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# MOBILIZE FOR SIGNATURES AGAINST C.S. ACT!

# C. P. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN NATION-WIDE BROADCAST

# PACIFIC COAST SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Communist Candidate Run For President Will Give Acceptance Speech Over Air

HISTORIC MEET

y Convention To Study U. S. Situation, Draft Militant Program

Nomination of the Communist Party candidates for President and Vice President will be broad cast to the people of America on Sunday afternoon, June 28, over both large chains, National Broadcasting Company and Columbia Broadcasting System together with the acceptance speech of the presidential nominee and other ceremoniest! The broacast will close the

natonal convention of the Party, which begins ew York on Wednesday June 24th

The nomination of the candidates will take place at a menster mass meeting in Madison

Communist Party candidates for office in the 1936 elections were filed by noon last Saturday in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and many other districts throughout California, the State Election Campaign Committee announces. A complete list of candidates will be published in the next issue of the Western Worker.

Square Garden in New York

Broadcast of the ceremonies will be released over the N. B. C., hook-up from 1 to 2 p. m., (Pacific Coast time) on Sunday, with KGO, San Francisco, the only station definitely known to be releasing the broadcasts. However, the broadcast has also keen offered by the N. B. C., to the following stations:

KECA, Los Angeles; KFSD, San Diego; KTAR, Phoenix, Ariz.; KEX, Portland; KJR, Seattle; KGA, Spokane; KLO, Orden, Utah; KGIR, Butte, of Curran and over a score of Mont.; and KGHL, Billings,

Columbia is offering the broadcast from 1 to 1:30 p. m. Sunday to the following stations in the Pacific Coast

## COLUMBIA STATIONS

KFRC, San Francisco; KHJ, I os Angeles; KGB, San Diego; HFBK, Sacramento; KSL, Salt Pake City; KOH, Reno, Nev.; KOIN, Portland; KVI, Tacoma; and KOL, Seattle.

In San Francisco, the Commur'st Party will stage a gigantic mass meeting at Jefferson Park beginning at 12:30 p. m., which will tune in on the broacast and magnify it with a sound truck Senate, in its closing hours of

area other mass meetings will as orn be held by the various sections of the Communist Party. a concentration point for war pitfalls of red Communism." preparations. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## REPEAL THE C. S. ACT!

Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th, are mighty days for the peeople of California!

Throughout the length and breadth of the state, thousands of pro-labor and anti-fascist people must get behind the mass mobilization to circulate petitions for repeal of the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act. It is even possible for the total goal of 240,000 signatures, the necessary number to place the initiative on the ballot, may be achieved, although several weeks remain for securing them after the mobilization.

In this election year we find the forces of reaction, of Wall Street and the munitions makers, driving toward a fascist dictatorship as fast as they can. In California one of the bulwarks of reaction is the Criminal Syndicalism Act. Smashing this bulwark will be a mighty blow against these fascist trends, and a tremendous victory for the millions of anti-fascist people of the state.

Forward to a gigantic mobilization on Saturday and Sunday! A filled repeal petition by every circulator! For the people's front against reaction!

## Reactionary I S U Officials Plot To Smash Unions Included Shipowners

NEW YORK.—Following his exposure as one of the the 13th Highway District and leaders of a giant conspiracy to smash militant unionism in the Maritime industry at all costs, David E. Grange, president of continues tied up. The workers the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union and five other union are out for wage increases and better conditions, and for union Service Fund of the Police Deofficers have been given 20 days to answer a suit brought by recognition. The latter is the members of the union to account for \$144,358.90 of union one demand that is sticking in funds.

with Congressman William Lem-

tial candidate, leaders of three

movements were to confer here

today. The third party move

was seen as a Liberty League

Dr. Francis E. Townsend, old

age pension leader, and Rev.

Wealth movement, tentatively

a meeting with Elmer O'Hara,

Coughlin-ite and chairman of the

Michigan State Democratic Com-

Lemke today in Washington.

mittee. They were to meet

baiting speeches, gave endorse-

ture, labor, the disapointed Re-

publicans and the outraged De-

prowths from decadent capita-

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

new third party.

Facts have come to light, from ? the very files and the very mouths of the reactionary officials, to show the plot between these and shipowners to smash militant unionism even if it meant smashing the unions.

#### GOT BOSSES' OK ON RADIO SPEECH

A letter from A. J. McCarthy, president of the International Merchaht Marine, to Grange, shows that the reactionary union official received the approval launched last week by Father of McCarthy before making his radio speech attacking the recent East Coast rank and file ke of Nort Dakota as presidenseamen's strike.

"I think it is a very excellent statement," wrote McCarthy, "and hope it will have the effect of nullifying the talk given by non-union seaman Curran." Curran was the leader of the forestall a Farmer-Labor Party.

rank and file strike and was expelled from the union by Grange. It seems clear that the expulsion other strikers came through Mc-Carthy's orders.

The police as well as the shipowners are in the union-busting plot, it is made clear in a letter to Grange from Betram Warn, Steward's agent at Baltimore. "The police have also assisted (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

## To Build Big Air **Base At Alameda**

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Construction of the huge navel air base at Alameda' is to be rushed, naval officials announce. The ). m. Many Communist can- the late session, concurred on tes will be presented at this House amendments to the Alameda aid base bill and sent it mocrats, the independent mer-

Throughout the Pacific Coast to the White House for signature, chants and industrialists, and \$15,000,000 is appropriated for every lover of libetry who desomble to hear the broadcast, the measure, which follows many sires to eradicate the cancerous many house meeting will recent similar steps in the direction of making the West Coast lism and avoid the treacherous

San Leandro Joins Young, Cotton and Can Co. Strikers; Relief Is Denied Workers

OAKLAND-JThe workers of he Hudson Plaining Mill in San Leandro joined the growing wav Western Worker Bares Drive of strikes in the East Bay. This plant was recently organized by the Cabinet Makers Union. The workers were preparing to present demands for wage increases and better working conditions, when they were met with the decision of the employers to lock them out. A total of 2000 workers are now on strike or locked out in the East Bay area.

This is the second East Bay

lockout in less than a week. Previously, 750 tunnel workers were locked out when the Six Companies cut down on the construction of the Broadway Low Level. A dispute arose bethe men were made the victims. The L. A. Young Spring plant

Contrary to the rumor spread by the Cotton Mills that they Liberty League Is would move their plant before granting the demands of the 400 strikers it has been found out Seen in Coughin's that new machinery is being installed. Local 2487 of the Third Party Move increased wages and working conditions. This past week the agents have been calling at NEW YORK, June 22-Atthe homes of some of the tempting to consolidate forces be strikers, trying to win them away from their militant stand. hind the new "Union Party," The strikers efficient food kitchen is going strong. Coughlin, fascist radio priest,

## Smith Bolts From Dem. Convention; 'Right' Block Stavs move to beat Roosevelt and to

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 22—As indicated for many Gerald L. K. Smith, of the months, Al Smith, Democratic lower Mississippi flood control late Huey Long's "Share-theendorsed Lemke last night at doubtedly go over to the bitterwith its fascist leadership.

Liberty Leaguer Smith announced today in New York that Towsend stated he would supnort Lemke provided his pen- he has definitely decided not to sion nlan were endorsed in its attend the Democratic national convention, which gets under way here in Philadelphia to-Father Coughlin, in one of his typical demagogic and rein the bolt were Bainbridge ment of his movement, the Union of New York; Senator James A. for Social Justice, last Friday Reed, of Missouri; and Governor night over the radio, for the Joseph B. Ely of Massachu-"Behind it will rally agricul-

REACTION STILL STRONG The five made reactionary (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

# IN E. BAY WAVE CITY THUGS TO STRUGGLES BREAK STRIKES

Furniture Bosses Resist Cut Of \$60,000 in Fund for Infamous Thugs Of 'Red Squad'

## MAYOR TO VETO

Of L. A. Ruling Class For Open Shops

LOS ANGELES, June 23 .-The anti-labor, strike-breaking "Red Squad" of the Police Department is the personal property of the manufacturers and bankers of Los Angeles!

Definite, irrefutable proof of this was uncovered by the Western Worker when it secured a copy of a bulletin issued by the Furniture Manufacturers' Association, calling for retention of our Red Squad" by the city government.

Addressed "to, all doing business in Los Angeles," and headed "!!!SOS!!!! the bulletin states:

"Your City Council by a vote are out for wage increases and of 12 to 1 reduced the Secret (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

## **Congress Quits**; **Forced To Grant**

United Textile Workers demand 74th Congress had adjourned after fear of public sentiment had forced it to take positive action on a number of bills granting at least some concessions to labor and the masses of the people. It is probable that the developing Farmer-Labor record Farmer-Labor Party vote Party sentiment played its part this fall is predicted by Ray in forcing Congress' hands.

ed by this Congress. This was Teamsters Union. done over President Roosevelt's 425,000,000 for unemployed relief was another measure forced

by fear of public sentiment. The passage of the Norris rural electrification bill, a \$320,000,000 flood control act, a \$272,000,000 nominee for president in 1928, measure, the Walsh-Healey Bill has jumped the traces of the setting minimum wage and max-Democratic Party and will un imum hour standards for all firms who obtain government ly reactionary Republican Party contracts, were other actions of this session forced from Con-

> The southern Democratic Senators, friends of Roosevelt, were instrumental in preventing consideration of the Wagner antilynch bill.

At this year's session Congress morrow morning. Joining him also passed the \$800,000,000 tax bill, which makes some increase Colby and Daniel F. Cohalan, in taxes on big corporations, although not going far enough. The Guffey substitute Guffey

Coal Control Bill, which has no provisions for labor, but simply allows price-fixing, was abandoned. War preparations bulked large

demands upon the Democratic in this session of Congress. The platform if they were to stay hugest appropriations for the with President Roosevelt, and, Army and Navy ever to be made in fact, demanded that the con- in peace-time were passed, in vention repudiate Roosevelt for addition to a war-preparation "a genuine Democrat." However, merchant marine bill which a strong bloc of reactionaries reof \$392,620,872.

## 2000 NOW OUT OWNERS WANT Tom Mooney And Billings Endorse June 27-28 Drive Against C. S. Act!

Tom Mooney and Warren Billings have endorsed the June 27-28 mobilization for signatures to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act!

These two famed class war prisoners issued the following statement:

through

**ENGLAND AND** 

U. S. A. AGAINST

Strike Waves Sweep Spain

And Belgium; Japanese

Troops March In

Peiping

liberal legislation

More than 500,000 out in Spa-

nish strike wave. Clashes be-

President Roosevelt lifts em-

Britain agitating for complete

removal of sanctions by all na-

French fascists riot in streets

Mussolini voices threat of at

Belgium's 300,000 striking work-

for removal of Premier Van

Zeeland. White collar workers

have joined hands with labor

in plants, mines and docks and

the strike is spreading rapidly.

In hope of stemming the tide

of protest against the govern-

ment, Van Zeeland has promised

to submit bills to Parliament

for the 40-hour week and paid

KENT STRIKERS

SOLID AFTER A

FIERCE BATTLE

KENT, O .- The strike of the

Decker Tool Co. continued solid,

though quieter, following the six-

ers were shot and gassed by

armed strikebreakers. Seven of

the imported thugs were also the

Over 5000 pickets continued

to surround the plant, behind a

barricade of earth and iron.

Observers have been sent from

the National Guard, in prepara

tion for sending the troops

The battle started when two

big truckloads of thugs tried to

crash through the picket line.

the plant on three sides and re-

sisted the attack. They set up

against the provoked strikers.

BELGIAN STRIKE

tions and revision of League.

to Nanking dictators.

hope of appeasing strikers.

tween fascists and workers.

ITALIAN BANS

"Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act will be a staunch blow at those reactionary forces of California who framed us and imprisoned us 20 years ago. We urge all trade union members and friends of labor to get signatures enough to put this repeal measure on the ballot, to make this mobilization an overwhelmingly successful one.

"It is significant that, when the C. S. Act was being discussed in legislative committee in 1919 at the time of its passage, that one legislator made the remark: 'If we had had this kind of law in 1916 we wouldn't have to get Mooney and Billings on murder.

"In 1922 or 1923, in Tom Mooney's Magazine, was printed in parallel columns the California. Criminal Syndicalism Act, and the sedition acts of Czarist Russia and of Germany under the Kaiser. Although they phrased differently, they were substantly the same as instruments of reaction against the working

"A victory in repealing the C S., Act will help us in our fight against these same reaction-

ary forces.

"TOM MOONEY and WAR REN K. BILLINGS."

## Some Labor Needs Expect Big Labor **Party Successes** In The Mid-West

SIOUX FALLS, S. Dak.-A Harris, chairman of the state Cash repayment of the bonus Farmer-Labor committee and was one of the measures adopt- president of the Sioux Falls

The prediction was made on veto. The appropriation of \$1,- the eve of the state Farmer-Labor Party nominating convention. Twelve counties have already reported holding of county conventions, reported Harris, and at least that many more are lined up for county conventions after the June 20 state conference at Mitchell. A full Farmer-Labor Party slate is to run in 3000 workers of the Black and the independent column.

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. - The building of the Farmer-Labor hour battle in which seven strik-Progressive Federation of Wisconsin into "a broad peoples party and anti-fascist Farmer-Labor Party" is proposed by the victims of tear gas. Communist Party of Wisconsin in an open letter.

The letter was addressed to the State Executive Committee of the Federation on the occasion of its state convention. It proposes the enlargement of the Federation into an all-inclusive and federated body.

It pledges Communist support tiyng it up with the movement Two dozen of the thugs piled in building the Federation and for a national Farmer-Labor from the trucks and brought Party. The Communists will not shotguns and gas bombs into run candidates against the Fed play. Infuriated pickets flanked eration when the division of votes would elect a reactionary, the letter further states.

Send us news of your union.

Sacramento Labor Joins To Place Repeat of C. S. Act On November Ballot

FULL PETITIONS!

Large Chunk Of Signatures is expected of those Required Required

"Forward with all pro-labor and anti-fascist forces to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act." With this militant slogan, thousands of people were expected to mobilize throughout Over 300,00 out in giant Bel- California this week-end of June gian strike wave. Demand for 27th and 28th, to fill thousands ouster of Premier Van Zeeland of initiative petitions with sig-Parliament rushing natures to place repeal of this anti-labor statute on the Novem-

ber ballot. Trade unionists, Epics, Communists, Socialists, Utopians, people who are opposed to reaction and ready to fight for their democratic rights, were organizing to go out into the streets and wherever else people congre-Japanese army invades Peiping. gate this Saturday and Sunday, Civil war imminent in China. and to come back with filled

Canton leaders draft ultimatum petitions. SPANISH STRIKE

Events in Spain are rapidly progressing toward a showdown between facist and working class forces. Failure of the tack on nations refusing to abangovernment to step down firmly on the reactionary gangs has encouraged them to launch com-Use of military force against paigns of sabotage and provocation to bring about a situation ers has resulted in a demand bordering on civil war.

At Valladolid, a 24-hour General Strike was called in protest against a raid by fascists in a tavern. Two persons were killed and six wounded in the fight. The raiders were armed and opened fire inside of the building. Over half million workers are now out in the strike wave.

EMBARGO LIFTING

With Mussolini blustering threats of conquest against the smaller nations of Europe, President Roosevelt has lifted the arms embargo against Italy, permitting American munitions firms unrestrained trade with the belligerent power. The move suports Britain's maneuver to call off sanctions of the League of Nations. (Further information on Page 5.)

CHINESE CRISIS South China leaders have

drafted a three-point ultimatum for presentation to Chiang Kai-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

## L. A. Judge Rules For Race Discrimination

LOS ANGELES, June 22-Discrimination against the Japanese was upheld here today by Superior Judge Ruben Schmidt when he ruled that the state has the right to deny Japanese non-citizens the privilege of dealing in liquor.

A group of Japanese cafe opreators in Santa Monica had sought a writ of mandate bea galvanized iron barricade, cause they had been denied the others taking to the house tops right to sell liquor, declaring Make the Labor Page of the in the attempt to drive the thugs it was a violation of the com-Western Worker a real page out of Kent. Later, police res- merce and navigation treaty beof, by and for organized labor. cued the thugs and took them to tween the United States and Japan in 1911.

## WAR DANGER INCREASED AS STANDARD OIL AND JAPAN INTERESTS MEET IN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Standard Oil Company of California has made another imperialistic drive into foreign lands, described by the capitalist press as "another impressive move in advancement of its program of aggressiveness in foreign fields," but signifying a heightening in the war danger in the Pacific.

tions.

he south.

The company announced last

week that the Netherlands Paci-

fic Petroleum Company which is

controlled by Standard Oil-had

wrung permission from the

government of the Netherlands

Indies to establish an explora-

tion concession in the central part of the Island of Sumatra,

But two weeks ago the Jap-

anese Government announced

that it was starting extensive

South Pacific, including Sumatra,

Standard Oil and the Japanese

imperialists have already clash-

ed in China and Mongolia over

oil concessions and the extension

of this conflict presents an obvi-

ous danger.. to.. peace between

the United States and Japan.

The Netherlands Indies conces-

sion has an area of approxima-

tely 1,482,000 acres, lying on the

east coast of Sumatra, midway

between the present oil-pro-

ducing area of Atjeh at the

north, and the oil fields of

Palembang and Djambi, near

The Netherland Pacific Petro-

eum Company also owns 20 per

cent interest in the Netherlands

oil exploration activities in the

oany, which is actively explor-

ing in Netherlands New Guinea.

Reactionary I S U

With Shipowners

(Continued from Page 1)

William Dickinson, Steward's

official at New Orleans, wrote

Grange asking him to the latter

anything with Mr. Kelleher (of

Letters have come to light

showing the collaboration be-

tween the reactionary union of-

An interesting sidelight on

Grange's connections with the

shipowners is that Deputy U.S.

Ralph Easley, head of the Civic

cooperation." At the reactionary

Cooks and Stewards' officials re-

sition in the Stewards Dept."

pension.

. I did ring up the United

Officials Plot

assist them if necessary."

shipping industry.

Guinea Petroleum Com-

## "Paupers Oath" No Longer To Be Asked Of Jobless

WASHINGTON, June 22 Under pressure from labor and unemployed groups throughout oil explorationactivities in the the nation, the "New Deal" yielded today and removed the Java, and Borneo, through one restriction that jobless workers of its giant financial organizamust take a "pauper's oath" before qualifying for federal workrelief jobs.

The change in policy was prescribed by Congress, and opened work lists throughout the country to all unemployed in the new \$3,446,000,000 works pro-

The WPA had previously ruled that only persons living on direct relief prior to last November 1st were eligible for work under the current program.

Two million workers will go to work under the WPA new appropriation, in addition to an other one million under PWA's \$300,000,000 appropriation, the CCC Camps and on projects financed from the \$1,100,000,000 remaining in the year-old four billion dollar fund.

However, at least eight to ten million workers, most of whom are capable of working at jobs and are classified, as "employable," will not be able to find jobs due to the miserably inadequate appropriations for work relief by the "New Deal."

#### CALIF. PEOPLE (Continued From Page 1)

hek and the Nanking govern ment at the July 10th meeting of the executive committee of Fruit and told them we would the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party). The ultimatum covers:

(1)...A demand for severance of diplomatic relations with Japan and an armed struggle against Japanese aggression. (2) Abrogation of all secret to "let me know if you can do treaties with Japan.

(3) A united front of all United Fruit) to get me back Chinese people's movements for with the company." national salvation and the restoration of civil rights

Southwest milltary leaders anficials, including Grange, Paul nounced that warfare would be the result if Nanking troops Scharrenberg, and J. B. Weaver, cross the borders of Kwantung director of the Bureau of Naviand Kwangsi provinces. Nanking gation of the Dept. of Commerce, troops are now concentrated on to push through the Copelandthese borders with the apparent Bland Bill, strikebreaking measintention of advancing to sup- ure already passed, which propress the South China demands, vides for compulsory continuous Japanese troops are reported discharge books. These books

on the march in the North, 3,000 are a convenient method of soldiers in full war equipment blacklisting. having invaded Peiping in a surprise move.

#### MUSSOLINI TREATS Bellowing from a balcony in Steamship Commissioner Engdol

Rome's Venezia Square, Musso- who wanted to get free passes lini vowed further conquests for himself and family on the by Italian arms. The Bersag Eastern S.S. boats, had to ask lieri regiment wearing black Grange, in a letter, to get the hats with rooster feathers heard passes for him. Il Duce proclaim: "I know what the armed for-

ces of all Italians can do if crazy with the heat will not be brought back to reason or at least reduced to impotence. "Victory is ours, only ours,

and indisputable ours.

"I who have lived with you in time of peace and fought with you in time of war, know what you have given. I know your courage, power and resistance. "At the beginning of the se-

tigation of the waterfront situcond century do you hereby take an oath that the second century will be still richer in glory than the first?" (More International News On

Page 5.)

## BANKHEAD NEW SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Widely known because of his daught-Bankhead of Alabama has been named speaker of the House of Commissioner Daly has had to Representatives, succeeding Joe file a request for Engdol's sus- Subscribe NOW to the new eight-Byrn, who died last week.

## But Hitler Says Woman's Place Is In The Home!



WHILE INTERNATIONAL labor groups are boycotting the Nazi Olympic games to be held in Berlin this summer and are preparing their own athletic festival in New Work, these four members of the Los Angeles Athletic Club are going

through their daily dozen to fit themselves for competition at the Nazi Games. Under Hitler's guiding hand women of Germany are barred from all business activity or carcer, outside "church, children and kithe-

urniture Owners

Would Retain L. A. 'Red Squad' Thugs

(Continued from Page 1) partment from \$90,000 to \$30,000 and eliminated 29 squad cars. SAFE FOR PROFITS

"Los Angeles is known for its Police Department and through its efforts crooks and racketeers have learned that our City is not a healthy place in which to situation in America and a miloperate, but if Los Angeles is to we must preserve the efficiency of our Police Department.

"We must retain our Red Squad if we intend to operate a Soviet America. our plants on the open shop

"Please contact the following Councilmen NOW and ask them to reconsider their action when the matter comes up for final

"Mr. R. L. Burns, Mr. James M. Hyde, Mr. L. Burns, Mr. Robert S. MacArthur, Mr. John Wm. Tate, Mr. Edward L. Thr Wm. Tate, Mr. Edward L. Inrasher, Mr. Franklin P. Buyer, City Hall, Los Angeles, Calif., File No. 5211.

"We ask your cooperation in The United Fruit is the most protesting to the above Councilvicious anti-union firm in the men TODAY before it is too Union-Reporter, Robert Minor

"Yours truly, "FURNITURE MANUFACTUR-ERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. "By H. C. Iske,

"Asst. Managing Director." Address of the Furniture Manufacturers' Association is 2155 East 7th street, Telephone Angelus 7121.

SHAW TO OBEY

Mayor Frank L. Shaw is expected to veto the reduction in the "secret service fund," in response to the whip-cracking of the above named association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Merchants & Manufacturers' Association.

This amazingly, frank bulletin, which speaks of the necessity of "big shots" of Los Angeles' industry and finance.

The Communist Party calls on to rally all possible support The reactionary officials main- against this reactionary, uniontain the closest connection with smashing drive in Los Angeles; the fascist, anti-union National to demand that the councilmen those who have been called Civic Federation, despite the over-ride Mayor Shaw's anticilast A. F. of L. convention's de- pated veto of the cut in the apcision that all A. F. of L. of- propriation; to demand the comficials sever connection with the plete abolition of the "Red Civic Federation A letter from Squad."

## SADISTS

Led by the fascist bully, "Red" Federation, to Angle, secretary of the Stewards, ends "yours for Hines, the "Red Squad" of Los gress, to be held at Cleveland quest, the Civic Federation prom- its strike-breaking activities, and boree at Innes Gardens on June its sadistic attacks on the work- 26th. Admission to the party will ised to organize a special invesing class of Los Angeles.

The unholy connections of the ted by this gang of thugs was boulevard. officials included Tammany Hall. the shooting and beating of A letter is brought to light in scores of impoverished agriculwhich Jimmy Hines, notorious tural workers, who went on a one-day sympathetic general Tammany chief, recommended strike for a slightly better stand- strike are being considered by one Jerry Sullivan "for a po- ard of living.

During the maritime strike of As a result of publication of 1934, the "Red Squad" was the of strikes now in progress here. Deputy Shipping Commissioner active tool of the shipowners er, Tallulah Bankhead, stage and Engdol's letter regarding passes and terrorized hundreds of worker, Tallulah Bankhead, stage and in the Daily Worker, official ers. Two maritime workers were Lindemann-Hoverson Metal here plan to go on strike June TOWN. Communist organ, Shipping murdered.

page Western Worker!

(Continued From Page 1) Workers should request the above named stations to release he broadcast.

PACIFIC COAST

HISTORIC CONVENTION

Of historic importance to the American working class is this 9th national convention of the Communist Party, which will work out a concrete analysis of the political and economic litant program for organizing naintain this reputation and keep the masses of American working it a safe place in which to live, people in the fight against war and reaction, in the fight for improved living conditions, and in the fight for socialism, toward

> Main points on the agenda of he convention are as follows: 1. The fight against reaction,

fascism, war; the united front; the Farmer-Labor Party-Repor-

2. Party Organization- Re-Forces, Reporter Charles Krum

Youth-Reporter, Gil Green. 4. The Struggle for Peace and dictions were that the "Union the Peace Policy of the Soviet Party" of Coughlin might take 5 Election of Central Com-

of the Communist Party, will move to insure his nomination and Negro work will be given away, James Ford.

#### LIBERTY LEAGUE IS (Continued from Page 1)

The LaFollette brothers of Wisconsin repudiated any reported connection with the Union S.F. Supervisor retaining "our Red Squad if we Party, and the Farmer-Labor intend to operate our plants on Party of Minnesota was ready the open shop principles," was to reject reported overtures by obviously intended only for the Coughlin. Progressive trade unionists and other leaders of all trade unionists and all other to boycott the new party as a lecting fares, issuing transfers, Party of the oppressed millions

(See next issue for analysis of Union Party's program.)

## A. Y. C. JAMBOREE

the Third American Youth Con-Angeles has become infamous July 3-5, the Los Angeles branch throughout the United States for of the A. Y. C. will stage a jam-Most recent brutality commit- 1224 Innes street, near Sunset Appeals to allow Federal Judge

> MILWAUKEE.—Proposals for an emergency committee of 15, including representatives

> Strikes which would receive Works, etc.

high cost of living! shoremens' secretary.

## Smith Bolts From Dem. Convention

(Continued from Page 1) mained, and was expected to

insist on reactionary planks. Fighting between delegates over the platform of the Democratic Party started already man Arthur H. O'Brien testi today, and indications were that fied to a \$1600 loan he made the platform might become slightly more liberal than previously anticipated due to the threat of the third party being launched by Father Coughlin, with Congressman William Lemke of North Dakota as presidential candidate.

## HURTS ROOSEVELT

Although making no official comment, Democratic leaders the presidential elections and have indicated privately that the Coughlin party—particularter, Earl Browder, general sec- ly if it becomes a coalition of the "Union for Social Justice," the Townsend old age pension porter F. Brown; Problem of clubs and the remnants of the "Share-the-Wealth" movemen

of the late Huey P. Long-is 3. Organizing the Toiling considerable threat to the reelection of Roosevelt. Some pre away as many as 50 electoral votes from the Democrats.

No possible threat to the no-6. Nominations of Presidential mination of Roosevelt existed, but the move to abolish the two William Z. Foster, famed thrids vote rule for nomination trade union leader and chairman was interpreted by some as a speak on certain phases of the on the first ballot-lest a few first report. Sub-reports on favorite son" votes prevent his trade union work, agrarian work nomination on the initial ballot. ducked out of a contract provid

by Jack Stachel, Clarence Hath is toward Saturday night, when on streetcars between now and Roosevelt will make his accep- the date of the meeting, July 8th tance speech for the nomination next. at Franklin Field, with broadcasts throughout the nation.

# Tries New Angle

SAN FRANCISCO-Described pro-labor forces throughout the man streetcar, an amendment nation were likewise expected prohibiting motormen from col- of the situation definitely prove move to halt the growing forces making change or conversing "runout powder" on the issue, for a genuine Farmer-Labor with passengers while cars are fearing to antagonize the powerin motion, is being prepared by ful House of Morgan. Supervisor Havenner for submission to the Board of Supervisors. The proposal would amend the night, July 8th, on the subject city's railway code.

Although he is sponsoring the measure for safety reasons, LOS ANGELES.-To give a Havenner said his real purpose on July 3rd at the Civic Audirousing send-off to delegates to was to slow down schedules of torium in Los Angeles. He was one-man cars so as to force them off the streets.

Another attack on the oneman cars was expected to develop with filing of a petition by of Morgan in embroiling the the city attorney's office, asking be 25 cents. The gardens are at the U.S. Circuit Court of Harold Louderback to re-open the case. Louderback ruled the two-man street car ordinance unconstitutional last spring.

## MIAMI I. L. A. STRIKE

MIAMI, Fla.-Demanding increased wages and shorter worksupport are those of the Hearst ing hours, members of the In-Wisconsin News reporters, the ternational Longshoremens Assn.

For higher wages, against the Frank Henderson, local long-

## "SILENT COPS" CHANGE MINDS **ABOUT TALKING**

Night Club Proprietor Before Grand Jury With Aides To Explain \$1 F00 Loan

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22-So you won't talk!"

Unable to withstand this per sistent question by the people of San Francisco, outraged by The widespread graft through the police department, two more "silent" police officers tdoya changed their mind and decided to speak to the grand jury. Capt. Arthur DeGuire and

Lieutenant Henry Ludolph, both suspended by the police cobmission, and facing jail senten ces for contempt of court, were to announce their change of minds when they appeared to day before Superior Judge Elmer E, Robinson on an order to show cause why they should not be held in contempt.

The grand jury also expected to hear Lieutenant John Alpers and Sergeant William T. Brannan, and three civilians-Samuel C. Levin, proprietor of the Cinema Club; his bookkeeper, Mrs. Bert Bloom; and his manager, Barney Greenberg. QUIZ CIVILIANS

The civilians were brought into the inquiry when Patrol-

Agents of the former Man," Edwin N. Atherton, chief graft investigator, are reported of all property known to be used as houses of prostitution. Last week Captain Michael

Riordan, polce head in the central district downtown, declared they had "put the clamp" on all vice existing in that area, which brought forth a slightly sarcastic comment from District Attorney Matt Brady.

Brady stated that the purpose of the graft investigation was into money matters not to deprive San Francisco of "whatever diversions they desire."

## Railway Company Takes A "Powder" On Nye Meet Ads

SAN FRANCISCO June 22-Because posters advertising the meeting for Senator Gerald P. Nye, present it in the manner of "Nye versus J. P. Morgan, warmaker", the Market Street Railway Corporation last week Big build-up of the convention ing that these posters be carried

> Officials of the company claimed that "somebody" from the Ameri can League Against War and Fascism, which is sponsoring the meeting, called up and cancelled the contract.

However, Bert Leech, League organizer, spiked this lie, stating that of the only three persons knowing of even the existence of the contract; none had telephoned the company with a cancellation. Other details that the company is taking a

Nye will speak here at Dreamland Auditorium on Wednesday Will America Go To War?" The North Dakota senator will

also speak on the same topic chairman of the Senate Munitions Investigating Committee which exposed the previously secret maneuvers of the House United States in the World War.

NEW YORK .- Wage earners cost of living rose again, ad vancing 0.4% from April to May according to the National Industrial Conference Board a bosses' research organization.

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LEAVE WITH EDUCATIONAL Announcement was made by DIRECTOR OR BUSINESS MANAGER OF: WESTERN

## Add Funds To Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Ninety-five dollars was added to the campaign fund of the Communist Party last week-end, raising the total thus far to \$208.25, according the announcement by Geoge Maurer, states campaign manager.

Previously acknowledged donations totaled \$113.25. Latest donations were \$5 from Eureka Section of the C. P.; \$75 from Sonoma County, for the 1st Congressional District; and \$15 from Carmel, Calif., for the 8th Congressional District.

All donations should be sent to Anita Whitney, state treasurer for the campaign, at 121 Haight st., San Francisco. See Page 3.

## **Find Transscript In** C. S. Case Doctored

SACRAMENTO-Transcript of the proceedings in the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial, has been "doctored" in the copy given the defense, which will demand a complete and accurate transcript at a hearing here Wednesday, June 24th, in Judge Dal M. Lemmon's court. tion, escaped being called as a Several hundred errors exist n the transcript furnished Leo Gallagher, defense attorney, and kemia and anemia. Charges of are left out. Inasmuch as the Appellate Court will rule on been preferred against him the defendants' appeal solely fore the State Personnel Board on the transcript, Gallagher will make a strong fight to get an accurate transcript.

On Saturday, June 13th, with the courtroom packed with work ers in response to leaflets from the International Labor Defence, a hearing on this issue was scheduled, but Judge Lemmon had failed to notify the defendand-Pat Chambers, Albert Hougardy, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Nora Conklin, Caroline Decker, Lorene Norman, Norman Mini—or their attorneys.

not give an order to have the defendants brought from San Quentin Prinson and Tehachapi Women's Prison for the hearing Workers here are planning on packing the court on June 24th

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## LIQUOR GRAFT TAKES LARGER **PROPORTION**'S

Equalization Board Member Escapes From Damaging Charges Through Death

LOS ANGELES, June 22-With the Assembly committee investigation turning to the local office of the State Board of Equalization, the liquor graft situation in California continued to take on ever greater proportions throughout the state, involving officials from Governor Frank Merriam on down. 💒

Mrs. Marie Toretsky, manak of the Los Angeles office during the first half of 1935, was expected of make sensational testimony here today. Municipal Judge Orfa Jean Shontz, former member of the Board of Equalization, whose endorsement by Epics was subsequently withdrawn, was expected to follow her to the stand.

Committee Counsel Evans said he expected to bring out "full details" of Miss Shontz' appointment to the municipal benchby Governor Merriam.

ESCAPES PROBE In Sacramento last week, John Elwood Squires, assistant secretary of the Board of Equalizawitness in the investigation when he died in a hospital from leueven whole pages of evidence incompetency, dishonesty and improper political activities by Leon M. Donihue, chairman of the Assembly Audit Com-

> ·Squires had denied the charge through attorney, and after his death Governor Merriam thought it necessary to issue a state• ment avowing the dead man's

INVOLVE MERRIAM

Merriam also answered the charge that he was taking advice from Mrs. Helen Werner, so called "Queen Helen", of Los Angeles politics and up to her neck in the graft investigation by saying he would "not dis the charge with an answe

In San Francisco the Oasis Club. 986 Market street, was closed up by William Stafford, of the Board of Equalization, for serving liquor to minors and failing to observe the 2 a. m. closing regulation, but Stafford made no arrests—only issued a ebuke and closed the doors

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SERS: The Sacramento Section is badly in need of a light car, Anyone who can donate a car, or contribute toward buying one, will please get in touch with the International Book store, 1024, 6th., Sac-

## Townsendites Plan "moest\_Convention

CHICAGO - Predicting that 24,000 delegates would be on hand, Townsend old-age pension with preparations for its Cleveland meeting on July 15-19, described as the "largest convention of elected delegates ever held in the United States."

Dr. H. Truman Gordon, member of the national speakers' committee declared that all 24.-000 delegates would be official representatives, on the basis of one delegate to every 100 mem-

Cleveland's City Auditorium will be the scene of the convention, with the Cleveland Hotel as heaquarters. A mass meeting in the City Stadium on Sunday afternoon, July 19th, will close

the convention, Gordon said. Immediate goal of the conven ion, he stated, would be plan ing for election of congressnen favorable to early enactment of the Townsend plan.

## COUNCILMEN IN

LOS ANGELES, June 19-Denouncing the haphazard method of the city council in holding retings as an "unpardon ste of time and money", Mrs. E. Suchman, well-known D., attorney; if a lawyer does Los Angeles liberal, brought a not come before you are arraignripple of consternation to the \$100-a-week city fathers when age was never delivered; ask Giest, WPA engineer; James hey met yesterday.

Observing that only eight members were present while 10 you have no money, the city or are required for a quorum, Mrs. county must pay for the call; Suchman said: "It's just things like this that make Communists. 4415." But we'll have our say at the ballots when these councilmen come up for reelection."

## YOUTH MEETINGS

SAN FRANCISCO .- "Youth's the People's Front in June 19th, at the meeting of the

Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist League at 121 the ending of the Nazi Olympics. Regular Sunday night meetings the A. F. of L. has accepted ing reserve near here, will be of Charles P. Howard as pres-Haight street. will be inaugurated June 21st membership on the games comwith singing, dramatics and in- mittee of the Carnival. Other formal discussion. On Friday, trade union leaders are promin-\$141,000. Announcement was a vote of 28,150 to 20,506. How-

"weenie roast" will be held.

# Build Radio Fund for Communist Election Drive!

Eva Shafran Urges Renewed Activity By Communists To Build Farmer-Labor Party

LOS ANGELES, June 19-The urgent need for the organization of a Farmer Labor Party in California, and the necessity of improving the work of Communists to build such a united people's front against the growing tide of reaction, was streesed here last night at the first general membership meeting of the Los Angeles Section of the Communist

Party. The terrorizing of agricultural and other workers in their strug gles to free themselves from poverty and starvation, was cited by Eva Shafran, acting county organizer, as a danger signal of growing fascist trends.

Pointing out the necessity of unity between Communists and Socialists against reaction in the coming elections, she stated: "Powerful forces are at work in California to return to office those who have shown their wil-West 2nd Street. Complete line lingness to bow to the desires of the Hearst-Liberty League group. These forces must be de

feated." Serious consideration to the problem of fluctuation of Party membership, was urged by the organizer, who pointed out the improvement of inner-Party life as the first point of attack or the problem.

AID YOUTH Extended support by Party members to the Young Com munist League, the need for organization of unemployed and solidarity in the ranks of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, were also stressed.

Only a Farmer-Labor Party declared Eva Shafran, will be able to end for all time the atrocities committed against the Negro people by the ruling class. which seeks to add even now to the long list of Scottsboro and Herndon cases.

Harold J. Ashe, county campaign manager and Complan headquarters here are going munist candidate for Congress in the 14th district, reported on the progress made in collection of signatures for sponsorship of candidates. He gave assurance that candidates would be able to file before the final fillng date, but cautioned against a letvet the battle had scarcely bedown in activity, stating that as

> Contributions were received sufficient to cover filling fees of John Leech, county organizer, as Communist candidate for Congress in the 15th dictrict.

J. Thorme, county secretary, was chairman.

#### Agricultural Pickets Get Legal Advice of I. L. D. In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, June 20-Instructions to striking agricultural workers, in case they are arrested by police terrorists, were distri-L. A. DENOUNCED buted in a leaflet by the International Labor Defense here yesterday, as follows:

If you are arrested: plead not guilty, insist on a jury trial, demand low bail-it is your constitutional right; ask for an I. L. ed, it is because the phone mes- city engineers office; Edward the judge to let you call between 10 a. m., and 5 p. m.; if phone - Los Angeles Madison

## Labor to Hold World New York on Aug. 15

NEW YORK .- The first World Labor Athletic Carnival will be will be discussed by held August 15 and 16 at Rand-McConnell Friday night, all's Island here. The games are sponsored by the Jewish Labor Committee, and coincide with

William Green, president of June 26th, a beach party and ent in the Carnival's prepara made by Major Alex Stark Jr., ard's opponent was Hugh B. Mc-

## C. P. ORGANIZER Crying Needs of Labor Are Found Only In Communist Party Platform

Will organized labor go forward to new and more triumphant victories in 1936, toward ever increasing strength and ability to meet its needs and demands?

In this year of elections, the support thrown by trade unionists and workers yet unorganized to political parties will, in a large sense, determine the answer to the above question. And labor must consider carefully, both individually and organizationally, before getting behind any candidate or party.

The most crying needs of labor in California-both in militant words and in militant actoin—are to be found in the state platform of the Communist Party, the only political party that fights unceasingly and correctly for the labor movement. In tentative form, still being discussed, the Communist platform contains the following imperative labor points in its second plank:

"2.—Defense of labor and civil rights. For the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act and all other antilabor legistlation. For the protection of labor's right to organize, strike and collective bargaining, and for the outlawing of company unions. For the passage of a state law outlawing vigilante terrorism and providing drastic punishment for same. Prohibition of the use of armed forces or imported thugs as strikebreakers. Against any form of discrimination; for equal rights for the Negro people, and for Filipinos, Japanese, and Mexicans in Cali-

This platform speaks for itself as the militant voice of the working class. Where the Republican platform speaks "collective bargaining" in vague and Hitler-sounding phrases, and where the Democratic platform will undoubtedly speak for the same with slightly more saccharine tones, the Communist platform is a clarion call to militant struggle for these basic right of labor and places its strength in the organized might of the workers to enforce these rights.

It is almost useless to remind workers that Gov. Alf Landon, the Republican nominee for president by Hearst and zations, is the Communist canby Standard Oil, will mean only a vicious and unparalleled drive against labor. In view of the Labor-Roosevelt League and Labor's Non-Partisan League, however, it is necessary to tionary, who ran in 1934 as a ask the workers to analyze Roosevelt's record, which is dirty Democrat, Republican, and Prowith betrayals of labor to the fascist Liberty League. While gressive, while Noral will oppose Roosevelt smiles at the working man, he jumps through the hoop for the Liberty League program when Wall Street cracks the whip. When the "nine old men" of the Supreme Joe Studevant, leader of the un-Court nullify all social legislation. Roosevelt does exactly

Only the Communist Party is completely in support of leader, will be the Communist the most urgent needs and demands of the working people, cumbent in the 13th is James because it is composed of the most militant and most deter- M. Cassidy, Democrat, and in the mined section of the working class, and because its members back up its program for labor with militant mass action, rallying all pro-labor forces possible to the fight against reaction.

Trade unionists and workers who need to become trade unionists, should support the Communist Party and its platform program. Register Communist today—you have until July 16th. Support the Communist platform and candidates! Join the Communist Party! For the building of a mighty people's front, a Farmer-Labor Party, against hunger, war and reaction!

# Four Indicted In

LOS ANGELES, June 19-Further evidence of graft and corruption on the government W PA was revealed today in the indictment by the Federal grand jury of four men, for assertedly plotting to receive a payoff for operation of a steam shovel owned by Byron G. Karn on the Hyperion sewer project.

The accused men are James R. McKnight, employed in the Buell, offical of the procurement division of the United States Treasury Department, and Edward V. Hales, equipment timekeeper for the WPA.

McKnight was alleged to have suggested to Karn that his bid of \$5 an hour for each shovel on the project be raised to Athletic Carnival in \$5.50. McKnight was supposed to pocket the additional 50 cent if Karn was awarded the con-

No indictment was returned against Karn, who owns a fleet of shovels, although he was under investigation.

Camp Custer, U. S. Army trainturned into a "model camp" for ident of the International Typowar preparations-at a cost of graphical Union was decided by

## Union For Johnson WPA Payoff Plot And Leo Gallagher

LOS ANGELES, June 19-Unanimous endorsement for the candidacies of Leo Gallagher labor attorneys, was given by Upholsterer's Union local 15, affiliated with the American Fed-

The union also appealed to other unions to ilkewise endorse these labor candidates. Gallagher will oppose labor-

hating Judge Arthur Crum, incumbent in Superior Court, Of fice No. 13, and Johnson is running for district attorney against Buron Fitts, Hearst-Chandler tool.

The Upholsterers' officials expressed satisfaction last night at the absence of a dissenting vote pointing to the record of both candidates in their long and unyielding fight in the interest of labor. Many liberal and progressive forces are uniting in support of Gallagher and Johnson.

## Howard Squeezes Thru for Pres.

INDIANAPOLIS. - Re-election Cann of Houston, Tex.

Perry Hill Runs For Congress In 3rd District Archie Brown And Alex Noral For Assembly

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22-Six additional candidates for office on the Communist ticket during the 1936 elections, were announced here today by the Communist State Compaign Com-

Perry Hill, Sacramento, workng class leader, will run for Congress in the 3rd District, opposing Frank H. Buck, reactionary Democrat.

Albert Hougardy, famed victim of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, ran for this office during the last election, receiving 1167 votes. Hill is expected to receive many times this number of votes in November. The 3rd Congressional... District includes... Napa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo counties.

In Imperial and San Diego counties, E. L. Richardson will be the Communist candidate for Congress in the 20th District, opposing George Burnham, Republican incumbent.

Archie Brown, well-known leader in the Ship Scalers' Union local in San Francisco, will run for assemblyman in 22nd Assembly District on the Communist ticket.

JOBLESS LEADER Alexander Noral, state organizer of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organididate in the 23rd Assembly District, San Francisco.

bent Kennett B. Dawson, reacother such hybrid politician, William B. Hornblower.

In the 13th Assembly District, employed for many years in Oakland, will run, and in the 18th District, Richard Ludlow, youth candidates for assemblyamn. In-18th, Charles W. Fisher, Republi-

## Deputies Terrorize . A. Field Workers

LOS ANGELES, June 19-Two carloads of armed deputies were sent out from the sheriff's office yesterday to intimidate and terrorize agricultural strikers in the Florence truck garden area, where field workers again refused to accept the starvation wages imposed upon them by Japanese growers and the real wners—the bankers.

In a field at Central and Victoria avenues, the sheriff's deputies attacked a picket line of 60 Mexicans. The workers were threatened with tear gas bombs and Grover Johnson, both famed and orders to "shoot if neces of signatures." sary," The striking pickets were finally dispersed.

In line with the recently-aneration of Labor, at its meeting nounced policy of the Chamber of Commerce to keep Los Angeles an open-shop town "at all costs," Inspector J. V. Henry, in Sheriff Gene Biscailuz office, stated that radio cars would maintain a constant throughout the district.

#### Legion Post Okays Study By Students Of Modern 'Isms'

PALO ALTO.—Study of Socialism and Communism by pubthe American Legion here, "as Communists. an aid to getting a true perspective of American ideals."

The Legion's action was on a resolution proposed by the proved correct. He was one of Corp., operators of the motor-ship Schoolmasters' Post of Los Angeles advocating "scientific methods" in the study of all modern ending the strike on the terms tion Service. "isms," including Nazism and Fascism.

Boycott the anti-union fascist paper the Western Worker.

C. P. Endorses Dist. Attorney



GROVER JOHNSON

This militant attorney of the International Labor Defense is running for District Attorney in Los Angeles against Buron Fitts, known tool of the Chandler-Hearst gang. Many labor and prolabor organizations are expected to endorse his candidacy, as the Communist Party has already done.

## Anti C.S. Endorsed By Building Trades

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22-The initiative campaign to repeal Brown will oppose the incum- the Criminal Syndicalism Act was unanimously endorsed here last week by a vote of the San Francisco Building Trades Coun-

> Following a two-minute speech by William Sanders, chairman of the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act, the delegates from the various craft unions in the building trades endorsed the campaign, and passed a petition among them for signatures.

The International

"NEWS" FOR REPEAL iven the repeal drive last Friday | question."

by an editorial favoring the initiative measure in the San Francisco News. The editorial losed by stating: "The News, which has consis-

tently urged repeal of the law, sees great value in a popular gain of nearly 11 per cent. vote at the November election that would determine how the people of California stand on this issue. And we urge all who think that the law is unneces sary, un-American, and subject to grave abuse to aid in getting the issue before the voters by signing the initiative petition and helping in any way they can to obtain the necessary number

## C.P. Expels Codyre, Seamens Disruptor

NEW YORK .- Patrick Codyre, alias Pat Calhoun, has been expelled from the Communist Party as unreliable, untrustworthy patrol and disruptive and therefore unfit for Party membershp. Codyre's beaucratic actions

as a member of the East Coast seamens' strike committee, and his persistent attempts to raise the "red scare" have discredited him in the eyes of the I. S. U. members, who did not re-elect him to their leading committee after the strike. Codyre tried to lic school students, has been ap-split the ranks of the strikers proved by the Fremont Post of by inciting them against the

He did everything possible to which every event in the strike recommended by the strike committee, although he voted for them in the strike committee.

ern Worker.

## CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN CALL FOR \$1000 TO PUT PARTY CANDIDATES ON AIR

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—With Communist candidates already filed for appearance on the August primary ballot, the State Campaign Committee today sent out an appeal to all Communist Party members, friends, and sympathizers to concentrate on raising the budgeted \$1000 for a radio

## Broun To Attend G. P. Convention For Labor Party

NEW YORK CITY.-Heywood Broun, famed columnist and effective weapons to reach the president of the American Newspaper Guild, has announced he will attend the Madison Square Garden nominating convention aided materially in roiling up of the Communist Party.

"What is decided at this convention," said Broun, "is certainly of importance to the people of the United States. Whether or not the candidates nominated can be placed in the White To achieve this goal we need House in November, labor can \$1000, in addition to local funds certainly gain concessions from a to be raised. However, if our comreluctant or semi-reluctant administration by proper and vig- behind this financial drive and orous use of their power-and the double the amounts raised, our Communists won't be in the background on that front.

"The position taken by the Communist Party on the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party is entirely logical and one with which I am in entire agreement.

"We've got to sink our differences-Socialists, Liberals, Communists and other progressivesfaced with a very real threat of fascism, and I don't believe there can be any really important Farmer-Labor Party without

## L.A. Railway Corp. Doing Very Nicely

Operating Engineers, local 64, though the Los Angeles Railway likewise endorsed the campaign Corporation could afford to spend last week, and every member at \$100,000 to defeat the street railtending the meeting signed the way men's strike its officials declared that declining revenues made increased wages and short-Wide-spread publicity was er working hours "out of the

Yet during the first months of 1936, as revealed by the financial columns of the capitalist press, the company grossed \$3,777,613 compared to \$3,410,719 in the like period of 1935, a

## Reactionary Group Organized To Fight "Future Veterans"

SAN BERNADINO, Calif., June 18—Organization of counter-organization to the undergraduate "Future Veterans" was revealed here yesterday when the California convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars heard one Marvin Henry Work, president of the "Future Defenders of America," attack the "Future Veterans."

Work barked at the "Future

Work, a student at Loyala University of Los Angeles, topped we are not yellow."

## Cite 22 Violations

SAN FRANCISCO.—Twenty-two omplaints charging violations of instances of arrested strikers Federal laws were filled by the prevent the adoption of policies Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association against the Seekonk mality of charges being filed the few who at the strikers Willmoto. The affidavits were filed meeting of 1200 voted against with the U.S. Steamboat Inspec-

Hearst Press. Read the workers' Build the circulation of the West- were required to work 12 to 15 from the use of non-uniformed

"Our platform and our candidates must be popularized throughout the state during the months between now and November," declared William Schneiderman, state organizer, before he left for the national convention of the Communist Party in New York City.

#### VITAL WEAPON

"The radio is one of our most working people of California. This was definitely shown in the 1934 elections when 31 broadcasts large votes for our candidates, such as the 100,000 votes cast for Anita Whitney.

"We are setting ourselves a goal of 100 broadcasts between now and the November election rades and our sympathizers get broadcasts can number 200 instead of 100, and we can reach thousands more workers with our program and candidates."

All funds raised from the various mass meetings and house meetings, which will be held on Sunday, June 28th, at the time of the national broadcasts of the Communist Party nominating convention for president and vicepresident, are to go to the cleation radio fund, declared Schnei-

## SET QUOTAS

The 31 broadcasts in 1934 were delivered from Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento and Eureka. All funds for broadcasting this year will be divided between the various sections of the Communist Party, and the state-wide broadcasts. according to the State Campaign Committee. The committee urged that all Communist units, subsections, discuss setting radio

fund quotas to be raised. "This radio fund will be not only for the advancing of the Comunist candidates and platform", stated the committee, "but also a figthing fund for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. "

Veterans receiving the federal bonus were urged to donate part of the funds received to the Communist radio fund, the committee pointing out that the receiving of the bonus was in considerable part due to the extended campaign carried out on this issue by the Communist

## Ministers Denounce Use of Policemen In Strike Breaking

LOS ANGELES. California. Headed by Rev. John Gabrielson of the Pacific Palisades church, a committee of Methodist min-Veterans" as leaving a "bad isters, yesterday, in a report to taste in the mouth of America," the Methodist Preachers' meetand organized by the sons and ing, after a month's investigadaughters of World War slac- tion of the field workers' strike, denounced use of strike-breaking plainclothes officers and urged that the mayor, chief of police, off his diatribe by saying, "We and police commission be petiwill fight if necessary because tioned to discontinue the practice in the labor dispute in question.

The committee called attention to the fact that intimidation in the form of brutality and wholesale arrest of strikers had been resorted to by police, and also to being held for long periods of time without so much as the foragainst them.

The ministers, in commenting on the effect of both police and The charges include violation of sheriff's officers patrolling the the statute limiting hours of work strike zone, declared: "We are of engineers in port to 9 within 24, convinced that the greatest evil the ergineers stating that they in the way of disturbances comes hours straight on many occasions officers in the strike areas."

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CH JRSDAY, JUNE 25, JA26

## Millmen Lead Fight to Make L. A . a Union Town

The attack being launched against the striking millmen in Los Angeles by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association should be the signal for the rallying of all organized labor and other pro-labor forces behind this important

For 10 weeks these workers have waged a heroic fight against the forces of darkest reaction, setting an example for all labor in their determined fight for union conditions. It is largely due to to their splendid fight, and the great work of the Furniture Union, that the Los Angeles labor movement is taking vital steps to make L. A. a union town. The mass picketing of members from all local unions before unfair concerns, with victories already achieved, should be emu lated throughout the state.

The M. & M., together with the Chamber of Commerce, has determined to exert every energy to smash the heroic strike of the millmen, as the first move in their drive against all organized labor. The labor voitories so far achieved make them howl with anguish.

sponsibility they bear for the entire labor makes the horse-laugh the only fit anmovement in the light of this attack, swer to such a brag. Judge B. Borah more solidly than they are today. All cause "each of them are now and have labor must feel that every bit of support been for some time on relief." they can give the millmen is helping to create a strong fighting front that will it impossible for them "to contribute to defeat this latest vicious attack by the the support of the Government." manufacturers and business men.

The millmen have appealed to al labor and friends of labor for assistance, since strikes cost money. Thousands of dollars are needed, for this is a fight against the most reactionary, fascist-minded rulers of California.

A news story on Page 8 relates that Don Cameron, representative of the Gen-cist stunt. The decision of Judge Borah eral Office of the Carpenters' Brother- should make all freedom-loving Amerihood on the Coast, has been assigned to cans be more than ever on their toes in economic crisis brought on by the capitalist help secure a strike settlement. He can defense of the existing and hard-fought be of great aid to the millmen and to for democratic rights, which can be all labor if he consults with the millmen taken away one by one by just such fasand their strike committee every step of cist-mided gentlemen as Judge Borah. the way. The millmen must insust upon are signed.

Statements of the millowners in the Party. newspapers are last desperate attempts to corral the men back to work, since they cannot produce without them. There is no reason why the full demands of the strikers should not be won. They can and must be won if the rest of organized labor will rally in support.

Communists and their friends in the terests of this county. unions to be the first in their original demands. They are winning this fight, and Court in New Orleans has declared the Farm Foreclosures Increase should not permit anyone to sidetrack them. With the help of all labor, they are going to win the strike and advance the cause of unionism a great step forword in Los Angeles.

#### It Looks Creepy-Labor Alongside U. S. Steel For Roosevelt

John L. Lewis is the leader of an important progressive movement in the that it is entitled to. And that's no lie. employed workers remained stationary and important progressive movement in the that it is entitled to. And that's no lie. employed workers remained stationary and important progressive movement in the that it is entitled to. important progressive movement in the A. F. of L.—the fight for industrial The courts are being allowed, and ly wages during 1935, the employed workunionism. He has been the moving fig- President Roosevelt is doing nothing to ers had to work one and one-quarter hours ure in the demand for a real campaign stop them, to gradually encroach on the more per week and meet a five and one-half to organize the nation's 500,000 steel powers of the elected representatives of result was no increase in real wages and

of the unorganized any too much good ple, now beginning to build a Farmer- costs, and a sharper rise in working hours. by throwing his, and his union's unquali- Labor Party, will be sending real peofied support behind Franklin D. Roose- ple's representatives to legislative bodies. velt, under whom company unionism They want to put the higher courts in a has made the most rapid strides in his-position of being able to nullify any stopped. The fight to curb the courts cratic governors in Illinois, Indiana, Ken- through for the benefit of the people. tucky and other states have always been It is a real fascist step, and must be labor and the wide masses of people.

quick to send the National Guard against

John L. Lewis, fighting for the or ganization of the steel workers, may now be shocked into learning a serious lesson, by discovering that his contribution of \$5000 in the form of advertising to 'The Book of the Democratic National Convention," appears alongside à contribution of \$5000 to the same "cause" by the U.S. Steel Corp.

Those in the maritime unions who have fought for the support of Roosevelt may also be shocked to learn that he United Fruit Co. gave another \$5000 to the Democratic campaign fund.

Reaction, Fascism and

national has proven correct.

The line-up of classes on the international

arena and the tasks of the world labor

movement continue to be determined by

changes which arise from the general crisis

of capitalism, the victory of Socialism in

the Soviet Union, the advance of capitalist

reaction and fascism, political crisis in sev-

eral countries and the leftward development

of the toiling masses in all imperialist and

The decision of the World Congress has

already proven a powerful weapon in the

against fascism and war. This is demon-

strated most clearly by the outstanding

successes of the French working class in

the forging of the united and people's front.

The new Socialist victories of the Soviet

Union, the growth of the great Stakhanoff

racy, the proclamation of the new Constitu-

tion of the Soviet Union, for the first time

in the history of mankind establishes gen-

"the right to a job, study, and leisure" are

bringing nearer to Socialism millions of

toilers in the capitalist countries, pointing

the way to their final liberation from the

1. Under the cover of democracy and the

standard of living, never a reality for more

the working people has been cut in half, the

bulk of the farming population is being

steadily reduced to the status of a landless

peasantry. The youth of America con-

tinues without prospect of jobs or future.

The same dark prospect faces most workers

over 40 years of age, to be displaced from

production and discarded, and still worse

is the condition of the working people over

60. The economic basis of the middle class

the life of the 14 million Negro people is

lived under the constant threat of repeated

ministration, that the Republican-Liberty

League-Hearst combination, with Landon,

seek to perpetuate and to make even worse.

3. The course of the depression under

the Roosevelt administration shows the fol-

Business has recovered one-half of its

employed workers remained stationary and

Developments in 1936 show substantially

The employment and exploitation of child

labor is growing, especially in textile. Speed-

the same tendencies in wages and living

lowing characteristics:

miseries of capitalism and to the establish-

ment of Socialism in all countries.

Roosevelt Administration

The Working Class

colonial countries.

There's no escaping it—both old parties are parties of the biggest open shoppers. That's why the movement for a Farmer-Labor Party finds important A. F. of L. leaders in many states in the forefront of that movement.

#### Another Elementary Right Is Taken Away From The American People

One of the elementary rights we struggle for the unity of the working class Americans have been taught from our cradle days to brag about is that of 'equality for all, rich and poor alike.'

The Federal Court in New Orleans The millmen must feel the great re- rendered a decision the other day that movement, the triumph of Soviet democ-They must organize their ranks even denied citizenship to four workers be- uine democracy, guaranteeing every citizen

This, said his so-called Honor, made

The four are typical of the men who helped build the industry of this country. Then, when their employers had no further use for them, they were callously thrown out on the streets to starve on a relief pittance. They were fit to help make the wheels of industry go round, but they aren't fit to be citizens.

Hitler couldn't think of a worse fas-

It is a danger signal which should voting upon all agreements before they speed the building of a broad peoples' front, in the form of a Farmer-Labor

#### And Now the Wagner Labor Act Is Declared Unconstitutional

Labor got mighty little from the Wagner-Connery Labor Relations Act, but that little seems to have been too much The Communist Party calls upon all for the big financial and industrial in-

> Accordingly, the U. S. Fifth Circuit Act unconstitutional, because there are some concessions to labor as regards rights of collective bargaining. A few days before, a Court in Texas had rendered depression losses (AFL figures) but only 30 the same decision. Nobody doubts that per cent of the depression unemployed the U. S. Supreme Court will shortly up and rationalization; at the same time fresh put the final kibosh on the Wagner Act. millions of young workers have come to

> maturity and are vainly looking for jobs. In The financiers' and industrialists' idea maturity and are valing looking 100 maturity and are valing 100 m is that if you give labor even a little of of industrial corporations have risen 40 what it is entitled to, it might want all per cent but the average real income of the

the people. The capitalists realize that an increase in capitalist exploitation. He didn't do the fight for organization organized labor and the masses of peo-

tory and whose political pals, Demo-legislation such representatives put in assuming unwarranted powers is one of the burning issues before organized

## Browder Report to Convention Urges Fight Against Hearst-Liberty League Republicans

PEOPLE CANNOT DEPEND ON ROOSEVELT TO FIGHT FORCES OF REACTION WHO Browder, general secretary, to the Ninth OPEN ROAD TO FASCISM IN U. S. Convention of the Communist Party of

America. The resolution was submitted to the Party membership and the delegates for

tax burden of the poor was proportionately more than doubled while that of the wealth The Ninth Natinal Convention of the C ier classes had been cut more than in half. P., U. S. A. declares that the analysis of the world situation given by the Seventh World Congress of the Communist Inter-

Agriculture Farm foreclosures are again on the upswing. These are now carried on by the Federal Land Banks which, in the first eight months of 1935, have completed 7926 foreclosures; and that is four times as many

4. While emerging slowly and unevenly from the economic crisis, American capitalism has not yet overcome the special kind of depression because of the general crisis of the capitalist system. There are still no signs of an impending boom but evidence accumulates of the approach of a new eco

by the monopolies, stands in the way of realizing these possibilities. Monopoly captalism in the U.S., never able to use fully the existing capacities for production, has been mercilessly destroying the forces of the most precious productive force—the working class. The United States Steel Corporation, controlled by Morgan, has been utilizing only a fraction of the capacity of its plants for the manufacture of finished steel products. In 1933-28.7 per cent of capacity; in 1934-31.2 per cent; in 1935-38.3 per class and all the toilers the threat of per- Brookings Institution. The truth is closer

ually sinking standard of living and the the crisis years, but the whole length of steady destruction of the civil right and crisis, depression and prosperity. American democratic liberties of the masses. It thus capitalism could not use more than about opens the road to the coming of fascism one-half of its productive capacities. Declining and rotting capitalism is shocking 2. The toll of undescribable suffering al- the economic life of the country. Hence, the ready paid by the toiling masses for the 15 million unemployed.

system is beyond calculation. The American Foreign Trade

been shattered. There are 15 million un- food speculators continue to enrich thememployed 20 million people are dependent selves and to acquire ever more dominaon relief rolls. The total yearly income of tion over agriculture, the latter is continuing in deep crisis. A landless peasantry is becoming the central figure of American agriculture accompanied by a terrific worsening of the conditions of life of the agricultural workers. And the Roosevelt agrarian policies, first projected by Hoover, policies some help only to the rich farmers, slightly powerful currents as the growing mass dehas become narrowed and disintegrated. And of temporary assistance to some sections of mand for a system of "production for use," These are the conditions that resulted give nothing, the Roosevelt policies mean party of the working class, with the still from the crisis years under the Hoover ad- pauper relief on the one hand, and dis- prevailing political immaturity of the wide ing of the domination of finance capital in various utopian, reformist and even reacit and to a deepening of its crisis.

largement or improvement of plant and reactionary monopolies.

important feature of this development is old age pensions. the fact that this replacement is financed largely from old accumulations of funds for to establish firm contacts with the masses ICANISM OF THE TWENTIE amortization (replacement) and not from in the movements, to work with them, to

spending program which went largely into gle against capitalism which alone will

up is intensified, especially in steel and subsidies and loans to corporations and banks, by war preparations and only slightly Taxation is shifted systematically to the by Roosevelt's relief program. This imbacks of the poor. Expert investigations provement in business, chiefly improvedisclose that between 1930 and 1935 the ment in the profits of the monopolies at the expense of the toilers, may continue for a the capitalist system cannot and will not get out of its state of general crisis. Only thirds of 1929, has increased 10.4 per cent, the proletarian Socialist revolution, by overthrowing the rule of the capitalist class and establishing a Soviet government, will do away with the crisis and insecurity, will do away with the intolerable conditions of capitalist decline and decay. It will establish a socialist system of society as in the Soviet Union, where crisis and unemployment are no longer known and where social security has become a reality and the wellbeing of all toilers is continually improving.

Seven Years of Crisis

The experience of the last three years has proven conclusively that the claims of the ideologists of the New Deal, that it will bring planned economy and security for the masses, were only empty promises. Life has shown that regardless of the personal wishes for plenty and happiness for all toilers, but ned economy of the New Deal, the anarchy capitalism, the capitalist system dominated of production, crises and insecurity are inseparable from the capitalist system; that only Socialism under a Soviet form of government, as in the U.S.S.R., makes possible a planned economy without crises and exploitation. Life has shown that the attempt of the New Deal at "planned economy" (NRA and AAA), without abolishing capitalism and the rule of the capitalist class, has not only failed to abolish crises, anarchy and insecurity but has intensifed and sharpened the contradictions of capitalism. The New Deal was not "a step toward Socialism," not a "revolution," as cent. During the 10-year period for 1925 to claimed for a time by Norman Thomas, but preservation of the Constitution the offensive 34, industry has been using on the average a means of tiding capitalism over the worst of capitalist reaction in the United States no more than 67 per cent of capacity, even phase of the economic crisis at the expense is advancing. It carries for the working according to the basis of calculation of the of the masses, leaving unsolved and even deepening the general crisis, the anarchy of

placable opposition of the monopoly capitalists to the slightest restriction even of their most glaring abuses and excesses, which the New Deal vainly sought to acthan a fraction of the working people, has the farmer capitalists, the banks and the Socialist planning, which they really fear,

A Farmer Labor Party

6. Under the impact of the terrific sufferings of the seven years of crisis, and deeply impressed by the Socialist victories of the Soviet Union, the yearnings of the American masses for a social order free of crises, unemployment and insecurity, have become of brutal destruction of the productive widespread and most powerful. It is this capacities of the country, policies that imi- profound yearning of the suffering masses tate the monopolies in industry, are of for a new social order that underlies such middle farmers. For the bulk of the toiling "social justice," "economic justice," "share farmers (small owners and tenants), to the wealth," "social security," etc. In the whom the Republicans are determined to absence of a strong, independent political placement from agriculture into the posi- masses, and aided by the belief that the tion of landless peasants, on the other (50 tremendous productive capacities and naper cent of farmers own no land). For agri- tural riches of this country by themselves culture as a whole, these policies lead to offer a way out, these mass yearnings for deterioration of agriculture, a strengthen- a new social order become diverted into tionary channels. Common to all these tendencies is the old petty-bourgeois illusion that poverty and insecurity can be Foreign Trade while advancing slightly, abolished by certain changes in the sphere still lags behind the growth in production. of credit, money circulation and distribution In 1935, it was not up to even 1931 which without abolishing the capitalist mode of already was a crisis year. Imperialist ri- production. Bourgeois radicalism and sovalries for markets are growing most acute- cial reformist tries to build upon this basis ly, the capitalist machinery for world trade such movements as "Epic" and "Townsend;" continues in disorder, and the danger of a on the other hand, fascist and semi-fascist new world war is sharpening every day. adventurers (Long, Coughlin, Talmadge), panies and chairman of Gulf Oil Co New capital issues, still only 5 per cent exploiting brazenly the yearnings of the Lammot duPont, chairman General Motors for 1929, are showing an increase but 93 per masses for a new social order and their and president of the duPont de Nemours cent of issues registered in 1935 were for petty-bourgeois illusions, seeks to build up chemical corporation. Amang the contriburefunding. Of the remaining 7 per cent, breastworks of fascism and reaction with tors is also found William H. Crocker, of only slightly over 2 per cent went for en- the backing of powerful sections of the most

The attempts of the reactionaries to make period. An increasing replacement of outworn use of the shameful attacks in Congress plant and equipment is taking place, es- against the Townsend movement to swing pecially in steel and auto, and railroad, Dr. Townsend and his followers in supwhich accounts for the considerable rise in port of the Republican Party threaten to the production of capital goods. But an strengthen the most reactionary enemies of

It is therefore the task of the Communists develop common struggles for immediate Improvement in business is a fact. It was demands on issues that are most vital to brought about on the basis of the terrific these masses, and, on the basis of such comdestruction of the standard of living of the mon work and struggles, to overcome their masses, partly by the operation of the ha- petty-bourgeois illusions and to lead them tural laws of capitalism, by the Roosevelt in the direction of the revolutionary strug-

security and penty. Our main immediate political tasts n this work is to win the masses in t ese movements for the Farmer Communist Pi ity does not at all take a negative josit on on the issue of immediate strut tle to weaken the domination of the mon**o**j blit i in such spheres as credit, prices, my hey circulation and distribut While sys em tically educating the ma

to an und rst inding that only the abolition of the c pit list mode of production wil wipe out the domination of the monopolie in the sp ere of national credit and finances the Con mu ists will propose and suppor weaken the monopolies. Norman Thomas criticism of he Communist position on this question is 'eformist. It attempts to substitute I le illusion of Socialism without the Soci list revolution for tangible mass struggle aga nst the monopolies today—the only me as of improving the conditions of the mass is and of preparing them for the revolutic lar / struggle for Socialism, Furthermor( , th ! struggle for the Farmer-Labor Party, and the election of Farmer-Labor the orga ize I readiness of the toiling masses stitutes i le i nly way of breaking the stranand poli lca life of the country; that such struggle w ll create the favorable conditions for the overthrow of capitalist rule and the building of Socialism.

## PACTS AND FIGURES

knowing who supports financially the cam paigns of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The June issue of the Labor Research Economic Notes gives us some fine facts. These show that big financial industrial interests will provide the bulk of the contributions to both the Republican and Democratic parties in this pear's pre

In the 1928 election, for example, hal the Republican National Committee's income to elect Hoover came from those who gave from \$5,000 to \$50,000. About 45 per cent of the amount behind Al Smith, then Democratic presidential candidate, came from givers of similar amounts. Of those who gave \$5,000 or more in 1928, 70 per cent and brokers, manufacturers, mining and oil interests, railroads and public utilities, and

In the 1932 campaign, 89 contributors accounted for half of the Democratic National Committee's receipts up to October 22, 1932, and 122 persons from the same class accounted for 40 per cent of the Republican receipts up to October 26, 1932. Although certain leading financial rulers

have shifted allegiance from Roosevelt to the Republicans in the current campaign, Roosevelt still has many big business men and finance capitalists behind him. Contributors of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to the Democratic National Committee as late as 1935 included such men as S. Parker Gilbert, partner in J. P. Morgan \$ Co.,; A. P. Giannini, California banker close to Hearst; J. Fletcher Farrel of Consolidated Oil Corp., the Sinclair-Blair Rockefeller combine; P. A. S. Franklin and Basil Harris of Inter national Mercantile Marine, the Morgan shipping trust which is behind the present attack on the seamen of the S. S. California and others connected with General Motors, International Harvester, National City Bank and Manufacturers Trust Co., of N. Y., etc.

The reports of the Republican National Committee for the first two months of 1936 listed some of the leading members of the financial higher-ups. Among them

Junius S. Morgan, son of J. P. Morgan; H P. Davison, J. P. Morgan & Co. partner; Motors; W. L. Mellon, director of 32 comthe Crocker First National Bank of San

There should be no question in the mind of any worker that both the Democratic and Republican Party are the parties of big capital and cannot represent the interests

COMMUNISM IS THE AM CENTURY.

During the past six months, 79 Jews have been killed and more than 500 wounded in anti-Semitic riots in Po-

## **French Premier Tells** Aim Of Peoples' Front

## AN INTERVIEW WITH LEON BLUM

By PIERRE VAN PAASEN Federated Press.

PARIS.—(FP)—The capitalist system is nearing its end, and the task of the present French government is to improve the wellbeing of labor and prepare the conditions for moving on to a better social order, Leon Blum, premier of France, told Federated Press in an exclusive interview.

As French trade unionists advanced to new gains in a sweeping victory unparalleled in the nation's history, Premier Blum, Socialist leader and chief of the People's Front regime, explained for the American labor and liberal press the mission of the government he heads.

#### LAST ATTEMPT

"My government will be the last attempt to see if some order and prosperity can be extracted out of a bourgeois democratic regime," the French premier said. "We are not to follow a socialist program. We have been put in power to carry out a program which was drawn up jointly with our liberal allies. We will abide by our pledge.

"We know the capitalist regime is ruined. The collapse of bourgeois society is an accomplished fact, for it is in irretrievable contradiction with itself. It is in conflict with reason, intelligence and morality. The question, as I said, is whether there is a possibility of at least securing within the present regime relief for those who suffer.

#### PEACEFUL EFFORT

"At the same time, I want Socialists in America to know that we consider ourselves elected to create conditions for a peaceful transition from this moribund capitalist society to the society which remains our aim. I repeat: we abide by our pledge to the liberals to try and bring a small ration of justice and well-being and a large ration of hope to those who long for a better world.

"They shall not long in vain. For if I find that it is impossible, if I were to fail through insurmountable resistance, I will be the first to tell the working class: 'It was a dream, nothing can be done with this regime,' and then the working class can draw its own conclusions."

#### ACTION COMMITTEES

That Leon Blum indeed expects his government to be a transition to socialism became evident as soon as he assumed office. He intends to clean the army, the judiciary and police of all suspicious Fascist elements. Committees of vigilance and action are being set up by the People's Front in every town confidence are in evidence. and comunity, and in some towns of the Parisian red belt, workers' militias are being

Without waiting for the Blum government to assume office, the workers of Paris and it in peasant villages where the cultural the neighboring industrial centers launched the struggle which won them the 40-hour week without reduction in pay, a week's holiday a year with pay and the right to night when a whole cast of actors stayed collective bargaining. Factories were occupied day and night to prevent the owners from rushing in strikebreaking crews. Wives, sweethearts and children organized the food supply to the hundreds of thousands of men on sentinel duty.

## ORGANIZED POWER

The Paris victory served as an incentive to the workers in the northern and eastern textile industries, to railroad employes, to longshoremen and to many others to put forward similar demands, until finally all French labor was swept into the onward or discriminated against in a capitalist somarch. The owners have learned that the ciety. But the large mass of people in working class of France will know how how to assert its right hereafter.

Pierre Laval and Andre Tardieu, reactionary leaders, publicly predicted the Blum left government would collapse before the year is over and that they would form the new government. This prediction may cost Laval dear. The 72 Communist deputies immediately introduced a motion in parliament to investigate the sudden rise of Laval's be but one answer. It is now a literate na of conquest against the Soviet Union and personal fortune to 300 million francs, following the dicker with Mussolini 18 months a high culture. It has the most stable gov-Socialist, demands a trial for high treason tion is young, dynamic, and powerful. against Laval for the dubious role he played in the Italo-Ethiopian war and his sabotage of sanctions and France's traditional League of Nations policy.

#### FRENCH FASCISTS RUN RIOT

PARIS, France, June 21.-Fascist storm troopers of the Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire) organization clashed with police and mobile guards here today when they paraded in defiance of the new legislation ordering their dissolution. Although the street battle lasted more than half an hour, no serious injuries were reported.

Action of the Chamber of Deputies in ordering dissolution of the fascist bands came as a result of attacks in the streets of Marseilles on workers and the well-confirmed report that the fascist leader, De la Rocque, was planning an armed attack on the new govern-

Today's parade was participated in by several thousand of the storm troopers whose organization is known to be subsidized by leading munitions manufacturers and members of France's "200 families" who control the banks and industries.

## Political Power and Economic Power



French labor won its victory by recognizing the importance of coordinating political power and economic power and exerting their strength simultaneously on both fronts. The victory in the elections would have been an empty one had they not backed it up by strong trade union power -economic power. The great strike campaign would have encountered military suppression had it not been backed up by the united front election victory of Communists and Socialists-political power.

Above is a scene in the courtyard of a French factory during the strike. Workers used the most advanced technique and instead of walking out, struck on the job and occupied the factories until their demands were granted.

#### CALIF. PROFESSOR REPORTS GAIN IN SOVIET WELFARE

Hard Years Are Past and Life Is Improving Daily Says Visiting Educator

This is the fifth and last of a series of articles written by a professor in a Califor nia Junior College, now spending a year's lave of absence in the U. S. S. R. They are released by the Friends of the Soviet Un

#### PART V

The thing which has impressed me the most about this country is the tremendous enthusiasm of the people and their confi dence in the society which they have established. Everywhere this enthusiasm and I saw it November 7th when I saw

million people march through the Red square. I see it daily when thousands of people march by Lenin's tomb. I have seen advantages art often still primitive.

But the peasants tell me that their life is getting better all the time. I saw it one after the show until two o'clock in the morning asking and answering questions One has to come here in order to set and feel the millions of people of a backward nation building a new society of security

However, how does the standard of living in the Soviet Union compare with that plicable. in America? There is obviously greater security in the Soviet Union with its social insurance and no unemployment. So hope and industry has replaced fear and degeneracy for those who would be unemployed America still enjoy better transportation, better housing more varied food.

However I have the American engineers and workers here tell me that the average Russian worker knows more about world politics music and literature than the average American worker.

Again however when one inquires about the trend in the Soviet Union there can all possible speed and preparing for a war tion. The foundation is already laid for ago. And Gaston Bergerey, Independent ernment of any country in Europe. The na-

> The Soviet Union is now rolling and gathering momentum like a snowball. Every day one sees more goods on the shelves, more stores being obened, better dressed people, more freight moving, higher steel and coal production, more cattle and hogs, and grain being produced, new cafes with more varied menues, higher and higher wages, lower and lower prices. And in a socialist state as production increases the standard of living goes up.

The hard years are over.

## BOARD AIDS STANDARD OIL

LOS ANGELES .- Standard Oil and other huge oil companies breathe more easily here following refusal of the County Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance which would seriously have embarrassed profits. The ordinance would have prohibited filling-station operators from selling gasoline to drunks.

Since the February elections in Spain, which brought the Popular Front to power, 30,000 political prisoners have been freed, all workers previously discharged for trade union and radical activity have been reinstated, fascist organizations have been dissolved, and more than 70,000 tracts of land allotted to peasants formerly landless and starving.

#### JAPANESE INVADE PEIPING AREA

PEIPING, China, June 21.—Residents here awakened this morning to the tramp of marching feet and looked from their windows to see 3000 Japanese troops in full marching equipment parading through the strets of the city. This largest invasion by foreign troops into Peiping since the Boxer rebellion is interpreted as the first move in Japan's imminent drive to place the rest of China provinces under her military

From Tientsin comes the report that a Chinese customs gunboat has fired on a Japanese steamer. This incident is utilized by Japan as a supposed provocation for further intervention into

In the past months Japan has carried on an intense campaign of "smuggling," running Japanese goods past Chinese customs under the defense of Japanese guns.

## ROOSEVELT LIFTS BAN ON EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20 .- President Roosevelt today lifted all embargos the new government, has proclaimed that the Ewerts to be permitted to depart to a war was over and sanctions no longer ap-

revision of the League to conform with de- utilize their democratic right to vote it in. mands of fascist nations. The American move is decisive and is calculated to render the abolishment of sanctions a certainty at the next League meeting.

Roosevelt's lifting of the ban means that American munitions firms are free to export arms and munitions without restraint at a time when the whole world is aware that fascist nations have entered into a war pact and are increasing their armies with the smaller nations of Europe.

It is regarded as significant that Italy, as well as the other fascist nations cannot advance and complete their war machines without raw materials which they lack and which only Great Britain and America can

Removal of the American embargo is important in the influence it will have on League nations to abandon collective security action. In reality, it never was effective since it banned only manufactured armaments and permitted free trade in raw ma-

A further factor is that Britain is facing bitter public opinion against abandonment of sanctions. The American stand gives the British an alibi for their "backing down."

Figures published in Deutsche Justiz show that some 56,000 were sterilized in the first 12 months of the German eugenic law. At this rate, 2 in every 1000 will be sterilized each year, with a total expectation of about 4 per cent. According to The Eugenics Review, studies reveal that "much resentment among the common people" exists, but because of fear of physical violence, no open protests are made. Sterilization is compulsory, and costs the state about \$10,000,000 a year.

## **Violence Threatened By French Fascist Legions**

#### SEEKING TO DISRUPT **BLUM GOVERNMENT**

PARIS, France.-Efforts of the Socialist and Radical government to achieve a peaceful transition from capitalism to Socialism by democratic vote of the people, were opposed here by Colonel De la Rocque, fascist leader, who proclaimed: "If the government opposes us it will have to declare a dicatorship of Socialism and Communism."

De la Rocque is head of the fascist Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire), organization representing French capitalism. It is bitterly opposed to Socialism, the trade unions and the People's Front. Croix de Feu members are organized into a private army and have been heavily armed by French industrialists, particularly the munitions manufacturers. Recent armed attacks of this group on workers in the streets of Marseilles, and a well confirmed report that De la Rocque was planning a seizure of power, resulted in legislation being passed in the Chamber of Deputies for the dissolution of the fas-

#### OTHER FASCIST GROUPS

Three other fascist groups, the League of French Solidarity, the Young Patriots, and the Francistes, have associated themselves with De la Rocque and are also outlawed by the new legislation.

disrupt and overthrow the new government: | national Committee for Political Prisoners 1.-They control the finances of the

country. 2.—They have their heavily armed fascist irmies to launch against the people.

Since the People's Front election victory, sums of money out of the country, depositintense campaign of hoarding has accompanied the move. Thus, this significant minority of the French people has brought about a veritable paralysis of French

#### "200 FAMILIES"

Virtually the whole of French industry and finance is controlled by 200 multi-millionaire families. Control of the finances and even the issuance of banknotes, lies in the hands of the Bank of France and its 12 Regents, who are elected by the "200 Fam-

Banks, industries, press, railroads, mines, insurance companies, all come under the control of the "200" and the Bank of

For the maintenance and administration of their power, the 200 families have the power of money and whatever it can bribe or buy. They are using this power to undermine the new government and, if possible, to make it impossible for them to administer affairs. Then they hope to take and Mrs. Arthur Ewerts. The Ewerts fled advantage of such a state of affairs to spon- to Brazil as refugees from Germany and sor a fascist uprising.

## PEACEFUL EFFORT

Leon Blum, Socialist leader who heads against Italy, declaring that the Ethiopian he will do everything in his power to country of their own choice will be made create order and give the working class a better standard of living and full democratic TEN TEXAS NEGROES The action comes at a time when Great rights. He states that it is not his business Britain is agitating among League of Na- to administer Socialism, but that if the tions countries for removal of sanctions and people want Socialism it is up to them to

> will be up to the workers to take matters mons was stabbed in a brawl. in their own hands.

government, is not participating in it since through the courts is being set in motion.

its program does not include the Socialization of industries. .

The present defiance of fascist forces to the dissolution order is one of the most serious difficulties yet encountered by the new government. And unless decisive action is taken to step down on the government. And unless decisive action is taker to step down on the storm troop armies now, it will have to deal with them later as a much more serious threat.

### N. Y. COMMITTEE TO ASK INVESTIGATION OF BARRON MURDER

Writers And Editors Will Call On Brazilian Ambassador To Protest Tortures

NEW YORK .- Grace Lumpkin, wellknown novelist; Maxwell Stewart, editor of the NATION; Rev. R. H. Read, Gabriel Miller of the American League Against War and Fascism; Joseph Gelders of the Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, and Anna Damon of the International Labor Defense will leave for Washington to plead for an investigation into the untimely death of the young American, Victor Allan Barron whose bruised, mutilated body was found in a patio outside of Rio de Janeiro police headquarters or March 5th last:

In Washington the delegation will be joined by Gardner Jackson of the American Cicil Liberties Union; Dorothy Detzer, national secretary of the Women's Interna-Refusing to abide by the majority will tional League for Peace and Freedom, and of the French population, the capitalists are Dr. Ralph L. Bunche of the National Negro depending on their two trump cards to Congress and a representative of the Inter-

#### MAY SEE ROOSEVELT

The group will confer with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, to find out why action in the Barron case has been delayed by the State Department and to ask that the files French capitalists have poured staggering in the case be opened publicly. Should they fail to obtain satisfactory results the Coming millions in gold in foreign banks. An mittee will seek an interview with President Roosevelt.

> The delegation will also visit the Brazilian Embassy and protest to the Brazilian Ambassador Oswaldo Aranha, against the horrible tortures inflicted upon 17,000 political prisoners in Brazil. Among these are workers, professionals, artists and intellectuals. Many physicians, students, authors, ministers, lawyers and professors, instructors, senators, deputies and even a mayor share the same fate of horrible persecution and are threatened with court martial POLITICAL AMNESTY

The Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, which has organized the delegation, is demanding amnesty for all political prisoners, restoration of the Brazilian Constitution ti individuals and trade unions. Foremost among the persons whose release will be asked for are: Luis Carlos Prestes, president of the National Liberation Alliance; Dr. Pedro da Cunha, Brazilian Socialist leader; and Mr. have been ordered deported to Naziland, where certain death at the hands of the Hitler agants awaits them. A request for

## FACE LYNCH THREAT

EL CAMPO, Tex.—After admitting failure in their search for 10 Negroes, a lynch mob here burned to the ground a Negro On the other hand, he points out that if dance hall. The mob had at first surroundsabotage and launch an armed offensive Negroes had been taken in an attempt to against the people, the peaceful aims of his frame them up for the killing of Tim Simgovernment will become impossible and it mons, a special officer, at Wharton. Sim-

Four of the Negroes are women. The 10 The Communist Party of France, although are believed to have been removed to the giving full and sincere support to the Blum | Corpus Christi jail, where a legal lynching

## Social-Democrat Lauds U. S. S. R. Constitution

## AN INTERVIEW WITH OTTO BAUER

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—Otto Bauer, spokesman of the Austrian Social-Democratic Party, hailed the new Soviet constitution as "proof that the dictatorship of the proletariat does not mean the denial of democracy but a way of realizing it at an extremely high level."

At the same time, Louis Fischer, famous American newspaper correspondent declared that the new "Constitution will make war with the U.S.S.R. still more difficult. The U.S.S.R. will have too many allies in European countries."

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Draft of the new Soviet constitution which grants full and equal rights to every Soviet citizen, elections by direct, secret ballot, and innovations which render it the most democratic in the world, is to be submitted to the public for five months of discussion before it will be turned over with all suggested amendments to the All-Union Congress of Soviets for adoption on November 25.

Otto Bauer expressed his opinion in an nterview with a correspondent of the Soviet newspaper Izvestia, in Brunn, Czecho-

Commenting on the constitutional provision granting every man a "right to labor." Bauer stated that this step shows the world "that the proletariat takes power into its hands, not for the purpose of creating new class privileges, but for the destruction of the existing privileges of capitalist society."

#### THE BAUER "BUT"

Touching on a criticism by Bauer of the constitution, Izvestia's correspondent con-

"But Otto Bauer would not be himself if he failed to add his single 'but' after all his expressions of genuine delight about the new Soviet constitution.

"According to Bauer, the constitution still retains restrictions, primarily the absence of the right to form new political parties.

"On this point, Bauer says: 'I understand that such restrictions are still necessary to avoid endangering the tremendous gains of the revolution. But I am convinced that the gigantic speed of the victorious march of Socialism in the U.S.S.R. will make it possible to remove even these restrictions

#### HISTORIC PROOF

"Despite their existence, the constitution gives the world proletariat historic proof that the dictatorship of the proletariat does civil and democratic rights guaranteed by hot mean the denial of democracy, but a way of realizing it at an extremely high

> "At a time when capitalist classes have destroyed democratic liberties in so many countries to save class rule, the Soviet constitution makes a particularly strong impression on the whole world and will contribute to the restoration of the broken unity of the working class

## NOT RESTRICTIONS

In reply to Bauer's mild "but," the correspondent asked him if he believed the formation of groups to oppose Socialism or the basic principles of the constitution should be permitted? Bauer replied with an affirmative "No!"

The correspondent then pointed out that the trade-union, cooperative and cultural groups already gave full guarantee to all separate interests of various groups and the capitalists continue their campaign of ed the Matagorda County jail, where the that the creation of new political parties could serve no function and answer no requirement.

Louis Fischer comments on the effect the constitution will have on skeptical for-

## OTHER DEMOCRACIES

"We know," Fischer says, "that in the Western democratic countries, no matter how liberal their constitution, the whole of national economy is a reserve of a class which comprises but a small part of the population. Toilers have no voice in affairs which are usually most important for them.

"But Soviet democracy guides every branch of life—political, social and economic. The whole people are masters of their own fate. This state of affairs we do not find in any other country.

"Judging by scraps of conversation I am sure that many people abroad will probably say, 'Yes, the new Soviet constitution looks fine on paper, but how will it be carried out in practise?'

## CHRONIC BEEFERS

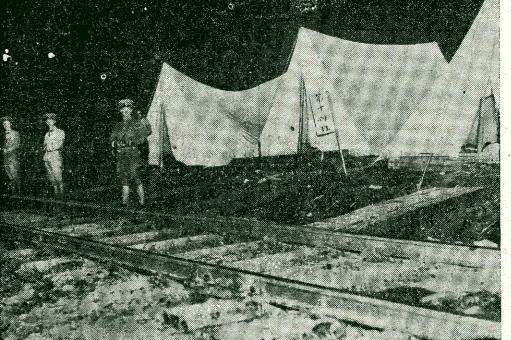
"These people greeted the first five-year plan with the same skeptical and sarcastic disbelief. They declared it was 'propaganda.' They will also call the new constitution 'propaganda' because they do not understand the profound sources from which both these measures arose.

"The U.S.S.R. has abolished exploiting classes and equalized the rights of remaining classes. The logical end of this path is the publication of the present project for an extremely democratic constitution.

"The enemies of Socialism abroad have tried to show that economic progress would be impossible under Socialism. The facts and figures of Soviet life have now convinced most of these people. But many intellectuals, and even workers, could still say that even if Socialism does mean a higher standard of living, they no not want it unless it guarantees democratic rights.

"The darft of the new constitution gives a conclusive answer also to these objec-

## Behind the Japanese Screen



Japanese authorities have thrown a veil of secrecy over North China and refuse to issue any information as to the strength of their military mobilizations in this area. Japanese soldiers are shown above on night guard duty at an outpost camp along the tracks of the North Manchuhuo railroad, not far from the Soviet border. All trains arriving or departing in this region must travel with blinds drawn in passenger compartments. Japanese transports are unloading a steady stream of troops and equipment through Northern seaports.

## **BRAZIL PRISONERS** IN HEROIC REVOLT

Protest Against Death Tribunals Ends In Torture For Infantry Captain

Barata, 26-year-old former captain of the daring productions, have brought interna-3rd Regiment Infantry of Brazil, who has tional fame to the New York WPA theater been imprisoned in the torture chambers of project. The project's only flops have been Brazil since his arrest last November, led the productions staged by the Managers a revolt of several hundred political pris- Tryout Theater, control of which was graboners last Saturday, and has been placed in bed off at the start by the wealthy Shubert solitary confinement, it was learned from theatrical trust. The Shuberts are now a cable received yesterday from Rio de trying to reach out their heavy hand over Janeiro.

The revolt of the prisoners, the Joint The tale of how jobless workers-the Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian kind who are supposed to pass their time People was informed, occurred as a pro- in futile boondoggling-made theatrical histest against special tribunals being set up tory, where theatrical big business flopped before whom all political prisoners will be miserably, created an alarming example tried. These tribunals spell actual death for and has had its interesting developments. the victims who will be tried by them.

#### BRUTAL CONDITIONS

tion of all liberty-loving people to the bar- ater project, is now denounced as a turnbarous conditions suffered by Brazil's po- coat by liberals who only yesterday hailed litical prisoners," a statement issued by the him. Barber, they say, has become a stooge committee begins. "Horrible tortures, beat- for the Shubert theater interests, who own ings, clubbings, third-degree methods, in- 60 per cent of New York's theatrical real tolerable food conditions are only a partial estate, control the production staffs thereof, list of the sufferings inflicted. Frequently and have heavy theatrical interests throughdead bodies of prisoners are found. On pretext of transferring prisoners from one jail to another, prisoners are often shot en-

The Joint Committee today wired to Oswaldo Aranha, Brazilian Ambassador, as follow: "REPORTED REVOLT POLIT- Living Newspaper unit, sponsored by the ICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING BAR-ATA EXPOSES HORRIBLE CONDITIONS in a startling method of news presenta-BRAZILIAN PRISONS STOR HOLD YOUR tion. Then came the voodoo Macbeth, pro-GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE LIFE AND duced by the Negro unit in Harlem. Mac-SAFETY OF BARATA AND ALL PO-LITICAL PRISONERS STOP DEMAND and is about to tour the country. Other suc-CESSATION BRUTAL TREATMENT AND SPECIAL TRIBUNALS.'

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF BRAZILIAN PROPLE MASS PRESSURE

In a desperate cry for help to save the lives of Brazil's victims of the Vargas regime, the Joint Committee urged all individuals and organized groups to raise their voices to flood the responsible officials with letters, telegrams, cables, telephone calls and personal visits of protest.

Write to Oswaldo Aranha, Brazilian Ambassador, Washington, D. C., to the Chamber of Deputies, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; to the Brazilian Consul at 17 Battery Place, New York City. Telephone calls should be made to Whitehall 4-0699.

#### Senate Passes A. F. of L. \$460,000,000 Housing Act

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Yielding to pressure by the A. F. of L., the Senate on Tuesday passed by 42 to 24 the Wagner Housing Bill.

The Bill calls for a \$460,000,000 program of Federal loans and grants to local housing authorities constructing homes for

low income groups.

The Bill now goes to the House: Under it a U.S. Housing Authority would be set up to administer the act. Housing activities now undertaken by various government agencies would be transferred to the new authority.

The Federal assistance called for in the Wagner Bill consist of outright grants of 45 per cent of the total cost of the projects and 60-year loans for the remainder.

The Bill has been one of the main measures backed by the A. F. of L. It has been bitterly fought by private building interests.

#### UNION MEMBERSHIP DOUBLE IN FRANCE FOLLOWING STRIKE

PARIS, France.-Workers in the recent French strike wave won practically every demand. They gained the 40-hour week, collective agreements, closed shop, recognition of workers' delegates, and wage increases amounting to from 7 to 15 per

One of the principle gains was that the membership in trade unions more than doubled and is increasing rapidly. Total membership in the unified General Confederation of labor has reached 2,500, 000, the highest ever achieved in the history of France.

In mass demonstrations celebrating the victories, French labor paraded with huge banner portraits of Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the French Communist Party, and Premier Leon Blum.

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## **Broadway Vultures Try** To Knife Federal Show

## **UNEMPLOYED ACTORS** GET RAW DEAL

By FRANK BARNEY GILSON

NEW YORK .- (FP)-Unemployed actors, newspapermen, musicians and white collar NEW YORK, June 22.—Captain Agildo workers, pooling their talents in novel and the rest of the projects.

SHUBERT AGENT

One of these is that Philip Barber, New "This prison revolt now calls the atten- York regional director of the federal theout the nation.

The fame and following of the theater project—and none know this better than the Shuberts—are due to productions like Triple A Plowed Under and Macbeth. Triple A Plowed Under was staged by the New York Newspaper Guild, and ushered beth has already shown to 100,000 people cesses followed

PASSING OFF DUDS

The biggest flops of the New York project, on the other hand, were those productions staged by the Managers Tryout Theater. Artistically, and at the box office, they were duds. Basically, the Tryout unit suffered from script trouble. That is, their plays were awful. The unit was sponsored by the League of New York Producers with the idea of putting on, with government backing, fine plays which producers owned but were a bit too far off the beaten Broadway track. There was a lot of nice talk about incipient American Shaws and Ibsens.

The start, and installed Otto Metzger as ploitation of Ford cars. managing producer. Metzger served in that | tising behind or within a love-story, and of the Ritz and Masque theaters. The plays dug from the bottom of managers' drawers. a year of this type, devoted mostly to Whenever a good play came into the Tryout office, it is said on excellent authority, Metzger took it over to the Shubert office.

MORE SKULLDUGGERY In recent weeks the Tryout theater was so discredited that Barber was forced to liquidate it. A new unit, the Preview theater, was established, assigned to the job of paganda for his particular brand if reaction. trying out new plays for all the projects. And who was Barber's nominee for the NEW ZEALAND CETS head of this important new project? Otto Metzger! National Director Hallie Flannigan of the federal theater, is said to have clashed with Barber on this issue. She is visors' council of the federal theater passed ernment has blithely taken steps to: resolution which in effect attacked the choice of Metzger for his post.

Nevertheless, Mezger got the job with Barber's backing. The first production of the Preview theater will be a play on banking by Tammany Rep. William I. Sirovich. Congressman Sirovich is rated as neither a playwright nor as an unrecognized American writer very much in need of a lift. Frankly, his stuff is terrible. But maybe the every worker a home"; Shubert interests don't mind.

## Join The **Commnist Party**

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ICANISM OF THE TWENTIETH policy which seeks to save more gasoline tion list was only increased by 15. The COMMUNISM IS THE AMER-CENTURY.

## Women Of The Soviet Union Write Their Own Ticket



There is an old French proverb, "Cherchez la femme," ("Find the Woman") which means to imply there is a woman involved in every problem and when you find her yuo've found the solution. Soviet Russia seems to have put this to practical and successful test. The Soviet women administer their own interests and decide their own problems. Above is a scene from the recent Women's Congress in Moscow which assembled delegates from all over the U.S.S.R. to lay out a program to further women's interests. The two men are G. K. Orjonikidze, people's commissar for heavy industry, and Joseph Stalin. There is scarcely a committee, council or administrative body in the Soviet Union that does not have a momen delegate participating in its activities.

#### TEL AND TEL OUT **BUT FORD ENTERS** THE MOVIE FIELD

Automobile Magnate Announces Building of \$5,000,000 "Little Hollywood"

> By JOHN R. CHAPLIN Federated Press

HOLLYWOOD, CAL .- (FP)-With one vast American financial trust withdrawing from film production, comes the news of another huge capitalist intending to go

American Telephone and Telegraph Co. at its annual meeting, announced that its subsidiary, Electrical Research Products Inc., more familiarly known as ERPI, "plans a complete withdrawal from the field of financing motion picture production."

Killing any cheer one might have gath ered from this news, was the announcement that Henry Ford had appropriated \$5,000,000 for the building of a little Holly wood in the vicinity of Detroit. The Ford studios are intended, it is reported, to pro-Actually, the Shubert interests got in at duce primarily films for commercial ex-

capacity for Uncle Sam, while continuing technical films, made within the factories, on the Shubert payroll as house manager to acquaint Ford technicians and calesmen with Mr. Ford's latest speed-up plans and produced by the Tryout Theater were re- other rationalization. General Motors are garded, in Broadway parlance, as stinkolas already turning out some 40 short sugjects Chevrolet.

Mr. Ford's interest in what he believes to be "ideas." however, substant tes the belief that the vast amount he is putting into building his studios may man he will eventually turn out, under the ruise of be shown on the same program. "educational" and "historical" files, pro-

## 40-HOUR WEEK AND BETTER CONDITIONS

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.-While fibelieved to have demanded anybody but nanciers and industrialists gnash their teeth the picture. Metzger for this key position. The super- and file protest, New Zealand's labor gov-

Introduce the 40-hour week generally through out industry on September 1; Prevent any rise in prices due to the shortened working week;

Forbid any increase in rents due to the present housing shortage;

Write down farm mortgages to the level of guaranteed prices for farm products; Start a huge housing system to "give

Begin a vast public works program including the building of state railways.

#### HONG KONG READY FOR GAS AIR RAID

ities here are taking definite actions to strengthen the anti-air raid preparations in the Colony. According to well-informed

made to acquaint the residents with various signals, etc.—Shun Poa, May 20.

### TOKYO AUTO UNION HITS COST OF GAS

workers in the metropolitan area, presentagainst the sudden rise of gasoline prices from 6 sen to 51 sen a liter. Such a great rise will affect the middle and small independent taxi operators, as well as coming out of the wages of the taxi drivers. The sudden boost is due to the government for war purposes, and to gain stricter control over its distribution.

#### A FEW NOTES ON **NEW MOVIES**

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.-The two pictures which stand out among recent productions and which can be recommended with confidence are "Fury" and "Green Pastures."

Notes on a few others are not so encouraging:

"Little Miss Nobody," is stupid and uninteresting and a waste of the talents of Jane Withers.

"Secret Agent," (British Film) is a spy story that flops. "Hearts Divided," offers Marion Da-

vies and Dick Powel in one of the most nauseating flops of all time. "Revolt of the Zombies," is another horror picture that fails miserably.

"Three Wise Guys," is an attempt at

## sentimental comedy that is plain silly SOVIET NAVY FILM COMES TO SCREEN

IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22 .- "We are from Kronstadt," credited by American re flies, but also because for the first time on what method she is going to take in doing iewers as being the finest film produced n the U.S.S.R. in recent years, will open at the Clay International Theatre here on Saturday, June 27. This is the first local showing of the picture which has had sensational runs in New York and Los Angeles

Full English titles have been added to make all dialogue clearly understandable to American audiences.

An interesting shorter feature, "National Arts and Dances of Soviet Russia," will

"We are From Kronstadt," tells the dramatic story of the role played by the Red Marines in the defense of Petrograd during the revolution of 1919. The film was made on the actual site where the events took place and took three years to complete. The entire Black Sea and Baltic Fleets of the U. S. S. R. co-operated in producing

## NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS **COMING IN AND OLD**

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June 1 to June 19: 3-months subs ..... circles, the British authorities have decided San Francisco 22 to build an aerodrome at the newly developed area of the Colony.

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England and it is said that every person in Hongkong will have to buy one at a cost Sacramento 2

of \$1 each. Other preparations are being San Bernardino 1 San Mateo 9 Stockton \_\_\_\_\_1 SSonoma 2 San Jose 2 Eureka 3 Fresno 1 ers' Union, in the name of 100,000 auto Nevada ed a protest to the Minister of Commerce Oregon Washington ...... 1

> Despite the fact that this number of subs came in during this period our subscripreason being that approximately 100 subs

expired.

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## SOVIET AVIATION FILM EPIC WILL HAVE RUN IN L. A.

'Men On Wings' Dramatizes the Building of the World's Greatest Air Force

LOS ANGELES, June 22.—The management of the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand ave, Los Angeles, announces that the sensational Soviet air drama "Men On Wings," has been booked to open its Western premiere engagement Friday, July 3.

Declared by film observers to be the "Potemkin," of the skyways, "Men On Wings," is a gripping, humorous drama of the lives of Soviet Russia's daring airmen and was made with the full cooperation of the largest flying school in the Soviet Union.

For the first time in a feature length mostrides made in aviation in the Soviet.

stars a number of Soviet Russia's foremost jority of the audience will succeed in fig-(Honorary Artist of the Republic), I. I. they may well be influenced by the "human Koval-Samborsky, E. K. Melnikova, and nature" angle and conclude that the teacher A. P. Chistyakov. The Russian dialogue is fully translated by English titles.

## BELATED ATTENTION: . S. F. BRIDGE SAFETY

SAN FRANCISCO.—After 22 deaths, due to lack of safety protection, were officially admitted, the possibility of stretching a And that character is the most vital and net beneath the Golden Gate Bridge to pro- important one in the subject. tect workers' lives is being discussed.

Bridge directors have begun discussing the likelihood of getting WPA workers to and is screaming bloody "Bolshevism" and weave the nets out of manila rope. The calling for the scalps of the project direcwhole thing, however, is being made contingent on the willingness of the Federal ONES RUNNING OUT and state labor departments, the insurance companies and the contractors joining in defraying the cost of the net.

At the same time the Industrial Accident press. You are virtually all the circulation Commission threw responsibility for some facilities we operate with. Depending on of the accidents on the bridge on the workhow much support you give your paper, ers, thus whitewashing the speed-up and you can have as large and powerful a lack of safety conditions. It warned that Western Worker as you want. It's just up disciplinary action would be taken against employees, as well as employers "who fail Record of subscriptions received from to comply with safety regulations."

## ANTI-FASCIST ARTISTS

HOLLYWOOD.-More than 30 persons joined the newly-formed Artists's Branch TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_\_144 of the American League Against War and Fascism at its first meeting held in Hollywood recently. The new organization is

## Farm Leaders Rap Green

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The action of President William Green of the A. F. of L. in opposing enactment of the Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing bill has resulted in widespread condemnation both by organized labor bodies and farmers' organizations throughout the country. The national president of the Farmers' Union, E. H. Everson, and the Union's secretary, Edward E. Kennedy, in a statement on Green's action point out that Green assured them in February, 1935, that he favored passage of the Frazier-Lemke Bill, and they intimate that Green's switch was made as part of a political deal.

(The San Mateo Labor Council has passed a motion condemning Green for his stand against the Frazier-Lemke Bill).

## S. F. Federal Theatre Displays Fine Talent

#### **SMASHES HEARSTIAN** FAILURE FABLE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20 .- The wealth of talent and ability that has been gathering dust on America's depression shelves is well indicated in the recent productions of the Federal Theatre Project here.

Enrolling its artists from among the unemployed the local project is giving San Francisco a theatre as competent and considerably more vital than commercial playhouses.

In the current production "Chalk Dust" at the Columbia, director W. E. Watts has turned out a finished product that is reaping a bumper crop of applause.

#### EXCELLENT ACTING

Phil Mathias, in the role of a bewildered, poverty haunted high school student, delivers a performance that will stick in the minds of the audience for a long time after they have forgotten the play itself.

Barry Drew, Ruth Saville, Richard Allen and David Cole in their characterizations of a city high school faculty, evidence ability that amounts to pretty serious indictment of William Randolph Hearst's accusation that America's unemployed are in the "incompetents" and the "won't works."

#### HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

The play, "Chalk Dust," is an uncompromising portrayal of the shortcomings of the American educational system and the effects of corrupt political influence on the schools. Where it falls down is in the reactions of the characters to the situation. The problem confronting school teachers is presented graphically. But all of the characters react to the "problem" in a weak, bewildered, hopeless manner.

The bourgeois pessimism that "human nature is lousy' dominates most of the play and throws it off balance to the extent that there is not one single character who acts with any courage, decisiveness or vitality. Some of them manifest sporadic revolts, but, on the whole, they retreat into poetic melancholy whenever confronted by diffi-

#### "HUMAN NATURE"

The play hints at possible methods of attacking the problem, but in every case where organized protest from either students or faculty is attempted, it fails because the "human nature" of the characters causes them to either sell out or be fright-

ened. This, of course, is plain distortion. At the conclusion of the play (it breaks tion picture there is shown the tremendous off unexpectedly rather than coming to any conclusion), one of the persecuted "Men On Wings," is important not only school teachers takes a firm stand against because it is the first air picture to inter- the "system" and determines to "fight it pret in the language of the cinema the es- out." Then the curtain falls with a thum sence, joy, and power of the man who as if eager to cut of ort any indication of any screen it shows how powerfully or- so. By careful scrutiny it can be seen that ganized the Soviet Union is in aviation and the only possible means she has of "fight what technical progress has been achieved. ing it out" is by organizing both students Directed by Y. Raisman, the production and faculty. It is very doubtful if the mascreen artists including V. V. Shchukin uring this out. Before they get that far, is very brave, but the whole thing is hope

## MISSING CHARACTER

It takes a problem and then portrays the victims of that problem as hopelessly unequal to solving it. That, of course, is very unrealistic. It is certain that in a large high school, at least one character with some stamina and courage could be found. That character is left out of "Chalk Dust."

Despite these shortcomings, William Randolphh Hearst finds the play very terrifying

### C. S. PRISONERS GET TRANSFERED FROM JUTE MILL LABORS

SAN QUENTIN PRISON.—As a result of mass pressure exerted upon prison officials, the four Criminal Syndicalism Act victims imprisoned here have all been transferred out of the jute mill, with its unbearable working conditions.

Only Al Hougardy has any connection with the jute mill whatsoever, and he is working as a carpenter away from the regular part of tthe mill and its clouds of disease-producing rust.

Pat Chambers is now working in the flower garden, and Jack Crane is playing in the prison orchestra, and working in the patch room. Martin Wilson is following his trade as draughtsman, and working in the draught room.

The C. S. victims have requested a donation of subscribing to the Seattle Starand the Portland Oregonian, to be sent both here and to the women prisoners at Tehachapi Prison. About \$10 is needed for the subscriptions; donations will be received by the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market street, San Francisco.

## CHACO WAR ECHOES

ASCUNCION, Paraguay.-Possible renewal of hostilities between Paraguay and Bolivia loomed here with public proclamations that Paraguay has not gained anything from the protocol which ended the Chaco War. The announcements were in the newspaper Noticias which implies government approval of the sentiment.

Get your local to go on record supporting the Committee for Industrial Organi-

## Seeing REDID

## By Michael Quin

#### POLITICS AND UNIONS

"Brother chairman! That is a political matter and doesn't concern us here. We are a union. Not a political organization. I move that the matter be drop-

There is one of them ready to pop up in every union meeting whenever a matter pertaining to politics is broached.

And whenever the matter is dropped, the employer heaves a sigh of relief, buys himself a cigar and celebrates.

The unions are a tremendous political power, and he knows it. It is worth a good deal of money to him to keep the unions out of politics. In fact, it's well worth his while not to take any chances -to see to it that a man is planted in every union meeting to pop up with this litlte speech.

That doesn't mean that every man who voices this sentiment is a boss plant. Some of them are just misled-or fools. But the plant is there just the same in case the fools fail.

Can you imagine a member of the Industrial Association or the Chamber of Commerce standing up in meetings and saying, "That is a political matter. Let's drop it?"

Not a chance. The organized employers know the importance of politics. They know it so well that they run politics. Both the Republican and Democratic parties are nothing more nor less than the political organizations of the united em-

Why is it that there is no political organization of united labor?

Why is it that when union men go to the polls they have to vote for one or the other of the boss machines?

There is the Communist ticket and the Socialist ticket, of course. But perhaps the union man is not convinced of either the Communist or Socialist programs. Maybe it's prejudice. Maybe he doesn't know much about them. In any case, he's ready to vote progressive or pro-labor.

But instead, he throws his vote away on a capitalist candidate and the fragment of democracy that does exist in America today doesn't do him a damned

It would be swell if all union men would vote Communist. But if we are going to wait until the majority of the crican working class is educated as

what Comunism is and why they should vote for it, we'll be losing a lot of valuable time, and paying for it by a lot of reactionary legislation.

Until a united front rarmer-Labor Party is organized in America, the workingman is going to have to continue going to the polls and voting for a candidate who was bought, paid for, decided on and ballyhooed by the very employer his union is organized to cope with.

It would be easy to work out a platform and program that all union men, all farmers, all Communists, all Socialists, all progressive organizations could agree on and vote for.

All of them agree that labor should have the right to organize, bargain collectively and strike.

All of them believe in freedom of speech and assembly. All of them believe in old age pensions.

All of them believe in unemployment insurance.

All of them are opposed to war. All of them are opposed to fascism.

On these and scores of other issues, there is complete unity of opinion among a majority of the American population. The hard job is to get them together; to get them to unite their strength; to get them to elect delegates, meet together, hammer out the details and accomplish this important job.

Working against this unity are thousands of hired disrupters, red-baiters, political freaks and what-not.

There is the man who pops up and says unions have no place in politics.

Meanwhile, your boss governs the most of your life by his absolute ownership and dictatorship over industry. And the same boss governs the rest of your life by his organized control over the government. And democracy, for all the good it does you, is a faded word on a historical document preserved under glass in the Congressional library. And the stars and stripes, which you were taught to cherish as a symbol of government "Of the people, by the people and for the people," becomes a hot griddle on which your boss can fry you to his heart's con-

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

ROME, Italy.—Mussolini has just nam' d his son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, for the post of foreign minister. Rumor is that Ciano is being trained by Il Duce to succeed him as dictator when he dies. The yong Count previously held the post of minister of propaganda. During the Ethiopia war, he commanded the notorius "Desperate" squadron of bombing planes. should arrange that each section concen- ldo so.

## HAVE TO LOCALIZE **ELECTION ISSUES**

COMMUNIST PARTY Campaign To Further Struggle for United Front Farmer Labor Party, in California And nation

#### By George Maurer.

Our Party has a great opportunity and responsibility in the election field this year. The political consciousness of the working people in California is growing. It takes the form of a growing desire for united front against reaction, fascism and war, of growing local movements for united political action.

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor Party, the Communist Party is running a whole slate of candidates for Congress and the state assembly. Thus we make sure that the laboring, farming and middle class folks have an opportunity to support a party whose immediate and ultimate program is in the interest of the toilers, a party which fights for a people's front-Farmer-Labor Party.

Comrade Browder says-We must constantly sound the keynote, in every angle of the election campaign, that the issue before the country is the fight against reaction, that the main concentration of fascist forces is to be found in the Republican Liberty League-Hearst combination, and that the masses cannot rely upon Roosevelt to act as a barrier to those forces; that on the contrary Roosevelt is retreating before them and what is necessary above all, is inde-

pendent political action. Only on the basis of this policy, with boldness and the fullest clarity, can we develop a mass election campaign which will be a blow at reaction and teach labor and the people to break with the old policy of supporting the two old capitalist parties.

#### LOCALIZE THE ISSUES

In the 1934 election campaign our main weaknesses were that we did not lead in local struggles and issued, in the neighborhood districts, connecting and concretizing the planks of our platform with the needs and grievances of the people in the particular locality; that we did not make close living contact with the working masses—in the unions especially, or in homes, Epic Clubs, etc. We can overcome these weaknesses if our Party, in the assembly districts and units, and all committees, have the will to do it. We must have lots of initiative, must learn "politics" thoroughly, patiently and persistently dig into details, be alert to the issues.

Our candidates must lead in local struggles and political activities. They should be released from other Party work and have campaigning as their major activity. Different groups of workers must be reached on the basis of their foremost interestssuch as maritime workers, agricultural labor, farmers, Townsendites, Negro people,

## POPULARIZE OUR CAMPAIGN

Between now and June 28th, we must give lots of publicity to our National Nominating Convention, just as capitalist parties do, and arouse a great interest in the radio broadcast on June 28th. If in 1934 we had 31 broadcasts in California, this year we should triple the number. This means to build up a radio fund of \$1000 to \$2000 dollars.

We dramatize our candidates and platform, contrasting our concrete proposals with general promises of reactionary and demagogic candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties. In centering our fight against reaction, we must expose all alliances of other candidates with financial interests, and connections they and their sponsors have with Chambers of Commerce, Liberty League or other anti-labor outfits, and expose their record in public office or affairs. We can issue questionaires to them, challenge to debate, arrange symposiums, conduct round table conferences.

Ratification conferences and mass rallies should be held in June and July. Special clubs for support of individual candidates can be started.

We must stress the positive side d our platform, in every concrete way, against the C. S. law and vigilantism, support of organized labor, unemployed and old age insurance, etc. We should "smoke out" the other candidates and their stand on the main issues, including their stand on the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party.

ors. Will we be better this year? Series of of leaflets should be issued in every assembly and congressional district, explaining (and localizing) the planks of our platform, adding special local issues, popularizing our candidates. Local districts should make use of Browder's reports and speeches, zations. In large congressional districts, in- Manchuria." and of the California District Resolution, etc., in leaflets and in special election bulletins (extracts or condensed). The Party state platform especially should be popular-

#### FULL MOBILIZATION OF PARTY AND SYMPATHIZERS

The other parties succeed in getting a mobilization of their forces, and supporters, on a district and even precinct basis. We need to do the same, as far as possible. We need strong committees in each assembly and congressional district. We want to set in large cities where there are a number paign. of sections of the Party within the county, and a number of assembly districts. We

## What's a Theme Song for a Picket Line?



RUDY VALLEE (Left) famous crooner, dropped in at a benefit show in New York to aid seamen who recently ended a long strike. Rudy, who is president of the American Federation of Actors and a member of the Musicians' Union,

joined his fellow music makers on the picket line in a recent strike of musicians in New York. He is shown talking over union affairs with Joseph Curran, leader of the Coast rank and file seamen.

## A DIARY OF A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By LeMae

XIII.

swarmed with sampans and junks. Shrill, cesses. excited voices pierced the air as thin, yellow Although well aware of the fact that they hands grasped at several black dots bobbing count little in the future plans of the world, One more flimsy craft had been sunk by cided to bait one of them. some onrushing steamer—in a hurry to make the bar at flood tide.

he guided the ship past the scene of the the bar. "Why don't you go back to Russia?"

Like Kobe, war ships were very conspicious by their absence at Shanghai. Only cruiser dipped her colors to us. Ahead of something to convince herself. And Hearst quated model. "They got her from the tion, "Do you think you will ever be able Russians in 1905," the bo'sun's mate nodded to go back there again?" towards the ship as she dipped her flag.

time." A prospective Young Communist viks have complete control of the country." Leaguer ordinary seaman declared with an air of conviction.

noticeable was the atmosphere. Tense. Most marked of all and a very good barometer of the locality is the district change in the attitude of the ricksha drivers. From

a cowering subjective state of only two years ago they have become militant, almost bordering on open hostility toward the

The change is not in my imagination. saw a white man on the Bund step up and spilled some wine on her dress. They then slap the face of a too persistent ricksha fled to Harbin, China. driver. Two years ago a mere threatenthem would have dispersed instantly. Even miserable for us. We came to Shanghai." the local papers gave two and half editorial columns to the "lowly" ricksha driver the Chinese move you out of here?" in a literary effort to placate them.

Although all the war ships are at Tsing-

Sunday, no less than four military pa- Chinese girls?" rades of "local defense forces" were staged on the streets of Shanghai. British, Portu- nice." I tried to hide my animosity to this coolie wages under slave conditions; the guese, Municipal police—and White Russians. victous and treacherous chauvinism. Parading under an old Czarist banner the White Russian regiment came in for a mild rebuke from the local press for using an emblem entirely "unconnected with any particular regime in Russia." The press petulantly pointed out that "practically all nations in the International Settlement are Chinese girl in question. in diplomatic relationship with the Soviet-Union."

Nowhere does the so-called "old Russian men as in Shanghai. Every one of the crew has his "Russian Princess." Not even entirely welcome in Shanghai, the parasitic fellow who spoke fairly good English. He by the convention. emigrees from Russia congregate in their was Swiss and told us that he had lived in own special dance halls and cabarets where they compete with Chinese sing song girls. We-the entire deck gang-went to one

We are known as good leaflet distribut- trate on an assembly district. In San Francisco, one section has taken over some territory from another section so as to function on an assembly district basis. In some cases, one large section might be responsible for two assembly districts. This should be worked out by our county organicluding a number of counties and a few trict campaign committees will be needed.

Industrial units and trade union fractions will need help so as to bring our election campaign and platform into the unions- to the membership, not only from the top. Every Party comrade should develop a friendly contact with people he knows in unions, Epic and Townsend clubs, Socialist Party, etc.

Full steam ahead to put over a big jobthe fight against reaction and the struggle up campaign headquarters in dozens of for the United People's Front, by means of the restlessness of the Chinese population." those unemployed who are forced to accept towns and neighborhoods. This means that a most extensive and energetic election cam-

of the joints. Twenty-five cents Mex only "Plenty of men in China." We were 8 cents in gold—allowed us the extraordipassing a spot on the Whangpoo which nary privilege of dancing with Russian Prin-

and swirling in the swift Yangtse current. nevertheless out of pure orneriness I de-I singled out one of them who stood the

glare of the shadowy lights a little better Indifferent, and almost contemptuous, the than her companions. After two dancesremark was made by our English pilot as "two tickets please"-I invited her over to I asked with an air of great innocence.

"I don't like the Bulsheviks. They spoil my country." Her voice had a very artitwo of them were in port. A new French ficial bitterness to it—like she was saying

"It is hopeless for us," she waved to the "I'll bet they won't find it so easy this others, "to even dream of it. The Bulshe-After another dance she told her story. The same one I had heard before—in the And like Japan, about the only change foc'sle from the lips of some completely taken in seamen-from the lips of other hig estate. Came the Revolution and they were "cruelly" thrown out of their home -a home which had been theirs for generations. Her grandmohter had been a court favorite. She interrupted her heartbreakin Russian at the bartender who accidentally

> "Why didn't you stay there?" The Japanese came there and made life L couldn't resist. "Where will you go when

The look on her face told clearly that this was not an unexpected problem. I left her any means left the city. On the contrary, venomously, "Why do you dance with

She persisted. "Chinese girls are not as

good as white girls."

From there we went to a bar in the

China for 30 years. of the political outlook in China.

He answered by saying, "Shansi province is only 2000 miles from Shanghai. Propathere are plenty of men in China,"

One of the French sailors leaned over and asked the Swiss something. "He wants Russia or Japan in the event of war in

"Tell him that if the workers of the Party sections, special Congressional Dis- United States can form an effective 'Front Populaire' not a single bit of war material will reach Japan." The sailor smiled in recognition when I mentioned the Front

"How about the population here—the whites—what is their opinion of any impending clash between Russia and Japan?

house and then answered, "Our Russian these three resolutions. friends in Shanghai lose either way. The

"Plenty of men in China."

## **JOBLESS UNIONS'** STRENGTH GROWS

Basic Issues Which Will Face 300 Delegates From 100 Organizations As mentioned in Of Unemployed at July 11-12 Convention in Los Angeles

#### By ALEX NORAL, Organizer, California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations.

The significance of this second state convention of the California State Federation of Unemployed Organizations, is the contrast between the composition of forces making for this convention-and the composition of the first convention held in Sacramento March 11, 1935. Also significant are numerous problems facing the July 11-12 convention in Los Angeles, problems arising out of the demands of the unemployed, their everyday needs and wants, and their struggle for recognition as an organized section of the working people.

At the first convention there were 255 delegates representing 143 different organizations, but only 40 of these were unemployed organizations, and these in the main were very small and insignificant groups. One hundred and three of these organizations represented were, in the main, fraternal groups, churches, and 14 trade unions as well as two or three political groups. It was from this composition that the Federation of Unemployed was born and started out to build a mass unemployed movement in this state.

At the convention in July will be approximately 300 delegates representing over 100 chartered unemployed organizations with a total of over 13,000 paid up members. There will be a much larger representation of fraternal delegates from the

#### WORKERS' ALLIANCE

These, over 100 chartered locals of unemployed, are the successful results of the State Federation in uniting all of the unemployed organizations in this state under its banner, with the exception of course, her lay a Japanese war ship-of an anti- should have heard her answer to my ques- of the Workers' Alliance which, in the last period, has attempted to organize an opposition movement without much success, and is now confined to about three small groups in the East Bay area. The Federation is now attempting to negotiate an agreement with the Alliance in an effort to unite them in the State Federation at the convention

A real mass enthusiasm has developed around this conventoin throughout the whole "Russian Princesses." Her father had had a unemployment movement in the state. This enthusiasm is not based on any illusions that the convention is going to be a pink-teaparty. On the contrary, every unemployed local knows the tremendous tasks befor the convention, the innumerable basic probing sob-story to deliver a roundhouse curse lems to be solved as a result of their own experiences in the last period. Among these are: the question of uniting with the Workers' Alliance of America on a national and local scale; inner organizational problems such as uniformity, coordination of our efforts, leadership, etc., and electing the new state executive committee and of-

## MAIN QUESTION

But, the main questions, aside from these tao, which is north of China and south of for a while to dance with a Chinese girl. technical ones, are the questions of what Manchuria, not all of the soldiers have by When I returned the "Princess" spat at me forms of struggle and around what basic "What's the matter? Chinese girls are workers being forced into agriculture at question of unemployment and social security; the question of Public Works projects at trade union wages and hours; (the Marc-"Chinese girls are better than white girls antonio Works Standard Bill); the Workers' white Russian girls— who knife their Rights Amendment to the Constitution; the benefactors in the back," I retorted and left National Youth Act, and the question of At present, the physicians are forced to for the more pleasant company of the supporting the struggle of labor for the give their time free. 30-hour week law.

The unemployed in California must be-French Concession. The place was full of come a real factor in the politics of this sailors from the French cruiser. Like the state. Especially important is the question aristocracy" take the ribbing handed out American navy they were just kids. We of the unemployed in every community of by the cynical and skeptical American cea- bought four of them a round of beer. Not the state coming forward with their own one of them could speak English. The pro- candidates in the elections. Therefore, the prietor joined us. An amiable and fat little election campaign of 1936 will be taken up

The state assembly in the special session held May 25th and 26th, passed three im-I asked him cold turkey what he thought portant resolutions in the interest of the unemployed. These were:

1. Calling upon the governor of this state to plate two representatives of the ganda is more dangerous than bullets. And State Federation of Unemployed on the State Relief Commission.

2. Calling upon the State Relief Comto know if the United States would help relief budgets which have been cut approximately 25 per cent.

3. Memorialized the U. S. Congress to pass the Marcantonio Bill.

## MASS PRESSURE NEEDED

These resolutions will only become effective insofar as the unemployed and trade filiated organizations to send a full delesufficient to force these governmental agencies to respect and put into effect the will confronting the unemployed in California. of the assembly as expressed in these resolutions. Therefore the convention will have The propietor ordered us a drink on the to work out a program of action around

The County Supervisors of San Francisco And remember, we have only up to July the dripping fog. I thought of the pilot's as or whenever they get a job. Thus, the Total expense will be 25c per person. 16 to register Communist, and get others to words and the words of the bar keeper, unemployed will be forced into debt to the The Y. C. L holds such social evenings on the city government, who will attempt to con- the last Friday of each month.

## People's Health By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

THE COMING ELECTIONS In line with the Communist Party's cam-STATE ORGANIZER Describes paign for better health conditions for the workers in the Eastbay, I have filed as candidate for supervisor of Alameda County.

> this column before, the Board of Sup-L ervisors have charge of all medical instittions in the county and of relief and are thus in a position to directly affect the health and welfare of tens of thousands

of people. I will run as a Communist on a Communist Party platform in the Berkeley district.

In this announcement of my candidacy, would like to give my reasons why I think work it is necessary for the workers to have at a least one Communist as their representative on the Alameda County board of Super-

SUPERVISORS VERSUS THE PEOPLE From time to time, I have brought accounts in this column of the struggle of the unemployed organizations for better medi cal care in the county. This struggle from the outside has netted many gains in this field, but it has been very difficult because the workers have had no representatives bear of their own on the inside of the admin jest istration and law-making bodies to take to

The officials, including present Supervisor sor Caldecott from the Berkeley district, 215 w have all been put into office by capitalist political machines, which see to it that these in the officials serve only the interests of the cap-frit italists. That is why Dr. Black, head of the hospital appointed by the supervisors visit and the board itself, have turned down the proposals of the Federation of Unemployed Wil and Allied Organizations for improvement of the hospital and clinics, using only flimsy 1448 excuses.

More specifically, these capitalist politicians, including Caldecott, are to blame for the Blinding of Bobby Edell, the East Oakland boy who lost his eyesight because of neglect in the clinics, due to overcrowded conditions. They are to blame for the fact that William Peretti, Berkeley WPA work er, nearly lost his life because of a delayed non appendix operation. It can be laid at their door that Mrs. R. S. of Berkeley was forced Will to have her baby without any medical or nursing attention, because the county ami bulance refused to take her to the hispital: 1886 could fill a page with examples of the back 🤲 regults of leaving the Board of Supervisors entirely in the hands of the capitalists.

## OUR PLATFORM

Because of the importance of the problem. the platform up on which I am running concerns itself mainly with definite proposals for doing away with the scandalous conditions that make such cases as the above possible. If I am elected supervisor, I will-say work as hard on the inside of the Board ... as I have on the outside, for "complete, rate adequate, scientific medical, dental, and sur gical service for all those unable to pay to

for this service through private resources!! you In order to accomplish this, I will work for the following:

1. "Prevention of overcrowding in the county institutions through construction of issues these struggles must be waged. These new buildings and improvement of the include: the question of relief and WPA present ones, installing sufficient modern equipment."

2. "Increase of the medical, nursing, technical, and other staff sufficient to give each and patient scientific attention. Payment of the doctors if and when they decide that it is necessary, on the basis of an agreement with the doctors' elected representatives.

3. "Complete dental service for all patients on clinic rolls that is necessary to maintain their health and maintain their teeth intact, including fillings dentures, and plates." At present, clinic patients must let their teeth rot in their heads as no dental service is offered, except pulling under certain circumstances.

4. "Appointment, as members of the Institutions Commission, of doctors chosen by the unemployed organizations and the tradeous unions." This will give the workers a voice in the administration of the institutions

5."Establishment of a broad committee to investigate the County Institutions and was making proposals for further improvement

fiscate any wages of anyone who may get six 2. Calling upon the State Relief Commission to restore the former SERA direct a job. This, if passed in San Francisco, a job. This, if passed in San Francisco, will set a precedent that will be followed as out by all local governments in the state These and many other local issues will be before the convention which will lay out the program of struggle for the ensuing period. The State Federation of Unemployed Organizations urges all of its afunions of the state organize mass pressure gation to the convention in an effort to solve collectively all of these burning problems

## Y.C.L. PLANS BEACH SOCIAL

SAN FRANCISCO.—On Friday, June 26 the Young Communist League is to have a beach social in place of the regular meetrest of the people are more worried about have before them a proposed plan whereby ing. Transportation from 121 Haight street. will be provided at 8 p.m. sharp. There On the tender back to the ship in the relief from the city, will have to pay back will be a wiener roast, trumpet and guitar early morning Shanghai looked deserted in to the city all they receive in relief as soon duet, a harmonica solo and mass singing

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# Striking Millmen Inspire Organizational Drive In L.A.

## STRIKE RANKS STILL SOLID AS WORKERS PICKET SEVEN FACTORIES STILL UNSIGNED

New Maneuver of Millowners Laughed at by Workers Who Describe It as Worse Than Company Union: M. & M. Takes Side of Bosses In The Strike

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES.—The store fixture workers here are now entering their eleventh week of strike, with 450 men still walking the picket line against the seven remaining unsigned plants, led by Millmen and Cabinet Makers' Union, Local 884, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

California

Labor Notes

County Central Labor Council

went on record to reject the re-

commendation of the executive

board for indorsement of the

Committee for industrial Organi-

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cil to take any action one way or

the other at this time. Progres-

sives will continue the fight for

RICHMOND.-C. J. Alveras

was elected president, Don Kis

the agreement. Those who failed

to sign by July 1 will be de-

clared against organized labor.

In that event all unions will be

bent non-union contractors from

MARTINEZ.-G. H. Edwards

Oil Workers' Local 5. Installa-

SELBY.-Enlargement opera-

An organization committee of 15

OAKLAND .- The Oakland Lo-

to deal only with open shop con-

cerns. But the merchants know

union conscious and refuse to

kept in mind that all of the men

industrial unionism.

Ten weeks ago 1200 men responded in general strike in the store fixture industry, after eight weeks of unsuccessful attempts to ecure amicable understanding with the employers. Seventeen shops have already signed agreements with the union, calling for: \$1 per hour minimum for skilled mechanics inside the mills; \$1.10 for outside installation men; time and one-half for overtime, except Saturdays and Sundays, when double-time zation on the grounds that it is is to be paid; adequate apprenticeship system to train future mechanics; recognition of the union, and the hiring of union men

Less than a dozen men have broken ranks to go back to scab. Production in the struck mills is virtually at a standstill, since ter vice-president and Piere Althe union has practically every linnio, secretary of Painters Loskilled fixture worker locally in cal 500. Outgoing officers were its ranks. Millowners, notably W. E. McDonald, President and Karl Weber of Weber Showcase L. W. Scott, secretary. Secreand Fixture Company, have tried tary Scott said last week that to get strikebreakers from the the wage contract recently aneast with little success. The few nounced for painters applies only scabs proved valueless since they to contractors who have signed were not skilled men.

WHERE IT HURTS

The strike cuts deep into the pocketbooks of the stubborn millowners, who are not able to instructed to take action to preproduce quickly and profitably, to install their fixtures. Merchants who have stocked scab fixtures have their stores picketed, and invariably have had to has been elected secretary of reconsider their decisions.

The striking millmen have in- tion of new officers takes place spired the rest of organized labor the first Monday in July. Ap- of L. However, several leaders here to such an extent that the proimately 40 new applications of the former caucus of 33 unions Saturday "boycott" picket lines for membership in the local are which supported legal action before downtown stores hand- still to be acted on. A grand against the Pacific Coast organi- lieve that any one in the progresling unfair products, is taking on greater dimensions, with great to celebrate the local's growth. er successes.

The bosses have countless times attempted to bluff and tions are in process at the Selby stampede the men back to work, smelter plant. There has been issuing "last warnings" to the a splendid response toward Lomen. But the strike remains so- cal 51 of the Mine, Mill and Among other gains, the agreelid and the men grow ever more Smelter Workers' Union by new determined to win their full men going to work at the plant. demands.

Latest maneuver of the mill- has been reporting many new owners is an association among applications steadily. Because of won by the employees of the six of the unsigned plants, pur- the growth of the organization, porting to establish an agree- it seems certain that negotiations strike threats made after a petiment to maintain open shop for may be conducted in September tion for higher wages was turned two years. It declares there will toward an agreement with the down in April. The wage inbe no discrimination between operators union and non-union workmen, but actually means to give preference to non-union men. It cal of the Mine, Mill and Smelter gives workers the "right" to take Workers has obtained a closed up grievances with the employer, shop with the Six Companies who must not "chisel" against contruction (tunnelling) outfit. the worker on pain of paying a fine to the association.

WORKERS LAUGH

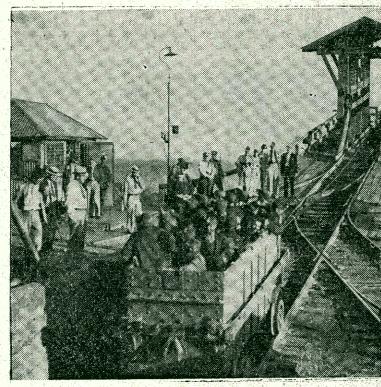
The workers have met this on which side their bread is move with much derisive laugh- buttered, and that for the most ter and have branded it as even part, Los Angeles citizens are worse than a company union. The strike committee issued a walk through picket lines to buy statement to the men, declaring: products. The M. & M. is at-"All the ballyhoo in the press tempting to smash this strike as from the millowners is not a a first step to smash the organisign of their strength but of zation drive taking place in L. their weakness. If they didn't A, at the present time. The millneed us badly, they wouldn't men are conscious of their great Milk Wagon Drivers' Union. cedent against organized labor. even say a word in the news- responsibility in this connection When Pires, local manager of The suits were brought because papers. Weber and the other and are ready to do battle to the the company was invited to ap- of boycotts against the planing millowners can't make the fix- finish. Other members of organitures. We're the ones who can zed labor are also becoming to show why his company the suits. and they haven't got us.

"We all know what it would rallying ever more firmly in mean to go back to work under support of the strikers, both the scale and conditions set forth, financially and morally. But this by the employers. In no time, must be even more strengthened. every concession we have won . The union has issued an ap- Waitresses Union No. 48, candi- pany had failed to carry out in the last year would be lost peal for funds so as to help the dates are Frankie Behan for its agreement by which the first and we would be reduced to strikers in their fight against starvation wages and working un-American reaction. conditions unfit for American citizens. If the employers think they can secure peace in the in- Coast has been assigned to work dustry in such a way they are with the local to secure settle- treasurer. Elections take place of the Amalgamated Assn. of

UNION CONSCIOUS

The Merchant and Manufac- are affected by the settlement. statement calling on merchants all men,

LOWEST FORM OF MANKIND



ARMED STRIKEBREAKERS leaving the Tennessee Coal and Iron C.o. ore mine at Red Mountain, near Birmingham, Ala. The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union is leading a strike of 2500 miners against layoffs, wage cuts and speedup in the Steel Trust's Alabama mines. The thugs brought in by this powerful corporation have been the cause of pitched battles.

## **Progressive Explains Situation In** Central Labor Council of San Diego

The following is the state that has never been convened.

information on the San Diego labor situation, and according to superior court opinion I should still be president of the County Federated Trades and Labor

"Local labor progressives feel that they were completely vinthat all of Joseph M. Casey's actions in San Diego were illegal, even though ordered by William Green, President of the A. F.

nent of progressive Harry C. "Therefore the business agents, Steinmetz of the legitimate San principally of the Building Tra-Diego Central Labor Council, des Council, have sent a transand it ought to clear up a few script of the court opinion to independent steel workers union attempting to make the Federthe Executive Council of the A. "I have been importuned for F. of L., lately in session, with request for re-convocation of the Council. It is my opinion that a Federal Court order will be necessary.

"In the meantime, some those who precipitated the disruption are engaging in a campaign of calumny and mis-repredicated by the court opinion sentation, apparently designed to split the progressive forces and to carry popular favor through red-baiting. However, there is no reason to believe that progressive sentiment has been permanently injured.

"Also there is no reason to beelected delegates cannot obligate try to secure an editor from the each other and so convene the Western Worker staff, as charged council while Casey's remnants by the Labor Leader, which has to act as officers of a Council without a following."

ment grants a hiring hall.

PITTSBURGH.—A 10 to 15 per cent wage increase has been Redwood Mfg. Co. here, settling crease is retroactive to June 8.

SAN PEDRO.—Phoney proposals of the Vegetable Oil Products Co. were turned down unanimously by the Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union, and it tlement of last January. The unand 75 cents for operators.

SAN MATEO.-The Golden State Milk Co., Ltd. has gone on the "We don't patronize" list of the San Mateo Labor Council. This company has refused to alpear before the Labor Council and woodworking mills bringing aware of the situation and are shouldn't be declared unfair, he failed to show up.

nual elections for officers of within a week, after the compresident, unopposed; Sarah Mc strike was ended. On June 7, Kee and Phylis Smith, unoppos- after a one-day strike, the com-Brother Don Cameron, general ed for two vice-presidential pany promised a 12 per cent representative on the Pacific posts. Emma Lacy will oppose wage increase, senority rights, Laura Molleda for secretary and negotiations for recognition ment of the strike. It must be June 25.

turers Association got behind the No settlement can be permitted struggle in your locality, see that on recognition. millowners and issued a press which is not first voted on by the Western Worker becomes the organ of that struggle.

## With Organized Labor Through The U.S.A.

Workers. The cooperation of the ism. United Miners local there help was voted to carry the demands ed a great deal. It was reported 55 cents an hour for laborers agreement. All but 20 of the joined the union.

> Peoria, Ill.-Three suits totaling a half million dollars by employers, against the building un-

BALTIMORE.—All 1500 employees of the Eastern Rolling Mills SAN FRANCISCO.—In the an- struck here for the second time Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. As a result of orders from Bethle-If there's a strike or other hem Steel, the company renigged

CHICAGO .- Company union

Nevada A. F. L Backs C. I. O.

RENO, Nev.—Support of industrial unionism and of the Committee for Industrial Organization was the gist of a resolution adopted by the convention of the Nevada State Federation of Labor.

The resolution passed by an overwhelming vote after a short but heated debate. Nevada's federation joins the Virginia and ther state ederations in supporting industrial unionism.

#### Organizing Unions in Deep South No Cinch

GADSEN, Ala.—Beating up of Sherman H. Dalrymple, president of the United Rubber Workers' Union, and the brutal reaking up of a union meeting by Goodyear Tire thugs here hows what organized labor has to contend with in the deep

Frank Grillo, secretary-treas urer of the Union, has written Frank Morrison, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L., asking aid in prosecuting the thugs responsible for the attack.

Dalyrmple went to Gadsden to investigate the dismissal of two men because of union activities.

elections in the South Works told the old fogies that they of the Carnegie Steel resulted were perverting actions of the in defeat of the boss-backed candidates. 22 endorsed by the order to "muzzle those who are were elected.

PHILADELPHIA.—Over 1000 workers in McCahan Sugar Refinery here are on strike for a 10 cents an hour wage raise and recognition of their Federal un-

ployees of three Diamond Shoe plants were locked out. They are members of the Brotherhood of Shoe and Allied Craftsmen.

PITTSBURGH. -- Progressives have been elected by large majorities in many of the company picnic will be held on July 26 zer now feel that the properly sive caucus ever intended to union elections of June 12-13. Progressives were elected in Carnegie-Illinois mills in Homepossess the charter and continue become a nasty little weekly kin Mill of the American Steel C. I. O. remains unaltered." and Wire. All these are U.S. Steel subsidiaries. At least 50 Committee (sponsored by the C I. O.) has declared openly that its drive includes plans to take over the company unions.

> MEMPHIS.—The 14th general Akron,-The organization of men has voted to reduce local behind the C. J. O. the big Kelley-Springfield Tire union dues from \$2.50 to \$1.50 Meanwhile, the Steel Workers plant at Cumberland, Md. is re- a month, to facilitate organiza- Organizing Committee, backed by ported as the latest success of tion. The convention again went the C. I. O., is getting down to the industrial United Rubber on record for industrial union- brass tacks in organizing the

for wage increases to arbitration, that the American Hard Rubber averaging 5.78 per cent are gain- ganizers will be in the field as guaranteed by the strike set- at Butler, N. J., where about ed by the Street Cam Men's 90% of the workers had joined Union, bringing the scale back to that the steel companies will try ion is holding to demands of the union, had signed a union the 1929 level, under an author- to block the organization drive 1300 workers in the Chicopee District Court to the trustee of increase. Falls, Mass. rubber industry have the Public Service Co. The new scale runs from 52 to 76 cents an

low its employees to join the ions here, make a dangerous pre ornia know through the Western been won, despite the arrest of correspondent.

# GREEN BY GIO

Six Most Powerful A. F. L Unions Lose No Time Showing They Mean Business

of 10 of the important unions held forth in "red-baiting style affiliated with the Committee for de luxe at the Alameda County Industrial Organization lost lit- Central Labor Council seems to tle or no time in flatly repecting be one of a series of steps on the A. F. of L. executive coun- the part of the reactionary labor cil's demand that they throw up officials to stop the wave of

The International Ladies' Garment Workers, the International Typographical, the Mine, Mill and Smelter, the United Textile Workers, the United Mine Workers and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers were pretty sharp in refusing to quit the C. I. O. despite the craft unionists' threat of dire punishment.

These unions are just about the GROWTH OF PROGRESSIVISM ream of the A. F. of L.

#### MUZZLING TACTICS

Charles P. Howard, president of the Typos, wrote George M. Harrison, of the A. F. of L Executive Council's subcommittee that the demand for dissolving the C. I. O. is "entirely unjustified and cannot be supported with evidence or logic." He 1935 A. F. of L. convention in ation more powerful and more representative."

David Dubinsky, on behalf of the general executive board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, told Harrison that "it is the inherent right of our union as well as any other union to advocate individually methods or in the form of or- the old unions quite a few of ganization." He called the ex- the reactionaries have been put ecutive council's actions "con- on the shelf, to be replaced by trary to democratic procedure." progressives.

a natural progressive step in the sive. stead, Duquesne, Braddock, Ran- bor . . . and our stand with the

next A. F. of L. executive committee will be held in Washington on July 8, when the bluff of the craft union heads will be called as to whether they dare convention of the Almagtmated take real action, such as suspen-Meat Cutters and Butcher Work- sion against the powerful unions

500,000 steel workers. Philip Murray, chairman of the organiz-ST LOUIS.-Wage increases ing committee, says that 50 orwithin a week. It is reported ization granted by the U. S. by granting a 10 per cent wage

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strike of 100 unorganized con-What's happening in your com- struction workers for a union munity? Let the people of Calif- scale of 62 cents an hour has Worker. Be a Western Worker 5 union leaders by the Adams County Sheriff.

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# 'NUTS TO YOU' SPOONER HAS

Had To Bring In Vandeleur When He Was Desperate Because of Progressive Growth

OAKLAND - What happened WASHINGTON, D. C .- Six out when Vandeleur came here and organization and strikes.

> Council Secretary Spooner doesn't find it easy any more to pull the wool over the eyes of the East Bay's organized workers. So Vandeleur came to his rescue and dragged the red herring all over the place. He threatened to lift the Council's charter if all Communists and fraternal delegates aren't elimi-

There has been a great growth of progressivism in the East Bay unions, and it has brought with it tremendous increase in union membership and the organization

of new unions. Along with this the popularity of Spooner has been melting fast. First real break came last September, when the striking members of the Fruit and Nut Packers Union, who had applied to the Council for support, found that Spooner had tried to prevent the organization of this union. Trying to divert attention from himself, Spooner tried to pull the red-herring stunt by attacking the P. W. U. U., but he didn't get to first base and never tried that trick again,

From that time on there has been a marked increase in the number of progressive delegates.

Even a blind man could see "NOTHING DOING" TO GREEN this change occuring, so those Secretary-Treasurer Sherwood supporting Spooner laid off atof the Mine, Mill and Smelter tacking progressive moves for a Workers wrote Harrison that while and Spooner even tried agains t whom nobody said "we believe industrial unionism to palm himself off as a progres

There were so many factories laws permit their seating, alhollering for organization that though it is suddenly discovered The recent executive council it was decided to lump them all that the A. F. of L., constitution meeting gave the C. I. O. unions together into one big federal forbids it. such progressives were elected. two weeks to reply to its letter union instead of organizing them That's the way reactionaries The Steel Workers' Organizing and break up the C. I. O. The into separate federal locals. This act when their backs are to the was done and even before the wall.

Strike of Furniture Workers in S.F. Off; Bosses Meet Terms

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Satisfacory" adjustment of the wages of 1500 workers in the furniture and mattress industries was announced following a day-long conference between the union representatives and the Furniture Manufacturers Assn: A second conference on June 16 will discuss a working agreement.

The union demanded rates f 50 cents an hour for unskilled labor, 65 and 75 cents for skilled men, against present maximum wages of 40 and 50 cents.

charter was received the Boyle Mfg., workers were forced to strike. Spooner began to finagle and brought the workers several sell-out agreements, all of which got the razz. The determined solidarity of the men enabled them to go back with almost all of their demands won.

Right on the heels of this victory the L. A., Young workers were forced to strike and later the American Can. Both belong to the same federal union. All the groups in this union were organized by Miles Humphrey who was then working under Sidney Jacobs, Machinists business agent.

Jacobs is a typical pie-card artist if there ever was one. He liked to pose as a progressive, but when the new nuion was organized he assumed control and appointed the officers in an arbitrary way. He brought in those reactionaries, Spooner and Real, secretary of the Teamsters.

These three almost jocked the Young strikers back to work with absolutely no gains. It was only averted because the strikers had contacted and placed their confidence in the Warehousemen, Tunnel Workers and the P. W. U. U., the latter active in securing relief for the strikers.

Then came the California Cotton Mill strike. Humphreys also organized this, aided by Sonia Baltrum. Spooner wouldn't see the strike committe because Baltrum, whom he said was a Com munist, was on it. The Council to support the strike gave Spooner a slap in face for refusing to see the trike committee.

That's what happened until Vandeleur came in. Vandeleur raised the question of keeping out fraternal delegates, he was about to loose control forward march of organized la- CRYING FOR ORGANIZATION of the Council. The Council by-

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