all the

and means at our disposal 1... Soviet government is at all times and at all places ready to conduct negotiations with anyone who is prepared to fight against lapan. In all our negotiations we nake one fundamental condition only: struggle against Japan for deliverance of the country Our negotiations are infinitely different from the secret negotiations of the Nanking government concerning the sharing out of the

spheres of influence. INNER STRIFE SUICIDAL On reflection, we cannot fail to be depressed by the fact that we

-all brothers in our own country -first have to conduct diplomatic ons with each other beof our country! When, that of any pre-war year

owever, this inevitable "diplomicy" of ours, frankly and honorably conducted by us, is replied to with every conceivable fraud and trick, it can only mean that some

We consider that, in view of the threat to our national independence, the oppression of one party by another which is still taking place today within our country, and the struggle of one army against another, constitutes a policy of suicide for the Chinese people. Therefore all the endeavors, to which the Soviet government is devoting all its efforts and strength, are aimed at liquidating

this state of affairs. The Soviet government has again and again called for the formation of the "People's Government of National Defense" and the "All-Chinese anti-Japanese Army," and for the carrying out of its tenpoint program. We have again and again urged all parties to join hands. Since August of last year we have sent various representatives to different quarters to conduct negotiations. At the same time representatives were also sent to us from various quarters for the purpose of negotiation. Although these negotiations and discussions came up against many difficulties and obstacles, never-

theless the facts show us that in certr sections of the parties and the resolve and will to united struggle is maturing. This significant beginning deserves to be welcomed by us! Our sole endeavors is to secure unity as quickly as possible, to establish internal peace in our country and the concentration of all forces against the external foe as rapidly as pos-

FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE

Correspondent: Along what line is the foreign policy of the Chinese Soviet government moving? Wang Dya Chan: Our foreign policy is based on the principle of the freedom and independece of is, however, one of the most im-China, the safeguarding of the in- portant foreign political tasks of reception committee headed by terest of the Chinese people. Our the Chinese Soviet government. all a t diplomacy. If the chief tries-except for Japan-by way enemy confronting us is Japanese of diplomatic negotiation. Japimperialism, then the countries anese imperialism is the most business and professional life, conwhich preserve a benevolent neu- dangerous enemy of the Chinese trality toward our struggle against people. With every other coun-Japan are our friends, and we are try the Chinese Soviet governready to maintain friendly diplo- ment wishes to maintain peaceful French and Belgian consuls, Wommatic relations, based on equality, and friendly relations in the interests of the Chinese people.

STUDENTS AND PEASANTS IN COMMON CAUSE



During the student anti-Japanese demonstrations in Peking last December, the students marched in delegations to the countryside, visiting the peasants in the villages and weaving strong ties of unity between toilers and intellectuals. Above is seen a delegation of students together with a peasant

Prosperity Under Socialism

SOVIETS DOUBLING THE STANDARD OF LIVING

By Anna Louise Strong, Federated Press.

government pledged itself to double the standard of living of its people in five years as the Soviet an explosion. Cotton pickers, sugar government did at the beginning of 1933 in making the Second 5year plan. Already the first three ists and miners have been descendyears of the plan show that the Soviet will more than redeem their through the winter months to

In the last months of 1935 and was already five times as high as thusiasm and confidence. the average monthly output of that of any pre-war year.

MILLION TONS

three record harvests in 1933, people intend, quite consciously, passed all previous years. The last mever had before. I am sure that world. to hurl our country still further of these harvests in 1935 reached Stalin's slogan for 110 to 130 tons a total of nearly 100 million tons, of grain in the next three or four the harvest surplus, instead of being exported, is used to increase livestock and improve the standard of living of the country

> The year 1935 showed an 18 per cent increase in cattle, a 25 per cent increase in sheep and goats, a 38 per cent increase in hogs, all increases of a single year based upon the surplus grain arvest. Production of raw cotton was increased 45 per cent and sugar beets 43 per cent due to the rapid improvement in farm organization and the introduction of modern methods under col-

LOWER PRICES

Rapid increase in the standard of living-more food, better clothing, expanding art and science—is evident in all parts of the country. The consumption of goods, as shown by retail trade turnover, went up from 60 billion rubles in 1934 to 80 billion in 1935. The actual consumption of goods increased even more than this, since prices marked in rubles were falling. This indicates that the standard of living has gone up by one-third in a single

The most important result of the year, however, was the Stak-

Our country is still backward economically; hence we must cooperate with those which are economically progressive. Therefore the Soviet government is prepared to conclude economic agreements, based on equality, with all countries which are friendly to us. The annulment of the unequal treaties at 8:30 p. m. in the Shrine Audipolicy is open and rejects This can be done with all coun-

hanov movement, which accord-1 timber areas open, new coal and ing to Molotov, "opens the first Never before in history has any page of the great advance in Socialist productivity in labor." It has shaken the whole country like beet growers, combine harvest operators, timber workers, machining triumphantly on Moscow all celebrate their achievement in production and win the plaudits of the first months of 1936 the total the country. All these congresses monthly output of heavy industry are marked by tremendous en-

REAL ENTHUSIASM

A letter just received from a correspondent who is travelling the confident young life of the the man who, at the Leipzig Trial in the rural districts of the Grain production has known Ukraine and Russia says: "Such an enthusiasm as that we are now ahead of time, as is also the case with the Second 5-Year Plan."

If a map of the Soviet world could be drawn pictorially and changed with these changing years, it would show countless new cities arising on formerly barren land. It would show tens of millions of tiny, uneconomic farm plots merging into a rhythm oil fields. The conquering marching of man reaches northward to settle the Arctic and eastward to the wild coast opposite Alaska. And a long green strip of a million and a half acres of new forest zone moves steadily southward, acro'ss treeless plains of Kazakstan deserts as a mighty screen to protect the grain lands of south Russia from the desert winds of Asia.

"We. young owners of our country, called upon to conquer space and time"—these challeng- same time, we are carrying ou

last June strike the keynote of beloved Largo Cabellero and by

CALLING ALL GOOSE-STEPPERS

The German Consuls in Detroit and Cleveland have issued calls o all German youth born in 1914-1916 to register with them for military service in Germany to begin in October. This is part of an order sent by Hitler to all of horizon-touching fields. New Nazi consuls in the U. S.

SOCIALISTS AND **COMMUNISTS**

MADRID, Spain, April 9.-The Young Communist League and Young Socialist League of Spain have united into one organization, already numbering 150,000 members with fraternal affiliation to the Young Communist International.

The Young Socialist League o Spain withdrew from the Young Socialist International a few months

The chief points in the pro gram of the united youth organi zation are: THE PROGRAM

1. Day-to-day struggle for the economic, political and cultural rights and needs of the toiling

youth. 2. Education of the membership in the spirit of the class struggle, proletarian internationalism and Marxism-Leninism.

3. Winning the young male and female workers, young peasants, students and all other toiling youth for the upbuilding of the United Youth League.

4. To act as the vanguard of the Spanish youth in the struggle for freedom, against reaction, Fascism and imperialist war, against the capitalist regime and for the victory of Socialism.

STRUGGLE FOR UNITY The united League will maintain friendly relations and work together with the leftward movng sections and groups in the

oung Socialist International. One of the main functions of the united League will be the struggle for the revolutionary unity of the whole Spanish working

A manifesto issued by the leaders of both organizations on the eve of unification called upon the Spanish youth to overcome all obstacles presented by right-wing Socialist and Trotzkyist leaders The manifesto states in part:

FROM MANIFESTO

"By this step we are fulfilling one of the most fundamental requirement for the struggle against Fascism and reaction, we are re alizing in practice the burning desire of the toiling youth. At the ng words of a young girl graduate instructions given to us by our

country. It is a dynamic life of as well as at the Seventh World rapidly-growing prosperity based Congress of the Communist Interupon the commonly-owned wealth national, raised high the banner 1934 and 1935, each of which sur- seeing in the villages we have of one-third of one-sixth of the of unity and struggle against Fascism-George Dimitroff."

The National Committee of the united Youth League is now preparing for a Unity Congress to be held in the near future,

CIVILIZATION

Growled a blackshirt with sour-

panned myopia Who is known to lust Etnopia: "It lacks culture, alas!

But I'll drop mustard gas And make the whole works a

The United Front Why Germany Wants Forts In the Rhineland Sector

GUN FODDER OF TOMORROW



Both Hitler and Mussolini are fond of children and encourage big families. Lots of sons mean lots of soldiers for the future. And it is a future of barbed wire and blood that the fascist warlords are mapping out today.

U. S. Neutrality Policy Permits Free Shipment of Raw Materials for War

CRUDE OIL EXPORTS TO ITALY **INCREASED 600 PER CENT**

compromise Neu-Itension of credits and loans to ality Bill was extended to run belligerents through other neument prohibiting new loans and on all shipments of arms and ammunition to belligerents, prohibiwithholding of passports to Americans traveling on belligerents' vessels, and banning loans and credits to foreign nations at war, are not framed to operate permanently and effectively.

This stop-gap neutrality resoluton does not provide against the shipment to foreign nations of the raw materials used in waging war. It permits "normal" effective means exist to curb ex-

until May 1, 1937 with an amend- tral countries. A general embargo on war-time trade has been decredit to warring nations. The feated because of strong pressure years. And by massing a conconditions of mandatory embargo exerted by oil, cotton, metal and machinery interests.

For the year ending November, tion of shipment of merchandise 1935, crude oil exports to Italian to belligerents on American ships, Africa increased 600 per cent. Gasoline exports to Italy to December, 1935. The U.S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce for the year ending January, 1936 reveals the following figures on "neutral" trade:

Exports to Italy-Non-metallic minerals, 1935, \$1,001,915; 1936, \$1,316,748. Metals and manufactures (except machinery and vetrade with foreign countries. No hicles), 1935, \$798,411; 1936, \$1,-461,452. Iron and steel scrap, 1935, \$215,570; 1936 \$699,830. Petroleum and products, 1935, \$880,and accessories, 1935, \$69,608; 1936, \$127,232. Nickel in all forms, 1935, \$3,927; 1936, \$60,656.

IS ENTERED IN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 The annual play tournament of the Northern California Drama Association which opens next Mon-Auditorium, 465 Post street, will include one of the most vital one-

the 19 drama groups participatbankers' collection agency in the ing in the contest, will present "Private Hicks," by Albert Maltz, the play that was given highest award by the New Theater mag velt called him "America's ideal azine in 1935.

"Private Hicks," dramatizes the reaction of a member of the Na tional Guard called out to oppose workers in an industrial strike.

The play tournament will prehis country, and the politicians sent performances from April 20 who dance to their tune, are pre- to 28, incl. "Private Hicks" will paring the greatest war in his- be offered on Tuesday evening,

The Italian budget for the Navy with a Wall Street dictatorship. over present budget.

A Necessary Step in Fascist Program Of Conquest

By T. H. Wintringham, Military expert for the London Daily Worker.

The "frontier of steel and concrete" that the French have built between themselves and Germany s probably the strongest fortification that has ever been made, in all the history of warfare.

From Swtizerland these forts and "strong points" stretch along the Rhine, sometimes within a mile of the river, sometimes 15 or 20 miles back from it. Often three or more lines lie behind each

Opposite the Saar there is a gap, in the new line, left because it was uncertain, until just over a year ago, what would happen in

This gap has been partially filled already.

And behind this gap are the fortifications of Metz, Verdun and Nancy, which have been brought up to date.

These fortifications, the "Magmot Line" (named after the French war minister who had them built) are considered by some French military experts to be impregnable. But others point out that the technique of war is constantly changing, while the fortifications

"stay put." Gradually, from spies, the Germans must have learnt every detail of these forts-just where each cavern and each "pill-box" is. The German aeroplanes flying over the frontier recently have doubtless photographed the whole line from

If the Germans want to break through these fortifications they must smash up a section of then. with 15-inch and 11.2 howitzers.

This will be much easier if the Rhineland is remilitarized.

Before Hitler had placed his troops in the banned zone, the Germans would have had to bring up their guns and howitzers under French air observation and at risk of being bombed or shelled.

Today the Germans can put their howitzers safely into the heavily-protected gun-pits prepared for them during the past two centration of guns against a single sector, it is probable that Hit-

ler's army could break through. Hitler, therefore, is not demanding "the right" to estall lish defences in the Rhineland only. He is also demanding "the right" to get his batteries ready and efficiently placed for an attack on the defences of France.

That is the threat that now unites the French people-all except the Fascists and some other reactionaries-in the demand that Hitler should be taught that aggression does not pay.

Some of Hitler's friends say this: the French have made a strong frontier; why should not 699; 1936, \$1,238,579. Auto parts the Germans, in fairness, do the same on their side?

The answer to that is: the French frontier is really defensive, in the main. The French cannot use it as a rearguard while they go on with the bulk of their forces in a otally different direction.

The French will not invade Spain or try to swim the Atlantic Ocean under cover of their Eastern forti-

But if Hitler is allowed to fortify the Rhineland, his fortifications will have two aspects: a threat to the French line, and a more serious threat to other countries.

Under cover of Hitler's "defences" along the Rhine, he would be able to attack the Soviet Union. He would feel secure against France.

His hands would be freer for an attack on Austria or on Czechoslovakia.

L.A. Develops Big Struggle to Free Brazilian Martyr

LOS ANGELES, April 7.-Developing mass pressure to force the release of Luis Prestes, Brazilian revolutionary hero, and Arthur Ewart, former Communist member of the German Reichstag, Los Angeles workers are initiat-A total of 360,000 men, 30,000 ing a telephone and protest letter sized his 100 per cent support of animals, 6,500 motor vehicles and campaign to the local consulate

> In addition to demanding the release of these two workers, who have been imprisoned by the ter-American worker.

War is a Racket," General Butler

"I WAS ON THE INSIDE" To Address Meetings

Against War In Two Cities

"Those who want war, should go to war and learn about it.

"Those who profit from war should protect their investment by going where the battle is hottest and fighting day and night under fire 'to earn their profits'." These are the words of General

Smedley D. Butler, retired commander of the U.S. Marines who will address mass meetings in Los Angeles and San Francisco during April.

The San Francisco meeting is scheduled for Dreamland Auditorium at 8 p. m., Wednesday, April 22nd, under the joint auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism and the American Youth Congress.

PUBLIC COMMITTEE

The Los Angeles meeting will oe on Friday evening, April 24th, torium, under the auspices of a Lester W. Roth, justice of the Superior Court. The committee is composed of a cross-section of leading figures in civic, military, sisting of representatives from the

Veterans of Foreign Wars, the

American Legion, the British

en's Clubs, writers, ministers, col-

lege presidents and Hollywood



That is what General Butler told the Third American Congress Against War and Fascism which met in Cleveland last January. He is seen above speaking to that assemblage. "The American people would not have supported the last war if they'd had a chance to vote on it," he declared. "I was on the inside of that war and I can testify that between war declaration on April 6th and the beginning of conscription at the end of the month, only 38,000 persons volunteered. The War Department got scared and instituted the universal draft."

motion picture people.

Other speakers at the San Francisco meeting will include: Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's

Association, Local 38-79; Geo. Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union; General Fang Chen Wu, Chinese hero of Harrar and Shanghai; Rev. Don-

Former Commander PRIVATE HICKS Of U.S. Marines Flays Capital

ald N. Chase of Calvary Methodist Church; and Bert Leech, local organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism. John D. Barry, liberal newspaper columnist, will preside as chairman.

General Butler, who describes the U. S. Marines as the "biggest world," is the only man who ever received two Congressional medals. President Theodore Roose-

soldier," and termed him a mili-

WALL STREET GAME

tary strategist of the first rank. Today, Butler's cry is for a general strike against war. He declares: "The business rulers of ory." He urges, "Fight war now! April 21st. Get out on the streets and parade.

the show to themselves. Butler has repeatedly emphaprevent further wars. "I hate fas- Mussolini in the past year. cism as much as I hate war," he

PLAY CONTEST

day in the Women's City Club act plays that has come out of the left wing drama movement.

The New Theater Group, one of

Tickets may be obtained at the Don't let the war crowd have door for 35 cents.

organized labor and the impor- 3,000,000 tons of raw material tance of labor in the struggle to have been shipped to Africa by

affirms, and urgently warns against for 1936-37 is to be 1,609,891,000 rorist government of Brazil, the the current trend of Big Business lire (\$135,246,088.). This repre- protests are against the recent in its desire to shackle America sents an increase of 305,000,000 lire murder of Victor Barron, young

The Communist Position in Approaching Elections WHERE TO GO ORGANIZATION SI GOTTON OF THE COMMUNISTRATION OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE C

We Must Take Part In August 25th **Primaries**

By B. G.

Throughout the State of California, the Communist Party is preparing to put forward its independent slate of candidates for Congress, state assembly and senate, and various county and local offices which come up for elections in the August primaries and the November general elections. The large vote cast for Communist candidates in previous years (more than 100,000 for Anita Whitney) shows what tremendous support can be rallied in 1936 among new sections of the working people who have seen in the Party the real champion of their needs.

The Communist Party, as the political party of the workers. participates in the elections not to make promises which will never be fulfilled, but to rally the working people around the vital issues which represent their interests, to organize them to fight for these issues, and to support their candidates with powerful mass organization in every assembly, senatorial and Congressional district.

VITAL ISSUES It is such issues as higher wages and lower living costs; adequate unemployment relief and unemployment insurance; taxation of the rich instead of sales taxes; right to organize and strike; protection of civil liberties, against fascist vigilante terror, the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and other anti-labor legislation; together with concrete local issues facing the people, which the Party and its candidates will place in the foreground in the 1936 elections. These are issues which the Party defends every day and not only at election time. In an election year, however, when large numbers begin to think politically, the Communist Party through a broad election campaign, can bring into action whole communities around such economic and political demands. Such actions will strengthen the unity of the working people and in this manner also strengthen the possibilities for the er-Labor Party in the state and building of local and state Farm, er-Labor Party movements which will strengthen mass sentiment

FARMER-LABOR PARTY

for independent political action.

fighting for their demands, and to millions of Americans. put forward candidates which in of reactionary Liberty League politicians or Roosevelt New Dealers, and will become convinced that only independent political action will bring victory for the demands of labor and other progressive forces.

But many ask, why an independent slate of the Communist Party? Is this not incompatible with the Party's position on the urgent need of building a Farmer-Labor Party? Such questions will arise and should be carefully answered, not only in the written and spoken word, but in the actual day to day work of the Party and its candidates during the election campaign. PROPOSE UNITED FRONT

Already in February, the Communist Party addressed itself to the State Convention of the Socialist Party urging joint cooperation in the coming elections and the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. The Party is convinced that such cooperation will strengthen and accelerate the movement toward a Farmer-Labor Party, influencing members far exceeding the numerical strength of both the Socialist and Communist: Parties. This request was emphatically rejected by the Socialist State Committee, only a few days after the convention closed-after had gone on record for a Farmer-Labor Party. We will continue our efforts to convince the Socialists of the burning necessity for joint cooperation in this di-

The Communist Party has called upon the Epics to unite with other labor and progressive forces in the state in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. We long ago stated that the Epics will never realize their production for use program by relying on Roose- Party! velt nationally but are willing to work with other forces to build local Farmer-Labor Party Movements. We will continue our efforts to convince the Epics especially at the May 10th Conference, to go on record for a Farmrealize a united front ticket on a local and state-wide scale.

The Communist Party has called The central rallying slogan of upon the Townsendites not to rely every Communist candidate will on the Democrats and Republicans be-"Build a Farmer-Labor Party." if they want to realize their earn-Around local issues we will show est desire for old-age pensions and to the working people what a security. The recent investiga-Farmer-Labor Party could and tion of the Townsend organization 118,750. would do. In each assembly, sen- sponsored by both Democrats and atorial and congressional district Republicans fully bear out our increase to 30,000 in the number we will urge each mass organi- warnings. Before them, also, the of citizens at C. M. T. C. Camps, zation of the workers, farmers, problem stands of uniting with and an increase of 51 units of the and professionals to get together other forces in the state to fight R. O. T. C., with provisions for to discuss their problems, to work for old-age pensions and security the training of Medical Corps out ways and means of effectively which is a vital issue confronting units.

The Communist Party has, above the parliamentary bodies will de- all, worked in the trade unions fend them. Through struggling to win every trade unionist, every for their own demands the masses trade union local for a Farmer learn not to rely on the promises Labor Party. Only with the trade mions as the basis can the movenent for a Farmer-Labor Party really represent the needs and demands of the majority of the people, and become a fighting instrument for everything that stands for progress against re-

By entering its independent slate of candidates in the coming elections, the Communist Party is not surrendering its efforts to help build a Farmer-Labor Party in the state, or united front tickets n the various localities. The Communist Party actively participating in the elections, on a platform which will represent the needs of broad sections of the population. organizing the people in the elecion districts to support such demands will strengthen, not weaken the possibilities of local Farmer-Labor parties or united front

COMMUNIST POSITION

The Communist Party will enrgetically work to win united ront support for its candidates. If the mass organizations in the various election districts, through joint discussion and cooperation work out a minimum program and select another candidates on a platform which will represent the interests of the laboring people, then we stand ready to withdraw our candidate, support the united front candidate, as a step toward crystallizing a Farmer Labor Party in the State of California.

In entering the election campaign on an independent Party ticket, the Communists have no London. narrow interests. A Communist ticket will represent the vital needs of the people of California. A large vote for a Communist ticket will be a direct blow against reaction and the war mongers! It will be a vote for a Farmer-Labor

GETTING READY FOR THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION

WASHINGTON, April 14 defense bill, in the history of the country passed the Senate by a vote of 53 to 12, on March 23, 1936. To the \$545,226,318 recently voted by the House, the Senate added \$66,136,286. The size of the Army is to be increased by 15,000 men and 1,300 officers, bringing our enlisted strength up to 165,000.

The bill also provides for an

ANTI-FASCIST



Danger exists of a mob of potential fascist storm troops being recruited from the ranks of youth unless more attention is paid to their welfare. That is what William B. Chamberlain told the Senate when he testified in hearings on the American Youth Act. Chamberlain. former student movement leader, is now secretary of the committee on Fair Play in Sports.

MASTERPIECE

"After God had finished the attlesnake, the toad, the vampire, He had some awful substance left with which he made a scab. A scab is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul-a water-logged brain, a combination backbone made of jelly and glue."-Jack

SAN FRANCISCO UNION MEN ON **GUARD AGAINST HOODLUM RAIDS**

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO.-Since the shipowners are determined to break the Maritime unions and are now attacking the I. S. U., most of us union men of San Francisco are talking about another general strike, if necessary, to protect our organized labor brothers.

a reign of terror will be plotted by the industrialists of San Francisco, every union man is worried about how to protect himself and his family against vigilantism, hooliganism and intimidation I decided to move from the apartment house where I and my family had been living for several ears, and told the landlord that was best for me to move be-

orehand and hide my address. UNION TENANTS

He was very angry and said it vas not necessary for me to move for protection, that he would see no police entered any of his apartment houses, unless properly armed with legal search warrants; and he informed me, most of his steady, good paying tenents were reliable union men. He gave me the names of all of them in my

I visited each one of them, showed them my card, and we talked about possible red-baiting frame-ups, etc., and what to do

There are two pressmen, one longshoreman, myself and a building trades man in our family get-to-gether in one of and laid them out. Our wives and pass it on.

Knowing from experience that the pressmen's apartments because it was large.

TO ACT TOGETHER The landlord and his wife were nvited to our party. We discussed the chances of a reign of teror and the landlord gave us assurance that any police without get up, gun or club in hand at he slightest alarm within or near

Some time after our party, a neighbor, not one of us union nen, drove home late at night and could not put his car away ecause somebody had parked theirs across his driveway. He got out and loosening the brake, he pushed the car out of his way. DRUNKS ATTACK

Just then four drunks came out of an alley across the street and

He yelled for help and backed against the wall fighting for all he was worth.

Three of us union men heard the noise and went down hop, ing a best seller in Workers house. We decided to hold a skip and jumped on the drunks Bookshops. Get a copy, read it

honed for the police.

The neighbor had a badly cut ear, otherwise he was all right. One of the drunks got up and reeled toward his car and attempted to pull a gun on us. The building trades man fired his :45 several times near the man's face, "a Colt lashing" he called it which stunned the man so he dropped his own gun and ran away. The others got up and ran for dear life.

DID RIGHT

The police finally came, too late but they told us we did right in fighting off the attackers until they arrived.

By that time the whole house was up and everybody wanted to know what happened, so we made proper warrents would be faced coffee at midnight. The best thing by himself first, and prosecuted of all was when one of our union fterwards. We also decided to set said, "Boys, we sure respondact together to protect our dwel- ed to a man on that false alarm. lings and every one of us would and even if it wasn't one of us in that jam, we know how to handle 'em, don't we?" We sure got a laugh out of that

PROTECTED NOW

Since then we have met several other union men in our block and they all are tickled to death to line up with us in a sort of protective home guard.

None of us is going to move now. We're too well protected right where we are.

I don't know whether our union papers will print this or not, but started beating him for moving I am sure the Western Worker will, so I am telling you all about it, so you can tell others.

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THE PARTY IS ON THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT IT WILL FILE CANDIDATES

READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The Communist Party is officially on the ballot in California. While it was not necessary for our Party to participate in the May presidential primaries, it is necessary that we participate in the August 25th primaries for state, Congressional, and local offices in preparation for the November elections.
- 2. In California there are to be elected 20 Congressmen, 80 State Assemblymen, 20 State Senators, Superior Court judges, and some local officials, such as county supervisors. 3. Communist candidates can and should enter
- the field NOW, and their platform and candidacy be popularized, without waiting for official filing 4. Between May 27 (first day) and June 26
- (last day) declarations of candidacy must be filed with the Registrar of Voters. 5. Forty to 60 sponsors, registered "Communist" are necessary for our Congressional candidates, 20 to 30 for our Assembly and State
- Senator candidates. 6. All who did not already register, by March 26, for the Presidential primaries, must do so before July 16 in order to vote in the August primaries. They can and should do so, NOW.
- REGISTER COMMUNIST 7. Those who registered this year, as "Declined to state" or for any other party can reregister "Communist." This is necessary in order to take part in the August primaries, and so as to insure the necessary number of sponsors for Communist candidaes. Our drive to get greatest possible mass registration-"Communist," begins
- 8. Where local officials are to be elected this year, such as supervisors, etc., details as to qualifications of candidates must be obtained from county and municipal offices. In most cases, these local elections are "Non-Partisan," in which case individual candidates endorsed by the Communist Party should be run.
- 9. Qualifications for Congressmen are: Seven rears a citizen, age 25 years; must be an inhabitant of the state, but need not live in Congressional district where running; State As-

sembly and Senate, three years a citizen and inhabitant of state, one year in electorial district, ige 21 years.

10. Copies of assembly and congressional district maps, and lists of registered voters can and should be gotten from the county officeregistrar of voters, secretary of state, etc. Other information as to present legislators, has been sent to each section of the Party.

FILING FEES

11. A filing fee of \$20.00 is required for candidates for State Assembly or Senate, \$10.00 for county or municipal officials (if they are paid offices) and \$100.00 for U. S. Congressmen.

12. Although candidates cannot withdraw from the primaries after filing certificate of candidacy, or from final elections if and when nominated as a Party candidate in the primaries, yet such candidates can publicly withdraw in the sense of throwing their support and that of their party to such other candidate as may be agreed upon in a United Labor ticket movement.

13. For a Farmer-Labor Party to participate in the state elections over 23,000 signatures are necessary and must be filed not later than June

14. Otherwise, United Labor Tickets-on a local, Congressional and Assembly District scale, can be decided on, between the Communist Party and all other groups. Movements and candidates which are against reaction and are pro-labor, on the basis of a minimum platform and with provision that one candidate be agreed on.

15. Further, independent candidates can be nominated for the November elections, after the August primaries. For this, signatures equal to ive per cent of the entire electoral division vote would be required, signers and candidates not to have voted in the August primaries, and filing of candidacy with signatures, between September 4 and September 24.

16. Important immediately are: a. Putting Communist candidates into the

field.

b. A drive for a heavy Communist registration.

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Three Anti-Fascist Books on Europe What is this Russian "Stakhanovism"?

MUSSOLINI A 'SAWDUST CAESAR'

John Gunther's 'Inside' Revelations

By Sidney Jones.

A trio of books that ought to be on the "must" list of all people who are interested in the building of a united front in Americawhether that united front be specifically political or simply humanitarian-have appeared and have attracted considerable attention within the past six months. They are grouped together here for a number of reasons: (a) they are all by newspaper men; (b) they all deal with some phase of the world scene, and (c) they are all anti-fascist in

Russian correspondent of the New

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is having written of Stalin in the

N. Y. Times of Jan. 15, 1923, "and

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His analysis of Trotzky, while

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Stalin.

The three books are "Sawdust ed from being published by the Caesar," a biography of Mussolini governments of both England and George Seldes; "I Write As I France. Since the Ethiopian sit-Please," an account of his years uation the British ban has been in the U. S. S. R. by Walter lifted. Not, however, the French in the single year 1934 to 1935. like Isotov. He was not the only Duranty, and "Inside Europe," a personalized survey of continental affairs by John Gunther.

Seldes needs (or should need) no introduction to readers of these pages. For many years foreign correspondent in various cities for the Chicago Daily News, his recent volume, "Freedom of the Press," revealed in no uncertain terms and with ample documentary evidence, how swiftly we in this country are drifting toward fascism. And his expose not long ago in the New Masses of the U. S. Army's "shoot to kill" policy in the matter of peace time duty is further proof of where his interests lie.

ITALIAN MADMAN Now in "Sawdust Caesar" he

depicts with a merciless clarity just what manner of madman this Mussolini is, who has an entire ation in a stranglehold. He traces Il Duce's career from his youthful days as a radical firebrand through the draft dodging period in Switzerland, when he would have starved to death bu for the aid of exiled brother and sister socialists (notably Angelica Balabanoff, who literally saved his life); his activities as a non interventionist in the war and his

the socialist newspaper. Seldes shows us, with documen after document to prove his contentions, how Mussolini turnec coat over night, traduced his party and his friends, when approached by some French agents with the r of enough money to start a paper entirely his own, prohe would come out for ian intervention on the allied

flaming days as editor of Avanti

HOODLUM'S CAREER

From then on things move rapidly. His expulsion from the socialist party, his screaming de nunciations of his former friends the Fiume adventure; his abandonment of D'Annunzio; the actual founding of the fascisti with a handful of hoodlums; the march been a foreign correspondent for on Rome, which wasn't (for Mus- many years, mostly in Vienna, but solini) a march at all, since he his work has taken him all over travelled comfortably by train from Europe. His book seems to me a safe distance after the dirty to be less important than the work had been done by others; the brutal stamping out of all of footnote to them. civil liberties; the crushing of labor; his inescapable complicity in the murder of Matteoti-the one all the great and near great of man in all Italy who dared stand political Europe, and it takes the up openly and defy him . . . the position that the entire current whole hideous chain of events history of Europe is based upon down to the day when this saw- accidents of personality, a podust Caesar plunged his sick and sition which, incidentally, Mr. will be easier to get more coal." weary country into an unwanted Gunther unwittingly contradicts

he was asked to leave Italy some behind the big men ruling the easier for everybody to get more years ago, for sending out news world today. despatches displeasing to the government. But he was asked to Gunther, like Seldes and Duranty, leave Russia also, for the same shows a definitely anti-fascist bias. reason, and yet reveals on the g, and admiration for life and many of whom will be influenced

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It is interesting to note that even influenced enough to really "Sawdust Caesar," which was fin- do something about it right here ished some time ago, was prevent- in America. whose profits rose 99 per cent

BRISK MARKET IN MATERIALS OF MASSACRE

INDUSTRIALISTS MAKE HAY WHILE THE BLOOD FLOWS ed to \$3,227,767.

Three leading farm implement companies, International Harvester Co., Deere & Co., and J. I. 1934 and 1935, with an increase per cent higher than in the boom of only 55 per cent in man-hours year 1929. It poured nearly \$11,-

between 1934 and 1935 was Cliuct is used in molybdenum alloys, essential in the manufacture of armaments. Its 1935 profits amount-

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n their political thinking; perhaps

International Nickel Co., one of the most strategically situated of all the war supplies companies, had the biggest profits in 1935 of ase Co, showed an increase of any year in its history. It reported I could just get to L. A. I start the time I got to Texarkana, Ark. 559 per cent in profits between net profits of \$26,086,527, or 13 ed out of St. Louis afoot and Here my troubles, began. Here worked in this industry. Profits 000,000 in dividends into the pockof Deere & Co. alone rose 1506 ets of its common share owners, per cent between 1934 and 1935. in addition to paying nearly \$2,-U. S. corporations' profits from 000,000 to preferred stockholders continue to rise. One company to depreciation and depletion."

How a Coal Miner Increased Soviet Production Without Speed-up - By Verne Smith This second, and concluding, instalment by Verne Smith clearly

shows the difference between speed-up in America for profits-and Stakhanovism in Russia for more good for those who do the work. Trade unionists especially should take pains to bring the facts contained in these articles before their fellow unionists, to combat the outrageous lies of Hearst concerning the greater efficiency in the U. S. S. R.

(Continued from last issue.)

than it was in 1928. The amounts process. engaged in some form of volun- dramatically and successfully solv-Walter Duranty, for 15 years York Times, has had the inestimand skeeing teams, very often the greatest improvements in it. the only foreign correspondent to pardonable pride to the fact that is long ago as 1923, he recognized mmediately. All the children go amount of work. o school, and the grammar school term is being increased from tandard of living for everyone. ays no claim to being a Marxist) cut in half!

UDARNIKS

no other way of increasing pro- is freed of the tiring movement." duction, would have been a good tually they did not have to resort easier. "In my work," says a nuzzled about the repudiation by to speed-up.

hat union of Trotzky, particularly since in the early days of the evolution, the name of Trotzky was the only one we ever hard of it, has sometimes been called pace, and then hurry, you are rest of the crew 8.4 were sick. speed-up. "Udarniks" were spe-lost. I have said more than once. Less than a quarter as many cial shock workers, men or wom-and I repeat it here, that I turned Stakhanovites were injured as were sfyingly; he reveals Trotzky as en who took a pledge to always out 1400 pairs of shoes not by hurt among the others. The aca brilliant individualist, who had overfulfill their assigned task, and over-execution, but by carefully cident rate is lower anyway than o sacrifice his country's best in to teach other how to do it. It studying the operation." would be more logical therefore, Stakhanov, himself, says; "It no big coal nime disasters. erests for his own aggrandizenent. And many other things are to call the shock brigaders speed- is not a matter of physical exup artists, rather than the Stakhan-, ertion. I am no more tired now clarified in this book, innumerable nisconceptions about Russia and ovites. But even the shock bri- when I produce 100 tons than but here again it must be re-Russian life during the past 15 gades always insisted that their when I was giving only 14 tons, membered that division of work success came, not from harder On the contrary, it is consider- in a Soviet factory does not bring work but from developing greater ably easier and simpler to work the monotony and deadening ef Now for the last and latest of skill. I talked two years ago to now. I work, the man behind me feet, the killing of the pride in Nikita Isotov, a coal miner. He Gunther, like his colleagues, has told me again what he told the Communist Party when his record

was being studied: "They say that I sotov is strong, and that is why he digs so much coal. Stuff and nonsense! You will not do any-

thing by strength and hurry ... We have other very strong people here. Take Comrade Ivan for example, an athlete who does not fulfill his plan. No. I learned where to hit the coal. Every day I think of how it

If even the work of shock bri imperialist war, as a final attempt on almost every page of his al- gades was mainly learning how to keep his seat upon a toppling most 500-page volume. However, much less like speed-up as we the book is interesting. It is in- understand it here, is Stakhanov-He does it without hysteria or teresting to find out what Hitler ism, which is a system of learnany particular rancor, too, this eats for lunch, and now much ing to make the whole process, Seldes, letting the facts speak Azana resembles a huge green the organization of labor itself pretty much for themselves. True, frog, and who are the little men more efficient, so that it will be

> with less work. UNDER CAPITALISM

by increasing the production of cost them money."

Jone man and throwing the others The amounts spent for cultural out. No worker in a capitalist equirements in the Soviet Union; factory would want to start any ooks, musical instruments, sport such process. Stakhanovism is pparatus, parks, rest homes, the fruit of socialism, of workers schools, classes and lectures and controlling industry. Then only concerts and shows, etc., was more does, or should, the common than seven times greater in 1935 worker think of improving the

of goods purchased by the popu- Stakhanov was one of these lation as a whole rose one-third common workers, a coal miner, The Russian worker has become one working on the problem of in athlete; nearly every one is more production. But he most ary physical culture—no factory ed it, and called attention to the lepartment, no village without its fact that the worker himself, if foot-ball, tennis, track, skating he owns the industry, can make

with its parachute jumpers, rifle- Stakhanov went down one night men, chess champions, dancers, to his working place in the mine etc. The Russian worker has and by a method, all the skilled pought millions of copies of books, drillers running the drills all the nillians of newspapers. Editions time, the other members of the of the favorite authors are pub- gang doing all the timbering clearished by half million copies, and ing and track work, etc., he turned new editions are put on the press out about ten times his original

WELCOMED

The process adopted to each even to years to ten. Eight mil- industry, swept through the counion adult workers are studying try, welcomed by all but a few classes of technique, have the people who didn't want to change ime and energy and incentive to their old habits. Busgin, a Stakstudy, to develop their skill and hanovite in the auto works, at raise their wages, and raise the Gorki, a blacksmith, tells how, "before the introduction of Stak-Along with this the death rate hanovism) the heavy slabs lay on has gone down 44 per cent, nearly the floor. The workers had to bend and lift them. Now a table support has been made, the slabs So even speed-up, if there were are laid on it, and so the worker

Many others emphasize that ining for the Soviet worker. Ac- work under the new system is shoe worker, Smetanin, in the The ideal and practise of the Skorokhod factory in Leningrad, shock brigade, which came before "the most important thing is reg-hundred Stakhanovites took sick italism. In capitalism the prod-Stakhanovism, and gave rise to ular rythm, pace. If you lose the

he most famous shock brigader, does the propping, and the work

Rail Clerks Dance

SAN FRANCISCO.-The Broth

erhood of Railway and Steamship

Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express

and Station Employes announces

ANYTHING BUT

vention of floods from the Kansas

dertaking.

of the features of Stakhanovism, in capitalist countries. The So- say that.

STATISTICS

prove it. In a report to the Com-

munist Party on accidents and

sickness in the Donbas coal fields,

it was found that only 1.3 of every

rest of the crew 8.4 were sick.

viet workers as factory group So say they all, and figures take pride in the finished produc of their factories, control the pro cess more and more as they learn it better, change it, and profit by it. No worker does that in cap leave from work, whereas in the uct is not the workers', it is the big bosses' and they take pride only in their bank accounts. Far. from being a deadening

This is no banquet of the American Liberty League-it's just

the grub for some workers at a Moscow factory when they ban-

queted the plant's shock brigaders. Fruit, caviar, dainties and liquid

refreshments fill the table-and the factory pays the bills-in the

land where efficiency means a more abundant life for those who

speed-up, Stakhanovism is the beginning of the complete mastery of workers over their machinery. As Murashko, another Stakhanovite miner puts it:

"We are making the machines work for us, and are not becoming the slaves of the machines? No worker can say that in a capitalist factory. You have to

WPA HEAD'S EFFORT TO "COVER UP" EXPOSED IN \$25,000 SUIT

Spring Dance to be held in LOS ANGELES, April 113.-Native Son's Hall, 418 Mason st., Efforts of Colonel Donald H. Conon Saturday eve., April 25th. nolly, district WPA administrator All of the units of the Brotherto cover up the inefficiency of his hood, which represents the emadministration are revealed in a ployes of the Southern Pacific. suit filed against him here for Santa Fe, Northwestern Pacific \$25,000 by Harry Schenck, a civil and Western Pacific Railroads and engineer formerly employed by the Railway Express Agency, Inc., the city engineer. and many locals of the other

standard railway labor organizations, in the San Francisco bay region are cooperating in the un-city engineer, charging Schenck projects and demanding his re-In an official report on the premoval.

and Missouri Rivers, Col. Moore, according to the complaint, with an engineer has been injured as The process adapted to each of the U. S. Engineers Corps, a statement that the inefficiency a result. materials, equipment and labor," Engineers."

which it was the responsibility of Colonel Connolly to provide. Ald rich added that the records of his office prove his contention.

In a letter attached to the complaint, Connolly made no effort to reply to this counter-charge but simply stated that "we must again request his removal from all WPA projects and request that

Under this threat of non-cooperfor the city of local storm drain discharge Mr. Schenck, who al leges that Connolly's statement were malicious and without foun Aldrich replied to this letter, dation and that his reputation as

The suit reveals that Connolly this action be taken without dewrote a letter to Lloyd Aldrich, lay." with mefficiency as superintendent ation, Aldrick felt compelled to

capitalism, if it could be trans- stated: "Both the packing and was "not due to any personalities Although supposedly a relie Among the three they must have ferred, might not cripple the railroad industries are willing to of Mr. Schenck but can be di- director, Connally signed all his whole an attitude of understand- nundreds of thousands of readers, workers, but it would starve them, agree to any plan that doesn't rectly traced to the lack of proper letters as "Lt. Colonel, Corps of

WHEN A WORKER COMES TO CALIFORNIA-

any more than I could.

snowing when I left.

I walked nearly to Crystal City, car about 11 p. m. We road all together with a friend. war preparations here and abroad and charging off nearly \$5,000,000 Mo., before I caught a ride, but night and in the early hours of In the morning we took them folks sitting there on the embank

Brothers, sisters, relatives and in Arkansas. At Jonesboro, Ark cold. A worker with his wife and and beside the tracks another bun friends of the family have want. I took to the Cotton Belt R. R. a child about 15 years old, a girl, and I worked on them with slough ed me to come to California for and found a sidedoor Pullman, couldn't stand it and crawled up water and massages till they came max Molybdenum Co. Its prod the past three years, but they are traveling Southwest to Texarkana, into the reefer of the heated car to. The other bums with us run just workers without much mon- Ark.—Tex. I come over the road ford the expense of such a trip ble, and without anything hap heater would kill them. pening out of the ordinary suf-Poor folks have poor people's fering and struggles for a bite to ways. . . . So when I found my- eat like hundreds and hundreds self in St. Louis Mo., unable to of men, women and children "on pay the rent, jobless, and hungry, the bum." I had little trouble alone on the streets, I thought begging a lump now and then and of a home my folks offered me if once in a while a sit-down, up to

ride was on a flat car behind to live." California, here I come! It was a heated refrigerator car. About

They went into it anyway with the reefer where it's warm, and if we never wake up again that will suit us fine."

"What have we to live for?" the little wife asked.

"That's no way out," I protestpenniless like tens of thousands things begin to happen. We caught led, "The way out is through strug- that we had done our best when of other proletarians, who have a fast freight out of Texarkana gle, fighting, striking, organizing we seen them alive, and my travelwalked out of town, but I had a all sealed, and the only place to for what we know to be our right ing comapnion and I both gave

But in spite of our protest the to buy food, about 65 cents. fifteen of us piled onto the flat little family entered the reefer

lit was a ride that set me down the morning it was very, very out of the reefer, unconscious, ment of the railroad.

after we told them again and in fear. The father came to first ey, like myself, and could not af without much difficulty and trous again that the fumes from the looked around at my companior and me after he sit up, then a his family and his friend.

He turned to us and said, "O! this remark, "We're going into Hell! Why did you wake us un to all the grief and suffering and sorrow that we have known? Go away, leave us alone."

The friend and mother came to about the same time, and ther the little girl at last. We fell them the money we had begged

The frieght high-balled and we ran to catch it, leaving these poor

Can You Name This Column?

CONDUCTED BY M ARJORIE CRANE

This is the last time this woman's column appears without a proper lead. Watch next issue for the winner of the contest for a name for it. The reader whose entry wins the competition will receive a free subscription for one year to The Woman Today. To be considered, suggested names must reach us no later than Saturday, April 18th.

DETROIT DIVORCE

a man could divorce his wife if to produce and distribute. she put too much or too little

ing her do things the harder, erican Can. MILK STRIKE

milk by the Marin County milk life-giving food for purposes of strike. Not that they mean to price raising, then we'll begin to imply that the producers should it once raise the wages and im- cern over the children of the masprove the working conditions of ses. And that will be when fish he milkers so that work can be sing and cops carry paper clubs.

[resumed! Heaven forbid! The Judge Henry G. Nicol of De- workers should go back to work, oit grants a divorce to Allen for nothing if necessary, so that Fisher because his wife's "favorite working class mothers in San ulinary device was a can opener." Francisco can pay 11 or 12 cents According to ancient Hebraic law a quart that costs but a few cents

Whenever the capitalist press salt in his soup. And they squawk starts weeping big tears for the about easy divorces in the Soviet "mothers and children" it's time to look for some especially dirty We hope Kathryn Fisher is deal to put over. Just as, when properly grateful for her release Congress was on the point of exfrom a man who insists on hav- posing the conspiracy of Morgan and the other big interests that primative way, and who doesn't sent millions of American boys know that the only way you can into war in 1914, suddenly cerget your spinach the year round tain members of Congress started in Detroit is with the help of that weeping and tearing their hair great modern institution, the Am- over the "sacred memory of the dead."

When the Examiner and Chron-We expect to see the bay cities icle begin to nowl over the high newspapers dripping with tears price of milk or start a campaign for the poor babies deprived of against dumping of this precious believe that they have real con-

CENSORS, ACTORS, UNIONS AND HOLLYWOOD ODDS AND ENDS

OREIGN NOTES

Joris Ivens, famous Belgian di- not but fail to hurt the former's ector, whose social films Rain, cause. Not until this dispute is Borinage, etc. were recently shown settled can the actors make their o critics in New York, winning demands upon the managers, at rave acclaim, is on his way to that time with the full backing Hollywood to learn the workings of the Dramatists Guild. of the American film industry. . . The Soviet Country, travelogue nade by visiting Frenchmen, has een banned in Paris. The film shows beautiful homes, factories is they are in Russia today. . . Vienna censors have eliminated rom Chaplin's Modern Times the cene in which Chaplin picks up red banner flag and appears to e leading a workers' demonstraion. . . Because a Jewish actor

ppears in Elka Films' Her Royal lighness Dances the Waltz, made n Prague, the picture has been panned in Berlin for violation of he new race rules. . . . Mussolini is again negotiating with Fredric March to portray Chrisopher Columbus in the Italian-

peen unable to collect salaries Ostentibly for the production of hat the city's magistracy has or- industrial films featuring the Ford dered all theater owners to sub-automobiles and for institutional nit certificates of reliance, testi- films in the interests of salesmen ying that the theater has enough and dealers, with that announcenoney to insure all salaries for ment Henry Ford announces his it least one month. * * *

GILLMORE TACTICS

While the Dramatists Guild is ngaging in a fight to the finish with the New York theater mangers to get a more equitable dis ribution of the monies received or the movie rights to a play, once ngain Frank Gillmore, chairmen of Equity's Council, uses splitting actics. Into the battle now raging,

Fillmore has inserted the demand of the actors for a share in these novie rights. Few arguments can e raised against his contention hat the actor's personality plays in important part in the play's uccess; many criticisms can be evied, however, at his tactic in aising this demand at this time. a threatened strike in the agrind actors is essential in their ation of Mexican Workers against nutual fight against the theater the Japanese vegetable growers. managers. Any demand raised The Mexican workers are denevitably react against the ac- for celery workers.

tors as well. Gillmore's tactic can-

Says Gillmore: "The actor is the expert salesman who contributes in no small measure to the success of a play. Actors' Equity Association would like to go on record with the declaration that, in the final accounting, the actor should not be disregarded." * * *

PROPAGANDA BY FORD

"Pictures for direct competition" in the film industry may be planned along the line of Ford's ideals and interests in the educational and historical field,"

With that announcement, proclaiming propaganda films from the pocketbooks of America's capnade film, Life of Columbus, de-litalists, Henry Ford this week signed to defend Fascist Italy's follows the lead of General Motors get rid of capitalism, as the So-expansion program, the lure to and authorizes \$5,000,000 for the viet masses did, before you can March being \$100,000. . . . In construction and equipment of mo-Budapest, so many actors have tion picture studios in Detroit real purpose.

LABOR BOARD TO ACT ON DEMANDS OF RUBBER UNION

LOS ANGELES, April 8.-The National Labor Relations Board today inoved to mediate in a controvesy between the Sampson Tire and Rubber Corporation and the United Rubber Workers of Amer.

The union demands that the board force the company to recognize the union in its dealings with workers. Date of hearing was set by the board for next Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The board also sought to stifle Solidarity between dramatists cultural fields of the Confeder-

tow that might result in the loss manding 35 cents an hour for field of the Dramatists' fight would workers and 30 cents an hour

6th Annual MAY PICNIC Royal Palms Grove SAN PEDRO

SUNDAY APRIL 26th Good Food Games Fishing Hiking Dancing Excellent Orchestra **ADMISSION 25 CENTS** Trucks leave 9 A.M. from Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring St.; Workers Center, 2706 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles.

RALLY TO THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCKED OUT LONGSHOREMEN!

Stand By the Union Hiring Hall! Defend the Hard Won Gains of the 1934 Strike!

(Reprinted from Western Worker Waterfront Extra, April 15, 1936)

unions and the working conditions won by the 1934 strike, went into abolish the hiring hall, the key to union working conditions, the longaction Tuesday when the employers announced their refusal to hire shoremen are grimly prepared to fight to the last ditch to defend their longshoremen through the hiring-hall established by the 1934 agree- union and stand back of the rank and file leaders who are under fire ment, thus declaring a lock-out. The Santa Rosa incident was the of the shipowners and reactionary labor officials (Vandeleur, Scharpretext which the shipowners were waiting for since last January, to renberg, Paddy Morris, and Ryan). The shipowners want to dictate put into effect their union-wrecking plan, which was balked at that to the longshoremen who their leaders shall be. The employers hate time when it was exposed by the San Francisco District Council of Harry Bridges because they can't BUY HIM OUT, so they are the Maritime Federation in its demand for a public Congressional plotting with Vandeleur and Ryan to remove the elected leadership investigation into the shipowners' conspiracy.

That the shipowners had seized upon the Santa Rosa as a clumsy excuse to launch their lockout against 4000 San Francisco longshoremen can be seen by the fact that I. L. A. Local 38-79 and the District Council of the Maritime Federation had agreed to handle the cargo on this ship provided a committee would be allowed to inspect the union membership books of the crew and investigate if they were

In spite of the fact that the shipowners rejected this request, the I. L. A. local nevertheless declared its readiness to work the ship and dispatched gangs for that purpose, but the employers deliberately proceeded to lock out the longshoremen, refused to recopnize the hiring hall established by the 1934 agreement, and cold-bloodedly precipitated a struggle which may tie up not only San Francisco harbor, but the entire Pacific Coast.

The maritime unions, and particularly the I. L. A., have done

The State-Wide Conference

Are You Doing Your Share?

You cannot arrest men for organizing com-

mercial enterprises to extract profits from the

public. But today in California you CAN

arrest men for organizing workers to demand a

fair wage for their toil. Eight young people

have not only been arrested for no other ac-

tivity than this but are now serving terms of

victed because they organized a union, but

ciation of California recently proclaimed that

there is no law against being a Communist,

that the Communist Party is a legal political

organization in which every person has a

organized a union and led strikes, but be-

cause they were guilty of criminal violence."

victed them, after reviewing all evidence,

completely exonerated them of any act of

You might say, "It was not because they

That is not true. The very jury that con-

THEY WERE CONVICTED FOR OR-

The law under which they were convicted

wielded this law were the millionaire agri-

is the Criminal Syndicalism Act. The powers

culturiets and financiers whose profits were hit

by the wage increases won for the workers by

the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Indus-

trial Union. These powerful interests used the

C. S. prosecution together with vigilante violence

every working man and liberal person in America.

but it can only be repealed by the united front

ence for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism

Act will meet in Sacramento in Moose Temple.

Every organization must send delegates and

every individual who can must attend. Much of

the future of California depends upon that con-

fornia Conference for Repeal of the Criminal

Syndicalism Act, 68 Haight street, San Fran-

cisco, or the Southern California Councils for

Constitutional Rights, 129 West 2nd street, Los

"Get out in the streets and demonstrate!"

Demonstrations today are about the only real

For example, if you believed the daily papers,

That is what General Smedley D. Butler tells

the people of America in his advice on how to

means the public has of expresing its real senti-

you would think American college students were

eager to go to war at the drop of a hat. "Loyal-

ty to America" is always confused in newspaper

accounts with "Willingness to go to war." To

the jingo propagandists, these two things are

The students don't think so. They believe

the best way to express loyalty to their country

is to keep it out of war. But the only means

they have of letting the world know this is by

Students Demonstrate

ON APRIL 22ND

Against War

For full details communicate with the Cali-

mass demand of the people of California.

The repeal of that law is of vital concern to

On Sunday, April 19th, a state-wide confer-

You might say, "They were not con-

That is not true. The State Bar Asso-

one to 14 years in the penitentiary for it.

because they were Communists."

right to belong.

violence whatsoever.

to smash that union.

ference.

ments.

GANIZING A UNION.

To Repeal the C. S. Act

EDITORIALS

GETTING OUT AND DEMONSTRATING.

The students in European and Oriental nations

are looked up to with pride by the populations.

They comprise an important force in society

For too long a time, American college stu-

dents have been regarded as love-sick clowns

in funny hats with nick-names written on their

pants. Movies, cheap magazines and novels have

Today, from every part of America are com-

ing expressions of the true character of the

American university student. Every effort of

indusrialists to encircle the campuses with air-

tight hedges has failed. Real information is

seeping through to the American students and

they are preparing to take an intelligent and

determined stand on affairs that vitally concern

their futures-especially in the matter of war.

The United Workers' Alliance

Is For a Farmer-Labor Party

The delegates to the unity convention of the

jobless are on their way home, inspired by a most

constructive step forward in the struggle for

bread. The decisions of the convention will be

carried into cities and farm areas, unifying the

separate groups and organizing the unemployed

for a Farmer-Labor Party in 1936, correctly facing

the realities of the situation and seeking to ally

the jobless with trade unionists and farmers in

political action independent of Democrats and

Republicans alike. This decision will likewise

penetrate broadly throughout the country, adding

considerable force to the rapidly growing move-

ment for decisive political action of a nation-

wide, state-wide and local scale in the coming

militancy and wider organization; toward joint

action with trade unions in the maintainance of

trade union rates of pay on relief work projects;

Making Revolutionary History

sharpening of a conflict that has tremendous

significance for the entire united front struggle

against fascism and for the abolition of cap-

italism. Outstanding is the accomplishment of

organizational unity between the Socialist and

Communist youth organizations, with a joint

membership of 150,000 and the election of a

fraternal delegate to the Com-

munist International. This promises well

for the further progress of the revolution in

Spain. We are on the eve of world-shaking

events. This step by Spanish youth should in-

spire redoubled efforts to rally the American

youth, organized and unorganized, to the cause

"Floods and dust storms are not 'acts of

God.' but evidences of the ruthless exploitation

of the forests under private ownership, and the

pressure upon the farmer of debts, mortgages

and the disproportion between agricultural and

industrial prices, which force upon him the

wasteful cultivation of the soil."-Mary van

Kleeck, director of industrial studies, Russell

of struggle for peace.

The developments in Spain indicate the

toward the Farmer-Labor Party in 1936!

Spanish Youth, United, Is

Toward unity in every locality, increased

The convention placed itself on record to work

IN 1936!

unorganized.

elections.

On April 22nd, America will hear from its

combined to put over this ridiculous idea.

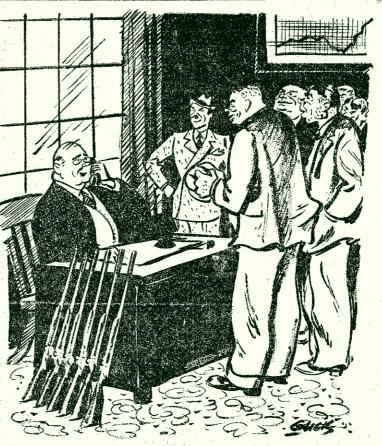
The long-prepared attack of the shipowners, to wreck the maritime previous occasions, but if the employers persist in their attempts to of the San Francisco longshoremen by hook or crook.

Maritime workers! This attack aims to strike a vital blow at all maritime unions and the Maritime Federation. Stand by the fight of the San Francisco longshoremen and their rank and file leadership to defend their union and the airing hall! 100 per cent solidarity wil defeat the shipowners' lockout!

Shoreside workers! The attack on the maritime unions is an attack on the whole labor movement. The employers hope to smash the militant unions first, to launch an offensive against all unions in all industries, and bring back the open shop, the company unions, and the yellow-dog contract. Rally to the support of the longshoremen! Don't permit the time-worn employers' trick of raising the "red scare" to confuse the issue and split the ranks of

Every trade union, every pro-labor organization should adopt esolutions of protest against the shipowners' lockout and rally to the everything possible to avoid a struggle and refused to be provoked on support of the embattled longshoremen and the maritime unions!

"We've Just Hired Some Loyal Employees"



BURDENED WITH TROTZKY GROUP

The Trotzkyite Workers' Party group, 14 in number, were accepted into the Berkeley, Calif., local of the Socialist Party several weeks He gave a show girl twenty igo as full-fledged members. The ink on their application cards had hardly dried when they began their counter-revolutionary activities.

Two unofficial meetings of some & Trotskyites and several Socialists Relations Board of being Comwho have been consistently frus- munists. And even more interthe Alaska Packers and to Red trating any attempts at united esting, and perhaps casting light front actions with the Communist on the mystery as to who wrote Party, were recently held.

tacks on the part of the reactionary forces against organized labor? Did they, perhaps, discuss how to concretely put into effect the recent decision of the State Socialist Convention for a Farmer-Labor Party? Or perhaps, the morning to 5 o'clock in the after- problem of relief (which is again becoming acute) in Oakland and While canning, hot lunches must Berkeley, which come under the No. These meetings did not

worry themselves with such-"petty a worker gets sick his pay goes and political issues of the workon until he is put in the hospital ers. They had big things to do. Their aim was to work out a All hiring is to be done out of line of tactics on how to underthe union hall and the union is mine the growing influence of the to be the judge of the workers' Communist Party and how to

JOBLESS UNION

During the past year, the unemployed of Oakland have built up 13 locals of the Public Works and Unemployed Union with about 3,000 members. This organizaion has consistently wrested concessions from the relief authorities. It has daily won demands for the workers on the projects. As a result of these struggles and the increasing militancy of the workers they recently succeeded in winning a Labor Relations Board consisting of three outstanding unemployed leaders, elected by their County Executive Committee, who deal with the Grievances of the workers on the projects, and see that these are settled in the interest of the project workers. Working closely with the organized trade union movement, the P. W. U. U. also succeeded in getting a fraternal delegate to sit in at all meetings of the Alameda County Central

But to the counter-revolutioncent of the people demanded in to "expose" the "fact" that the dependence, Syria became a P. W. U. is a "Communist-French mandate. The Syrians controlled" organization; that the claim that their poverty, with un- the members of the Labor Relathe country, is due to the high and that they "donate \$40.00 each They have further decided to print in the pages of the Crusader (a local sheet issued irregularly with which they have connections) an "expose" of the jobless union-and as they stated, containing "dynamite against the P. W. U. U."

Not stopping at this they also decided to ask the American Federation of Labor to inform Koetitz (head of the WPA in Oakland) Nazi "philosophy," parts of Min that the Labor Relations Board

the letter, is the fact that at this What did these meetings deal recent meeting of the Trotskyites with? Did these meetings discuss and Socialists it was decided to how to combat the increasing at get a "photostatic copy" of this letter for broader circulation. Isn't this definite proof that this so-called anonymous letter is not the work of the Hearst forgery factory-but comes from the ranks of the new allies of Hearst-the or the new allies of Hearst—the Trotskyites within the Socialist FILIPINOS NOT

ATTACK A.F.L. LOCAL But this was only part of their strategy. Recently on the Writers' Project a local of the Ameri-can Federation of Government Employees has been established, with a charter from the A. F. of L. Before the local was organsucceeded in getting any support letin). from the rank and file, who have

F. G. E. in a body, and to con- fearing open revolt. stitute themselves again into a clique.

COUNTER REVOLUTION

These stool-pigeoning and antiworking class acts planned by this caucus are in keeping with borne by the masses." he vicious campaign of the Hearst press against the Communst Party and the militant organizations of the workers who have adopted a class struggle policy as an efficient weapon against the capitalist offensive. That these depending upon the support given attacks upon the Party is evidenced in a statement by one of the 9,000,000, 8 shillings. gang who is reported to have said that, with the cooperation of the their organization. We know that "Crusader" and Hearst, "we can among the rank and file members do much damage to the Communist of the Socialist Party there is a Party throughout the state." A nice little line-up for our Sociai- united front actions with the ist Comrades to find themselves Communists and other militant

The Communist Party has warned the State Socialist Party against taking into its ranks the Trotskyite counter-revolutionary elements. We have pointe out that they want to enter the Socialist Party to disrupt the development towards united front actions and to disintegrate and not build up the Socialist Party. The above actions are a confirmation of

alor of more materit. We tenn

The President promised the people pink plums of peaceful prosperity Pink plums of peaceful prosperity, the President promised the peop. If the President promised the people pink plums of peaceful prosperity; Where are the pink plums of peaceful prosperity the President promised the people?

SAID MORGAN

Said Morgan, "My life has been

The key to success is quite 3.—This little pig owns the facfunny; It's getting, not giving,

Don't work for your living, It leaves you no time to make

THE MILLIONAIRE

The millionarie was very fat. He wore a twenty dollar hat. He smoked a fifty cent cigar And drove the finest make of car.

grand

To let him sit and hold her hand. 'Don't laugh," he said, "at my en-

joyment; T am the man who gives labor employment.'

SCRABBLE HILL There was a maid on Scrabble

And if not dead, she lives there

She is thin as a thread and taught with tension,

Waiting, on, waiting, for the oldage pension.

VERY ANXIOUS TO BE KILLED

NO COMPULSORY MILITARY

ized a Workers' Alliance local Islands, beginning at the age of had been in existence. Instead of 18, is threatened by the resistance working to build up the A: F. of of the Philippine laboring class L. local, to strengthen its ranks, as well as by the Monammedan these disrupters have been a thorn Moro tribes in the Lanao pro That relief officials and WPA in the side of the local ever since vince. (From a recent issue of heads are cooperating with the

voted them down consistently. Philippine Islands have always At their recent meetings, they resented the rule of the Manila issued by J. H. Moffett, WPA therefore decided to take some government, and are refusing to project placement supervisor. additional actions: to circularize register for compulsory military all members of the union with a service. The Manila rulers are vising timekeepers and zone place petition to withdraw from the A. wary about arming the Moros,

The laboring class, on the other Workers' Alliance local. This hand, are refusing to register beletter to be signed by "Members cause they refuse to provide a of the P. W. U. U." While, sim- cheap native army for American ultaneously to draw up a petition imperialists in "their war against A. (State Relief Administration) to be signed by every Socialist Japan." (From the Kalayaan, an that the union is controlled by anti-imperialist Tagalog paper) certain WPA employees so that This paper also argues that an- they may enter private industry. other objection to this militarization scheme is that "taxation for all this 'defense' will have to be

Sir John Boyd Orr, foremost authority on nutrition in Great Britain recently proved that 50 per cent of the British population is undernourished. 4,500,000 people counter-revolutionary elements are (10 per cent of the population) spend only 4 shillings (\$1.00) a to them by the Hearst press in its week on food-9,000,000 or 20 per cent spend 6 shillings-another

TAKE A STAND

tion has arrived. Send in your Committee of California. Demand an immediate investigation of ers' Federation. est of the working class movemen ag the members of the Labor actions by so-called mempers of Party.

Seeing Red By Michael Quin

THE BOOK OF OLD MAN GANDER

A MAN CALLED MUSSOLINI

There was a bloody clown, and he wore a wrinkled frown Right in the middle of his forehead. When he spoke to a crowd, he spoke very loud, And his face got exceedingly florid. With bold bombast galore, he sent men off to war

Where the African sun was most torrid. They came home in black boxes, or swollen with poxes, And ended his rule which was horrid.

PLUMS OF PROSPERITY

LITTLE PIGS

1.—This little pig owns the mar-2.—This little pig owns the meat.

.-This little pig owns the wheat. .-This little pig grunts, "Money, money, money,

Or we'll not let you eat. WEE WILLIE HEARSTIE

Wee Willie Hearstie

Runs through the town, Upstairs and downstairs, About and around; Tapping on windows, Knocking at doors, Peddling the gospel Of profit and wars. Whenever you say you Don't want it or need it, He offers to pay you To take it and read it.

I SAW A RAT I saw a fat Greedy rat Wearing the hat

Of a plutocrat.

Relief Rolls to

WPA Will Slash

TRAINING WANTED

MANILA, P. I., April 10-The entire scheme of militarizing the male population of the Philippine the American-owned Manila Bul-

HUNGER IN GREAT BRITAIN

real earnest desire to establish and progressive forces in the state-and not unity with the Hearst and his press agents. We remember very well the indignation of the Socialist workers at the anti-Soviet articles of Lang in the Hearst press.

But the membership must show how it stands. The time for ac-

Fat, rat, hat, Plutocrat; Imagine that!

Assist Growe BULLETIN GIVES ORD TO SEARCH FOR FIELD LABOR

LOS ANGELES, April 13. agricultural growers of California in an effort to drive WPA work-The Moros, a nation within the ers into the fields at starvation wages was shown in a bulletin

The bulletin, addressed to superment coordinators issued on Mar. 20th, reads:

"From time to time you will be called upon by accredited representatives of the U.S.E.S. (em ployment service) and the S. R. who will request the dismissal of These workers will be given referral cards to the employer and at the same time should be given a Form 403 bearing the following reason under 'Remarks':

INTERVIEW "Administrative Dismissal - to enter private employment."

"(Signed) J. H. Moffet, Supervisor Project Placement." These "Accredited representatives are interviewing all workers. Women and men are asked

the following questions: "Are you an American citizer" "Have you had agricultural

perience?" By such methods are the beaucratic officials of the WPA and SRA driving lower and lower the

living standard of the agricultural workers.

Defends Teachers' Federation of Calif.

LOS ANGELES, April 13.-The attempt of Verling Kersey, California State superintendent of schools, to intimidate teachers, members of the California Federation of Teachers, was share protests to the State Executive answered here last week by Sar uel Wixman, pres. of the Teack

these recent "caucus" meetings. "His attack is symptomatic of held ostensibly in the name of his opposition to labor in general

It was reported Kersey said that the federation does not represent other prominent and famous Ger- letter was sent to Koetitz access that they will not tolerate such and in the interest of your own the teaching profession of California

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Cannery Workers Prepare Alaskan Work Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.-At a meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers today an agreement drawn up by the Negotiations Committee was concurred in by the membership. The proposed agreement will be sent to Salmon Packers.

The agreement calls for a mininum of \$250 for a three-months' period, plus bonuses of approximately \$50 for all crafts engaged in the canneries. Should the men be held for more than three months their pay will be at a minimum of \$21 per week. Pay will be based at 55 cents per hour with overtime pay of 75 cents an hour after eight hours and outside the hours of 8 o'clock in the

be served every four hours. The jurisdiction of the Socialist local? companies will be required to urmsh all extra clothing, such as rubber boots and oilskins. If problems" as the burning economic in San Francisco.

qualifications. There is to be no split the ranks of the organized discrimination in regard to race, unemployed workers in Oakland. color, or creed. The company is to assist the union in stopping the sale of liquor and narcotics. Profits in the sale of all supplies to the workers shall not be more than is necessary to cover the cost of shipping and handling. The agreement also improves the living conditions in the quarters both in Alaska and on the ships going to and from Alaska.

The 300 cannery workers who have already left on the S.S. Arctic shall be under the same agree-

THREE MILLION SYRIANS CAN'T BE ALL WRONG

GENERAL STRIKE AGAINST FRENCH DOMINATION

PARIS, April 10-A general strike in Syria, France's mandatory possession, was brought about in January, 1936 when the French arrested many of the leaders of Labor Council. This has helped the Syrian Nationalist Party which to strengthen the bond between has been active in demanding the employed and unemployed complete independence from workers. France for its 3,000,000 inhabitants, largely Arabs.

Despite the fact that an Amerithe continual reduction in wages.

Freedom of the press has been destroyed by France and any form of trade union activity is strictly

HITLER'S PRIMER

BERLIN, Germany, April 12-

Excerpts from Hitler's book "My Struggle" are to be incorporated in the first Nazi primer which was introduced in the schools here last week. The book also includes ister of Propaganda Goering's "Diary of a Flyer," and World Was stories Goeth and scores of

TROTSKYITE ATTACK

ary Trotskyite-Socialist tie-up the can commission appointed by advances made by the P. W. U. Woodrow Wilson after the World U. is not in keeping with "their War found that about 75 per policy." They, therefore, decided employment rife in every part of tions Board are "Communists" prices of food and utilities, and month to the Communist Party."

ng this period an "anonymous"

our position and should be proof enough to every member of the Socialist Party. We are convinced that the the Socialist Party. Demand that and to organized labor in paris "Communistic." It is interest- members of the Socialist Party the disrupters within your own ticular," Wixman said. ing to note that some time due to not stand for such disruptive ranks be kicked out in the inter-