## Thousands To Mobolize in State To Repeal Anti-Union C.S. Statute!

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1936

# OVER 200 AT CALAGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

# Over 1000 Workers in Strike Wave Sweeping East Bay

## **BRINGING OF** ALL UNIONS IN AFL IS URGED

Elect Council; Vote to Support Fight Against C. S. Law At Meeting in Stockton

SET WAGE GOAL

For National Convention and International Charter From A.F.L.

STOCKTON, Calif. — A step toward plans to organize the more than 250,000 agricultural workers in this state was made in the California Conference of Agricultural Workers, attended by more than 200 regular and fraternal delegates on June 6 and 7. The unexpected size of the attendance made it necessary to move the conference from the Labor Temple to a larger place. Among those present were reptatives of the Central La-

meda, Sacramento, Kern County, San Jose, Stanislaus County, San Francisco and other Councils. The presence of workers, members of agricultural unions, obviously suffering from malnutrition, with sunken cheeks and worn-through clothing, contrasted sharply with some of the suave, self-assured, well - dressed representatives of the Government and of the grower interests who had also been invited to attend by the Sponsoring Committee. The talks of the agricultural workers present were fiery and determin-

ORGANIZATION PLANS The conference consisted largely of talks, but a proposal for organizing a Federation of Agricultural, Cannery and Packing Werkers of California was drafted by the Organization Committee and was passed, containing the following points:

The organization of agricultural workers shall be statewide in character, comprising all workers in the cannery and agricultural industry based on the princ ples of the A. F. of L. The latter phrase, in the light of the conservative speech of Edward Vandeleur, head of the State Federation of Labor, may be used by the more reactionary elements in the labor movement toward organization of the agricultural workers on a craft union basis. The proposal of the Organization Committee declared as an

nate object of the getting of bers. on the affiliated unions into the ranks of the A. F. of L.; and urged that as soon as feasible, a convention of all agricultural workers' locals in the country be called, which shall make application to the A. F. of L. for an international charter.

STATE COUNCIL PROPOSED The Organization Committee of a coordinating council of all bona-fide agricultural, canning and packing unions in California, both A. F. of L. and independent, with one representative from each union on the council.

An executive committee of sewas chosen by the Conferwhose task will be to conthe affairs of the Council

ween conferences. The incoming Council was asknia State Federation and central labor bodies, urging them good time in the large gymna- Books will be closed when the by inciting racial prejudices. tal testimony by defense wit-

NOW ASSET TO SERVICE A TO

#### **EMERGENCY** CALL!

By the International Labor

The preparation of the appeal for the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, now in its final stage, is seriously hampered by lack of funds. With the acceptance of

the 7000 page transcript of evidence last week, the various steps in the appeal procedure are fixed as to time and must be met promptly if the rights of the defendant are to be protected.

The proper briefing of the case now occupies the full time and attetion of several lawyers and requires special full time technical help.

We know there are thousands interested in this case and solicitous that everything possible be done to knock out this verdict and free the prisoners.

The dimes and dollars of these thousands are urgently needed at once to insure proper preparation and filing of appeal. Rush all donations to the

International Labor Defense, 1005 Market street, Room 410, San Francisco. is absolutely essential to

speeding this important legal struggle. Our call is of an emergency nature and we hope that every reader will take immediate steps to do whatever he can.

#### 240 DELEGATES AT BIG SEATTLE ANTI-WAR MEET

ple of America who have found convention in New York passed and union representatives was joint action of the entire Fedadventure in war and in mili- a resolution recommending to held here at Matignon Palace, eration to enforce all agreements. tarism can now find more ad- local Guilds and to the Guild ofventure and more glamor in ficers cooperation with local and fighting for peace and freedom." state Farmer-Labor Parties, and ceded to every demand of labor

Nick Hughes, of the Seattle purpose of providing independent Metal Trades Council, at the political action for labor. 2nd Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism here last week

tion last year. The convention seated 240 del-

between us," declared A. M. area. Stephens, chairman of the Ca-Fascism, numbering 500,000 mem-

Greetings were received from Governor Floyd B. Olson, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota.

## FARMER-LABOR DRIVE IN U.S. A.

Behind Campaign; Ohio Unions Take Lead

MINERS HELP

Plan 1936 Parties on State And Local Scale at Conferences

A tremendous boom of Farmer-Labor Party sentiment and action has followed the closing of the Conference for a National Farmer-Labor Party - Growing numbers of trade union bodies are swinging behind local and state Farmer-Labor Party action Machinists' Local 68 in San

Francisco a few days ago adopted a resolution, pointing out that in view of the Chicago conference, and of the endorsement of the Federation (San Francisco Council), Machinists' 68 shall set up a committee to investigate the situation and cooperate with like committees from the Marine Firemen and other unions for the purpose of jointly carrying on education for independent political action and the formation San Francisco for the promotion of a local and state Farmer-

Labor Party. Last week, the last session of SEATTLE, June 5.—"The peo- the American Newspaper Guild This keynote was sounded by with other labor groups for the

GROWTH IN OHIO

Aided by the Goodyear Rubend, representing 126,740 people ber Local of over 5000 members liest opportunity. compared to 50,000 representa- and other locals, a Farmer-Labor Party convention was being held on June 7th in Akron, to lay the zations, including 39 trade un- Party in Ohio. The Akron Cenions and three central labor coun- tral Labor Union, in the forecils. Chairman was Reid Robin- front of the movement, received son, 28-year-old president of the assurances of full support from Butte Miners' Union No. 1, A. the Toledo Central Labor Union, and the Kent Central Labor "There is no boundary line Union, in the East Ohio mine

The Indianipolis Central Labor nadian League Against War and Council heard a stirring Farmer-Labor Party speech by delegate Truman, Midwest district manager of the Hosiery Workers' Union. Truman announced a (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

#### "SO LONG, SALOONS," MARITIME RECREATION CENTER HAS OPENED

SAN FRANCISCO.—The doors of the finest and first further proposed the setting up Recreation Center in this country, catering to the maritime workers, is now open, at 22 Clay street.

> place at the big "Shebang," at exercise. Volley ball courts, and debt relief; old age pensions and Dreamland Auditorium, June 13 a collapsible boxing ring are a retirement plan. and 14. All organized labor is among the attractions. urged to support the "Shebang."

The formal ceremony will take | ment for physical training and | flood and weather disasters; farm

Wrestling enthusiasts are hav-The men who work along the ing the time of their life pinning Embarcadero will no longer be each other to the mats in the unable to weld any logic against forced to seek recreation in the Recreation Center. There are the program of the new governsaloons and the pool rooms along steam and locker room, pool ment, have taken up the howl ed to appeal to all labor bodies the waterfront, but are finding tables and card tables, and a that Blum is a Jew, and are in the state and to the Califor in the Recreation Center health- library for the maritime workers seeking to sidetrack sensible disful enjoyment and a roaring who go in for the deeper stuff. cussion of the nation's problems

to ask the A. F. of L. for an sium in the Clay street building, membership quota of the Center Their second line of defense is nesses, will require two weeks (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7) | containing every type of equip- reaches 1500, it is announced. (Continued on Page 2, Column 2) more of examination,

## French Unions Victorious in Strike Siege; Nation-Wide Closed Shop Won

STRUGGLES IN SPAIN, BELGIUM CONTINUE; CHINA STIRRING

PARIS, France.—French labor is preparing to return to San Francisco Machinists Get work after scoring one of the most sweeping strike victories in working class history. The gigantic strike wave which syread over France in the past week has resulted in general wage increases, recognition of unions, recognition of workers' delegates and the right to collective bargaining.

Maritime Convention Hears

Talk by Carillo, Leader

Of Militant Mexican

Union Body

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 9 .-

GAINS IN MEXICO

DESCRIBED

must assist the workers," Caril-

lo said. "We do not picket the

plants but close them up, and if

The Convention set up ap-

and 40,000 stamps for this pur-

nized labor behind the Mooney-

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8 .-

after a lapse of three weeks.

occur within a few days.

workers."

Simultaneously with the entrance of the newly elected leftwing government, headed by the Socialist Leon Blum, French labor exerted its organized power and gained the closed shop in a nation wide scale and the highest degree of democracy in industry existing in any country outside the Soviet Union.

#### ORGANIZED POWER

French unions, in calling the hundreds of strikes, acted on the assumption that the new government could guarantee them their civil rights to collective bargaining, but could not, without or ganizing pressure from labor, realize a better standard of living for them. It was up to labor situation and not sit back wait ing for its election officials to

accomplish gains by unorganized

negotiations.

pressure against the employers workers. for withholding the just demands of labor and porlonging the inof a provisional committee in is directly the reverse of that will fight for the following points 240,000 signatures needed if the commonly taken by governments in their relations with the emin other capitalist nations which ployers: No discrimination for bring pressure against the un union activity; no discrimina-

A meeting between employers fuse to pass through picket lines; presided over by Leon Blum. At this meeting, employers acexcepting vacations with pay. Blum has promised, however, that legislation covering this demand will be prepared and put through parliament at the earl

#### NEW LEGISLATION

egates representing 157 organi- basis for a state-wide Labor tive bills Blum will introduce the lies of the fascist Calles and street, Los Angeles; and at the convention by presentation of a the strike was led by "reds" and into parliament this week are: Luis Morones.

(1) Political amnesty. (2) The 40-hour week for la-

(3) Collective lagor contracts. (4) Paid vacations.

(5) A public works plan for the the workers win, the employers development of scientific la- must pay all back wages and boratories, sports facilities, and also expenses incurred by the tourist attractions

(6) Nationalization armaments industry (7) Higher prices for farm Mooney-Billings defense fund,

products. (8) Longer compulsory edu-

(9) Revision of the Bank of District Councils of the Federaa preponderance of national interest in its management. Billings fund.

(10) A revision of the decree laws to relieve government job holders and war veterans whose pensions were cut. Later legislation will include

national unemployment fund;

#### RIGHTIST RAVING

Rightist deputies in parliament.

## PEOPLE MARCH IN C. S. REPEAL DRIVE IN CAL.!

Thousands to Mobilize Week-End of June 27th, 28th Against California "Black Legion"

STATE BROADCAST!

Predict Scores of Thousands Of Repeal Signatures In 2-Day Drive

People's forces of California ill march on June 27th and 28th hroughout the length and breadth of the state!

On this Saturday and Sunday, thousands of men and women will go into the streets, into the shops, house-to-house, in every conceivable gathering place of the people, to collect signatures for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act!

Scores of thousands of signaures, blows against the antiof its unions in 30 ports was are confidently expected by the adopted by the Second Annual State Conference for repeal of Convention of the Maritime Fed- the C. S. Act, which is organizeration of the Pacific. This ing the signature drive in trade Action of the government in marks a further step toward in- unions, unemployed organizathe strike situation was to bring dustrial unionism of the maritime tions, churches, fraternal organizations, and other groups.

#### GIGANTIC STEP

Under such a program unions will start and end agreements This mobilization is expected dustrial shut-down. Such action on the same dates. The unions to bite off a chunk of the be placed on the ballot in the ous session last Saturday and per cent wage increase. tion because of age; right to re-November elections.

A state-wide broadcast over the radio is planned by the State of the U. S. A. adjourned last shifts, with about 75 pickets on Conference, if enough funds can be collected to finance it. All Anita Whitney, veteran labor comprise about half the Califenemies of fascist reaction are fighter and charter member of ornia Cotton strikers and they The gains of Mexican organized urged by Herbert Nugent, state the Communist Party, as state are among the most militant. labor since the advent of the secretary, to send in donations chairman, William Schneider- This is the first complete walk for the radio broadcast to the man, as state organizer; a state cut in the California Mill's his-Cardenas regime, and under the united Confederation of Labor Conference headquarters at 68 were described to the conven- Haight street, San Francisco.

Petitions are also available at Communist Party Convention to not wait for their leaders to call tion by Alejandro Carillo, one of the Confederation's leaders, the above address, at the South- be held in New York City June them out but struck at once. and chairman of its delegation ern California Councils for Con- 24-28. Outstanding among the legisla- now in the U. S. to counteract stitutional Rights, 129 West 2nd Following the opening of the er of the Teamsters, declared East Bay Conference for Repeal thorough analysis of every major ordered his men to walk through "In Mexico, if a strike is called of the C. S. Act, 536 - 16th st., political, economic and organi- the picket lines, with police eslegally, the police and soldiers Room 410-F, Oakland.

#### TIME TO WIN!

have left," declared Nugent.

will seal the fate of the C. S. Party, education, election cam- mill strikers are time and a Act like so many rivets in a paign, and the Western Worker, half for overtime, a 40 hour paratus for raising \$9000 for the coffin. Every filled petition will and discussion by delegates fresh week with double time for Satscore a direct hit on those re- from struggles in factories and urdays and Sundays, reduction actionaries who want to keep the shops, from ships and ware- of looms per worker, and cleanpose will be sold at 25 cents C. S. Act on the books, who are houses, from fields and farms, ing of machines on company

France statutes guaranteeing tion were instructed to enlist of our circulators to the fact that support of other sections of orga- it is absolutely legal to circulate the petitions on Sunday, so if you go to the beach, or on any kind of an outing, take your petitions with you and fill them up. When Hearings Resume on you fill them up completely, get fillment of the tasks of the Party Plea of Tom Mooney them in promptly to our various as given in the main report regional headquarters.

#### INTO THE SHOPS

Hearings resumed today on Tom Mooney's plea for a writ of take their petitions with them, fight for the political and ecohabeas corpus, in his 20-year and get their fellow workers to nomic rights of the people, and fight for freedom from frame-up, sign the petition to prevent their struggle against reaction and tergetting in the toils of this vicious ror as represented by the Amer-Closing of the "case" for the statute. Workers in a shop at ican Liberty League and incipient state, by Attorney General Will- Vallejo got 275 signatures in as well as outright fascist-vigiiam J. Cleary, was expected to double-quick time. This can be lante groups, the exposure of George T. Davis, counsel for nia."

Mooney, announced that rebutpeople's mobilization will be The discussion was inspiring and workers into Federal Local 20217. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.) (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

#### Contributions to Communist Party Campaign Needed

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—The call for financial support to the Communist Party's State Election Campaign Committee was urgently re-issued here today by the committee, in reporting \$21.50 contributed thus far.

San Francisco workers and sympathizers have contributed \$19; Contra Costa County, \$1.50; and Pasadena, \$1. Further contributions will be listed and itemized in succeeding issues of the Western Worker. All contributions should be sent to Anita Whitney, treasurer of the campaign committee, at 121 Haight st., San Francisco, as soon as

possible.

52 Delegates From All Parts Of State Formulate Program For Intense Party Work; Elect Leading Bodies

Sunday, the California state con- Mass picket lines surround the vention of the Communist Party mill on a basis of four six-hour night following the election of duty at all times. Young women committee of 21 member, and a tory. delegation to the Ninth National

was given over to sub-reports on "This state-wide mobilization trade union work, building the each to Federation emmbers. the Black Legion of California. from trade unions and mass or-"I want to call the attention ganizations of every character.

PLAN FUTURE WORK

The widely varied delegates presented their experiences in the past period, drawing from them conclusions as to improvement of Party work and the fulthe building of the Farmer-Labor Party, the united front "Workers in the shops must against war and fascism, the done in every shop in Califor- Roosevelt illusions, the need for Further details and complete united front independent political five men and two women for organizational plans of this vast activity in the coming elections. their activity in organizing the

# METAL PLANTS

California Cotton Mill, Can Company Added to Young Wire in Wave of Struggle

**FACE POLICE** 

ILA Warehousemen's Union Aids on Picket Line In Oakland

OAKLAND .- The East Bay region is being swept by a waveof strikes and organization. Over 1000 workers are at this moment battling it out with the big open shop employers on the picket lines.

Three of tthe most important Oakland plants, tied up by the strike movement, are the California Cotton Mills, employing 450 men and women, the American Can Co., in which about 250 are out, and the L. A. Young Steel Spring and Wire, where for over three weeks strikers have put up almost daily a heroic defense of the right to pic-

#### 24 HOUR PICKETING The California Cotton Mill

workers are on strike because the company refused recognition of the newly organized lo-SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.— cal 2487 of the United Textile Conducted with enthusiasm by Workers' Union. They struck deinitiative measure to repeal this 152 regular and fraternal dele-repeal the company's offer to meet anti-union, vigilante law, is to gates meeting in almost continu- the workers' demand of a 10

The California Mill workers did Charles Real, reactionary leadzational problem facing the peo- corts. The teamsters are refusing ple of California and the rela- to go through the picket lines. "We have plenty of time to tionship of the Communist Party however. The Warehousemen's get more than 240,000 signatures to these problems, by Comrade Union of the I. L. A. has thrown in the more than a month we Schneiderman, the convention a picket line around the plant.

Other demands of the cotton

Wages in the mill run from 28 to 49 cents an hour; a few skilled mechanics get slightly more, but nothing like union

A fine strike committee is func-

tioning. Spooner, secretary of the Ala-

meda Labor Council, refused to talk to a committee of the strikers, because Sonia Baltrum and Miles Humphries, militant lead-The American Can, notorious-

ly anti-union and tied up with company refused to consider demands for wage increases and

#### THE METAL STRIKES

The American Can strike was direct Communist Party and also precipated by the firing of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## BUZZELL WILL NOT ORGANIZE FED LABOR

L. A. Agricultural Strikers Get Little Encouragement From Labor Body Secretary

LOS ANGELES.— No steps will be taken at this time to organize the striking agricultural workers into the A. F. of L., reactionary secretary, J. W. Buz zell of the Los Angeles Labor Council reported last Friday for the Executive Board.

Buzzell said that assistance would be given the workers in winning their strike, but mentioned no concrete plans for helping the strikers to win their demands.

When the unemployed of Los Angeles County, through the Public Works and Unemployed Union, asked the Council at its meeting to rent them a hall in the Labor Temple for their con vention here July 4 and 5, Buzzel moved that the renting of a hall be referred jointly to the Board of Directors and the Council's executive Board.

#### PROGRESSIVES NOMINATED

Two progressive delegates, J W. Gillette of Musicians' Local 47, and Aubrey Blair of the Screen Actors' Guild, were no minated for the Executive Board of the Council. Nominations for officers for the next 2 years were made at the last meeting of the Council.

Nominations will close on Friday, June 12, and elections will take place on the Friday following. All of the present officers were nominated, including the reactionary Buzzell as Secretary and Harry Sherman as president.

#### MILLMEN ASK AID

In addition to election of of ficers, four new membes are to

men, Local 84, reported the sign- is rapidly awakening to the fact | tellectuals should be read from ing of 18 new plants in the important millmen's strike. Thomas pail. stressed the importance to labor of the strike and urged financial

Delegate Lehman of the Carpenters stated that his organiza-

### Big Growth Keeps Up on Labor Party

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trade union conference on June 13 for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in this important industrial area.

Unanimous decision to form a local organization of the Farmer- ist members wage heated debates Labor Party was made at a preliminary conference for Allegheny Valley, the heart of the Pennsylvania coal and steel in- esty of the Chiang Kai-Shek dustries. Over 40 delegates were (Nanking) government and its present, from the Allegheny Cen- repeated capitulation to Japanese tral Labor Union, glass, alumi- and other imperialist interests num, barbers, and other unions, has resulted here in a situation and fraternal organizations. A which forecasts his overthrow. Farmer-Labor convention will The masses of China are aroused be held at New Kensington, Pa., to a national patriotic fervor and on June 12.

The St. Joseph County, Ind., a convention in South Bend on based on a program of anti-im-July 11, and it was also announced that the Indiana Provisional Committee for the Labor Party will meet on June 14 in Indi-

The political Convention of the Colorado Federation of Labor, to factor in the movement for a be held in Denver on July 4, will be called on to endorse and take action for the Farmer-Labor

united China.

#### Big Engineering Plan king government and an expres-A Political Football Chinese masses to resist the Jap-

anese, is clear. Powerful senti-WASHINGTON, D. C .- Reclamment among the ranks of the ation measures and other pro- army is exerting pressure on the jects of engineering are again warlords and the march may shown to be nothing but political well be a concession to public footballs under capitalism, by what epinion and an effort to foreis happening to the Quoddy, stall revolt. In any event, it is Maine tidal scheme and the true that the hands of the gov-Florida ship canal. The scheme ernment dictators are being forcto harness the Quoddy tides is ed by powerful, organized sentidefinitely out, and the Florida ment from below, and they are capal survived by the skin of rapidly becoming aware that they its teeth in the ceficiency and must either bend to the will of relief bill passed by the Senate. the mass or be ground under it. the chief's word is worth no more ses on the spot.



"The Public Be Warned" is the slogan of the rank and file members of the International Seamen's Union whose strike in New York ended recently. This picket's banner is one answer to the bosses' claims of "mutiny" and "sabotage" brought against the seamen. The workers brought proof that ships sail with failing safety devices.

#### FRENCH LABOR VICTORIUOS IN STRIKE ACTION

Strike Wave Growing in Spain And Belgium; Revolt in China Impending

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be added to the executive Board to rant about Moscow and Bolin accordance with a recent shevism. So persistent is their amendment to the Council's con- cry that the progressive legislation of the new government ic Delegate Thomas, of the Mill- Communistic, that the population that the names of the 150 inthat Bolshevism means sensible

spreading throughout Spain and tion had given \$10,000 to the and a critical situation prevails. strike fund of the furniture and Government spokesmen (repre-only signed it.' millmen. He added to Thomas' sentatives of the employers) are appeal for financial support of demanding that all strikes be Bolger, secretary to Davis and Mexico!" called off before negotiations formerly active in the election proceed in regard to the workers'

In Spain, the government headed by Premier Santiago Cesar- the "mystery man" of Los Anes is exerting its influence toward persist hinting of his connection persuading the workers to return to work and postpone their demands. Labor is taking a firm stand against them. The strike movement is mounting rapidly. Meanwhile, there are rumors that monarchist forces may attempt

a coup d'etat. A cabinet crisis is expected as rightist and leftthe white house." over progressive legislation. SHANGHAI, China. Dishontributed by Davis to labor-hating Los Angeles industrialists.

lice Chief James E. Davis and Pedro. The maritime delegates their sections and units, reportare demanding armed resistance his club-swinging "red" squad to the Japanese aggression. The may be called upon to smash a an enthusiastic reception. A. F. of L. Committee for the cry is for a united China and a rebellion within their own de-Farmer-Labor Party has called new People's Front government partment unless something is done to pacify several hundred Over 100 Strike perialism and progressive legis cops who claim their Chamber lation. Professed willingness of of Commerce-controlled boss the Red Army of Soviet China shamelessly lied. to unite with all other progres-

The rebellion came about when sive forces in a war to repulse the chief notified department the Japanese has been a leading members that it would be compulsory for them to participate in an intensive training course at made by the workers in the Strict censorship has veiled the Elysian Park police center, Madewell Metal Products, withthe true meaning of the march including target practice and out a strike, who won a raise of 200,000 soldiers from Canton schooling in the latest and most from 40 to 65 cents an hour and Northward. That it is a powerful demonstration against the Nansion of the determination of the

> "When the chief was trying to Local 20218. inspire us to get out and sell thousands of tickets to the April in the Boyle Metal plant won police show, which netted some their strike at Alameda, gain-\$40,000, he told us that the Elys- ing an 11 ½ cents an hour raise, ian Park center was for our rec- no piece work and recognition reation, and that we would not of their shop committee. be compelled to go there," com-

## Man Who Knows STUPID- RED-BAITING OF L.A. POLICE CHIEF DAVIS SCORED

Members of Force Distressed When Their Own Chief Lies to 'Em

LOS ANGELES, June 5.—Bitterly criticizing Police Chief James E. Davis for his "investigation" of prominent Southern California intellectuals who advocated the repeal of the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism law and the whitewashing of the wrecking by the "red" squad of the San Pedro International Book Store, the more liberal members of the city council had their innings yesterday for a brief moment, although finally forced to yield to the overwhelming reactionary bloc.

force know not.

Labor Leaders Get

Reception in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, June 5 - "I

it is Communistic to demand

ican workers and food and cloth-

ican Workers are Communists,

the Confederation, in a speech

the Unitarian Church last night.

During the past month and a

has been making a tour of the

The three members of the del-

egation are Alejandro Carrillo,

Alfonso Madariaga, of the Mex-

ico City Federation of Workers,

and Eduardo Innes, secretary

general of the powerful Oil

READY TO DIE

Innes, after graphically

describing conditions against

which the oil workers were fight-

ing and showing how the united

front Confederation is an effec-

tive force, not only for the win-

ning of labor's battles for de-

cent wages, but also as a force

against fascism and war, stated

"Five hundred thousand Mex-

ican workers are ready to die

to prevent fascism coming to

from the striking Mexican work-

ers of California, assembled in a

operation and help from the

Confederation of Mexican Work-

PROTEST DAVIS

tacking agricultural strikers.

The Confederation representa-

tives also addressed the conven-

tion of the powerful Maritime

gave the Mexican labor leaders

In East Bay Area

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has been shown by the gains

Two weeks ago the workers

The Young and California Cot-

The power of organized labor

In a speech before delegates

United States.

Workers' Union.

decent wages for Mex-

A move, headed by Councilmant-James M. Hyde, to reopen the than that of Hitler whom he is investigation of the red squad's known to blindly worship. Howstore-smashing tactics came to ever, orders are orders, and what naught in the fact of a strong to do about it, members of the Fory opposition.

However, Hyde left little doubt in the minds of those present that he placed full responsibility Militant Mexican for the book shop destruction squarely upon the shoulders of Davis and Hynes' sadistic "red"

Protesting the quashing move, Hyde denounced the council for permitting the belief to be spread abroad that it was "unable to face the facts."

In an abortive effort to quiet the voices of thousands of liberals who have protested the publication of 150 names of ing for the Mexican people, then prominent Southern California we of the Confederation of Mexintellectuals supporting the repeal of the C. S. law, Chief Davis, declared Alejandro Carrillo, at the behest of the Chamber chairman of a delegation from of Commerce and leading Los Angeles industrialists, carried his before a large meeting of the red-baiting into the council Inter-Professional Association at

#### DAVIS ATTACKED

Davis has recently been the half, the good-will delegation subject of attack by every anti- sent by the Confederation of Fascist and anti-war organiza- Mexican Workers to bring to tion in the city. He has also American workers a message of of a score or more of churches. A. letter was received from

Davis containing the list of those who had allegedly signed a resolution "in declaration of their opposition to vigilantism and the lawless enforcement of the law by peace officers sworn to uphold the constitution." Clearly it was the intention of Davis the floor of the council chamber.

Just before the vote was taken Councilman Edward L. Thrash-Huge strike waves are still er, jumping to his feet, shouted: "If anyone should check that Belgium. In Belgium, troops have letter carefully, he would find been called out against labor, that it was written and dictated by Jimmy Bolger, and the chief

> campaign of Mayor Frank L. Shaw. Bolger is also known as geles politics and ugly rumors between the vice over-lords and ranking politicians. The list of names was not read.

> Councilman Hyde ridiculed the "list of intellectuals who might be Communists." He said that David Starr Jordan had been on such lists as had "the lady in

well informed on the subject." The list of the names of 150 which Los Angeles police are atntellectuals was recently dis-

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approved methods of bludgeoning striking workers who de- ornia Wire Cloth, where piece mand living wages and decent work was defeated. Workers in

working conditions.

# **Kicked Out**



Hostile to Italy's civilizing mission in Ethiopia with gun, gas and bayonet was the reason given by Mussolini for the expulsion of George L. Speer, correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times in Addis Ababa.

# **COMMUNISTS**

(Continued From Page 1) olorful, indicating the deep inroads made by the Party into the lives of the people of California and pointing the way toward a mass Comumnist Party and a mass circulation for the Western Worker.

#### TWO YEAR RECORD

The discussion records the fact that the two years since the last convention have been marked by considerable improvement of been assailed from the pulpits solidarity from Mexican labor, Party work in many fields, in the growing popularity of the Party among masses of people who formerly had deep-seated political illusions; among trade unionists, actually manifesting itself through rank and file activity in strikes of major proportions such as the Pacific Coast Maritime Strike and the San-Francisco General Strike-struggles that released a wave of militancy throughout the entire labor movement, giving impetus to progressive actions affecting trade unionists, small farmers, professionals, the working and student youth, industrial and agricultural workers of every category.

#### WEAKNESSES CRITICIZED However, the general discus-

sion also contained the honest self-criticism that distinguishes ne Communist Party from all other parties, and revealed many weaknesses in Party work, at the same time advancing the means meeting at Hicks Camp near El Monte, Carrillo urged Mexican nesses. As delegates reported, of overcoming these weakworkers in California to unite even where Party activity has their ranks and pledged close co- temporarily receded—as in certain agricultural areas where immense economic gains to the viciously exploited crop The delegation, accompanied workers and resulted in the inby a Mexican striker whose famous Criminal Syndicalism arm had been broken in the sentences for Pat Chambers. He said also that he had heard course of a recent savage attack Caroline Decker, Albert Houg-Davis speak on the subject of by "red squadders" upon the ardy and others—the prestige of as do also the workers at the "reds" several times and that he picket lines, visited Chief of the Communist Party is still believed that the chief was "not Police Davis to protest against high, requiring new beginnings the unwarranted violence with by new Party forces such as are today emerging from every oc- poison or Arsenic poison in the cupation and locality throughout plants.

the entire state. The delegates will carry the enthusiasm and well defined puring on the most mature and the Communist Party of California to date.

(For the Draft Resolution, adopted unanimously with minor amendments, see Page 7.)

## PEOPLE MARCH IN C. S. REPEAL

(Continued From Page 1) printed in the next and succeedno piece work, and in the Calif ing issues of the Western Worker. All organizations and individ-

uals are urged to contact the both plants are also in Federal regional offices given above, in work in the signature campaign. of the Sugar Union who are vig-LOS ANGELES, June 9 .-Broadcasts mobilizing support for repeal of the C. S. Act, are

continuing every week here over Constitution curbing the powers Station KMPC, at 1:45 to 2 of the U.S. Supreme Court. p. m., every Tuesday. The broadplained one cop yesterday. "Any ton plants are supplying General casts feature a united front of Industrial Unionism was voted man, Fred West, of the San training, we were led to believe, Motors, and the Continental Can speakers from various trade unwould be on a strictly voluntary was struck right at the beginning ions and other organizations, and of the canning season, so the are under auspices of the South- cil, as several of the Craft Un-But, according to another cop, strikers feel they have the bos ern California Councils for Con- ion Delegates were instructed by stitutional Rights.

#### C.S. REPORT AT CONTRA COSTA LABOR OOUNGIL

Report on I.L.A. Convention Also Made; For Curbing

Of Supreme Court RODEO, Calif.—A delegation was heard at the last Contra Costa Central Labor Council meetence for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act. The delegation reports that good progress is being made in regards to the petitions coming in. It was announced that a speaker from the Alameda Central Council would be heard over the radio, explainng the fight for the repeal of the

AID STRIKING CLERKS The Pittsburg Barbers gave \$10 fund and bought 25 tickets to the clerks' dance. The union is

The Martinez Carpenters also gave to the Clerks' picket fund. They reported their local has three new members and they are making good progress in 'organizing the workers at the Redwood Planing Mill in Pittsburg.

The Laundry Workers of Martinez have two new members, it

MACHINISTS RAID UNIONS The Machinists' delegate reported that he had attended the Machinists' meeting of the District Council to stabilize wages and working conditions and to also meet the quota of new members set by the International. He reported they are to raid the international charter covering to force members working at workers. crafts to join the Machinists' Union, thereby carrying out the old they embodied to some extent

craft unions represent. Workers' Union reported 18 new ment Workers Union leader of members and are making good San Francisco. Diner's resolu-

and they are taking in several among these being the point new members on initiation and that a core of local field organireinstatement. \$75 was voted to zers be set up by local committhe Retail Clerks for picket duty | tees to start organizational drives and 25 tickets bought for their in their localities; that organi-

that they have a closed shop A. F. of L.; that these same fed agreement with time and a half eral locals should be unified for overtime, and an \$8 wage a statewide scale into a State scale.

The Richmond Cooks, Waiters and Bar Tenders have taken in 75 of Labor. new members in the last month LOW DUES NOT IN PROGRAM and are going to celebrate with

rted good progress was being resolution made in their struggle against was that calling for low dues per month limit. the Safeway Stores and they and initiations, to enable every

#### CONVENTION

Communist leadership brought president of the Council said it of L. was the best report he had heard Further weakness in the Con- of L. State Federation would in a long time.

Western Chemical Company at convention; and the failure to be interpreted as a warning Pittsburg want organization but place responsibility for organi- against strikes and other forms don't know how to go about it, zation on anybody. California Spray Company at propose a state committee rep- of the central committee of strik Pittsburg. They claim that the resenting every central labor ers in the L. A. area, gave a company does not recognize lead body, which would be the main spirited talk on the strike and

The Council endorsed the Senator Nye meeting to be held in Martinez, July 7th and also elect-Federation of the Pacific, in San poses of the convention back to ed a committee to greet him when he gets here.

Twenty-five dollars was donatpromising convention held by ed to the Clerks on strike and 50 tickets to their dance were bought by the Council.

A MALICIOUS PAMPHLET A committee was elected to investigate the malicious and libelous pamphlet presumably put out by certain members of the Sugar Workers' Union at Crockett, calling on the local not to join the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. Legal action may be taken to see who is respon-

It is known that the pamphlet was printed in Crockett and it has been reliably reported that it was printed at the Crockett Signal, the local reactionary paorder to speed the organizational per. There are known members ilantes.

> The Council went on record favoring an amendment to the A motion to go on record for

down on the grounds that it would mean a split in the Coun-

## PICKETING IN PWA PROTEST

P.W.U.U. Leaders Expect 500 to Join Struggle on Mass Lay-Offs

LOS ANGELES, June 5. -Carrying banners bearing the slogan "Stop Mass Lay-Offs" 50 ing, from the Oakland Confer- Public Works and Unemployed Union workers yesterday continued to picket the PWA office, 12th and Santee streets, as a protest against mass dismissals, including the firing of 39 men from the Slauson Avenue Storm Drain Project. In each case an open hearing has been refused. The morale of the picketers

is high and union leaders confidently declare that 500 men and women will soon join the to the Retail Clerks' picketing line. Among other slogans appearing are "Continue WPA at Union Wages," "Remove Army picketing all Safeway Stores in Officers from WPA," "Obey Hopkin's Orders-Remove Blacklists' and "Reinstate the 39."

The PWUU demands that its committees be received and that the administration set up a labor relations board to hear grievences and make decisions.

#### Over 200 Attend Agriculture Meet Held in Stockton

(Continued from Page 1)

Federal and Industrial Unions, the agricultural and canning

These proposals were adopted; union-busting policy that the the proposals made in a resolution submitted by Sam Diner, The Mine, Mill and Smelter militant International Ladies Gartion, however, contained some Oil Workers No. 5 of Martinez important proposals not includreported an election of officers ed in the adopted resolution, zations of the unions should be The Painters' delegate reported federal locals affiliated with the

> Council, the locals to be affiliated with the State Federation

An especially important point, not embodied in the adopted The Maritime Retail Clerks re- proposal, but included in the and fruit farms — with an 8 submitted by Diner, hour day and a 25 have taken in 20 new members. agricultural worker to join the tion also called for working tounion, and that locals should be guaranteed full local autonomy The I. L. A. Delegate from the as to the election of officers and from Tom Mooney opened the Crockett Local reported on the conduct of their affairs, in line San Pedro Convention and the with the principles of the A. F.

ference's actions was the failure have to be based on "orderly The workers of the Great to set a date for the proposed procedure" which could easily

The more progressive elements organizing committee, and re- the terror it met from vigilantes. sponsible to the State Federation, J. B. McFadden, of the Salinas which would work closely with Valley Packers' Union described

start organization. The progres- Ward Rogers, leader of the sive elements propose that the Southern Tenant Farmers' Unorganization drive be started in ion, leading the present strike two major permanent California of Arkansas cotton pickers, told crops, beets and cotton. They how these farmers and workers propose that for the beet work- had organized, despite fierce terers the Central Labor Councils ror. in Sacramento, Stockton, Salinas, Such talks were in ma Ventura and Anaheim be closely contrast to those by such people involved, and for cotton the as Edwin Cooley, of the WPA Central Labor Councils in Bak- administration, who had many ersfield and Visalia.

the unions taking up the ques- the Catholic Industrial Relations tion of a voluntary assessment Conference, who urged that the for the organization fund, to be workers be "good;" and growers handled through the Central La- like E. Clemons Horst. bor Councils, this fund to go directly for the field organizers.

A resolution favoring immediate repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law was passed unanimously. This followed a talk by Ray Wilbur on the C. S. Law.

The Conference, besides providing for a Council of 7, chose a temporary secretary, Sam White, and a temporary chair-Francisco Window, Cleaners and the San Francisco Labor Council.

#### FOR \$3 MINIMUM

resolution submitted by the wages States.

#### **Black Legion Used** Terror to Control Politics in Mich

DETROIT.—The fascist Black egion, accused of the possible murder of about 50 persons, tried to enforce its political demands through a bomb plot against the president of the village of Ecorse. State officials directing the Grand Jury investigations into several floggings, cases of arson, and several unexplained deaths, are beginning to see political implications in these cases.

One of t he nine Black Legion eaders, Frederick A. Gully, charged with kidnaping and flogging Robert Penlan for not attending Black Legion meetings, confessed that the Legion planned at a meeting to 1 William Voisine, president or Ecorse village, whom they opposed on "religious grounds." Last August a bomb exploded at

Voisine's home. It is also thought possible that the death of Louis Sherry, a Ford auto employee, from eating a poisoned sandwich in April, 1935, may have been the work of the Black Legion.

Prosecutor McCrea, in charge of the Black Legion investigators here, announced the suspension of one of his investigators who was learned to have aken part in Black Legion intiation ceremonies. The suspended investigator, is N. Ray Markland, a former mayor of Highland Park, Detroit suburb, controlled by Henry Ford. The fact that a former mayor of the Ford town was connected with the Legion and was able to become part of the investigat staff strengthens the probabluties of connections between the

Legion and the auto companies. The effect of the fascist Black Legion methods on young boys was seen on Saturday, when police found five boys, from 9 to 14 years of age, attempting to lynch Albert Valenti, 11, in an East Side barn here. "We are going to do like the Black Legion does," said the boys.

and House Committee, of which Alex Noral of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations was chairman, went on record for the establishment of a \$3 a day mining wage for agricultural field

ers, based on an 8 hour day after which time and a half

The wages and hours resolution. further called for a \$65 and board monthly minimum for all permanently employed agriculture al workers-such as stock, dairy

The wages and hours resolu-

ward abolition of piece rates. A telegram of good wishes conference.

Vandeleur, in his speech, said that any support by the A. E. of struggle. Minsolas, a Filipino worker,

the speedup system, the elimina-No concentration points were tion of 80 per cent of the lettuce picked by the Conference to workers by the trailer system.

questions fired at him, which he The progressives further favor tried to duck: Father Philips of

#### FSU PICNIC

LOS ANGELES, June 6. Baseball and dancing will be featured at the picnic to be held under the auspices of the American Friends of the Soviet Union, at Verdugo Woods, (Verdugo Country Club) Sunday, June 14. Movies are offered as an evening attraction.

WASHINGTON, D. C.-La ence Tibbett, movie singer Metropolitan Opera Company star, recently asked the House Immigration Committee here to bar distinguished foreign musical The conference, in passing a entertainers from the United

# Los Angeles Supervisor Likens Unemployed to Cattle!

#### California Labor Notes

LOS ANGELES.-Union painters of Los Angeles have opened their charter and have started an intensive campaign for or-

The District Council reports that one new local has been organized, another charter sent for and there are prospects of organizing two more locals.

rap an editorial on "Rail Pay backstage.

Costs" which has aroused railway labor, ending up with dates, was indicated here. the demand that Congress repeal | Campaign managers of Knox lective bargaining.

agreement with the slaughter an aggressive fight." houses, sausage kitchens and The statement accused Lan-

imum wage for journeymen meat Landon.

through the union.

recent meetings of the Cooks' and tract Democrats. members showed their dissatis-

"It takes a magnifying glass to find a union card in this town," one brother said. Another brother said that it is rumored all over town that waitresses don't want to join the union because they don't want to give their money to Irene Botts, whose eekly salary is much higher & waitresses' wage.

## 2 Ship Inspectors Fired by Roper for Brine Acceptance The dispute started when over Wass-Protests of

Commerce Roper was forced to such union material. dismiss two steamboat inspectors ir. Puerto Rico for accepting bribes from steamship owners.

Roper, during the East Coast strike, helped the attempt to dis- international refused. Collins, credit the rank and file strikers in his appeal to Green, says that by accusing them of mutiny and "you apparently made your desabotage. The strikers countered with proof of disregard for safety workers a chance to state their of passengers and crews on the part case." of the shipowners and government

The two inspectors fired by Roper had been acquitted of bribery charges by a jury.

## BUCK PASSING BY ROPER

Rep. Marcantonio in a letter the matter was being passed on to a committee appointed by Howard Squeezes Senator Copelar, 1 of N. Y. "Economy" was one of the reasons given by Roper for the buck-passing, but the real reason is seen in the re-

Representative Marcantonio has

in this committee, Marcar, zation. Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

## HEARST, LIBERTY LEAGUE DOMINATE REP. CONVENTION

CLEVELAND, June 8.—Clouds of demagogy, dominated by the fascist reactionaries of Hearst and the Liberty League, floated over Cleveland tonight as the national convention of the Republican Party was scheduled to begin tomorrow

Governor Alfred M. Landon of Kansas appeared to be the most likely nominee of the Republican L.A. Official Gives LOS ANGELES.— A recent likely nominee of the Republican issue of multi-millionaire Harry for president, as Hearst and his Chandler's Los Angeles Times other hirelings pulled the strings

However, a possible joining of the resentment of railway labor forces by Frank Knox, Chicago in this section. The editorial publisher, and Senator William falsified the wages received by E. Borah, of Idaho, both candi-

the Adamson Act because it and Borah issued statements at- filthy and over-crowded, and pogrants some concessions as to col- tacking Landon as a "man with litical storm center of the City no decided opinions; as more or Council for years, was given a less inclined toward the New complete "bill of health" in an The Butchers' Unions of Stanis Deal, and as a candidate who official "white wash" yesterday laus and San Joaquin Counties would take to his front porch by M. S. Siegal, director of the are working under a closed shop at Topeka instead of conducting housing and sanitation division

don's managers (read Hearstl- Hale, a former inmate, that the Recently the unions in both ings) of steam-roller tactics and counties along with the Butch- of trying to creat the impres- disease, and a menace to the ers in Fresno county reached sion of great popular strength. health of all prisoners," were an agreement with one of the Knox is reported ready to appear largest chain store outfits, pro- in Cleveland, if necessary, to insepction of the jail quarters viding for a 54 hour week, a min- press his own candidacy against

of \$2.50 a week; \$6.50 for extra dent of Columbia University, for humans, that mattresses are day's work, any part of a day suggested from New York that filled with vermin, that persons based on an 80 cents an Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, afflicted with contagious diswage. Provisions were made should be the presidential can eases are herded into tanks with also for hiring all meat cutters didate, with Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under Presi- remain for 24 hours before re dent Wilson, as his running-mate ceiving medical examination. SAN DIEGO.— At one of the for a campaign designed to at-

Waitresses' Local 402, several A viciously reactionary pro- to the city council what liberal gram, hiding behind demagogic faction with the failure of the references to "save the Consti- dicrous recommendation tha officials to try to build the un- tution," was certain to be draft- pressure drinking fountains be

# AFL in Mo. Issue

jurisdiction dispute between the Building Trades Department and

the Quarry Workers' Union in over-crowded" jails will be a close all brothels and gambling St Louis is presenting such a disgraceful situation that J. J. Colthe Quarry Workers has appealed to William Green for a solution Heights Jail.

in 1934 and 1935, and affiliated WASHINGTON, D. C.—Charges with the Quarry Workers Interof East Coast rank and file seamen national. The building craft unthat federal steamboat irspectors ion leaders insisted that these were giving A. B. certificates to workers be split up amongst the inexperienced men in order to building unions. The crafts debreak the East Coast strike, and clared a boycott against all mawere allowing ships to sail with terial coming from contractors rotten lifeboats, defective engines employing members of the Quarand rusty hulls, were shown to be rymen's local, and at present are based on fact when Secretary of actually on strike on jobs using accepted the water and power For years organized and pro-

> According to Collins, Green wired the Quarrey Workers' International demanding revocation of the local's charter but the cision without giving the quarry

Collins asked Green to get the building crafts to call off their jurisdictional strike.

The St. Louis case is of farreaching importance to the entire organizationed labor move-At the same time, Roper has an- ment, as it marks a definite atnounced that his promised investi- tempt by the craft unionists to gation of safety at sea is off. He split the labor movement.

## Thru for Pres.

INDIANAPOLIS. — Re-election of Charles P. Howard as presfusal of the Department of Justice ident of the International Typoto participate because it might graphical Union was decided by commissioner's name may come prove embarrassing if violations a vote of 28,150 to 20,506. Howof statutes were revealed and the ard's opponent was Hugh B. Mc-Dept. of Justice forced to prosecute. | Cann of Houston, Tex.

Howard, whose policies within strongly protested the passing of the union have been reactionary and who has been facing a the investigation on to the Cope- steadily growing progressive opland Committee, on which are position, undoubtedly squeezed have now declared their oppo-David Grange, Paul Scharrenberg, through this time on the basis of sition to it. and John Bley, as "labor" repre- his activity as a leader of the sertatives. The seamen have no Committee for Industrial Organi-

\*told Roper. Bley is known | For first vice president, Claude cause she rescued a playmate, for is strong-arm tactics against M. Baker of San Francisco de- Charles Carmichael, also 3, from the rank and file, Grange bitterly feated Charles T. Laffin of Hart-drowning in 10 feet of water. fought the East Coast strike, and ford, Conn. Woodruff Randolph When Charles toppled into the Scharrenberg was expelled by the of Chicago was elected secretary- pool, Janet Lou clung to him

Lincoln Hts. Jail

'Bill of Health'

LOS ANGELES, June 4. of the City Health Department.

Charges made by Margaret prison was "dirty, filled with denied by Siegel after a personal

Hundreds of former inmates including many prisoners, have cutters of \$37.50 a week, a raise Nicholas Murray Butler, presidentified that the food is unfit other prisoners where they often

However, the sanitation direc tor recommended in his repor leaders declared to be the "luincreased and rough places in the kitchen cement smoothed over."

"I inspected the mattresses, too," said Siegel, "and couldn't find a trace of vermin. And as for the food, it's as good as any in a restaurant.'

City hall attaches have repeat-WASHINGTON, D. C. — The edly privately stated that it is the belief of those high in of-"strong force in preventing the spread of radicalism." It is a lins, president of Local 261 of matter of record that most po-

## L.A. People Stop **Water Rates Jump**

when the City Council formally the racketeers themselves, the commission's proposal for a ed in the Negro district, where 17 per cent increase in water unemployment and poverty have rates throughout the metropolitan made a fertile field for recruit-

As a result of this mass pressure, Mayor Frank L. Shaw was able to "discover" late today unwater rates unnecessary.

Less than a week ago Mayor not meet its water bills in excess of \$500,000 during the coming fiscal year and as a result the commission approved the in-

The action of the City Council today will save the district \$1,700,000 in the coming year. The result of mass pressure

Christensen declared that Commissioner Southwick's term will expire at the end of this month, and since it is possible that the up for re-appointment, he wanted to go on record that Southwick had consistently opposed any increase in water taxes.

Other councilmen and commissioners who heretofore had favored increases in water rates,

POCAHONTAS, Ia.-Janet Lou Bouma, 3, is a heroine here beuntil help came.

#### **Supports Communist Party!**



This Famous Negro writer, Countee Cullen, supported the Communist Party election campaign in 1932 and endorsed its candidates, William Z. Foster, leader of the 1919 steel strike, for president and James W. Ford, Negro leader, for vice president. Cullen is the author of many outstanding books, including "Copper Sun," "Ballad of the Brown Girl," "Color," etc.

#### **Brothels Clamped** As Johnson Files For Dist. Attorney

LOS ANGELES .- Political circles on Central ave., the Negro district here, are buzzing with order "from above" that will soon houses until after the November elections.

The "order" come soon after the annuoncement that Grover Johnson, militant labor defender. would be a candidate for the office of district attorney opposng Buron Fitts, lackey for the reactionary Los Angeles Times.

#### HUGE RACKET

It is a commonly-accepted fact that thousands of dollars weekly flow from the "south side" into the pockets of the po-LOS ANGELES.-Protests of litical racketeers to be used for thousands of Los Angeles fam- anything from a campaign war ilies had a definite effect here chest to the personal needs of

commission resolution rescinding tected prostitution has flourishing young girls into brothels.

#### REPRISALS FEARED

this in a district where the av-\$5 per week.

It was hinted among the Neagents have for weeks been secretly gathering evidence throughon the part of citizens in relation out the district to be used in to political fortunes was seen a smashing government campaign the government power and rewhen Councilman Parley P. to free the city from the strangle-hold of greedy and conscienceless politicians.

#### Cite 22 Violations

SAN FRANCISCO .- Twenty-two Marine Engineers' Beneficial As- electric rates. sociation against the Seekonk Corp., operators of the motor-ship Willmoto. The affidavits were filed with the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service.

dom-build a Farmer-Labor Party, ings for world peace.

#### Film Celebrities Head Hollywood Anti-Nazi League

HOLLYWOOD, June 8 .--The Hollywood League Against Nazism, whose purpose will be to expose activities of Hitler agents in America, dissemination of literature, meetings, discus-

sions, and the dramatization of anti-Nazi material announced its complete executive committee here last

Headed by Donald Ogden Stewart, writer, the committee includes such celebrities of the film industry as Allen Campbell, Gloria Stuart, Edwin J. Mayer, Mrs. Frank Tuttle, Dorothy Parker, Viola Brothers Shore, Moss Hart, Morrie Ryskind, Herbert Biberman, Charles Katz, Bern Bernard, Fredric March and the latter's. wife, Florence Eldridge.

# Utilities Suing to

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The big utility interests have trained be done on the \$30 a month pro- the unemployed, the demand for Because of the fear of repri- their heaviest guns on a powerbudgeted city revenues which sals and race discrimination, Ne ful effort to stop the Tennessee will make the proposed hoost in gro citizens have hesitated to Valley power porject. Nineteen protest against the foul atmos- utility companies with capital phere imposed upon them by the investments of close to a billion old-age pension bill that would raised include abolition of the Shaw declared that the city could vice overlords of the city. As a dollars have filed injunction be retained in the new bill, are sales tax, a revised income tax result, it has been subject to an suits against the TVA in the over-zealous exploitation — and Tennesee Chauncery Court at revenue and the 60 years qual- comes and lower on the poor, a Knoxville and in the federal erage family income is less than district court of Northern Alabama, asking the courts to degro people today that Federal the entire TVA program "severely in violation of the constitution of the United States."

The utility companies ask that clamation program be enjoined from further operation.

The utility interests use the powers given the federal govern-Federal laws were filled by the jured by the setting of cheaper

#### DEMAND ACADEMIC FREEDOM

SEATTLE.— Demanding academic freedom, the Seattle Cen-The charges include violation of tral Labor Council has wired the engineers stating that they Dr. C. H. Fisher, 13 years presihours straight on many occasions. mal School. Reactionary organi- Byrn, who died last week. zations are seeking Fisher's ous-

#### barrass" him politically in the South in the election cam-Negro people throughout California know of the discrimination against them wherever they go. On WPA

cist dictatorship.

jobs, in "Jim-Crow" CCC Camps, on relief, in private industry, and in social life, they are subjected to inhuman discrimination. Negroes on relief are not allowed equal budgets with white unemployed workers. ONLY THE COMMUNIST PARTY has been

Of the Oppressed Negro People!

every vile and vicious manner possible by the ruling class

of America, the Negro people have only one political

for the liberation of the Negroes from slavery, can no

longer lay claim in the slightest degree to the progressive

and revolutionary traditions of Abraham Lincoln. On the

contrary, it is the Party which, dominated by the Hearst-

Liberty League crowd of big industrialists and Wall

Streets financiers, seeks to crush the struggles of the Negro

people to free themselves from oppression, to divide the

Negro workers and farmers from the white workers and

farmers, and to crush the entire working class under a fas-

Democratic Party is not their friend. In the deep South

the Democratic Party carries on the most vicious and in-

human lynch terror against the Negro people, under the

inson, Roosevelt sabotaged the Costigan Anti-Lynch Bill

and prevented even its consideration, let alone its passage,

on the ground that its very consideration would "em-

direct approval of the Roosevelt administration.

It is not necessary to tell the Negro people that the

Through his "whip" in the Senate, Senator Joe Rob-

party they can call their own—the Communist Party.

Oppressed, "Jim-Crowed," discriminated against in

The Republican Party, which fought 75 years ago

been the never-failing champion of the Negro people and their rights. Only the Communist Party will carry on militant battle for these oppressed victims of capitalism. Only the Communist Party can be THE political party of the Negro masses.

NEGRO WORKERS, FARMERS, INTEL-LECTUALS, PROFESSIONALS, MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE! Support your Party! Register Communist today! Join the Communist Party! For a Farmer-Labor Party, a mighty people's front against hunger, war

#### McGroarty Plans Communist to Run port of Jessup at that time, and by their patronage increased his dainy business to such an extent

The election committee is is-

ing the voters in this district, in-

and federal bills to open up

Other vital demands being

SAN FRANCISCO. - A per-

manent injunction has been gran-

ted Local 101 of the International

tion was granted by Superior

The union officials had made

an agreement with the associa-

for in the agreement refused to

confer when a dispute arose.

Court Judge Harris.

WASHINGTON.—Congressman SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.-John Steven McGroarty, of Tu- Running on a militant program junga, Calif., will make another based on the most vital demands attempt to replace the Roosevelt of the toilers, Sam Jay will be Administration's "paupers' dole" the Communist Party candidate additional customers. with an adequate old-age pension for the Assembly in the 20th law in the next Congress, he District, it was announced here stated here last week. today by the Communist Elec-

McGroarty announced that he tion Committee in this district. would seek re-election as a Democrat to press the bill. He rep- suing a series of leaflets raising resents the 11th Congressional the most burning issues confront-District of California.

"The new pension law will be cluding the demand for approdesigned to provide an amount priation of funds to start slum ployees declared last night that BOCK TWA Project designed to provide an amount printion of funds to start stuff sufficient to enable a human clearance and low-rent housing being to live decently." said projects the demand for state being to live decently," said projects, the demand for state McGroarty.

"That is something that can't idle factories to supply jobs for vided under the Administra- trade union prevailing wage tion's social security act."

McGroarty said the only fea- hef projects. tures of the present Townsend the transaction tax of raising the bearing heavier on the rich inification. He said nothing of the 6-hour day and a 5-day week, movement within the Townsend reduction of public utility rates, ranks to have old-age pension abolition of one-man street cars, cree the TVA Act of 1933 and revenue raised by surtax on unemployment insurance at a large incomes. The congressman recently split \$3.50 for each dependent.

with Dr. Townsend.

#### SOVIET COPPER

and prospecting the Czheskaz- Lock-out by Bosses gan copper deposit, largest in the argument in their suit that the Soviet Union, engineers have de-IVA is not authorized by any termined that it contains 3,500,-000 tons of copper. Construction ment in competing with private of a copper smelting plant is Ladies Garment Workers' Uncomplaints charging violations of corporations, who would be in- planned on completion of a railion, restraining the Silk and Wool road already started, linking Dress Manufacturers Association Czheskazgan with the Karaganof San Francisco from locking da coal basin. out union workers. The injunc-

#### BANKHEAD NEW SPEAKER WASHINGTON, D. C.-Widely known because of his daught-

er, Tallulah Bankhead, stage and the statute limiting hours of work Governor Clarence D. Martin pro- | screen actress, Congressman | tion which included a no-strike, of engineers in port to 9 within 24, testing the threatened ouster of Bankhead of Alabama has been no-lockout clause, but despite named speaker of the House of this concession to the employers, were required to work 12 to 15 dent of Bellingham State Nor Representatives, succeeding Joe on the mediation board provided Union—the land of Socialism!

WORKING CLASS!

### OFFICIAL ASKS The Communist Party Is THE Party FOR 'SANITARY BORDER LEGION

Supervisor Jessup Welched on Milk Strikers After Agreement Signed In 1934

LOS ANGELES, June 4. -"We examine cattle for sanitary and health conditions before allewing them to enter the state, and I don't see why the same principle should not apply to

Thus did Supervisor Roger Jessup speak his mind and show his "concern for humanity" in defending the proposal of the Board of Supervisors to establish a state-wide border blockade, enforced by county officials in true Chief of Police "Little Hitler" fashion, to keep undesirable and diseased transients out of California.

#### NOT LEGAL

The proposal was made, according to Jessup, its sponsor, in an effort to reduce relief costs. However, Deputy County Counsel Claude H. McFadden injected a dash of cold water into the proceedings by giving an inormal opinion that such a proposal could not legally be enforced by the county.

Not satisfied with the adverse opinion of the county counsel, the board instructed Supervisor Jessup to prepare a resolution memorializing the state authorities to take the lead in excluding "diseased and undesirable persons" from the state. "Undesirable persons" were clearly designated as the unemployed.

Supervisor Jessup is the owner of one of the largest certified dairies in the state. He also is the owner of three Grade A raw dairies, all located in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

#### ONCE "FOR LABOR"

It will be recalled by all union workers that Jessup, during the milk strike of January, 1934, signed contracts by which he agreed to all demands, including 100 per cent union recognition. All trade union members and sympathizers came to the supdairy business to such an extent that he was soon able to acquire

Union officials state that through their organized efforts, Jessup was given thousands of

#### NOW LABOR HATER

Supervisor Jessup some time later according to union records, repudiated his own signature, dismissed all union men, and returned to "open shop" conditions with scab labor.

A representative of dairy emwages at the Jessup dairies are less than those of any other large certified dairy in the district.

Supervisor Jessup is running for re-election in the 4th District, scales on all public works and re- T. Brinkley, Communist candi-

## "Slip" Would Slip In As Congressman

MARTINEZ, Calif.-What Conminimum of \$10 per week plus gress needs is a football coach. At least, that's what Edward "Slip" Madigan, coach at St. Mary's College of Moraga, thinks, S.F. Dressmakers Get and so he's going to run for ALMATA, U. S. S. R.—Tapping Injunction to Halt Congress in the 6th District, according to announcement from "official" sources here.

> Asked about it, Madigan replied: "I could as well as not. I've had quite a bit of practice kicking the football around, and they tell me political football is about the same."

> Incumbent in this Congressional District, which includes Contra Costa County and part of Alameda County, is Albert E. Carter, Republican.

> Communist Party candidate is Lloyd Harris.

> Support the peace policy of the Soviet Union! Defend the Soviet

De end the Soviet Union against For security, peace and free-ter because he authorized meet- BUILD UNITY OF THE They locked out the workers in the attack of Hitler and Mussolini, Japan and Poland.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1936

Political Horizons

IOHN STRACHEY Comments On

ens Movement, Aids Fascism

the Growing People's Front in Brit-

ain; Excluding Communists Weak-

The sweeping victories of the Peo-

ole's Front in France and Spain are

naving considerable affect on labor and

liberal opinion in Great Britain, espe-

cially since the old trade union and

Labour Party policies with regard to

the government program led to such a

fiasco in the elections and more recently

John Strachey, writing in the Lon-

don Daily Worker, describes this grow-

ing tendency toward united action and

warns against the proposals of liberal

and labor leaders to form a coalition

with the tacit understanding that the

Labour Party policy of excluding the

Communists should be carried over into

This is not how the People's Front

works. Nor is it how the People's

In France, for example, the People's

Front began in July, 1934, when the

French Socialist and Communist Par-

ties formed a United Front Against

War and Fascism. This re-uniting of

the leading forces of the working class

the driving of fascist bands off the

streets by huge, militant joint demon-

strations, led to healthy growth of both

parties. Soon there followed the unit-

ing of the trade union movement, with

unity again being followed by healthy

It was this steadily growing strength

that gave confidence to the vacillating

liberal, middle-class groups, who turned

to alliance with the working class and

supported a series of moves that staved.

off fascism and war and resulted finally

in a sweeping political victory that

The weaker liberals, the "hesita-

tionists" who while professing regard

for civil rights still jump at the word

"Communist," would draw the growing

united front sentiment in Great Brit-

ain and in this country into channels of

futility—or worse, into collaboration

with capitalism-by excluding the

healthiest and most active political ele-

ments such as Communists and militant

growth of numbers.

now making history.

the united front.

Front started.

with regard to sanctions against Italy.

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#### Legal 'Fairness' of Modesto Decision Is A Lesson to Study

The opinion of the Appellate Court in affirming conviction of the Modesto boys is in character with the whole frame-up proceedings.

Admitted Standard Oil stool pigeons furnished the evidence. A Standard Oil lawyer directed the persecuting during the trial.

Referring to the Communist Party the opinion states "it is a matter of common knowledge that the party named believes in 'direct action' in settlement of controversies and not in judicial determinations." Starting with this red-baiting, they throw in a few references to the Mooney frame-up, Matt Schmidt case and Harry Bridges as make-weight. After this preparation they make short work of the various issues of appeal.

The stool pigeons and hireling lawver were at least avowed mercenaries. The "learned" judges were not.

Those connected with the defense to date who have depended on a hope that the court would be "fair" have their answer in this opinion.

The decision raises, or rather sharply confronts, the labor movement and especially maritime labor with the need of immediate and decisive action to free the defendants and to expose boss-class justice.

The Modesto Committee must be revamped so as to represent actively the waterfront of the whole Pacific Coast. It must include representatation from all sections of the labor movement. It must initiate a tremendous campaign to impress thecourts and the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles that labor will not tolerate their actions in support of strike-break-

The Modesto Boys now behind the bars for labor want a fight made for their freedom. The labor movement must as a matter of self-defense teach Standard Oil and its ilk that framing workers is too costly a practice to indulge in.

These same judges of the Third District Court of Appeal-Tuttle, Thompson and Pullen—will hear the appeal in the Sacramento Syndicalism case. Demand that they free the Sacramento victims!

#### Eyes On the Ninth Communist Party Convention

The Ninth Convention of the Communist Party, U. S. A., to be held in New York City from June 24 to June 28 inclusive, will be the most important in the history of the Party. Its deliberations and decisions will be of decisive importance to the struggle against the forces of fascism and reaction, now girding their loins to become the ruling power in this country, and to take from the American people every vestige of democratic rights.

At the convention will be discussed and worked out, on the basis of lessons and experiences in this and other countries, the methods of carrying the fight to unite and rally the masses of American people to a still higher stage in the struggle for peace, and against a new and more horrible world slaughter.

The reports of Comrade Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, U. S. A., should be studied carefully by every Communist Party unit and member, in order to know how to apply the line of the reports in the mass work of the units and in the activity of every Party member.

The reports of Comrade Browder, and the proceedings of the Convention will be of vital interest to every progressive person, for they will show clearly how the Communist Party strives, with the utmost sincerity, for the unity of the working class and all oppressed sections of the population, in the fight against fascism and war, and for the needs of the masses of the

#### The Farmer-Labor Party Versus the Nine Old Men

The United States Supreme Court, the "nine old men" have again used their dictatorial powers to nullify social legislation desperately needed by the toiling American masses. The New York State minimum wage law for women and children even though at present inadequate, is thus stricken from the books, and with it a number of similar laws in other states, including California, appear doomed.

The California law provides a \$16 weekly minimum wage and an eighthour day, but it has never been strictly enforced and has been flagrantly violated in hundreds and thousands of instances. We have only to look at the lives of the women and children in the agricultural fields, of women clerks in department stores, in the canneries, and in virtually every branch of industry, to realize the vital necessity for the strict enforcement of the above law and its strengthening by more adequate pro-

Now, however, capitalist exploiters appear to be shorn of even these slight fetters and will be able to exploit women and children at an even more terrific rate.

We must demand that the dictatorial powers of the Supreme Court, which have taken away the power of the people's representatives to pass social legislation, be curbed immediately. Their decision, which decrees that \$7 a week and less is good enough for the working people of the country, must be fought if Americans are not to be reduced to slaves.

The toilers of California must fight against the "nine old men" by first, supporting the Comumnist Party in the coming elections as the party that builds the united people's front against such reaction; and second, by getting their trade unions and other mass organizations to participate actively in the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party.

Only a Farmer-Labor Party on a national scale will be able to curb, once and for all, the reaction of Wall Street's "nine old men." Let's start by building a California Farmer-Labor Party now!

#### Who is Responsible?

Germany has constructed one of the most gigantic war machines that ever threatened mankind. But did Germany build this engine of terror and destruc-

Germany had no raw materials. Germany had no money. Germany was utterly helpless to lift herself by her boot-straps or to develop herself into a menace to any nation.

Obviously, Germany could not have built this monstrous engine which new threatens all mankind.

Wo did build it?

Great Britain and the United States control three-fourths of all raw material sources. These are the two great banker nations—the holders of the purse strings of international capital. French capitalism is the next most powerful agency of money and materials.

These nations, and these nations alone, could have built Germany's giant war machine.

## WAR DANGER GREATER TODAY THAN 1914, SAYS EARL BROWDER

Secretary of Communist Party Analyzes Situation in Europe and Asia; Outlines Party Position

port on the rising war danger Great Britain. New York City, last Wednesday

"The war danger is clearly of all those forces in Europe and

"The victory of Italian fas-Ethiopia follows very closely ch into the Rhineland, upon the advance of Hitler fasimperialism into North China.

DIRECT WAR MENACE direct menace of war to France world slaughter. and Belgium; that Hitler is prean independent country; is preparing to annex Austria; to that Hitler in trying to draw Poland on his side, is also menacing the national integrity and independence of Poland, projecting the use of Poland as a military base for attack against the

"In the Far East, Japanese militarism is further pushing into North China and simultaneously is sharpening its provocation on the border of the Mongolian People's Republic and the Soviet

MOVE FOR UNITY IN CHINA Since Browder's speech an independent declaration of war against Japan has been issued by the Canton (Southern) Chinese government, and troops, under the name of the "Anti-Japanese Salvation Army," are reported

of the Mongolian People's Repub- means. lic and on the Soviet border.

on the Soviet border must also heretofore there has been in mass opinion in America direct commander.

ient parts of Earl Browder's re- against the United States and stop the aggressors . . .

The latest thrust into North China, in open contempt for the opinion of mankind, without any formality of war declaration, more imminent today than at with not the slightest attempt any time since 1914. The military to justify the breaking of five victory of Mussolini's forces in separate treaties by Japanese Africa is the latest additional imperialism, can only be ascribed factor hastening the maturity in its brutal callousness for the rights of the Chinese people, to in the Far East which are threat the manner in which the impeening the outbreak of another rialist power allowed Italian fascism to seize and despoil Ethiopia, and Hitler to begin heavy cism in crushing the government arming of Germany and to mar-

Had the major powers, cism in the re-militarization of the United States, Great Britain, the Rhineland, and accompanies and France, firmly and unwaverthe new expansion of Japanese ingly applied sanctions to the fascist war makers, the Japanese imperialists would have been the working class directed toward We must emphasize at this forced to consider more care restraining the instigators of war moment that the latest develop- fully before taking the step must within each country direct ments in Europe have created a which can easily provoke a new itself to restrain those forces

imperialism in Asia must not be most open supporters of Hitler occupy Memel and Lithuania; looked upon one-sidedly as ag- and Mussolini in the internationgression against the Soviet Un- al arena are precisely those who ion; that is a necessary feature are in the forefront of the develof it, but more and more it is opments of fascism in this counbecoming a direct threat of war try. Hearst, for example, openly against the United States and carrying through propaganda for Great Britain . . .

the struggle for maintenance of typifying this concentration of tion? It is clear that the center publican Party, represents the of the struggle for peace becomes main current of forces making

#### COMMUNIST POSITION

"We Communists are not paciapproach to the problems of All indications point to the peoples and nationalities. We are aid, non-aggression pacts, econo-Canton war declaration as a bold and outspoken supporters mic and financial sanctions, etc. move to force the Nanking wing of the active defense of any peothe Kuomingtang, dominated ple, any country, threatened by by Chiang-Kai Shek, into a uni-fascist military aggression We ted Chinese front against Jap make no bones about the fact more effectively than the Section The building of a gigantic anti-The Canton move came with to prevent Europe from being Socialist Parties. the boldest thrust yet made by engulfed by Hitler fascism unless Japanese militarists, who any military aggression by it announced that they intended is defeated. The peoples cannot to push further into North China. destroy Hitler fascism by non-moment. It will not give any such a movement. Simultaneously with its latest resistance or pacific methods notice as in 1914. In 1914 there act of aggression, the Japanese And when Hitler fascism goes were still formal declarations of BATTLE CREEK, Mich. militarists have been sharpening beyond the borders of Germany war before actual hostilities be Camp Custer, U. S. Army traintheir provocations on the border it must be met by military gan. The next war probably will ing reserve near here, will be

The outrageous actions of Jap- the war menace has come as a planes of great capital cities . . . \$141,000. Amouncement was anese imperialism in China, and direct result of the fact that "We must crystalize such a made by Major Alex Stark Jr.,

With Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and the other

nations of Europe looking for a "way out" of their pleni-

tude of difficulties, the Soviet Union has tightened up

its frontier guard system—just to prevent anyone finding

that "way out" through attack on the U. S. S. R. Here

are two soldiers of the workers' Red Army and their

police dog, crouched in the snow along the border not far

from Leningrad.

Soviets Guard Western Frontiers

international working class was

euvering against peace . . .

#### MUST RESTRAIN FASCIST

"The international policy of which help the fascists, which prepares the way for fascists to paring to destroy Czechoslovakia THREAT TO U. S., ENGLAND power. In the United States, "The expansion of Japanese for example, it is clear that the the fascist powers, is the spear-What is the central feature of head of reaction at home. Hearst, peace in the face of this situa- reactionary forces around the Reaggressors. It is nonsense to talk The ideology of neutrality must about peace except insofar as be decisively met and overcome we mobilize all peace forces who among the toiling masses as a are ready to fight against those precondttion for welding togethwho are preparing war, and to er the forces for peace. We must make most probably their de- make very clear to the masses feat in case they do launch this what our policy means in relation to those measures which

individual governments outside of the League-measures for collective security, pacts of mutual them fully. We support them the United States. that we don't think it possible ond Interiational and the various war and anti-fascist movement

The following is a necessarily be considered as more and more sufficient mobilization of the ed towards restraining the inbrief summary of the most sal- becoming a direct threat of war peace forces of the world to stigators of war that the United "The increased aggressiveness international force, will become

made at Madison Square Garden, WORLD WIDE IMPLICATIONS German fascism and Japanese a positive contribution to the imperialism . . . is primarily at- world front of struggle for tributed to the fact that the peace.' not united and did not have one greatest factors contributing to single international policy . . . the consolidation of the peace

In every country one of the "The complete failure to mo movement is the unification of bilize the masses as the only the trade unions. The basic feaforce which could insure even ture in the consolidation of the partial success through the anti-war, anti-fascist front in League of Nations, must be laid France was the complete unifiat the door of the Second Inter-cation of the trade unions. One national. Through their lulling of the most promising features to sleep of the masses instead of in the U.S. of the anti-war rousing them and organizing movement, is the growing comthem, they gave the reactionary pleteness of our unification of forces more strength for intri- the trade unions. We must add gues, more possibilities for man a particular feature now, of importance to the anti-war struggle and that is the rise of a broad progressive bloc in the Committee for Industrial Organization. We must give the most intense effort now to winning this progressive bloc in the A. F. of L.

John L. Lewis was one of the Had the masses of people in the United States and Great Britain been united, with the trade unions in the leadership, in the vere applications of sanctions against the fascist invaders, the would have been forced to apply the effort to restrain the fascist for war in the United States. . . measuers to curb the fascist war

struggle against war. That this

is possible, that there are pos-

dreamed of a year ago, is illus-

trated by the fact that the Am-

CAN PREVENT SLAUGHTER against war and fascism, led by the trade unions, can still be

world slaughter. In their struggle against the utilize the League of Nations or Japanese invaders, the Chinese people must receive the support posing Japanese militarism, are We Communists support all of fight against a war which would these efforts and we support involve all nations, including

is imperative in the United States. All progressive trade union-"War may break out at any zed labor is in the vanguard of

be announced by a large-scale turned into a "model camp" for "The extreme sharpening of bombing by thousands of air war preparations—at a cost of

Socialists. This is the road of the politically decrepit, the road of surrender to capitalism under guise of "tolerance," the road that ultimately leads to fascism.

As John Strachey points out, the People's Front in Great Britain will be built most effectively when the Communist Party campaign for conditional admission into the Labour Party is successful, as it promises to be before

We have our own brand of "hesitations" and preachers of a tolerance" that excludes the Communists. Upton Sinclair has systematically cried "Moscow!" every time the united front has been proposed. Representative Amlie refused to attend the Chicago confe ence to discuss the Farmer-Labor Party because official Communist Party representatives were invited. And now Al. Sessions, grooming himself for a feeble "Sinclair" role, is attempting to mislead the less certain of the Epic forces into a nondescript party, thus splitting the progressives at a time when a healthy trend toward the Farmer-Labor Party-the "People's Front" of the United States—is becoming evident.

This bid for "respectability" at the expense of inner strength and militant program is precisely the road of mistaken strategy, and plays in to the hands of those opportunist politicia against whom Sinclair warned his fe low Epics in his political elegy at the May 10th Conference.

Such policies, such politicians, must be weeded out of the movement toward independent political action.

into accepting rate increases by terming them "rate revisions," Wilson admitted. Wilson admitted tremendous pressure on rate making bodies and that regulation of utilities lacked force because of this, which includes bribes of all sorts.

Three Southern Negroes were lynched in one week (April 28 to May 3), bringing the total lynchings in the U.S. for 1936 to 6, the same number as last

#### SHOW PHONE TRUST PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C .- There's "nothing particularly reprehensible" in approaching a newspaper with an advertisement in one hand and a publicity handout in the other, R. E. Marburger, vice-president of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. told the Federal Communications Commission during the investigation of the affairs of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Marburger, under questioning of special attorney Becker, admitted that about 90% of the Ohio papers carry dispatches favorable to his company, with a view to strengthening the monopoly on telephone and wire service and opposing rate reduction.

E. S. Wilson, vice-president of the Tel and Tel, had to admit that an intensive publicity campaign is being conducted by his company before, during and after hearings before rate-making bodies; that public officials on such bodies warned the telephone corporation to "prepare" public opinion before any rate boosts could be made; that a vice-president of the company is specifically charged with the task of "maintaining relations" with government bodies such as the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Dept. of Commerce, Federal Communications Committee, etc. The company tries to fool the public

year at this time.

#### California Professor Visits Soviet Russia **Discovers Democracy**

Loses One of His Shoes But Keeps Sense of Humor

Recent letter from a professor of a California Junior College now spending a year's leave of absence in the U. S. S. R.

(Issued by the American Friends of the Soviet Union.)

I have been in the Soviet Union more than four months and during this time I have been particularly busy probing under the exterior to find the voice of the people—for that is what counts. I have had many interviews in Moscow with various commissariats. I have taken one trip into the central Black Soil region and the Ukraine.

Another trip was to the region lying east of the Urals and into western Siberia. In the near future I am taking a trip to southern Russia and one to Leningrad. During the stay in Moscow and the trips around the country I have visited all sorts of collective and state farms, factories and plants, theatres, schools, homes of workers and officials, banks, prisons, marriage and divorce bureaus, villages, colleges, student quarters, churches, museums, institutions, etc.

#### DECEIVING APPEARANCES

When traveling in a country, even in one's native country, it is very easy to be fooled by the exterior, i. e., by the type of hotels and trains, prices, by the quality of food and degree of service, by person al experiences, even by one's own health during the visit. I have noticed this particularly in Germany and the Soviet Union. In Germany, there was charming scenery and architecture, especially in the southern part. Train service was almost perfect. Food at the time was plentiful and well prepared, although a bit high in price. We were treated graciously by every one.

There seemed to be a perfectly united German people, because every one seemed to be saying, "Heil Hitler" constantly. I have described in an earlier letter what I found beneath the surface—a sharpening of the contradictions of a class society, increasing menace of war, fanaticism of the leader, rising prices, decreasing quality and quantity of goods, oppression, graft, cruelty, a lowering of culture.

#### SOVIET SURFACE

In the Soviet Union there are many things which are desconcerting to and uncomfortable for the casual visitor who has been used to living comfortably. This is especially true if the visitor does not enter as a guest of Intourist and has, therefore, to find his own living quarter, buy his own food and theatre tickets, and arrange his own appointment.

The streetcars in Moscow are jammed often it is impossible to get on. I lost my shoe once. I saw a woman lose her coat; There was such a jam that in getting off, her coat was stripped from her. Someone threw it out the door to her-as was done to my shoe. One time in trying to get on a car I was unable to get in and the streetcar started. I stood muttering to myself when an instant latter I was knocked down. I got up doing more than muttering, and thinking someone had deliberately ran into me. But what happened was that the people hanging on the next car jutted out so far that they simply knocked me for a loop.

It took us six weeks to find a roomany kind of a room. In the meantime, we lived with friends and friends of friends, and the room we finally rented was for only three months. Shopping lines are getting shorter, but buying is still a tedious task. One may wait for an hour for theatre tickets and finally after arriving at the window find that no tickets are available for the performance.

There are not many passenger trains as compared to capitalist countries and oftentimes one has to take a train two or three days later than one expected, because all the tickets are sold for the more immediate trains. Sometimes table linen is not too clean, and oftentimes the toilets even on trains and in hotels are extremely objectionable. In other words, life in the Soviet Union is still not as simple and easy and comfortable as many casual travelers describe it. But life is not as hard and vicious as described by others who are here for only a few days. One can find anything in the Soviet Union one wants to find if one looks only for that.

I have talked with persons who have been here only a few days and they tell me that this is a land of paradise or a hell hole, depending on what they have seen while here and what they thought about the country before they came. The Soviet Union is neither a land of paradise nor a hell hole. Then, too, the USSR cannot be judged entirely by Moscow, which is more overcrowded than any other city, also, the foreigners congregate in Moscow and it is only in Moscow that I have evidence of drunkenness, begging and tipping to any large degree.

#### SOVIET DEPTH

The Soviet Union is without doubt the most democratic nation which I have visited in Europe. Not only the abolition of economic insecurity, but also the establishment of unlimited economic opportunities are the only real basis for real de-

#### **Democracy In Industry**



Democracy in government without democracy in dustry is no domecracy at all. In the Soviet Union, democracy has been extended into all branches of life. The workers administer their own factories and collective farms, and out of these production centers, elect their Soviets (councils of workers) who administer the government. Joseph Stalin (above) is introducing Mamlakat Nakhangova, 11-year-old farmerette, who was elected by her fellow workers to represent them at a huge farmers' conference in Moscow.

mocracy. There is absolutely no unemployment in the Soviet Union. Everywhere workers are wanted. I've had a hard time keeping out of work myself, and Russians outside of Moscow sometimes ask me how I can live here without working.

It is true that one cannot start ! business of one's own, nor are there any positions for bond salesmen or corporation lawyers, advertising men, stock promoters, insurence agents, or traveling salesmen. Too, there is an oversupply of clergymen. But if one can produce or create material goods, is a scientist or an artist, or can render a service, then there are all sorts of opportunities. In fact, it is necessary to work in order to live-and especially to live happily. Public opinion censures severely the non-worker and the inefficient worker.

Formerly, there was considerable speculation in food commodities and clothing, but now that every grocery store is full of choice foods and there are all sorts of ready-to-wear clothes, even the fellow who made a living by speculation must turn to more productive effort. Too, with the ilization of the ruble at five to the dollar, the foreigners can no longer live like kings on a few dollars a month.

#### SOVIET FRANKNESS

The extent of economic opportunity is shown by the fact that often I find that the directors and the technical directors of plants and factories were at one time illiterate workers. I have interviewed dozens and dozens of administrators in Europe and I find that these directors not only know more about their organizations but also about the whole industry of which their factory is a part. This is, of course, necessary in a planned economy.

Also, there is a frankness and an honesty on their part in answering questions which one would not ask in other European countries, E. G., What is your salary? How much education do you have? What was the planned and actual production of the factory last year? How much was the planned and unplanned profit?? What was done with this profit? How many Communists, sympathizers and komsomols (young communists) among the other workers? Are you a Communist? How much rent do you pay? How many rooms do you have? What are you doing to improve your administrative ability? Hav you ever been criticised by the workers? In what way? etc.

Many is the time we have sat with a group of factory executives or members of a city soviet asking questions which would be considered impudent or perso anywhere else in the world. I have observed their faces. They are serious people; there is no horseplay; they mean business They are building an industrial nation and a cultured people out of a nation that was backward and illiterate only a few years ago. They are succeeding and they have few secrets. Therefore, their honest, and frankness. Many is the time I have had farmers, actors, workers, administtors tell me that they hope when I return to America that I will tell the truth about them, no more, no less.

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"War Dept. appropriations for 1936 provides a million dollar increase for extending R. O. T. C. units in public high schools and colleges." This will add from 30,000 to 60,000 students to the 148,000 now taking military

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

#### A Frenchman Expresses Himself on Unity With Communists in Voting

"We Have Sworn to Abide By Democratic Liberties," Says Candidate

Article in French newspaper "Peace and Liberty" (organ of the National Committee Against War and Fascism), Sunday, May 3, 1936.

I encountered Mr. DuPont with a copy of the journal in his hand. Mr. Dupont, the radical Candidate who came in third in Sunday's primaries in his precinct, had just retired in favor of the candidate who led in the voting; as it happened, the communist candidate. Mr. Dupont said to me, showing the editorial in the Journal, signed Jean Martet-"You, as a newspaperman, may have occasion to answer Mr. Martet's article. Please explain to him that he is wasting his effort. Let the success of the left trouble him; nothing more normal. Let him maneuver to lessen it, that's his ob. Our job is to stay united. My job is to respect my promises, even in these days of scraps of paper. The contract I have just honored is a recent one. It dates from the Fourteenth of July.

#### NO SKULLDUGGERY

"We have together sworn to defend democratic liberties. The communists, from whom Mr. Martet is trying to split me, have never been and will never be the least ardent to defend them. Let no one count on me to break our promise! Tearing up contracts that are being loyally carried out is perhaps a fashionable way of doing things among our adversaries. Among us, it's called skull-

"Yes, I am with and I am going to stay with those 'bums' the soldier Colonel Raynal, the scientist, Paul Langevin, the aviator Boussoutrot, the miner Paul Thorez. With those who don't think of the motherland as acreage to bleed profit! with those who won't stand for the streets becoming the private hunting grounds of Count de La Rocque and the enemies of democracy.

#### REGARDING GRIEVANCES

"Explain to him, to Mr. Martet, that I haven't the three mansions he claims; that my modest family savings, invested in companies floated by the 'two hundred families,' are going from bad to worse; that my son, an engineering graduate, is unemployed; and that if my daughter were to marry the Communist workman about whom the article in the Journal gets ironic, I would consider myself lucky in the match.

"Explain to him that those who set fire to busses have no lesson in law and order to give us, that we have had enough of an economic administration where people starve close to overfull storehouses, and that we didn't tear down the Bastille in order to kneel down in front of other towers occupied by feudal inso-

"Myself, 'bourgeois radical,' son of a friend of Gambetta, grandson of the Old Beards of 1848, I am proud now as in the days of the Dreyfus Case of my youth, I am proud to be with those who continue the French Revolution. With them, I have resung the Marseillaise, and I have sung the Internationale."

And Mr. Dupont asked to subscribe to Peace and Liberty.

## 50 Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong

The tremendous victory of the united working class political parties of France in the recent elections can be attributed to a large extent to the very real threat of war that hangs over Europe today. The election victory expressed the people's realization of that threat and their determination to halt war and to challenge the capitalist powers who are responsible for war.

The following is a translation of an editorial (statement by the Communist Party of France) which was published in L'Humanite shortly before the elections.

TO THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE

A flaming torch is brandished over Europe. Chancellor Hitler's declarations are reminding the world that the war-makers are getting ready.

Mussolini is already pursuing his military operations in Abyssinia, proving to the world that FASCISM IS WAR. While the military cliques of Japan are also preparing to cover the Far East with blood. And now, before our very eyes, the executioners of the great German people, the incendiaries of the Reichstag, the assassins of the 30th of June, the barbarians who have crushed the Germany of philosophers and thinkers under the brutal dictatorship of Fascism, the torturers and murderers of Communists, Socialists, Republicans, and Catholics, have just delivered a new blow to peace.

#### HITLER WANTS WAR

Hitler, by his refusal to sign the France-Soviet Peace Pact, has revealed his plans for war. He wants to isolate France in order to be able to attack it in due time. He wants to deprive France of the support of the Soviet Union in the defense of peace, and, in bringing his troops into the demilitarized Rhine Zone, he offers complete proof of the true worth of his "peaceful" proposals.

We, Communists, who are proud of having fought against the iniquitous treaty of Versailles; we, who have, at the price of our liberty, struggled against occupation of the Ruhr; we, who love the German people as a symbol of the imprisoned Thaelmann; we denounce this provocation.

THE HITLER AGENTS IN FRANCE

If the Chancellor of the Reich has dared to act thus, it is only because there are in France, agents who defend his policy, and to whom the Government permits freedom of action while it imprisons the anti-Facsits.

The academician Louis Bertrand, the Jean Gays, the Taittingers the Henrits, the de Wendels, the Schneiders, the Kerilles, and the Doriots,—the entire clique of Laval supporters, who manifest their pro-Hitlerism, have, by their attitude, contrary to the interests of the people of France, encouraged the "Fuhrer," who cannot bear the sight

of a France, free, strong, and happy. The forces of Fascism and reaction, at the service of the 200 families, descendants of the emigres from Coblentz, are in France, serving Hitlerism against the French people, whose sole crime is the desire for liberty and peace.

They are preparing for us new gravevards similar to those of Verdun,—that Verdun where the veterans come to salute the memory of their brothers in battle who fell by the hundreds and thousands.

They are preparing for us a new mobilization which will leave you, mothers and wives, deserted, while your children and your husbands will depart, perhaps never to return.

They are preparing for us new massacres which would drag you, young men, into an abyss of suffering and death.

They are preparing for us a new invasion which will plant desolation in our fields and spread tragedy and ruin.

FRENCHMEN!

Men, women, youth, unite to stop the plague of war rushing again upon us. Let us bring into reality a union of the entire French nation against those who, in France, conspire, together with the war-mongers from abroad, and who want to lead us into a massacre.

The enemies of peace have organized against the Franco-Soviet Pact, open to all Europeon powers. Laval has tried his best to ruin it, while the Soviet Union, which wants peace, wishes to act in agreement with all European powers in order to establish international security.

The enemies of peace do not act in the interests of France, that France which thinks and moves. They are careful to sustain Hitlerism above all, and do not hesitate, in their hatred for the masses, to become agents of Hitler. Let us summon all the forces of our

In the face of the powers of death threatening us, all the forces of life must be summoned and united. Let the Communists and the Socialists everywhere organize together, form committees for the defense of peace, and for united struggle. Let all those who wish to combat war, as well as those who believe that it does not concern them; let all sincere pacifists, and all men whose hearts are filled with anguish at the threat of a world war, join forces against it.

We Communists, who know that the Government of Workers and Peasants will tomorrow assure the greatness and the strength of our country, we appeal for a union of the entire French nation to safeguard peace, to fight against warmongers, and for an international fraternity of all nations.

A union of the entire French nation for the defense of liberty. That is the indestructible wall upon which all the (See bottom of next column)

#### Breaking of Rail Strike in Mexico Protested by G. P.

Communist Party of Mexico in Strong Criticism of Cardenas

Following is the statement of the Communist Party of Mexico on breaking of the railway strike:

The Communist Party of Mexico rotests against the decision of the Federal Board of Conciliation and Arbitaration, which has broken the railroad strike in a form without precedent in the history of worker-owner conflicts: a decision drawn up before the strike started and handed down without even granting labor a hearing.

The decision against the railway workers' strike is an attack upon the right to strike, in general. And this crime was committed in favor of an imperialist industry, whose true friends are the international bankers, holders of bonds of indebtedness against the industry amounting to more than a billion pesos.

Breaking of the strike is a blow against the whole people who are interested in the struggle against imperialist capital, which holds in its hands the most important industry in the country and which imposes upon the "National" Railways of Mexico a Board of Directors in New York City. The Communist Party calls upon the proletarat and the people to second its protest and to exhort the railway workers to continue demands, to organize and prepare forces for continuation of the fight.

We Communists have aroused and mobilized worker and popular opinion in support of President Cardenas and his government, which in past months has been able to fight back the attacks of the Calles counter-revolution and to resist the pressure of North-American imperialism, thanks in great part to the support of the masses.

But the Communist Party cannot keep silent when the government yields to the pressure of foreign interests which in different forms have exercised their nefarious influences to prevent the satisfying of the demands of the railway

Whatever the form and legal aspect of the Railway Union demands, the right of workers to demand better salaries and conditions from an industry obtaining profits of 24 to 27 millions of pesos per year and paying lower wages than paid in other imperialist industries, petroleum, electric light and power-is beyond discusson.

Reason for our conditional support of President Cardenas has been and is the progressive character of his policy, tending to restrain exploitation of our country by foreign capital and to raise living standards of the proletariat and of the mass of the people.

Therefore, in view of these recent concessions, of the government to rightist forces still at work both within and without the government and to foriegn interests which put pressure upon it, the Communist Party must raise its voice in indignant protest and declare that such conduct does not correspond with the honorable and decisive support which the working class and people have lent the government in the most crucial moments of the fight against Calles re-

The Communist Party believes the government of President Cardenas must support itself resolutely upon the peo-

The railway workers, in spite of all, won a victory: As one man, the Union responded to the call of its leaders and stopped work, with solidarity of minority groups for the first time seconding the majority action. As one man they should now reconcentrate their forces and prepare the struggle anew. As one man, the whole national proletariat, headed by the Mexican Confederation of Workers, must support them in every necessary form. We believe the Confederation should call a general stoppage of work throughout the entire country, in defense of the right to strike which has been so brutally suppressed.

The whole people must understand that the fight of railway workers is a popular fight for effective economic independence, for the honor, progress and prosperity of our country, for the liberation and well being of the Mexican

The whole people must support the fight of the railway workers!

assaults of the war-mongers will fail. Down with murderous Fascism which

leads only to misery and war! Down with Hitler's French accom-

Dissolve the Fascist organizations, the propaganda and espionage branches of Berlin!

Long live the union of the entire nation for the prevention of this calastrophe!

Long live the International union of all nations who want peace!"

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF FRANCE.

## **A Visiting Celebrity**



All forms of labor are honored and respected in the U. S. S. R. Here is pretty Audrey Mosson, 15-year-old daughter of a train conductor in Blackpool, England, being received as a visiting notable by the workers of Russia. She came as an envoy of "peace and friendship" from the British transportation workers. Soviet workers presented her with a new link for her necklace of miniature railway couplings.

## See New Hope for Wagner-Ellenbogen Housing Measure Nazis Transfer

## SENATE HEWS ALASKA CANNERY APPROPRIATION WORKERS ORGANIZED TO 10 MILLON HOW A PROGRESSIVE UNION POLICY

"Best We Can Get," Friends Of Bill Admit; New Deal Is Responsible for Do Nothing Tactic

Federated Press. and labor unexpectedly reported

At the recent meeting of the executive council, the bill was the union. designated as first in labor's "must list" because it was felt the union hiring hall. the bill could do more than any other single piece of legislation to stimulate employment. On the House side, the bill is still penthe committee. President Roosevelt is reported to have put administration weight behind the

#### SLASH APPROPRIATION

As the bill came from the Senate committee the most important change was the reduction of the first year's appropriation from \$51,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The bill also eliminated the provision empowering the Public Housing Authority it creates to borrow \$100,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Instead it authorizes the borrowing of \$150,000,000 by the Authority from private investors by means of bond issues.

The bill consolidates all housing agencies now in the federal government into the United States Public Housing Authority. they had to buy before making This Authority is empowered to the trip North. make both loans and grants to public housing agencies for the construction of low rent housing over a period of at least four years. Pains are taken to avoid competition with private building industry, though many witnesses appeared before the committee to testify that private initiative is unable to solve the housing problem and has demonstrated its inability to do so.

#### "BEST WE CAN GET"

ting the sum really needed to mained unbearable. make a dent in the housing problem and that the present bill will at best set up workable machinery to be supplemented later by adequate appropriations.

mittee pointed out the lag be consent of the Scalers' Union, ried on by George Woolf and the tween industrial activity and con- itself a rank and file, militant or Maritime Federation. struction activity. In March, 19 ganization, undertook the job. month in 1930. Construction act- Council of the Maritime Federaivity only reached 47 in 1936, tion supported the move. The president of the Central Labor

#### CITE HOUSING NEEDS

Citing the need for housing, the report pointed out that even before the depression began more mised by the American Federa cannery workers, refused to meet than 40,000,000 people or ap tion of Labor. But before the "because," they declared, "there proximately one third of the population of the wealthiest nation were printed and signed by the the cannery workers and it will days off a month has been granted on earth, were living in houses membership in which each man not be possible to give them a Marin County milkers in an agree-"that did not adequately protect agreed not to sign an agreement charter in the A. F. of L." their health or safety." A survey with the employers or foremen made in 1934 in 64 representator contractors pending receipt of tive cities discovered that one the charter. They also agreed and granted the cannery workfifth of the housing was defin- to maintain the unity of the or- ers has arrived in San Francisitely bad or totally unfit for ganization for purposes of collec co but is being kept from them human occupation. In half of tive bargaining. the states, another survey discovered, four out of five rural homes had no running water and three out of four rural set up to work for an agreement homes had neither gas nor elec with the packers. It consisted of

room per month, according to the gon, and Joseph Munzo, who these workers until the Mariters unattainable to workers tatives of the union. with incomes below \$1500 a year. It is pointed out that approxition in 1935 had incomes under

WORKING CLASS!

WON IMMENSE GAINS FOR A FORGOTTEN GROUP

(By Don Russell)

On May 21, 1936, the newly organized Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, A. F. of L., signed an agreement with the three major canning and packing firms. WASHINGTON, D. C .- Hopes This agreement, covering as it for passage of labor's number does, a group of workers who one bill, the Wagner-Ellenbogen for years have remained the "forbill providing for low rent hous gotten men" of organized labor, ing, bounced upwards as the represents a great victory for the Senate committee on education progressive forces of the labor favorably on the bill to the

The pact in part, calls for: 1.- A 100 per cent closed shop, including first and second fore-American Federation of Labor men who will be dispatched by

2.— All men to pass through

3.- Elimination by the company of contractors or other

hiring agents. 4.— A \$65 per month basic ned in the House banking and wage as compared with a former currency committee by Rep. Gold- wage of \$46.66; overtime at the sborough (D. Md.), chairman of rate of 50 cents per hour as compared with the former ten-

> hour day. 5.- The union to be the sole judge of the qualifications of ts members.

6.- No benefits formerly enjoyed to be taken away as a result of the agreement.

7.— Last but not least, no member of the union will be required to pass through any picket line established by organized labor or to work at any time on projects declared "unfair" by organized labor.

#### NON-UNION CONDITIONS

Before the union was organized the Alaska cannery workers to the waterfront. Immediately were exploited to the extent of the new union threw strong pickconstantly. They charged them double for commodities which employers 24 hours to sign fa-

The first and second foremen controlled the vice rackets and the men were induced to drink, gamble and use dope. Men who formerly had led clean lves often returned from their first trip to Alaska drunkards and gam-

Food served them on the job was of poorest quality and living quarters were miserable.

During the later part of 1934 Alaska Cannery an attempt was made to organize ion. Financial provisions in the bill these men. But the union then are regarded as relatively un-formed never was able to im-united front the employers signimportant by its sponsors. It is prove conditions and it finally ed on the dotted line. And the applauded a speech by Charles felt that no chance exists of get- was liquidated. Conditions re-

#### WANTED UNION

Early in 1936 a group of Alaska cannery workers approached George Woolf, militant president of the Ship Scaler' Union, Francisco Central Labor Council "It's the best we can get," friends I. L. A., Local 38-100 in San in organizing these workers? It Francisco. The men wanted to simply became a matter of lend-In its report, the Senate com- be organized. Woolf, with the ing its name to the work car-

36 industrial activity reached Naturally, it was not an easy 97 compared to 106 in the same job. The San Francisco District however compared to 102 in San Francisco Labor Council al- Council, was constantly in conso backed the cannery workers tact with the employers and to a limited extent.

> fort a federal charter was pro- with a group representing the charter had been issued pledges are too many foreigners among

#### FIRST TEST

A negotiating committee was

When the employers saw how struggle. matters were going they were | This year there is great joy mately one half of the popula- desperate. The contractors had in the ranks of the Alaska canimported hundreds of new men nery workers and their families. from all parts of the state in And the forces of progressive didate in the final November electichildren out of school from lack of tending them to replace the un-organized labor have won antions, register Communist now! REGISTER COMMUNIST TO ion men. But before the union other victory through solidarity support the Party that fights with BUILD UNITY OF THE books had been closed about and the strength that solidarity all its might for building the Kenyon, local area director of 2500 had signified their desire brings.

#### Actors' Wage For "Posing" Is Steel Workers' Demand

SCHENECTADY, N. Y .-(FP)-Movie actors' work at movie actors' pay!

That was the ultimatum handed the management of the General Electric Co. at Schenectady when it announced a plan to take motion pictures of the men at work. Similar studies have been made from time to time in the past to study the workers' motions at the machine and devise ever faster speedup methods.

ers felt that if the bosses wanted to see them do their stuff in the cinema, they'd have to pay the actors wages higher than the machinists' rates now prevailing. So word was passed around the plant that the boys would quit work the moment the cameras were set up.

But this time the work-

Result: No cameras went into action!

to be members of the organiza

its first test of strength. The contractors and the employers loaded several hundred non-unfull police convoys to take them vorable agreements.

#### SOLIDARITY WINS

Meanwhile the maritime unons—the Sailors' Union, Masters Mates and Pilots, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Marine Firemen, Marine Engineers, Radio Telegraphers and the Alaska Fishermen's Unions-had signed agreements with the cannery employers which were not to become operative until a favorable agreement had been signed with the

Faced with this formidable L. this fall. agreement was made rectroact- Ervin of the Amalgamated Clothive to April 4 at which time the steamer Arctic, with hundreds brought greetings from his union, of men aboard, had sailed for Alaskan waters!

What was the role of the San

#### DID NOTHING

During the negotiations for the agreement Ed Vandeleur, never with the workers. At one time representatives of the Van-After months of untiring ef- deleur clique, scheduled to meet

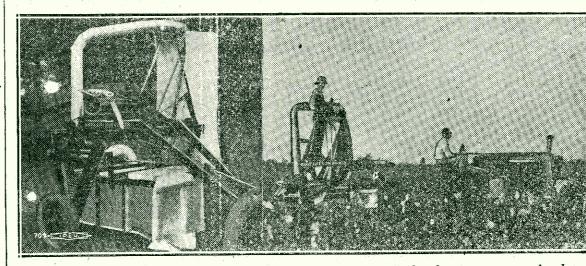
The federal charter promised by either Vandeleur or Joe Casey, supposed to be state organizer for the A. F. of L.

#### BRAGGART

But Vandeleur's rather ques-George Woolf, representing Dis- tionable activities did not keep board composed of two union reptrict Council No. 2 of the Mari- him from boasting, publicly at The effect of such housing in time Federation; Fred West, re- a recent labor meeting here, that ployers, to settle disputes. A "neupromoting disease and crime is presenting the San Francisco Cen- he had "organized the Alaska tral" fifth member is to be chosen described. "Respectable" living tral Labor Council; and M. Tor Cannery Workers' Union." He if the four fail to agree. quarters cost about \$7.50 per res, Paul Feliciano, M. Duha had never turned a finger to help committee, making such quar were the four elected representime Federation and George to bring out the dairy company month, for our dependent children Woolf began the organizational employees in San Francisco, in ask your support in our demands

Farmer-Labor Party!

## COTTON PICKER THAT WILL CHANGE THE SOUTH



Most important invention since the cotton farmers and the sharecroppers of the deep South is the new automatic cotton picker invented by John and Mack Rust. Proceeds from the license rights will be used by the inventors to build cooperative and spur workers' education, the Rust brothers have ann ounced.

A. F. of L. Head Says News. men Will Be Allowed Delegates at Tampa Convention

NEW YORK .- (FP)-The genleman of the press belong in the own blood." rank of the American Federation of Labor, delegates to the third annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild at New York overwhelmingly decided as they commissioned their officials to seek immediate affiliation with ion men on three ships, using the guild getting the status of an international union. The vote was 84 to 5.

Cheers filled the convention actual peonage. The contractors et lines around the three piers hall in the Hotel Astor for sevpaid them little and chiselled and the District Council of the eral minutes as the delegates Maritime Dederation gave the completed their long fight for affiliation, while Pres. Heywood Broun lifted his giant bulk from the speaker's chair on the dais to join the demonstration.

> phone from his home in Coshocton, O., came unofficial word that he feels "certain" the charter application will be accepted at the July meeting of the federation's executive council. He was "confident," he said, that the guild would be permitted to have delegates present at the Tampa convention of the A. F. of

ing Workers of America, who assured them of A. C. W. A. support for a powerful, militant union and presented the guild with a \$500 check for the Wisconsin News strike fund. Earlier the convention heard Pres. Edward Volz of the International Photo Engravers' Union warn the guild against being tied up with the Committee for Industrial Organization and suggested that rather than apply for an international charter, it seek to get local charters from the International Typographical Union.

### Milk Strike Gives Gains to Workers

SAN FRANCISCO.-A wage of \$65 a month with board, and two ment verbally approved by union officials and milk companies on June 2. The Dairy and Creamery Employees' Union gains recognition through the agreement.

The agreement is to be signed by June 24, according to Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, who took part n the long negotiations. The agreement provides for an adjustment resentatives and two from the em-

The strike of Marin-Dell milkers threatened some weeks ago sympathy with the Marin men.

REGISTER COMMUNIST! To insure a genuine labor can-

#### Thugs Battle Over **OPEN** FORUM

FASCIST GILBERT

Santa Barbara, Calif., May 29, 1936 Editor Western Worker:

Under the heading of the "Voice of the People" in the May 28th is sue of the Santa Barbara Morning Press, Dudley P. Gilbert, National Commander of American Nationalists, Inc., gets excited, sees red . . is ready to shed his patriotic blood to "drown Communists in their

We must acknowledge Mr. Gilbert to be very brave even though he is evidently as ignorant and riduculous as Don Quixote, the noted fighter of windmills.

I doubt very much if Mr. Gilbert knows what a Communist is!

Any self-respecting Communist must feel insulted by being placed in the same category with bankers . . . The Communists start no revolutions; they sometimes finish them when started.

Whether or not the American Nationalists, Inc., is identified with the Black Legion, Ku Klux Klan, or vigilantes, or all of them, Mr. Gilbert does not state, but if we can From Pres. William Green of judge by what he proposes to do the A. F. of L. speaking to a toward causing a flood of human guild member by long distance blood, he must of necessity adopt

ON THE JOB

Roswell, N. M., May 28, 1936.

Editor Western Worker: ern Workers) you sent us. It is, terment of all concerned." we helieve, a turning point in history with war clouds hovering over Europe and Asia and the Black ceiving State aid so that we can Legions roaming over America.

haywire. It sure is a joke to see cept jobs at from \$20 to \$40 a

Comradely yours,

A. L. Editor's Note: This letter was much too long, in the original, to print in this column. Therefore it had to be cut more than balf. Letters to this column should not run longer than 200 words. Every letter contains plenty of good material but because of space limitations, we cannot possible include everything that is

SACRAMENTO FIGHTERS

Sacramento, Calif., May 28, 1936

Editor Western Worker: circulated by the Committee of Dis-

missed Women of Sacramento: To All Women's Clubs, Churches Fraternal, Labor and Parent-Teachers Bodies:

We a group of women dismissed from the WPA sewing project in Sacramento, Calif., on or about March 27, 1936, on the flimsy excuse that we received State aid in the amount of from \$10 to \$40 a for reinstatement.

We are facing starvation, eviction, shut offs of gas, lights, and water; we are forced to keep our proper food.

Statements made by Mr. Gene WPA to the effect that we are re-

## Strikebreaker Job

Outside Gunners Shoot Guards In Alabama Strike

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(FP)-Belief that outside gunmen seeking jobs as armed guards had positions and fired several shots at them was expressed by Newof Labor investigator, as the number of shootings mounted to eight in the strike of 2000 em- said. ployes of the Bessemer plant of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Rail-Despite a reign of terror, which

have been completely closed. the night in the mines.

gotiate a new contract with the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers and instead renewal of protests to the Gersubmitted an "incentive" piecebetter working conditions, Pres. John L. Perry of the T. C. I. freedom. Resolutions from trade replied only that the management We began house-to-house dis- will run things as the managetribution of the bundle (of West- ment feels "will be for the bet- the United States government to

stay home and care for our fam-The rehabilitation and the pol-tilies are specious and hypocritical itics of the New Deal have gone Mr. Kenyon tried to force us to achow they put up a proposition for month that would take us away saving the country and the nine from our children. No other work old men knock it down again. The has been offered us, despite other man from Mars-or the Soviet Un- statements by Mr. Kenyon that we ion-must laugh to see us flounder- had refused work provided for us. There is no good reason why

we, all able-bodied women and willing to work for a living, should be forced to accept county relief to eke out the State aid as Mr. Kenyon maintains must be done. We have no desire to deprive the aged and those unable to work, or to oblige the county to issue new bonds for relief as we are told would have to be done.

WE WANT WORK, NOT CHAR-

Aid us in our struggle for the right to live by sending resolutions and protests to Gene Kenyon WPA area director, Sacramento, Calif.; Governor Frank F. Merriam, Frank Y. McLaughlir, state administrator, WPA, San Francisco, Calif., and President Franklin D. The following petition is being Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.

> IMA HUNT. For the dismissed women, 612 Tenth St., Sacramento, Calif.

RESERVE THE DATE

#### **CELEBRATION** 4th of July PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 1936 BIG OAKS PICNIC GROUNDS Portola Road, 2 miles west of Menlo Park

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Simpson to New Torture Chamber

German Secret Police Prepare Major Frame-Up Against American Seaman

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 8 .-Information that Lawrence Simpson, American seaman held for nearly a year in a German concentration camp after being kidnaped by the Gestapo off an American ship at Hamburg, has been transferred from Fuhlsbuttel Camp to Moabit prison, was received today by the International Labor Defense, from the Department of State at Washingon, it was announced by Miss Anna Damon, acting national secretary of the organization.

The information was transmitted through the state department by John G. Erhardt, American Consul General at Hamburg The same letter informed the I. L. D. that, according to the German authorities "the ramifications of the case are extensive and the investigations consequent ly will require a great deal of

Simpson, arrested aboard the S.S. Manhattan even before it docked in Hamburg last June 28, was charged with having a number of anti-Nazi stickers in his private locker.

The transfer of Simpson to ambushed present holders of the Moabit prison, and the statement of the German authorities regarding the investigation are incomb Barco, federal Department dications that the Gestapo is preparing a major frame-up against Simpson, Miss Damon

The German authorities have already refused to permit Mr. road Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary. Ch. Bourthoumieux, Paris attorney who was retained for resulted in the wounding of at Simpson by the I. L. D., to parleast five miners, all three mines ticipate in the trial in any way when it comes up. The I. L. D. On the first day of the strike, is seeking to obtain the services hree pickets were seriously in- of an American lawyer now in ured by company police and Europe to make direct represenounty deputies who trained their tations to the authorities in Berfire on a mass picket line. Two lin in regard to Simpson's case, company guards were wounded and to apply for permission to in the fray that followed, and defend him in court when his 100 scabs were forced to spend trial comes up, Miss Damon said. Only Nazis in high standing with The strike started when the the Hitler regime are permitted steel trust affiliate refused to ne- to practice as German attorneys

The I. L. D. has asked for a man ambassador at Washington, work plan to the miners. Only and consular representatives in four miners voted for the scheme various American cities, against which would have increased the kidnaping of Simpson, a hours and resulted in the dis- member of the Seamen's Union missal of some 500 workers. To of the Pacific, and against his the workers' demands for a transfer to Moabit and the frameclosed shop, increase in pay and up being prepared against him, and demanding his immediate unions and organizations, and letters from individuals, urging give energetic protection to Simpson's rights, and demand that the German authorities free him, were also asked for.

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# STOCKTON MEN

Furnace Plant Strikers Win 5 Per Cent Wage Increase Plus the Forty-Hour Week

(By A Worker Correspondent) STOCKTON. Calif.—Here is some labor news from Stock-

1. The R. C. L. Tourneau, Inc., largest road machinery and dirt moving concern in the country, has been struck. The workers, forced to work 10 and 11 hours a shift and a 55-hour week, became fed up with condi-

Their demands are the 40-hour week, 8-hour shifts and not less than 85 cents an hour for skilled

Some of the conditions leading up to the strike were young boys working in the plant without pay just to learn the trade. This caused several men with families to be laid off.

FURNACE WORKERS WIN The straw that broke the camel's back was the firing of a militant organizer—for union ac-

tivities. 2. The Warehousemen's Union of Stockton has struck Port Stockton Grain Terminal. The demand is for 75 cents per hour. This outfit is one of the last to hold out-all the rest having

signed up with the union. Only 40 men are involved and the rank and file expect to whip this belly-robbing firm in line

3. The Fraser Furnace Co. plant here was struck several days ago. After a two-day strike the men won the 40-hour week and 5 per cent increase in wages.

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The workers and farmers of California are face-to-face in 1936 with the spectre of hunger and disease among masses of unemployed, with the fascist program of the most reactionary forces of capitalism, with union-smashing, vigilantism, wage-slashing, and trampling of constitutional rights.

The toilers urgently need social insurance, such as provided by the Frazier-Lundeen Bill and State Pelletier Bill; adequate relief, as embodied in the Marcantonio Bill; defense against reactionary terror and op-

There is only one party which fights consistently and with all its might for the day-to-day needs of the masses, and for the eventual emancipation of the toilers in a Soviet America. It is YOUR Party—the Communist Party!

JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY!

COMMUNIST PARTY,

121 Haight Street,

San Francisco, Calif.

Or 224 South Spring Street, Room 409,

Los Angeles, Calif. I want more information about the Communist Party.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Seeing RED

#### By Michael Quin

THE INVISIBLE OBVIOUS

Two men walking near a fish wharf once engaged in the following conversation.

"Whew!" exclaimed one of them. "What a fishy smell. I should think the men who worked here would wear gas masks."

"To the contrary," said the other man, "they do not smell the fish at all. They are so accustomed to it they hardly even notice it."

And that very clearly explains why the American people (for that matter, the people of most capitalist nations) are able to live amidst the most obvious examples of corruption without smelling a fish.

Americans traveling in China are astonished by the class distinctions and injustices. They see thousands of ragged coolies slaving at hard work for barely enough to keep themselves alive. Contrasted with this, they see wealthy Chinese in embroidered gowns drawn through the streets in rickshaws. These fat and prosperous persons contribute nothing useful to society and yet enjoy the best of everything the land produces.

The Americans return home to describe China as a strange and illogical country—a land of injustice and cruelty. Yet in the streets of their home city, they see nothing out of the ordinary in the son of a local banker lounging at the wheel of a straight-eight roadster, contrasted with ragged children on the corners selling papers. Stories printed in the daily papers relating tragic suicides, accounts of men starving to death, of the multiple miseries of seventeen million unemployed, evoke nothing but yawns from them.

These absolutely phenomenal things are to them commonplace. These are the things they grew up amongst and ave been conditioned to. This is life and anyone suggesting a means of improving the situation gains the reputation of a futile idealist and, on the whole, a very dull fellow. People scan hastily over news items of world shaking import, then thumb through to an inside page and read the latest antic of Mae West with rapt concentration.

It is difficult to attract attention with a torch-light parade in Hell.

Items daily appear in the capitalist press which merit excited groups of citizens gathered in buzzing crowds on every street corner—items of vast concern to each individual life. They scarcely create a ripple.

I am honestly appraising a very extraordinary state of mind, but I by no means cite these facts in a tone of discouragement or futility. The American mind is rapidly awakening to a sense of reality, and scores of events daily testify to the development of political and social consciousness. I am merely describing the general background of apathy out of which this class consciousness is avising

ness is arising.

The present police corruption scandals in San Francisco should certainly incite lively public alarm. Not only the existing centers of public gathering should be aflame with public sentiment, but spontaneous demonstrations and expressions could justly be expected.

No such reaction can be pointed out. Why should San Franciscans be amazed today at a graft situation they grew up amidst and have been fully aware of since childhood? Young children of 14 and 15 can quite easily point out the hundreds of houses of prostitution. Everyone knows they exist and that the police get a payoff from them. The prohibition era was alone suffucient to educate the whole populace in police corruption.

Here is a situation revealing the whole core of the society in which people must shape their lives and raise their children, as rotten. This is certainly a serious thing. Stop to think that you must conduct your life amidst a society rotten with graft and corruption. That is no trivial matter.

And yet San Franciscans can work up no excitement over it simply because they have known the situation existed DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FARMER LABOR PARTY AND ELECTION CAMPAIGN ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION, COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., JUNE 7, 1936

There is a burning need in California for a Farmer-Labor Party, uniting all the labor, farmer, and progressive forces for the defense of the economic and political interests of the people and to struggle against the menace of fascism and war. The forces of reaction are becoming more aggressive; employers are attacking the militant trade unions, and inciting the use of vigilante terrorism and other fascist methods against the labor movement; pro-fascist tendencies are increasing, sponsored by Hearst and the American Liberty League, and threatening the civil liberties of the people; fingerprinting drives and anti-labor legislation such as the vicious Criminal Syndicalist Law, so-called "Disaster Preparedness" ordinances and anti-picketing rodinances are threatening labor's right to organize and strike. War preparations of American imperialism are centering more and more on the Pacific Coast.

In 1934, the workers, farmers, and middle classes of California showed their hatred of the reactionary Hearst-Merriam Republican administration by casting close to a million votes for the Epic-Democratic ticket, believing that they could solve the problem of jobs and relief by supporting the Democratic Party andRoosevelt. Today, it is becoming increasingly evident that in order to effectively fight reaction, in order to put the unemployed back to work and win social security for all, and to safeguard the demorcratic rights of the people, it is necessary to build a united people's front, to organize for independent political action and for the building af a Farmer-Labor Party. It is mainly because of tthe absence of such a party that the masses still have illusions in Roosevelt as the "lesser evil," altho he only talks against reaction, but does not really fight against it. It is the absence of a Farmer Labor Party that makes it possible for the Roosevelt-Farley-Mc-Adoo Democratic machine to pose before the masses as fighting against the Hearst Merriam Republican state administration which it helped to put into office

#### Would Support United Front

The past two years have shown that the people cannot depend on faith in Roosevelt and the Democratic Party to combat the danger of capitalist reaction and fascism, and fight for social security and peace. This can only be accomplished by the organized strength of the working class, allied with the exploited farmers and the middle-class, by building a united front of all labor, antifascist forces, into a Farmer-Labor Party, to elect representatives of the people to office on a farmer-labor platform. united front in the coming State and Congressional elections in California, with the support of the trade unions, farmers, Socialists, Epics, and Townsendites, would have the support of the Communist Party, because it would lay the basis immediately after the elections, for the building of a powerful Farmer-Labor Party in California. The May 10th State Political Confer-

all along and have come to believe nothing can be done about it. Even the newspapers that emblazon the scandal in their headlines are known to be the corrupt tools of special interests. The whole investigation is accepted as some

squabble between rival graft groups.

The police scandal is only a local matter. The apathy it reveals is a national matter and this same acceptance of corruption is applied by the population to national politics.

Yet the idael of "Americanism" still burns strongly. Men still greet the flag with cheers and praise their country as a land of freedom and justice. In their minds, they carry the contradictory elements of idealistic loyalty to Americanism, and cynical acceptance of the fact that their nation is rotten to the core with corruption and injustice.

Part of their cynical acceptance is rooted in the experience that the situation cannot be corrected by ordinary methods of reform. They know that kicking the grafters out and electing new officials is of no avail. In other words, experience has taught them that the situation cannot be corrected within the confines of the present structure

of society.

But instead of sinking into cynical futility, would it not be the duty of a proud American to investigate other methods and, if necessary, to envision changing the structure of society itself rather than live in a sink of corruption?

The American mind is that far along the path to the second American revolution. The American mind is that close to joining the Comunist Party.

ence called by the End Poverity League took a great step forward in the direction of the united front and independent political action. It showed that the Epic membership, in spite of the opposition of their leaders who still preach faith in Roosevelt and the Democratic party, are more and more coming to the realization that the only way to really effective fight reaction is the united front and the Farmer-Labor Party. The May 10th Conference showed that the Epics and a number of trade unions, while not completely breaking

ty. The May 10th Conference showed that the Epics and a number of trade unions, while not completely breaking with their support of Roosevelt, are moving rapidly in that direction and can be won for independent political action. The decisions of the May 10th conference make it possible to take a further step in that direction by organizing wherever possible a united front in the State and Congressional elections, cutting across party lines, and uniting the labor and progressive forces around an agreed-upon candidate and platform.

#### California Election Stand

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor party, the Communist Party in California is entering the primary elections with its own candidates and platform, and will continue to fight during and after the election campaign for the united front and a Farmer-Labor Party. In any Assembly or Congressional district where the united front can be achieved with the Epics, Socialists, or Townsendites and gain the support of trade unions and farmers' organizations, the Communist Party will support in the final elections a united front candidate and platform who really represents the united labor and farmer forces of that District, and who actively supports the campaign to build a Farmer-Labor party.

#### Six Planks in Platform

The state election platform of the Communist Party contains the most urgent immediate demands of the workers and farmers of California, which are central issues in the election campaign!

1. Enactment of a state bill for unemployed, old-age, and social insurance, along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress, in place of the present Unemployment Reserves Act, which taxes the workers and does not insure the unemployed.

2. Defense of Labor and Civil Rights. For the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law, and all other anti-labor legislation. For the protection of labor's right to organize, strike, and collective bargaining, and for outlawing vigilante terrorism, and providing drastic punishment for same. Prohibition of use of armed forces or imported thugs as strike-breakers. Against any form of discrimination, and for equal rights for the Negro people, and for Mexican, Filipino, Chinese and Japanese in California. Abolition of compulsory military training in the schools.

3. For the repeal of the sales tax. For the revision of the state income tax law to relieve small incomes and increase the tax on high incomes. For the exemption of taxes for the working farmer, and the small homeowner. For increased taxation of public utility corporations.

4. For a minimum-wage law guaranteeing a decent standard of living to industrial and agricultural workers. For the six-hour day and five-day week for industrial workers, without reduction in weekly earnings.

5. The state and Federal government to open idle factories to supply jobs for the unemployed, and start slum-clearance, housing, irrigation, and reclamation projects. All public works and relief projects to pay the prevailing union wage scale.

6. Drastic reduction of public utility rates, and cancellation of franchises of corporations that refuse to do so. Prohibition of the use of the one-man street cars. No public power projects to be turned over to private corporations.

The Communist Party will fight for the election of its candidates and the enactment of this program in the State Legislature and in Congress, as well as for the Communist national election platform. It will support the following bills in Congress: Frazier-Lundeen Bill for unemployment, old-age, and social insurance; the Marcantonio Work-Relief

Standards Bill; the Benson-Amlie Youth Bill; Anti-Lynching Bill; Workers Rights Amendment. The Communist Party will fight against all war preparations at home, for the defense of peace by refusing to give any aid to an aggressor nation, for support of the Soviet peace policy, for the slogan "Keep America Out of War by Keeping War Out of the World." The Communist Party will demand of every candidate running on other party ballots for office to take a clear stand on all these state and national issues before the people. A huge Communist vote, and the election of Communist candidates, and united front candidates who will fight for such a platform, will strengthen the struggle against reaction and hasten the building of the united people's front and a Farmer-Labor Party.

#### IMMEDIATE TASKS OF OUR PARTY

In order to fulfill our objectives during the election campaign, the Party must with all possible speed overcome the main shortcomings in its mass work and its organizational functioning. The District Convention resolves that the following tasks must be placed in the center of the Party's work in the coming period:

1. Development of a mass campaign for the popularization of the Communist election platform and candidates, and our fight for the united front and a Farmer-Labor Party. Reaction to every popular local, state, and national issue issue; developing new and more popular methods of agitation and propaganda; improvement of the political content and use of the Western Worker, Party shop bulletins, trade union bulletins, leaflets, systematic use of the radio, issuing a state election pamphlet immediately after the National Convention of the Party.

2. To bring the Communist election campaign and platform into the trade unions, and take immediate steps for the formation of trade union committees for the promotion of a labor party, work for the development of local labor or united front tickets in municipal and state elections; in the unions supporting Roosevelt and in Labor's Non-Partisan League, we must fight for support of a local or state Farmer-Labor party, for independent political action, also on a national scale after the elections.

#### Work in Mass Organizations

3. Every section, subsection, and unit of the Party must take steps to establish friendly contact with every Epic, Townend, and Socialist organization, and work for the organization of a united front on a local or neighborhood scale, and the development of struggles around specific local issues (hours, wages, relief, corruption, one-man street car, etc.), and drawing the trade unions into the united front, raising the question of the need for independent political action and breaking with the "non-partisan" policy of supporting the capitalist political par-Mobilization of the youth to fight for the needs of the younger generation.

4. In the agricultural areas; committees for the promotion of a Farmer-Labor party must be established in the farmers' organization (Grange, Farmers' Union, Dairymen's Union, cooperatives, etc.), and struggles developed for the issues and needs affecting the small and middle farmers.

#### For Racial Equality

5. The Party must take up more energetically the struggle for equal rights for the Negro people, especially on issues of discrimination on relief, getting jobs, trade union membership, etc., and build the united front around the National Negro Congress and through the setting up of united front committees around specific local or neighborhood issues. The same applies to issues of discrimination affecting the Mexicans, Filipinos, Chinese and Japanese. The Party must conduct a more resolute struggle against white-chauvinist tendencies in its own ranks, in the trade unions and other mass organizations, and for the active support of the white workers in the struggle for equal rights.

6. The mobilization of the Party for the building of a mass circulation for the

Western Worker with the aim of doubling its present circulation by the end of 1936. The organization of a functioning Western Worker Committee in every section; the development of a more responsible attitude toward the support of the Western Worker; and the development of groups of worker-correspondents in every section. Raise the slogan "Every Party member get a new Western Worker reader."

7. The strengthening and consolidation

of our position and influence in the trade unions, and the functionning of the trade union fractions in locals, district councils, and central labor bodies, and to realize our aim of bringing every eligible Party member into the unions, and our slogan "Every Communist an active trade unionist." Mobilize all the best forces of the party for its mass work in the factories and trade unions, particularly for our concentration points in the basic industries. We must overcome with all possible speed our weaknesses in our work among the agricultural workers, oil, rubber, railroad, and in the port of San Pedro. We must overcome the sectarian attitudes of some Communists to the honest, progressive elements in the unions, including many trade union officials; the Communists must ally themselves with all forces that are sincerely fighting for militant, progressive policies in the unions, even if they do not agree with the Comunists in every question. But we must also fight against the resistance to bringing political issues into the unions, which weakens the fight for a Farmer-Labor party, and makes it possible for the A. F. of L. burocracy to maintain their "non-partisan" policy of supporting capitalist political parties and candidates.

#### For a Mass Communist Party

The accomplishment of these tasks will depend on the building and strengthening of the Party, the fulfillment of the District Control tasks on recruiting, activizing and keeping new members in the Party, on the improvement of the political education of the Party membership and the inner life of the Party organizations, on the rapid development of new forces for leadership, and of releasing the greatest possible initiative from below for mass work.

The District Convention calls upon all Party members to work for the building of a mass Communist Party, in the words of the Central Committee of our Party.

"This gigantic, historical task of speedily breaking away of the broad masses from the Republican and Democrat parties—the building of a Farmer-Laber Party—expressing as it does the burning needs of the masses, demands the strengthening of the Communist Party organizationally and ideologically, so as to be able to fully serve the masses, and lead them in their advance to this new stage. The stronger and better equipped the Communist Party becomes, the better will it be able to build a broad people's front against the menace of fascism and war."

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WAGES IN APRIL in Illinois were 77.6 per cent and payrolls 64.1 per cent of normal, the Illinois department of labor says. The average weekly wage was \$23.89. Coal miners' wages were \$23.49. Mine payrolls were 36.2 per cent of normal, jobs 65.5 per cent.

#### FACTS AND FIGURES

A. F. of L. SHOWS NO INCREASE

The American Federation of Labor in its monthly survey shows that employment has not kept pace with the increase in industrial production and lagged far behind the increase in profit.

The report pointed out "By March, 1936, business had travele 72 per cent of the way back to normal but only 46 per cent of the depression unemployed had gone back to work.

"If re-employment had kept pace with business recovery, 8,120,000 of the depression unemployed would be back at work today; actually only 5,270,000 have foun jobs in industry. That is, when all industries are counted, we have a re-employment shortage of 2,850,000.

"This re-employment shortage is an exceedingly serious matter. Business is not even providing enough work for those who had jobs in 1929 and iost them in depression; far less is it creating jobs for the 4,000,000 who have been added to America's army of work seekers since 1929 (young people seeking work for the first time) or for the 1,900,000 who had jobs in 1929.

"This makes 5,900,000 more jobs needed in addition to the 2,850,000 noted above, a total job shortage of much more than 8,000,000."

The A. F. of L. in its report points out that out of the 12,124,000 unemployed in March this year "we can count on business to provide work for only 4,000, 000 even if it reached normal," thus leaving an army of more than 8,000,000 permanently unemployed.

The report of the A. F. of L. was is sued about the same time as the unemployed estimate of the influential Republican controlled New York Sun which claimed that only 3,159,000 men and women were unemployed in the United States. The aim of the New York Sun's estimate was to prove that unemployed figures were so low in the United States that further appropriations for Federal relief are therefore unnecessary. In contrast to this Labor Research Association points out men are not normally employed in inthat a total of over 16,000,000 men and wodustry. If the approximate 3,000,000 at present on Federal work relief rolls are deducted there is a total of more than 13, 000,000 unemployed in the United States 1001

## People's Health By Franklin E. Bissell, M.D.

SPEECH AT MEDICAL CONVENTION

Dr. Robert A. Peers, ou going president of the California Medical Association and leader of the political machine ruling that body, expresses the typical ideas of such machine-like politicians, and links the failings of the Roosevelt regime with real radical principles in a curiously Nazi-like manner.

In a speech to the convention of the Association, he speaks in the same breath of "neoplastic growths of social medicine," "socialistic and communistic fantasies," and the diseases of the Roose velt government, "boondogging-itis, totalitarian-itis, prosperity by-scarce-itis."

#### THAT NAZI FLAVOR

I find a familiar ring to this. As a student in Austria, I and my fellow-students were afflicted with the same sort of demagogic boloney from the followers of one Adolph Hitler. They would say, in effect, "Heil! the Communists, Socialism, and socialized medicine are terrible because these are the same as liberalism, and look at all the mistakes the liberals have made. Heil!"

Roosevelt certainly is no liberal, and Dr. Speers probably is no Nazi, but the analogy holds good.

No, Dr. Peers, we Communists deny that the burocracy and idiocies of the Roosevelt regime have anything to do with Communism or socialized state medicine, any more than your Republican Party or Liberty League has anything to do with any sort of progress other than the Progress of Profits.

#### DELIBERATE CONFUSION

In one part of his speech, Peers "deplores" the movement for state medicine and in another, he advocates as a solution to our porblems, compulsory health insurance, which is a form of state medicine. This is not stupidity but is a deliberate attempt to confuse the issue, which is frequently practiced by recationary top officials of the national and state medical associations. They do not want the slightest change from the present situation, but must offer some sort of lip service to the mildly-progressive group within their own organizations.

Such reactionary officials represent the real interests of a small group of doctors who are financially far in advance of the rank-and-file, and of the racketeering physicians. Both of these same groups would lose through socialized, state medicine, the wealthiest doctors because their incomes would be reduced, and the racketeers because they would not be able to practice their rackets. All other doctors' incomes would either remain the same or be raised considerably

"Set yourself a quota of signatures to the petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act!"

A FOOL THERE WAS With Apologies to the Reader.

A fool there was and he had no job,
Even as you and I;
And he did not want to steal nor rob,
Even as you and I;
And so each day, as he thinner grew,
He tightened his belt a notch or two;
Even as you and I.

He voted for beer to ease his lot,

Even as you and I;

And they pledged him a chicken in every pot,

Even as you and I;

But after election—all was grief,

But after election—all was grief,
He got no chicken and he got no beef,
And all that he got was Home Relief,
Even as you and I.

He watched the depression growing worse,
Even as you and I;
At times he'd pray and at times he'd curse,
Even as you and I;
He pinned his faith in the NRA,
Or hoped for a job with the PWA,
But day by day he wasted away,
Even as you and I.

He looked to Congress to ease his woe,
Even as you and I;
And listened to Rooseevelt on the radio,
Even as you and I;
They told him this was a country grand
With plenty for all within the land,
So he starved to death with a flag in his hand,
Even as you and I.

### "Bury the Dead," Play of Six Young F.S.U. PLANS A Soldiers, Gives L. A. Something New 'VIETCHERINKA'

#### REVIEWER SAYS THEATER NOT IN DECAY BUT IN WRONG HANDS

LOS ANGELES.—Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt wept into her handkerchief during a New York performance of "Bury the Dead," but that was not the attitude of the majority of the overflow audience that witnessed this tremendously moving anti-war drama on opening night at the Belasco Theater here, presented and the countless friends of the by the Conemporary Theater group.

On the contrary, a deep feeling forces that cause wars permeated lends a note of optimism to the entertainment. the atmosphere. A tension in the theatre's future. Noticeable and audience, indicating condemnation commendable was the fact that tee of the "American Friends of noticeable.

fall a golden thread of tragic ab giarized wit. surdity impresses one with the insane futility of men and boys taking up arms to attack their fellow

battlefield in the second year of An example of this is the speech previous VIETCHERINKAS as to the war that is to begin tomorrow, of the corpse of Private Driscoll, refusing, despite the entreaties of when he says, "The fight's never generals, wives, mothers and over. I got things to say to peosweethearts, to lie down and sub- ple now-to the people who mit to burial.

#### NO DECADENCE HERE

is a bitter indictment.

of the theater. As many have here get it." tofore contended, it is not the theater that is in decay, but only that part of society from which,

bination of both.

was smooth and flawless. The members of the cast moving through their parts in splendid precision, together with the wellly direction of Egon Brecher.

Of the playwright, Irwin Shaw, pages might be written, space permitting. Sufficient here to remark that certainly he has deviated from what has often been social insurance—for the Frazierlaughingly referred to as thea- Lundeen Bill!

of militant resentment against the trical traditions, and this too INKA" means a joyful evening of of mass slaughter, was everywhere Shaw has not utilized the well- the Soviet Union" is busy preknown tricks of padding his work paring for a VIETCHERINKA

Most important of his work is to say and he says it with a the affairs committee to the F. The story of the play is one of realistic gusto that has his ausix young soldiers, caught on a dience on the edge of their seats nurse big machines and the people who swing shovels and the people whose babes die with big A simple story and properly so, bellies and rotten bones. I got for comparatively speaking, a sol-things to say to the people who dier's death is simple. There are leave their lives behind them no complexities in the plain fact and pick up guns to fight in that young men are tricked, by somebody else's war. Important one means or another, into what things. Big things. Big enough are called the glories of having to lift me out of the grave right their entrails blown out, their eyes back onto the earth into the midburned into blindness and their dle of men just because I got legs and arms shot off. To that the voice to say to them . . . Dead type of glory, "Bury the Dead" or alive, I see that, and it won't let me rest. I pulled the others It is plays such as "Bury the with me that's my job, pulling Dead" that prove, if proof be the others. They know what they needed, the lie of the decadence want-I know how they can get

#### WOMAN SPEAKS

And again, when he puts into due to ample funds, the greatest the mouth of Martha these words, section of audiences and, most im"Just like you! Wait until it's DOES ART AND portantly, "angels" are recruited too late! There's plenty for liv Consequently, how could it have men to stand up for! Eggs you been otherwise than that the tag- can eat and butter and sunlight rag plays which have been drag- in your bedroom. A baby and ged across stages these past many lights at night and somebody to years, could have been vehicles talk to! They're there, waiting. Maybe Garrets, Bread Crusts for anything other than maudlin People have them! All right love stories in which everyone stand up! It's about time you gets killed or married or a com- talked back. It's about time all you poor miserable eighteen fifty slaves stood up for themselves The presentation of the play and their wives and their dirty, Although teachers at Lincoln rickety children! Tell 'em all to High School have declared Manstand up! Tell 'em! Tell 'em!"

oiled efficiency of stage mechan-the World" preceded the play is none too bright. ics, were a tribute to the master It was the "cream of the crop" of the leading world powers on striking mural on the wall of the are powerless to set in order, and parade and in military maneur reception hall of Lincoln High. vers in preparation for "the He has been able to work on

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The affair will take place Sat urday, June 13th in California Club, 1750 Clay street.

# MEXICAN YOUTH

Help Story-book Genius, But Not Manuel

LOS ANGELES, June 1. uel de la Torre, 18-year-old Mexican youth, to be a genius in A newsreel of the "Armies of art, the outlook for his future

Manuel has been painting a war that is to begin tomorrow." the masterpiece only during spare time and expects to finish it before his graduation day.

> admire the mural, seldom are Juridical Association, the Internathey told that Manuel is a poor bey, worrying now whether he ism, the International Labor Decan manage to go to art school fense of France, the General Unnext year. He lives with his ion de Trabajadores (U. G. T.) parents, five brothers, and two and the Committee for the Right sisters at 333 South Avenue 21. of Asylum of the C. G. T.

> His father is an unemployed bookeeper and Manuel's older brothers support the family. Man-regularization of the anti-Fascist uel himself polishes automobiles refugees' situation; (2) to help when he can find a job. His them materially; (3) to secure friends hope that some how in for them the right to work and to these rich United States, food, relief in case of unemployment. clothing and shelter, and training can be found for him,

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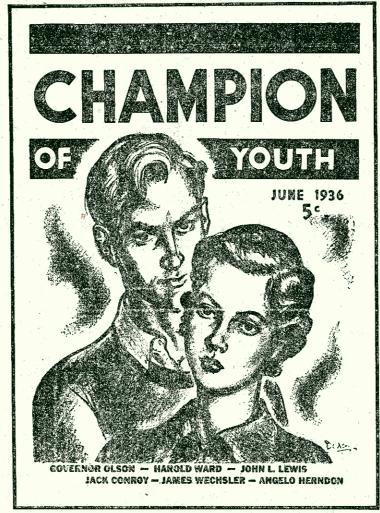
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## International Conference for Right Of Asylum to be Held in Paris Soon

REFUGEES FROM FASCISM STATUS WILL BE SUBJECT

In the atetmpt to establish the political and financial status of anti-Fascist refugees who have sought refuge in a foreign land, a call has been issued for an International Conference for the Right of Asylum to be held in Paris on the 13th and 14th of efft the public by "giving them

The Bulletin issued by the Committee for the Conference says in part: "The establishment, in certain European countries, of a reactionary and Fascist regime has driven to emigration numbers of

workers and the intellectual elite of these courtries. Owing to a lack of adequate legislation, thou sands of men are thus forced to lead the existence of an outlaw hunted from one country to an other because of the question of identification papers, which they only too often the victims of unjust expulsions and deportations which deliver them bound hand and foot

to their executioners." The Right of Asylum Conference When visitors are asked to is sponsored by the International tional League Against Antisemit-

> The three principal aims of the Conference are: (1) to obtain the

Among the individuals who have endorsed the Conference and offered their cooperation, are: (France) Eduard Daladier, Eugene Frot, Joseph Caillaux; (Spain) Manuel Azana, Largo Caballero, Luis Companys; (Belgium) Emile Vandervelde, Th. Ruyssens, Isabelle Blum; (Switzerland) Leon Nicole, Dr. Ludwig Frank, Dr. D.

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Stores of California" are now pre- plants! senting throughout the state a approximately 1000-mostly chain | York City. store employees-applauded half Jose Civic Auditorium tonight.

The play was preceded by a several popular songs to put the audience in a receptive mood, and another rendition of the "theme song" the play appeared.

#### VILLAIN PURSUES 'EM

Wound around a "meller dram-

man called "Cyclone" Robbins, on the A. F. of L. "We Don't Patwho plots to ruin the chain stores | ronize" Lists. Yet the audience by deceiving guileless "independ- is asked to believe that the chain ents" into supporting his nefari- stores are interested in raising ous chicanery, the play oozes wages! cheap Horatio Alger sentiment and a hypocritical sympathy for the poor public who is being deceived into paying higher prices for the "incompetence" of indeudge, who presumably has made an impartial study of the question, enumerates to three snappy stores, the manifold advantages and humanitarian virtues of the of the villain "Cyclone" to corrupt these young stalwarts.

Among the many virtues of chain stores enumerated are: (1) than the independents, have dermine such a great social inshorter hours; (2) That they benthe advantage of large scale mer-I chandising" and thus lower prices; (3) That they offer their song, "Don't Break the Chain." employees "the advantage of A distinctly cool reception greettraining under skilled and ef- ed the atetmpt to catch the auficient management," and of dience with this litle ditty, which course offer them all the "oppor- ends, "United we will stand, di-

That they save the public the ex- and one for all." pense of "incompetence" of the independent merchant, and (5) That they offer the independent the example of how to conduct his business "efficiently."

#### THEY'RE UNFAIR

ind eulogised by the "judge," aided by lantern slides are the notorious enemies of labor, Kress, Grants, Owl Drug Co., Skaggs (Safeway), Montgomery Ward, Sears-Roebuck, National Dollar Stores and the White Log Tav-

#### **BOOK UNION SELECTS** NOVEL

The BOOK UNION reports that is now has 2500 members San Jose Performance More scattered over 46 states, 4 Canadian provinces, and foreign coun tries ranging from Japan to So uth Africa. Members do not limit themselves to ordering the mon-SAN JOSE, Calif., June 1.—In they selections; the office staff desperate attempt to stem the has had to find books on subpopular tide of favor for the jects ranging from basic refri-Chain Store Tax, "The Chain geration and heating of power

Information about the BOOK propaganda play entitled, "The UNION may be secured at its Holdup." A San Jose audience of offices, 381 Fourth Avenue, New

The BOOK UNION believes heartedly the amaturish attempts that it sets a precedent for book of the players to create sympathy clubs in selecting for June a for the chain stores at the San work published sometime ago. It has chosen "PELLE THE CONQUEROR," by Martin Anderson Nexo, a novel which, rendition of the theme song for the last quarter of a century, "Don't Break the Chain," by the has been hailed as an internation "Chain Store Quartet." After al classic. For those of its members who may already own this book it offers as an alternate choice the new volume of "The Labor Fact Book"-prepared by the Labor Research association

ner" plot of a bad, bold middle erns—all enemies of labor and

The judge also advises his youthful stooges that the villain "Cyclone" is playing upon "radical sentiment" to put over his campaign to smash the chair pendent merchants. A kindly old stores and thereby save the nas-

ty "middle men." After reciting the stories of the Meteoric rise to fame of Kress, Horatios, employees of the chain Skaggs Bros. and other chain store bosses he assured them that "every employe has the chains—thereby foiling the plot same chance." They beam benightedly at the prospect of their impending elevation and vow vehemently to wage a determined campaign against the "rats" who are seeking to un-

After the play the audience was "treated" to a little "Community singing" of the theme tunity" to become bosses; (4) vided we will fall-All for one

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