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CORPORATIONS WILL RULE ITALY GOVERNMENT

(Section of the Communist International)

Scharrenberg Quits AFL VANDELEUR Here to Help ISU Heads In War on Progressives BUROCRATS

Vandeleur Appointed Maritime Federation, Sec'ty of State I. L. A. Convention Federation Calls Issued

The annual convention of the

Officials for the year following

will be chosen at both conven-

tions. A different procedure in

choosing the district president for

gates at the convention. The new

members from the two nominees

votes by delegates at the con-

REACTIONARIES ACTIVE

Some of the reactionary offi-

cials of the I. L. A. locals up

north are getting primed for the

convention in earnest. Their

"Mouthpiece" on the staff of the

"Pacific Coast Longshoremen"

vehemence of a Tammany Hall

The coming convention of the

Maritime Federation of the Pa-

cific will be one of the most im-

portant labor conventions held in

recent years. The federation has

been successful in defeating ev-

ery attack of the ship-owners.

Plans must be laid at the con-

vention for meeting the anticipat-

ed attack of the ship-owners to-

gether with their vigilantes and

the reactionary union officials.

carefully planned attack will come

It will be recalled that Paul

Washington to represent the I.

S. U. of A., openly threatened

the top officials of the American

Legion of California, and Major

who is in close contact with the

very significant.

before the Convention.

Investigation of the

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.-Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of Pacific Coast District of the Inthe California Federation of Labor ternational Longshoremen's Assofor 25 years, resigned to become ciation to be held in San Pedro beginning May 5th, will be closely the International Seamen's Union representative at the national followed by the annual convention capitol. Edward D. Vandeleur, of the Maritime Federation of the resigned as president to accept the Pacific on May 15th at the same full-time secretarial job. James E. port. Hopkins, of the San Francisco 'eamsters' Union, was appointed

to succeed Vandeleur. Scharrenberg was expelled from the Sailors' Union of the Pacific at the conclusion of the oil tanker year in conformity with the amendstrike last summer. Two of the ed constitution. Previously the numerous charges placed against president was elected by the dele-Scharrenberg were calling a strike without submitting same to the and more democratic constitution rank and file vote and forganizing a company union. He refused to appear before a trial committee to defend himself. Since then, receiving the highest number of Scharrenberg's only connection with the International Seamen's Union has been his editorship of the red-baiting Seamen's Journal which has been boycotted by all the maritime unions on the West

As head of the bureau maintained by the I. S. U. in Washington, D. C., Scharrenberg will started the campaign with all the be closer than ever to the other reactionary members of the I. S. politician, attacking the strategic U. Executive Committee which move of the progressive San Franrevoked the charter of the Sailors' cisco I. L. A. local for a Con-Union of the Pacific and tied up its funds in court actions. Judge ship-owners' planned attack on the Shortall dismissed the restraining maritime unions. This same group, order against the funds of the S. thought to be led by Paddy Mor-U. P. on March 12th. They were ris, went so far as to openly atimmediately tied up again by an tack the officials of the Gulf appeal from his decision filed in Maritime Federation, and defendthe State Supreme Court by At- ed the arch-traitor Joseph P. Ryan torney Hutton representing the in a thinly-disguised manner.

While the Executive Committee is planning further attacks on the other crafts on the West Coast, rebellion agains the Committee's sellout policies was flaring on the East Coast and Gulf. The crews of the principal ships in New York Harbor yesterday elected committees to send to a mass meeting at which the question of a port-wide strike would be decided.

This tense situation began with the attempted victimization of the crew of the S.S. California over the three-day strike in San Pedro for a five-dollar raise and overtime pay. The New York waterfront strike committee is leading the struggle, the first big battle against the attempt of Secretary of Commerce, Roper, in league with the snipowners to deny sear spoke from the same platform as men the right to strike by using mutiny charges and the blackst. A demand is also being made for the West Coast scale of wages

and overtime. SHIP SCABS

An attempt is being made by charter of the S. U. P. and lockthe same reactionary East Coast officials, who revoked the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, to ship scabs for the California and the American Trader which struck yes erday. WPA officials are aiding the union officials in the attempt to recruit scabs. Picketing was extended to the Division of Unemployed and Transients' employment office to forestall any attempt to ship scabs there.

A call went out from the strike committee for a mass meeting to be held at the Manhattan Lyceum to discuss demands. Among the topics for discussion were, a scale of pay equal to the West Coasts, shipping through the union hall, an eight-hour day for stewards, and the building of a maritime federation on the East Coast.

BACKS I.S.U.

SAILORS' CHARTER FIGHT CARRIED TO COUNCIL FLOOR BY BRIDGES

Machinists' Scales

NATIONAL MOONEY FIGHT PUT UP TO GREEN BY COMMITTEE

(S. F. Central Labor Council Meeting)

The struggle in the San Francisco labor movement centering around the revocation of the Sailors' Union charter came to a head last Friday night in the stormiest session of the Central Labor Council in many months.

the I. L. A. will be followed this "No one is delegated to speak for the sailors except the sailors," Edward D. Vandeleur, pres ident of the Council, declared, when Harry Bridges, president of I. L. A. 38-79 rose repeatedly provides that the president shall to demand that the Council be be elected by the rank and file informed as to what action the State Federation of Labor had taken or contemplated taking regarding aid to the sailors' union in regaining their charter. Vandeleur also refused to divulge whether the State Federation of Labor Executive Council, meeting Sunday, would ac

sailors' question. VANDELEUR'S CONTEMPT opinion, was that the question of against the victory of the powerconcern of the I. S. U. interna- elections. tional officers, and the clique of Alonzo Mallol, chief of police, eactionaries heading

Federation of Labor. to open a new hall and ship scabs, he told Vandeleur:

"Then I'm talking for the longshoremen. We have to work with the sailors, and we're particular what kind we work

Bridges pointed out that the question of the Sailors' charter lay definitely within the jurisdiction of the State Federation of Labor since the Oregon and Washington branches are still members of the State Federation.

Vandeleur's concluding statement climaxed a bitter denuncia-There is grave danger that the tion of the maritime rank and file. "I'm not so sure that you are all so desirous that we have a peaceful settlement on the wa-

Scharrenberg who is going to terfront," he declared. MOONEY CAMPAIGN

The special committee recently vigilante terror against the rank set up by the Central Labor and file West Coast unions. He | Council on the Mooney-Billings Defense, reported that a call had been sent out to the National Ex-Henry F. Sanborn, editor of the openly fascistic American Citizen. president, asking that all its affiliated bodies throughout the counship-owners. The pulling of the try set aside July 22nd, the aning-out 20 longshore gangs is also (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3) | federation in the Gulf.



lected to recall Governor Merriam (above). James H. Hollingsworth of Los Angeles is heading a committee which proposes to place the matter of recall on the ballot in August.

FASCIST RIOT S

Cooperation Between Communists and Socialists

MADRID, March 21.—Bloody struggles throughout Spain are Vandeleur's position, stated with | decreasing in direct proportion cynical contempt for rank and file to the silencing of fascist howls the Sailors' Union was the private ful People's Front in the recent

> last week called a conference of newspaper men and categorically peasants for the land.

On the opening day of the Spanish Parliament session an

the parliament building shook to at every door." the strains of the "International."

Centrists have 210 deputies.

Communist member of parliament. year.

Gulf Reactionary Is Shouted Down

At Port Arthur, Tex., Barnes, tion of Labor and William Green, Olander-Scharrenberg clique, was booed out of the union hali when he attempted to prevent the unions from holding a joint meetniversary of the day on which ing. A committee was elected to Mooney first entered prison, as aid in the setting up of a maratime

50 PERCENT Fascist War Alliance Sealed

ROOSEVELT "HOPES" IN-DUSTRY MAY ABSORB UNEMPLOYED

Follow Hearst Lead

32,700 WORKERS JOINED JOBLESS ARMY IN **JANUARY**

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—President Roosevelt, in a message to Congress late last week, 'asked for relief appropriations representing a 50 per cent slash from last year's relief bud-

Admitting there is little evidence industry can or will absorb large numbers of unemployed, he nevertheless asked for only \$2,100,000,-000 in new relief funds, compared to \$4,880,000,000 appropriated in 1935. Of the new funds, \$1,500,-000,000 are for the Works Progress Administration and \$600,000,-000 for the Civilian Conservation Corps and various public works.

To this the president added \$1, 000,000,000 of unexpended funds from last year's appropriation.

700,000 FACE LAYOFF

Meanwhile plans are going head for the cutting of approx-700,000 off WPA by July 1, and reducing the CCC quota by 80,000. Roosevelt estimated there are at present 5,300,000 families and unattached persons in need of relief. This compares with official American Federation of Labor esti-

Prolonged applause greeted denied that land-hungry peasants the demand of the Liberty League existing treaties. Bridges' reply when, referring had seized the estates of Presi- Hearst-Republican Party coalition to the plans of I. S. U. officials dent Zamora. This was seen by that relief be slashed. To save People's Front adherents as an face he "chided" the Tories for effort to belittle the struggle of | demanding complete abandonment of general relief.

> attempt was made by reaction- Marcantonio who declared that are fleeing the area, but the charge carno gives France, as any other aries to assassinate Francisco "instead of the Hoover myth of that their lives are endangered is member of the League, the un-Largo Caballero, Socialist leader. two chickens in every pot, the declared ridiculous. But Communists and Socialists unemployed are confronted with presented a mighty united front as the Roosevelt reality of two wolves of "propaganda" rather than bay-

While Roosevelt expressed The new parliament will be "hope" that industry voluntarily dominated by the People's Bloc would absorb a portion of those which has a majority, consisting now without aid of any sort, Secof 265 deputies. The Rightists and retary of Labor Perkins announced that 32,700 more workers joined Close cooperation exists be- the unemployed ranks between their struggle for freedom from tween Caballero and Jose Diaz, January and February of this

He held that taking contribu- Observers believe that a major tions from one employer to be war, in which all Chinese patriotic paid in benefits to employes of forces will unite with the Comanother firm is in violation of the munists to drive out the Japanese, "due process" clause of the con- may be looked for in the imme-

RELIEF SLASH CHINESE RED ARMY IN VICTORIOUS NEW ADVANCE

IS PLANNED Hitler Thumbs Down On League of **Nations**

Red Army March Met By Cheers of People

BERLIN, March 23. - Hitler turned thumbs down on the proposals drafted at the League of Nations conferences in London relative to the Rhineland dispute and is reported at work drafting counter-proposals.

Although the League document, which included international policing of the Rhineland zone pending re-organization of all existing pacts and treaties, was described as an "ultimatum," its real nature was that of a "feeler" and it allows Germany full license to throw it in the waste paper basket and reopen discussions.

It is believed Germany will propose a toothless and sterile dummy device of pretended peace treaties which will serve to delude populations into a sense of false security, but which, in fact, will hamper in no way the war plans of belligerent nations.

ENDANGERING PEACE

In this project Germany is alleged to have the cooperation of vided for in the Locarno and Ver- lective measures against breaches sailles treaties and substitution of of international obligations. insincere agreements.

mates of 12,626,000 unemployed are the two powers struggling Roosevelt's action results from vigorously for the maintenance of

(See editorial, Page 6.)

The Red Army of Soviet China the Soviet Union the pact will is reported in a victorious advance not begin to operate. But if the His action was branded as through Shansi province, moving Soviet Union becomes the victim "chiseling" by Representative westward. American missionaries of an attack by Germany, Lo-

onets. Only small resistance has the German Government too, and been encountered and the pop- therefore it hastens to call to its ulation of towns and cities are receiving the Red Army men with ovations of welcome. The Red Army in North China is regarded by the people as the one hope in the voke of Japanese imperialism.

AGAINST JAPAN Shansi province borders on the

RAP SOCIAL INSURANCE | Japanese controlled Hopei pro-ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.— vince where Japanese military New York's state unemployment forces have recently been doubled. insurance act has been held un- | Japanese authorities have stated an international organizer of the constitutional in an opinion by that a march into Shansi to comecutive of the American Federa- I. S. U. of A. and one of the Supreme Court Justice P. H. Rus- bat the Red China forces is im-

Litvinoff's Speech

by Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet delegate to the League of Nations on Tuesday, March 17, 1936, from which the following excerpts were taken was published in full in the Daily Worker on Thursday, Mar.

"This is the third time in the short period of the eighteen nonths during which the Soviet Union has been a member of the League of Nations that its representative in the Council of the League has had to speak on the subject of a breach of international obligations.

"In all three cases, the Soviet Union was either formally disnterested because it took no part in the treaties which have been infringed, as in the case of those of Versailles and Locarno, or, as in the case of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict, its own interests were not in the least affected.

PEACE POLICY

"The attitude of the Soviet Union is predetermined by its general policy of struggling for peace, for the collective organization of security and for maintenance of one of the instr of peace-the existing League of Nations. . . One cannot strugother League powers. It means | gle for collective organization of the removal of guarantees pro- security without adopting col-

"That the German assertion of The Soviet Union and France the incompatibility of the Franco-Soviet pact and Locarno will not hold water follows with absolute clarity from the entirely defensive character of the pact.

"If Germany undertakes no ag-PEIPING, China, March 23.— gression against either France or questionable right to come to the The victory is described as one assistance of the Soviet Union. "This is perfectly obvious to

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

MASS MFFTING TO FIGHT WAR CALLED IN S.F.

COMMUNIST SPEAKER WILI ADDRESS GATHERING

William Schneiderman, district organizer of the Communist Party will speak on the war situation in Europe, at the invitation of the San Francisco Anti-War Committee, on Friday, March 27th, at 8 p. m., at the Irish-American Hall, 454 Valencia street, San Francisco. After Schneiderman speaks, the floor will be thrown open for an open forum discussion and for questions. Com. Schneiderman will then sum up the discussion.

The significance of the Franco-Soviet Peace Pact, the road and objectives of Hitler, the position and policies of the Soviet Union and the general situation in Europe will be analyzed by Com-American workers can do to pro- government. tect their interests will be outlined by him.

organizer of the Communist Party, amnesty for all political prisoners will preside. Admission will be in Brazil. Previously the delega-

mionists, are urged by the S. F. | thorough investigation into the Anti-War Committee to attend this murder of a young American, mass meeting.

Dummy Parliament Is Dissolved By Mussolini

The complete text of the speech New Agreement Links Austria, Hungary To Fascists

ROME, Italy, March 23.-Mussolini has dissolved the assemblage of appointed "Yes-men" which comprised Italy's artificial parliament and has placed the, nation under open control of the 22 capitalist corporations which constitute the nation's "big busi-

Almost simultaneously it was reported that an alliance has been achieved between Italy, Austria and Hungary.

Terroristic bombings in Ethiopia have been carried out on an unprecedented scale as the fascists strain for the utmost advantage in their coming peace negotiations before the League of Nations. It is alleged Mussolini will revive the Hoare-Laval proposition as a basis for bargaining.

FASCIST ALLIANCE

The Italy - Austria - Hungary agreements are a step toward war as significant as Hitler's merch days the fi

up with the recently established accord between Germany and Italy, the alliance between Germany and Poland and the wellknown understanding between Japan and Germany. It achieves the complete co-ordination of the fascist war machine which is mobilizing for aggression against France and the Soviet

REVOLT FEARED

Placing of Italy's direct control in the hands of a council of capitalists is an emergency m**easure** to combat the mass unrest and growing revolt within Italy. In the face of Mussolini's growing unpopularity, it may foreshadow his downfall and the ruling of the nation directly by the capitalist interests which have always controlled Mussolini as a puppet.

PROTEST ARREST OF BRAZIL HERO

Delegation Demands Investigation of Barron Murder

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 22.—That Carlos Prestes is the idol of Brazil was admitted by a member of the staff of the Brazilian embassy here.

Paulo G. Hasslocher, commercial attache, added that the new treaty between Brazil and the United States "is more favorable to the industrialists of the United States than it is to Brazil."

These things were admitted to a delegation of distinguished Americans calling at the Embassy late last week to protest the arrest rade Schneiderman in his open- and contemplated murder of Presing speech. The relation of this tes, heroic Communist leader of situation to the position of the Brazil who has been held for American working class and what weeks by the Vargas-Wall Street

The delegation demanded the release of Prestes, Arthur Ewart, Lawrence Ross, S. F. section refugee from Hitler, and general tion had visited the State De-All workers, especially trade partment with the demand for a Victor Barron, by Brazilian police.

Western Worker Drive Celebrations Lead Poisoning Is Hinted In Illness

RODEO, Calif., March 22.-The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, Local 51 of Selby plans a full investigation into the illness of President Stevens, now in the hospital at Richmond.

Stevens and several others have become sick and union members are certain they are victims of lead-poisoning. The company doctor denied that this was truehence the investigation.

All friends and union members are urged to visit Stevens at the Richmond Hospital.

Of Union Official Come to Los Angeles 4th Western Worker

Annual Concert

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

Mason Opera House Admission 25c At 127 So. Broadway -Farewell to Winner of Trip to U.S.S.R. Help Complete \$7500 Sustaining Fund TO DOUBLE THE CIRCULATION!

You Are Invited to the San Francisco

Victory Banquet

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 7:00 P.M. At 121 Haight Street Good Program of Entertainment and a Full Course, 50c Dinner (Auspices: Western Worker Drive Comm.) HELP BUILD AN 8-PAGE **WESTERN WORKER!**

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Mexican Miners

Win Fight With

American Owners

JUANAJUOTA STRIKERS'

DEMANDS UPHELD BY

ARBITRATOR ...

(Special to Western Worker)

MEXICO CITY. (Delayed.)

The Mexican miners, employed ...

by the American-owned Guana-

came on foot 265 miles from the

State of Guanajuato to Mexico.

City to protest actions of their

American bosses, Smith and Macio

Donald, who refused to arbitrate.

four-monuth-old strike, have just

As previously reported, the La-

bor Department forced the Ameri-

can management to accept arbi-

tration. The government-appoint-

ed arbitrator has just announced

his decision: that work shall be

resumed in not less than eight.

days' time; that the company pay

the workers the sum of 50,000.

pesos (about \$14,000) to cover;

wages lost during the strike; that

the company re-hire in the same

positions all the workers who

went out on strike; that the Com-

pany pay wages for a rest day on

won an important victory.

juato Reduction Company, who 🛣

CARDENAS GIVES STERN ANSWER TO MEXICAN OWNER CLASS

Replies to Dark Threats Against His Government

"STRIKES FAVORABLE TO SOCIAL INTERESTS OF MEXICO"

(Special to Western Worker) MEXICO CITY.-In a radio broadcast on March 14th, President Lazaro Cardenas gave his answer to an open letter addressed to him by the bankers, industrialists and business men of Mexico.

This letter, sent out by the hoss-clique on March 11, amounted to almost an ultimatum, calling in May. upon President Cardenas to put a stop to the strikes in the country, condemning him for his actions in behalf of the strikers and against the industrialists of Monterrev, attempting to prove that these and all other strikes were reducing the country to anarchy. The letter threatened in none too vague terms that unless Cardenas "played ball" from now on, bank credits would be refused him and shut down.

BLAME OWNER-CLASS

President Cardenas started his speech by showing that the government, for the first time in his- other such schools during 1936. tory, is pursuing a definite clear and legal course of reform. He blamed the owner-class for fighting these reforms, for refusing cooperation, for raising the prices of necessities: "Up to today the government has had no cooper ation from industries, banks or business houses, in spite of the promises you have given."

In regard to strikes President Cardenas said: "It is true that agitations and strikes are troublesome and occasion alarm in the country; but you can't expect the government to stop these when we haven't sufficient proof that the owner-class will respect the law."

Strikes, if they keep within the law, if they make demands acrty of the industries to grant, are favorable to the social interest because they help to solve the gravest of Mexico's problems: the misery of the working class." **BOYCOTT THREAT**

In answer to the threat of a boycott of his government by big business of Mexico, after empha sizing the fact that business is concerned with marketing and not with production, Cardenas de-

"If banks and industries exist it is because the market is such that they can make money. A shut-down, a boycott on the part of the owning-class, whatever might be its magnitude, would demand intervention by the government in order that the economic life might not be disturbed. And the most that would happen would be that certain branches ef'industry and finance would be removed from private interests to Be converted into social services."

10 SOVIET CONSTRUCTION BREAKS ALL RECORDS

This year's program of new construction in the Soviet Union flood. totals 32,400 million rubles. The scope of these plans becomes apparent when one considers that such items as 330 new apartment

BADLY NEEDED FUNCTIONARIES TO BE TRAINED

LOS ANGELES TO BEGIN DRIVE FOR \$1500 SCHOOL FUND

LOS ANGELES, March 22.-To cope adequately with impending great struggles of the workers, farmers, and middle class of Southern California, the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party will take decisive steps to develop trained revolutionary forces with the establishment of a three-weeks' full-time school here into a recital of the hardships of

A financial drive to raise \$1500 has been launched. Five hundred dollars of the \$1500 is to go for the maintenance of a full-time District School.

"Our best resolutions will remain on paper, if we lack the peocommunistic and would result in ple who are to put them into ef-

This statement by George Dimitroff at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International, is being raised here as a industries and businesses would central point in the leading of successful struggles for the exoloited masses.

The Los Angeles Section further plans to carry through two

Through this inner education of Communist Party members, the Los Angeles Section plans to raise the effectiveness of the struggle against war and fascism, and for the creation of a broad people's front against reaction.

CHAIN STORES **PROFITEERING** IN FLOOD AREA

CONGRESSMAN IN DEMAND FOR \$50,000,000 RELIEF

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 23 -In the wake of the devastating flood that has taken the lives of hundreds of persons and left thousands of workers and their families homeless, chain stores here raised food prices from 50 to 100 per ing Company was leading a drive cent in order to profit by the scarcity of certain articles.

While more than 200,000 persons are estimated to have lost their homes and all belongings, the death toll continued to mount. Thousands were unaccounted for.

One chain store boosted the price of potatoes from 50 cents to \$1 a peck. Meanwhile men, women and children are shouting for food. Thousands of steel mill workers were thrown out of work as water flooded shops and factories.

A miniature Daily Worker issued by the Communist Party here, in the absence of the reg ular Daily Worker bundle, presents a demand that all food and relief be placed for distribution in the hands of a People's Relief Com-

Troops were on duty over a wide area and doctors' services were increasingly demanded as disease and epidemic followed the Masters, Mates and Pilots, the

DEMANDS RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C., March houses in Moscow, and 4,300 21.—Representative Henry Ellen schools in cities and villages all bogen, Democrat from Pennsylover the country, are but part of vania, introduced a bill Thursthe projects scheduled for com- day for an emergency appropri pletion before the end of the ation of \$50,000,000 for flood relief throughout the stricken area.

MOTHERS TO PROTEST R.O.T.C. BEFORE STATE REGENT BOARD

LOS ANGELES, March 3.-A delegation of Los Angeles mothers are on their way to San Francisco to appear before the Board of Regents to protest compulsory R. O. C. T. military training.

day, March 24th. At this time, they will decide whether R. O. T. Commilitary training shall continue to be compulsory or whether such training shall be subject tory of California Regent sessions, to the volition of each student student body members will be California.

Mothers of student, at U. C. R. O. T. C. rtaining elective. In a ory military training have been training elective.

The State Board of Regents will gathered in Los Angeles. These convene in San Francisco on Tues- mothers are making this trip of almost 500 miles to express the sentiment of many Southern California mothers. For the first time in the his-

enrolled in the universities of permitted to present their arguments for or against compulsory military training. Feeling has been L. A. and other Los Angeles intense on the campus, and in a schools have organized to make recent straw vote held by the students at U. C. L. A. and at Berkevery limited time, over 3000 signa- ley, the result was more than two

ALEXANDER Hamilton Is the **REAL VILLAIN**

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March, 18. -In a meeting characterized by anti-Semitic remarks and general, confusion, the San Diego chapter of the National Union for Social Justice was inaugurated. The Los Angeles organizer first spoke of membership in the hundred thousands in Southern California alone. He addressed a small crowd at ine local Unitarian Church.

The main speaker began with a build-up for Coughlin as the savior of the country. Then he launched he depression, etc. Then he came around to the cause of it all. The capitalists? No. The bankers? No. The money! That is the whole trouble, the small amount of money in circulation. He puncuated this speech with anti-Semitic aspersions. The founder of this evil financial system, he said, was Alexander Hamilton, whose real name was Levy. "We must work for a real Christian world,' ae concluded.

During the brief question period iollowing the speech, an alert listener asked if it were not, perhaps, the capitalist system that was at fault. After hemming and hawing, the speaker declined to answer, claiming lack of time.

SAN FRANCISCO **CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MEET**

(Continued from Page 1) National Tom Mooney Day, and plan to hold mass meetings and demonstrations demanding freelom for Mooney and Billings on that date.

The committee also announced that May 15th had been decided on as the date for a large preliminary mass meeting to be held for the same purpose in San Francisco.

KIDWELL'S REPORT

George Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union reported that the Langendorf Bakagainst the wages and conditions won by the union throughout the San Francisco area. Langendorf nd other companies are employ ing the nucleus of a strikebreak ing group, he said, and have made attempts to corrupt leading members of the organization, promising to reward them if they oppose the policies of the union. The developing attack, Kidwell stated, constituted a serious threat to the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union in San Francisco and the adjacent area.

"ALASKA PACKING" SIGNS Alaska packing companies have been signed by the Masters, Mates and Pilots, according to the report of their delegate to the Council. The scale is \$190 as against \$135 for 1934, the 8-hour day, and \$1.00 a hour overtime. This is the first time that these companies have signed with the delegate stated.

The machinists reported that under the shipyard strike settlement machinists are to receive 90c an hour, and helpers 65c, the 40-hour week, union recognition and no discrimination. However, on the two destroyers on which work is soon scheduled to begin, the rate will be 85c for machinists and 60c for helpers.

Vandeleur refused the repeated request made by the delegate of the Filling Station Employees' Union to get the floor on the action taken by the former in advising the Rubber Institute to halt negotiations with the union.

Ministers Oppose Compulsory R.O.T.C.

LOS ANGELES, March 17.-Members of the Methodist Preachers' Association today had sent the University of California's Board of Regents a resolution demanding the abolition of compulsory military training.

The ministers pointed out that students at Berkeley and Los Angeles had voted two to one against compulsory training, and expressed themselves as "favoring the creation of a psychology of peace war and war methods."

RYAN HINTS AT **REVOCATION OF GULF CHARTERS**

COMMUNICATION TO MEET OPPOSES MARITIME **FEDERATION**

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.-Foundations for a Maritime Federation to embrace the 10,000 marine workers in the Gulf were being laid at the Maritime Convention here. The proposed Federation would be similar to the highly successful Maritime Federation of the Pacific and a great step toward industrial unionism.

Joseph P. Ryan, president of

the International Longshoremen's Association, sent a communication to all the I. L. A. locals of the Gulf and South Atlantic ports stating that, "The Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast endeavored to usurp the powers of your assicaiton." He then warned them, "not to repeat the mistakes by joining a Federation that is opposed to vour International organization; otherwise action will be taken against you in accordance with Sec. 2 of our International Constitution." This section has to do with revocation of charters.

"ONLY SALVATION"

Speakers at the convention pointed out that building trades councils of the A. F. of L. have been formed along the same lines as the proposed Federation for many years. And that craft unions in these councils do not lose their identity but merely meet together with the other crafts in the same industry to discuss and act on their common problems.

One of the principal speakers, Mr. Stein. reviewed 12 years of strife on the New Orleans docks and stated that, "The Maritime Federation is our only salvation." He denounced Joseph P. Ryan for threatening charter revocations of the locals that joined the Federation.

One of the high-lights of Stein's speech was, "We are defending ourselves against a bunch of officials who have sold us out. We are not condemning the I. L. A., but are condemning one man, Joseph P. Ryan. We want to belong to the American Federation of Labor, but we are fighting against the man who draws \$15,000 a year and who has sold us out."

Stein was referring to the actions of Ryan during the Gulf strike. He stressed the point that during the strike all the districts of the union in the United States and Canada had voted a manifesto against all scab-loaded ships coming from the Gulf and that Ryan had wired President Roosevelt that unless the I. L. A. locals in the Gulf were recognized, "every port in the United States would Agreements with four of the be closed." The manifesto was ignored at Ryan's order, even in New York where he maintains his office. Stein said that if Ryan had put the manifesto into effect. "the strike would not still be in effect, but would have been over in three weeks."

TREACHERY

Duped by Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward McGrady, longshoremen signed agreements with three companies in the belief that other companies would sign afterward. This was done to quiet the howls of the shipowners that a food shortage threatened. Stein asked the members not to blame himself or T. J. Darcy, president of the local, for signing the contracts, but to blame themselves for voting for them. A great future was forecast for

the Gulf Maritime Federation and predictions made of similar Fed- events. erations in the East and North to be combined into a national maritime federation. Other speakers at the conven-

tion were Norman Duncan, International Seamen's Union; T. K. Inge, Masters, Mates, and Pilots: S. Nathaniel Smith, Negro local, No. 231, I. L. A. of New Orleans: and Edward Norris, I. L. A. of West Bank. Captain S. L. Forrest, of the A. R. T. A., presided.

Prof. Steinmetz Honored by Teachers

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 18. -Harry Steinmetz, elected president of the San Diego Federated ion. Trades and Labor Council who was "deposed" by "Little Hitler" of Teachers.

"EXPEL THE PERNICIOUS FOREIGN BOSSES"



Head of the caravan of 600 striking Guanajuato miners who marched from the State of Guanajuato to Mexico City to protest to the Cardenas government the activities of the American mine owners. The sign reads: "Out of the Country with the Pernicious Foreigners Henry P. Smith and Augustus MacDonald!" One of their demands was that "the company observe the 'law of the seventh day'," a law obliging all employers to give their workers a day of rest, with pay, on the seventh day of the week. This piece of legislation, introduced by President Cardenas early this year, was declared constitutional by the Mexican legislature on February 20th. Many employers, including the owners of the Guanajuato silver mines, have refused to conform to it.

News Guild Wins Point in Battle With Associated

LIBERTY LEAGUER FIGHTS NATIONAL LABOR BOARD PROBE

NEW YORK (FP) .- The American Newspaper Guild drew first of the German line of argument blood in its long drawn out bat- as to the incompatibility of the tle with the powerful forces of Franco-Soviet pact and Locarno. the Associated Press when Federal Judge William Bondy of New Labor Relations Board from investigating the dismissal of Morris Watson.

Watson, vice-president of the guild and considered one of the city's best newspapermen, was een "happy there." Guildsmen charged that the press association's action was a case of pure antiunion discrimination and placed their claims before the N. L. R. B Morris Ernst, guild council, had characterized the case as the most important since the passage of the Wagner labor disputes act.

Pleas of John W. Davis, Liberty Leaguer and attorney for AP, that the Wagner act was "wholly unconstitutional" and that "irreparable damage" would be done to his clients by N. L. R. B. hearings, were denied by Bondy. At the same time he refused to enjoin the board from conducting elections among AP employees to determine their bargaining agent.

"No poll to determine representatives of complainant's employes for collective bargaining becomes injurious to the employer merely because it is conducted by a government board instead of by employes themselves, "ne declared.

Labor board hearings are scheduled to start in the near future. Millions of American newspaper readers will await with interest its anti-labor stand with its alleged "impartial handling" of the manner in which the country's largest news agency, in covering this important labor story, adjusts

Building Service Workers Restrike Action Is Hinted

-Sentiment for a restrike is growing within the ranks of the building service workers here. Meanwhile realty owners ap-

peared to be yielding to the demands of the workers for reinstatement of all former strikers. More than 3,000 had been discriminated against by employers, it was estimated by members of the Building Service Workers un-

Pressure from the rank and file of the union is becoming understood, worked with members Casey, was recently elected vice stronger under the compromising of the realty board in urging tures protesting against compuls- to one in favor of making military instead of a sympathy toward president of the State Federation strategy of James J. Bambrick, strikers to accept the agreementpresident of the union who, it is which itself is very poor.

Litvinoff's Speech

(Continued From Page 1) assistance the far-reaching hypo

thesis of the possibility of a change of the social system in the German line of argument the German Government, only confirmes the artificial character

HITLER'S STAND

fired from his job last autumn be taken by violence from other ary anti-labor forces to win sup-present regime: "Neither inside ostensibly because he had not peoples to be colonized by Ger- port for his actions and that "we nor outside the Fatherland Front paratively recently as May 28, the progressive public." 1931, one of Hitler's principle corulers, Goebbels, wrote in the newspaper Angriff that "the only instrument with which foreign policy can be made is the sword," and Hitler himself wrote in the Voelkischer Boebachter that "in the long run the sword will de-

cide everything' "I have permitted myself to express my views, gentlemen, with complete frankness. It was to any continuation of the injunceasier for me to do so than for my colleagues, because the man- the trial can be held is April 2. ner in which Hitler allows himself to speak in public of the on assault charges is set for Mar. State I represent liberates me from the necessity of resorting to circumlocution and diplomatic

ANTI-SOVIET FRONT

I have all the more right to do so because the whole sense of Hitler's statements and proposals in the sphere of international political relations amounts to organization of a campaign against the peoples of the State I represent and to the formation of a coalition against them of the whole of Europe and the whole world.

"But at whatever new international agreements we might desire to arrive, we must first of all insure their loyal fulfillment Civil Service Commission. The by all those who participate in them, and the Council of the League must declare its attitude toward unilateral infringement of such agreements and how it intends and is able to react against

"From this standpoint the NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 32 greatest possible satisfaction of the complaint made by the French and Belgian Governments can be seen in the absolute lack becomes of exceptional impor- of qualification of Banning for tance. Taking cognizance of this, I declare in the name of my government its readiness to participate in all measures which may be proposed to the Council of the League by the Locarno the job by passing three Civil powers and will be acceptable to other members of the Council.'

San Diego Union **Progressives to Broaden Struggle**

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 18

-The 9th progressive caucus, of

the Federated Trades Council, with 62 delegates representing 27 unions, present, met here tonight laying plans to carry the fight against the Casey dictatorship to the public. John Lydick, chairman of the progressive caucus, brought the proposal to the floor. York refused to stop the National that, until quite lately, Hitler A. C. Rogers, William Coffey 39 equality, not only of races but of move to widen the fight. Steinbiguity to those lands which must already gone to the most reaction- of conspiring to overthrow the must enlist in turn the support

> Lydick's proposal for the inves- the present shameful situation in tigation by a local public com- Austria. Therefore, illegal orgamittee finally carried when the nizations are needed. motion was put by Coffey.

the Office Workers' Union, whose charter has just been revoked for "insubordination," reported that he had notified Casey's attorneys that the progressives will not agree tion hearing, but that the earliest

WASHINGTON, March 23 .-The Senate today passed the record, \$611,000,000 War Department appropriation, calling for tremendous increases in war preparations measures and the number of the standing army.

the 7th day of each week as well as on the other days (one of the.

combatted most categorically the the Laborers, Radcliff of the Elec- fended the Communist Party and idea of collective security. He tricians and Harry Steinmetz fol- the working class before the fasstill preaches the principle of in- lowed Lydick in support of the cist court. nations. He points without am- metz pointed out that Casey had declared in answer to the cha

Attorney Baird, a member of

In the meanwhile Casey's trial 26th, at 10 a. m. in police court.

demands of the striking miners). In direct refutation of the loud squawks made by MacDonald a Smith that the company was on the verge of bankruptcy because of the fall of the price of silver, the arbitrator announced upon investigation that the Guanajuato

financial condition."

Communists Defy Austrian Court In Treason Trial

Reduction Company was "in good

VIENNA, Mar. 21.—The two VIENNA, Man. Communists on trial here to "treason" to the Starembe Schuschnig fasciet government

Fuernberg, one of the accuse. (fascist trade union organization) is there a possibility of changing

The other Communist defe ant, Honner, explained the role of the Communist Party in build ing the United Front.

Twenty-eight Revolutionary Socialists on trial defended themselves with equal bravery earlier in the trial.

POLISH STRIKERS

CRACOW, Poland, March 23. -Five workers were killed and thirty wounded by police gunfire during a demonstration following declaration of a 24-hour strike. Other unions immediately called a general strike in protest.

Clashes are frequent as strikes mount in number throughout Poland, where the standard of living of the workers has dropped enormously.

CIVIL SERVICE SUSPENDED IN SOUTH PASADENA FOR BANNING

By a Worker Correspondent. SOUTH PASADENA, Calif.-

it upon himself to repudiate the tenuous coils of patronage by which the wily postmaster general builds up his political machine extend even to the little hamlet of South Pasadena. At the behest of his man Friday, W. G. Mctain Mr. Banning to the job as postmaster in this town.

the position. In the first place, he was not even a resident of the town at the time of his appointment. Secondly, eighteen local residents had already qualified for Service examinations. For Banning's benefit, a fourth examina-

appointee, he has made up sc of this time, but still with a year Tammany Jim Farley has taken and three months to go. Nevertheless, Farley says Banning is to become postmaster.

There have been numerous protests, and more are in preparation, but so far the only result was a move of Banning's wealthy society friends to further entrench him in his position. The other Adoo, Farley has appointed a cer- day several expensive cars driven by chauffeurs descended upon this: little town from Hollywood, and Just how flagrant is this act elaborately gowned women went. from house to house with petitions, coyly inquiring if the resident was not receiving his mail" regularly, and if so, why should he complain about his postmaste If this initial move on Farley

part is allowed to go unchallenged and the Civil Service laws which were formulated after an long, bitter struggle, lasting from tion was given. He failed this ig- the time of Hayes through fivery nominiously. Not only that, but presidents until Theodore Roose-Banning lacks the three years' velt, we shall see one law afterot executive experience necessary for another usurped in the move tothe position. While in office as ward absolute fascist control.

THE GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS OF GROWERS

Growers Are Dubious Prefer Rule By **Vigilantes**

INTRODUCTION

The first part of this article (published in last issue) described the monopoly control of Big Business over California agriculture and the existence of an army of 200,000 agricultural slaves who do the work. To meet the crisis arising from this situation, the gov-

nent proposes to create a .ural peasantry" in which families will grow just enough to keep themselves alive during the periods when the Big Interests do not need them to work in the

"RESETTLEMENT"

The scheme is to give California a bound-to-be-soil peasantry, by the simple device of part-time farms. That this peasant creating program is contrary to the movement of history is no great concern for the government. The reasoning runs like this: California has a third of all large-scale farm ing in the United States. Largescale farming requires the use of many hands. At present the bired hands are a proletariat and unpredictable lot, germinating in their miserable conditions the seeds of revolt, liable to explode and threaten the stability of the nation.

Therefore it is necessary to reate for these hired hands the illusion of the status of petty bourgeoisie. We will place a sufficient number on small plots of land, carefully calculated to produce an insufficiency of the substance of life; thus forcing the able bodied to add to their income by working for wages in the fields of their corporate neighbors.

ANCIENT DENMARK Although Dr. Carl C. Taylor, national director of Resettlement Administration, is the chief exponent of this skillful reasoning, he has taken his cue from Rex

ed a well defined precedent. In the early 18th century Denmark tarked upon just such a scheme. the present time in Denmark on. vol the policy toward small farmers requires "the limitation of the holdings to such a size as would still compel the holders to work

Tugwell, who, in turn, has follow-

as hired men." Such is the hope and desire of Resettlement Administration in one great intensified industry, over-shadowing every department of state life.

SLAVE CAMPS

The first step in the program called for the establishment of migrant camps, where the contents could be sifted and the "better elements" planted in perpetuity on part-time farms. Two camps were built last year. Grower opposition developed instantly.

"Shall we stop the government in its plan to establish migrant camps?" debated the growers at their first "housing" conference, Dec. 15, 1934. The answer was "yes," but with qualifications. The qualifications were that the growers wanted absolute control of the management in their own it, "the sheriff to enter at any

That same answer has been repeated with emphasis at each successive conference.

MAY ABANDON

So bitter has become the opposition that Resettlement Administration may abandon the whole migrant camp project, although Federal money is available for the

blishment of 20 more such camps. This will not, however, alter the long-range plan for creating a California peasantry on parttime farms.

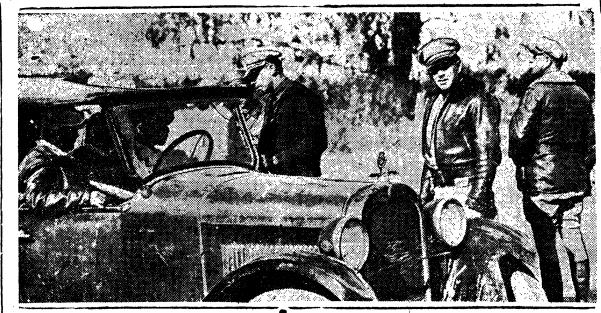
The growers never wanted the camps. The growers want their hired hands to be available, docile, unorganized and under their thumbs. Privileges guaranteed by the Constitution were to be permitted in the migrant camps. The right of workers to organize, to collectively bargain, the right of ing to prison from Sacramento permanent residence, the comforts who have been convicted of Crimof sanitary camping conditions- inal Syndicalism, for-THEY ARE these were offered, and are available for migrants, one near Marysville and the other at Arvin in lower San Joaquin.

VIGILANTES

Even more distasteful to the growers was the government rule that, "efforts to enforce the law by vigilante methods cannot be

permitted." found a friend in WPA. The peas- from his cell alone. The red squad bor activities, blinked his one good ant idea was all right, they agreed, making the raid found so much eye and contented himself with a raids were made at this time why Letters to various prison of as a long-view procedure. It had they were forced to press into steady flow of cuss-words.

WITH GUN AND CLUB IN IMPERIAL VALLEY



State Highway Patrolmen stopping and searching cars during the Imperial Valley lettuce strike of 1934. Police officers and vigil antes work hand in hand in that area, imposing the will of the wealthy growers by brute force. Scores have been slugged, injured and even killed in Imperial Valley struggles. It is one of the "hot spots" of fascism in California.

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their best interests at heart. Go | a ahead, they said, but remember we're short-view fellows. We want benefits here and now.

Through a deal with WPA the growers have assured themselves of immediate benefit. The deal

1. Registration and possible finger-printing of all farm labor. 2. Scaling down of relief benefits to the level of farm wages.

Different relief standards for

different national groups to cor-

respond with wages paid on farms. 3. Immediate stoppage of relief when workers are needed on farms. Relief agencies to keep accurate data on all pres-

ent and future farm needs, and relief office to be dispatching General plans were worked out by Frank McLaughlin, state relief administrator for California,

with his assistant, Charles Schott-

After you have read your copy

Progressives Slated To Win in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (FP).—Social ist Mayor Daniel W. Hoan of Milwaukee, in office for 20 years, seemed headed for another 4-year term when he emerged from city non-partisan primary balloting with a lead of at least 4,000 votes over Sheriff Joseph J. Shinners. Run-off elections will be held April 7.

Hoan and other progressive candidates for office, including Socialist City Attorney Max Raskin, had the endorsement of the new Farmer - Labor - Progressive Federal, coalition of radical and liberal groups organized under the auspices of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor.

BOSTON, (FP). -Following SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21. similar action in recent years, the Approximately \$300,000 more is Massachussets legislature has reneeded to bring the city's health | fused to ratify the child labor budget up to minimum standard amendment to the United States spends \$533,331 or about 80 cents Constitution. Thousands of chilper year. San Francisco now dren are employed, at pitifully of the Western Worker, pass it spends \$533.331 or about 80 cents low wages, in factories throughout per capita for preventative health. New England. ... tection of "life, property and

THE U.S.A. ON TOP By Scott Nearing. Federated Press.

With eleven major exceptions, and some others that might be mentioned, the Philippines are now independent of the United States government. They are free-about as free, in fact, to go their own way as an American worker is to find a job in a country with 10,000,000 unemployed.

Many good words are being spoken and written about American generosity in giving the people of the Philippines an opportunity to try self-government. But a little study of the new Philippine constitution shows that signs of real independence are no more plentiful than hen's teeth:

1. The sovereignty of the Philippines shall owe allegiance to the United States."

2. English is continued in the public schools of the Philippines despite the fact that the vast majority of the people speak their own languages.

3. The size of the public debt of the Philippines is to be determined by the Congress at Washington.

4. No foreign loans may be contracted without the approval of the president of the United

5. Foreign affairs are under the control of the United States. 7. The United States government may expropriate property in the Philippines for public use, may maintain military reservations, and may call into service the military forces of

the Philippines. 8. Decisions of Philippine courts are subject to review by the U. S. Supreme Court. 9. Amendments to the Philip-

pine constitution must be submitted to the president of the United States for his approval. 10. The president of the United States may suspend any law, contract or executive order of the government of the Philip-

11. The president of the United States may intervene in the Philippines for the preservation of the government of the Philippines, for the support of its constitution, for the pro-

THE RED HERRING ENTERS THE PENITENTIARY

BEFORE THE NAZIS RULED

THREE YEARS OF FASCIST RULE IN GERMANY;

TRADE UNIONS SMASHED, WAGES CUT, PRICES

BOOSTED; A NATION GOOSE-STEPPING TO WAR



A giant Communist demonstration in Germany prior to the Nazi reign of terror. These workers are still in Germany and have not changed their views. Outwardly conforming to the Nazi regime, millions of Germans are massed today in underground organizations preparing for the overthrow of fascism.

Investigation of U.S. Custom House Wage Scales Asked

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15 .-Edwin Gracey, labor department commission, has requested E. H. er relate the role of the Western ized transport workers warns. Fitzgerald, federal labor conciliator to investigate the wage scales donation of \$16.64. being paid on the custom house at Naco. The constructor in charge of the project has refused to meet the provisions of the state minimum wage law.

individual liberty" and for the discharge of the obligations of

NEW YORK (FP).—The three

By Harold Coy.

Revolt Brews In the

Heart of a Sold

Out Country

years since Fascism came to power in Germany, promising the German people "national socialism" and "the complete triumph of labor," are subject of an impressive analysis issued in Amsterdam, Holland by the International Transport Workers Federation under the title, German Working Class: Three Years Under the Swastika.

Instead of the things they were, promised, the German people got the complete triumph of big industrialists and bankers; the destruction of trade unions, cooperatives and mutual aid societies; severe wage cuts in the face of, rising profits; a housing shortage, for the masses in the face of huge palaces for Nazi chiefs; substitutes for lard, meat and butter; forcer labor schemes and intensified goose-stepping; the ruination of agricultural workers and small farmers; curtailment of sick and unemployment insurance; abolition of free speech and press; and a mushroom growth of poison gas factories and armament plants foreshadowing a bigger and bloodier war.

A WARNING

That is what Fascism means, and that is a sample of what it will bring to every people who fail to struggle against it or who are tricked into accepting it under one label or another, this workers at Jefferson Park here well-documented report from the world headquarters of the organ-

In Germany in 1932 the unions had to decide whether or not to engage in open struggle for their existence," the report recalls. "They hesitated and yielded, in the hope some miracle would save them. Their yielding proved fatal."

The betrayal of the middle classes by the Nazis was the most flagrant of all, since they especially had reposed hope in Hitler regime. The report tells how the government has tried to check discontent over rising prices at the expense of the small storewho tried to intercede for Grif- keeper. Maximum retail prices fin was told, "stay out of the have been set, but wholesale way you black bastard or we'll prices go up so rapidly that they are sometimes higher than prescribed retail prices. Bankruptcy and suicide are proving the only way out for growing numbers of retailers. "Tradesmen were thrown into concentration camps' because they refused to sell at a loss... to ease the situation the government ordered the destruction of

Struggle for International Trade, by Albrecht Forstmann, Nazi economist close to Minister of Propaganda & Public Enligthenment Goebbels.

SOVIET ARMENIA

Ten thousand rare and valufin. A clerk in a county office able manuscripts assembled from "rode the rap" for allowing an old monasteries and private colappeal notice to remain in his lections during the last fifteen

ness and these are witnessing daily the development of conditions that will soon place them in the same category as the Jews are in Fascist Germany.

But all the guards were busy. Some had to raid cells, others had Griffin to kill off, still others went through the farce of dressing up Kristy and McKay each day and taking them to court. Kristy and McKay knew they had no chance. What? Kidnap the entire prison board, try to escape from such a good "home" as San Quentin and not expect to get topped (hung)? Whenever a worker is kidnaped it isn't news but kidnap a big-shot, use a board member as a shield and it's not only news, but it means your life. So there is little chance of Kristy and McKay staying on this earth much longer. Their trial, like that of Bageley and McNabb, and hundreds of others who were tried in that same court room, was a farce from beginning to its still dizzier wind-up.

course, dead man cannot tell tales on prison guards. **CHAUVINISM** Chauvinism, that "ace-in-the hole" of all fascists has been practiced in the prison for many years The solidarity of the Negroes in the prison is fairly good. Many, of course, have developed themselves to race-consciousness, but there are quite a few who realize the importance of class-conscious-

S.F. Park Meet Nets

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SAN FRANCISCO.—About 300

recently heard a Communist speak-

Worker. They responded with a

A 3-point resolution was unani-

mously adopted against lay-offs

on WPA projects; against intimi-

dations and speed up and for im-

mediate transferring to direct re-

lief rolls all those workers who

are waiting at present. This was

till you too." Many others claim

that Griffin was strapped to the

usual board when hung, but that

one of his arms had been broken

during the scuffle with the guards

who were hanging him illegally. Anyhow, Griffin is dead, and, of the cooperative societies." THE FUTURE What lies ahead of the German people? To become the work animals of a Japan-in-Europe, subsisting on "scientific" low-cost fodder, making cheap goods to flood world markets, and being themselves fodder for a war machine of conquest-such is the present plan of influential Nazi leaders. This is most frankly set forth in quotations from The

> Against such plans for the degradation of the German nation, the report cites symptoms, of growing popular discontent. Here and there trade, unions are being illegally formed and linked up; spontaneous resis, tance to wage cuts and overwork is even more frequent. Concerted slowing down on. the job, refusal to make "voluntary" contributions to Nazi collections, boycott of fake works council (company union) elections, and even occasional strikes are reported.

In many cases, leaders are jailed and ruthlessly punished. In others, the Nazis have felt sufficiently insecure to make concessions, only adding the warning that the victory must not be talked about outside the shop. These first faint stirrings of renewed resistance make it increasingly clear that Germany's future will emerge out of struggle.

APPROVE C. I. O.

UNIONTOWN, Pa.—(UNS. office. But there are many who years in Soviet Armenia, will be Full support to the Committee for are absolutely certain that this housed in a new fireproof build- Industrial Organization has been appeal notice was inside the pris- ing ordered for completion by voted by Local 200 of the Launon at the time the hanging took the fall by the Armenian State dry Workers-Cleaners and Dyers International Union.

California, where agriculture is the Cells Raided—Literature Seized—Rush Griffin Hung—C.S. Prisoners Feared—

Fascism Rules in the Growler

INTRODUCTION

This is the sixth of a series of articles written exclusively for the Western Worker by a man just released from San Quentin penitentiary. Each article is complete in itself.

BUSY BULLS IN APRIL

During the first week of April 1935, a Hearst-inspired red scare was spreading up and down the Coast. There had been a general strike of far-reaching significance which had not only showed the shipowners and other capitalists the strength, determination and solidarity of the laboring hands. "permitting," as they put masses, but had shown many working class organizations the importance of the United Front in struggles with the fascists. It was only natural that this red scare would spread to the prisons. From high up had come the word to the prison to watch all "reds" or those having affiliations with

> But the prison had already issued orders that four major tasks needed to be done during the first week of April. These were, first: raid the cells and search the persons of all convicts serving time for labor activities and any of their sympathizers; second: get Rush Griffin ready to be hung; third: have Joe Kristy and Alex McKay taken to the Superior Court of San Rafael and tried for attempting to escape and kidnaping the prison board; fourth: watch closely a group of five men com-ALL COMMUNISTS! This last was VERY important.

M'NAMARA

The terror began to crack down with the first raid. That was on the cell of James B, McNamara. Here it might be well to men-

service two convicts and a wheel

barrow. Among the books were: Capital by Karl Marx (sent to Jim in 1912).

Second Vol. of Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens. Coming Struggle for Power,

My Own Story, by Freemont Older. A book on Astronomy. An Atlas of the World (pub-

by John Strachey.

lished in 1914). Book by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (on the "wonders" of cap-

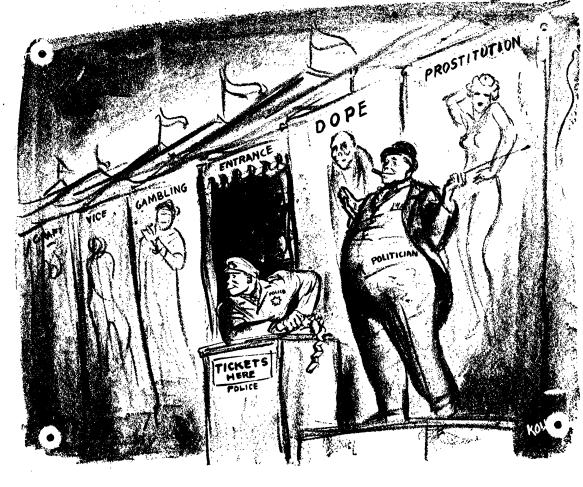
italism). Another by Filene, the Boston merchant.

Magazines: Harpers, Asia, New Republic, Nation, Current History, New Masses, The Masses (before it became New Masses), Labor Defender, and many others.

PLAIN ROBBERY

Papers, clippings, letters, photographs (one of Jim's mother), an old rug off the concrete floor (Jim had owned for 10 years), a pair of prison-made felt slip-Letters and clippings which the

red squad did not think necessary to carry away were ruthlessly torn up and thrown on the cell floor. The mattress was slit open, ditto the pillow, everything in the cell, small as it was, looked as though someone had gone to conup." Jimmy actually laughed at had selected as "red" literature. Meanwhile the growers have tion just a few of the books taken another prisoner convicted for la- mento defendants, which again ly told: "Don't know anything



By now everyone knew about had already gone through the itors who asked many convicts they shipped him to Folsom.

ORDER RAIDS

But there were other raids, other cells and many more books to pick up. Bear in mind that all these books had come in from would be factual. But if these about them?"

this raid. Later, when friends and prison censorship, instead of being comrades of Jim McNamara be- stopped before they entered the were told, "the roof is going to gan to blazon the affair in the prison? The prison officials have press, Jim was found to be too no answer for this one. But there important for San Quentin. So is an answer. It was a part of the backwash of fascist terror which had been intended for the whole state, but had, unfortunately, been confined to the prison where it could be practiced upon defenseless convicts who could not pro-

tect themselves. Many convicts who spoke to the publishers and had passed the class-war prisoners in the prison siderable trouble to "mess things regular prison consorship. Why yard found their cells had been then, were the raids made? We thoroughly "messed up" and that the books which the red squad could state that the prison had several books having nothing at the "red jitters," which would be all ic do with the class struggle But he also knew that he had true. More, we could maintain had lisappeared. Nor was this been the victim of foul and vin- the guards were making the pris- all. When convicts went to ask dictive treatment. His ceilmate, on "safe" for the incoming Sacra- for their books they were rough-

were such books picked up that ficials were unanswered and vis- place. Moreover, the Negro preach- Library.

"what the hell was ailing them," blow off this joint any minute." NO EXPLOSION

But-the roof stayed on, the provocative measures used against the convicts failed to produce the "trouble" expected. The extra shells which the guards carried in their belts during this period were never used. But they had to carry

> There are many stories concerning the hanging of Rush Grif-

them, nonetheless. And they were

Party Life Framers of Tom Mooney Bogged Down in Their Own Lies WHERE TO GO

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

In order to help form a uniform dues-paying system in the units, sub-sections, sections, and the district, the following decisions have been made by the District Org. Department:

. 1. Only one week's supply of stamps may be ordered each week by the units, sub-sections and sections, and this order must be made out on the basis of the number of members in each of these bodies. No longer will they be allowed to buy stamps for two or three weeks in advance.

-2. Dues orders are to be in the District office not later than Wednesday of each week. This means that dues orders must be mailed at the City Hall for a permit to from the sections no later than Monday of each week.

3. .The District Org. Dept. will count the membership in each section only on the basis of the number of members paying dues weekly. On the basis of the number 'of members registered in each sec--tion, plus the recruiting for the months of January and February, and our possibilities for further recruiting, the dues payment quotas listed above have been assigned considers the establishment of a 100 per cent dues-paying system in each section, and the achievement of the above quota of 3100 by May, as one of the main political tasks of the Party in our committees and unit buros must also consider it as such, and concentrate not only on how many members can be recruited, which is important, but how to give proper leadership to, activize and members, in the Party.

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Arizona

Bakersfield

San Mateo

Stockton

San Jose

Merced

San Diego

Nevada

Fort Bragg

TOTAL 2488

Eureka

S.F. SIDEWALK LAW VERY WELL ENFORCED, AT LEAST ONE TIME

"MOVE ON!"

A police car arrived and a beefy

"Have you a permit?" the cop

"I haven't got one in my pock-

right to sell papers and make an

"There's a law to the effect

you've got to have a permit to

sell newspapers like this," the

cop replied. "You'd better pack

up and get out of here if you

don't want your head bashed in,'

The salesman left. And at the

City Hall he discovered there

could be no permits because "news-

stands on the sidewalks are il-

Last Fall cops attempted to

ntimidate the Western Worker

salesman on the Embarcadero.

They forced him to take down

his stand, but could not succeed

in their original intention of

driving him off the waterfront.

ANOTHER ANTI-

SOVIET LIAR'S

TALES EXPOSED

SOPHIE HORNYAK, HEARST

WRITER MADE 200

RUBLES A MONTH

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.-Sophie

Hornyak, latest Hearst recruit to

the liars brigade of anti-Soviet

writers, worked at Elektrozavod

in 1931, received a salary of 200

rubles per month as an unskilled

worker, was given a month's va-

cation with pay and free accom-

modation at a rest home every

The Daily Worker, central or-

gan of the Communist: Party,

U. S. A., Saturday printed an ex-

posure of Mrs. Hornvak secured

through its Moscow correspond-

ent. The above facts and others

were revealed. Among the things

learned about Mrs. Hornyak arc:

That her children worked and

simultaneously studied at the fac-

tory school, earning apreximate-

FAMILY LIKES IT

to Russia under contract; that her

husband divorced her in the So-

viet Union and that her daughter

refused to join her on her return

to this country, preferring to re-

That her husband returned to

the United States, remained here

fer a short time and then went

back to the Soviet Union where

That conditions, which Mrs.

Hornyak described as 'intolerable

in her Hearst articles, were de-

liberately exaggerated and that

they have been improved 100 per

cent since she worked at Elek-

Mrs. Hornyak's articles are ap-

pearing daily in the Hearst press

throughout the country. They are

typical of all preceding anti-So-

Effective organization of un-

employed will aid in maintain-

ing union scales of pay. Demand

that your union officials sup-

vict lies published by Hearst.

That she and her husband went

ly 400 rubles per month.

main in the U.S.R.R.

he now is employed.

trozavođ.

honest living."

he ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 23.—pin" by a nearby merchant. Every sidewalk newstand in this city is illegal! cop climbed out.

But San Francisco police do nothing about it-unless a newsboy handling the Western Worker, the Daily Worker, the New Masses and other literature of the same nature attempts to establish a stand of his own.

This was learned here last week when a Western Worker salesman, after being driven off the street at Mission and Fourth by a uniformed policeman, applied establish a sidewalk newsstand.

NOTHING DOING He was told there is an ordinance prohibiting sidewalk stands and that no permits could be issued for them. In addition, he learned, there is an ordinance prohibiting sidewalk advertising of any nature.

At the Street Department of the Department of public Works be learned there is a "tacit agreement" between Mayor Rossi and to each section to be achieved by police which permits May. The District Org. Dept. flower stands to remain unmolested. "Possibly," he was told, "such an agreement exists between the Mayor and the police regarding newsstands too."

San Franciscans are wondering how much "San Francisco's District. The section, sub-section, finest" receive in return for their disregard for the thousands of Examiner stands and those of other capitalist dailies which at present adorn the sidewalks.

Attempting to set up his stand at Mission and Fourth streets keep the new as well as the old | Thursday morning, the Western Worker salesman was "turned

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Ouotas

by May

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Scabs Routed By Pickets in N. M. Miners' Strike

PAPERS IGNORE HEROIC COAL STRUGGLE AT TORRERO

TERRERO, N. M.—(FP) — The Pecos country, famous in fiction et," the salesman answered, "but for gunplay and adventure, saw I took it for granted the United a new drama when pickets for States Constitution gave me the the striking miners of the American Metal Co., defending themselves with rocks, routed and disarmed a squad of scabs and company plug uglies.

In the battle, two unarmed strikers were wounded, and a scab foreman suffered a cracked head. The encounter took place in a narrow defile that runs along the Pecos river leading up almost three miles to the camp.

Not until Sheriff Francisco P. Delgardo of San Miguel county and his deputies drove the scabs into the camp in county cars did they get through.

All New Mexico daily papers, even the Scripps-Howard paper at Albuquerque, continue to ignore the strike except for company handouts and police reports. Terrero miners state no newspaperman has visited the camp, where the strike against the great Hearst-Wall St. mining company is in progress, except the correscondent of The Weekly People's News, FP member paper published at Albuquerque.

Germans Crack Wise at Brown Shirt Expense

BERLIN, March 18.—There is little butter left for the common people of Germany and the shortage is causing the Nazis plenty of trouble. The situation also calls forth a variety of anti-Nazi quips like this one:

White-haired grandmother, visibly annoyed: "What-no butter? Well, I'm getting sick and tired of this. And I don't care who knows it."

Near-by Storm Trooper: "But, little mother-why do you grumble? If you were in Soviet Russia you'd never get any butter."

Grandmother: "What's that? Have the Nazis come to power there too?"

Arizona Firm is

YUMA, Ariz., March 16.-Members of the Arizona Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union have voted to place the products of Mc-Daniel and Sons, Inc., on the unfair list of the organization.

The local organization sent a request to the State Federation of Labor asking that the state body contact the shipper and demand that consideration be given the demands of the Yuma union.

I'M QUITE POSITIVE, BUT NOT SURE. SAYS GOFF ON STAND IN PRESENT S. F. HEARING

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—With the state now attempting to refute the evidence brought by the defense in Tom Mooney's hearing on a petition for his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus, many re markable things go on in the court room. Those who manufactured the "evidence" against Tom 19 years ago, now find themselves hard put on the stand today. Their lies and evasions don't hold water, and when they find themselves exposed they are apt to bursts of temper The original trial of Tom Mooney is now being reviewed, detail by detail.

When the week of March 9th opened. Goff was still on the stand n direct testimony, telling about the "threats" against John Mc-Donald and his own "conversations" with Billings on how to manufacture bombs! His cross examination began soon after. He proved the slipperiest of witnesses, with a very poor recollection for anything inconvenient, and a letter-perfect memory for anything in his favor. "Is your mem-Put on Unfair List ory better in matters implicating Mooney and Billings?" Mr. Davis asked him sarcastically.

He gave, for example, a long, rambling account of testimony he sessions closed for the week. said he got from Peter Vidovich, Again under the guise of refuting and repeated it under cross-exam-the testimony of John Fitch conination, when every detail of it actually came from the Edeaus. Cunha in 1917, Cunha was allowed He gave a highly fanciful ver- to deliver himself of a two-andsion of Estelle Smith's "identification" of Billings.

"SAFE BLOWERS"

Then came questioning on the famous "safeblowers' book," and think of, and in the course of he was forced to acknowledge which he shouted-"Mooney is a that he had talked over the con- murderer, Mooney is an assassin, tents of the book with the Bu-Mooney is a dynamiter." Finally, reau of Identification over the week-end. Davis went over every picture in the book with him, showing that from no. 1 to no. 95 all but two pictures (one with no crime noted, one a burglar) Mr. Finerty, observing Cunha's CELEBRATE VICTORY of were of safecrackers. Then came fanatical anger, remarked dryly, this danning sequence:

96. Carl Ray—"I.W.W., injury to person"—12-12-15. 97. Frank Josephson-"I.W.W..

∹same datc. 98. Mike Radovitch-"Disturb-

ing the peace." 99. Billings-1913 picture, dated

100. Mooney-1913 picture, dated 7-25-16. 101 and 102. Brown and Han-

lon, arrested with Mooney at Martinez but never tried. 103 and 104. George and David Boyarski, no crime charged, U.

R. R. pictures. 105. Frank Smith, "yegg and safeman" —4-6-16 (Note earlier date)

106. Nolan-7-28-16 (date pu over erasure of carlier date). 107. Weinberg-7-28-16 (also

108. Another of Mooney-8-1-16 109. Rena Mooney-7-28-16. 110. Another of Billings-8-1-16 111. Emma Goldman—"Anar-

chist," no date. 112. Berkman-no crime noted -no date.

113. James Martin-"safeblow er"--3-15-09.

And so on; all the rest with the exception of one "medicine man" and six robbers, being cross-examined by Mr. Finbeing professional safecrackers. And yet Goff claimed that this was the regular "safeblowers book" and that McDonald picked SOVIET UNION PUBLISHES Mooney's and Billing's pictures out of it unassisted!

Finally he decided that "maybe" the 1913 pictures were "on the book" or "on the bentch by it." The climax came when Mr Davis read a letter from Goff in 1924 asking for exclutive elemency for Mooney. In redirect examination, Mr. Mitchell asked him if he was still "in the same frame of mind" as when he wrote it. Goff thereupon delivered himself of a long tirade, including such ridiculous statements as that the time on the famous clock had been falsified by Theodore Kytka. that Fremont Older had told him Billings was at 721 Market St. and that Maxwell McNutt had said Mooney and Billings were

guilty and should hang! A TEMPLER LOST In the course of this oration,

Mr. Finerty noticed that Goff was consulting some memoranda and asked to see them. When he attempted to take the rubber band off the bunch of cards, Goff made notes disarranged he began re-Finerty, and bruised his shoulder. For a few minutes it looked like a free-for-all. When Goff got back to the stand he was considerably shaken, and with his notes disarranged he befan repeating himself until his usefulness as a state's witness was at the attack of Hitler and Musso- an end. As Mr. Finerty remarked, Goif's "change of heart" really

dated from the time McDonald directly accused him by name of taking part in the frame-up. Challenged as to this, he answered weakly, "I don't know." (Goff's masterpiece was the marvelous phrase, "I'm quite positive, but I'm not sure.") In spite of protests, Referee Shaw allowed all this libelous material to remain in the record.

CUNHA RAMBLES Goff was followed on the stand

by Edward A. Cunha, Fickert's

chief assistant, who was still un-

der direct examination when the cerning an interview he had with a-half-hour speech on the Haymarket affair, the Times explosion, The Blast, Joe Hill, Ford and Suhr, and anything welse he could almost frothing at the mouth, he yelled: "Why didn't Mooney quit (his radical activities)? Because he was a madman, determined to

"Who's looney now?" BLANKET DENIAL Cunha's next blow was to white-

wash himself in regard to the

Oxman-Rigall letters, denying all

knowledge of perjury or suborna-

keep on till he landed in jail!"

tion of perjury. He said he had "delegated" Oxman to write Rigall because he and Fickert wer going out of town, and that he never saw the letters until after the Mooney trial. From this he passed into a long and labored attempt to clear himself of the evidence given by Edwin McKenzie concerning the conferences with him, Older, O'Connor, and others following publication of the letters, when Cunha and Fickert in terror, agreed to ask for a new trial for Mooney and then double-cross him. When the week's sessions ended Cunha was still telling about these "informal, personal conversations," in which he was an abused innocent vindicating himself against cruel and untrue charges. He denied that he ever said he would "throw Oxman to the dogs," or that he was in touch with McNevin throughout the Mooney trial or that Mo Nevin signalled to him that the jury would convict. Next week he will go on with this story, before

POE AND WHITMAN

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Ten dollars a week will buy our bread." "I've only a wife," said the third, "hence Our living involves a smaller expense; I'll take nine dollars as my recompense." "My wife each week earns a dollar or two," Said the next, "If I work for you,

About eight dollars a week would do "I have no wife," said the next, "I stay With my parents, who board me without pay; So I will work for a dollar a day." Said the next with a voice and mein subdued, "For twenty-four hours I've tasted no food:

I'll take four dollars a week, with gratitude." Thereupon to the crowd the employer spake: "The lower the wages you are willing to take

The larger, of course, are the profits I make. "Two workmen are all I at present require; The two that spoke last are the men I will hire. So the rest of the crowd may as well retire." The un-hired men began to entreat, "We've nothing to do and nothing to eat;

Must we and our families die in the street?" "Aye, some of you must, if the rest would thrive; Too many of you are at present alive. And only the fittest can survive. And he is the fittest beyond dispute, The present competitive system to suit, Whose life comes nearest to that of the brute.

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Ernst Thaelman and a short story about cops and police courts by John Reed are features. There is a short feature story by a former Cuban prisoner, rescued from a Cuban dungeon who comes to the United States seeking refuge from daily torture and is hounded by immigration authorities.

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The District Agit-prop Department calls upon frier of the labor movement to

HOW LABOR SKATES RULE ISU A RESUME OF COMMUNIST MAGAZINE FOR MARCH STEAMROLLER UNION TACTICS

ol. XV., No. 3; 288 pages; price black. 20 cents. For sale at all Worker's and International Book

Thirty-five delegates, twentyfive of wnom were appointed by a ruling clique that has maintained its power through the destruction of trade union democracy, by mass expulsion and by constitutions which establish 11man dictatorships in their District Unions, comprised the recent national convention of the International Seamen's Union held at Washington.

oors. While open threats were tives, as well as minor officials peing made to wipe out the West- appointed by the top leadership ern unions by vigilante terror, the and dependent upon them for ofconvention ordered the witndrawal fice, are openly expressing strong of West Coast unions from the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The convention endorsed the support of masses of seamen, the proposed National Maritime Board, a scheme for computery ficials, for support of a progresarbitration. It approved bills before Congress calling for the establishment of continuous discharge books and government hir-

VICIOUS ATTACK

the issue of industrial unionism. Only progressive delegates at the democracy in the unions. convention—the only delegates elected by the rank and file with the exception of the Sailors' Un-

convention time.

sees the silver lining of the cloud sion.

(The Communist, March, 1936, that on the surface appears so

The progressive movement within the Seamen's Union is growing. The seamen of the East Coast as well as on the Pacific, are becoming articulate. Olander, Brown, Carlson, Scharrenberg and Grange are fighting a desperate battle and they are doomed to defeat. American sea men always have been in the forefront of the labor struggle and they are going to remain

OPPOSITION

"The union members, many of The convention met behind closed | them formerly labeled conservaopposition to the Convention decisions. Possibilities for winning as well as of many minor ofsive program, are now greater telephone booth and phoned his than ever."

The progressive movement in the Seamen's Union will advance, Hudson continues, along the line of rallying strongest possible sup-The hand-picked delegates to port for unity of all districts of the the I. S. U. Convention repudiat- I. S. U., for uniform agreements, ed and slandered and condemned for united action of all marine unions in the East and Gulf, and for

Alex Bittlemen's timely review of the month, an analysis of the ion of the East Coast and Gulf- United Mine Workers' Convencame from the West Coast. And tion, another by Henry Gannes on the discussion centering around the Supreme Court and the specter lander's report, which in the of fascism and a long review of main was a vicious attack upon | Earl Browder's book, "What Is the progressive West Coast Un- Communism?" are included in ions—consumed weeks of valuable this month's Communist. It is a lively reading and it expresses the These are a few of the justified quickening temper of the progindictments hurled at the I. S. U. ressive and left-wing forces of bureaucracy by Roy Hudson, writ- these United States of America. ing in the March issue of "The Get your copy now and be pre-Communist." But Hudson also pared for that next unit discus-

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Finding their ordinary forces inadequate to break a strike of mill workers, the ruling class of a small California city has organized a reign of vigilante terror. The systematic manhunt for strike leaders, Communists and sympathizers has resulted in "Sockie" Boyd, Communist and union official, being forced to flee his home and live and work as best he can.

Chapter III GOLDBAUM'S RIOT

Sockie Boyd, sieepless and hungry from a week of intermittent flight and underground organizational work, drove into a darkened alley and parked his car. He hurried furtively to a drug store four blocks away, dodged into a

The missus was almost sobbing when she heard his voice.

"Are you alright Hon?" he asked, "And how are the kids?"

"Yes, I'm alright," she answered, "Old Mrs. Boswell took the children the morning after the raid. She offered to take me in, too, but I thought I'd better stay

"That old scissor bill!" Sockie was astounded.

"That old lady's alright. Four or five Vigilantes came looking for you the morning after you left, and she waltzed right in and drove them off, single-handed and alone."

"Looky here," Sockie was alarmed, "Have you been bothered any more by those monkeys since then?'

"A police car came looking for vou the same afternoon," she replied, "And they've come at least once a day since. But there haven't been any more Vigilantes; and the cop who comes to the door always rings the bell and is very respectful."

"The old girl must have put the fear of God in 'em."

"I think she did, at that," the missus laughed. Then she added with wistful doubtfulness, "You mustn't come back here at all are those who would dismits dear. But isn't there some way could see you?"

Sockie hesitated a moment, then answered in a low voice, "Come to Goldbaum's store tonight. Go around to the back door."

came from-or something.

munist and a leader of the mil

baum thumbed through her card.

and looked helpless. "I must be

thick-headed." s'ne complained,

"I just can't remember what two

queens of spades and two jacks

"That means three-hundred pi-

Mrs. Goldbaum, "I just can't re-

A sudden tramp of many feet

silenced her. The back door sud-

"Vigilantes!" gasped mama, "Oh,

I just knew this would happen!

Halver stepped quietly to

window and peeped out. "Two

dozen of them," he exclaimed,

be you can kid them out of it

Tell 'em you don't know nothin'.

ma," he commanded, "This win-

he replied. "I'm coming. Just a

"So am I," whispered the Jew.

The Communist dropped soft-

And she began crying.

of diamonds are good for."

Jim?"

"Yep."

member them and-'

heavy knocks.

Tell 'em '

minute."

"Alright, I'll be there."

She hung up. As Sockie musgly removed the receiver from his ear he heard the operator's voice; "Just a minute, please." "Did I talk more than a nickel's worth?"

"Just a minute, please."

With a sudden a panic he slammed up the receiver and bolted from the booth. The drugist's phone in the prescription department began ringing savagely. As he went out the door, he met the proprietor coming in. "Is that my phone ringing?" asked the

latter. "I guess so."

Boyd hovered in a doorway a block distant and watched a police prowler drive up and three cops pour from it. The excited druggist met them on the sidewalk, waving his arms. The officers began a search of the street. Boyd fled to his car and drove for blocks without lights.

"You fool!" he cursed himself. He tried to phone a warning to Goldbaum's, but the "line was out of order," and he fled again. "I'll go out a side window. May-

"A. L. GOLDBAUM-We Buy Anything" was the sign on the window. The faded awning which drooped over the narrow store front door bore the remnants of another legend, "J c b Reiter-Gents Tai o", but the few customers who dropped in to buy or sell paid no attention. The a small, dust-laden window in long, dismal store was more like the hallway. "Make a noise, maa morgue, a gloomy repository for antiquated tools and a ged dow always squeaked." To anpictures and curious clocks that other knock on the door and a had lost their ticks and needed boisteroous command to open it pensioning off.

In the rear were three rooms and bath, where Goldbaum and Mama made a noise, as comhis wife lived as best they could, | manded. Lacking imagination, she | body else swung a blackjack and surrounded with furnishings merely cried out loudly, "Oh my! which obviously had been resur- Oh my!" keeping it up very well, rected from the business end of while Goldbaum shoved open the this establishment. Presumably squeaky window and bade Halthese furnishings were those they ver a quick good-bye. had abandoned all hope of ever! "Sorry you're in this mess,"

selling. whispered the Communist. The Goldbaums were Americans. This was so, since their But it's better than being sorry grandparents had come to this you were afraid to risk doing country. Neither he nor his grey- what's right. Good luck." ing wife spoke with an accent, despite the fact they preferred ly to the ground outside the winkosher meat (when they could dow and disappeared into the afford it) and drank tea from an lowering night. Goldbaum turnold samovar. Nevertheless, there ed to his thundering back door.

who insisted "you guys gotta day off' and tried to pall" the thumb-biters apart tooth knocked He hovered in a doorway and watched a police prowler drive up and three cops pour from it. The excited druggist met them on the sidewalk, waving his

AS HE LOOKED at it, a panel popped out entirely and them as "kikes" and wonder why through the hole he could see a they didn't go back where they flourishing pick handle. An arm was thrust inside and the hand Before Jim Skaggs and his began fumbling for the knob. Masked Americans got there Goldbaum strode across the room that night, the elderly couple were and flung the door open. Tremstudying the fine points of pi-bling, but brave, the little Jew facvocale, with Jim Halver, Com- ed them. "Well!" Skaggs greeted strikers, teaching. Mama Gold-

'Will you come quietly?" "Yes. Yes. I'll come quietly.

As he stepped out the doorway, man with a dirty white handkerchief tied over his face stepned behind the victim and struck him with a blackjack.

The little man sagged at the nochle, mama," replied Goldbaum, knees and sprawled, face down, "And you can bid four-hundred on the steps, his arms tangling and be safe. Isn't that right, limply with the crowding, unsteady legs which swarmed about "Oh, I haven't got them," said

"What the hell is this!" bellowed Skaggs, "Lay off the guy!" "He's a stinkin' Jew!" came the answer, "And a Red! Let's beat his hide off!"

denly quivered under a round of Mama Goldbaum came out of her horrified trance; "Papa!" screamed the old lady, and she sought to reach him, but the milling hoodlums prevented her.

"Let's tar and feather the dirty

little kike!" shouted someone. Another struck the prostrate

man with a club; someone kicked him. His screaming wife, on hands and knees, fought to crawl to him through a shifting barrier There came a smashing knock of legs. The man in the dirty at the door panels. "Come on! handkerchief thrust her down Open up, or we'll bash the door with his club and stuffed a dirty rag in her mouth. Blows and Goldbaum opened the catch on kicks overwhelmed them both.

"Damn you crazy bastards!" Skaggs was in a foaming rage. "I'm handling this! Let 'em alone!" He jerked a blackjack from a hoodlum and shoved him in the face. "Who you shovin', big shot!" snarled the other, launching a left hook. Skaggs beat his ears down with his pick handle. Some-Skaggs felled him. One or two of the saner ones joined him in an effort to hold back the mob.

In a moment the gang was split into two snarling factions, one demanding that the Goldbaums be turned over to the police, unharmed; the other insisting that the Jews "get what was coming to them." Their blundering uproar rang through the neighborhood, serving notice that the Vigilantes were having trouble

Menace." An astounded squad of police.

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LICE: medicine, Johnson idea, nevertheless we recognize ethereal saop; wash parts. LUMBAGO: medicine, chloro-

MALARIA: medicine, quinine

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(To be continued)

Can You Name This Column?

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

This woman's column has to have a name and if you send in the best one you'll be awarded a free subscription for one year to the new worken's magazine The Woman Today. Send in as many suggested names as you like, being sure your name and address is with them. This contest closes April 18th, and the winning name will appear in the issue of April 23rd.

us 'his letter. Comrade editor:

been dispatched to a first-aid officer rolled Goldbaum over on

his sagging mouth trickled a a faint groaning, were his only what the Association for Improv- country,—just like they are dosigns of life. The old lady was ing the Conditions of the Poor ing in Germany and Italy. sprawled rigidly on her back, says that a girl can get along on. I have a job right now and so is included in their budget,-and casional convulsive spasm her hands would jerk protectingly up hing I got that anyone could before her, then slowly sag down. When they pried the rag from extravagant. symptoms with a high pitched.

conscious. "Well; shall we charge with vagrancy?"

The captain scratched his head and grinned, surveying the bat tered door and the signs of struggle and strife that remained. "Nah. We'll hold 'em for in citing to riot."

her mouth she accompanied these

hysterical cry. She was quite un-

who came on the scene with guns

and riot sticks drawn, were very

much embarrassed. Skaggs was

crawling on his hands and knees,

hunting in the darkness for his

pickhandle; two hoodlums were

performing a curious dance about

one another, 'arms interlocked,

while each kicked at the other's

ankles and dodged with his own.

Another couple rolled on the

ground, biting each other's thumbs:

a round dozen were simply swear-

ing and swinging at each other.

One man, kicked in the groin,

writhed in agony, all by himself,

Efforts to pacify the hundred

percenters were useless. One cop

out. The business was finally set-

WHEN THE uninjured Vig-

ilantes had been hauled off to

the Legion headquarters for a

bawling out, and the wounded had

tled with a tear gas pistok

attention to the Goldbaums.

Next issue: A red-baiting union official finds his local is more anxious to strike against Vigilanteism than to work. He also finds the rank and file has something to say on "WHO'S OUT OF ORDER?"

Akron Strikers Massed Against Vigilante Move

AKRON, O., March 18.-Thousands of pickets, despite a blinding snowstorm, surrounded the Goodyear factory yesterday await ing a threatened vigilante attack.

Meanwhile Sherman H. Dalrym ple, president of the United Rub ber Workers' Union, telegraphed an appeal to A. F. of L. Presi dent William Green, asking him to come at once to reopen nego tiations with the company.

In downtown hotel lobbies, while imported thugs patrolled lobbies vigilante groups awaited a signal from ex-Mayor Nelson Sparks to launch a bloody attack upon the strikers' picket line. Sparks i Akron's would-be savior and ha endeavored to enlist public sym pathy against the strikers and organized labor as a whole.

Progressive unionists were bit dubious over the post ble presence of Green, who last year led with something besides the "Red the rubber thanks to an ansatisfactory settlement.

A San Francisco reader sent cents for dinner. Or in case

Yesterday afternoon I went into a couple of potatoes, an onion, a dime store (neither Woolworth's scrap of meat, a loaf of day old uor Kress's) and bought the fol- bread and a few coffee dregs. For station, the officers turned their lowing articles: tube of tooth variety you can have beans. paste, cold cream, nail file, shoe This isn't Hitler Germany, but With his glossy riot stick on polish, soap, thimble, darning cot- I know this; anyone who says ton, clastic, package of pins, pock- girl can dress comfortably and dehis back, much as one would turn et comb and bobby pins, The to- cently for \$1.50 a week and eat over a beetle. From a corner of tal cost of these articles was \$1.30. all she needs on \$2.25 a week is I suppose you read the articles trying to do just one thing; force

Not one of the things listed above yet I don't think there was one And although I don't eat avoca-

I notice these things because year ago I was on the SERA in and then I will be back with the Los Angeles County. I did 40hours a month technical work by on starvation rations. (the maximum I was permitted of work) for the magnificent sum of \$5.24 a week. I was supposed to 'ry and live on that amount. Believe me, I didn't dare go near i dime store-nor any other store!

When it came to recreation, ong walks are still free. Books, vou are on relief. I learned to rewsstand to find out what was roing on. When it reaches the place where you carry a letter o your folks around for a week because you can't afford a postage stamp it's pretty tough.

As far as this business of eating on who thinks it can be done hinks about it.

cents a day; ten cents for breakfast, ten cents for lunch and 12

the gas hasn't been turned off you can have: a bunch of carrots,

small stream of blood. That, and ir the San Francisco News about down the standard of living in this

I can go into the dime store an does out of season I do have nourconsider unnecessary, foolish, or ishing meals which cost me a good deal more than \$2.25 a week. But I may lose my job tomorrow, other girls who are trying to get

And if I don't lose my job tomorrow I suppose that one of these days my boss will save to me: "The Association for Improving the Conditions of the Poor tells we that a girl can dress. on \$1.50 a week and eat on \$2.25 a week, therefore I am going to magazines, even an occasional lower your wages. It is foolish novie simply do not exist when for you to get so much more than you really need. And if you read newspaper headlines on the don't like the wages I suggest you accept,-I can find plenty of girls who will!"

> Probably he will be a little more subtle about it, but that is what it will amount to.

I am glad International Women's Day was celebrated in San on \$2.25 a week, as the AICP Francisco by a conference for wooudget plans,—I just wish the per- men's rights and I hope the continuations committee will look inhad to do it for a year. Then I to the problems with which girls yould like to know, what he like myself are faced; food clothing and shelter. Those are three \$2.25 a week; that means 32 problems we all have in common.

J. R.

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EDITORIALS

Meaningless Peace Pacts— Stepping Stones to War!

Any international organization for the preservation of peace obviously depends upon the integrity of the various powers signing agreements. If these agreements are not lived up to, the international organization becomes a paper concern serving no other purpose than a propaganda gesture to give the masses a false sense of security.

The Versailles and Locarno treaties constituted such agreements. The League of Nations is the international organization designed to promote collective security.

But the Versailles and Locarno treaties have been brazenly violated by Germany and the general attitude of other signatories is toward whitewashing the Nazi aggressive move, countenancing the collapse of these treaties, and replacing them with new treaties which provide far less guarantees and which, established on these prededents of bad faith, will command little respect from any aggressive power.

The Soviet Union is virtually the only power represented in the League of Nations which has insistently argued for collective action to maintain the integrity of existing agreements. In the present crisis, France likewise supports this stand since it is upon her border that Germany has planted a

In demanding collective action, the Soviet Union does not imply force of arms but stern economic sanctions which, applied with sincerity, could effectively bring any aggressive power to terms.

The assertion of Hitler that the Franco-Soviet pact destroyed the Versailles and Locarno treaties and was in effect an aggressive move against Germany, is an alibi so poorly founded that not even the capitalist diplomats take it seriously. The Franco-Soviet pact is not a war pact, but a peace pact. In event of an aggressive move by either France or the Soviet Union, the pact is automatically dissolved. It binds the signatories to mutual aid only if they are invaded by some belligerent power.

Furthermore, no evidence can be cited to indicate that either France or the Soviet Union have the slightest intention of any aggressive move or any motive for such. To the contrary, the preservation of peace is vital to the interests of both powers.

This cannot be said for Germany, which nation has openly proclaimed its imperialist intentions and has converted the whole industrial strength of the country into a feverish war preparations machine.

Likewise, Italian fascism not only professes its warlike intentions with crass frankness, but has already embarked on an aggressive war which could not possibly have occurred had the League of Nations enforced existing agree-

Today, all Italy has been converted into an engine of war and Mussolini's latest move is to dissolve all pretense of parliamentary government and place the nation under the complete control of the assembled capitalists.

In America we have seen not only the Hearst press, but virtually all capitalist newspapers in concerted effort to interpret Hitler's march into the Rhine and the threatened destruction of all previous peace guarantees as "an effort to preserve peace." The San Francisco Call-Bulletin went so far as to announce Mussolini's complete capitulation to the capitalists in a headline which read: "MUSSOLINI SEIZES INDUSTRIES."

Amidst all this floundering and insincerity, the Soviet Union, through its participation in the League of Nations, is making a determined fight for the preservation of the League of Nations and the maintenance of existing treaties. Representative Litvinoff, in his speech before the League Council declared:

"It is quite clear that if the violation of international obligations does not meet with the organized resistance of the supporters of collective security, then this would only encourage aggressive countries striving for war to new acts, leading to the disorganization of peace and the creation of complete impunity for aggressors."

In regard to the proposed new pacts to replace the Locarno and Versailles treaties, Litvinoff pointed out that they alter the unlimited time clauses of the original pacts to twentyfive year agreements, that they eliminate most of the guarantees of Locarno and Versailles, and that:

"They are directed toward tying the hands and feet of Germany's neighbors with obligations that will not under any circumstances assist a third country if it is subjected to an attack by Germany."

Held up before the evasive, deliberately confusing official statements of capitalist diplomats, it becomes plain that sincerity and logic voice by Litvinoff, renders him the apokesman, no. just of the Soviet people, but of every pe desiring person in every nation of the world.

Corruption, the Handmaiden Of the Old Line Parties

A janitor of the State Library and Courts' Building at Sacramento assertedly breaking in upon a touching love scene between a prominent state official and a woman employee, 'reported the incident to his superior and was told:

"You see too much. If everything of that nature that went on in the State Capital were printed in a newspaper we would have newspapers double the size of the present newspapers."

This tiny item, hidden beneath a mountain of sensational material regarding the present immorality charges against a state official probably is the most significant thing to come out of this shake-up. It was printed in the San Francisco Chronicle on Saturday, March 21.

In one state all sorts of charges are made against Republican officials. In a neighboring state almost identical indictments are levelled against a Democratic regime. Nationally both parties are at each other's throats most of the time. Both are corrupt to the core.

Graft, corruption, immorality and just plain bestiality are the bed-fellows of both political parties. These things are incidental to the job of best representing the interests of Wall Street and the whole employing class. They go hand in hand with the selling out of the common people. The bankers and industrialists buy what they want and they don't give a tinker's dam how the money is spent later.

These high-salaried officials may be inclined to "fiddle while Rome burns," but the rank and file of America is awakening, bent on forming a Farmer-Labor Party that not only will not "fiddle" but will prevent Rome from

A Farmer-Labor Party will not elect or appoint its representatives on the basis of their ability to pull necking parties in the musty highceilinged offices of the Capitol building. No, a Farmer-Labor Party will fight for adequate relief, for the right of the workers to organize, strike and picket for better conditions, for the right of free speech and assembly and for the thousand and one other things that beer-guzzling representatives of the employers have not fought

Now is the time to start organizing the Farmer-Labor Party locally and on a statewide basis. The movement is striding ahead in the East. Unity is being achieved. California needs such a Party. Let Epics, Tow endites, Communists, unemployed, Socialists and trade unionists see eye to eye on this questio: There is little time to lose!

What You Paid for THE WORLD WAR

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, in a statement given last year to the Associated Press, declared that the cost of the last World War in money amounted to \$400,000,000,000. The cost in humanity was 30,000,000 lives.

Butler further pointed out: "With this money we could have built a \$2500 house and furnished this house with \$1000 worth of furniture, and placed it on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre, and given all this to each and every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Germany and Russia.

"After doing that there would have been enough money left to give to each city of 20,000 inhabitants and over in all the countries named, a \$5,000,000 library and a \$10,000,000 university; and then out of the balance we could still have sufficient money to set aside a sum at 5 per cent interest which would pay for all time to come \$1000 yearly salary to each of an army of 125,000 nurses; and after having done all this, we could still have enough left out of four hundred billion to buy up all of France and Belgium and everything of value that France and Belgium possess; that is, every French and Belgian farm, home, factory, church, railroad, street ca -in fact, everything of value in those two countries in 1914."

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"RIFF RAFF" AND RYAN

I. L. A. International ORGANIZED Head Endorses Fink Film

By Michael Quin.

Lenin's most persistent advice was: "All confidence in the workers." If he wouldn't mind my addng one word, I would say: "All confidence in the intelligence of workers" and assert that the film "Riff Raff" is a ninety-nine per cent failure as regards the infamous propaganda purpose for

which the producers made it. It is an insult to unionism, a misrepresentation of working class struggles and an effort to convince labor that strikes and collective action are useless. It may confuse the minds of some of the petty bourgeoisie, but among working men it will create nothing but disgust for the Industrial Association influence that caused the picture to be produced.

NUT LEADER

Spencer Tracy plays the part of an irresponsible, crackpot, egotist, which is the picture's idea of a rank and file leader. The only good part of the picture is where Jean Harlow slaps him in the puss with a wet fish.

Theatres have been picketed in many cities where "Riff Raff" has been shown and, if the unions are on their toes, it should be picketed everywhere.

But what is more important than the picture itself is the fact that Joseph P. Ryan, international president of the International Longshoremen's Association has written a letter endorsing the picture and the Loews Theatre chain has printed posters reproducing the letter as advertising. SIGNED IN BLOOD

He might just as well dip his pen in the blood of Sperry and Bordois, the two longshoremen killed on the San Francisco waterfront in 1934, and write a letter of praise to the police department and the Industrial Association.

In the eyes of the public, uninformed on such matters, the ecommendation of Ryan means the endorsement by the longshoremen as a whole. It is now up. to the longshoremen to take steps to see to it that Ryan's action is refuted by the rank and file longshoremen and that the public is informed of the truth. It also calls for the most vigorous protests from every I. L. A. local against Ryan's action. Resolutions should be passed by every local and sent to all international of- fringes of the story with bombs perform for money.

known for a long time that Ryan are very fat and heavily bearded all the courage and self-sacrifice is nothing more than a traitor in the ranks of labor—an agent of the shipowners doing everything bombs thrown in any waterin his power to weaken the strength of the union and prevent growth. Longshoremen in some of the other ports don't know this so well. Ryan's endorsement of "Riff Raff" is as clear proof of his treachery as could be asked and presents an opportunity to expose him in every port of America. And every exposure should be linked up with Ryan's previous betrayals, particularly in regard to the 1934 longshore

TUNA FISHING

"Riff Raff" tells a story of tuna fishermen and the locale is presumably San Pedro. But its implications are definitely meant to apply to the labor movement as a whole and particularly the San Francisco waterfront.

But ignoring the misrepresentations which slander the labor movement as a whole, let us examine a few of the facts concerning tuna fishermen alone which the picture evades.

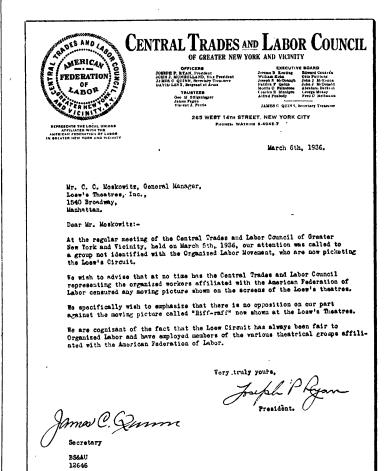
A tuna fishing boat costs around \$15,000. The canning companies do not attempt to own the ships. They have a much more money for construction of the banks) to individual captains. The and sell the fish to the canneries. to pay income taxes. They are held in bonds of everget their money have to return build the ship.

REAL SITUATION

"Riff Raff" showed nothing of this, but lumped all workers together under the general classification of "fishermen."

In 1933 there was a strike of which had a curious character. The captains of the Tuna boats were striking against the canner-

LABOR IS NOT AGAINST "RIFFRAFF"



LABOR UPHOLDS LOEW'S

ported the captains, but they had in America and not on the moon,

the crews against the canneries, children sleeping on chairs and in One full of alibis, a situation which could only pre- boxes, and wives worn to wretch- One full of lies; vail on the few ships that the can- edness by poverty and over-work. Eut don't let the boss neries own directly.

DAME CRAZY

The issues of the strike in in a palace which was a night-^f"Riff Raff" are portrayed as a mare of expensive nick-knacks. quarrel between the cannery owner and the rank and file union that Anita Loos collaborated in leader over the favors of a girl writing the scenario. She ought to who works in the cannery. It be damned well ashamed of her called because Thomas Plant was for money is remarkable. We can making a play for Harry Bridges' point out however, that when wife, or vice versa.

that they are anxious to throw West coast longshoremen have for no imaginable reason. They a better world, it can depend upon and dress in filthy rags.

It is well known that the only ests of what they believe in. halls and not onto the docks. where he will feel at home.

SOME REALITY In order to give some realistic recognize the story as occuring must be done.

no demand of their own involved, the directors had to show some It was, in fact, a strike of small pretty thought provoking scenes. Have you any wool? owners against big monopolies. For one thing, the workers lived Yes Sir, yes Sir, "Riff Raff" pictures a strike of like animals in rickety hovels, I wo Bags full; The cannery owner rode in the Pull them over your eyes. most elegant limousines and lived)

Another interesting point is would be the same as implying self because she knows better that the 1934 longshore strike was The things some people will do capitalism sets out to preserve it There are a few so-called "Bol- self, it has to depend on the in sheviks" who hover about the famous deeds human beings will

> When labor sets out to build that men will exert in the inter-

If Joe Ryan wants to classify front strike were thrown by the himself with the lice in a garbage police and employers' thugs and can, the longshoremen ought to they were thrown into the union put him right in the garbage can

Such a task requires unity on a nation-wide scale. That unity touches so that the audience could must be achieved and the job

To What Do YOU Owe Your Success? GRAFT, CHICANERY IS A HELP Showing How It Really Is Achieved

"I owe my success to hard firm in order to loan funds of the How many bankers, industrial-

ists and other financial magnates have made this statement to their would-be biographers? The kind of hard work these actual and potential Liberty League members do was told in the daily capitalist press last week.

dollars. Edward M. Smith, multi ships (through their control of the millionaire and seven co-defendants, all relatives, are accused in

Edward Smith, it seems, receivlasting debt and as rapidly as they ed hundreds of thousands of dollars through a system of placing the most part of it for interest stock in the hands of relatives on the money they borrowed to and employees, although he actually kept the securities.

TAKES THE CASH

When the dividends came around the San Pedro tuna fishermen their own earnings and Smith got a San Francisco capitalist group "success" story No. 1.

In San Francisco Herbert and work. For the most part they sup- setting up a "dummy" real estate deals in the history of the Pa- nia.

Anglo-California National Bank to themselves. Both Fleischackers are executives of the banking firm Moreover, it is against the law for such executives to loan money to themselves.

The money was "loaned" at low interest rates—often at no interest at all. Ernest H. Denicke For instance, there is a group resident of Marin County and of eight wealthy Los Angeles stockholder in the bank, has filed manufacturers charged with tax suit to force return of \$912,000 profitable method. They loan the evasions amounting to millions of from officers of the bank. Harry Coe, Tilden C. Tilden and Harry T. Thomson are named as defendants in the suit, along with captains fish on their own hook a Grand Jury report, of failure the two Fleischackers. Fleischacker, by the way, is financially in terested in a shipping firm on the San Francisco waterfront.

A BIG DEAL "Success" story No. 3 concerns

the well-known American Trust Company, a backer of the Associated Farmers in their drive against organization of agricul the "dummy" investors signed the tural workers. Control of thi checks, but Smith received most company, which is one of the of the money. They reported the major banking institutions of the dividends to the government as country, was acquired recently by out of paying the tax. That's Fred T. Elsey, president of the bank, heads the group.

Seeing Red

By Michael Ouin

Old Man Gander

THE A-B-C OF THE CRISIS

A for the Anarchists; they have no plan. B for the Bolshevik disciplined man.

C for the Communists, organized, ready.

D for the Democrats, wobbling, unsteady.

E for the Epics, production-for-use. F for the Fascists, blind hell on the loose.

G for the G-men, those glorified spies.

. H for Hearst papers, a torrent of lies.

I for Imperialism, conquest for plunder.

J for the Jingoes who drum up war's thunder. K for the Ku Klux race hatred intrigue.

L for the red-baiting Liberty League.

M for old Morgan who mongers munitions.

N for the Nazis who breed mad perditions. O for the Owner Class, useless and sour.

P for the People's United Front Power.

Q for the Quakes and distorted democracy. R for Republican Wall Street autocracy.

S for the Socialists, moving toward unity.

T for the Townsendites' old-age community.

U for the Unions and broad solidarity. V for the Vigilantes, fiends of vulgarity.

W for Workers, they'll overthrow Hell.

X marks the spot where the capitalists fell. Y for the Youth, their bright future comes first.

Z for the Zoo where we'll house Willie Hearst.

RUB-A-DUB-DUB

Rub-dub-dub. Three guys without grub, The worker, The scholar.

The natty white collar; Not one could remember The shape of a dollar.

BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP

Baa baa black sheep,

SOLOMAN GRUNDY

Soloman Grundy, Drafted on Monday, Trained on Tuesday, Paraded on Wednesday, Embarked on Thursday, Landed on Friday, In battle on Saturday, Gassed on Sunday: That was the end

Of Soloman Grundy.

THE BLUE EAGLE The NIRA's a fine bird: He sings as he flies And drops little dividends

Out of the skies.

He flew up the prices Of shoes and of bread; But when he screeched "Wages," They chopped off his head.

LITTLE ROBIN REDBREAST

Little Robin Redbreast Sat upon a rail. Hearst took him for A Bolshevik And wanted him in jail.

TOM TOM THE PIPER'S SON

Tom, Tom the piper's son, Joined the army And shouldered a gun. He won the war, God knows what for. And now he's begging door to door.

> LITTLE BOY BLUE Little Boy Blue Come home, come home. Your worried old parents Are starving alone. Where is the little boy Who took to he road In search of a job To lighten the load? He fell under the wheels Of a freight in Merced, And his frail little body Is mangled and dead. Go wake him, go wake him. Oh! No, not I.

That will tremble the sky SINCLAIR, THE EPIC MAN

But I'll waken a storm

"Sinclair, the Epic man, Where have you been?" "I had tea on the terrace With kind Roosevelt."

"Oh! Lord of the Epic Plan, What did he say?" "He smiled up his sleeve

"And said tighten your belt."

BYE BABY BONDING Bye Baby Bonding, Bankers are absconding With solid gold, And coining tin

To pay the veterans' Bonus in. IF ALL THE WORLD If all the world was Soviets, And men no more oppressed,

The Bolsheviks and Communists

Could get a little rest.

GENERAL WU SPEAKS FOR L.A. FRIENDS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE

LOS ANGELES, March 25.--First step in formation of a Southern California branch of the American Friends of the Chinese People was taken at a reception here last night in honor of General Fang Chen Wu at the Cafe Je Parce. General Wu is also scheduled to address a mass meeting next Friday night, March 27, it the Figueroa Playhouse, 938 S. Figueroa.

Sponsors of both meetings inlude Professor Norem, professor of political science at the University of Califonia of Los Angeles; Professor Norman Byrne of Junior College; Prof. Walter Hartley, director of music at Occidental College; Attorneys I. Greenberg and Charles Rubin, Doctors Leviton and Negri and A. Buckman and Miss Hughes. The national headquarters of the American Friends of the Chinese People are at 168 West 23rd st. New York. Readers on the West Coast who are interested should

cific Coast. Where these gentlemen "found" the \$18,000,000 is a natter of conjecture. But there's The transaction represents ap- hardly a doubt a lot of it was ies for a better price. The crews Mortimer Fleischacker were ac- proximately \$18,000,000 and is said sweated out of the maritime and counter-revolutionary element. were automatically thrown out of cused in a suit against them of to be one of the largest banking agricultural workers in Califor- (Signed)

politan Station, Los Angeles.

communicate with Mrs. Mary

DISRUPTER Forrest Beyrer IS EXPELLED

SAN DIEGO

Forrest Beyrer has been expelled from the San Diego Sect" of the Communist Party. For year he has had a record of continued irresponsibility. Approximately four months ago he began association with Trotzkyites. Thereafter reports kept coming to the section of attempts by Beyrer to disrupt Party unity.

These acts he always denied as well as any organizational connection with the Trotzkyites. But evidence to the contrary accumulated. Finally he was expelled by unanimous vote of his unit. Later this vote was sustained by the Section Buro.

It was at this Section Buro meeting that Beyrer, when 🗭 Jackson, P.O. Box 6177, Metro- fronted with the evidence of activities, admitted that he ha been lying and that he was a member of the local Trotzkyite

The Party is warned against Beyrer as an untrustworthy and

District Disciplinary Committee.