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That American Citizen Again

PANIC-STRICKEN REDS REPLY

We Didn't Steal His Union Label

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.-A few weeks ago it was "civil war." This time it's "Reds in Panic." Mr. Henry Sanborn, publisher of the red-baiting "American Cit-

izen," San Rafael tabloid sheet, is at it again. His January 31 issue of the "Citizen" told how Harry Bridges had threatened "civil war" on the local waterfront. Since no civil disturbance of any kind was forthcoming, he creates a newspaper "panic."

SCORED AT L.A.

Jobless Union Moves

For Removal of

Police Chief

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.-At-

tacked because it was "proposed

for the purpose of breaking up

labor unions and other working

men's organizations," the new

Los Angeles County ordinance

providing for a "disaster plan"

committee was vigorously assailed

in a letter from the Public Works

and Unemployed Union which

was read in the Board of Super-

visors' meeting here yesterday.

Immediate removal of Police

Chief Davis was also demanded

that the "purpose of his border

place to another and work."

Spanish-American War veterans.

Before the united front pres-

weakened and indicated they would

hold an open hearing on the "dis-

aster plan" in the near future.

ORGANIZING OF

CIVIC FIREMEN

OK'D BY COUNCIL

STOCKTON, Calif., Feb. 20

But Major, Sanborn's February DISASTER PLAN 15 issue of the "American Citizen," scattered in thousands about the city this morning, hardly does the editor justice. And it certain-

ly fails to do justice to the Reds Editor Sanborn, in his leading article, headlines "REDS IN PANIC." He accuses the Western Worker, in its "baby" issue put out as an antidote to the

uborn type of slander and lies, intentionally deleting the unnion label from a photostatic copy of the "Citizen."

This is strange. Surely a man as well versed in union affairs as Major Sanborn claims to be should know that rules of the Typographical Union forbid one print shop from reproducing the union label of another shop in this manner. Or perhaps he didn't know. The Communists could teach the editor of the "Citizen" quite a few things.

WHAT PANIC? Furthermore, a careful investi-

gation of all "known Communist 'aquarters" this morning showmole still standing and Western Worker offices intact. There was no sign of "panic" on the waterfront. Did Editor Sanborn's open appeal for vigilante terror miss fire?

For publicity purposes no doubt, the Major, in his leading article of the "panic" issue incorrectly assumes that San Francisco Long. shoremen read and digested the "facts" contained in his "civil war" issue. Actually, the contrary is true.

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Fifty Jailed As L.A. Police Push **Transient Pogrom**

MINING MAN DEMANDS IN-JUNCTION AGAINST CHIEF DAVIS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Vic tims of Police Chief Davis' Fascist "legion" in Los Angeles and on the state borders, 50 transient workers were remanded to 10-day iail sentences here this week by Municipal Judge A. A. Scott, reactionary son of Joe Scott, organizer of the Knights of Columbus' Fascist "patrols."

The American Civil Liberties Union is requesting prosecution of Chief Davis under the laws ' Interstate Commerce, in a

.ter to George B. McGinty, secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washing-

The letter charged that L. A police are violating the interstate commerce act by returning transient workers to other states in

Meanwhile, police here continued their terroristic raids, arresting workers on the streets, in beer parlors, cheap theaters, pool halls,

Attempted "justification" by Chief Davis and other reactionary leaders here is that "some of those arrested have criminal rec-

ords.' seanwhile, John Langan, minentering California. Chief Davis nized agencies of the law." has been ordered to appear in granted.

People's Front Wins Votes of Spain "RED SQUAD"

SEAT 14 IN **PARLIAMENT**

PREMIER MANUEL AZANA CHOSEN TO FORM NEW CABINET

Politicals Released

RED FLAGS FLY AND THE INTERNATIONAL IS SUNG IN MADRID

MADRID, Feb. 19.-Manuel Azana, radical Republican, tonight became head of the Spanish cabinet to succeed Premier Manuel Portela Valladares whose rightist and ro-fascist government was voted out of office in an overwhelming victory for the People's Bloc here: Sanday.

First act of the Azana government was the ordering by the Supreme Court of an amnesty for all political prisoners and participants in the October, 1934, revolutionary uprising. More than 30,000 were jailed.

in the lettter, which charged Although Azana has stated neither Communists nor Social ists will be given cabinet posipatrol is to persecute unemployed workers who are forced through tions the Communist Party seatcircumstances to go from one ed 14 deputies in the Cortez leg islative body.

Other organizations have also Sunday's parliamentary election joined in the emphatic protests gave the People's Bloc between against Davis' "legion" and against 250 and 260 of the 473 Cortez the "disaster plan" ordinance, seats to be filled. Jose Maria Gil which is to be administered by Robles, conservative, pro-Fascist the Sheriff's deputies, the Ameri- Catholic leader managed to win can Legion "big snots" and the 35 scats and other parties won 110. Extreme rightists—the Carlists and Alphonso monarchistswere completely out of the picture. sure, the Supervisors visibly

PEOPLE'S FRONT Election results point to the establishment of a strong People's Front government in Spain. Fearful of election results, the Valladares government, prompted by Gil Robles already had declared an eight-day "state of siege" which was regarded from the Left as a move toward de-

creeing a "state of civil war." government threatened martial law in several cities, but was forced to withdraw the order when the people threatened

Red flags flew throughout Madrid and everywhere the people were to be heard singing the International. Socialists and Com-I militant delegates frequently inmunists unitedly celebrated their resolution introduced in the City victories and Socialist leaders Council proposing to rebuke the were engaged in serious discusfiremen for join the organization sions over their participation in

the new government. The resolution had been tabled | Following the election and be (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

-Declaring the whole subject "has only served to inflame the minds of citizens through an effort to make this appear a class sissue,' Attorney Joseph Tope successgeneral strikes in reprisal. fully defended the action of the city firemen in joining the Inter-

tion, an affiliate of the A. F. of L. The victory was scored when a was defeated 7 to 2.

national Fire Fighters' Associa-

two weeks previously. A hys- | fore Azana became premier, 20,terical tirade by Councilman E. election the Anarchist Unions of J. Van Pelt, sponsor of the reso- 000 demonstrated in the center of lution failed to shake the majority | Madrid demanding amnesty for al

COMMUNISTS WAR AGAINST U.S.S.R. IS PLOTTED IN ROME

MURDER PLUS SUICIDE



Dupes of imperialist greed! These Italian soldiers gaze at their machine gun as if somewhat doubtful of its true meaning. They are discovering that for all the war means to them, they might as well be shooting at themselves. The result is the same. Revolts, desertions and uprisings are the order of the day both on the African front and at home.

Epic Convention at LosAngelesSunday

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—Against a background of political sell-outs and betrayals, Epic workers from throughout California will assemble here next Sunday, February 23rd, in the third convention of the End Poverty League, Inc., with the scheduled purpose of selecting a "100 per cent straight Epic slate of delegates to the Democratic National Convention and to select a presidential candidate."

The convention will assemble Lake street.

That the Epic workers are alive to the menace of political corruption of Epic principles is seen in the fact that a great many delegates are planning to raise the issue of independent political action before the convention, which is proclaimed by delegates as the No Compromise Convention."

NO M'ADOO—NO OLSON? At the January convention, the

terrupted reactionary speakers, such as State Senator Culbert L Olson, with cries of "No Compromise!" and "No McAdoo!" It is doubtful that Senator

Olson will even dare to appear for a second such booing as he received at the January assembly, when he attempted to jusify his sell-out of Epic principles to the opportunistic collaboration with reactionary Senator W. G. McAdoo; nor will he dare to attempt an explanation of his *.acceptance of a \$10,000-ayear job from Jim Farley's Democratic crew of plunderers. It is reported that Senator Olson schairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, is very dubious that the nearly 900,000 Epic voters of 1934 can be retained

this election. THIRD PARTY HINTED Another report from a reliable source is that Kate Richards O'-Hare, executive secretary

within the Democratic Party in

Epic board of directors, and Paul Bruns, lawyer connected with many political deals of dubious ning to form-not a united front

people she formerly knew in the Page Three.)

n the Epic Temple, 123 North | Socialist Party of 15 years ago, that the Epic movement is now

> SINCLAIR SELECTS to lead the movement by the nose as was seen by an editorial entitled "Forward Epic!" in the Feb.

laws, if our delegates are to be voted for as a block, they have (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

TYDINGS WILL NOT BACK OWN ARMY MEASURE

THROTTLE CRITICISM

-Senator Tydings of Maryland has withdrawn his support from Italy. the military disaffection bill which he introduced into Congress at the request of Wall Street interests.

expenditures to the bone.

Widespread indignation against the bill, including protests from many progressive groups and in- them. dividuals, no doubt had much to do with the Maryland Senator's now being escorted through the

Conspiracy of World Capitalist Powers Seen in Parley

Germany-Italy-Japan Urged to Attack Soviet Union

As forecast exclusively in the Western Worker for many weeks, world capitalist powers are maneuvering to solve the current European war crisis by directing the belligerence of Germany and Hiring Hall Threats Italy toward the borders of the Soviet Union.

Armed to the teeth and driven o desperation by internal unrest these two fascist powers have been threatening to precipitate world conflict in the hope of preserving themselves in the resultant

FASCISM UNITING

A projected alignment between Italy, Germany, Austria and Poland is now being completed with the frankly proclaimed purpose of attacking the Soviets. Conferences of an emergency nature have been held in Rome during the past few days, participated in by practically all fascist powers.

Chief factors in the emergency are the impending collapse of fascism in Italy, the proposed Franco-Soviet pact, and the wave of revolutionary struggles which has swept the world during the past month. .

REVOLUTION Overwhelming failure of the Ethiopian invasion, which Mus-

solini embarked on to relieve and distract the mounting discontent delegates. within Italy, has resulted in a situation where he faces revolution whether he pushes the fiasco further or withdraws in disgrace. His only hope of preserving capitalism in Italy is to precipitate a major war elsewhere in the hope of distracting the masses, and to Upton Sinclair is still trying provide an excuse for withdrawing from the fatal African ad-

venture. Capitalist powers were capable of both halting the invasion and preventing Italy from running amuck by imposing complete oil sanctions. Since this would have resulted in the downfall of Italian capitalism, they successfully sabotaged the whole embargo issue in the League of Nations and proceeded toward developing the present fascist alignment and directing it against the U.S.S.R.

EXPANSION CRY Germany, with her persistent clamor for return of her colonies presented a problem in armed belligerence no less alarming than

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National, District C.P. Conventions Postponed to June

The Ninth National Convenion of the Communist Party, previously announced for March 8th in New York, and the District Convention announced for February 29th in Fresno, Calif., have both been postponed until June. Communist Party of America.

ISU DELEGATES

Of I. S. U. Officials Arouses Protests

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.-Pacific Coast delegates returned home today from the International Seamen's Union Convention. while the local agents for the plant here; Lawrence Ervin, Mar-I.S.U. awaited the arrival of one Ivan Hunter, purported "head" of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

S. A. Silvers, former member of the Sailors' Union and representative of the I.S.U. heralded the expected arrival of Hunter with the announcement through the Hearst press of the opening of "a hiring hall within ten days."

The very next issue of the local Hearst rag, however, ran a statement attributed to Silvers which stated that "Ivan Hunter was merely going to lock the situation over.

All three I.S.U. unions are maintaining a quiet stand until they lie B. Dobbins, and Ray Azbell. have heard the full report of their

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The adjournment of the thirty-third convention of the International Seamen's Union of America mark ed the finish of one of the most disgraceful union-splitting conventions ever held in the history of the American labor movement.

SCHARRENBERG IN AGAIN Its last act was to hand the

militant West Coast seamen a slap in the face by electing none other than Paul Scharrenberg, along with Andrew Furuseth and Ivan Hunter as delegates to the American Federation of Labor Convention as "representatives" of the I.S.U.

The next I.S.U. convention was set for 1937 to be held at Los Angeles.

REACTIONARIES "ELECTED" The reactionary-controlled convention registered its complete indifference to the rank and file by (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

LABOR COUNCIL RAPS ATTEMPT TO SMASH SHIPYARD WALK-OUT

OAKLAND, Feb. 18.—Bitter resentment against what is termed 'legalizing scabs," in the Moore Shipyards where machinists and other workers are on strike, was expressed by delegates to the Alameda County Central Labor Council at its meeting here this week.

It was revealed that after this yard had been struck 100 per cent

a number of unorganized work- fused to bring ships into the yard. ers who were fabricating bridge steel were grouped into the Structural Iron and Bridge Builders' Union and a charter secured for

These men, it was reported, are ning, guarded by the Oakland (For further details on disaf- police. This in spite of the fact Kate O'Hara has stated to fection and sedition bills, see that other unions have refused to go through and seamen have re-

A delegate from the Tunnel Workers' Union moved to censure the Bridge Builders' International for this strike-breaking move. The motion was passed. The next motion, that the police department be condemned. for herding these men through the picket lines and that a demand be made on the City Council that this activity be stopped (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

I.L.A. UNION IS STRIKING AGAINST CONTINUED DISCRIMINATION

8 Others Held

COMPANY JUDGE GUILTY OF VIOLATION OF WAGNER LAW

WILMINGTON, Cal., Feb. 18. Caught up in a vicious police Red Squad raid of terror against local workers, eight out of 16 arrested members of the Soap and Edible Oil Workers' Union, I.L.A. affiliate, were freed on charges of 'suspicion of malicious use of dynamite," here yesterday.

Eight other workers arrested were held "in connection with the investigation" of two other "strike" violence cases."

All 16 workers were held incommunicado by the local police. HELD

Louis Vickery, leader of the two-months[†] strike against the Vegetable Oil Products Company. shall Shafer, Dale C. Fritts, Albert Scott, and Lee R. Wood were turned over to Long Beach police for questioning in connection with an asserted gang attack on the Long Beach scab, Ernest A. Wright, and his wife.

Fred Sanders and Howard L. faylor were held in connection with the alleged beating of P. L. Robinson and B. B. Dees, company officials and scab-herders, on January 7th last in Los Angeles.

RELEASED The following union members were released: Benjamin M. Sedgwick, Herman Manning, Elmer Prior, James C. Humphrey, Scott McCulley, Wesley H. Lebig, Les-

The company has been adjudged guilty of violation of the Wagner Law, but continues to seek delay to wear down the fighting spirit of the strikers, who walked out when a number of union members were fired from their jobs for union activity.

Friday homes of two scabs working in the plant were said to have been bombed, which occasioned the Red Squad terroristic attack on the Wilmington workers. However, the ranks of the strikers remain solid against all provocative attempts by the company and Red Squad.

"No Workers" Is **WPA Cry As Many** Walk the Street

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.-While thousands of unemployed workers are demanding jobs under WPA at thèir own trades, WPA officials here have announceed that there is a "serious shortage of workers eligible for Works Progress Administration projects."

According to the bureaucrats, only 63,486 workers are employed on local projects requiring 82,-890 workers; and it is 'impossible' to obtain a sufficient number from the relief rolls in accordance with WPA regulations.

"Civic leaders" were aroused here today, apparently through a slip in the customary political "greasing," when the discharge of George Durkee, district reassignment officer of WPA, and six other WPA executives and clerks were announced.

The others who were fired by Major Lee S. Dillon, personnel director, were Murray Imhoff. chief assignment clerk; Robert White, office manager; W. O. Wands, personnel officer, and Austin Pack, Hale Willis and Frank Horak, personnel clerks.

Wealthy Modesto Farmers Organize Strike-Breaking Vigilante Group

MODESTO. Calif., Feb. 18.—The Associated Farmers of Stanis laus County, a vigilante group, was organized here last week ostensibly to "check up on Red activities." Coincident with the organization of the county-wide group, the

American League Against War and Fascism was refused the use of several school buildings in this | ficials, chamber of commerce mem-

meetings against war. Organizers of the vigilantes, including, Fred Hogue, prominent a given signal from the local fire g man, today filed suit in federal Stanislaus County farmer, declarcourt for an injunction to halt ed they would "work in close any attempt to prevent him from cooperation with the duly orga-

county for speaking purposes and

court Marc'n 2 to show cause why a similar group, calling itself approximately 6000 migratory and party." the injunction should not be "Minute-Men" and composed of resident workers work in the prominent American Legion of fields.

bers and well-to-do business men was organized. The "Minute-Men" were to be called together upon

Agricultural workers in the fields and orchards of Modesto benefit to the workers, are planare poorly paid and largely un-During the 1934 Maritime Strike, organized. During the fruit season Farmer-Labor Party-but a "third port.

17 issue of the Epic News: "Under the California Primary

DISAFFECTION BILL WOULD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.

The bill, on the surface, was intended to keep army morale up by guarding the soldiers from so called "agitational propaganda." Actually it would have caused any person to be thrown in jail who dared to criticize anything about the army, from the cut of an officer's trousers to the New Deal Administration's policy of spending billions of dollars in preparation for war while cutting relief

action in withdrawing his sup- picket lines morning, and eve-

INJUNCTION DENIED SAN DIEGO DELEGATES ON TECHNICALITY

A PANIC-STRICK EN EDITOR **CLAIMS CRED IT AS FORGER** OF A COMMUNIST DOCUMENT

(Continued From Page 1) The morning the "Citizen" appeared on the local waterfront master class. the longshoremen, who are capable of running their own union without the assistance of Mr. Sanborn, organized a little protest demonstration. Passing the "Citand the Embarcadero, about 20 of them purchased copies, tore them to shreds and tossed the shreds into the gutter. Finally they chased the "Citizen" salesmen off the waterfront, in spite of the attempted protection of several beefy cops.

UNION MAN? Editor-Major Sanborn claims sympathy with organized labor. But he has yet to apply for membership in the American Newspaper Guild, a very worthy trade union organization of re-

porters and other newspaper writers. Mr. Hearst hasn't either, for that matter. The editor of the "Citizen" declares "Union Labor Repudiates Reds." As his authority he cites the Labor Clarion, official organ of the Vandeleur dictatorship in the San Francisco Labor Council. Vandeleur, along with Paul Scharrenberg and many others,

long has been repudiated by hon-

est rank and file union labor. And

it's a well-known fact that all militant trade unionists, regardless of political affiliations, are "Reds" in the eyes of Hearst-Sanborn and Company. Mr. Sanborn writes a whole

column about the "Reds" promoting disaffection in the army and navy. It contains nine paragraphs of slander bordering on libel, and a final hope that the "McCormack-Tydings Bill will correct this alarming condition." The "Citizen" editor should read his daily newspaper more thoroughly. If he did he would learn that Senator Tydings, one of the sponsors of this bill, has himself become "disaffected." He has withdrawn his support of this measure.

TAKES "CREDIT" Sanborn takes credit for an alleged "exposure" of a Communist plot to "break the A. F. of L.," reprinted in the Anniversary Edition of the San Francisco Labor Clarion. We must give credit where credit is due.

The "exposure," as the Western Worker pointed out on Feb ruary 20, was based on a clumsy forgery of instructions on helping build the A. F. of L. sent out by the Trade Union Commission of the Communist Party. If Mr. Sanborn wishes to claim credit for that forgery we will not deny him the dubious

As to "threatening letters." The "Citizen" contains a lurid photostatic copy of a page torn from a San Francisco newspaper. On it was smeared in blood so Mr. Sanborn says, a crudely formed Hammer and Sickle. We don't understand wherein this amounts to a "threat." However, the Communists are too busily engaged in helping make this country, and flie world, a better place for common people to live in, to waste

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STALL PWUU

fused to grant a request from the

Public Works and Unemployed

delegates that they be given cre-

and organizationally. A flimsy

ey given" was given by the com-

the use of the funds.

The Executive Committee 1e- | act this week.

dentials to go before other un ing recently with 200 delegates

excuse to the effect "they would made to cooperate with a like

have no way of checking on mon- group from the San Francisco

After considerable debate an he had had conferences with of-

amendment carried that the matter | ficials regarding the Disaster

be referred back to the Executive | Preparedness Plan and that the

Committee for reconsideration and assistant city attorney had prom-

that the fraternal delegates of ised immediately to draw up an

the PWUU be present to explain amendment to the ordinance

at once, passed unanimously.

papers, or in "threatening" individuals who have sided with the

THE MAJOR'S PANIC

We can only assume, after a thorough reading of Sanborn's latest document, that the shoe is on the wrong foot. We fear it is izen" salesmen at Market street the Major who is "in a panic." There are very few examples of is one of these. Major Sanborn

The Comunist Party thanks the Major for reprinting so many logical excerpts from Communist Party literature-Dimitroff's report to the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, for instance. If the Major wishes to secure more of our by writing to 121 Haight street, San Francisco. He will be supplied from the shelves of the book shop, where all such "secrets" are available to the general

Holsten Bros., owners of the Atlas Distributing Agency at 479 Waller street, San Francisco, were given the job of distributing the "American Citizen."

In 1934 this outfit was investigated by the Pinkerton Detective Agency under suspicion of having accepted matter for distribution and of dumping this material without making an attempt to distribute it. This constitutes criminal racketeering.

Rank and File of **Bargemens Union Against Traitors**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20. election of officers in the local Bargemen's Union are still attheir own and the shipowners' in-

Fighting these reactionary individuals is the majority of the rank and file of the union. Taking fight, so that he will be able to candidate, to name someone I can basis of one delegate for each their cue from the Warehouse- tell the truth to outsiders. "This recommend as truly devoted to major fraction of 10 members men, the Bargemen are in favor fight," he said, "is an organized the EPIC program. I have hes ever 20. workers in the industry around the Bay area.

The deck hands on launches the rank and file better control ers." over the jobs, it has been pointed out. The union traitors are against this proposition and it is assumed they want to go back to hiring off the docks, a proposition which finds much favor within the ranks of the barge owners.

REACTIONARIES

Leading the traitors are Johnson, Baptiste and Hurley, all of them well-known reactionaries and at least one of them an out and out fink.

The rank and file struggle against these traitors centers, around: 1) time in smearing blood over news- | Organizing the men on car floats;

> tee meet and draw up plans to organize the unorganized workers

> > MOONEY DEFENSE

The Mooney Defense Commit-

tee reported an enthusiastic meet-

carried that this committee be

Secretary Spooner reported that

which would prevent its being

Alameda Labor Council Censures Police Dept. and Bridge Builders' men on the hay scows. International for Strike Breaking

Days Yet to File Amended Action

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 20.—The demurrer brought by Joseph Casey, A. F. of L. organizer, to block It was supported fully by the nism. The combined fascist nathe progressive injunction against French masses who are still voic- tions are being primed for direct his interference with the Central ing emphatic demands for its ratif- offensive against the Soviet Un-Trades Council was sustained in Superior Court here this afternoon, on the grounds that the injunction was brought in the name of this pact that Japan launched nist suppression campaigns at of individual delegates. The proretired army officers who think gressives have ten days to file straight. General Smedley Butler an amended action for injunction in the name of the union locals.

> (Progressive Caucus, San Diego Federated Trades and

Labor Council.)

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 19.-Again barred from taking their seats. by Joseph Casey and his appointed officials, the delegates to secret" literature, he can do so the Central Trades Council held their fourth progressive caucus here tonight. Sixty-six delegates were present, representing 28 organizations. A. C. Rogers, former council secretary, read the statement which the caucus had authorized to be sent to every A. every union local in California.

The statement tells the history dictatorship established here by Casey and his scrapping of trade mion democracy in violation of the A. F. of L. constitution. It British interests in the Orient. calls upon every A. F. of L. body receiving the letter to protest to Green against Casey's unconstituttional activities. On motion from the floor, the letter was unanand fifty copies have already been sent out, each signed by Lydick and Rogers and by Fred Tif fany, secretary of the Building Trades Council, and each bearing the seal of the Building Trades Council.

In reporting on the injunction brought by the progressives against Casey, Rogers declared, Disrupters, defeated in the recent "Win or loose in court, we will won back control of our own tempting to smash the organiza- council," Hearing on the injunction or gain control of it for tion, twice delayed by Casey, is set for tomorrow.

seat you delegates; it is a fight have been organized in the Stock-1 for progressive unionism and a been working for production-for-1 the clubs. ton area by that local. This gives fight for the unorganized work- use ever since I came to Califor-

> was fraternally affiliated with the job. ing many of its member into the EPICS put him forward as a can-

disruptive actions. "He has left heartedly." a trail of wreckage on the Pacific Coast that should assure our remembering him forever." Steinmetz asked the delegates to gather | tributing brief articles to the Epic | material on Casey's record.

2) Gaining control of the barges that will be used to handle gravel tion include all Assembly District the progressive Epics, who are dictator. for the 1939 Worlds' Fair to be Executive secretaries, all members increasingly critical of Roosevelt held here; 3) Organization of the of the Board of Directors, two and his "roar like a lion, but run

Militants Have 10 WORLD CAPITALIST POWERS IN **CONSPIRACY A GAINST SOVIETS**

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The projected Franco-Soviet

IAPAN INVOLVED

It was to discourage ratification her campaign of bitter provocations on the border of the Mongolian People's Republic, a protectorate of the U.S.S.R.

Accord between Germany and Japan with the ultimate intention of waging simultaneous wars against Russia has long been accepted as fact although official spokesmen have denied it. BLOODY SOLUTION

The present fascist anti-Soviet pact provides Italy with the needed outlet for her belligerence, provides Germay with an objective for her proposed war of expansion, and removes both nations as dangerous antagonists to the other capitalist powers.

Behind all these maneuvers, Great Britain, France and the F. of L. central council and United States have stood to lose should the imperialist frenzies of the fascist nations direct themof the San Diego fight, of the selves in any other direction than that of the Soviet Union.

Already, Japan was providing

WHOSE HAND?

The present complete anti-Soan achievement, not of the fasimously approved. Seven hundred the capitalist powers of Britain, France and the U.S. A. French capitalism is facing an

internal crisis more acute than Britain or America. The French masses, by forging a powerful hand in directing the nation's

government.

In summary, it can be pointed mutual defense pact was a move out that world capitalist powers to discourage Nazi Germany from are completing the last details of seeking expansion to the South. a proposed war against Commuion. The other capitalist nations, which are not yet fascist, will devote themselves to Commu home and the suppression of revolts in colonies and smaller na-

It is particularly expected, that should the present maneuver succeed, which would start Japan on her long projected invasion of the U.S.S.R., the task of policing Central and Southern China and suppressing the Communist movement there would be shouldered by Britain and the U. S. A. under the guise of "insuring China's independence."

The haste with which these forward is owing chiefly to the policies." dire situation within Italy and also to the mounting strength of out the world, particularly in France and Spain.

LATIN AMERICA The conference of delegates

from 'all Latin American couna serious threat to America and tries to be held in Buenos Aires which has been called by President Roosevelt is seen as a direct move toward suppression of viet alliance, correctly viewed, is the people's revolts which have been blazing in many South Americist powers themselves, but of | can states and are threatening in all. Berlin newspaper openly hailed this conference as an anti-Communist maneuver.

Proclaimed as attacks against "foreign Bolshevism," these antiunited front, are taking an active case attempts to suppress the democratic will of the people in policies and constitute a force their efforts to change their coun-ficial has expressed the slightest which threatens to dominate the tries from capitalism to socialism. | concern as to the very existence

continue to fight until we have EPICS WARY OF SELL-OUTS ON EVE OF IMPORTANT CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1) William Coffey of the Laborers to be pledged to some candidate. prior to Feb. 15th, 1936, with adurged that each delegate fully in- Many EPICS have urged me, ditional delegates from clubs of form himself of the facts in the since I cannot myself be that more than 20 members, on the feat all who oppose their inter- able to help carry the burden; ests. It is not only a fight to but I have decided that Alanson Hays of the Electricians re- proved that he understands EPIC, having its slate to the National ported that as soon as Casey had is my choice. He has the confiassumed control, the Unemployed dence of labor, and has proven the first ballot for an Epic can-Union had been kicked out of that he will not compromise prin- didate for president—Sinclair prethe Labor Temple, although it ciples for a job, or the hope of a fers Sessions-and then switch on

Central Council and was recruit- "I would feel relieved to see the velt. didate and make him better known Harry Steinmetz, former presi- to the people. A slate such as he

> ment from time to time by con- writes Sinclair. newspaper.

DELEGATES

Delegates to this Epic convendelegates from each Epic club, like a lamb" position.

the charter to which was issued

vention may remain as delegates with the approval—not of the club Sessions of Bakersfield, who has membership—but of the officers of

Sinclair continues his "tactic" Democratic Convention vote on every succeeding ballot to Roose-

EMPTY GESTURE "It would do Roosevelt and his

cause no harm whatever for us lent, spoke bitterly of Casey's proposes I would back whole- to elect a slate of delegates pledged to vote for a production Sinclair maintains that he is for use candidate an the first bal- vation remains tense, it was pointcontinuing to "support" the move- lot, and for Roosevelt after that,"

convince the capitalists that they ought to quit fighting, Sinclair is jurgo, organizer of the counterrapidly losing his following among

8000 Workers to **Be Evicted From Transient Camps**

DIRECTOR CHARGES WPA DECREE IS "SOCIAL CATASTROPHE"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.-Eight thousand transient workers will be left homeless and without any means of support whatsoever by the end of next month, it was announced here today on order of State WPA Director Frank Y. McLaughlin to close all 45 transient camps in California by Mar.

Charging that this move of McLaughlin's was a "social catastrophe," H. A. R. Carlton, ascamps, resigned vesterday.

"The old nauseating system of municipal flop-houses and soup kitchens has returned since the all semblance of unity amongst transient service was abolished," charged Carlton.

"I don't see how the transient service can escape complete dempreparations are being pushed oralization because of unsound and who has served as a stooge

WANTON WASTE

Charging Emily Wooley, a state people's front movements through- relief "big shot," with being one of "petticoat and political meddlers," Carlton charged that stupid blundering and wanton waste followed in the transient service as soon as Miss Wooley appointed as her assistant one Edwin J. Cooley.

Former chief probation officer of New York, Cooley is reported as having been forced to resign and later being tried on charges of falsely auditing payrolls, and was accused of favoritism and espionage in his office. Cooley was once SERA area director in Los Angeles, and militant protests of the unemployed resulted in his being "kicked upstairs" into his present position.

In all of the political back-biting concerning this situation, no ofof the transient workers after March 31st.

Spanish Communists

(Continued from Page 1)

political prisoners. The Valla-

dares government posted troops Delegates to the January con- in the street. Troops joined the

Several weeks previous to the Catalonia, meeting in Barcelona, voted to join with the U.G.T., the big Socialist Trade Union Fedr nia, 20 years ago, and who has of saving the Epic movement by eration of Spain, in using the anarchist vote to check the Fascists.

SOVIETS HAIL VOTE

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Feb. 20. the success of the People's Bloc I.S.U. in last Sunday's election as proof that the toiling masses of Spain are prepared to defend their democratic liberties.

In spite of the victory of the People's Bloc, however, the sited out. The Fascists are not asleep and even before the elec-By this policy of waiting to tion returns were announce it was plannd to put General Sanrevolutionary putsch of 1932, in as

Noteworthy is the fact that just recently General Sanjurgo visited Germany.

CONTROL OF RANK AND FILE (Continued From Page 1)

NEW CONSTITUTION AIMS TO

GIVE I.S.U. EXECUTIVE BOARD

"re-electing" a full slate of officials who for years have been the symbol of a tottering decrepit union which made no effort to free the seamen from rotten conditions and coolie wages.

Andrew Furuseth, aged president, who spent the major portion of the convention time in a hospital room was re-elected. With one foot in the grave and a mind that borders on senility, this is the man whom the self-appointed delegates "chose" to lead the seamen in their desperate sistant director of state WPA fight against the united front of shipowners and industrialists who are seeking to protect their murderous war plans by smasning the maritime workers.

Patrick O'Brien, of whom it is rumored he once made a trip on a ship in the Great Lakes years ago for the 84-year-old president was "elected" as secretary; treasurer.

BEEF SQUAD ECHO

Paul Scharrenberg, a name which invokes the just curses of every rank and file maritime worker on the West Coast was renamed editor of the boycotted Seamen's Journal. Despite his expulsion by an honest rank and file referendum vote, which was heartily endorsed by scores of other shoreside unions, Scharrenberg was restored to "Good Standing" by the executive board of the I.S.U.

Ivan Hunter, who is supposed to be enroute to the West Coast in the capacity of "executive head" of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, was also "elected" as I.S.U. first vice president. It is reported by rank and file

seamen from the Great Lakes from where he hails, that Friedl, notorious beef squad leader who was slain by the San Pedro Red Squad, was a Hunter lieutenant when the Lake seamen were struggling against the reactionary officials in an effort to organize and improve conditions.

FULL FAKER SLATE

Percy Pryor, Oscar Carlson. David Grange, Gus Brown, Clyde Deal, R. Hayman, and S. Goshorn were the other seven vice presidents "elected."

It is well to note that the entire East Coast District Committee, which is desperately attempting to curb the Atlantic rank and file seamen, was named to the executive board of the I.S.U. Clyde Deal, who although he

hails from the West Coast, is nevertheless part and parcel of the entire machine. Deal, Scharrenberg and Hun

ter were "designated" by the convention as the "executive commit-The Soviet press this week hailed tee" of the West Coast District,

LYNCH REWARDED Carl Lynch, editor of the American Seamen, which was used unsuccessfully by the I.S.U. officials—namely Deal,

propaganda against the formation of the West Coast Maritime Federation, received his reward, when he was given a "position" with the I.S.U. on the Atlantic The officials who were elected

by delegates of their own choos-

ing go hand in hand with the

"new" (constitution which was drafted. It makes no bones above its intention, which is to kee control out of the hands of the membership and in the complete power of the executive board. Following are a few choice excerpts from this constitution which

I.S.U. convention: EX-BOARD POWER

is a monument to the thirty-third

"Article 7, section 3—The executive board shalls consist of the president, vice presidents, editor and the secretary-treasurer. It shall have the power to issue charters and to revoke charters as herein after provided.

"If the offender be a District Union, the executive board, after trying and failing to induce headquarters of such District to obey the laws shall for the protection of the loyal inembership,-tie up all funds and protect all property by appropriate legal proceedings and shall organize such other headquarters as shall obey tl'

Section 4.—The executive board shall have the power to remove any officer, organizer, or deputy acting for or in behalf of the Union and to fill vacancies.

STRIKE S-TRAGEDY "Article 15, Section 1 A.—The secretary-treasurer shall issue a notice of referendum vote. Stating the question to be voted upon and the time limit of voting. He shall prepare the ballots and dis-

tribute a sufficient number. "Article 17.—The following rules must be observed closely by a District Union contemplating a strike or in danger of being locked det Failure on the part of any trict union to comply herewit. shall work a forfeiture to all

claims of financial assistance, and subject the district union to loss "Section 2.—In case a disagreement occurs between any district

union and any operators, which may result in a strike or lockout, the matter shall first be submitted to the District Committee, which shall endeavor to adjust same-if adjustment is remote, the fact together with the opinions of the District Committee shall be reported to the secretarytreasurer who shall at once proceed to the seat of the trouble or appoint some other member, preferably a member of the executive board to act as his deputy. "Together with the District

Committee, he shall use all honorable means to reach a peaceable settlement. If this effort shall prove futile, the Executive Board MAY order a vote to be taken by all District Unions in-Scharrenberg, Olander to spread | volved or likely to be involved."

MACHINISTS SPIKE MOVE OF OFFICIALS AGAINST STRIKE

BULLETIN

the presence of a navy inspector the Industrial Union that they do the negotiating, all sett would settle demands of the strikers. Several days later when the navy inspector was not present, ship. the Bethlehem Company cancelled the former agreement. Every labor uni on should answer this treachery with a protest expose letter to the Navy Department.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.— A thinly disguised attempt by International officials of the Metal Trades' Unions to stab striking marine and shipbuilding workers in the back was prevented here last night when the membership of Machinists' Local 68 voted down a proposal by these of ficials that they be allowed to negotiate settlement of the Machinists' strike.

But five or six shops yet remain to be signed up by the Machinists. More than 200 shops now are operating in this area under union conditions.

Had the Machinists consented to allow international officials to cent wage increase.

negotiate for metal trades work-The Bethlehem Company just ers, the shipbuilding workers pulled off a treacherous deal in would have been left out on a limb. But the Machinists voted in order to get navy orders. They to allow their own local oftold strikers' representatives from ficials and the strike committee ment proposals to be subject , approval by the entire member

STRIKE SOLID Meanwhile the strike of the

West Coast Division of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, involving locals here, in Oakland and at San Pedro, continued with the men out nearly 100 per cent.

Police in Oakland have conducted scabs through picket lines and have carried on a campaign of arresting innocent men, in order to break the solidarity. The Oakland strike is at the Moore Dry Dock Co. In San Pedro and San Francisco the strike is again the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. oration. Approximately 1300 men in all are out.

The shipbuilding workers demand hiring through the union hall; no piece-work; a 36-hour week and an approximate 25 per

Unity Achieved At Negro Congress CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A per- F. of L. Convention against dis- 2000 Negroes employed on the American Negroes to offer their

manent organization for the wag- criminatory practices in trade unin this vicinity. He promised to ing of a systematic national fight for equal rights for the Negro people, was a major accomplishment of the National Negro Conions asking support, both financial present. A motion was made and 14, 15 and 16.

> The many wrongs and grievances suffered daily by Negroes throughout the United States received a thorough airing. All Southern states except North and South Carolina were represented.

The Congress voted unanimously to work for the organization of an International Congress of Negroes. Great enthusiasm accompanied

LABOR PARTY

Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the U. S. A., invited to talk at the Congress, was prevented from doing so by national guardsmen station in the armory where the Congress was held. Only after the guardsmen had threatened to smash the Con-

Farmer-Labor Party supported by job. the Negro masses, following a talk by James W. Ford on this subject. No definite action was taken by the Congress, however.

ions. A plan to form Negro la-

bor committees to organize the

unorganized also was adopted.

gress was Browder's talk cancelled.

self and fellow workers, as well Serious discussion centered as 500 white workers, from dreadgress in session here February around the problem of a national ed silocisis contracted on the PROGRESSIVE ACTION Resolutions adopted at the Congress declared that: The A.

F. of L. has ben negligent in organizing Negro workers and that the laundry and domestic wokers be selected to "concentrate and dramatize the whole campaign for Negro labor organization; that Hearst and the American Liberty league be vehemently opposed for their fascist attitude; that the Congress cooperate in all efforts

Gauley Bridge, W. Va., tunnel services to Ethiopia in her presproject addressed Chicagoans in ent struggle," and that Italian Medinah Temple here Feb. 15th fascist aggression on Ethiopia be on the doom descending on himcondemned. The Kramer sedition bill in Congress and the Tydings-Mc-

Cormeck military disaffection bill as well as slave-insurrection acts, loyalty oaths for teachers and sterilization laws be condemned. The Congress demanded that the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the U. S. Constitution be enforced, as well as the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill.

the Scottsboro boys, for Angelo Herndon, and for Tom Mooney was endorsed. Approximately 900 delegates

The United Front defense for

to oppose war and fascism; that were in attendance, representing Ethiopia be informed that "there is one-fourth of the Negro popu-Railway Porters at the recent A. George Robinson, one of the a desire on the part of many lation of the country.

Secretary Spooner was forced used against labor. the acceptance of a strong resoto admit it is his fault that no | The Teachers' Union delegate lution endorsing the stand taken action has been taken on the rec- reported the first issue of their ommendation of the Warehouse- militant new paper, The Union by A. Philip Randolph of the men that the organization commit-! Teacher.

Central Labor Council.

Mexican People Back of Cardenas' War On the Imperiasists

. DREIGN BANK FIRMS FORGED TO BACK DOWN

MEXICO PRESIDENT AIDS MONTERREY WORKERS IN WALK-OUT

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—Approximately 120 artists, meeting in the Artists' Congress which opened here last week, are threshing a position on all questions in preparation for the American Artists' Congress which is to be 1 in New York City.

In addition to Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Cuba and other South American countries are represented. A report summarizing the experience of Mexican revolutionary artists in the past 17 years will be given at this congress.

While the artists were preparing for their Congress, President Lazaro Cardenas of Mexico-intervened in a strike at Monterrey, forced employers. who include many American imperialists, to settle with workers. Cardenas rapped Monterrey business men who forced a two-day stoppage of activities in what they labelled a "protest against Communism."

U. S. DOMINATION Mexico, like Cuba and most of the republics of South and Central America, is a semicolonial country. This means that a greater part of its in-

'ustries and large-scale agriculture projects are under the domination of foreign capital. The United States, during the past few years, has managed to crowd out its competitors. Mexican labor furnishes the profit, working for from 25 to 50 cents per day. American owners and stock-holders reap the

In the past most of Mexico's presidents and governments have been dominated by the foreign imperialists. But today there is a united people's movement against imperialism, and a man-President Cardenas, who derives his strength from this movement, who not sold out to the foreign

gkers, And President Cardenas today is in an exceedingly strong position. He has the backing of an almost completely united working class and also of the huge and immensely powerful anti-imperialist People's Front.

CALLES IS DONE

Calles, former president of Mexico and a willing tool of American capital, is politically declining. Today in Mexico City street vendors sell caricatures of Plutarco Elias Calles. Once he was known as the "Iron Man" of Mexico. Although Calles himself probably is slated for the political graveyard, "Callismo," a term which in Mexico has come to mean reaction of the worst kind, is alive and constitutes an ever present menace to the Cardenas govern-

Eight months ago, in June 1935, the picture was different. At that time labor was divided into at least 50 separate organizations. Although the Communist Party of Mexico, since November, 1934, had been working for a united labor front, these groups had remained apart. Since the inauguration of Cardenas as president however, there has been a tremenduous strike wave-more than 1200 strikes in all-most of them directed against American controlled monopolies. Cardenas had not vet gained the united support of the working class and Calles. backed by foreign capitalists, had under control many important mem-

of the Cardenas government, WANTS DICTATORSHIP

On June 12, 1935, Calles issued his now famous proclamation. It proved a boomerang. In it he viciously attacked Mexican labor and the right of the workers to strike, called upon Cardenas to crush the trade unions, and suggester that if Cardenas failed, he, Calles, would do the job. His avowed job was to overthrow the Cardenas government and establish a Mexican military-fascist regime, with himself as dictator.

The Confederation Syndical Unitaria (confederation of red trade unions) issued a final call · unity in the face of the des-

ate emergency. The same the representatives of all the more important union groups met and formed the National Committee For Proletarian de-

The Most Powerful Force in Mexico Today



The above photograph shows the Communist Party marching in a recent United Front demonstration of 100,000 workers and liberals in Mexico City, protesting against the return of Calles to the

governors of states, were removed from office. Calles fled the country, taking residence in Los Angeles, California. Unity of the working class grew. This unity in turn convinced President Cardenas that his political future rested with the working class.

ANTI IMPERIALISTS

On August 24, 1935, the Mexican League Against War and Fascism called for a mighty People's Front against Imperialism. The call met with instantaneous response and when Calles returned to Mexico in November he was met by a huge parade of 30,000 workers who demonstrated trasted sharply with the Tennesagainst him and the imperialist

bankers, his masters. his strength to the support given project. Few comments came from him by the working class. Thus public utilities officials, who had far he has shown himself worthy counted on a decision favorable of this support. Politically he is to them as a sure thing. Few a member of the Partido Na- comments were made by specutional Revolucionario (National lators whose expected stock mar-Revolutionary Party). This party ket profits were killed when utilcomprises right wing elements ity shares dipped downward in and enemies of the working class, friendly to American imperialism. But because he realizes the immense power of the united working class and the People's Front Cardenas had evidenced strong leaning to the left.

Specifically he has attacked foreign monopolies, helped workers education, encouraged the organization of new trade unions and ocasant organizations; recently he drew diplomatic protests from America and Japan when he sent the Mexican navy into the Gulf of Mexico to chase off American and Japanese fishing boats poaching in Mexican waters. He has taken steps toward the liquida-

tion of the large landowners. COMMUNIST SUPPORT

The Communist Party of Mexico supports Cardenas and his many other phases of the TVA government insofar as he remains project, and left a loophole open for the masses of the people for further adverse decisions. against the imperialists. Recently "El Machete," official organ of loomed large in the court's decithe C. P. M., came out with the following headline: "TO SUP- cases that may be heard at later PORT CARDENAS MEANS dates. TO SUPPORT THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT OF CARDEN-AS." In the same issue appeared an article by Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Mexican Party, which pointed out that the decision. the right elements in the government, represented by such in- lences," states The New York dividuals as Portes Gil and Gen- Times editorially, "is that it may eral Cedillo, are at present neces- help to dispel the foolish notion sary to Cardenas because of the that the court is composed of influence they command over certain sections of the population. Laborde's article closed with their private prejudices into the

this statement: "The government of Pres. Cardenas cannot continue as it is today. Either it will go to the left, supporting itself upon the people who are organized to repulse the attacks of the enemies from without or within, or else it will go to AND INCREASE HIS ORIEN the right, surrender to imperial- TATION TOWARD THE LEFT ism and fall into the hands of a Up to now we have no reason new reactionary group. We are for changing our opinion about sure that, supporting himself up- this. President Cardenas, himself, this point on Calles' on the people, PRESIDENT will say with his deeds whether

gained in popularity. The supporters of Calles, including four CAN THE TVA RULING SAVE THE SUPREME COURT'S REPUTATION?

By Henry C. Fleisher Federated Press.

NEW YORK.—(FP) — Wall Street nursed the wounds inflicted by the hands of the nine elderly men of the U.S. Supreme Court and on second thought figured perhaps the decision was not as disastrous as it first appeared. Disgusted, perplexed, hit in the

pocketbook by the TVA decision. the nation's financial center consee valley, where jubilant celebrations greeted the court's rul-President Cardenas, then, owes, ing on the government's power one of the exchange's wildest selling orgies in months.

WALL STREET'S SECOND THOUGHT

All utility companies' shares dropped, some as much as four and six points for the day.

But sober second thought left nany figures close to the financial district feeling that the court's "brainstorm" was less devastat ing than they had been led to believe. Here are some of the theories current in the city regarding the status of the utilities' relations with the government:

1. The decision covered only a limited field; it applied only to the government's rights to sell surplus power at the Wilson dam. It scrupulously refrained from discussing the constitutionality of

sion. It may not enter other

3. The decision saved the Supreme Court from final and irrevocable loss of face. That, it is felt in many sectors, may constitute the most important phase of

"Not the least of its excelnine old men bent on imposing their will on Congress and writing

If the reactionaries, aided by one liberal decision, can get that idea over to the populace, they'll thank their God for the TVA decision.

declined and Cardenas | CARDENAS WILL MAINTAIN | we are right or not."

Chesebro Worried By Lack of Law to Stop Loudspeaker

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Plot to hamstring free speech in Los Angeles was uncovered here today from the Reference Sheets of the City Council meeting of Jan. 29th, last, wherein City Attorney Chesebro reported to the "city fathers" that there is no ordinance that he can find on the statute books which would pro-

Board of Police Commissioners. ment.

EXPECT 2000 AT L.A. MASS MEET ON FEBRUARY 28

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO SPEAK AT RALLY IN EPIC AUDITORIUM

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18 .-Widespread people's forces inSouthern California will rally in a mass meeting here on Friday night, February 28th, at the Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake street, in a public ultimatum for the repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law of California. A packed auditorium of more than 2000 is anticipated to voice demand, not only for the repeal of the law, but also for the mmediate release of the eight Sacramento victims of this legislative atrocity.

Leading the indictment against the C. S. Law will be Leo Gallagher, of the International Labor Defense, who has led many widely-known fights for the demo cratic rights of the working class.

Other leading speakers will include Assemblyman Paul A Richie, Epic of San Diego; Mrs. Kate Crane Gartz, noted liberal, author and contributor to working class movements; Anita Whitney, of the Communist Party. first victim of California's C. S law; Rev. Clinton J. Taft; of the American Civil Liberties Union; Rev. Floyd J. Seaman, pastor of the Grace Methodist Church Judge Edward B. Totten, well-

man Lee Guyer, Epic and leader the practice whether it be hanof many progressive fights in the dled by public or private agencies. last session of the State Legislature.

Broadest people's campaign in the history of Southern California is the campaign to repeal this vicious law, including in its scope trade unions, Epic clubs, Utopian groups, church groups, and many other liberal and radical organi-

WIN AT PEKIN

PEKIN, Ill.—(FP)—Striking union workers at the Pekin plant hibit use of loud speakers in of the American Distillery Co., connection with mass meetings. backed by a 3-day general strike "I am of the opinion," reported of all organized labor in the city, Chesebro, "that the provisions of won a smashing victory. The Sec. 51/2 of Ordinance 69873 do company had previously scorned not prohibit the use of a loud- the distillery workers' demands, speaker system in connection with and a teargas attack on their a mass meeting called for dem- | picket line had precipitated the onstration purposes, and I have mass walkout. Rehiring of three been unable to find any other discharged unionists, together with ordinance relating to the subject." granting of workers' demands on The Council received and filed wages, hours, overtime and seniorthe report, sending a copy to the ity were included in the settle-

PARAMOUNT HIRES CLIFFORD ODETS TO DO "MELLERDRAMMER"

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Feb. 1 in the title of this film, it is not 8.—Author of "Paradise Lost," Day I Die," and other working class plays, Clifford Odets is now working for Paramount Studio Died at Dawn," which will co-

bard.

a left-wing production, but just Waiting for Lefty," "Till the a melodrama about two crooks looking for treasure in Shanghai

Odets had hoped to adapt his own "Awake and Sing," but since here and is adapting "The General Will Hays stepped on the proposed production of Sinclair star Gary Cooper and Carole Lom- Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here," Contrary to possible implications anything with this workers' drama.

CONTEMPORARY THEATER WILL PRESENT "LET FREEDOM RING"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—"Let� Freedom Ring!", the stirring dram- | "Peace on Earth," "Sailors of atization of the gigantic upheav- | Cattaro," "Formation Left," and als in the Southern textile area, the satirical "Midsummer Review," will be brought to Los Angeles have all been excellent. for production early in the spring, it was announced here today by Contemporary Theater.

The Albert Bein dramatization of Grace Lumpkin's Gorki-Prize novel, "To Make My Bread," is now current in New York and has the endorsement of nationally prominent trade union leaders, including Francis Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers' Union and leader in the A. F. of L. fight for a Labor Party.

The Contemporary Theater has new headquarters at Sunset and Silver Lake Boulevards, and will start production of this play soon. First public affair at the new location will be a dance on Satur-

day, Feb. 29th. temporary Theater, including Nature of American Ideals."

San Jose Prof. Will Speak at S.F. Forum

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.-"The Hairy Ape," Eugene O'-Neill's powerful drama of a ship stoker, will be read by Ben Legere as the first of a series of readings at 68 Haight street here on Friday night, Feb. 21.

As part of its regular Sunday evening Open Forum the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party this week will present Professor Elmo A. Robinson of San Jose State Teachers Past productions of the Con- Council. He will speak on "The

In Spite of Rain



carry on in student anti-war demon-stration regardless of steady downpour. They did their part in one-hour peace march.

Guild Hits Bill ANTI-LABOR ACT Fingering Rapped

and the state government are pointing the finger of suspicion at New York's widespread fingerprinting racket.

Recent disclosures of systematic fingerprinting of hundreds of the employes of hotels, coupled with a bill now before the state legislature calling for the fingerprintknown progressive and radio ing of all people arrested on disorderly conduct charges, have Chairman will be Assembly- led to renewed activity against

A letter to the Building Employes Identification Bureau, made public by the labor department betrays the real significance behind the fingerprinting drive. "The registering and fingerprinting of the men created such a fine goodwill between ourselves, our employes, and our tenants, that the results have been most gratifying," the letter declared.

GUILD RAPS BILL

While Commissioner Andrews has announced he will recommend to Gov. Lehman and the legislature that it consider laws making fingerprinting and the filing of such exclusively a government function, the New York Newspaper Guild has blasted a state senate bill which calls for disorderly conduct charges.

"It is well known that disorderly conduct is a charge that is brought chiefly against strikers and pickets. In effect, the police department would be turned into with complete records of strikers and pickets; i.e., providing all employers with a blacklist of employes who are engaged in union activities," the Guild stated.

Hollywood House Party Raises \$21

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 18. -Much needed funds for the fight against the Criminal Syndicalism Law were obtained here Paramount Studio refused to do at a house party last Saturday night, \$21 being raised from a group of 20.

> Clara Weatherwax, winner of the novel contest conducted by The New Masses, read parts from her orize-winning novel, "Marching. Marching."

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HEARST INSPIRED SEDITION **BILLS AIMED AT DEMOCRACY**

Do you think Mr. J. P. Morgan is a bit one-sided when he declares civilization is doomed if the leisure class is abolished? Do you believe there are a few things good about the Soviet Union? Do you, ever get a little bit mad when the relief agency hands you a check for \$4.00 and you pick up a paper to read about what Mrs. Getrich. Whoozis wore at the opera last night? Do you read the Western Worker, the Daily Worker, the�-New Masses?

If you, in an unguarded moment, feel like doing any of these things, you'd better watch out. Mr. Kramer, Mr. Dickstein and all the Hearst tribe are out to get you. Personally, they'd probably prefer the vigilante method, but the rank and file of America seems to resent it when some half drunk hoodlum with a nervous trigger finger bursts into some citizen's home bent on murder or worse. So they're going to Congress with their fears and their proposals.

Mr. Kramer, supported by the Hearst press and the top officialdom of the American Legion, has proposed a bill. It is known as H. R. 4313. This snappy piece of legislation proposes to make it a crime, to, by any means whatsoever advise or advocate the propriety of overthrowing any government in the United States by force or any other unlawful means MORE CRIME!

It also will be a crime, under the Kramer bill, to print, sell, distribute or display any writing which advises such an overthrow; a penalty of 10 years in jail or \$10,000 fine, or both, is provided for anyone to organize or become a member of, or affiliate with any group which teaches overthrow of the gov-

To attempt to join any such group carries a penalty of five vears in jail, \$5000 fine, or both. conviction is obtained.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said that: "This country and its institutions belong to the people."

There are four more so-called 'Sedition Bills" before Congress this year. One of them is proposed by Mr. Kramer. It's known as H. R. 6427. Another, proposed by Mr. Blanton is H. R. 3056; a Mr. Taylor has proposed H. R. 2866. They are substantially the same as Mr. Kramer's original masterpiece. Also before the House Judiciary Committee are Sedition Bills H. R. 57, proposed by Mr. Tarver; H. R. 2897 proposed by Mr. Ramspeck; and H. R. proposed by Mr. Fulmer.

ARMY "SPECIALIST"

Our friend, Mr. McCormack is specializing on the army. If you're a tool of Hearst or Morthe morale of the army. The be taught the truth about the mas-

The McCormack Bill, H. R. 5845, makes it a crime to publish or distribute any writing which advises any member of the military or naval forces of the United States to disobey the laws or regulations governing such forces. The penalty is two years in jail or \$1000 fine. This measure had a public Act today.

hearing late in March, 1935. The teachers of your children

have not been neglected. It appears that it isn't bad conditions which make people think. Widespread unemployment doesn't cause dissatisfaction. No. Even if your kids run to school on bare feet," dressed in grandfather's alpaca overcoat, they'd never suspect anything was wrong if the Teacher didn't tell them so. A joint resolution introduced

into the House of Representatives on January 3, 1935, by Mr. Kemmy and referred to the Committee on Education, would require every teacher, official and entiployee of every public educational institution in the United States to take an oath to support the Constitution before assuming the duties of his position or office.

WOULDN'T HAVE IT

Now the first Sedition Bill, applicable to citizens of this country, was passed in 1797. There was another in 1798. These laws met with the immediate vigorous condemnation of the American people. Both James Madison and Thomas Jefferson denounced them as unconstitutional and violative of the most fundamental American rights. The Federalist Party supported them and suffered overwhelming and permanent defeat as result.

Thomas Jefferson was elected president of the United States in the ensuing election by a decisive majority upon a platform, which had their repeal as a major principal. Their immediate repeal was met with widespread acclaim-except from the landlords and capitalists who, as now, regarded liberty and democracy as dangerous to their interests.

It was the American people who defeated these bills then. It must be the American people who defeat them at the present time. They are aimed at free speech, assembly, freedom of the press and all other democratic liberties. And disagreement with prejudices preted as advocacy of overthrow of the government.

HOW TO FIGHT THEM

The thing to do is to protest, individually and in groups, to your a private detective agency for the gan or any of the Wall Street own congressmen. Write them purpose of furnishing employers crowd you're bound to worry about | telling them to vote against any and all of these bills which may army is important. It can be used come up. Pass resolutions in to break strikes; it can be sent | your union, your mass organizato slaughter Ethiopians in the tion, your sewing club, your interests of profit. But it cannot | church or in any other group of which you are a member, demanding of your representative in Congress that he work against these measures. These bills must be killed if Americans are to be allowed to retain their democratic rights, their right to speak as they think, to strike and picket, to read what they wish, to teach their children to think correctly. Write your congressman now.

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Soviet Collectivization WATCH FOR OTHER SOVIET FILMS AT THIS THEATER CAPTAIN O'BRIEN SHOWN TO BE AGENT OF CONST. LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—Captain Jack O'Brien, would-be herald of Fascism who recently debated Harold Ashe of the Communist Party, was exposed as a paid officer of the Constitutional Liberty League here last Sunday by Eugene Reed of the American League Against War and Fas- teachers.

During a debate at the Sunday noon discussion club, Reed said O'Brien had been seen dressed in "a red necktie, cap, and other fact, the Board has taken steps to outlandish costumes, damning the United States and praising Soviet Russia."

Reed stated he had a copy of a pamphlet by O'Brien in which this American Legionaire offered to appear before organizations in the disguise of a "red" and then to remove the disguise to deliver a "patriotic" address.

O'Brien had been debating Grover Johnson of the International Labor Defense on the Criminal Syndicalism Law and had proclaimed loudly his honesty and sincerity, when Reed exposed him as a paid fascist organizer.

As in the debate with Ashe, O'Brien stated that he was for a national C. S. Law.

SRA Orders Weekly Pay Check Stopped

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Called an "initial step toward the ultithe hands of the state with the paid only every two weeks instead of once a week as in the past, it was anounced here this week by Carl I. Schottland, acting SERA administrator for California.

Administrative employes will also be paid every two weeks.

DISCUSSION ARTICLE

By H. Kramer.

strides in the improvement of our

pamphlets, press and magazines.

Worker as well as in our agita-

of the Fascist Hearst and his

Liberty League by increasing

many fold the influence of our

toilers of their particular locali-

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years can fully appreciate the of the points which he may not

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member in reviewing their work and sell him the proper pam-

press and literature among the for our literature distribution.

Every section, unit and Party nov system. Discuss it with him

MORE PUPILS

Less Teachers

IN SCHOOLS

By a School Teacher. LOS ANGELES.—The local School Board is driving hard against the teachers of Los Angeles, and about 200 probationary and substitute teachers are danger of losing their jobs.

The pupil "load" per teacher has been increased to 48 in a room. Although there is an increased enrollment of 2000 in the high schools, this additional pupil "load" is being handled by fewer

The capitalist newspapers have played up an alleged list of "criminals" on the school payrolls, who are never brought to trial. In see that they cannot be tried. The main purpose of this outcry seems to be to get a fingerprinting scheme into operation to frighten teachers into complete subservience, so they won't dare protest their conditions of work.

The Board meetings, which used to have some show of democratic procedure, are now held behind closed doors, followed by a short "open" session, when the president, Mrs. Rounsavelle, mumbles a few appropriation bills, calls for roll-calls and then the Board

Stockton Theater To Run Soviet Films

STOCKTON, Calif. - Soviet films will be presented regularly at the Studio Theater here. The first of these will have a two-day iun, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 25-26, being the Soviet's newest and greatest triumph in film making, "Peasants," directed mate integration of relief now in by F. Ermler and having for its theme the mighty story of the county government," unemployed heroic struggle for Soviet collecworkers under the SERA will be tivization. Others of the great films from Russia will follow at the Studio Theater in due course.

Workers' Mandolin Club is Organized Ashman, the instructor.

Schottland said the new method International Workers' Order is to a meeting of the group at 121 ing the latter part of this month. organizing a mandolin orchestra, nesday or Friday evenings.

TALK WITH WORKERS

sell our literature to the workers

in the shop. We must involve

is interested,—civil liberties, fas-

PAST EXPERIENCE

could notice these workers react

international issues.

It is not enough that we just

Sets Precedent In Dispute Over

REFUSES ASSIGNMENT TO DISTANT PROJECT AND DEMANDS BACK PAY

LAS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—A grievance committee from Local No. 5 of the Public Works and Unemployed Union won a victory recently for Louis Mioron, WPA worker. On January 7, this worker was transferred from project No. 522 to South Pasadena. He refused to go there, however, on the grounds that the carefare to San Francisco Section: that job, 35c a day, is promibitive for a \$55-a-month wage slave.

Mioron's demands were: First, to be re-instated on a WPA job with no more than 14c carfare a day; second, to be paid in full for all the time he lost from January 7 until he starts working again on a WPA project.

No carfares are attached to the job on which he is now working, and he is continuing his fight for the second demand, with a fair chance to win, provided a sufficient amount of mass pressure is forthcoming.

In a note to a Mr. Robertson of the WPA, dated Feb. 10, this reinstatement was ordered by Otto C. Heitman, district labor co-ordinator, in the following words: "The bearer, Louis Mioron, is the worker whom I mentioned to you over the phone. He tells me that on account of excessive carfare, he did not report on this assignment; therefore he has no dismissal. It seems only reasonable, however, that he could be sent out again now, preferably to a project near his home

This decision is a precedent which can be used by other workers now paying up to 40c carfare a day on WPA projects.

In organizing this musical group the mandolin was selected because it is an instrument comparatively easy to master, and also inexpensive, according to Comrade

Those wishing to play the man-SAN FRANCISCO.—The local dolin, or the guitar, should come will be instituted gradually dur- giving considerable attention to Haight street, on Tuesday, Wed-

Six Sections Overfulfill Their Fare to WPA Job Quotas in Our \$7,500 Drive

6 MORE HAVE PASSED HALF-WAY MARK; SAN FRANCISCO AMONG THE LAGGAR D SECTIONS

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With over \$2800 yet to raise,—and less than a month to do it,still looks as if we'd go over the top in the drive for \$7500 for the 1936 sustaining fund drive for the Western Worker.

Six sections have oversubscribed their quotas already, one having raised half again as much as they were called on for. And the five runners-up are still going.

Six more sections are well on their way to the top with over 50 per cent of their quotas already in the war chest. Santa Barbara, with barely \$8.00 to go, should join the other "oversubscribers" very soon. Los Angeles and the East Bay are doing alright.

Ten quotas are yet below the half-way mark. Among these strangely enough, is San Francisco, with only 46 per cent of its quota

Nevada, Porterville, "at large," and the others may or may no have good reasons for lagging.

But what is the center of the major struggles of the maritime workers waiting for? The stronghold of union labor in California should certainly be able to start its drive with sufficient vigor to go over the top and oversubscribe its quota.

For one thing there is a competition on these section quotas, with sections in the various classes striving for prizes. Either Los Angeles or San Francisco sends somebody to the Soviet Union for May Day It all depends on which oversubscribes its quota the most.

As of February 19, 1936 THESE QUOTAS OVERFULFILLED

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THESE ARE FAR BEI	HIND		
San Francisco	2 500 ,	1144.44	46
Bakersfield	25	10.48	42
At large	175	66.13	32
Nevada	25	5.50	22
Monterey	7 5 ^	13.25	18
Eureka	50	7.10	14
Tulare	25	2.00	8
Stockton	25	1.00	4
Arizona	25	1.00	4
Porterville	25	••	0
Total to deate	•	\$4641.14	62
Yet to raise		2858.86	38
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Our Literature Is Half of the Job

tion should discuss what particwhat trade union members should be contacted, now to check up on the results, and the possibility of recruiting these workers into workers in the fields and waterthe Party. A small literature front.

struggle for higher wages and bet-

ter working conditions. The frac-

committee should function in each LITERATURE A NECESSITY While some members of street units have been convinced that it is their "duty" to take a given building a Farmer-Labor Party number of pamphlets, very few members were convinced in the street units that it is not only

since the last convention and in phlet for further reading. At the their duty, but that they CANformulating plans for the coming present time, the shop and fac-NOT REALLY CARRY OUT period must accept the challenge tory is our weakest spot of lit- THEIR WORK EFFECTIVEerature distribution. With the LY WITHOUT USING OUR proper work and methods it can, LITERATURE. There is not an and must, become the basic point activity of our Party that can be carried on effectively without The next basic distribution the distribution of literature, point is the trade union. There whether it be unemployed work. we have tremendous possibility for literature distribution. We can see by the response many

that we have taken advantage of given to our pamphlets on Hearst, | paign of the Party. To get the best results in street unit activity, the following should initiative of introducing these pamphlets directly in the union, relation to the unit activities in work done by the comrades in San Diego was to a great extent due to concentration with should begin to establish in its | membership of over 2500. Western Workers and pamphlets. Trade unionists in locals and the territory a regular Western Workrealize that the basic point of Central Labor Councils were er and literature route. These concentration for literature dis- mailed the Western Worker for a routes to be built up through constant house-to-house canvass-

direct contact with the same work- of our paper by their discussions ularly revisited. SPANISH WORK

ing. Regular purchases of our

ganized into a study circle and and file from the control of the little of our Spanish literature own organization and locality. later into a shop group and into reactionaries, leading them in is being distributed. We are get-

PARTY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT MUST INCREASE

ting scores of pamphlets from Mexico which must reach the great stress on the importance of

For every party member to understand clearly the trend of events from a Marxist-Leninist basis is not a luxury but an immediate necessity. To be able to explain to the masses the necessity of as a weapon against war and fasthe wealth of material given to us and the last meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist

Party of the United States. THEORETICAL STUDY

These reports and speeches have hardly been touched by our mem-Farmer - Labor Party agitation, bership. We can see by the number shop concentration, Negro work, of theoretical periodicals distribetc. Literature sales must be a uted in our district. Only one trade unions in San Francisco have part of every activity and camout of every seven members read the Communist, monthly organ of the C. P., U. S. A.; one out of every eleven read the Communist be done: First, the unit buro International (semi monthly organ Where party members took the must discuss the question of lit- of the Communist International); erature distribution, not only in one out of every fifteen members read the International Press Cor the territory, but the individual respondence and less than 500 our literature. The good union activity of each Party member, copies of each of the 15 pamin the mass organizations, shop or phlets published on the 7th World trade unions. Second, if literature Congress have been so far disis to help build the unit, the unit | tributed in our district with a

The treasure contained in the decisions and reports of our leading bodies must not only become the property of each and every party member, but it must also become the property of the masses. But this cannot be done unless we realize the importance of study Our district is particularly weak and reading. Party members should the pumphlet and paper and after, control and even political and in the work among the Negro get these pamphlets and organize and Spanish workers. In Los An- study groups of sympathizers, Here our problem is to educate geles, a very good start has been fellow shop workers and trade unfor the interests of the workers the fraction in the trade union as made in the distribution of El ionists and discuss with them the in that particular shop or dock to the role our literature and Machete, Mexican paper, and profound analysis of the Seventh Through the sale of literature we press can play in building the un- Spanish pamphlets, but in San World Congress and its applicacan get a number of workers or-lion, in breaking away the rank Francisco and in the valley, very tion to the United States, their

END INDIFFERENCE

studying the reports and decisions of the congress. Only by understanding them ourselves will we be able to transfer these momentous decisions into action and build a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States.

The distribution of our litera-

ture and the building of the circulation of our press must become a cism, one must read and study living part of the work of every comrade in the district and especby the Seventh World Congress lially of the leading comrades in of the Communist International all phases of work. We must once and for all root out the indifference and neglect of literature work that is evident among our leading comrades in the district and sections and leading committees. They first must feel that the spreading of our pamphlets and papers among the masses is an integral part of their work. They must realize that literature is not a matter of nickels and dimes, but that it is a weapon for building our Party and moving the masses into action.

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(or should be known) as a fighter

"Scuppers Awash"

famished sailors made a dive for into the swaying bos'un chair. the chow. "How about a voluntéer to go over the side? One of the 'midship scuppers is plug- poised, posed, for a moment,-but

I didn't like corn beef that was three months old,-besides I wanted to get another look at that pretty little chip who lounged on the end deck chair,-so I offered to do the job.

"Can you swim?" the bos'un asked suspiciously.

"Sure," I lied cheerily. Feeling just like the leading hero in a death-gripping drama as ssengers were turned on me, with a studied show of boredom at me. I took my hat off with and nonchalance, I rigged the a flourish and returned the greetgantling and bos'un chair over the ing.

one side of my head a little glowering down at me from the more cockily as I heard at least bridge. a half a dozen passengers ask of the deck steward, "What is that my feet against the ship's side sailor going to do?"

going to clean out a drain-pipe."

saw the occupant of the end deck some mug sporting a beret. I one of the portholes just above the waterline. It worked. She got up from her seat and saunted completely deserted-not a pasover to the railing.

With a dramatically disdainful wave of my hand I spurned the lifeline which the bos'un handed me to lash about my waist. A hasty look at the speed we were making through the water and I was sorely tempted to grab the line out of his hand.

In a manner worthy of Sir

DISCUSSION ARTICLE

By Fred.

The bos'un stuck his head in Galahad I stuck a wire hook unthe messroom just as twenty-six der my belt and swung jauntily

> A chorus of "Ohs" and "Ahs" rang, like music to my ears. I rude. "Well?" started me on the wav down.

With careful deliberation and plenty of pauses for effect I finalscupper plate.

My feet were only a few feet above the swift passing seas. Hurriedly I drew my legs close up under the slender seat. I gazed at the crowded rail above eves of three hundred odd to see if anyone had noticed my display of fear. Somebody waved

I jerked it back on sheepishly I pushed my watch hat over to as I suddenly spied the skipper

Hook in the scupper I braced and tugged. She rolled sharply I made a mental note to take and I flattened against the side. care of that steward when we hit I looked up. My public was gaz-Buenos Aires as he answered with ing with raptured interest. great contempt, "Him?-Oh, he's rolled up a sleeve-so the biceps could be seen-and yanked again. Out of the corner of my eye I | The scupper lid flew open-and with it a mass of corruption and chair completely occupied with refuse spewed out-squarely into my lap. I was too astonished to shouted to an imaginary figure in move. I sat there swaying—a

mess from head to foot. I looked up. The railing was

senger was in sight. Slowly I heaved my self back up on deck.

"C-you stink!" bos'un greeted me. "Go ahead and crum vour-

I slunk down the weather-side

Labor Party in the East Bay

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND *THINGS TO BE DONE NEXT

hand in formulating.

If this question had been dis-

Labor Party should bring for-

portant subject, it is reasonable to

believe that there would have

tember 1 conference as there were.

ENTHUSIASM

DISCUSSION ARTICLE By Carroll Barnes.

In analyzing our work in the East Bay Section in connection with our efforts to build a Labor she didn't even look. The bos'un's Party in Oakland, two outstanding facts are immediately apparent. First, that there are definite possibilities in the East Bay for building a Labor Party based on ly lowered myself to the plugged the organized labor movement. Two, that the continuation committees of the first and second conferences "For an Alameda County Labor Party" have so far been unable to work out a properly functioning organizational apparatus to carry forward the work and plans of these conferences.

In order to bear out the first point it is only necessary to review the activities of the provisional committee that called the first conference, and the results of these activities. This committee was composed of several A. F. of L. trade unionists, a representative of the PWUU, a representative of the Bond street Epic Club and a representative from the Communist Party. This provisional committee sent out calls to trade unions, fraternal and political of the trade union delegates were groups for a conference to be held September 1. They also sent speakers to the trade unions to speak on the necessity of building a Labor Party and to secure the endorsement of these trade unions for the September 1 confer-

UNCLARITY

A mistake was made here in that the speakers did not properly make clear the nature of the September 1 conference. The impression left in several trade unions was that these speakers were asking for of the promenade deck to the an endorsement of a political foc'sle. The anvil chorus was party that already had a program of which they new nothing at al

SUGGESTED CHANGES MIGHT ELIMINATE THEM ons were contacted, more senti- cussed and explained and given neut was aroused on the need wide publicity through trade unof a Labor Party and more trade ion channels. unions endorsed the idea of a Labor Party. Due to the fact that he constitution committee of the

to build a Labor Party.

taken the right direction.

SECOND CONFERENCE

the question of a Labor Party

trade unions, the September con-

and in which they had had no hit upon a correct method of or- | Party. In our trade unions and ganizing the December confer- mass organizations we must conence, it was not as well attended tinually educate our contacts on cussed clearly, emphacizing that as the first. Nevertheless, the the meaning and the necessity the first conference was called delegates to the second confer of a Labor Party. In our indoor to discuss Labor's need for inde- ence discussed the building of a and outdoor meetings, in our pendant political action, the pos- Labor Party concretely and a leaflets and through all other sibilities of building a Labor Party, tentative program of immediate means of publicity we must every-

ward and the ways and means of the second conference is con- The building of a Farmer-Lacarrying on Educational work in fronted with the same problem bor Party is a principle and imall the trade unions on this im- that confronted the continuation mediate necessity. It is the committee of the first conference -namely, the problem of orga- larmers, the intellectuals and the been easily twice as many trade nizing and working out a concrete increasingly downtrodden middle unions represented at the Sepplan to carry on the work and class against the gathering clouds achieve the objectives outlined by the conference,—to secure affili- It is the beginning of a broad Even as it was, this first con- ations and endorsements of more and effective People's Front in ference for a Labor Party had trade unions and the setting up the interests of all the populathe rather encouraging represen- of educational committees on the tion except the savage reaction-

which included twenty-one Ameri- unions. can Federation of Labor trade TO REACH RANK AND FILE

It might be necessary for the unions. Many trade unionists spoke enthusiastically at this con- time being for the continuation ference in favor of a Labor Party, committee to set up a strictly and while there were different | trade union committee to reach opinions expressed on the kind of every trade union in Oakland with a Labor Party we should build the need for a Labor Party; to and what it should be called, all help set up wherever possible Labor Party committees in the in favor of a working class povarious individual trade unions to litical Party. The Epic delegate carry on an educational program and the Socialist Party delegate in their own locals. If we are pledged the help and support of going to reach the rank and file their organizations in a campaign of the trade unions and convince them of the necessity of building The conference drew up and a Labor Party, then it will become endorsed a "Declaration of Prinnecessary for committees to funcciples," while somewhat too gention in every tradé union so that eral for a program, nevertheless the program of a Labor Party showed that the conference had will be brought to every trade union brother. This is a very important and necessary step in building a sentiment in the trade Considering the length of time unions for a Labor Party, behad been under discussion in the cause we know that to create a solid and substantial basis for a erence showed definitely that Labor Party the rank and file of the trade unions must be solidly there existed a real urge among the rank and file of the trade unbehind it. The rank and file will ions in Oakland for a Labor support a movement for a Labor Party if the question is brought The second conference was called up in the trade unions and the pofor December 1. More trade un-litical role of such a party is dis-

COMMUNISTS' WORK

And then, of course, we Communists must carry on our own September conference failed the independent activity for a Labor

POLICIES THAT BENEFIT SMALL

In raising the issue of opening up the factories and putting cialization of all agriculture. the unemployed to work, the question of the agricultural situation be overlooked.

tions on the industrial front, the BENEFITS BIG PRODUCERS contradictions on the agricultural

ingly exposed. of factories are not new in this of the administration are pointsale destruction of the very es- reductions under the guise of soil virtually face starvation is some-

MUST BE CONSISTENT

need food." And to insure that sorbed by the big producer. production be kept up we must back bills designed to guarantee

NO DESTRUCTION

I to run the farms, as we can the factories, for that would automatically require the complete so-

But what we must demand is: first, that production be kept up and its influence on the coming as long as there are needy; secpresidential election should not ond, to make this possible farmers must be guaranteed cost of

While the AAA has been de- continuous recruiting, and which front are, perhaps, even more glar- clared unconstitutional and Con- should, in practice, reduce flucgress has revoked all crop re-Unemployment and the closing duction laws under it, current plans country; they are phenomena with ing in the same direction. To which the public has become all circumvent any illegality it is too familiar. However, the whole- now proposed to carry on crop type of tax will be levied to repay the farmer for his share of cedents set by the administration, it is safe to assume that such or at any interval during the year,

see his income increased-this in farmer around our cause. We Party with new members with If we be consistent with the are instituted entirely for the to be accomplished by the simple policy we have adopted toward benefit of the big producer, who and natural method of each Party industry, we cannot follow such can afford to stand such reducby them. We must show him that of three months with the objec-To be consistent we must de-these reduction programs will mean tive of, during that three months, mand that no agricultural crops his ruin-that in the process of be destroyed while people are in attempting to restore farm prices want, raising the slogan, "No by this method, the small pro liod of time is a natural and in-

BIG FARMER WILL HOWL Our demand that there be "no the farmer his cost of production, crop reductions while people need food" immediately will be at-We must press these two points tacked by the big farmer inter- compatible with humane and civ- believe that he would be the finest ests and the industrialists. They ilized government. Agriculture, while controlled to will raise the cry that such a Until everyone does have an great extent by finance-capital, plan will mean over-production. abundance of the necessities of through the process of clarifying

the kind of a program such a local-significance was worked out. where and at all times agitate The continuation committee of and educate for a Labor Party.

weapon of the working class, the of fierce reaction and Fascism tation of forty-one organizations Labor Party in the various trade ares of the Liberty League and Hearst groups and their counter-

NEED TRADE UNIONS

In order to build a Farmer-Labor l'arty on a state and national scale, we in industrial centers such as Oakland, must build a wide and strong sentiment inside the trade unions for a local Labor Party, rooted principally in the organized labor movement and bringing forward a program for popular local issues.

In order to build a real Labor Party movement in Oakland it will be necessary for a big majority of the local trade unions to go on record for such a party and for those trade unions to become active in the general campaign for a Labor Party. This can be done, but it can be done only through the constant activity of every trade unionist in his own trade union and in other trade unions, who already realize the great and burning need of a

ECZEMA AND KIDNEY DISEASES Dear Dr. Bissell:

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

has had it on his legs, from the and scales, and the skin is thickcalf down, for years. But for the ened and hard. However, each last two years it breaks out in a case shows so many different weeping sore (is not very itchy) symptoms that even a doctor often and now breaks out in a scaly has difficulty in telling it from. form on his face, especially on his chin. Today it is like dandruff all over his face. It may go away tomorrow, but will come again in a few days.

Has had treatment in the form

opathy for spine. Kidneys were found to be some-

closed at times.

determine from the description

whether this is actually eczema or not. If you are not certain, you eczema. Each case must be studied should have a doctor examine by a doctor and must receive a the diseased part and tell you course of treatment which would whether or not it is this ailment. be beneficial only to that partic-We must emphasize again that ular patient. in asking advice about skin diseases, every detail of the dis- eczema and kidnev disease. if thev eased area should be described.

This ailment may be caused by any number of various factors. erly treated. They must force It is generally agreed that one's the clinic, through mass pressure, skin must have a sort of "weak- if necessary, to give them a very ness" before one can get eczema. I thorough examination to find any Then, various irritating substances general diseases which must be can bring the disease on.

CAUSES

The "weakness" of the skir may be due to the wrong sort of a copy of the report on the exfood, indigestion, constipation, or amination and send it to us, care nervous disturbances. These are of the Western Worker. They the most common. Many people should demand to be told what come in contact with irritating treatment is being given them and substances through their occupal send us a report of that everv tions, such as oil workers or chemical workers.

SYMPTOMS

It can appear on any portion of basis they can demand the right the body and always itches. The treatment.

skin is reddened, there are often pimples, blisters, and pus-blisters: there is a sticky discharge My husband, who has eczema, when it "weeps," there are crusts other diseases.

TREATMENT

We shall not even attempt to outline treatment in general for eczema, as the form of treatment is just as varied as the causes of lights, also treatment in oste- and the symptoms. However, it appears that your husband probably has a moderately severe case what affected. Eyes swell almost of kidney disease. The swelling of the eyes shows this. Kidney disease sometimes is at the bottom of a case of eczema and ANSWER-It is impossible to probably is the enemy in this case. The treatment for such ailments is in the situation as that for

Our advice for sufferers from can't afford a private doctor, is to keep after the county clinic until these conditions are propcleared up before they can get well. Then they should demand few weeks, also. We will check to see whether the treatment is the proper one. If not, we will ... Eczema often lasts for years. inform them of this and on this

"QUARTERLY PERSONAL CONCENTRATION PLAN"

AND IT'S A RATHER INTELLIGENT PROPOSAL

DISCUSSION ARTICLE

By D. D.

(Unit J-7, Hollywood)

Party, with a non-fluctuating memwhich we are familiar on the question of recruiting; neither is this the place to discuss weaknesses and necessary changes in organizational form, assignments, inner-Party life, etc., all of which must also be solved. I want to take up one thing only, and that is a plan of recruiting, which need not supplant any or all other methods of recruiting, but which can be made the basic method of tuation and build a more organically unified Party member-

VERY SIMPLE

This plan which, for want of a better name, I'm calling the sentials of life while great masses conservation programs. Just what Quarterly Personal Concentration Plan, is very simple. I propose that each Party member shall rethe reductions has not been de- cruit one new member to the termined, but, judging from pre- Party every three months-not four members at any one time, proposed by the current admin taxes will take the form of some but one member every three months. The reason for this is We must strenuously fight obvious. In the first place, it

How is this to be done? It is member concentrating on some one particular person for a period developing this person, so that joining the Party within that perescapable conclusion.

not "over production" but "under consumption." We must point out that the wilfull destruction of food while it is needed is in- would such a Party recruit be? I

stage as has industry. Therefore, cries by stressing the fact that of justice and civilization that would have taken place through a

HOW TO DO IT

We try to have meals with him, ranks. if working in the same place, invite him to our homes for friendly discussion or to little parties; we centration on this one contact, we get to know him and he gets to know us as people, as one person anceship and laying the foundato another. He sees in the one tion for our next three months' of us a human being, a person interested in his interests, in his in the same manner, and so on as problems, in his troubles, in his a continuous process. This human, pleasures. We discuss our mutual effortless drive, grounded in huproblems with him broadly, gen- man needs and human relationerally or concretely, depending on ship, would become a permanent what the situation calls for. In feature of our Party work in our this way we lead him on and de-

lems. A NEW COMRADE

by this time, no longer a cold, and attention to our new contact. abstract thing. It has become a living vital thing, which has reached in this way, would open wide out a personal hand to another fields for our press and literature. human being and his troubles, and which holds the solution for his and every other person's trou- even if we did not succeed in bles and problems. Surely, any Party member ought to be able to lead, develop, and convince any one person, with whom he has established such a close, warm contact, of the correctness and the necessity of belonging and working with our Party-his Party. And once in the Party, we should continue to show this interest and give guidance, until our new comrade is able to stand on

his own feet. And what sort of a comrade and truest sort of a comrade. He would have joined the Party

relationship. To this new com-How are we to go about doing rade our Party would represent this? Very simply. In our daily a closely unified, coherent body of * contacts, in our shops, in our un- men and women fighting for basic The task of increasing the ions, in our mass organizations, human rights-fighting for the in our fraternal groups, at our right to live as human beings, L pership, is one of our major prob- social functions, in our political with dignity and in freedom. This lems. I do not propose to repeat groups-especially now that we is the form that our Party would here all of the discussion with are going to work in various have in our new comrade's congroups towards building the unit- sciousness. Such a comrade, I beed front and the Farmer-Labor lieve, would not drop out from Party, and later in this Party- our ranks, but would become one each one of us becomes friendly of the vanguard of the working with the most likely person for class, willing to participate in the the Party. From then on, we see struggle for freedom, and eager are pertinent to this subject, and as much of this person as possible. to bring new comrades into our

KEEP IT UP During the three months' con-

would be surveying our acquaintconcentration on another contact daily life, work, and recreation. velop him, through this personal This does not mean that it has interest, until we are both agreed to become mechanical, and that that only the Communist Party, because in three months time we and active participation in it, has have not succeeded in bringing the solution to our mutual prob- this new contact into the Party, that we drop him and take up another. We continue patiently, at The Party and its program is, the same time giving our time

> Such new contacts, developed and spread our work of education, create new sympathizers, every instance of gaining a new comrade.

The spirit of this plan is not new. But I believe that it should be done-can be done-and carried out, not as a general, vague directive or procedure, but in this concrete manner.

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which the Party is built are: 1) shop units, 2) street units, 3) fractions. However, at the present the street units are the general and predominant form and have

the largest percentage of the mem-

bership. Shop units are compara-

CONGLOMERATION

headway.

tively few.

The street units are a cong'mieration of people of different trades, and different organizations. What happens? For example, a worker from a certain shop (a union member) is recruited, he is there aren't enough members to

ake up a shop unit). In this unit finds himself amongst a group of strangers. The problems and discussions have no relation or bearing on his shop, trade and

What is the life and activity of this unit? Generally it is as follows: 1) Organizational problems, i.e., lack of functionaries. change of functionaries, and new functionaries; 2) Financial problems-arranging coffee and cake parties with collections, tickets, contributions, press drives, recruiting, red Sundays, etc. There are also every now and then general political discussions, unprepared, unintelligent, and not interesting.

such is the life and activity of ne unit. It has no relation to or bearing on the problems and conditions of this worker, his shop, industry, and union. The reloses interest in the unit and Party campaigns before the union

drops out. I could give numerous and de-

tailed examples of such cases, but | street. This will be a real tes it is not necessary; every Party for the unit. The discussions and decisions member knows this from experat the Seventh World Congress ience. This situation, I believe, offer the widest possibilities to is one of the major factors for

build a real mass C. P. in the the awful fluctuation in the Party. perience has proven to me that U. S. A. The important question is-how can we best carry out example, but I am certain that these decisions? The first ap- this is the experience of most unions' problems. If a fraction proach to this problem is the members with trades or profesmatter of organization. Is the sions belonging to different orpresent form of organization of the ganizations, who are thrown to-Party capable of meeting the sit- gether in such neterogeneous unuation? No. Years of experience its. Again I chose a worker, a in the Party has convinced me union member, advisedly. It is that the Party structure up to now obvious to every Party memnow is not only inadequate but ber that our strategic field of acabsolutely bad and if continued tivity is the unions. This is the will make it impossible to make key position. Upon our successful work in the unions hangs the fate Let us analyse the Party strucof the United Front, Farmer-Labor Party, etc. But without a ture and see what happens. The basic change in the general form three organizational forms upon of organization, namely the street units, it will be impossible to make

appreciable headway in the un-SHOULD EXPERIMENT

At present it is advisable, and we have the opportunity to try, different organizational forms. Because of the importance of union work I propose that party members of a particular union and trade (where shop units are temporarily not possible) be organized in homogeneous units. I am not proposing rigid industrial assigned to a street unit (when units but rather follow the line of the existing union, craft or indus-

try as the situation may require. What are the advantages of such units? First, such units will be able to deal with and react effectively to the life and daily problems of the particular trade. union and membership. Secondly, concentrate the party members of a particular union and trade and weld them into an efficient these members are scattered far and wide. In the units they claim exemption from assignments because of their union work; in the Thirdly, it will provide better opportunities to recruit from the union and to keep the recruit. The der the Party efforts to overnew member will find himself at come sectarianism. home. And fourthly, such units will have the job of finding ways sult—he is out of gear and soon and means to bring the general ticularly as far as the unions are

WHAT ABOUT FRACTION? Some members might raise th question of the fraction. My ex I chose the shop worker for an fractions function very unsatisfactorily and do not solve the neets too often it works hardships on the members. If it meets once a month it is limited to general discussion on policies, but attains very little organizational results because it fails to keep tab and to react to daily problems. It fails in this because the fraction is not a definite functioning organization. Therefore our poor work and poor results in the

> I don't want it to be thought that I am for the immediate and complete liquidation of the street units. Not at all. The street units have done a tremendous work to popularize the Party The fact is that the street units have not intelligently utilized the Party forces. This running from door to door, throwing leaflets pushing door bells is a sort of wind work and has not brought the desired results. It does, however, drive away a good many newcomers. And here is another

reason for fluctuation. FOR RESULTS

A better way, it seems to me, istration—measures founded on the sort of ultimate consumer levy. would be for the street unit to theory that by creating a scarcity carefully select its membership in agricultural commodities the against such types of legislation. becomes a control task, and in and distribute it into the neight price of these products will be And in doing this we must exert the second place, it results in a borhood organizations (political increased and the farmer will thus every effort to rally the small steady gain and growth of the and fraternal). I think this would bring us more results. It would turn restoring his purchasing must point out to him that the which to carry on. tend to make our work more sys- power? in such a unit we will be able to tematic and would give stability to our units. Therefore I propose that the street units generally reorganize on the above lines, laving functioning group. At present main stress and attention on work in the neighborhood organizations. The proposal in the recent Party Organizer to stop meeting in homes, to hold larger and open fraction they complain of too meetings, must be given immemuch Party work and it is im- diate attention and every possible possible to check on their activity. means be taken to put it into effect. "l'arlor" meetings tend too much towards isolation and hin-

In conclusion I feel if the above measures are put into effect, parconcerned, we will be in a position members and the workers in the to carry out our tasks more ef-

THE PARTY MUST DEMAND FARM

DISCUSSION ARTICLE

By Tad.

Apparent as are the conradic-production.

thing new. What attitude are we to adopt

to this new situation? Are we to back the measures

to the limit.

trade instead of some unknown ficiently and with greater success. we cannot ask the Government what we are suffering from is there be no destruction of food. close, warm, human interested

present crop reduction programs a line in our attitude toward agri- tions and who ultimately benefits crop destruction while people ducer will be liquidated and ab-

has not reached the monopolistic We must forcefully answer such life we must demand in the name and convincing himself, and it

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Greetings to the **EPJC** Convention!

The EPIC convention meeting in Los Angele next Sunday has a distinctly emergency character and is due to play an important part in the political history of California. It has the power to make a definite break with the old compromise tactics and take a bold step forward toward progressive, independent political action that will rekindle the enthusiasm of the EPIC forces in the 1934 elec-

This is important because many militant elements are disgusted with the Roosevelt evasions of real issues, the vacillations of the Roosevelt-at-anyprice factions which led to the Olson splitting maneuvers, and the half-hearted progressive stand of many of the present leaders.

Such disgust inevitably leads to disintegration.. This must not be permitted. Militant EPICS must regather their forces and go forward with new confidence and new strategy.

This means that the convention must stand firmly on a NO COMPROMISE platform, ignoring the "invitation" to ease shamefacedly into the Roosevelt camp in the manner proposed by Sinclair -a shameful stand in view of the slap in the face delivered by Roosevelt to the EPIC demands.

But the fight must be carried to the May primaries for a full "no compromise" EPIC slate. Only in this way will EPIC preserve its

The other path, of half-heartedly urging production-for-use then flopping without reserve into Roosevelt's camp, is the OLD DIS-CREDITED PATH of playing to the remote margins of the Democratic Party, weakening the program and losing all principle.

But this is not the end; it is only the means to an end-that of rallying EPIC forces for a new enthusiastic progressive fight in California politics.

Already it is evident that various groups hitherto either indifferent to each other's program, or actively antagonistic, have drawn closer together in view of the aggressive fight being waged against ALL PROGRESSIVES by reactionary fascist groups such as the Liberty League, Chambers of Commerce, Industrial Associations, etc. These progressive groups now recognize the need for close cooperation, even in a limited form, if democratic and civil rights are to be preserved and political progress is to be made.

It is therefore important that the EPIC convention take action which reaches beyond the May primaries-providing for a preliminary joint conference of trade unions and all other progressive groups to discuss means and ways for evolving a common program for united political action on a statewide scale in the November elections.

For a "no compromise" EPIC fight in the primaries!

For a joint conference of all progressives to build a statewide alliance for the November elec-

The TVA Decision Is Due to War Needs

By a vote of eight to one the Supreme Court approved all points of the Roosevelt Government's Tennessee Valley Authority.

This is startling at first sight, in view of the almost complete reversal of New Deal legislation, from NRA to AAA. Why this sudden spurt of "liberality?'

Chief Justice Hughes enlightens us. The right to build the Wilson Dam, key structure of the TVA, was given under "war powers." The government is therefore given the right to sell power produced at this dam.

WAR PREPAREDNESS!-This is the

The feeble establishment of war-time precedence for highly centralized government power is none the less significant. The Supreme Court may quibble over and finally reject all laws designed to benefit the poor farmers and the unemployed. Private property rights shall and must be protected. But let modern imperialism be threatened with wars over markets, and all "legal" pretenses are thrust aside and the centralized capitalist state is given full dictatorial power, including the suppression of the Bill of Rights.

The "nine old men," skilled corporation lawyers, watch-dogs for centralized wealth, know the emergencies and requirements of the corporate wealth of United States capitalism.

This is the meaning of the TVA decision.

They will not intrude their "decisions" where they are not wanted by the Morgans.

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Spain and France The United Front in Action

The ability of united front forces to protect the interests of the people against capitalist maneuvers and to stamp out fascism has been proven in Spain and France during the past few days. In Spain the People's Front has won an overwhelming victory in the elections. In Paris the People's Front, in past months, forced the disarming of the fascist group "Croix de Feu," defeated the infamous Hoare-Laval treaty, and forced the resignation of Premier Laval. Last Sunday the French People's Front paraded 250,000 strong through the streets of Paris in reply to the attack on the Socialist leader Leon Blum by Royalist-Fascists.

These significant victories were the achievement of no one group. They represented the united action of Socialists, Communists and all anti-fascist forces. They will be followed by still greater victories and their inspiration is sweeping in a great wave of strength and courage through every nation of Europe.

The enslaved and embittered peoples of Italy and Germany see in the victories of France and Spain the road to their own freedom. The cap italist powers are shaken with fear and alarm and their reaction becomes apparent in their frantic maneuvers to unite Germany, Italy, Austria, Poland and Japan in a war against the Soviet Union,

But even in this murderous gamble to preserve their rule, they are confronted by the solid, determined wall of the People's Front.

America is separated from the imminent war peril by thousands of miles of water, but she is linked with it surely and securely by thousands of threads of finance. The menace of war looms as threateningly over American cities as over London, Paris or Berlin

And here, as much as in Europe, the only democratic power by which the people can prevent war and prevent fascism is by the union of all Socialist, Communist and anti-capitalist forces. America is in the process of forming its own People's Front in the Farmer-Labor Party.

The life and future of every man, woman, and child depends on the successful building of this united front movement.

The bitter experiences of the German and Italian people as well as the triumphant inspiration of the French and Spanish people apply as directly to America as to anywhere else.

The people do not want war.

The people do not want fascism.

But the people can only prevent these menaces if they unite their forces and build a people's power capable of meeting and defeating the power of capitalism.

The Farmer-Labor Party must be the power of the people.

The Bestial Practice Of Feeding Dog Food To the Unemployed?

While "low-grade families" are having their starvation relief allotments further plotted against by scheming WPA officials in league with California's reactionary capitalist class, it may possibly occur that they will soon approve of a practice now "unofficially" resorted to by thousands of families on relief—that of eating tinned dog food.

All over the country dog food is being eaten by human beings, it has been revealed now by ex-employees of the defunct NRA.

This horrible condition was partially revealed when the Breeders and Veterinarians' League endeavored to clean up dog food standards, and materials "unfit even for dogs."

The league wrote to NRA officials:

"Your attention is called to the large amounts of canned dog food sold in areas heavily populated by white people of Southern European and Mexican extraction and also in colored sections of large citics—areas where a dog would be a luxurv."

And these conditions were uncovered by investigators—not that the living standards of human beings be improved—but so that dogs might live the fuller life!

And the WPA officials, at the bidding of reactionary capital, have the colossal gall to plan further reductions in the standard of living!

What is American about a standard of living for wide masses of the people, which is so low they buy and eat unsanitary dog food?

The Regimentation of Slaves

A great deal is being said in the pseudo-liberal papers today on the terrible conditions which prevail among the California agricultural laborers. This situation has prevailed since years before the depression and little interest has been taken until now. There is a reason.

Wealthy agricultural interests have devised a plan whereby the unemployed are to be registered and held on call as cheap labor for the growers. The method used is to force them into the fields at starvation wages by having authorities cut them off the relief rolls whenever the growers need them.

Watch the pages of our future issues for complete details of how this plan, which has already been pioneered, will be attempted.

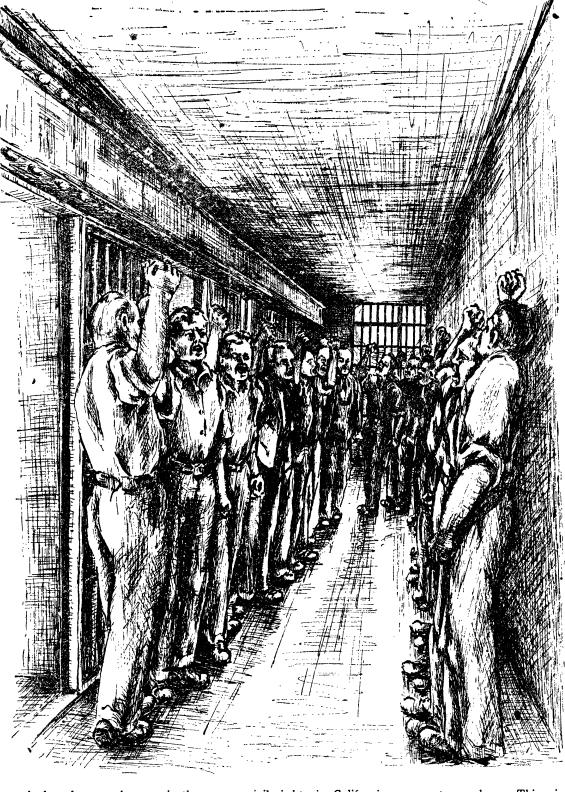
The freest government cannot long endure then the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."-DANIEL WEBSTER.

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And Don't Forget They're Still In T here!



And as long as they are in there, your civil rights in California are empty mockery. This picture of the Criminal Syndicalism defendants was drawn in jail by Mike Plesh, one of the eighteen accused. Eight of them were sent to the penitentiary and are still there. Write to the California State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Ferry Bldg., San Francisco, demanding that a minimum sentence be set for all the Criminal Syndicalism priso ners. Read the full story of the railroading in the five-cent pamphlet: "THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR," published by the International Labor Defense, z

Write to the prisoners and visit them. The men are in San Quentin. They are: Pat Chambers, No. 57589; Martin Wilson, No. 57591, Albert Hougardy, No. 57590; Jack Crane, No. 57605, and Norman Mini, No. 57606. The Women are in the Women's State Prison, Tehachapi, Calif. They are: Caroline Decker, No. 57617, and Nora Conklin, No. 57616. Lorene Norman was released on bail oweing to the birth of a child.

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

I went to see Pat Chambers at San Quentin last Saturday. You have to wait about an hour in a room like a railroad station. There is a clock, a framed color-print of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy," a sign telling you not to smoke, and several rows of hard oak benches.

You have to stay in the room, but you can look out the windows. They overlook the outskirts of the prison, just on the outside of an iron gate with a sign above it warning visitors not to go beyond.

Smooth gravel paths circle around? trim lawns and lead up to the the guard barks at them; "All immaculate, vine-covered homes of prison officials. Tall stone machine gun towers with steel-barred win- cision. Not an expression alters. dows lift their gray, ugly necks They stand there motionless. The above the otherwise park-like at-

This is the fringe of the penitentiary—the lace edged petticoat of a morbid hag.

Lifting your eyes from the ordered grounds, you see out over the cold waters of the Bay; perhaps the cruelest landscape that could be placed before the continual gaze of prisoners. A constant traffic of deep sea vessels and smaller harbor craft can be seen coming and going.

Across the grounds under the windows, a steady stream of activity goes on. Grateful mannered, virtuous eyed trustees in cleaner shirts and neater trousers strol' as leisurely as students on a campus. They smoke cigarets, talk among each other in quiet voices, eye visitors curiously. Their attitude is reserved, watchful, ingratiating.

The guards in their sickly colored yellow-drab uniforms strut back and forth with a smug air of authority. They stride with a rolling, cock-sure, independent attitude, talk in loud tones, slam doors, snap orders. They stand out from the prisoners in a contrast so sharp that they appear not as men in opposite circumstances but creatures of entirely separate species.

Down the walk comes a procession of about twenty prisoners marching two abreast. They wear distinguish them from the natty trustees. Huge visored grey caps that are mere bags with flaps. They march like automatons.

each staring straight ahead with uniformly sullen expressions. Directly opposite the window

right. Stop there."

The procession halts with preguard swaggers over to some of his fellows and they chat easily, stroll up and down, exchange the time of day. The line of prisoners

From the window you can look down into the expressionless, waiting faces. Criminals! Perhaps so. But to you they are just people. Their eyes are deep with suffering and their attitudes are frozen with discipline born of terror. But they are unmistakably

general appearance as the crowd you see on the street car going to work in the morning. They ear the marks of their former lives and you can pick out the laboring men, the clerks, the college graduates, the craftsmen, the brain workers. Here is an old man with rimless glasses who is i dead ringer for a man you once worked for. He looks meek and peace loving-a home builder and family man-a church-goer. Next 'o ' im is a fine, clean-cut looking oung fellow who looks like your

Every face recalls to you the typical people you associate with in every-day life. This is what

the shapeless grey uniforms that or desire would not fit within the intricate codes which govern the transfer of property from man to man. These are the men who reached out to lay hands directly on the things they wanted needed. Who sought life at the point of a gun or tried to buy it vith a forged check.

nade them do it, the society they ive under is paying them back in currency as cruel as any crime. And the Lords of property and profit have aped their own God and usurped his privileges by building a hell on earth and filling it with the problems they could

And you cannot cure tubercu-

And you cannot end a de-

A prison is a monument erected by capitalism to mark its own

MEXICANS SEEK MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL PLANT

ASK TOO MUCH"

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15. ing federal authorities to hand

The workers also are prepared pean capital, the other by the In-

President Cardenas intervened Monterey, forcing the firm to sign a collective contract. Meanwhile approximately 2000

hunger marchers were slated to arrive here soon from Toluca, led by school teachers who have worked for some months without pay, Former President Calles, in a statement released at Monterey, has attacked the liberal Cardenas vention, of democratically elected regime. Calles against whose fascist plans the trade unions ar the masses of Mexican worker. and peasants are uniting in a Popular Front, says "the work. ers are demanding too much."

> Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

win those workers who, disillus- his power, and will support Roose- be emphasized is the fatalistic ationed with Roosevelt, would vote velt nationally as the lesser evil. titude which waits for the Farmvelt boosters do, that the Farmer- | for a · Liberty League candidate | Labor Party will strengthen the if given no other choice. Every day it becomes more would not break with workers existence unless it is organized. iron vise. League candidate. A fighting clear to the widest circles of po- and farmers who are only ready Committees must be set up in all litical thinkers that only a Farm- to build local parties and support organizations. These must be

ONLY A FARMER-LABOR PARTY

CAN DEFEAT REACTIONARIES

(Continued from last issue.)

It is wrong to say, as the Roose-

chances of a Republican-Liberty

Farmer-Labor Party will draw

heavily from former Republican

certainly cannot do now, when

the tide is running heavily against

him. A Farmer-Labor Party will

weaken both capitalist parties, the

Democrats as well as the Repub-

licans, but it is the only factor

that can seriously weaken the Re-

publicans. This is not merely a

rationalization of an already con-

vinced Farmer-Labor advocate

Even the liberal New Republic

which on the whole supported

Roosevelt, was forced to con-

those very votes who would rally

who under the circumstances are

election day or to increase the

"Shall the workers who see the

reactionaries threatening what they

have won through bitter battles,

again be misled? Shall they be

duped into believing that Roose-

velt, who has surrendered on ev-

ery major issue, will suddenly turn

his election? This would only

Republican majority."

against our liberties. ment has not made greater headwav up till now, it is because we have not sufficiently carried out struggles to meet the urgent demands of the masses, such as: unemployed insurance, old-age pensions, against the high cost of living, for higher wages, for a shorter working week without reduction in pay, for adequate relief clude (Jan. 29), that if Roosevelt for the farmers, for the needs of against Negro discrimination, for to a new and better Party, but the defense of civil rights. Through fighting for these demands we will likely either to stay at home on keep the masses from being duped by the misnamed Liberty League and their ballyhoo artists-the Hearsts, the Al Smiths and the other American counterparts of

Hitler and Goebbels. FLP CONGRESSMEN

It is absolutely necessary to pather a broad united front of the toiling and discontented masses into a barrier against reaction after into a Farmer-Labor Party for the 1936 presidential elections. It enable Roosevelt to declare an- is necessary to make a serious in which the forces of reaction Farmer-Labor Congressmen this and fascism would speed up their year. It is necessary to build this growth even more. Shall the work- Party in each town and city, in ers and farmers, who are turn- each State and throughout the ing from Roosevelt because he country!

has not fulfilled his promises, be Of course, it may be that the given no alternative but to fall city and state parties will in the bevictim to the fascist minded dem | ginning gather a broader voting | fight if given a militant program? many, convinced of the hopeless-

By Earl Browder ceived by Roosevelt, as well as velt can rise above the source of | But the main danger which must

er-Labor Party gives any hope local tickets, but who still sup- brought together in a representa- tailure. ranks, something which Roosevelt of checking and defeating the Re- port Roosevelt. This means that tive conference and elect an Expublican Liberty League threat we must do everything possible ecutive Committee which will act to convince these workers and in their name and call a local If the Farmer-Labor Party move- farmers that it is necessary to make a complete break with Roosevelt; that they must develop independent political action on a national scale to combat reaction. Only where we are not successful in achieving this goal, we must at least organize the Farmer-Labor Party on a local scale. We must use the local economic and political issues and struggles and discontent with the "is defeated it will be largely by the toiling youth, for the fight local two-party system to give the workers and farmers in these communities the first lessons in independent political action. This will enable them to move to a complete break with the two old capitalist parties on a national scale.

other four-year "breathing spell" fight to elect at least 30 to 50 masses and convince them of the

agogy of the very bankers whom strength than will the national to warn against the premature senting a great coalition of workthey hate, and whom they would ticket. That is because a great declaration that a narrow initiative ers, farmers and middle classes The immediate building of a ness of Democratic and Repub- Labor Party, before those organi- and war, would create the Farm-Farmer-Labor Party will keep lican local parties, still remain zations which are necessary have er-Labor Party which alone car these workers from being de- victims of the illusion that Roose- been brought into the movement. beat back reaction today.

NATIONAL CONVENTION In building the Farmer-Labor Party we shall always strive to CALLES SAYS "WORKERS

BUILD MOVEMENT

more persistently in building the problems. Farmer-Labor Party on a local scale. In every factory, in every union, in the clubs and fraternal organizations, in the farm communities, we must mobilize the burning need of a Farmer-Labor Party. Together with the best progressive members of everv mass organization we must work out the practical detailed-organizational steps required to establish a local Farmer-Labor Party.

Of course, it is still necessary

We Communists declared as cr-Labor Party to be born out Farmer-Labor Party convention

have united front agreements with the Socialists. This is more important than ever. But where the local Socialist movement lags be- Government electrical workers aind, they will be brought in here have prepared a petition askmuch quicker when they actually see the Farmer-Labor Party move-over to them the management of ment going ahead and taking solid electrical plants. form. The daily vacillations of the leaders of the "Militants" cannot to force the fusion of the counbe the guiding line of any work- try's double telephone syster ing class politics. What is need- One firm is controlled by Euroed is a clear, bold line which convinces and sweeps away the doubts ternational Telephone and Teleof the masses. This is a difficult graph Company. task. But that is why we are To our Party comrades we say Communists, and that is why we in a threatened strike of workers that they must work better and need Communists to solve these in a large smelting company at

The problem of the moment, nationally, is to secure united initiative by a group of the most influential Farmer-Labor forces. They should proceed to set up an authoritative Provisional Committee with the task of gathering all forces together, and of uniting them in a great national condelegates, from all cities and states and all supporting organizations, not later than the beginning of July. Such a convention, reprecommittee is already the Farmer- to fight against hunger, fascism

remains frozen.

They offer the same variety and

strikes you most. Your intelligence always told you that prisoners are merely people. But knowing a thing and realizing it ore two different stages. And you have to see this to realize it. These are the men whose need

Whatever they did or whatever

not solve.

losis with a hatchet.

pression with a cannon. And you cannot cure crime by long ago as November that we of thin air. It will not come into clamping the souls of men in an

(Continued next issue)