

# Communism is Twentieth Century Americanism - Hear Earl Browder Speak

"The Communist Party is not a conspirative organization, it is an open revolutionary party, continuing the traditions of 1776 and 1861; it is the only organization that is really entitled by its program and work to designate itself as sons and daughters of the

American Revolution. Communists are not anarchists, not terrorists. The Communist Party is a legal party and Communist Party; it is propagation of advocacy of force and violence does not apply to the Communist Party; it is properly applied only to the Black

Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, and other fascist groupings, and to the strike-breaking agencies and the open shop employers who use them against the working class, who are responsible for the terrible toll of violence which shames our country.

"We are going into the 1936 election campaign to win the masses to the people's front against reaction, fascism and war. Our program is directed to maintain peace, and to advance the economic interests and democratic rights of the workers, farmers and im-

perished middle classes. "This is a fight for liberty for the masses of the people. We are the party of socialism, of the proletarian revolution, of Soviet power. The doctrines of all shades shout against us that to take up the fight for liberty is to abandon

the fight for socialism; such people would make of socialism a product of the study room and laboratory. But socialism will come out of life, out of the class struggle. Only by rousing and organizing millions of people in the fight for liberty can we bring these

millions to the fight for socialism; only that party which is the vanguard of millions in their first struggles will lead these millions to the final struggle of the socialist revolution. Our slogan is the slogan of Lenin: "Through Liberty to Socialism!"

"Forward in the struggle for a new and better life for the masses!" "Forward to a free, peaceful, prosperous and happy America!" (From report of Earl Browder to Ninth National Convention of Communist Party—June, 1936.)

California's C.S. Act Is Anti-Labor—Speed Repeal Petitions!

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# Ten Thousand Hear Communist Nominee In Southland; More Thousands To Jam S. F. Dreamland August 12th

## CIO SETS ITS ORGANIZATION CAMPAIGN GOAL

### Powerful AFL Bodies Answer Council by CIO Support

WASHINGTON — William Green has called the A. F. of L. Executive Council into session for Sept. 7th, in order to make the suspension of 10 powerful C.I.O. unions final. The Executive Council is said to receive daily floods of protest against the reactionary move of the craft-union dominated council to split the ranks of organized labor.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and dominant figure behind the C.I.O., announced that the drive, led by the C.I.O., to organize the over a million and a half unorganized in steel, steel fabrication, auto and rubber would be celebrated despite the action of the Executive Council.

Lewis has thus far made his answer to the Council's action, the expressing of a determination to speed the drive to organize the nation's unorganized workers.

The goals set, since the Council's decision are: to bring the 900,000 workers in steel and steel fabrication into the ranks of organized labor; to organize 50,000 rayon workers into the United Textile Workers Union; to bring 400,000 workers into the United Automobile Workers Union; to bring 150,000 rubber workers into the United Rubber Workers.

Such powerful A. F. of L. bodies as the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor; the New Haven Central Labor Council; the Columbia, Ohio Central Labor Council; "Big Six" Typographical Local, New York, answered the splitting move of the Executive Council with declarations of support to the C.I.O.

## SF Council Is Against Split

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Central Labor Council here last Friday unanimously went on record as calling on the A.F.L. Executive Council "to do everything in its power to prevent any break" in the A.F.L.

This resolution was adopted unanimously after a resolution, which was presented by I.L.A. delegate Schmidt, calling for protest against suspension or expulsion of the 10 C.I.O. unions, was declared by President Vandeleur as not within the jurisdiction of the Council. Vandeleur stated that this question should be "settled by the two groups themselves"

meaning the Council and the C.I.O. This action was taken by Vandeleur, despite the fact that numerous other Central Councils have passed resolutions even endorsing the C.I.O., and despite the fact that no opposition was given from the floor to the I.L.A. resolution.

Several delegates took the floor in favor of the I.L.A. resolution. George Kidwell, progressive A.F.L. leader, and secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, pointed out that Vandeleur usually entertains motions or resolutions with which he agrees, but refuses to entertain those he does not personally agree with.

## Labor's Presidential Candidate

Earl Browder was born May 20th, 1891, in Wichita, Kansas. His grandfather fought in the War of 1812, his father was a schoolteacher, day laborer, and packing house worker.

Left school at age of nine after two years in the grades, but continued to study under parents. Became an active Socialist Party member at 15.

Moving to Kansas City in 1912, became member in syndicalist group in A.F.L., led by William Z. Foster, and published monthly syndicalist magazine, The Toiler, until 1915.

Helped form League for Democratic Control in 1917, organizing popular campaign against U.S. entrance into war and against conscription. Sentenced to year in prison for "refusal to register"; later to two more years in Leavenworth Prison on "conspiracy to defeat draft law."

Released from prison November, 1920, and immediately joined Communist Party in Kansas City. Sent with trade union delegation to first congress of the Red International of Labor Unions in 1921, and elected to international executive.

Edited The Labor Herald, organ of Trade Union Educational League, founded by William Z. Foster. Elected to executive committee of Workers' (Communist) Party of America, December, 1921.

Attended sixth and seventh plenary sessions of Communist International. Went to China for two and one-half years in 1927 as member of International Workers' Delegation. Attended 6th World Congress of Communist International in 1928.

In 1930, at 7th convention of Communist Party, U.S.A., chosen general secretary and has functioned at that post ever since.

In June, 1936, nominated for President of the United States by 9th national convention of Communist Party, U.S.A.

## ILA Executive Meets on Award

SAN FRANCISCO.—To work out a basis for the opening of awards, the Pacific Coast International Longshoremen's Assn. Executive Board opened its sessions at local I.L.A. headquarters Monday.

A coastwise referendum has been going on in the past few days in respect to the opening of awards. The shipowners, in a letter signed by Thomas G. Plant of the Waterfront Employers Assn., twice sought to split the I.L.A. away from the other maritime crafts, in the I.L.A.'s unity with these crafts in regard to opening of awards. The shipowners called for arbitration by the I.L.A., so that the other crafts could be left in the cold. The I.L.A. membership has made plain its desire to support the other crafts in seeking changes in their awards.

## Special Ferry For East Bay

OAKLAND.—Several thousand East Bay workers will come to the Browder meeting in San Francisco via specially chartered ferry, at 10 cents for the roundtrip instead of the usual 42 cents. Supper will be served on the ferry to accommodate workers who work late that day. The ferry will leave the foot of Broadway in Oakland at 6:45 p. m., and will connect with special street cars at the San Francisco Ferry Building, going direct to Dreamland Auditorium.

## Trade Unions Get Going In C.S. Act Repeal

Mobilization of committees from trade unions throughout California to circulate petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act in the shops and in the neighborhoods, was reported by the State Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act, in urging all unions and other mass organizations to follow this example.

Deadline for circulating the petitions in Los Angeles is August 15th, and in San Francisco, August 23rd. Other counties have varying deadlines. Speed up the drive, is the call of the State Conference.

In San Francisco, valuable prizes will be awarded to the three circulators who obtain the most signatures to petitions between August 8th last, and August 23rd, the deadline.

Petitions may still be secured from the State Conference, 68 Haight Street, San Francisco, or from the Southern California Council for Constitutional Rights, 129 West 2nd Street, Room 326, Los Angeles.

## I.L.G.W.U. WINS STRIKE IN L. A.

Closed Shop, Wage Increases Won; Open-Shoppers Sign; "Red Squad" Terror

LOS ANGELES.—The general strike of 3000 dressmakers of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union ended in a victory for the workers with the manufacturers signing a closed union shop agreement here last Friday.

Seventy-five percent of the manufacturers signed the contract which will take effect November 1st for a period of three years. I. Lutsky, manager of the Joint Board of the I.L.G.W.U., announced at a mass meeting of dressmakers at Trinity Auditorium.

The workers returned to work (Continued on page 2, Col 1)

## FASCIST BLACK LEGION KILLERS GET OFF EASY

DETROIT.—Involved in murder activities, three of six fascist Black Legion terrorists here were convicted only of "false imprisonment," and three others were acquitted.

Those convicted were Thomas Cox, Earl Angstadt, and Frederick A. Gully.

A fine of \$2500, or 5 years imprisonment, or both, is the penalty in this state for false imprisonment.

## LABOR LOSES CHAMPION AS STEFFENS DIES

### Famous Journalist Active in Fight for Liberty

CARMEL.—A heart attack which terminated a two-year illness, has silenced the voice and stilled the pen of Lincoln Steffens, one of America's outstanding fighters for human freedom, at the age of 70.

Considered one of the greatest journalists of all time, Steffens early in life took his place on the side of the people and proved



LINCOLN STEFFENS

himself an incorruptible fighter for workers' rights.

Steffens was known and loved by large numbers of Californians for his activity on behalf of the struggles of the working class. He was exceptionally active in the long struggle to free Mooney and Billings. Always outspoken in his denunciation of war and fascism, he was one of the initiators of the American League Against War and Fascism in the United States. In California, his voice led all liberals in defend-

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## Foundries Struck In Stockton

STOCKTON.—Four Stockton casting firms have been paralyzed by a strike of 150 Stockton foundry workers, who demand a wage scale equal to that paid in nearly all northern California plants of this kind.

The strike was called after conferences between the union and employers failed. Frank Brown, secretary of the Moulders Union, to which the strikers belong, said that nearly all foundries in the northern part of the state pay rates of from 52 1/2 to 90 cents an hour. The former is for helpers and laborers; the latter for journeymen.

Wages here in the struck plants are 50 to 85 cents at best. The plants closed are the Monarch, Stockton, Augustine Brass, and Stockton Engineering foundries.

The Moulders Union here was inactive for years, but was recently reorganized. New officers have not yet been elected.

## Dyers Strike L.A. Plants

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—Charged by the Cleaners and Dyers, Local 19989, of violating an agreement signed a week ago, the plants of the Capital Cleaners and the Nu-Way Cleaners and Dyers were closed when 42 workers struck the plants. Workers are picketing the closed shops.

## FASCISTS ARE ON DEFENSIVE IN ALL SPAIN

### Hitler And Mussolini Want Intervention Against Govt.

MADRID.—The Fascist forces in the Guadarramas Mountains are now on the defensive, having lost heavily in an ill-fated attack on Navalperal in which they lost 800 dead, many wounded and many taken prisoner.

The People's Front forces are gathering strength and coordinating all forces for a sweeping offensive to crush the Fascists in the north and in the south.

The government battleship, Jaime I, blew up the Fascist cruiser Dato off Algeiras, which carried a large force of Moroccan troops to the bottom of the straits of Gibraltar.

At Sastago, 37 miles from Zaragoza, 1800 Fascists were taken prisoner.

"The Fascists are now fighting a purely defensive fight," declared Colonel Mangada, commanding government forces in the Guadarramas Mountains. "They are unable to make gains and are attempting to hold present positions."

### Fascists Would Intervene

PARIS.—Immediate intervention in Spain was demanded by both Hitler and Mussolini in reply to the French government's proposal.

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## Dual Local Set Up To Betray Machine Strike

OAKLAND.—The low point in strikebreaking was achieved by the reactionary international officials of the Machinist Union when they issued a charter for a new Machinists local, in order to break the strike of 1800 union machinists now going on in 41 shops.

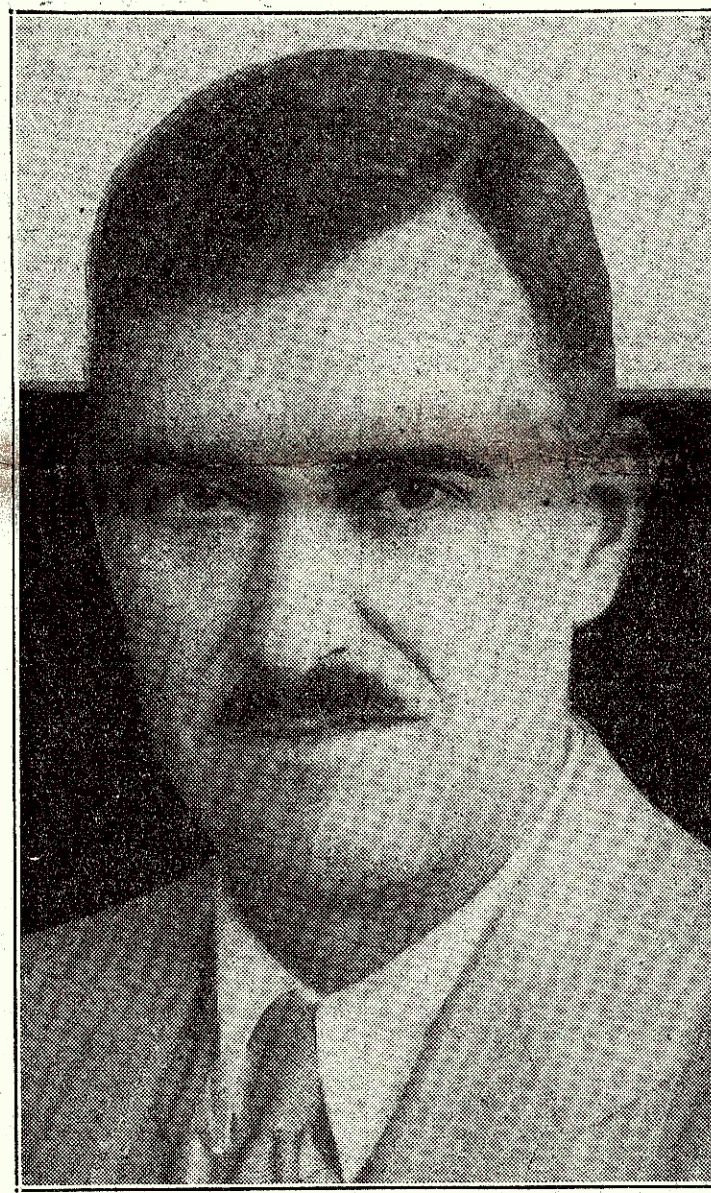
The strike, for higher wages and union recognition, is led by Local 284. As soon as the strike was called, Walter Nash, international organizer of the Machinists, declared it outlaw, and shortly after this the Grand Lodge revoked the charter of the militant local, which has organized thousands of machinists in less than a year.

Nash, who was a member of Local 68, San Francisco, which backed the strike, stated that he had "transferred to another local," after the San Francisco members announced that they would take action against him for his tactics in the East Bay strike.

Awaiting action on a temporary order restraining Local 284 from occupying their headquarters, their funds and their property, Nash was informed by Judge Lazarus that the case would be put over until Monday, August 10.

Frank Sullivan, Local 284 president, and other officers are seeking an injunction to obtain their charter back and to prevent the establishment of the scab local.

# People's Rights Vs. Fascism Is Issue Of 1936, Says Browder



EARL BROWDER

## BROWDER WILL SPEAK TO PACKED AUDITORIUM IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO.—Determined to outdo, if possible, the huge meeting for Earl Browder, Communist presidential nominee, held in Los Angeles, Northern California workers are coming by every possible means of transportation to San Francisco for the Dreamland Auditorium mass meeting Wednesday night, August 12th.

By specially chartered ferry from the East Bay, by street car, by flivver and trucks from Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose, Santa Clara, Eureka, etc.—workers are en route to hear the Communist program in 1936 from the presidential standard-bearer, Earl Browder.

A packed house is assured. Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party, will open the meeting, introducing the evening's chairman—William Schneidermann, state secretary of the Party.

Next speaker will be Frank Carlson, California secretary of the Young Communist League, to be followed by Newell Johnson, young Negro worker from Oakland. Betty Gannett, state educational director, is next on the agenda, to be followed by Browder.

Mass singing will be led by a color guard of the Young Communist League. Admission is 15 and 25 cents.

## Farmer-Labor Party Is Need To Combat Liberty Leaguers

LOS ANGELES.—More than 10,000 persons jammed the Atlantic Stadium on the outskirts of the city here Sunday night to hear Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, explain the platform of the Communist Party.

He was greeted with thunderous applause when he extended friendly greetings to the American Legion war veterans now holding their state convention in Hollywood, and said that the Communist Party was the only political party in the United States that had fought for the payment of the soldiers' bonus.

### Greatest Crisis

"The American people today face the greatest crisis our country has seen since the Civil War," said Browder, as he launched into a sweeping indictment against the powerful capitalists of Wall street who have "organized themselves behind the candidate of Hearst and the Liberty League, London, to wage war against the people."

Their aim, charged Browder, is to seize control of all governmental machinery, moving toward a full-fledged Fascist regime which would saddle the entire burden of the crisis upon the people, and "on a world-scale would put the United States on the side of the warmakers everywhere."

It is this menace of extreme reaction, he said, which shapes the platform and policy of the Communist Party in the 1936 elections.

### Fascism vs. Democracy

"That is why our party's platform says that the peace, freedom, and security of the people are at stake," Browder declared. "The central issue in the elections this year is democracy or Fascism, progress or reaction."

"The election will play a big

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## Ferry Strike Not Called

SAN FRANCISCO.—The strike on the Southern Pacific Golden Gate and the Northwestern auto ferries, threatened for last Saturday by Ferryboatmen's Union Secretary Deal, did not materialize. A last minute agreement as to payment of dismissal wages was reported for those who lose their jobs on completion of the Bay bridges, was announced.

The agreement is reported as similar to that signed with the Southern Pacific for passenger lines. Under this agreement, while payment of one month's dismissal wage for each year of employment is mentioned, an offer of one month's work for each year of service makes it possible to nullify the dismissal wage clause.

The strike threat as made by Deal did not meet with the desires of the union membership, because it did not call for tying up all the ferries, but simply the two auto ferry lines.

## Americans Would Support the Red Army!

If Nazi Germany carries out its threat to attack the Soviet Union, American sentiment will be overwhelmingly in support of the Red Army, according to a poll taken by the Review of Reviews magazine.

Returns of the poll showed that the Soviet Union was favored by 1583, Germany by only 884—almost a two-to-one margin. The wide interest in the question was shown by the fact that only 280 voted neutral.



# FITTS' DEPUTY AND POLICE ARE IDENTIFIED AS BLACK LEGION "THRILL SLUGGERS"

Negro Weekly, The Sentinel, Prints Names of Terrorists Who Beat Up Negro Worker; Earl Gilmore Jr., Son of Oil Millionaire, Known to Have Been Sixth Member of Hoodlum Gang

LOS ANGELES—The Sentinel, Negro weekly here, last Friday named J. D. (Jim) Fredericks, as a member of a gang who two weeks ago administered a Black Legion "thrill slugging" to Horace Hampson, Warner studio employee, at Central Avenue and 41st Streets.

Fredericks is deputy district attorney in the office of Buron Fitts.

# ILGWU Wins LA Strike Victory

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### Closed Shop Won

The closed shop agreement provides that all workers in the shops must become members of the union by November 1st. New non-union workers hired after November 1 will be given two weeks after starting work to join the union, Lutsky explained.

The agreement also calls for the 35-hour week, wage scale from \$14 to \$35 a week and equal division of work with equal pay during slack seasons. Questions of controversial nature are to be arbitrated between representatives of the associations and the union.

### Open Shoppers Sign

Among the shops to sign the agreement were Zukins, 939 South Broadway; S. Dacks, 1240 South Main street, and the Lorraine Shop, former outstanding open shoppers.

Workers will continue on strike and picket firms which are not members of the Garment Manufacturers' Association, with whom the union signed, and which did not sign individual agreements with the union.

Bill Busick told the members they had a job before them to enforce the agreement. He termed the agreement a "scrap of paper" unless there was "something behind it." Busick urged the workers to continue their organizational work in the shops.

### Industrial Unionism Proved

"We have proved what industrial unionism can do by our strike in Los Angeles," Busick declared.

About 50 of the Los Angeles "Red Squad" members swooped down upon the picket line of 400 militant, singing workers at 714 S. Los Angeles, Friday morning, smashing the picket line and arresting three women strikers.

Those arrested but released late this afternoon on their own recognizance were, Ethel Goldstein, Francis Sanchez and Charlotte Duncan. They pleaded not guilty to "disturbing the peace" and will come up for trial August 26th. Bernie Hyman, charged with "illegal picketing," will be tried August 21st.

The militant pickets were first attacked by 25 members of the "Red Squad," but when these were unable to bust the picket line a riot call was sent in and 25 more police joined the attack.

### Phelps Gets Own Medicine

Lieutenant Phelps of the "Red Squad," who depended upon the picket line with a "black jack" in his hand, was seriously beaten. Two women scabs were badly beaten in a face-slapping, hair-pulling battle, and their clothes torn from them.

A resolution of solidarity and support was sent by the victorious dressmakers to the Fur Workers who are on strike here, demanding a closed shop and increased wages.

On Thursday Local 96 of the Dressmakers received a check from the Dressmakers local of San Francisco for \$100 to support their strike.

# Asks Apology On Insult Received From L.A. Cop

LOS ANGELES.—Stating Lieutenant Peter Delgado insulted him by swearing at him and trying to strike him, Mexican Consul Ricardo Hill today announced he had received support of the Mexican Embassy in Washington in his demands for complete satisfaction from Police Chief Davis.

"Will support your very justified protest and make sure satisfaction is received," said the message from the embassy. The matter will be taken up with U.S. foreign relations officials. Hill said Delgado insulted him when the cop was assigned to accompany the National Mexican Tipica Orchestra, which has been playing here.

In the gang with Fredericks were three police officers, Murphy, Ellis, and Johnson, of Newton street division.

Although the sixth member of the band of hoodlums styling themselves "members of the Black Legion" has not been publicly named, he is generally known to be Earl Gilmore Jr., son of the millionaire oil man.

Money Is "Talking" It is asserted that every possible influence, generously backed with cash, is being exerted to keep the name of the "rich play boy" out of the public prints.

At a hearing of the criminal complaints committee of the grand jury last Tuesday morning, Attorneys Loren Miller and Thomas L. Griffith were assured that the case would be given "proper consideration as soon as it is possible to do so."

Deputy District Attorney Charles Matthews will prepare the case. He was told by District Attorney Buron Fitts "to let the chips fall where they may." Fitts said that the case would be developed from "every angle with the view of securing felony indictments."

More than 50 persons, Negro and white, were present at the grand jury hearing.

Leading the fight against this latest form of Negro persecution is the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

# SOVIET AIRMEN FORCED DOWN BY WEATHER

SEATTLE.—Although the famous Soviet flyers, Sigismund Levanevsky and Victor Levenchenko, were forced down by heavy weather at isolated Bella Bella on the British Columbia coast, no fear was expressed for their safety.

N. A. Sokoloff, vice-president of Amtorg (Soviet Union Trading Company), said he believed their radio transmitter must have failed and that probably they were still at Bella Bella.

The airmen, flying from Seattle to Juneau on one leg of a 10,000-mile Los Angeles-to-Moscow trip, landed their pontoon-equipped monoplane at Bella Bella, 300 miles north of Vancouver, B. C., at 3 p. m. Saturday.

# CRACK RUNNERS IN BIG LABOR MEET

NEW YORK.—Crack performers will take part in the first annual World Labor Athletic Meet—the "counter-Olympic games," to be held at Randall's Island, Aug. 15-16.

The meet is backed by many labor unions and those in the Amateur Athletic Union who opposed American participation in the Nazi Olympics.

Among those entered to compete are: Ben Eastman, former Stanford University sprint star; Eddie Gordon, 1932 Olympic broad jump champ; George Varoff, outstanding pole vaulter. Eulace Peacock, crack Negro runner, will compete in several events.

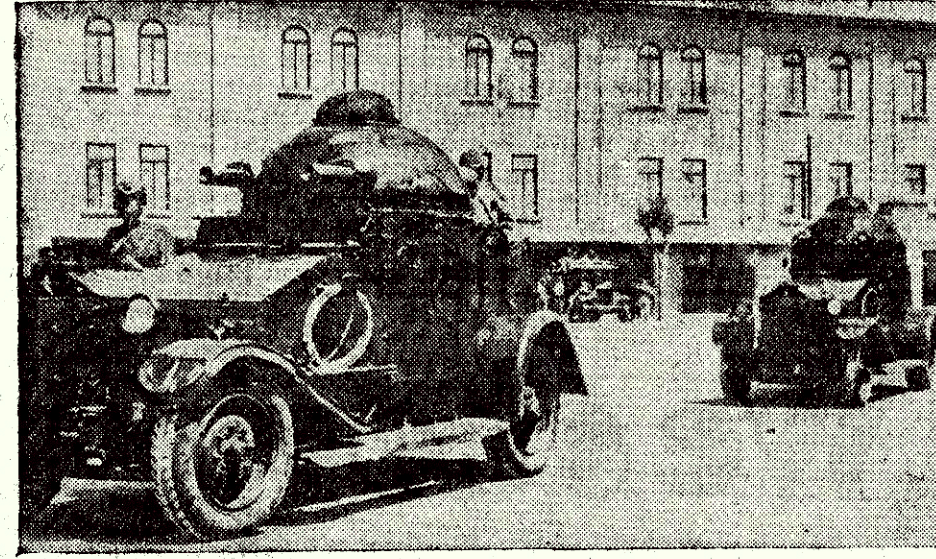
# Owens Gives "Aryan Supremacy" Final Coffin Nail

BERLIN.—Placing the last nail in the coffin of Hitler's "Aryan supremacy theory," Jesse Owens, Negro flier, won his fourth gold medal in the Olympic Games here by pacing the American four-man 400-meter relay team to a new world's record of 39.8 seconds.

Insult was added to injury when the United States basketball team, from Hollywood, trounced Estonia by a 52 to 28 margin in the opening round. Three Jewish boys are playing on the U.S. team.

The U.S. team has aggregated 203 points to win the unofficial championship of the Games, with Finland running a poor second with 80½ points.

# WILL THEY ALLOW SELVES TO BE USED AGAINST OWN CLASS?



NATIONAL GUARDSMEN are engaged in special maneuvers in California, and in many other states these summer months. They are mainly boys from workingclass stock. The employers have found out in quite a few cases that workingclass boys won't always turn against their own class brothers just because they are given a uniform and a rifle. At night, when troops go out against strikers.

# GRAFT PROBE DOESN'T STOP S. F. GRAFTING

SAN FRANCISCO.—Proof that the graft investigation in the San Francisco police department hasn't even scratched the surface, was given by the chief investigator himself last week, when he charged that local police are continuing a systematic collection of graft with brazen effrontery.

Edwin N. Atherton, former "G-Man," made this charge before the grand jury last Friday night, saying his investigators have found but few places (gambling houses, prostitution houses, etc.) that have stopped "paying off."

Laughable was the answer of Theodore J. Roche, president of the police commission, who wrote to District Attorney Brady demanding to be informed "in what particular district the alleged graft exists?"

"This revealing statement by Atherton proves what the Communist Party has stated for months," declared Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for Congress in the 4th District.

"This graft investigation has not accomplished anything, and will not accomplish anything toward cleansing San Francisco of graft, until it is put into the hands of the people."

"The Board of Supervisors has the power to hold an open, public investigation, as demanded by the Communist Party, but it has refused to do so thus far. The people must force the Board of Supervisors to act."

### Liquor Grafters

SAN FRANCISCO.—Confessions of Lucille Stewart Monroe, State Board of Equalization employee and daughter of Fred E. Stewart, Oakland board member, "loans," state stamps, state autos and employees' money paying for gifts and "victory banquets" for her father, may result in ouster proceedings against her.

Leo R. Friedman, counsel for the Assembly Committee investigating liquor graft, said the committee hasn't decided "just what procedure will be taken against her."

Testimony before the committee revealed an indubitable payoff of \$80,000 in the contract for state liquor stamps.

# Broun To Seek Guild Support For C.I.O.

NEW YORK.—Heywood Broun, famous columnist, stated that he plans to resign as president of the Newspaper Guild because of differences with William Green.

He said he favored the Committee for Industrial Organization and would push for a national Guild vote for support of the C.I.O.

# Aids Anti-Fascists

SAN FRANCISCO.—Through the activity of members of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society of this city, \$22.75 were collected and sent to New York for transmission of the People's Front fighters against fascism. The Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, composed mainly of German-American workers, has liberally supported every working class struggle, both in San Francisco and nationally.

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# Labor Loses Champion In Steffens

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ing labor against fascist attacks. During a visit to the Soviet Union in 1919, Steffens met Lenin. As a result of this visit and his conversations with Lenin and other Bolshevik leaders, he returned to America convinced that only the program of the Communist Party offers the solution to the problems of security and liberty facing the great masses of the American people.

Large numbers of people, in California and elsewhere, will mourn Steffens' death. But he leaves behind him a lasting monument in the many people, old and young, whose awakening to class consciousness has been spurred by Steffens' written and spoken words.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, August 11th, at 3 p. m. at Cypress Lawn Cemetery. This is the cemetery where Steffens' mother and father were buried.

# Vote Communist! FOR THIS PROGRAM

1. Put America back to work—provide jobs and a living wage.
  2. Provide unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, and social security for all.
  3. Save the younger generation.
  4. Free the farmers from debts, unbearable tax burdens and foreclosures. Guarantee the land to those who till the soil.
  5. The rich hold the wealth of the country—make the rich pay.
  6. Defend and extend democratic and civil liberties. Curb the Supreme Court.
  7. Full rights for the Negro people.
  8. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.
- The fight for these demands will organize and strengthen the people. It will give them deeper political experience and understanding.

# PEDRO I.L.A. ASSAILS THE COPELAND ACT

SAN PEDRO.—At the regular membership meeting of Local 38-82, I.L.A., on Thursday, August 6, a resolution was passed condemning the Copeland Bill, H.R. 8597. Furthermore, telegrams are to be sent to local congressmen and to the President, protesting against the bill, and demanding that it be not enforced.

"Fink Book Bill" The Copeland Bill is known to marine workers as the "Fink Book Bill," provides for a continuous discharge book, containing a picture, personal history, and fingerprints of the bearer. Entries must be made in the book before and after shipping out on each trip, and a record will be kept in the Marine Bureau of the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C.

Seamen point out that such a system has been in operation in the British Merchant Marine for a number of years.

It has worked effectively as a blacklist system against militants. Since the book has been used in Britain, the conditions of the British seamen have slipped from the best in the world to somewhere near the very worst in the world.

Seamen quote Weaver, head of the Marine Bureau, who has said that the Copeland bill is the best measure that has ever been passed to eliminate "radicals and undisciplined elements" from the waterfront.

It is plain to all union men on the waterfront that the bill will be used to break the seamen's organization, institute a Fink hall hiring, and bolster an attack on wages and working conditions among the marine crafts.

All trade-unions and liberal organizations are urged to protest to their Congressman and the President against the enforcement of the Bill.

# S. S. Culebra Crew Wins In Sit-Down

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first sit-down strike on a ship on the coast brought a quick victory to the crew of the "Culebra."

Within an hour, the crew won its demands for fumigation of the ship, opening of the mess-room at night for recreation, men be allowed to have coffee during the hours from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.; installing of ventilation in the fo'c'sle, serving of food promptly at meal time, and no discrimination for strike activity.

Bulldozing by the captain failed and he had to grant the demands. With the exception of two local union men, the entire crew are civil service, non-union men, hitherto completely under the captain's thumb.

# Mexican Consul Flayed by Union

SANTA ANA.—Assailing the Mexican Consul, Ricardo Hill, for his record in the recent Orange County citrus pickers' strike, the CUCOM, Mexican agricultural workers union, has issued the following official statement:

"According to a statement of Consul Ricardo Hill made to the CUCOM, the provisions of the alleged agreement between certain individuals who are on the Central Strike Committee and the Citrus Association were the same as those printed in the paper 'La Opinion'—July 25, 1936 (second edition) Los Angeles, California.

It seems to be evident that both Consul Hill and those members of the Central Strike Committee that signed this document are ashamed to have the document see the light of day because all effort on the part of the Union to secure a copy has been to no avail, therefore the following statement is based on the assumption that what was printed in the paper 'La Opinion' of the above date is a true record of this so-called agreement.

"Vague Promises" According to this published statement certain vague promises were made by the Citrus Association to the effect that they would use their influence and try to the best of their ability to convince the various growers that they should endeavor to put into effect certain improvements as to wages and working conditions for their workers.

In the second edition of July 27, 1936, of the paper 'La Opinion' it further states that in the ratification of the so-called agreement the CUCOM was left entirely out of the picture and that the agreement was by and between the Citrus Association and the Mexican Consulate.

Union's Position In view of the fact that these and other statements that appeared in public press which has been of a derogatory nature to the CUCOM the Union is forced to make the following statement explaining its position to the rank and file of the workers on strike in Orange County on the one hand, and those members of the Central Strike Committee and Consul Hill and his aides who created and signed this infamous document that has betrayed and sold out the workers that have sacrificed so much during their strike in the Citrus area.

The CUCOM has no other alternative but to take steps to expel those member of the Central Strike Committee and advise the workers of their disgraceful action and the despicable part they played in this strike after the heroic sacrifices made by the rest of the members of the Union, that the workers remember the road of betrayals these erstwhile broth-

# FASCISTS ARE ON DEFENSIVE IN ALL SPAIN

Government Ousting Fascists; Communists Tell People How to Fight In Fascist Area

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al for a "neutrality" agreement. It is thought hardly likely that the French government will ever agree to the joint Fascist proposal for intervention, which took the form of calling for an international army of German, Italian, British and French forces "to safeguard foreign lives and property."

The Fascist proposal was submitted through ordinary diplomatic channels.

The German Nazis, shrieking of four alleged Germans "murdered in Spain," are actually anxious for neutrality, but preparation for war against Spain on the pretext that responsible government no longer exists at Madrid and that "Bolshevism" is running riot.

PARIS.—The central committee of the Spanish Communist Party announced through the French Communist Party that it is not fighting in Spain now for a dictatorship of the proletariat, but only for the defense of the left-wing government supported by the popular People's Front.

### Soviet Workers Aid

MOSCOW.—(By Cable)—In response to the appeal of the General Council of the Soviet Trade Unions, 12,145,000 roubles (\$2,401,070) had been contributed to the fund organized in aid of the fighters for the Spanish republic.

The general secretary of the Trade Unions Council, N. Shvernik, has deposited this sum in the state bank, asking the bank to transfer a corresponding sum of \$36,435,000 French francs to Jose Giral, Spanish premier, to be placed at the disposition of the Spanish government.

MADRID.—(By Cable from Mundo Obrero, Central Organ of the Spanish Communist Party)—Workers' militia, supported by planes, repulsed a Fascist attack in a fierce battle in Somo Sierra Pass, driving the Fascists back five miles.

The village of San Rafael was captured, and Fascist forces occupying the Alto De Leon Ridge 38 miles from Madrid, are surrounded.

The government is discharging pro-Fascist officials, professors and engineers, including agrarian engineers who divided land, so that the peasants were frequently worse off than before.

### C.P. Issues Call

The Communist Party calls on all workers not bearing arms, to go back to work. The United Socialist Party of Catalonia has issued a similar call.

In districts controlled by the Fascists, the Communist Party is issuing bulletins instructing the people how to fight the Fascists, in collaboration with Socialists and Syndicalists.

Valencia is now governed by representatives of the People's Front, in collaboration with a colonel of the Civil Guard.

ers played while many of their fellow workers willingly remained in jail, trusting those members of their Strike Committee to remain true to the principles of Unionism.

All the explanations that those men together with Consul Hill may make in the future in trying to excuse themselves for their contemptible act of conniving with the employers to betray the workers will never wipe disgrace from the records of the Labor Movement.

The traitorist actions of these men has undermined the unity of the workers which makes it folly for the CUCOM to carry out the strike any longer.

### Members Loyal to Union

The CUCOM knows full well that the majority of the workers that have been on strike will remain loyal to their Union even though some of their leaders have gone over to the employers' side as much as the CUCOM hates to do it we must tell the workers to return to the field so that the Union may be organized on the struggle of the workers for a bonified union-agreement that can be taken up in the future.

The CUCOM must further state for the information of its loyal members, that we will never sign any agreement that ignores the other nationalities and the success of the working class depends on all workers working together toward the common aim.

# 10,000 Hear Earl Browder In Southland

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role in determining whether in the next period our country shall suffer under the full sway of greedy and ferocious monopolists who will drive down living standards and systematically deprive us of our democratic rights, dragging us toward world war; or whether we shall begin to move in the contrary direction—toward building the political power of the broad masses of the people, improve our living standards and extend our democratic rights, while cooperating with the peace forces of the world to prevent a new slaughter worse than that of 1914-1918."

### "Liberty" to Exploit

The Landon-Hearst-Liberty League camp, he said, takes to itself the slogan of "liberty"—but "it means unhampered liberty for the capitalists to make profit at the expense of the people,"—directed toward cutting wages, raising prices, smashing the trade unions, squeezing the impoverished and tenant farmers out of agriculture, cutting relief, wiping out all social and labor legislation thus balancing the budget at the expense of the poor, raising their taxes and cutting down the taxes of the rich.

It is to serve the purpose of reactionaries that the Black Legion, vigilantes, and similar terroristic groups are being encouraged, Browder said.

Browder warned against "light-hearted indifference" to the growing threat of reaction. "So argued the Germans," he said, "until it was too late, until Hitler's bloody axe swung upon the necks of every opponent and even critic."

He said that Fascism is not inevitable, that reaction can be defeated, and democratic rights can be preserved. But to achieve this aim it is necessary to have "what the people of France and Spain found necessary to defeat Fascism—a people's front."

### Farmer-Labor Party

Such a people's front, he said, is taking shape, growing stronger in the United States, as a Farmer-Labor Party.

The most important forces for a Farmer-Labor Party, he said, are the trade unions, farm organizations, organized unemployed in progressive groupings in the old parties, and in those organizations influenced by the Socialist and Communist parties.

He said that the fascist-minded men of the Liberty League and Republican party try to carry the nation on the road to fascism by declaring that the only alternative is immediate socialism and violent revolution.

### Thomas Is Wrong

He said that Norman Thomas, presidential candidate of the official party, has brought forward the same slogan as the reactionaries, socialism or capitalism, demanding that the "fundamental line-up in 1936 shall be on this issue, and refusing to associate himself with other progressive forces."

Browder accused Thomas with being indifferent to the need for a broad united front to defeat the reactionaries.

In referring to the Un Party "which was cooked up by Coughlin and Hearst," he said that it is using phrases designed to attract the farmer and worker, but that it is non-committal on the most important questions of higher wages, trade union organization, old-age pensions, relief to the unemployed and needy farmers.

### More Openly Reactionary

"In its object submission to the irresponsible rule of the Supreme Court, and in its war-provoking jingoism, it is more openly reactionary than the Republican platform."

### Historic Meeting

Other speakers were Leo Gallagher, Grover Johnson, Pettis Perry, Sam Jones, Harold Ashe, Roy McCoy of the Young Communist League, and Emma Cutler. John Leech, C.P. organizer in Los Angeles, was chairman. Browder was introduced by William Schneiderman, State Secretary of the Party. Collection was \$2000.

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LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

FATHER COUGHLIN is a welcher as well as a Fascist. He offered to bet \$25,000 at 3 to 2 odds that Lemke will lead Landon in the November polls, but when one of the wealthy Landon supporters took him up on it, he said he really meant the bet to be on the votes in Rhode Island, that he was to take the short end.

The gamblers don't think much of Coughlin, therefore, but that's not the real point.

What is significant is that the Fascist radio priest is not in the "Union Party" for his health. In fact, Coughlin is what you might call a "rugged individualist."

They Ain't Foolin' Nobody . . .

When the so-called Liberty League of Wall Street announces that it will endorse no candidate, these Fascist-minded gentry are playing games with themselves. They ain't fooling anybody.

"The League is neither an adjunct nor ally of the Republican Party," said the League. "It is not an adjunct of the Democratic Party, even though many of its principles harmonize with the excellent platform adopted by the party in 1932 and proclaimed as 'a covenant with the people to be faithfully kept.'"

Of course, they're not endorsing any candidate—Landon is just a pal! Nothing political, you understand, just a pal!

Historic Event . . .

The speaking tour of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, is an historic event in California.

It signifies the complete legalizing of the Party in the eyes of the working men and women and poor farmers of the state, a militant challenge to the forces of black reaction in California.

Workers who have always considered themselves militant and "radical," are finding out that they are actually Communists and belong in the Communist Party, after hearing the Communist presidential standard bearer speak on the Communist program in 1936.

The Communist Party is on the way to becoming a mass party in California, leading gigantic struggles of the exploited against reaction, for better living standards, toward unity of the people in this fight in a Farmer-Labor Party.

"Big Bill" Joins Fascists . . .

"Big Bill" Thompson, mayor of Chicago during the heyday of the gangsters and pal to Capone and the other mobsters, has joined Father Coughlin's "Union Party" and will be its candidate for governor of Illinois.

It's no surprise. A rat of Thompson's caliber was certain to find his level in the Fascist sewers.

Campaign manager for Lemke is an out-and-out Fascist, anti-Semite, and admirer of Hitler and Mussolini—one "ewton Jenkins, Chicago attorney.

These Fall Out . . .

"Queen Helen" Werner, under indictment in Los Angeles, and District Attorney Fitts, who will direct her prosecution, aren't pals any more. Which brings up an old saying: "Set a thief to catch a thief."

But there won't be any real house-cleaning in Los Angeles, which is one of the most corrupt cities in the country. Fitts and the rest of the politicians, and their banker bosses, are going to take care that this liquor graft probe doesn't "get out of hand" and strike home at the "seats of the mighty" in iness and finance.

Los Angeles has municipal elections next spring. A real Farmer-Labor Party movement can toss out Mayor Shaw, the police department hoodlums, and the other governmental racketeers, put in real labor men, and then start finding out just who pays off whom.

In the primaries Fitts can get what's coming to him, by a vote for a labor man for district attorney—Governor Johnson.

CONSULATE BOMBED

MEXICO CITY—Police are searching for persons who threw a bomb at the Spanish embassy here last Thursday. Ambassador Felix Gordon Ordaz and his family were only awakened by the blast. It is not known whether Ordaz is pro-Fascist or pro-People's Front.

BROWDER ASKS AID FOR SPAIN ANTI-FASCISTS

3000 Hear Communist Nomininee in Denver; Teachers Rush for Platform

DENVER, Colo. — Appealing for "full moral and financial support of the Spanish People's Front," Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, stated here that the issue in Spain is democracy and peace against Fascist terror and disorder.

"The heroic struggle of the Spanish people against Fascism and medieval barbarism is of the greatest concern to the progressives and anti-Fascists throughout the world," said Browder.

"On the outcome of the present struggle in Spain will depend the weakening or strengthening of the forces for peace and progress against Fascism and war everywhere.

"The People's Front in Spain must be supported by all those who are for democracy, peace and progress, and against Fascism, reaction and war.

Fight Against Fascism "A defeat for the People's Front and the Spanish government will be a defeat for all the forces of democracy and peace, it will place the Spanish people under the iron heel of Fascism and will strengthen the position of Mussolini and Hitler.

Hearst Aids Fascists "The Fascists are supported by the most reactionary capitalists in all countries. In the United States, Hearst is doing everything in his power to help the Fascists and discredit the People's Front and the Spanish government. He tries to mislead the American people by declaring that the fight is between Communism and Fascism.

"The struggle is between the forces of democracy and the forces of Fascism." Three thousand workers heard Browder here last Thursday night analyze the U. S. scene.

Greatest U. S. Crisis "The American people today face the greatest crisis our country has seen since the Civil War," he said. "The most powerful capitalists in the land, collectively known as Wall Street, have organized themselves behind the candidate of Hearst and the Liberty League-Landon, to wage war against the people.

"Their aim is to seize control of all governmental machinery, moving toward a full-fledged Fascist regime which would saddle the entire burden of the crisis upon the people, and on a world-scale, put the U. S. on the side of Hitler, Mussolini, the Japanese imperialists, and the war-makers everywhere.

"That is why we declare that democracy or Fascism, progress or reaction, is the central issue in the election this year. "As between reaction and democracy, Roosevelt is striving to follow a middle course. During the last year, he retreated steadily before the reactionary attack; but in the platform and in his acceptance speech a progressive note was struck.

Roosevelt Zig-Zags "Thus the Roosevelt administration combines forces of both sides, and follows a zig-zag course. It is this indecisiveness of Roosevelt which shows clearly he is no bulwark against reaction and Fascism. It shows how impossible it is for progressive forces to rely upon Roosevelt to defeat reaction."

James Allander, Communist candidate for governor of Colorado, made his acceptance speech at the meeting. He is a former coal miner, and has participated in many strike struggles.

On the reception committee for Browder was a Congressional candidate on the Socialist ticket, who is strong for the United Front.

Teachers Enthusiastic GREELEY, Colo.—When Earl Browder finished speaking to 1000 teachers at the State Teachers College here last Wednesday night there was a grand rush to the platform for copies of the 1936 Communist election platform.

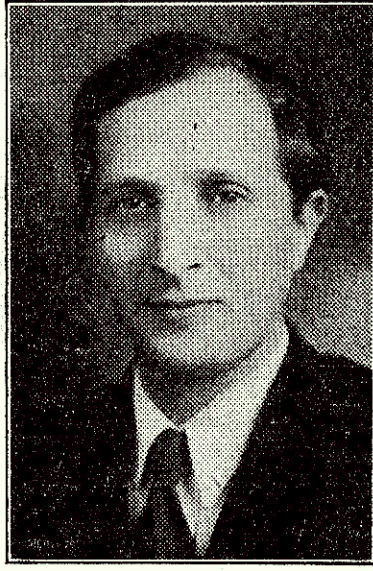
The head teacher of the summer course took 50 copies to use in his class work.

William Lemke, candidate of the Fascist "Union Party," had spoken the night before, and when he closed the whole audience walked out. At Browder's meeting, several teachers remarked: "That was a treat. Lemke was just a muddle of words."

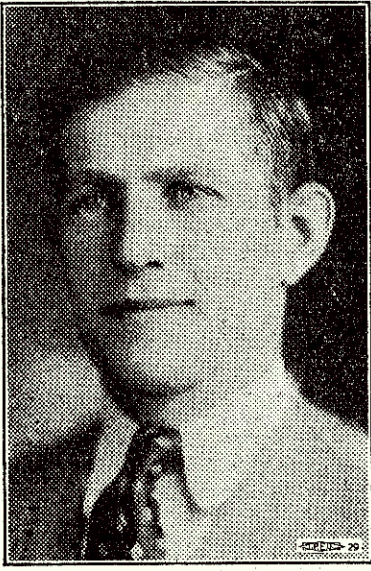
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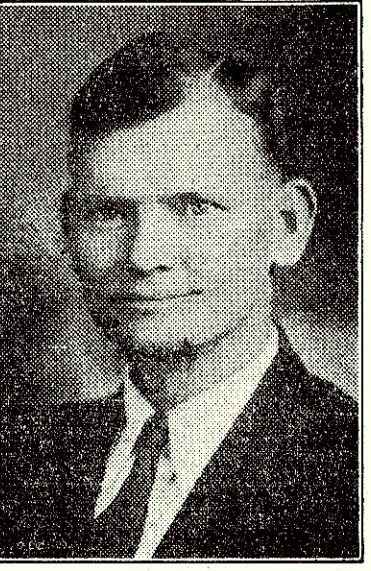
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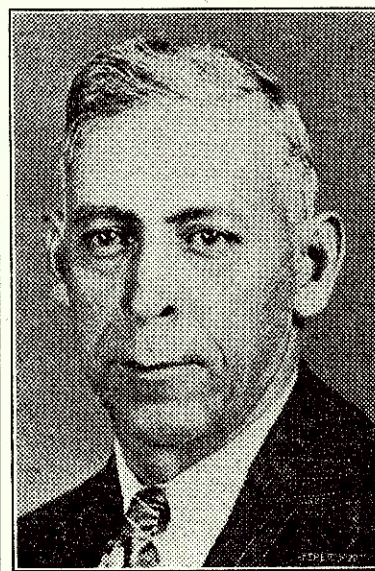
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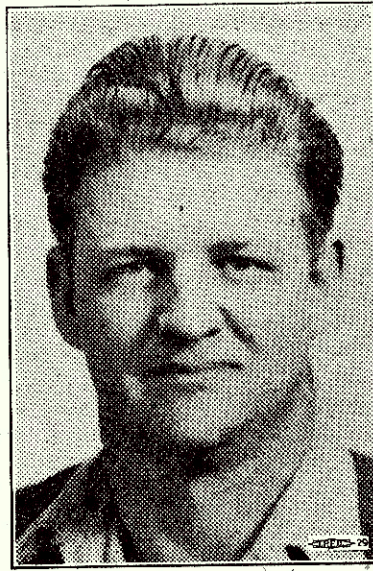
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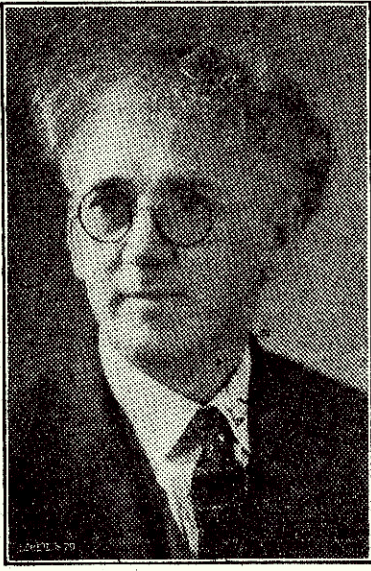
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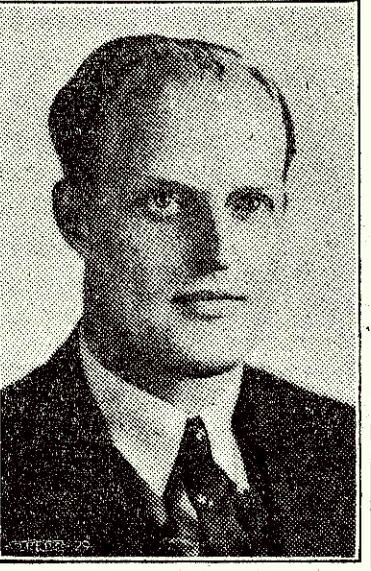
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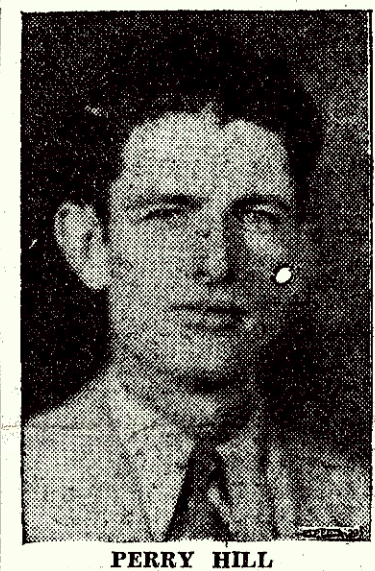
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PERRY HILL Congress, 3rd District, including Sacramento and San Joaquin counties.

MISSION WILL HEAR EARL BROWDER

OAKLAND—Anxious to hear the 1936 Communist Platform from the lips of the Communist candidate for President, Earl Browder, the Father Divine Mission of 1075 Seventh street will march in a body to the special Bay Ferry carrying workers across for the meeting at Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco.

The Negro people will also form a delegation marching into the auditorium. In order to do this, they are holding a meeting on the ferry.

Communist Party speakers appear at all Wednesday Night Missions at the above address, and other missions have requested Party speakers. The Seventh Street Mission has requested a youth member of the Party to act as permanent chairman of their "Righteous Government Mission."

Whitney and Ross Will Speak to Women Voters

SAN FRANCISCO — Anita Whitney and Lawrence Ross, Communist candidates for Congress in San Francisco, will take part in a symposium of local congressional candidates before the San Francisco Center of the California League of Women Voters at the St. Francis Hotel in the Colonial Room on Tuesday, August 18th, at 2:30 p. m.

Other candidates speaking will be Florence P. Kahn, incumbent in the 4th District; Richard J. Welch, incumbent in the 5th District; James F. Brennan, assemblyman; and Franck R. Havenner, supervisor.

Comrade Whitney is running in the 4th Congressional District and Ross is candidate in the 5th District.

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EARL BROWDER: HIS LIFE

(A Biography)

(Concluded)

Earl Browder's interest in colonial questions, led him to practical experience in the heat of colonial struggle—revolutionary China in 1927.

Sent to China as a member of the International Workers' Delegation in 1927, Browder spent the next two and one-half years in coordinating work with the union trade organization on the Pacific countries.

"It was my good fortune," writes Browder in his pamphlet Civil War in Nationalist China, "to spend several months in China during the most critical days of 1927 under such circumstances as to bring me into contact with the leaders of all sections of the nationalist movement in China.

"In both local and national developments there were times when the International Workers' Delegation, of which I was a member, became one of the determining factors in events."

The experience of the American working-class leader in China proved invaluable; he saw history in the making, saw and studied the lessons of a class struggle in which the lives and destinies of 400,000,000 persons were involved.

For Standard Oil Profits

"I have seen in Canton," he says, "great heavy carts loaded high with cans bearing the Socony label, being pulled through the streets by gangs of men, women and children, evincing families, staring, looking gaunt and exhausted—and earning an average of 15 cents each for 12 hours labor for the greater profit of Standard Oil.

"It made me understand more clearly why Rockefeller prizes his Chinese business."

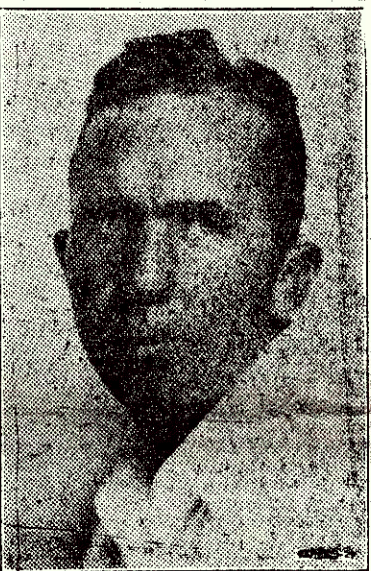
Browder worked in China from 1927 until 1929 as a secretary of the Pan Pacific Trade Union Secretariat which organized a Far East trade union center connecting seven countries; which published a monthly journal distributed throughout the world, despite its prohibition by the authorities in China, Japan, Australia, and the various colonial administrations.

6th World Congress

In 1928 Browder attended the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International at Moscow, which prepared the working class for the impending crisis that broke in 1929.

Early in 1929 Browder returned to the United States and participated in the sixth national convention of the Communist Party here. Then he made one more journey to Asia where he delivered the report to the Second Pan Pacific Trade Union Congress, held in Vladivostok in August, 1929.

He returned to the United States just before the October crash in 1929. At the seventh convention of the C.P.U.S.A. in 1930, he was chosen general secretary of the Communist



CARL E. PATTERSON Congress, 9th District, including Fresno and Merced counties.

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C.P. IS GOING TO BROADCAST IN SAN DIEGO

Mrs. Keckler, Candidate for Assembly, Talks to Public Health Institute

SAN DIEGO—The Communist Party is going on the air here.

E. L. Richardson, candidate for Congress in the 20th District; and Mrs. Bessie Keckler, candidate for Assembly in the 80th District, are firing the opening shot in their election drive Monday night, August 17th, at 8:30 p. m., over KGB, local station in the Columbia Network operating at 1330 kilocycles.

During the 15 minutes contracted for, Mrs. Keckler will outline the Communist Party's stand on local and state issues.

National Issues

Richardson will deal with the issues now before the nation and show the danger of the candidacy of Alf Landon, nominee of Hearst, Wall Street and the Liberty League. He will also point out the vacillating character of Roosevelt, and call for support to the Communist Party national and state tickets.

All workers in the San Diego and Los Angeles and Imperial Valley area are urged to tune in on KGS for the broadcast.

Talks On Medicine

SAN DIEGO—The Communist Party will fight for socialized medicine and dentistry for the working people, Mrs. Bessie Keckler, Communist candidate for the State Assembly in the 80th District, told members of the San Diego Public Health Institute recently.

Mrs. Keckler also stated that the Communists demanded that no doctors but those with the highest qualifications should be allowed to practice medicine, and that they favored complete freedom of biological research, if under qualified supervision. Candidates of other political parties also spoke on these topics.

Labor League To Extend Work to Farmers

NEW YORK—The American Labor Party, recently established by Labor's Non-Partisan League leaders, has established trade union contacts in 57 of the state's 62 counties. The new party, headed by chiefs of powerful unions, will run its own candidates in local elections, though backing Roosevelt and Gov. Lehman for reelection.

It is announced from Washington that Labor's Non-Partisan League is planning to broaden its activities to include the farmers. This is important in view of the widely-discussed possibilities of the League becoming the nucleus for a national Farmer-Labor Party after the 1936 elections.

Advertisement for Earl Browder's appearance at Dreamland. Text includes: "FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN THE BAY AREA", "10,000 WILL HEAR—", "EARL BROWDER", "Communist Candidate for President of the U. S. will speak on Communist Program for a Free, Happy, Prosperous America", "Dreamland WED. 8 p.m. AUG. 12", "Attention East Bay! A Special Browder Ferryboat will leave the foot of Broadway St., Oakland, at 6:45 p.m., August 12. Supper served on ferry. ROUND TRIP on boat 10c"



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### Protest Splitting Move by Green In A. F. L.!

The action of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. in summarily suspending ten of the most powerful trade unions is a blow at the main objective before organized labor today: the unification of all workers into a powerful American Federation of Labor.

The guilt for this weakening of the labor movement rests squarely upon Green, Woll, Hutcheson, Frey and the other reactionary officials of the Executive Council. "Evidence" presented at the "trial" consisted of dressed up material designed to present a seemingly logical case against Lewis and the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Green was prosecuting attorney, judge and jury. The accused was not in court.

If this suspension is designed to stop or curb the activities of the C.I.O. in organizing into powerful industrial unions the half-million steel workers, the million and a half workers in automobile, rubber and textile—it will fail to achieve its aim. The organization drive is going full speed ahead. Millions of workers in the mass production industries will establish powerful industrial unions as the most effective weapons in fighting for a real American standard of living.

Obviously the suspension move was made because Green and his henchmen fear to refer the entire matter to the national convention of the A.F. of L. The suspension strips the ten unions of their vote at the convention, and makes Green's job of railroad through his policy an easier one.

Trade unionists must rush protests to the A.F. of L. Executive Council against what Lewis has termed "an act of incredible and crass stupidity." Local unions must adopt such resolutions, immediately, and do everything in their power to get Central Labor Councils to take similar action.

This issue must be made one of the vital questions before the State Federation of Labor at its convention September 14th. This convention must go on record against this shameful splitting move by the A.F. of L. Executive Council.

Members of craft unions especially should forward their protests, to prove that Green speaks not for the rank and file of the craft unions, but expresses the wishes of the reactionary top leadership only.

The fight has only begun. Every effort must be made to elect progressive delegates to the A. F. of L. national convention, so that this traitorous move by Green can be repudiated!

The split must not be allowed to continue and widen. Green must not be allowed to stand in the way of a united, powerful American Federation of Labor?

### Thomas Helps Spread Demagogy of Landon!

Not satisfied with having given Landon one chance to blow a smoke-screen around the open-shop policies of the Republican platform, by writing a letter asking the Republican nominee to clarify his stand on the right of labor to organize into unions of its own choosing, Norman Thomas, spokesman and presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, has again asked for further "clarification."

Last Tuesday another letter went to Landon. This letter compliments Landon's "frankness and courtesy,"—thus helping to further the illusion Landon wishes to create when he speaks of "outside organizers" having the right to go in and organize any industry.

The Republican platform speaks for itself. It distinctly calls for the right of workers to organize "without interference from any source," the right, in other words, of employers to form company unions without interference from real trade unions.

Who benefits most by Thomas acting as a foil for Landon? The open-shop interests, of course.

Whom does this friendly exchange of cor-

respondence injure? The progressive trade unionists, who realize that the main danger to their interests comes at this time from the Liberty League-Landon ticket, and the working class generally!

Further, in his second letter, Thomas declares he was told that Kansas troops sent by Landon to break a lead mine strike, "behaved less badly" than Oklahoma troops!

No one accuses Thomas of being a conscious stooge for Landon. No doubt Thomas means to do the right thing. But his letter writing, which gives Landon the opportunity to window-dress his open-shop policies, is the logical result of the confusion of the entire Socialist Party as to the issues in the 1936 election, of its failure clearly to see that the Landon-Knox ticket constitutes the greatest fascist danger to the American working class.

### Protest Intervention Against Spanish Anti-Fascists!

Smashing blows by the People's Front in Spain against the Fascists have made Fascist Germany and Italy desperate. They counted heavily on a Fascist victory in Spain to consolidate the forces of reaction against the Soviet Union. Now there is a serious danger that these fascist countries will intervene in Spain on behalf of the Fascists.

Not only are warships of both countries concentrating in Spanish waters under the guise of "protecting its nationals,"—but Italian bombing planes have been forced down on their way to Spain, and ranking German naval officers have been in conference with General Franco, leader of the Spanish putsch.

Now Hitler is "angered," capitalist newspapers report, by the alleged death of seven Nazis in Germany.

This or any other similar incident may be used as an excuse for intervention against the Spanish forces fighting for democracy—the People's Front.

It is not guesswork to say that both Italy and Germany knew of the attempted fascist coup d'etat before it was launched. Five days before the fascist attack began, Italy announced that her annual troop maneuvers would not be held, as usual, in the Alps opposite Austria, but in Southern Italy, directly across from Spain.

The fascist countries, and reactionary interests elsewhere, have set up the cry that Communism is being established in Spain, in the hope of arousing sentiment against the People's Front. If this were true—the sentiments of the working class would still be with the People's Front fighting against fascist reaction and terror.

But this is not the case. The fight in Spain is the struggle of all progressive, liberty-loving groups to preserve the Spanish Republic, to crush forever the fascist-monarchist-feudal forces.

Italy and Germany, if they dare, will not stand idly by, watching the victorious march of the progressive, anti-fascist forces of Spain.

All working class organizations are urged to send protests to the German and Italian ambassadors and consulates against the intervention by their governments on behalf of their political allies—the fascists of Spain.

### Normandie Crew Greets French Communist Newspaper

NEW YORK.—When the giant French liner Normandie docked recently here, the crew sent the following message to "L'Humanite," organ of the French Communist Party, at Paris: "The crew of the Normandie sends fraternal greetings.

"(Signed) The delegates of the front Populaire Committee of the Normandie, Torracinta, Martin and Burel."

# The Real Meaning of the New Soviet Constitution

By G. W.  
ON THE initiative of Stalin, the February, 1935 Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union adopted a decision to change the Soviet Constitution. That decision has aroused the interest not only of the Soviet people, but of the people of the entire world.

#### First Constitution

The first Soviet Constitution was drawn up by the Fifth All-Russian Congress of Soviets in July, 1918, under the immediate leadership of Lenin and Stalin.

The features that marked the first period of the dictatorship of the proletariat, based on an alliance between the workers and the toiling farmers, peasants, expressed themselves in that first constitution.

In it a record was made of the gains achieved during that period, namely, the dictatorship of the proletariat, based on the latter's alliance with the toiling peasants.

On the basis of that historic document, in which was formulated the basic aim of the dictatorship of the proletariat—"the abolition of all exploitation of man by man, the complete removal of the division of society into classes"—the toiling masses of Russia, the Ukraine, White Russia, Transcaucasia, etc., led by the Communist Party, defended their very existence, and their right to set up a socialist organization of society.

Through heroic battles in the civil war the Soviet government crushed the forces that would restore exploitation in Russia, and defeated the armies of fourteen imperialist nations which had intervened to help restore exploitation of man by man.

#### On the Road

1921 found the country able to proceed to economic rebuilding. A new regrouping of forces was now necessary.

At the end of 1922 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed. Under Stalin's leadership the second constitution—that of the U.S.S.R. was drawn up, and put into operation by the decision of the first convening of the Central Executive Committee of the U.S.S.R., on July 6, 1923.

This constitution formulated the basic principles of Soviet policy in relation to national minorities to the numerous peoples and nations who had been doubly oppressed under czarism.

They were given complete equality, in every way. The proletarian revolution, and the decisive victories of socialism made possible the never before herd-of development of culture, national in form and socialist in content which we see in the U.S.S.R. today.

#### The National Minorities

In 1922, during the First Congress of Soviets of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, there were only four republics in the Soviet Union. At present there are seven such republics. A number of autonomous regions—the Kalmitzk, Mordovia, Udmurt, etc.—have been reorganized into autonomous republics. The Cherkask National Region and the Biro-Bidjan National District have been reorganized into autonomous regions.

The former backward nationalities, especially on the east and the north of the U.S.S.R., basing themselves on the brotherly aid of the leading peoples of the Soviet Union, have joined the general current of socialism, and are avoiding the tortuous capitalist path of development.

The socialist economic system, which does not know crises and unemployment, has grown and become strong, and is developing on the basis of the dictatorship of the proletariat, in whose hands the country's economic plans are a weapon for raising the well-being of the masses and strengthening the economic, political and military power of the U.S.S.R.

The U.S.S.R. has changed from a backward agrarian country to a leading, powerful industrial power, armed with its own leading technique. The most difficult task facing the proletarian revolution in the Soviet Union with its formerly small peasantry, namely, the Socialist reforming of the village, has been solved.

As a result of the fulfillment of the First Five-Year Plan the collective farm system is triumphant, finally and irrevocably. Socialist property, which is the basis of the Soviet system and which when the first Soviet Constitution was adopted did not as yet take a leading position in the U.S.S.R., has now become the undividedly ruling power in the U.S.S.R. The numerous social layers that existed in Soviet economic life are a thing of the

past. The capitalist elements have been abolished, small commodity farming which was at one time predominant in Soviet economy has, to the extent of nine-tenths, become transformed into Socialist farming. Socialism is triumphant in town and country.

#### A New "Relation of Forces"

The victories of socialism have created a new "relation of forces" in the country which could not be expressed in the first or second Soviet constitutions. This is why a new constitution is necessary—a document of victorious socialism, a constitution of the Soviet workers' and peasants' state which spreads over one-sixth of the world.

At the Seventh Congress of Soviets of the U.S.S.R. Molotov stated that the new constitution would indicate the path along which the development of the Soviet state is traveling—this path is the development of proletarian Soviet democracy, to the end.

Soviet democracy, the product of the great proletarian revolution, was from the very day it came into being "a million times more democratic than any bourgeois democracy" (Lenin.)

Bourgeois democracy, which represents a certain progress in comparison with absolutism, is not and never was the power of the people, since it is based on "limiting the rights of the explaining majority" and is directed "against this majority" (Stalin.)

#### Bourgeois Democracy

Bourgeois democracy, as expressed in the various kinds of constitutions of the capitalist countries, is not only narrow, but false. The paragraphs of the bourgeois constitutions contain their own negation: "... Freedom, in the general phrases, and the abolition of freedom, as a reservation." (Marx.) Soviet power was, for the first time in history, a power by the people—authentic democracy. Soviet power, proletarian democracy, being a form of the dictatorship of the proletariat, was from the very first day it came into being democracy for nine-tenths of the population.

The great proletarian revolution abolished the age-long antagonism between society and the state which is characteristic of any exploiting state.

The Soviet constitution destroyed the century-old difference between formal freedom and its "earthly existence". Soviet power not only announced freedom of organization, assembly, demonstration, speech, press and conscience, but also helped really to bring about this freedom for the toilers by placing all the "technical and material means" such as former palaces, public buildings, printing works, paper supplies, etc., at their disposal and by opening to the toilers the widest facilities for free education, real science, which are alien to priestcraft and obscurantism.

But in the first stages of its development Soviet democracy was still not complete democracy: it was democracy for nine-tenths of the population, for the toilers, namely, workers and peasants. The dictatorship of the proletariat was not able to give political rights to one-tenth of the population, namely, the exploiters and their lackeys, the task being to crush and liquidate the capitalist elements.

Besides this, the Soviet constitution gave the working class preference in representation, in the elections to all organs of power (by about 2.7 times), as compared with the peasantry, in order to strengthen the leading role of the working class as the most revolutionary, organized leading, and politically conscious class.

But even with these aforementioned limitations, the dictatorship of the proletariat ensured the very widest democracy, which has been really used by the absolute majority of the population, consisting of toilers.

#### A Society of Free People

At present when the exploiting classes have been abolished in the U.S.S.R. and as Comrade Stalin has said, "Our society consists exclusively of only free men of town and country, of workers, peasants, and brain workers", the necessity for the former limitations of Soviet democracy has disappeared.

Soviet democracy is becoming democracy for the entire population of the U.S.S.R. Universal suffrage will be established in the new Soviet constitution, and only individual people will be deprived of this right by sentence of court.

In the U.S.S.R. the electoral campaign is the "broad way of involving as many people as

possible into state construction" (Kaganovich.) The new electoral system, with its "election struggle" around practical questions of socialist construction, will be a powerful weapon for further developing the political activity of the masses, and a means of improving the work of the entire Soviet apparatus. "Direct and secret suffrage in the U.S.S.R., will be a whip in the hands of the population against the organs of government which work badly." (Stalin.)

In his talk with Mr. Roy Howard, Stalin said:

"... We did not build this society in order to restrict personal liberty but in order that the human individual may feel really free. We build it for the sake of real personal liberty, liberty without any quotation marks. It is difficult for me to imagine what 'personal liberty' is enjoyed by an unemployed person who goes about hungry, and cannot find employment. Real liberty can exist only where exploitation has been abolished; where there is no oppression of some by others; where there is no unemployment and poverty; where a man is not haunted by the fear of being tomorrow deprived of work, of home, and of bread. Only in such a society is real, and not paper, personal and all other liberty possible."

Only the socialist state ensures its citizens real freedom. A brilliant example of how the Party and government are ensuring that the liberation of the toilers from all kinds of inequality and exploitation is a real thing is the fact that the draft bill for the prohibition of abortions, for giving aid to women during pregnancy, for extending the network of maternity homes, nurseries, etc., has been placed before the people for public discussion.

The very fact that the draft of such an important law has been submitted to preliminary discussion by the people is a most brilliant index of the essence of Soviet democracy, the product of the great October Socialist Revolution.

#### Unemployment Absent

The socialist organization of economy, the absence of crises and unemployment, have provided the toilers of the U.S.S.R. with the real right to work, the right to rest and the right to free education.

The people of the U.S.S.R. are provided with all possibilities for an uninterrupted increase in their well-being, for a cultured and prosperous life. Productive, socially useful labor in all its forms and varieties is the first obligation on each Soviet citizen who is able to work. Labor in the U.S.S.R. has really become "a thing of honor, a thing of glory, a thing of valor and heroism" (Stalin.)

The thousands and thousands of people decorated by the government, workers in various fields of production, science and art, are a brilliant confirmation of this.

The victory of socialism in the U.S.S.R. enables it to proceed to restore to normal and put into order all legislative work, to strengthen the court system. The stability of socialist relations is the most important condition for firm Soviet legislation, calculated for a more or less long period of time, without weighing it down with hitherto unavoidable corrections, changes and additions. Soviet law must be exact and firm and understandable to the masses.

The most important condition of the firmness of Soviet legislation is the fundamental law of the Soviet state, namely its constitution. The constitution is a firm basis for all the varied work of the state and the various governmental day-to-day and legislative activity.

The correct functioning of the state apparatus, a clear division of functions among the various organs of power, the strict operation of a single socialist legality, the strictest discipline and the responsibility of the lower organs of power to the ones above, and the responsibility of the deputies to their electors—such are the demands made today on the Soviet state apparatus, which bases itself in its work on the workers and peasants and their social organizations. At present new responsible tasks are being laid upon the Soviet state apparatus in respect to further strengthening and developing socialist society, won as it has been by the struggle of the masses.

The exact expression, the model, of this society of free workers of town and country is the new Soviet constitution, drawn up under the guidance of the great Stalin.

## JAMES FORD SPEAKS ON RADIO

Hits Slave Aim of Republican  
Party In Address At  
Scranton, Pa.

The following is the radio address delivered by James W. Ford, Negro leader and Communist candidate for vice-president, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, last Wednesday evening:

Fellow Americans, Workers, and Friends of the Radio Audience: Not since the Civil War has a political party come before the country with the battle cry of slavery for millions of Americans. This party today is the Republican Party. Who can understand this better than a member of the oppressed race for whose enslavement the Southern plantation owners went to war in 1860? I am not today maligning the traditions of the old Republican Party nor do I express ingratitude for the heritage of Lincoln, but I ask this question: Who is betraying the traditions of Lincoln by resorting to policies aimed at destroying the liberties of many more people than the four million enslaved in 1860?

Curiously enough the candidates and backers of the Republican Party of today are guilty. If we examine the speeches of Landon and Knox we see that their triumph in the elections would mean the smashing of democratic rights (achieved in 1860, yes even in 1776), the legalizing of company unions and the establishment of a regime based on terror against the American toilers.

In his acceptance speech at Topeka, Kansas, Landon said: "The right of labor to organize means to me the right of employees to join any type of union they prefer, whether it covers their plant, their craft or their industry. It means that in the absence of a union contract, an employee has an equal right to join a union or refuse to join a union."

Thus Landon plainly declares that any administration of which he is the head will carry out the policy of the steel trust and the coal barons against bona-fide unionism. You miners of the Anthracite know only too well what this would mean. Instead of a powerful union of all workers in the mines able to act collectively and fearlessly throughout the industry, there would be company unions for each mine whose policies and officers would be dictated by the mine barons.

The real program of the Republican Party is the program of the Hearst Talmadge-Liberty League outfit. In the name of "liberty" they would kill every vestige of freedom for which Americans have fought and died from the Battle of Lexington in which a Negro, Crispus Attucks, was the first man to die in the War for Independence, to the Civil War where Negro regiments joined with Northwestern workers and farmers to preserve the Union.

#### Attack On Workers

In order to restore capitalist profits the Liberty League aims to cut wages, outlaw trade unions and eventually to destroy them, to drive the poor farmers off the land into the ranks of propertyless workers without hope of relief. It would place unlimited power in the hands of the Supreme Court which has already nullified every attempt at social legislation.

The workers in the Anthracite know these tactics. In the recent strikes in this region you saw Judge Valentine sending union members and leaders to prison for refusing to call off the strike. Last Easter one of the outstanding leaders of the struggle, James Mahoney, was foully murdered by a bomb sent through the mails by agents of the coal barons.

Martin Jennings is being framed on a fake bombing charge by agents of the local coal trust because he dared to print facts regarding the activities of the strike-breaking Judge, Valentine.

These same elements against whom you have fought in Pennsylvania are now united behind the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon combination. This combination not only stands for the continuation of your horrible conditions but having learned lessons from Hearst's bosom pals, Hitler and Mussolini, carries on a campaign of race hatred.

#### Inspired by Hearst

The agitation of Hearst in his chain of papers inspired the activities of the Black Legion in the auto center, Detroit. The Black Legion enlisted the active aid of some of the leading Republican officials of the state of Michigan. It carried a reign of terror against those who challenged the rule of the auto magnates. It lynched a Negro ex-serviceman "for the thrill" and to intimidate Negroes from joining unions.

During and following the world war many Negro miners were brought into the Anthracite region from the South. The coal barons always tried to play the Negro miners against the white miners and the jim-crow policies of the leaders of the unions aided them. But now with the Committee for Industrial Organization recognizing the need to organize Negroes, an invaluable ally is brought to the side of labor in the struggle for economic needs and against reaction.

My people, also, are alarmed at the threat of fascism. Having witnessed the rape and torture of Ethiopia, the activities of the Black Legion and the Ku Klux Klan we can see that fascism holds more horrors than 300 years of chattel slavery, industrial capitalism and imperialism. It means a wholesale campaign of murder against the Negro masses by those who have robbed the American masses in order to live in idleness and debauchery and to whom any means is acceptable which will keep the ranks of Negro and white labor divided.

In the South the plight of both Negro and poor white masses is indescribable. The Southern Bourbons are determined to send Angelo Herndon to death on the chain-gang for organizing a demonstration of Negro and white workers for bread. Every fourteen days a Negro is lynched.

#### Financed by Liberty League

The Liberty League, it is reported, financed Talmadge's "Grass Roots" convention in the state of which he is governor, in Georgia last spring. It was a depraved exhibition of lynch hysteria. One of its leaders, the Revend Gerald L. K. Smith is now ranting in support of the candidacy of William Lemke of North Dakota. A follower of Huey Long, Smith got his start in politics in the Ku Klux Klan of Indiana. The Lemke party is another product of the Hearst-Liberty League-Landon conspiracy. With radical-sounding phrases it tries to side-track the masses from the growing Farmer-Labor Party movement that will unite the workers, farmers, Negro people, professionals, and middle class, in a PEOPLE'S FRONT against reaction and fascism.

Although conditions improved slightly under the Roosevelt administration as compared to the Hoover-Republican regime, there is no reason, on his past performance, to trust in Roosevelt as a barrier against fascism and reaction. He has retreated step by step before the pressure of the Hearst-Republican enemies of the American people. He calls for no offensive against the little group of corporation lawyers, the Supreme Court, which have usurped power to crush the slightest attempts at social legislation. Mr. Roosevelt receives mass support from the Democratic ruling class in the South where the most vicious systematic discrimination and lynchings are practiced against the Negro people.

The Communist Party is fighting for the building of a Farmer-

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# BASTILLE DAY WAS GREATEST OF ALL TIME

French Workers And Peasants Demonstrate Solidarity Of People's Front

(Translated from the latest issue of "L'Humanite," organ of the French Communist Party, to reach California.)

This 14th of July, Bastille Day, was the greatest in all the history of France, the greatest since 1789.

Millions Respond

Over a million demonstrated in Paris, 200,000 in Marseilles, 150,000 in Lyons, 50,000 in Algiers, 35,000 in Oran, and many thousands more in other cities throughout France.

In the small towns, in the villages, a wave of enthusiasm was the guiding spirit. The pitiful efforts of Fascist groups were drowned and smothered by the multitude. It was the Front Populaire expressing its strength, its unity.

Youth Demonstrate

It was the largest demonstration of youth, young France, as well. Wonderful discipline marked all the demonstrations. After the parade came the dancing on the streets and on the squares, the people taking possession of that which belongs to them, improvising orchestras. The tricolor and the Red Flags were flying, the Marseillaise and the Internationale were sung. And the fun lasted all night.

Trade Unions Grow Fast

The C. G. T.—united trade union movement has now over four million members, with applications coming in by the thousands. It is expected that five million will be enrolled by September 1st, 1936.

Communist Party Strengthened

The Communist Party of France has grown from 71,257 members in January, 1936, to 87,205 on last July 5th. In the same period the Young Communist League has grown from 28,717 members to 65,612 members.

On December 31st, 1935, the Communist Party had 2080 units; on April 30th, 1936, 3450 units; and on July 5th, 4430 units.

Party schools are being established everywhere in France to train these new revolutionary forces. The leading comrades are being overworked, but they do not complain. And they are watching carefully for the disruptive elements who may try to find their way into the Party.

Largest in France

"L'Humanite" has now the largest circulation of any newspaper in France. In the week following the elections, it averaged over 750,000 daily circulation. There are two daily editions, and four on Sunday. Fifteen thousand volunteers and Communist Party members sell the paper on the streets of Paris every Sunday.

Over 30,000 Front Populaire Committees have been established, and of great note is the magnificent response of the rank and file in the army and in the navy. Virtually every Army Corps in France has a Front Populaire Committee functioning.

## STRIKE AGAINST TIPS, WANT WAGES

BORDEAUX, France.—Waiters went on strike in every hotel, restaurant and cafe here because they don't want tips and because the employers are sabotaging an agreement with the union.

A wage agreement made recently banned tips, but the employers declined to put the new and higher wage scale into effect until the bill suppressing tips becomes law. The strikers stated: "Hotel, cafe and restaurant workers do not want to be remunerated by tips. This method of payment is too uncertain and is an affront to their professional dignity."

As compensation we ask fixed or a guaranteed minimum permitting our members to meet the needs of life. We shall struggle for the satisfaction of these legitimate claims in calm and dignity."

# Nazi Butchers Hold Danish Radio Operator On Frame-Up As Well As Lawrence Simpson

By William Bailey  
(Seaman who ripped the Nazi swastika flag from the S.S. Bremen in New York Harbor)  
(Continued)

After keeping Lawrence Simpson a prisoner for over 10 months in the concentration camp just outside Hamburg, the Nazis have now transferred him to Moabit Prison, known throughout the world for its merciless persecution of political prisoners. This is the prison where the leader of the German working class, Ernst Thaelmann, is held.

The case of Larry Simpson only symbolizes the many identical cases taking place every day. The American workers must fully realize that the seamen play a big part in world affairs, and therefore must realize that the forces of reaction are intensifying their brutal attacks upon the seamen on an international scale.

Crime To Nazis

Such is the case that took place a little while back when two ships met each other at sea, one being a Nazi ship and the other a Danish ship. When these two ships were abreast of each other, the German radio operator sent a flash over the air to the Danish ship. The message was "Heil Hitler."

Immediately the Danish operator replied with "Red Front." This reply sent the German operator dashing all over the ship in an uproar.

When the Danish ship docked the next trip in Hamburg, there was a delegation of police to meet the ship, the radio operator was arrested and later sentenced to three years at hard labor in a concentration camp.

Danish Workers Protest

The Danish workers wasted no time in protesting this outrage. In short time over 50,000 signatures were collected protesting against the Nazis and demanding the release of this worker. Large committees were set up in many trade unions to carry on the fight for the release of this radio operator.

There are dozens upon dozens of these similar cases that never reach the attention of the workers. We all know the case of that Swiss anti-Fascist who was kidnapped across the border by the Nazis. Such a storm of protest was raised by mayors, councilmen, and thousands of Swiss workers that the Nazis were forced to release him and return him to Switzerland.

The Nazis set the date for Simpson's trial for July 28th. But at the last minute they decided to postpone it until after the Olympics, for fear the adverse publicity would show the Olympic participants that all was not well in Naziland.

No Time To Lose!

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast has been instrumental in setting up a Simpson Defense Committee. However, there is very little time to be wasted. In a short period of time, the fate of Lawrence Simpson will be hanging in the balance, with the scales fixed so that the Nazis will win unless we workers in America mobilize with all our energy and support to see that Simpson is set free.

If the Nazis are successful in holding on to Simpson, then this will encourage them to take further liberties in dragging American seamen off ships and placing them in concentration hell-holes.

Every trade union, every mass organization, every worker who believes in Liberty, Freedom and the Pursuit of Happiness, must immediately flood the Secretary of State in Washington with thousands of telegrams, letters, protest resolutions demanding that Simpson be set free.

A large amount of radiograms piling in on Hitler's desk would be a tremendous factor in forcing Simpson's release.

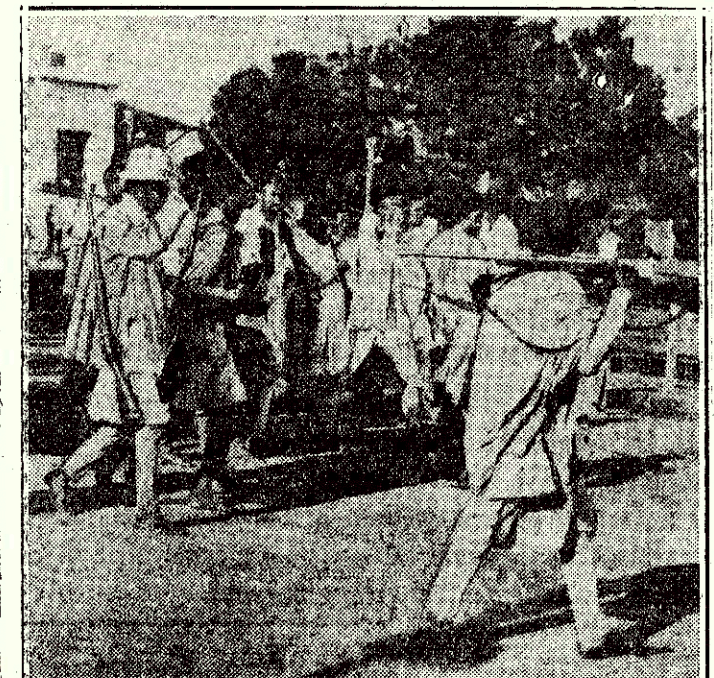
DEMAND THAT SIMPSON BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. FORCE THE RELEASE OF SIMPSON AND THE AMERICAN WORKERS CAN CHALK UP ANOTHER VICTORY AGAINST GERMAN FASCISM!

## People's Front Sets Up Government In Catalonia

BARCELONA.—A new People's Front has been inaugurated in Catalonia, with four representatives of the Catalan Left, five anarcho-syndicalists, and three members of the United Socialist Party, out of a total of 15 in the new cabinet.

The Unified Socialist Party was formed here July 25th when the Communist, Socialist and Proletarian Parties of Catalonia amalgamated in the midst of fighting against the Fascists. The action was regarded as the first step in unification of the Communist and Socialist Parties of all Spain.

## 'LIBERTY OR DEATH'



HEADACHES FOR MUSSOLINI! Just after the new "Empire of Italy and Ethiopia" had been christened, the Ethiopian people again rallied their forces to fight against the Fascist murders who "conquered" their country. Fascist outposts in Ethiopia, and even major posts of troops, can testify that the "conquest" is chiefly on paper.

## 'L'Humanite' Analyzes Spain

(Translated from the latest issue of "L'Humanite," French Communist Party organ, to reach California.)

The Spanish government is fighting desperately the armed forces of the Fascists and their accomplices in the army.

Move to Left

The Quiroga cabinet has resigned, succeeded by the Barrio cabinet, which in turn resigned, followed by the Giral ministry. Every one of them moved more to the left than the preceding cabinet.

Workers' organizations have aligned themselves with the present government. Socialist-Communist militia are keeping order in Madrid. At Barcelona the forces of reaction were crushed. At Malaga and in Morocco, the workers have joined the ranks of those elements in the army who had remained true to the Republic.

Unions Mobilize

The U.G.T. (united trade unions) and the C.N.T. (syndicalist unions), Socialists, and Communists of Pestama are mobilized against Fascism.

The Asturias miners are continuing their traditions. Thousands of them have come to Madrid from Mieres, from Sama, from Trubia. The heroic fighters of the Asturias are paving the way, with their blood, to victory.

But what a lesson for Spain! This Fascist "coup" could have been prevented if the government of Azana and Quiroga had used hot iron into the Fascist ranks, in the army.

Mistakes By Gov't.

It was a mistake that the Director of the Treasury at Madrid was named Primo de Rivera (son of the former dictator); a greater mistake when General Batel was made military commander of the Burgos region (this same Batel who commanded the repression in Catalonia in the days of October, 1934).

The greatest mistake was when General Franco was made military governor of the Canary Islands. He should have been put into prison, instead. It was not enough to remove or displace a handful of generals.

The government should have broken up the Spanish Phalanx, the Spanish Renovation, the Youth Action (Fascist groups), who were left unmolested to continue their sinister work in the army, arming the Fascist groups in the countryside.

But the loyal forces united with the Civil Guard, the loyal army elements, will save Spain from the Fascists' ruthless rule. And our Anarchist comrades will understand that the Republic must be defended and that Fascism cannot be defeated unless we defend the republic.

New Problems To Come

And on the morrow of the civil war brought about by the Fascists, new problems will have to be solved—social reforms, the destruction of the causes for Fascism. A transition in the Spanish Revolution will begin.

What are the lessons to be drawn? The Spanish Front Populaire must break up Fascism, its forces, its allies. It is the work of tomorrow in Madrid, and the work of today in Paris.

Reports from Germany say that the vast crowds expected for the Olympic Games aren't materializing.

It seems they haven't yet turned open the concentration camps.

# MUNDO OBRERO GAVE CALL TO ANTI-FASCISTS

Spanish Communist Newspaper Played Leading Role From the First

On the day the Fascist criminals began their assault on Spanish democracy, July 17th, the Spanish Communist Party's official newspaper, Mundo Obrero, rallying the following editorial rallying the people's forces to fight against the Fascist threat.

"We have learned of the criminal, cowardly coup which the enemies of the republic are attempting to carry out. All decent Spain knows what this insolent undertaking must be de-

For weeks now, we have pointed out the danger of a reactionary coup. Today we are presented with this coup. At this moment we will not seek to find out how such an event could come about, for we do not intend to diminish the authority of the government.

Our position as anti-Fascists and revolutionaries places us in the ranks of the most resolute defenders of the government and the republic. Nevertheless we wish to emphasize that these circumstances must not be minimized in the slightest. It is dangerous to proclaim that we are living in the calmest of worlds when we are sitting on a volcano. We must conquer the Fascists.

Clean Out Fascist Rabble

"Then we must bring everyone responsible for this crime, and we mean 'everyone,' to an accounting. In order to conquer its enemies definitely, the republic must wipe out from its rear all the elements which are only waiting for the moment to attack. This enemy is the CEDA and its leaders, it is the Fascists and the monarchist parties. Gil Robles, Goicoechea, these ex-princes and ex-nobles, this whole rabble must be thrown into prison. Even today all the reactionary newspapers supporting the Fascists must be suppressed. We support the government with absolute loyalty.

But we dispose of enough authority to say: the time has come to get rid of these people! The seriousness of the situation calls for radical measures which will keep all these elements from continuing their criminal activity.

Workers! Anti-Fascists! Stay in a state of alarm! Give no respite to our mortal enemy! Prepare to struggle against the traitors to the People's Front! Long live the Democratic Republic!

USSR WORKERS BACK PEOPLE OF SPAIN

MOSCOW.—Demonstrations of solidarity with the anti-Fascist struggles of the Spanish people continue throughout the Soviet Union.

At the recent huge Red Sq. demonstration, the resolution adopted was sent to Manuel Azana, President of the Spanish Republic, and Jose Giral, President of the Council of Ministers. The text of the resolution follows:

"The workers of Moscow, capital of the Soviet Union, in a gigantic demonstration, express their fraternal solidarity with the Spanish people, who are heroically defending the democratic republic and the independence of their country against the mutiny of the Fascist generals, the worst agents of the Spanish people and agents of German and Italian Fascism."

Firm Confidence

"The workers of Moscow express their firm confidence that the Spanish people, by keeping a firm and united People's Front will emerge victorious in the noble and heroic struggle against Fascist tyrants and their foreign bosses."

"The workers of Moscow appeal to all the toiling people of the Soviet Union to organize collections for a fund to assist the Spanish fighters who are defending the Spanish democratic republic by force of arms."

"Long live the Spanish democratic republic!"

"Down with bloody Fascism!"

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Farmers National Association made public a telegram of fraternal greetings which has been sent to the Spanish People's Front, as follows:

"American farmers applaud the People's Front which is crushing the Fascist uprising."

The greeting, which the Association said was in accord with its established anti-Fascist policy, was signed by Dale Kramer, national secretary.

# Socialist Leader Tells How Spain Unity Achieved

PARIS—Revealing is the interview of Largo Caballero, left-wing Socialist leader of Spain, with the French newspaper, Paris-Soir, on July 24th, after the Fascist attempted "coup" started:

Question: "Till not take much of your time, Senor Caballero. How will this civil war end up?"

United 100 Per Cent

Answer: "Until now there had been three trends in the Spanish labor movement. During these last few months, many elements of dissension were removed, but there still remained many things which divided us. As soon as we received the first warning that the generals, combined with all the forces of reaction, were preparing the decisive struggle, the United Front was set up 100 percent."

"I've just come from Madrid where until now there were divergent opinions between moderate Socialists, radical Socialists, Communists, Syndicalists, and Anarcho-Syndicalists."

Divergences Disappear

"In a single day, all these divergences disappeared, and we immediately formed committees composed of the representatives of all trends. There is no more party among Spanish republicans. There exists only the great mass of those who are ready to sacrifice their lives to free Spain from the nightmare of ever-threatening reaction. We must make an end of all these seditious elements, the grandees, the generals."

No Doubt of Victory

"You want to know if we will be victorious. There is not the shadow of a doubt that the victory is ours, this time forever."

"The people will sweep away the enemies of Spain; the People's Front Government, like all preceding republican governments, showed itself too industrial and too liberal. Our adversaries aren't at all so. In the south of Spain, wherever the troops of General Franco have been able to occupy the towns and villages, all the leaders of the revolutionary Spanish government were shot without delay, and their homes burned and destroyed."

Millionaire Crook Financing Spain Fascists

MADRID.—Prime factor in the Fascist attempt to destroy the Spanish republic is Juan March, with his ill-gotten millions.

That March largely financed the attempted "putsch" has been definitely proved, the left-wing government has stated.

Failed In 1932

It is also not the first time that March's millions, which were gained chiefly in smuggling and other illegal pursuits, have been used to foment disorder and strife in Spain—he tried the same thing in 1932 on a smaller scale.

Foundation of March's fortune was the concession for the government tobacco monopoly in Spanish Morocco, from whence he smuggled tobacco into Spain to compete with the government there.

Sold Out to Both Sides

During the World War, March sold out first to the German and then to the Allied governments. His fortune was last estimated at 30 millions of dollars.

March was once elected to the Spanish Cortes, or parliament, but was kicked out when charges of swindling were filed against him. Sent to prison for backing the abortive monarchist "coup" in August, 1932, March escaped when the prison guards "felt sorry for him."

Farm Women Vote Affiliation To League

ST. PAUL, Minnesota.—A vigorous resolution scoring the growth of Fascist tendencies, and another resolution to affiliate nationally with the American League Against War and Fascism, were adopted by the Women's Committee of the Farmers National Holiday Convention here recently.

The women cited the "teacher's oath," the Black Legion activities, infringement on civil liberties through passage of gag laws, use of Supreme Court to nullify social legislation, etc., as evidence of the growth of Fascist trends.

FRENCH SAILORS WIN

LE HAVRE, France.—Winning their demands for better ventilation of their quarters, sailors who occupied four freighters here have ended their strike.

# CADIZ IS WON FOR SPANISH GOVERNMENT

Nazi Intervention Is Threat; Statement By Communist Party Organ

MADRID.—Striking into the heart of the Fascist reaction, government troops have captured Cadiz in the South of Spain and are smashing toward Zaragoza in the north following capture of 200 Fascists.

The government has also dispatched an expeditionary force to take the Balearic Islands off the east coast from the Fascists.

Expeditionary Force

The force includes 11 bombing seaplanes, three submarines, two destroyers, a converted trans-Atlantic liner and 14,700 men. With the fleet went 2500 bombs and 100 machine guns. Four wireless units will maintain contact among the forces.

The newspaper Claridad here charged that Fascist airplanes are landing and provisioning at Amaralaja, Portugal.

"COMPENSATION"

BERLIN.—Compensation for the alleged killing of four Germans in Barcelona, was demanded by the Nazi charge d'affaires at Madrid, it was announced here today.

Admiral Carls, commanding the German fleet, was rushing to Spanish waters to protest directly to the commander of the Spanish government fleet.

Intervention by German Fascists against the Spanish People's Front became a greater danger hourly.

FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

MADRID.—Spain has not "gone Communist," declared Mundo Obrero, official Communist Party organ, in an editorial.

"The entire world should know," said Mundo Obrero, "that the Spanish people are fighting under the direction of their republic and of democracy against counter-revolutionary anarchism and Fascism."

"It is not true that Communism has been established in Spain. It is also untrue that horrors are being committed in cities under government control. The republic respects private property of friends of the republic and individual rights of all republicans. Confiscation is carried out only against those who have unleashed this terrible slaughter. They are security measures against enemies of the people."

"We respect and guarantee the security of foreigners and foreign property."

LONDON.—Hearst's International News Service, associated with the official Nazi Press Bureau, stated in a release that:

"The German vespocket battleship Deutschland, whose activities along the Moroccan coast have threatened new international complications in the Spanish civil war, is believed to have landed five airplanes and one or two military advisors at Ceuta, Morocco."

CHICAGO.—Solidarity with the fighting People's Front of Spain was voted by the Chicago Federation of Labor at its meeting here Sunday, August 2nd. The executive committee was instructed to air up a cable for immediate forwarding.

PARIS.—The Socialist newspaper, Populaire, charges French Fascists are joining Nazis and Italians in aiding Spanish Fascists, and states the famous acrobatic pilot Michel de Troyet, director of the Breguet airplane company, is recruiting aviators for the Fascists.

## WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS IS DRAMATIC

NEW YORK.—American delegates to the World Youth Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, August 31st to September 7th, are preparing a broad anti-war program to be presented for consideration by the youth of the world.

One of the dramatic elements of the Congress will be provided by the presence of two delegations from Italy and two delegations from Germany.

Each nation will be represented by an "official" Fascist delegation, and by another delegation chosen by the illegal, anti-Fascist forces. This will be the first international youth conference where Nazi representatives will attempt to justify the Fascist policy of the militarization of youth.

Reports indicate all European countries will send delegations, as well as the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan and China.



# WORKER TELLS HOW PICKET LINE STARTED

### Carpenter Shows Solidarity With Alaska Cannery; Hearst Lies Begin

By An Alaska Canner  
(The story of the successful organization of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, an epic story of the organization of workers, suffering under incredibly foul conditions, who had never been organized before. This is continued from our last issue.)

The union had word of the intention of the packers to load up the ships with scabs, so an emergency call was sent out to all members of the union to turn out and be ready to picket the ships. We turned out about 3:30 on Sunday morning, May 17th. The ships in question were declared unfair.

**Cops Noticeably Absent**  
Some members of the maritime unions at first refused to board the boats, but were advised to go aboard until called off by delegates of their respective unions.

**Incidentally, I may mention that the police were conspicuous by their absence.** The first we saw of the police was in the role of convoy to the trucks loaded with scabs. Some of the police were just spoiling for a chance to work us over. Upon being given no excuse for violence, they just confined themselves to staring and glaring.

At Pier 20 some of the scabs, for reasons we were not able to determine, walked off the piers.

One carpenter, whom we permitted to board the boat, refused to do so, basing his argument on the grounds that he never walked through a picket line and he was not going to start now.

For this we gave him three cheers. On the Picket Line

He stayed on the picket line with us until noon, after which he went aboard to get his belongings. He returned 10 minutes later with his bags, and was given a ride to his hotel by one of the union's autos.

It's funny, but an incident like that surely bolsters the morale so much, until you come to the conclusion that with solidarity personified as in this case of one man, why it's impossible to lose your fight.

At noon I turned in for a few hours' sleep because at Pier 20 they advised about 800 of us to go home and rest. But rest was impossible. After lying in bed about three hours—too excited to sleep—I hit the streets once again.

Imagine the laugh I had on seeing on the front page of the Examiner the first news of the strike. Along with the rest of Hearst's boloney, was the news that the steamship "Glacier" had sailed at noon on schedule. We had left the "Glacier" tied in such a way she could not have sailed under any circumstances because her entire crew had bolted the ship, and being Sunday it would have been impossible to hire another crew from the unions.

There was the usual manure—trying to discredit the pickets and the new union, etc., which is about all one could possibly expect from that big lard-head—Hearst, I mean.

(To be continued in the next issue.)

# WORKERS FORCE SUPERVISOR TO RESIGN

By a Worker Correspondent  
SANTA ANA.—Mrs. Nellie Stroh, supervisor of the WPA sewing project here, resigned on Monday, August 3rd, following filing of a petition with Manager Mulherren asking her removal.

Mulherren said the resignation was "voluntary."

The petition was signed by 43 women workers and cited cases of favoritism and dictatorial methods. Mrs. Marguerite Park, chairman of the grievance committee, stated the matter would be fought to a finish, but the supervisor's resignation withdrew the necessity for further action.

# WAREHOUSEMEN MAKE DEMANDS IN EAST BAY

By a Warehouseman  
OAKLAND.—Over here in the East Bay, the warehousemen are getting their demands ready to present to the bosses.

We are figuring to demand the six hour day in the terminals, and the eight hour day in the commercial houses, with increased pay.

The way to prevent a stoppage of work on September 30th is for all the maritime unions to present a solid front to the shipowners so as to be sure to get our demands through.

# WHO PAYS MOST?

NEW YORK.—American homes use 17 per cent of the nation's electricity output, and pay about 35 per cent of the nation's electric bill, while factories use 60 per cent of the output and pay only about 27 per cent of the nation's bill.

# For Soviet Tables



COLLECTIVIST NETS catch individual fish in the Soviet Union, as the U.S.S.R. fishing industry drives ahead to supply the country with larger quantities of tasty sea food. Here are workers in the Stalin Fishing Collective at Kamchatka dumping their hauls into the fishery's receiving boat.

# East Bay Machinists Strike Is Still Solid And Out To Win, In Spite of Finky Officials

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND.—Our international officials are doing their worst, but the strike of the East Bay Machinists Union, Local 284, is still solid and militant, and we're going to win out, come hell or high water.

We're getting all kinds of support from other unions, including the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council which voted full confidence in our union and sent a letter to that effect to our union and sent a letter to that international president, A. O. Wharton.

**Maritime Unions Support**  
District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has also pledged its support to our local in its two-sided fight—against the bosses and against our reactionary international officials.

**Our union is growing in the struggle.** Early last spring our membership was only about 600, whereas at the present time it is over 2000 strong and still growing. We're getting a foothold in a lot of shops we never were able to get anywhere in before.

Probably the real big reason why our charter was jerked by the international was because we came out strong for industrial unionism, and our international chair-warmers are still back in the horse-and-buggy days rooting for craft unionism.

**Out To Win**  
Immediately we started our strike, Grand Lodge Representative Walter Nash said we had to go back to work on penalty of losing our charter. Well, they took our charter away, but we're still on strike and we're going to win out.

The Machinists Local 68 of San Francisco and the Vallejo Local 252 are behind us, so it looks like the fakers are in the minority with no influence to speak of.

We didn't go on strike for fun. We only went out after months of trying to settle our demands peaceably, but the employers refused between January 26th and July 17th to have any conference with us. On July 17th a meeting occurred, but Mr. Metcalf, secretary of the Metal Trades Association, refused to concede any of our demands.

**Berkeley Cops Stoozing**  
The Berkeley cops are still intimidating strikers, or trying to, but they let our three men go that were arrested. The bosses have an anti-picketing law in this town that's a lulu for them—union men are denied the right to wear union buttons, display newspapers or badges or to pass out strike bulletins.

In closing, our international chair-warmers are calling our strike an outlaw strike. The only outlaws are our international officials, and not the men who are 100 percent in this strike to win living conditions and working conditions that can be called something like an American standard of living.

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# LONG BEACH WPA WOMEN IN MILITANT FIGHT; WIN SOME DEMANDS

By a Worker Correspondent

FLASH!  
We learn that two grievance committees have succeeded in cracking through Connolly's ruling. Mass pressure has broken through the blockade, and arrangements are being made to have a large county committee see Connolly this week.

LONG BEACH—A battle on three fronts is being fought by women WPA workers here, against the military bureaucrats of the WPA, against the city politicians who show no regard for the welfare of the women on the project, and against the local newspaper monopoly that supports the others in slandering the women on relief.

Fifteen women collapsed July 20th on the a. m. shift because of the terrible conditions on the project. A committee of 20 saw the assistant city manager, Miss Cleora Brooks, and demanded that paid city officials act in the interests of the women.

Chief of Police McClellan was called in, but the committee refused to be intimidated with the result that 12 electric fans, water coolers, ice, 100 feet of hose to wet down the hot pavements and frequent visits of a city sprinkler truck were provided!

Both projects benefited. The women saw the value of organization and a mass meeting was called for the following Tuesday. The "Little Colonel"

A barrage of abuse aimed at the women began in the local Press-Telegram. Three communications, one from the assistant city manager, and one from Col. Connolly, County WPA head, labeled the women "Communist agitators," stirring up trouble; "malcontents" biting the hand that fed them; shirkers who do not want to work, who dilly-dally along and engage in lengthy conversations.

Connolly's statement went on to say that 74 had been dismissed as "unsubstantiated" or "shirkers" and that "WPA responsibility" for them had ended.

The attack failed of its purpose, and 85 women crowded into a small hall and organized Local 1, Workers Alliance of California (Women's Project Local). Committees were elected to force the local sheet to allow the women space to refute the officials' slanders.

**Fight Dismissals**  
Other committees were elected to fight the dismissals at the County WPA office, and to enlist the support of Congressman Byron Scott and other Representatives who voted for the Emergency Relief Act (WPA), to see to it that the County WPA officials recognize the right of collective bargaining for the workers.

It took three committees to the Press-Telegram and the threat of a house-to-house campaign to force the editor to grant the women space to refute the slanders. The editor was told that 1200 women, many of them heads of families, would campaign to have merchants cancel their advertising and readers cancel their subscriptions to his paper unless they were given space. They got it!

The women had wired Connolly previously asking for an interview with Fleming (in charge of county sewing projects), but the request was evaded and the committee asked to "submit a list" of just what questions they intended to take up. Finally an appointment was secured, but when the women (32 of them) reached the WPA office in Los Angeles, they found the door barred to them.

**Big Shot Hide Out**  
Connolly was in hiding, Fleming couldn't be seen, and "Doc" Russell, a glorified "bouncer" was given the job of telling the women—one at a time, with no union representative present—that:

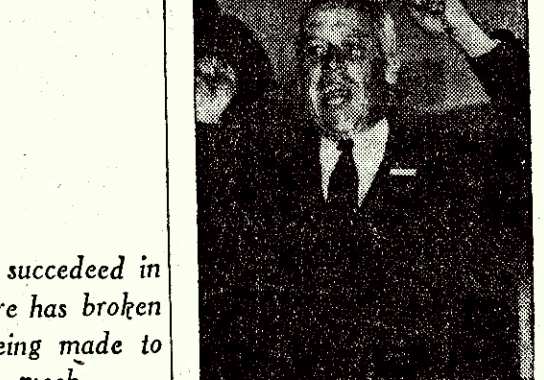
"We can't do anything for you. You're off WPA, ain't you? Then what are you doing here? Go home! God help you if you stay with that bunch (meaning the union)!"

This exposure of the empty promises of the New Deal is having some effect on the women. They intend to put these capitalists to the test. The supporters of the Roosevelt Administration will have to do more than make speeches if they hope to keep these aroused women in line.

**Phoney Reasons**  
All these women had dismissal slips stating that they were laid off because of "quota reductions." Connolly, in his abusive statement, said the women were "shirkers" and that there was a "quota deficiency" which would be replaced.

On the committee to Connolly's office were table foreladies ready to testify that the dismissed women were the most industrious and the most capable

# Aids Landon



NORMAN THOMAS  
The Socialist candidate for President, ignoring the wave of criticism he had aroused in the labor movement by his first letter to the steel trust-Hearst candidate, Landon, last week sent another letter to the Republican candidate to aid him in his campaign to dress up his open-shop labor policy. See editorial page, Page 4.

# Seattle Council Asks Action For Simpson

By a Worker Correspondent

SEATTLE—The Seattle City Council has voted unanimously to forward a resolution to the State Department petitioning them to put forth every effort to secure fair treatment and a speedy and impartial trial for Lawrence Simpson, member of Sailors' Union of the Pacific and a citizen-resident of Seattle, who is held in Moabit Prison in Berlin.

**Protest Wave**  
A wave of protests from labor and other organizations caused the action of the city council. John Dore, mayor, said in a letter to the State Department that a year's imprisonment without trial was a very apparent injustice, and that the United States should do all in its power to secure the release of this American citizen from the Nazi prisons.

County Commissioner Louis Nash, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Paul Coughlin, Claude O'Reilly, president of the Central Labor Council; James Engstrom, secretary of the Wash-Maritime Federation; Judge Austin E. Griffith, president of the City Council, and others have sent similar letters to the State Department.

**Congress Candidate Protests**  
At its last convention the Washington Commonwealth Federation voted a resolution protesting the treatment of Simpson and demanding the State Department take action toward obtaining his release. Howard Costigan, W.C.F. congressional candidate, sent a personal letter to Washington, D. C., supporting the Federation's position on the case.

Judge Griffiths wrote to Gustavs T. Kirby, head of the amateur athletics division of the Olympic Games and personal friend to the judge, asking him to endeavor to visit Simpson in Berlin and to assist him in every possible way. Writing to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Judge Griffiths stated:

"The alleged offense, from my point of view, is not very serious, especially when committed, if at all, by a young sailor on his own ship—I wish your department would use its best offices to obtain his release."

# Optical Union Gets Results

LOS ANGELES.—The Optical Workers Union here threatened a strike, and lo and behold, employers gave them a wage increase.

It averaged \$3 to \$5 a week, in some cases being \$7 and \$8 a week.

of any on the project. But, thanks to the dictatorship of Connolly's crew, the women were not allowed to expose these lying contradictions.

Another delegation, this time numbering hundreds, is going to attempt to make the County WPA observe the national regulations. Congressman Scott will have an opportunity to show where he stands. The aid of the trade unions, especially the garment trades, is being enlisted. The women want to know where is the promised prevailing wage scale that they were to receive.

**Whole Project Aroused**  
The fact that none of the fired women previously belonged to the union (in fact most of them were quite submissive and obedient) has aroused the entire project. The other projects, garden and construction, are also coming to their support. The Workers Alliance, formerly Public Works and Unemployed Union, will not rest until the dismissed women are back on the project, and the project made a decent place for women to work.

# YOUTH SEES AMERICA

By YCLer

Several weeks ago we mentioned the Young Communist League's proposal to the Young Socialists, young Democrats and Republicans for a united front to place their respective platforms before the first voters of San Francisco.

As we go to press, representatives of each of the groups are meeting at the Young Republicans' headquarters in the Crocker Bldg. to form a joint committee to put this symposium over—and we hope in a big way.

About 15 youth organizations have already agreed to send delegates to the World Youth Congress, Geneva, August 31st, to September 7th. Included are Y. M. C. A., National Student Federation, American Jewish Congress (Youth Division), American Students Union, and the Youth Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism.

We wonder what Herr Adolph thinks of his Aryan supremacy business now—?

Jessie Owens, young Negro student from Ohio State, easily led the field in the 100 meter trial heat at the Berlin Olympic Stadium, coming in in the world's record time of 10.2 seconds. It was reported that he sped along so easily the huge crowd failed to realize his dazzling speed.

Cornelius Johnson, Negro student from Compton, California, Junior College, made a record high jump, clearing the rod at six feet and seven and seven-eighths inches. Dave Albritton, another Ohio State Negro, and Delos Thuber, Southern California, placed second and third respectively in the high jump.

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# Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

## THE ROW ABOUT ROWELL

Mr. Chester Rowell, San Francisco Chronicle.

Dear Sir:

You have made yourself the center of a veritable battle royal of public opinion on the question of Communism and Fascism. Language has been bandied with extravagant recklessness over the issue, and I want to add an orderly two cents worth.

The general dispute has centered around your charge that both Communism and Fascism suppress public liberties. You contend both are forms of suppression foreign to Americanism and equal enemies of the public interest, although you add that Fascism is the lesser evil of the two.

Now there is no room for controversy of this nature for the reason that facts of the matter are so easily procurable.

You state that in Germany a general suppression of liberties has resulted from Hitler's dictatorship. This is not true. Only the liberties of the working class have been suppressed. The liberties of wealthy industrialists and property owners have not only been exempt from curtailment but have been vastly increased and fortified.

You speak also of general suppression in Russia. This again is incorrect. Only the liberties of the factory owners and capitalists were suppressed. The liberties of the working people were not only increased and strengthened, but they were given control of industry through socialization.

The conflict in Spain today occurs between two forces: those of fascism against those of democracy. If the fascists won, they would suppress the workers and all liberal and progressive elements. If the forces of democracy win, they will suppress fascist leaders.

The ideal form of society, as described by you, and those who agree with you, is a society in which the liberties of both classes are preserved and protected. And yet you ignore the fact that these rights are not clearly defined in the U.S. Constitution. If they were, you would perceive that they are directly contradictory to each other.

For example, the new constitution of Soviet Russia declares that every man has a right to employment, wages and security. Plainly, in any justly constituted society, such a right must be granted. Yet the U.S. Constitution makes no such provision. It does, however, establish the rights of private ownership and private industry.

It must also be clear to every honest thinking person that private ownership and private industry CANNOT provide employment and security for labor. If it could, there would be no problem and this whole issue of Communism vs. Fascism would never arise.

In Spain, the capitalists are seeking to prevent democracy by exerting armed force against all labor and progressive elements.

The impossibility of a mythical society in which both capital and labor are protected is adequately shown by every labor strike. In no strike can the government or any other agency take both sides. They must either take the employer's side and deny the demands of labor, or they must take labor's side and grant those demands. Even in the matter of compromise, one or the other side must be favored.

When you state that Fascism is the lesser evil of the two, you state in so many words that, given a choice between the suppression of brutal capitalist dictatorship or the suppression of labor, you would prefer the suppression of labor. Surely there is little room for anyone to misunderstand you on a point as simple as this.

The use of the words Fascism and Communism to imply issues and struggles of "foreign" character, having no bearing on the American scene, is misleading. You realize very well that the real issues involved are wages, hours, civil liberties and human interests which are as pertinent and as productive of difficulties in the United States as in any other country.

American democracy consists of the ballot box. This was also true in France and Spain. But in the latter nation, the capitalists are refusing to abide by the results of elections. Should a Left-wing majority capture the polls in America, an identical situation may very well result. Surely you must agree that such fascist-minded capitalists as Hearst, Morgan, DuPont, etc., have shown very little disposition toward accepting labor's rights. On the contrary, they have voiced determination to prevent labor from organizing to protect its interests at all costs.

## Commerce Department Makes "Composite Estimate" Of Unemployment

WASHINGTON.—A "composite estimate" of unemployment in the country was set at 9,500,000 persons, according to statements issued by the Department of Commerce.

The official figures of the American Federation of Labor on unemployment are between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000.

Ernest G. Draper, acting Commerce Secretary, said the statistics of the government were based in part on statistics of other government agencies.

Draper said that in March, 1933, the unemployment figure hit its peak at 15,100,000, and that by last April it had dropped to an estimated 9,900,000.

"It is reasonable to assume," said Draper, "that unemployment has been further reduced by 300,000 to 400,000."

# The Home Is Sacred - A Short Story

By D.

IT'S terrible to see a fellow gone jittery, jumpy, when you know he used to be strong as an ox. "Poor Joe," they said when Geary wheeled the baby carriage down the block. "Looks like he's going to pieces."

"Poor Joe!" Three years with no more than a few days' work. What did they expect. It wasn't "poor Joe" when the Chelsea Stevedoring grabbed every healthy man they could get when a young husky like Joe Geary was a natural in the shape-up. Fifty dollars a week—that was chicken feed to Joe.

And Cornelia Hoag! Maybe she didn't get a bargain in Joe. When Cornelia, freckled, white-skinned, tall, and altogether lovely, finally landed Joe, the wedding in St. Agatha's was a bigger event in the teeming life of Tenth Avenue and Twenty-seventh than a Vanderbilt show in the Little Church Around the Corner is to the society column sobsisterhood.

## Big Time Night

Back in those days Saturday was big-time night for Joe. Saturday noon was pay-off. On week days Joe would come home filthy and dead. Even after a hard scrubbing, and a good steak, a man was fit only for the hay. But Saturday was a different matter. Saturday night was reserved for the gang, and Cornelia at the Democratic Club on Tenth Avenue, and then to meet for the dance.

Then came Sunday—sleep late, go to Mass, read the papers, a swell chicken or corn beef and cabbage dinner, and after that a round of neighborly visits, with arguments on baseball or politics for Joe, and gossip for the ladies.

Now they seemed to Joe like things he had dreamed, all these good times he'd had. They were all he had to live on now, memories. As he played around with them, half asleep under the sun in Chelsea Park, they took on grandiose proportions. In his day-dreams, it wasn't Cornelia who had run after him; the days before their marriage became magnified into a beautiful courtship on his part, a hodge-podge of all the romantic movies he'd seen. Those hot times on Saturday nights—"Geez," Joe would murmur in his half-sleep, "but we was wild in them days." The speakies rounds became, in his phantasies, herculean blowouts.

## The First Blow

When the first blow came, it wasn't so tough. It came six months after Joe and Cornelia were married—a day knocked off the working week. "I guess we got a little something socked away hey Connie," Joe said when he brought her the news.

Pretty soon another day's lay-off. "Sure glad we got somethin' put by for a rainy day," said Joe. "We better start goin' easy," Cornelia said. "And lay off the booze joints, Joe," she added. Cornelia hated to say that. When a man works like a horse all week, he's got to look forward to something.

Then the first thing you know, there was another notice down at the pier. Two days a week, it said.

Holly mackerel. Two days a week, thirteen bucks.

It was awful news to be bringing home to Cornelia. She was beginning to look faded nowadays, making ends meet. There was a little Joe home now.

There was silence for a little while after Joe broke the news. Joe just sat at the little table, with its oilcloth that was rubbing off in big spots. "You'd better be eatin' somethin' Joe," said Cornelia gently.

A Hundred Dollars in the Bank "We ain't got but a hundred dollars left in the bank," said Joe. "God forgive me for sayin' it, but I'm afraid your mother's outta luck from now on."

Poor Cornelia! That was the hardest blow to face. It meant the Catholic Home for the old woman.

No chicken on Sundays now! Chicken! Every trip to the butcher's meant bargaining, begging. It brought back an irritable Cornelia, hating everybody except Joe and Little Joe.

It hurt the pride of a fine, upstanding man like Joe more than words can tell, the things they had to do to save money. "Good mornin' Mrs. Regan, and how's yourself. I thought we'd be after stoppin' in for a little neighborly visit." They always timed the visit so that they arrived just before dinner. Poor Cornelia! How irritable it made her even toward Joe. It wasn't his fault, she knew, but who else could she take it out on?

One day Joe found himself without any day's work a week at all.

Cornelia's irritableness became worse. Joe didn't blame her. "A strappin' man like me, layin' around the house all day."

## Joe Stays Away

After the futile shape-up each morning, Joe took to staying

away from the house until nightfall. Hanging around the street corner and the park, a hell of a thing for an able man to be doing instead of dock-walloping. But it was better than incessant bickering with Cornelia. Coming home in the evening was hard enough. It made you swallow hard to hear Little Joe squalling. "A hell of a father you have, poor kid. Can't even give you the things you ought to be havin'."

The First Real Quarrel The first real quarrel came when Cornelia said she was going to take in washing. "There'll be none of that in my house," thundered Joe. "Me own wife workin'! I won't have it, d'you hear?" Cornelia went to Father Donlan with all her troubles. "There there," the priest would say, the papers say. "Cornelia didn't shout at him like she did at Joe when he mentioned the

## LABOR'S OWN



THEY NEED your support, and they should be shown we haven't forgotten them. They are: Caroline Dacker and Nora Criminal Syndicalism law prisoners. They are: Caroline Decker Konkin, C. S. prisoners in Tehachapi and Louise Todd, also a class-war prisoner in Tehachapi; Martin Wilson, Pat Chambers, Jack Crane and Al Hougardy in San Quentin.

His coming home would be the signal for Cornelia's pent-up feelings to burst. "Loafin' all day, I suppose. It's 'shamed of yourself you ought to be. Me weanin' the baby, and workin' myself to the bone, rubbin' and scrubbin'. Just look at me. Look at me! It's an old woman I'm becomin'." It would end in a flood of hysterical tears on her part, and a half-hearted attempt by Joe to comfort her. "It'll be all right soon. The papers say."

"The papers, the papers, you're always talkin' about the papers! Look at me, an' the little one; maybe the papers tell you what to do about that!"

papers. St. Agatha's Church and Father Donlan led to the second big quarrel between Joe and Cornelia. Joe stopped going to the church. There was little rebellion in it; he simply lost interest in everything. "A fat lot of good your Father Donlan's done us, and the others too," he shouted when they fought about it. "You runnin' to him every day; and what does it get us, if you please?"

Blasphemy Blaspheming! It was too much for Cornelia. She ran out of the house crying. Blissful, ignorant Little Joe lay in her arms. Cornelia stayed that night

officials never considered doing anything until this petition was presented to them. Another thing we want them to do, is to clean out the stoopjoints that run to the bosses all the time.

## PETITION GETS UNION HEADS ON THE JOB

By a Laundry Worker

SAN FRANCISCO.—Thanks to a petition passed around in our laundry for signatures, the unhealthy working conditions in the Cerciat Laundry here are being investigated by our union officials.

The heat in this laundry is so terrific that several girls recently fainted and the conditions here are in violation of the State laws regarding hiring of women.

These conditions have existed for a long time, but our union

## WHAT IT'S LIKE WHERE THE WORKINGCLASS IS IN POWER

THIS SOVIET WORLD, by Anna Louise Strong. (Henry Holt) (Reviewed by R. C. West.)

"Soviet power is toiling Kazaks like rain in the desert," runs the proverb of the Kazak old men. "The Party of Lenin and Stalin has resurrected peoples from the dead, peoples who were less than dust," says a Tajik poet.

The 182 nationalities make up the world of the Soviet Union, and the pervading Soviet power and science reaches all, builds up modern industrial cities in far outlying districts, frees the weary harem women of Central Asia and grows wheat beyond the Arctic circle for the Eskimos. In the Caucasus the Mohammedan people have created the most famous collective farms in the Union, the "socialist-farm-cities" designed by architects. The idea is now spreading throughout the country.

It is this tremendous epic of the farm collective that Anna Louise Strong believes may be written up in history as the great achievement of Post-war days. But there are so many other things too. Notable is the Stakhanov movement which has revolutionized all standards of production. It is the will and desire of men, conscious of ownership of the means of production, that gives them this driving power to create and produce, knowing that what they accomplish is for the good of all, and not for private profit of a handful of exploiters.

A women's brigade grows

## THE FLY IN THE MENDOCINO OINTMENT

UKIAH.—Hop growers here prepared what they report as "clean and comfortable camps, and a program of entertainment," in order to attract pickers to Mendocino County.

Ah, there's a catch. The wages are not so large, the growers admit. The harvest is on in August and September.

## AUTO WORKERS FOR LEWIS

CLEVELAND.—Fisher Body Local 40 of the United Automobile Workers has written John L. Lewis commending him for his leadership in the fight for industrial unionism.

## James Ford Speaks On Radio

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Labor Party in the United States to unite all liberty-loving people to defeat reaction and defend the daily needs of the toiling masses. The Communist Party has consistently fought for equal rights for Negroes, to bring this important ally to the working class against capital. By arousing white workers, farmers and middle class people to support the great Scottsboro and Herndon campaigns, the defense of Ethiopia and against lynching, we strengthen the bonds between the labor movement as such and the Negro people.

## Browder Real American

I can point with pride to the high type of American nominated by our Party for President. Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party is from Kansas, the state of which Landon is governor. Browder is in every way the opposite of Landon. Just as Landon symbolizes all that is viciously reactionary, un-American, anti-labor, so Browder symbolizes the best American traditions, the most progressive forces in the country. At the nominating convention of our Party last June, Browder was called a new "John Brown of Ossawatimisi."

Landon does not have the friendly respect of the colored citizens of his home town. One of the most sensational statements of the present campaign is attributed to Oscar De Priest, former Negro Republican Congressman from Illinois who declared, "I'll have to go back home and lie like hell for that guy Landon."

The program of the Communist Party is clear-cut. It contains no double-faced demagoguery. We call for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. Our program has no empty words because, for every point in the party program, American Communists have worked and fought and sacrificed. It calls for: providing jobs and a living wage; unemployment insurance, old age pensions and social security; saving the young generation; freeing the farmers from debts and guaranteeing them the land; making the rich pay; defending civil liberties and curbing the Supreme Court; for full rights and complete equality for the Negro people; for keeping America out of war by keeping war out of the world! VOTE COMMUNIST!

## ELECTION BARN DANCE

Unique Novel Entertainment  
SKIT: "THREE COMMUNISTS IN CONGRESS"  
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Auspices: Los Angeles County Election Campaign Committee

## The People's Health

By Franklin E. Bissel, M.D.  
COSMOTHERAPY—A FAKE

A. N. OF LOS ANGELES sends a booklet entitled "Cosmotherapy," published by the "International Cosmotherapeutic Expedition," and asks me to write my opinion about it.

After reading the pamphlet through, I have come to the conclusion that this is a form of the old skin-game of "Naturopathy." The "Cosmotherapists," as do all other Naturopaths, offer the simple advice that outdoor living, good diet and enough exercise and rest are conducive to health and a long life. However, they surround this advice with torrents of high-sounding phrases and mystical mumbo-jumbo in order to lead people to believe that their "system" is the only one worth following. Together with the above-mentioned simple truths, which everyone knows and which are not denied by scientific medicine, they spread a large amount of half-truths and falsehoods.



Dr. F. E. Bissel

Old Age Let us take some examples of these falsehoods. The above-mentioned pamphlet states, "Cooked vegetables . . . cause senescence (old age)" and that one should therefore eat only raw foods. Statistics do not show that people who eat raw foods live any longer than people who eat cooked foods. On the contrary, primitive tribes who eat large quantities of raw fruits and vegetables and other "natural" foods die much younger than civilized people.

"The hundred cosmotherapeutic foods (a list of garden vegetables and fruits-F. B.) emit cosmivital radiations . . ." This is part of the pseudo-scientific mumbo-jumbo. Nowhere is explained what "cosmo-vital" radiations are supposed to be and never has anyone brought forth a particle of proof that such foods radiate anything whatsoever.

"Radiations" The booklet constantly refers to some mysterious "radiation of the human organism." People that believe in ghosts claim that they radiate, but no one has ever caught a "radiation" from a living person.

"All meats and fish . . . are very hard to digest" as compared to raw vegetables, says the manual. All scientists throughout the world who have made a lifelong study of this phase agree that just the opposite is true.

Many silly "reasons" are given why sugar should not be eaten. Yet the raw vegetables and fruits recommended contain large amounts of starch and sugar, and the starch is changed to sugar before it leaves the stomach. So you should eat sugar and then again you shouldn't.

I could fill several columns with such ridiculous quotations, but it isn't necessary.

It Coins Money Why could anybody be interested in spreading such boloney? Here is the secret. To be a member of the organization, you must pay a dollar a year, and each treatment costs a dollar. Members are supposed to recruit new members and to send in new patients, for each of which they receive a credit point. If he can get 500 points, the member can study for six months and himself become a "teacher." The "teacher" who gains 5000 points becomes an "Assistant Professor." 10,000 points brings the title, "Professor," and so on and on. Truly, the brain child of a financial genius that would make Insull turn green with envy.

The booklet states that the Hungarian section of the International Workers' Order of Los Angeles has cooperated in furthering this "movement." I can't understand how such a progressive organization could be roped in on such a venture.

## HOW WORKERS' MILITIA IS ORGANIZED

BARCELONA.—The Workers' Militia, now routing the Fascists out of Zaragoza, is organized in groups of 500 men, headed by a political commander with two subordinate commanders, one for military tactics and one for the service of supply.

Each of these groups must feed and house itself. The political commanders are authorized to requisition supplies and issue scrip in payment.

Most of the military commanders are non-commissioned army officers or trained militiamen who teach the people's army the rudiments of warfare.

## KIDS WIN STRIKE ON HOT-DOG STANDS

Mr. Sabin of New Jersey received a surprise recently. He owns a string of curb-stone hot-dog stands, and employs 32 boys under 12 years of age to run them.

It seems that the "ungrateful" youngsters had gotten tired of long hours, low pay and other "blessings" of the owner. So, following the example of their fathers and older brothers, the boys formed a union and elected a delegate to present their demands, to Mr. Sabin.

The demands were a \$5 minimum weekly wage, one day off per week, and better working conditions.

Mr. Sabin followed a time-worn formula. He refused the demands and declared a lock-out. So the boys called a strike and, after picketing his hot-dog stands for three days, won all their demands!



# Compton Anti-Picket Ordinance Beaten By United Front

## TRADE UNIONISTS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY UNITE TO END FASCIST-LIKE MEASURE

### Workers Alliance Joins United Fight Against Anti-Labor Move In City Council

COMPTON—United opposition of trade unionists, the organized unemployed and the Communist Party, forced the City Council to abandon altogether the proposed anti-picketing ordinance. City Attorney Pierson prepared the ordinance.

## MARINE LABOR AIDS THE FIGHT OF MACHINISTS

### Pledges Fullest Aid To E. Bay Strike

SAN FRANCISCO.—The maritime unions know the value of solidarity when a struggle is on for better conditions and wages. They therefore are always ready to give their support to any fight for improvement of conditions by other unions.

This resolution of the Maritime Federation, Bay Area Council proves it:

WHEREAS: 1800 Machinists and Machine Shop Workers are now on strike in Oakland and East Bay Area against many notorious Open Shop Firms for the purpose of establishing higher wages and better conditions and

WHEREAS: Grand Lodge Representative Nash has permitted the use of his name by Employers, their Agents, the Newspapers and the Police to the detriment of the strikers, without ever having made a denial of same and at no time has ever spoken one word to espouse the cause of the strikers whom he is supposed to represent, and

WHEREAS: The International Association of Machinists through its Executive Council and Grand Lodge Representative Walter Nash has seen fit to hamper and harass the efforts of the strikers and has finally taken the extreme action of revoking the Charter of Lodge No. 284 in Oakland for alleged violations of some technical provisions of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS: Even in the face of this base betrayal and the efforts of the International to compel these men to return to their jobs under the same miserable conditions, these strikers are still standing firm in their determination to win their strike, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific go on record as being in support of these strikers under the leadership of Oakland Lodge No. 284 and its Officers, and be it further

RESOLVED: That all affiliated Organizations of District Council No. 2 of Maritime Federation be furnished with a copy of this resolution and strongly urged to extend all possible aid and support, both moral and financial to the striking Machinists of Oakland to the end that they may carry on the fight to win this strike, and be it further

RESOLVED: That District Council No. 2 extend its aid in securing the restoration of the Charter of Lodge No. 284 by requesting International President A. O. Wharton of the I. A. of M. and the Executive Council to reconsider their action.

## L.A. Milkers Now In AFL; Plan Drive

LOS ANGELES.—Meeting at the Women's Club in Artesia, 65 workers, members of the Milkers Recreation Club, voted to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor and have applied for a federal charter.

The milkers have a paid-up membership of 94 members. Fred West, state organizer of the California State Federation of Labor, spoke briefly of the value of organization.

With a federal charter the Milkers expect to organize the farm hands, creamery workers, and the milkers.

TOLEDO, O.—Stoolpigeon T. 347, known as George McPherson, or Jack Dunn, left Toledo for good after Local 12 of the Automobile Workers Union exposed him.

## ANALYZES THE FIGHT FOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was the leader of the 1919 steel strike of 500,000 workers. He has led many big strike struggles since. The issue of industrial unionism is the biggest issue before the organized labor movement today. Read Foster's pamphlet, "Industrial Unionism," for a detailed analysis of the whole question. It can be bought in Workers' Bookshops in your town.

## RECREATION CENTER

### BIG NIGHT SAT., AUGUST 15th.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Saturday, August 15.—That's day to keep free. The Maritime Union's Recreation Center plans a big evening that night. It'll be for the benefit of the Center's baseball team.

## Few Scabs Go In Cal. Cotton Mill

OAKLAND.—After being out on strike for over nine weeks the California Cotton Mills Co. thinks that the workers are starved enough now so that they can be forced back to work. Over 400 of these workers have been patiently picketing the plant all this time without so much as an argument. However, now that the company has announced that it intends to open up the plant with scabs the cops are suddenly becoming active and Captain Lynch ordered the pickets pushed back nearly a block from the gates to the plant.

## It Don't Work

The agents of the company have been very busy visiting the homes of the workers telling them that "if you don't go back to work now we will move the plant elsewhere."

The workers are not falling for this and so far only six have turned scab and returned. The company offers them a raise of one cent per hour.

This plant is known as one of the champ sweat shops of the Pacific Coast and in all of its 52 years, until the strike, it successfully prevented the workers from organizing into a union.

Now that the company is attempting to open up with scabs the union has answered with an urgent appeal to all workers that have the time to come out and help form a real militant mass picket line.

## WINS BACK CHARTER

MINNEAPOLIS.—Teamsters Local 574, which for its militant strike struggles had its charter revoked by Dan Tobin is back in the A. F. of L. having merged with Local 500.

## N.Y. Labor Party Conference

NEW YORK.—The Labor Party situation will be discussed at a citywide conference here Aug. 29. It is called by the Trade Union Committee for a Farmer-Labor Party and the People's Committee for a Farmer-Labor Party. The conference will hear reports on the conference held with the American Labor Party, just formed by A.F.L. leaders.

## FOR ORGANIZING UNORGANIZED

PATERSON, N. J.—The Executive Board of the Hosiery Workers Union has called on the A. F. of L. Executive Committee to aid the organization drives being led by the C. I. O.

## THEY CALL SELVES UNION MEN!

STOCKTON.—One of the dirtiest race-riot inciting leaflets seen in a long time is being distributed in Stockton by a group of persons who call themselves Union men.

The leaflet is signed by D. Lautermilch, president, and N. S. Doughty, secretary of Butchers Union Local 127. These officials refused to organize the Chinese meat cutters in Stockton and now they issue a leaflet calling for a boycott of Chinese meat markets, with language like this:

"Could you compete your labor against that of a Chinese? How would you feel if you

## Lewis Shows How Steel Trust Lies

WASHINGTON.—An extraordinary example of the misuse of statistics was the way John L. Lewis, powerful head of the C.I.O., described the American Iron and Steel Institute's claim that weekly wages of steel workers are 18% higher than the average wage in all manufacturing industries.

Lewis' reply, based on research by the economists' staff of the United Mine Workers' Union, showed that "the average for all manufacturing industries" quoted by the Institute, is an average of 90 different manufacturing industries, including such low-paid ones as canning, cigarettes, etc.

"Surely there is little ground for the steel industry to take pride in the fact that its wage scale is higher than that in canning," said Lewis.

If steel wages are compared to industries where heavy work is required, steel is at the bottom of the list, the reply shows. Dept. of Labor figures show steel workers getting 66.2 cents an hour; printers 89.5; anthracite miners 83.2.

## Santa Ana Trial By Labor Foes

SANTA ANA.—The stupidest kind of fascist ranting by Asst. District Attorney James L. Davis was mouthed in Superior Court here, at the trial of 13 Mexican workers who were arrested on rioting charges during the recent orange pickers' strike.

Davis cried that defense attorney Clarence Rust was "raised and educated in Russia." The Judge, James L. Allen, gave little chance to Rust, frequently admonishing him at Davis' request.

Once Rust, exasperated, said, "I regret the District Attorney won't let me present my case." Judge Allen shouted at Rust, "I've cautioned you before, Mr. Rust, stay within the record. I'll not tell you again."

That's the atmosphere in which workers are tried.

## ANOTHER CO. UNION LICKED

PHILADELPHIA.—Another company union folded up when the 2500 workers of the Stetson at Co. here flocked into the Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union, which is affiliated with the C. I. O.

## OF ALL THE FASCIST CRUST!

PIEDMONT.—The Piedmont American Legion Post boasted of its strikebreaking purpose and activities, in an appeal to the Alameda County Supervisors Board, to aid the post with funds to build a Legion "Memorial" building.

Said the Legion Post's officials: "The Post also has an emergency corps which is essentially an auxiliary police to back up our law-enforcing agencies in time of stress. Many of our members did police duty in the general strike."

East Bay organized labor, learning of the strikebreaking boasts in the letter, launched a vigorous protest against the use of public funds for such an organization.

## GEORGE KIDWELL STRONG FOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM IDEA, HE TELLS CULINARY UNIONS

### Cites Own Personal Experience To Prove The Advantages of United Form of Organization

SAN FRANCISCO.—George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers Union and prominent A. F. of L. leader in San Francisco, came out openly for the cause of industrial unionism at a general meeting of the San Francisco Culinary Unions held Monday, August 3rd, for the purpose of discussing industrial unionism at a general meeting of the San Francisco Culinary Unions held Monday, August 3rd, for the purpose of discussing industrial unionism.

### Gives Own Experience

Kidwell cited his own personal experience to prove the case for industrial organization.

"My union," he said, "started with a membership of 212, with \$311 in the treasury, poor working conditions, low wage scale, and no security whatever. Today we have \$1 an hour and \$1.50 for overtime, the 8-hour day, 48-hour week, an almost iron-clad institution.

"We started with an industrial union of all bakery workers, all belonging to the same international, and agreements ratified and approved by the local joint board and the international. The A. F. of L. decreed, peculiarly enough, affiliation with another international, and under strong pressure we did affiliate with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"I was a charter member of the I. W. W., and a member of the Socialist Party in 1903. All my philosophy and theory was opposed to disassociation of membership in an industry.

"The Bakers International Union was largely controlled by German Socialists, Danes, Swedes, and a sprinkling of Irish; their philosophy was industrial unionism.

In spite of my theory of industrial unionism, in spite of my allegiance to the I. W. W., we ran out on the bakery workers and affiliated with the teamsters. We did it to get away from the hierarchy of the skilled workers in the trade.

### Beck for Industrial Unionism

William Beck, Executive Board member for the Miscellaneous Employees, Local 110, was the first speaker, and came out strongly for industrial unionism. This form of organization is best calculated to serve as a fighting weapon in the hands of the workers, he said.

"Industrial organization is essential if organization in hotels and large culinary establishments is to be brought about," said Beck.

John McKelvey, of Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen's Union, Local 30, also came out strongly for the movement for industrial organization.

"Men and women make a living, not by pick and shovel, but by machine," said McKelvey.

"There is a huge conspiracy to beat down every movement by wage workers. The method of industrial organization is an arranged battlefield to conduct warfare against the industrial overlords.

### Shipowners In South In New Maneuver

LOS ANGELES.—Acting for the shipowners in this area, Eugene A. Milnes, has sent a letter to the International Longshoremen Assn., notifying the union that the shipowners desire a modification in the award and requesting arbitration.

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## NOTES OF CALIFORNIA LABOR

LOS ANGELES.—The benefits now being enjoyed by members of the Sack Workers Union as a result of the victory in the Friedman Bag Co. strike include: \$13 a week for beginners for first 8 weeks; \$16 minimum for anyone employed more than 8 weeks; those receiving \$16 or more per week, each individual case to be taken up to consider a raise of at least \$2 a week. Eight-hour day is also in force now.

MONTEREY.—Alarmed by the growing determination of the agricultural workers in this County to organize and to combat vigilantism, the Monterey Herald recently ran a column saying it's OK for the "expert crafts to be organized, but one isn't so sure about common labor." The columnist went on to say, without realizing how funny he sounded, "I guess unions are needed all right if they don't get too strong."

RICHMOND.—Charged with absconding with \$600 in union funds, Joseph Du Frane, former secretary-treasurer of the Cooks at Richmond, is under arrest in Detroit. He is fighting extradition.

WILMINGTON.—The Culinary Alliance, in its negotiations to unionize the Owl Drug Co., Junch, struck a snag when orders from the company in Los Angeles stepped in to impede negotiations.

LOS ANGELES.—To establish a closer bond between the members, Furniture Workers Local 1561 has put into practice a system of a series of group meetings in different sections of the city. All members residing in the same neighborhood have been organized into groups of 5 to 15. These group meetings meet once a week or twice a month in a member's home. The group captain must contact the members at least once a week to see if they are in good health, if they are working, etc.

These reports are turned in to the district head, who in turn reports to the union.

MARTINEZ.—Sam Herrod, of the Oil Workers reports that the State Council of Oil Workers will meet at the Labor Temple, Long Beach, on August 23. Important questions, like the campaign against Shell Oil, will be discussed. All the 11 Oil Workers locals in California, except one, were represented at the last meeting, held here July 26.

## L.A. Furriers Strike 100 p.c.

LOS ANGELES.—In response to the General Strike call of the International Fur Workers Union, about 400 fur workers of Los Angeles walked out of their shops to tie up the industry. The strike came after fruitless negotiations with the employers. The union sought to settle the controversy amicably, but the employers refused even to negotiate with a committee of the union.

Bosses Provoked

In reply to a request of J. W. Buzzell, the secretary of the L. A. Central Labor Council for a conference, Mr. Flier, president of the Wholesale Fur Manufacturers Association, declared that the Association would not meet with the union and that a strike was inevitable.

The fur workers are determined to carry on this fight until they win their demands which include a general 20% increase in wages, the closed shop as already established for the past three years and other changes in the agreement.

Picket lines were thrown around the shops which are scattered all over the city.

## Boycott of Anti-Labor Newsreels—A Swell Idea

NEW YORK.—How organized labor is awakening politically is shown by the recent action of Local 308, International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, voting to boycott all newsreels which show strike scenes unfavorable to organized labor.

This sets a splendid example for other unions.

LONG BEACH.—For the first time in two years the anti-picketing ordinance has been invoked here against organized labor.

Richard J. Seltzer, Business Agent of the Chauffeurs, Truck Drivers and Helpers Local 692, and three other members of the union, Sunstadt, Lopez and Barker, were arraigned before Judge Miller charged with violating the ordinance on two counts—carrying banners and inducing persons to refrain from entering the Richmond Cafe and purchasing goods there.

The Richmond creameries were put on the unfair list when it was reported that a company official's answer to the union committee's proposal was "I hope I am placed on the unfair list. It's the best advertising the company can get."

Organized labor says, "Think again."