

PLOT AGAINST AGRICULTURAL WORKERS!

Maritime Labor And The Government

The Scheme to Put Over the Fink Book By Amending the Copeland Bill

Although the details of the several proposed Congressional bills on maritime labor have not yet been made public, a brief item of great significance has appeared in the daily papers. Copeland, it is reported, has prepared a new bill which will allegedly make "illegal" any attempts to use his notorious fink book for blacklisting purposes.

The Administration hopes that with this well-sounded addition written into the union-smashing legislation last June the maritime workers will now meekly line up to take their hated "continuous discharge books." If the bill will not be too openly transparent as a labor strangling device, we can expect the hidden supporters of Government control to come out with their proposals for this legislation. If we can believe the advance reports on Copeland's newest bill it will be just what they have been clamoring for—an "amendment" which will give the proper "promises" to deceive the maritime workers.

We already have intimations of what is coming. Listen to the Western Worker of Jan. 7, 1937: "The men do not object directly to the discharge books, in which the date of each discharge at the end of a voyage will be recorded," Curran said.

After all, if the fink book is not for the purpose of controlling the activities of seafaring workers, why would it exist at all? The Government will readily concede an "anti-blacklist" clause, because it will still have a dog-collar clamped on the seamen. A few clauses of promises can always be sacrificed cheaply in order to keep the essence of a law.

Just let those who advocate acceptance of the fink book if it has an "anti-blacklist clause" explain this one question: Why have a government discharge book at all? Of course Copeland, government officials and labor-fakers have their answer—that the book will "weed out incompetents," "maintain high standards of seamen," and similar ballyhoo.

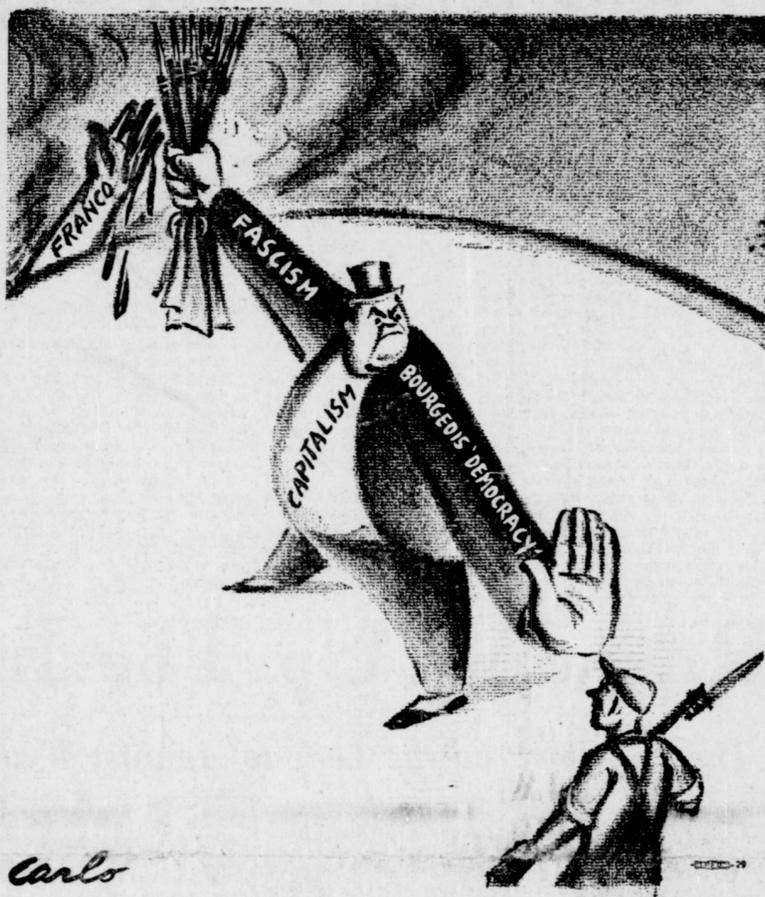
The above article in the Western Worker shows also the attempt to avoid completely the most basic principle—that of the Government's role as shipowners' agent. The workers are opposed, says the article, to the terms of the law which . . . give the ship lines an opportunity to blacklist employees. . . . As a matter of fact it is the shipowners which maritime workers are most worried about in this connection. The ominous threat is the intervention of the Government.

All waterfront workers know from their own experience that the shipowners could carry on their blacklisting only when the workers were unorganized. When workers were 100 per cent organized into militant unions they could throw off this yoke. This explains why shipowners have called upon the government to establish a control which they were unable to establish themselves.

It is not the shipowners who would do the blacklisting but rather the Government for the shipowners. And when the Government started to discriminate against workers it didn't like, it wouldn't be called "blacklist." It would be called "elimination of the incompetents" or "getting rid of the aliens," or something like that.

It is outright treachery to the rank and file of the maritime unions to attempt to interpret their militant struggle in exposing the vicious legislation of last June merely a struggle against a few "terms of the law." Beyond such a puny perspective, the fight of these workers has been against the vicious and reactionary development in recent years: "the moving in" of the government to throttle the rising American labor move-

He Uses Both Hands . . . By Carlo



Select Men From 200 Volunteers For Debs Column

Socialist State Committee Calls for Wide Campaign to Finance Heroic Project to Aid Spanish Workers

In an inspiring demonstration of international working class solidarity, over 200 volunteers have applied to go to Spain under the banner of the Western Division of the Debs Column. Competent committees in Los Angeles and in San Francisco have been interviewing each volunteer. A careful process of selection and sifting is taking place. Only the most thoroughly experienced and trained in military technique, and only those who show the most reliable records of service and loyalty to the working class movement are being chosen to leave in the first detachment.

The men composing the Western Division of the Debs Column will undoubtedly take a prominent place in the International Brigade which is in the front ranks of the struggle against the Fascist hordes in Spain. The volunteers have shown a courageous and determined desire to aid the workers cause in Spain even at the cost of their lives. Now new hundreds and thousands who are not as fortunate as the volunteers in being able to offer their military training, must step forward and extend support in every possible way.

THE MAIN TASK The main task before the thousands of friends of the Debs Column, the first job for every Socialist Party member and sympathizer, is to insure a successful transportation of the Debs Column to Spain. We must begin to gather together all the pennies, nickels, quarters, and dollars that working people and

your party has decided this week to support a competing project for sending technical workers to Spain. The Debs' Brigade was launched by the Socialist Party of New York, December 26th. In the face of our 12-day old invitation to united action and of the many scores of qualified men who have already volunteered for the Debs' Brigade from every working class party and group, including many from your own party, your action can only be regarded as narrowly partisan, dividing the working class at a time when unity of action is a vital necessity. Today the workers of Spain are engaged in life and death struggle. Thousands of our comrades have died in the fight to crush fascism and

Burt Wire Puts WPA Question To Roosevelt

CHICAGO—The following telegram was sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt by Roy E. Burt, national executive secretary of the Socialist Party:

"Workers' Alliance demands for WPA workers and unemployed must be granted to avoid mass starvation and hardship. Divert funds from the military budget to WPA. Congress must seek additional funds through higher income and inheritance taxes and capital levy. Create union scale jobs on low cost housing and other public works."

The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party has issued an appeal to every branch, member, and sympathizer to immediately begin to raise money for this tremendous project. Mass meetings, dances, house parties, appeals to the trades-unions, tag days, must be organized as methods to raise funds. The Socialist Party summons you to tireless work to complete this project successfully. We know the workers of California will not fail to answer the call.

honest liberals will give.

toward workers' power are at stake! We cannot allow any minor differences, any false pride or lame excuse to obstruct our unity in acting to meet the most important crisis since 1917. Hours are lives! All too many of both have been wasted. It lies in the power of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party to make a long stride toward ending that waste today. Unite with us to send hundreds, yes thousands, for unity will make thousands possible, of trained working class fighters to Spain!

Yours for International Socialism, GLEN TRIMBLE, State Executive Secretary, Socialist Party of Calif.

Walter Cowan Exposes Deal Between Public Officials and Employers

Give Damning Facts On Farm Labor At Federal Hearing

Show Landless Laborer Takes the Rap In California; Socialist Program Presented by State Secretary

The Socialist program for California and Southwestern agriculture was presented at a packed Federal hearing on agricultural problems in San Francisco Tuesday, December 12th. The hearing was called by a Special Committee of the United States Department of Agriculture which is to draft a bill designed to aid farm tenants.

The issue of farm tenantry, particularly the vicious exploitation and brutal feudal system which prevails in southern "Democratic" states, has been pressed for many years by the Socialist Party. The work of Socialists and leaders of the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union has made "sharecropping" a household word in America and has forced the same administration which ignored all past demands to face the problem as a national issue.

LANDLESS LABORERS Three previous Federal hearings in southern and midwestern states have served to bring out the seriousness of the tenantry problem. The San Francisco hearing, attended by representatives of all significant farmer and agricultural labor groups, emphasized a very different situation in the southwest.

SOCIALIST PROGRAM 1. A minimum wage set at a standard of health and decency for labor on all farms where federal subsidy or aid, direct or indirect is given.

LABOR SPEAKERS GIVE FACTS These facts were emphasized by Walter Cowan, vice president of the State Federation of Labor and chairman of the Federation Committee on Agricultural Labor, Glen Trimble, State Secretary of the Socialist Party, Julius Nathan, Secretary of the Conference of the California Agricultural Workers and by speakers from many local agricultural unions.

LABOR AND SOCIALIST SPOKESMEN

Stresses Necessity Of Union Organization Campaign

Walter Cowan, vice-president of the California Federation of Labor, in a speech before the Socialist Forum in San Francisco last Sunday night, proved collusion between law enforcement agencies and the growers and shippers in California agricultural fields by documentary evidence. He also stressed the great need for industrial unionism in the agricultural industry and decried the lack of activity on this score by the leadership of the California Federation of Labor.

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Truce Broken By Double Cross Of General Motors

Sit-down Strikers Hold Plants At Flint As Knudsen Walks Out On Schedule Conference With Union

The bigger the corporation—the bigger the double cross. That is the major lesson of the current news of the auto strike.

On last Monday, January 18th, William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors threw down a flat refusal of collective bargaining and walked out of a conference with Homer Martin, United Automobile Workers' head. The refusal was a direct contradiction of previous company promises.

TOO GREEDY The union almost forgot it, though. Corporation officials promised big things—provided the men left the plants—and union officers agreed. However greedy GMC couldn't hold its double-cross until the deadline and the union caught on in time.

IT ALL DEPENDS This from the man who thirty hours later refused to "discuss any question" with the UAWA. The double-cross was so obvious that the strike strategy committee promptly canceled its orders for removing sit-down strikers. Men in the key Fisher Body plants promptly sat down again and the biggest tie-up in auto history swung into another week.

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An Open Letter to the Communist Party

Jan. 18, 1937. To the California State Executive Committee and members of the Communist Party. Dear Comrades: On January 6th the Socialist Party of San Francisco voted unanimously to invite the Communist Party to united action in organizing and financing the transportation of a western column of the Deb's Brigade of trained aviators, military and technical experts, so that these working class fighters may join their Spanish brothers in the heroic fight against fascism and for the workers' cause.

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win victory for the workers of Spain. The issue is a world one in which aid for the Spanish workers depends on the united and overwhelming action of the organized workers and their friends throughout the world; and on that alone. This is no time for partisan-ship.

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United Action And The Debs Column

By CRARY TRIMBLE
Advocates of "harmony at all costs" become disturbed when one working-class organization brings to light the mistakes, failings, and outright betrayals of other working-class organizations. Their argument is that capitalism is the enemy.

The Socialist Party carries on the campaign against capitalism in propaganda and action. Our efforts in all mass organization work are directed toward awakening the workers to the fact that their enemy is capitalism and whoever defends any phase of it, and that their only hope of security, peace, and freedom lies in organized working-class action to wipe out capitalism and set up in its place a workers' society on Socialist principles.

FOR UNITY OF ACTION
Consequently, we stand for unity of action among working-class groups for the purpose of strengthening the working-class in its struggle against capitalism or against any of its various methods of exploitation. It is on that basis that the Socialist Party has supported and will continue to support and initiate united action of various working-class organizations on specific working-class issues. But it cannot remain true to the principles laid down by Marx, Engels, and the Great American Socialist, Eugene V. Debs, if as an organization it is willing to sacrifice the effectiveness of working-class action to a merely superficial "front" of unity.

In spite of the many recent evidences that the Communist Party is no longer interested in militant working-class action in the face of capitalist oppression and organized opposition, the Socialist Party acted in good faith when it asked the Communist Party leadership for co-operation in support of the Debs Column. Trained military men are only one of the many needs of the Spanish workers in their struggle against fascism, but successfully filling that need will mean both practical aid in the workers' fight against capitalist-fascism and a strengthening of their courage to carry on.

The invitation was issued to an organization which claims to be a working-class political party

pledged to Marxian principles. United action would aid the Spanish workers. Only with the co-operation of all working-class organizations can the project be thoroughly successful. The co-operation of the Communist Party would make possible a more rapid mobilization before it is all too late.

SABOTAGE OF C. P.
The answer of the Communist Party leadership to this sincere appeal by the Socialist Party was an editorial in the Daily Worker calling the Debs Column a "provocation" (because it was immediately opposed by a capitalist government), and a hasty marshaling of C. P. forces to confuse the whole issue and thereby sabotage the campaign for the Debs Column.

Their action can have no result other than confusing the supporters of the Spanish workers, weakening the support to be gained for sending the Debs Column to join the International Workers' Brigade, and sabotaging international working-class support to the Spanish Loyalist workers. Any organization that is willing to do that—is capable of doing that—MUST be exposed.

STILL URGE CO-OPERATION
United action for specific aid in crises of the class struggle does not require that the organizations see eye-to-eye on any other principle than the need for united working-class support of the given issue. We still urge the support of the Communist Party in this project and will work together in the most cooperative manner possible to give any and all kinds of effective aid to the Spanish workers. If the Communist Party continues its direct sabotage of the Debs Column of fighting workers for Spain, the Socialist Party will nevertheless continue its campaign to send as many men as can be financed by the support it can muster from other working-class and friendly organizations.

If the answer of the Communist Party to a united front proposal for much needed aid to Spain is only a knife-thrust to international working-class solidarity, on them rests the responsibility for the black name they have earned by their actions.

Tells Story Of Horrors In Germany

Refugee Speaks in Bay Area on Fascist Barbarities

Erich Rix, a member of the German Transport Workers' Union and at one time editor of a trade union paper in Germany, is traveling in the United States in behalf of the victims of German Fascism. He spent two years in a concentration camp. Brother Rix is remaining several weeks in the Bay Area where he is helping to organize an effective nationwide German Anti-Nazi League to counteract some of the work of the paid Nazi agents in this country.

Brother Rix gave a speech under the auspices of the Socialist Party of East Bay at a public meeting in Carpenters' Hall, 763 12th St., Oakland, Sunday evening, January 17 at 8 p. m. on "Terror in Nazi Prison."

The following week he will speak in San Francisco at the Socialist Party Forum at International Hall, 236 Van Ness Avenue, at 8 p. m., on "Fascism: How It Comes; How It Acts; How It Looks From the Outside."

CONCENTRATION CAMPS
The labor movement is one of the first things that must be destroyed in a Fascist state, and Brother Rix speaks from his own experience as an active trade unionist condemned to two years in a concentration camp prison.

"The prison to which I was assigned," he said in an interview, "was an ancient prison built to hold from 800 to 1000 prisoners. Because of the 'over-crowding' brought about by the wholesale Nazi arrests, this prison now houses from 3000 to 5000 prisoners regularly. On celebration days when a 'big shot' is due in town, two or three thousand more are added to the prisoners in this one camp alone, and similar conditions prevail all over Germany."

A concentration camp is merely a detention place for "suspects." Once charged, and the charges are usually some form of treason, the penalty is carried out in some other form. In other words, the prisoners in concentration camps are innocent victims of the terrorist spy system which forbids even "negative criticism."

CHICAGO SOCIALIST NOTES

General Membership Meeting
The Cook County (Chicago) Executive Committee has summoned a strictly red card membership meeting to discuss questions of Socialist policy and interpretation on the Civil War in Spain to be held Sunday, January 24th, at 2:30 p. m., in the Yugoslav Federation Labor Home at 2301 South Lawndale Avenue (Take Douglas Park 'L' to Lawndale stop). The speakers will be Ernest Erber, National Chairman of the Y.P.S.L. and John Mill, one of the founders of the Polish Bund.

Socialist Party members and YPSL members in Cook County who are prepared to do volunteer work in aid of the organization drives in steel, rubber and auto industries are to report to Bernard Kirby, newly designated director at the County Office, 35 S. Dearborn St.

Thomas to Speak
The Chicago reception for Comrades Roy Burt and Frank Trager, new national Party secretaries, has been postponed from January 23rd to February 10th. Norman Thomas will be the featured speaker. The reception will take place at a banquet at the Workers' Lyceum on Hirsch Boulevard and the Italian Comrades who made the Chicago reception for Modigliani and Angelica Balabanoff memorable affairs promise to outdo themselves on the menu which they are in complete charge of.

Comrade Thomas will speak three times in Chicago under Party auspices during the week of February 7th to 14th. On Tuesday, February the 9th, he will be featured at a meeting in support of the Eugene Debs Column to Spain on Chicago's south side, probably at Shotwell Hall. The banquet at Hirsch Center for Burt and Trager is set for the 10th. On Sunday afternoon, February the 14th, at the Capitol Building Comrade Thomas will address a mass meeting on the question of political asylum for Trotsky and the question of international labor investigation of the past and future Moscow trials.

The Chicago Party is in the process of an organization drive to mobilize its strength in the labor movement for a forward drive of the Party. Socialist Leagues of Office Workers, Radio and Electric Workers and Pocket-book Workers have been formed and other groups are on their way. The Illinois State Office has just loaned its Red Special sound truck and state organizer, Ed Adams, to the Detroit Socialists and auto strikers.

Fifty dollars was raised at the Chicago Erber meeting for the Debs Column.

Lenin-Liebknecht Meeting
On January 23 the Chicago District of the Young People's Socialist League and the Socialist Party are holding an anti-war meeting commemorating Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg. Nathan Gould, Executive Secretary of the YPSL, and Albert Glotzer, representing the Socialist Party are the two speakers.

The meeting will be held at Roosevelt Hall, 3437 Roosevelt at 8:00 p. m.

In view of the imminence of war, the recent Anglo-French proposal for intervention in Spain, and the increased war preparations of the United States government this meeting will be particularly significant.

The Socialist Party is carrying on the traditions of Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg. All workers in Chicago should rally to this meeting, building a mighty defense against imperialist war.

Legislation Is Put Up To F. L. Solons

By JULES GELLER

ST. PAUL.—Farmer Labor governor-elect Elmer A. Benson responded to the mandate of an overwhelming labor vote with many sweeping proposals for labor legislation in his inaugural address, January 5, before the newly convened F. L. legislature in St. Paul. It remains to be seen what the legislature will do with the proposals.

Of immediate interest are Benson's proposals to abolish the criminal syndicalist law, and to outlaw the use of thugs and strikebreakers in labor struggles.

GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS
The legislative program outlined by the incoming governor proposed further:

1. An amendment to authorize the fixing of maximum hours and minimum wages.
2. Extension of the mortgage moratorium.
3. Exemption of homestead tax under \$4,000.
4. Increase of iron ore tax about 200 per cent.
5. Placement of net income tax on mining corporations.

The governor's address also urged the passage of the AYA, the Frazier-Lundeen social security bill, government control and ownership of federal reserve banks and many other demands on Congress.

It is estimated that Benson's suggested legislation would boost the state tax load to the tune of \$10,000,000 a year. Heavy taxing of iron ore and chain store interests would cover this additional financing.

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Rix to Speak at Sunday Night Open Forum

Every Sunday evening, at 8 p. m. Local San Francisco of the Socialist Party conducts an Open Forum at International Hall, 236 Van Ness Avenue.

Last week's forum with Walter Cowan proved extremely interesting, educational and instructive. The question and discussion period was lively and manifested a deep interest in the subject of Cowan's address—the plight of the agricultural workers and how to help organize in this field.

Next Open Forum will take place on Sunday evening, January 24th. Eric Rix, for twenty years a German Trade Unionist, spent two years in a Hitler Concentration Camp. He will tell of his experiences and give a general view of what life under a fascist dictatorship means to a radical worker. Rix will speak in English. All Party and YPSL members are urged to attend this important forum. Also bring your friends.

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This week, as every other we need \$200. Send in your contribution now. And put your money down for a fixed contribution each month.

PRIZE WINNER
As predicted in last week's column, this week the prize must sub goes to Bill Miller, Stanford U. Bill also started two-bit sub army by purchasing a mere 25 cards as a start. And Herman Banks of delphia came through with a contribution. Thanks, Banks!

Erber Comes To California In February

Ernest Erber, National Chairman of the Young People's Socialist League of America, who has returned from Spain and is in tour throughout the entire country, will be in California from January 12th to the 25th.

His stay in California is marked with large mass meetings up and down the coast with League members are planning quets, symposiums, debates for his tour. He is scheduled to fill several speaking engagements at the various schools and throughout the state.

Labor Action in the near future will carry his detailed speaking dates for the entire country.

Guild Curbs Hearst
NEW YORK.—The Associated Newspaper Guild has been successful in curbing Hearst's ups and wholesale firing of employees. Negotiations are being conducted, and many underpaid employees have already received heavy salary increases.

On seven of Hearst's divisions heavily graded bonuses have gone up as high as six per cent. The complete amount, decided by the length of the dismissed employee has been on the paper.

Automobile Truce Broken; Strikers Holding Plants

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CIO and the mass production industries, long expected in steel, is now being fought out in autos.

The lineup of UAWA-CIO forces has substantial backing. The Socialist and other working class and progressive forces are supporting the strike with direct aid and through the Conference for Civil Rights (meeting this week-end in Flint.) The Flint Federation of Labor has endorsed the strike and is ready for a general strike if and when necessary. F. X. Martel and the Detroit Central Labor Council repudiated the strike-breaking announcement of Frey and the A. F. of L. Metal Trades Council and are supporting the strike. The Cleveland Federation of Labor endorsed the strike.

Against the workers in solid capitalist array there are: The General Motors billon and a half corporation; the vicious Flint "Journal" which for weeks conducted a virtual lynch campaign against Roy Reuther and the bus driver strikers and is now transferring its GMC controlled venomous pages to the auto workers; the local Flint radio station which refused workers' cash for radio time; the Flint Alliance, and the general editorial columns of the Detroit and Chicago press.

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WISER MEN
Auto workers of 1937 are much wiser than they were in March, 1934. They have not forgotten the great Roosevelt deception of that month. They want no more Womans Auto Labor boards, no arbitration and no phoney agreements unacceptable to a majority of the members of the UAWA locals.

They are wary of Governor Murphy and general meddler, Ed. Mc Grady. In the words of one of the chief union leaders, "Rather honorable defeat if it comes to pass (and it won't) than another 1934 betrayal."

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New address for Young People's Labor Action, State Office, Socialist League, and San Francisco Local of the Socialist Party after January first will be 236 VAN NESS AVENUE, San Francisco.

Rounding Up The Innocents

The Lowdown on the League Against War and Fascism

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM,
By Hillman H. Bishop, College of City of New York.
REVIEW BY JOHN ARLINGTON
Of all those numerous "mass" and "united front" organizations initiated by the Communist Party in the past 14 years, the American League Against War and Fascism has been by far the most impressive and successful. The reason for this is obvious. Its ostensible purpose forms

millar on every campus. Some of the chapter headings convey the scope of the inquiry—Genesis and History of the American League; Program of the League; How the Communist Party Controls the League; Its Undemocratic Structure; The Innocent Front; The League's Attitude Toward Communist Opposition Groups; and an analysis of its "trade union support."

Coming from that very type of anti-fascist liberal to whom so much of the League's appeal has been directed, Dr. Bishop's report cannot be dismissed as the product either of a "red-baiter" or a "sectarian" opposition radical. Though he proves conclusively that the League is now and always has been under complete CP domination, this is not the primary of his study which is of primary interest to Socialists and radical trade unionists. Socialist refusal to affiliate with the League has not been based primarily upon the fact that it is Communist-controlled.

Socialists and other radicals have cooperated in numerous specific united fronts—defense committees, strikers aid, student strikes, unemployed demonstrations, etc.—which has been dominated by the CP and have carried on a struggle for internal democracy within such united fronts. Socialist criticism of the League has been based rather on the fact that the League program (like the Communist) party line which it imitates even in its inconsistencies) is neither fundamentally anti-war nor anti-fascist, but is merely a pseudo-pacifist extension of the Soviet bureaucracy's diplomatic maneuvers for the maintenance of the international status quo. It is also, of course, a highly profitable recruiting and fund-raising adjunct for the CP.

The League Follows The Party Line
In support of his contention that "even in its contradictions the League program is modeled after that of the CP and every turn in the CP position on war and fascism in the last three and a half years has been followed by a similar turn in the League position," Dr. Bishop cites the following evidence:
At the first League Congress in 1933, the League program followed the old Party line of opposition to all imperialist wars and especially in its denunciation of the Kellogg Peace Pact as effective instruments for peace.

By the 1934 Congress, the Soviet Union had entered the League of Nations and it was no longer possible for either the Party or the League to make any further attack upon "this mouthpiece of the imperialist powers." The League of Nations had now become a bulwark against war and fascism.

By the 1935 Congress, another right-about-face was necessary because of the Franco-Soviet Military Pact. France, chief defender of the status quo created by the Versailles Treaty and only the year before "a leader in the preparations for imperialist war" was now a custodian of democracy. The American League endorsed the Franco-Soviet pact as part of the "peace policies of the Soviet Union." It furthermore followed the party line in its new distinction between "aggressive" and "defensive" wars. The new program called for the support of "all peoples (not merely colonial peoples) who are resisting exploitation, aggression and suppression by imperialist powers." By taking out the word "colonial" and adding the word "aggression," says Dr. Bishop, the latest turn of the Comintern is included in the League program so neatly that probably few of the delegates present saw the implications.

And, the author adds, "After agreeing to support 'defensive wars' there is only one further step—support for preparations for defensive wars." In Czechoslovakia, the Communist Party has already taken this step.

How the Party Controls The League; the Innocent Front
That part of the Bishop report outlining methods by which the CP controls the American League is no news to any working class group that has ever participated in "united front" movements. It should be of interest, however, to the real innocents among the liberals, pacifists and Y.W.C.A. secretaries who meet every criticism of the League by the naive declaration that the Communist Party delegates constitute a small minority at League Congresses. Even if this were the truth, it would mean nothing to those who know how a small, united, disciplined "fraction"—especially when it works in cooperation with a few supposedly "liberal" stooges, can control an unorganized, amorphous majority—a situation which applies not only to the League but to all Communist initiated "united fronts." As Earl Browder points out in his Communism in the United States: "In the center, as the conscious moving and directing force of the united front in all its phases, stands the Communist Party."

And he adds, perhaps facetiously: "Other non-Communists may be drawn into the organization by the names which appear on the top of the letter-head."

By the 1934 Congress, the Soviet Union had entered the League of Nations and it was no longer possible for either the Party or the League to make any further attack upon "this mouthpiece of the imperialist powers." The League of Nations had now become a bulwark against war and fascism.

By the 1935 Congress, another right-about-face was necessary because of the Franco-Soviet Military Pact. France, chief defender of the status quo created by the Versailles Treaty and only the year before "a leader in the preparations for imperialist war" was now a custodian of democracy. The American League endorsed the Franco-Soviet pact as part of the "peace policies of the Soviet Union." It furthermore followed the party line in its new distinction between "aggressive" and "defensive" wars. The new program called for the support of "all peoples (not merely colonial peoples) who are resisting exploitation, aggression and suppression by imperialist powers." By taking out the word "colonial" and adding the word "aggression," says Dr. Bishop, the latest turn of the Comintern is included in the League program so neatly that probably few of the delegates present saw the implications.

Names On the Letterhead
There is no space here to go into the history and analysis of the Communist Party's general "united front" tactics; the scope of its organization periphery; its frank admission in an editorial addressed to the "Militant Socialist" (Daily Worker, Feb. 1938) "You are wrong if you think we have given up 'the united front from below'; the methods by which it has manipulated the American League. The Bishop study discusses these issues with a wealth of quotations. It closes however with a bit of editorial comment which indicates that the writer possesses more psychological insight than is usual in academic circles. He says:
"There are, of course, many non-Communists in the League who are not influenced by the desire for office and who are fully cognizant of the nature of the League. . . . Some of these are individuals without any definite political convictions whose sympathies are vaguely with the left. To many such individuals, the authoritarian leadership of the Communist Party has a definite attraction. Those who do not care to think through difficult political questions for themselves frequently find it comforting to follow authority."

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Documents Reveal the Conspiracy Against Agricultural Labor

Cowan Shows Plot Of Public Officials To Crush Unions

Letters of Contra Costa Sheriff Explain Elaborate Scheme to Blacklist Agricultural Workers

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methods for "dealing with" organizers who attempt to enter the territory to organize workers. According to the letters, these organizers are persecuted to address the workers, but soon as they are out of sight of the crowd they are followed, arrested, and jailed.

ORGANIZERS "DISAPPEAR"

According to Brother Cowan, organizers have been known to disappear for days and weeks under a method of procedure.

Reproductions of the letters and registration cards and the "red" card to be carried by all agricultural workers appear on the three in this issue of Labor Action.

Brother Cowan, who has been active than any other trade unionist in the state in organizing agricultural workers, outlined the recent struggles in Orange County and Salinas, and called attention to the shortcomings of the organizations in those communities due to lack of the industrial form of organization or any charter covering all agricultural workers.

In the A. F. of L. convention in 1932, the resolutions committee urged the granting of an international charter for agricultural workers covering field, packing, and cannery workers.

MEETING OF UNIONS

During this, Cowan persuaded a meeting of all agricultural workers in the state in San Francisco last month in an effort to persuade them to relinquish the federal and independent charters in favor of a state-wide charter covering all agricultural workers in the state of California.

Through a per capita tax of one

cent was levied at the last convention of the California Federation of Labor for the purpose of organizing agricultural workers, Mr. Cowan said the State Federation has taken no action. He urged that all trade unionists press the matter in their local unions and send letters to the executive council of the California Federation of Labor demanding action.

He said that had the state federation followed the mandate of the union membership the Salinas fiasco could not have taken place and that the agricultural workers would now be prepared for the struggles to come shortly in Orange County and elsewhere.

COMMENDS SOCIALIST PARTY

Mr. Cowan commended the Socialist Party for the work in the Los Angeles and Orange County strikes and in the Salinas situation.

"I used to be prejudiced against the Socialist Party," he said, "but after the splendid work its members did in the Orange County strike, I took a different attitude."

He added that, unlike other political organizations, the Socialist Party had done its work for no partisan gain, but had stepped into the forefront of the struggle for the purpose of winning immediate economic gains for the workers.

It is important for all trade unions to take up this matter of agricultural organization and force the executive council of the California Federation to take immediate action. It is important that all workers flood the office of the various officials of the federation with demands for action. It is essential that other strike-breaking plans such as those of the sheriff of Contra Costa County be fought with the organized might of the workers of California.

Five Damning Facts On Farm Labor At Federal Hearing

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building federal camps for workers from the present to three hundred necessary to the seasonal housing. These are to be controlled by the federal unions, just as the same unions control their hillside.

A program for providing off rural cottages and gardens migratory farm workers. program, supported by the Federation and the agricultural workers' unions, is opposed that of off season individual or collective farms which tend to lower seasonal income.

A guarantee of the right of collective bargaining for the agricultural workers' unions.

THE KEY QUESTION

Trimbles key question, "Is not, however, that machinery for aiding the farm workers, but THE CONTROL of that machinery. So the town and county authorities maintain control, the best machinery in the world will be twisted to their objective of terrorizing the workers into cheap and "contented" slavery.

"If the Government has any serious intention of attempting to solve this greatest single labor problem in the southwest, it must recognize that planning must be undertaken on the basis of the entire area of farm labor migration, which includes California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Control and administration of the plan must be on the same area basis, not delegated to local or state authorities, and the growing farm workers' unions must be recognized and given a full voice in planning and administration."

Reactionary "Associated Farmer" speakers made little impression and no serious suggestions at the hearing which was completely dominated by labor representatives.

36-A Year Of Labor Progress In Minneapolis

was a year of great labor progress in Minneapolis, according to a New Year's summary in Minneapolis Labor Review.

The joint statement President of the Minneapolis Central Union and Vice President Boerger of the Minneapolis Central Union declare that "the spirit of militancy that has carried the workers of Minneapolis already carried them along and progress and in the future will bring even greater progress to the organized workers of the city as a whole."

Charles Roy Weir of the C. P. states that "judging from the movement of the Minneapolis movement in the last year there is every reason to believe that in 1937 it will bring even greater triumphs, rapidly increasing membership and power Minneapolis workers are making bright labor history and will do so."

William Hillard Smith of the Minneapolis Union, Local 332, reports progress of both 1936 and 1937, the latter the Ornamental Iron Workers.

Walter Frank, business

agent of the Lathers Union reports for the joint organizing committee of the Lathers and other building trades unions: "There are 700 more members in the Carpenters Union alone."

Such is the tenor of the reports of Sander Genis of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Peter Warhol and Luff Anderson of the Upholsterers Union, and Kelly and Aslanson of the Miscellaneous Workers.

BIG YEAR FOR DRIVERS

Farrell Dobbs, secretary of the General Drivers Union, Local 544, reports for the Teamsters Joint Council, No. 32 (Minneapolis): "A review of events during 1936 indicates the greatest progress in many years among the unions affiliated with the T. J. C. Never before has there been such a broad and consistent development among all the drivers unions. The most important single event of the year in the driving trades was the restoration of internal peace through the amalgamation of locals 574 and 500 into the new General Drivers Union, Local 544. The significance of this is overshadowed only by the overall

John A. MILLER SHERIFF

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA Telephone Martinez 81

Gentlemen:

In connection with your request as to information regarding the plan used by this County in the interest of industrial peace, we are pleased to give you herewith a few of the major portions of the plan.

At the outset let me say that no plan for labor and industrial peace can be effectively worked out in advance of a known period of employment, that is, insofar as fruit harvesting is concerned.

We will use, for example, the apricot harvest which runs normally from June 25 until July 20. The first movement then is the organizing in the winter months of a group we here name the "Diablo Valley Public Relations Committee" composed of five small ranchers selected by the Sheriff, five large farmers selected by the farm organizations and five merchants or laboring men selected by the ten farmers — these fifteen men form a committee which meets monthly prior to the harvest season and weekly just before the season closes on. They also are available for service for special meetings at all times, day or night.

This group, far in advance of the harvest season, goes into every detail in connection with the various requirements, wages, camp conditions, publicity policy and all other matters prior to the actual picking season — in this way an equitable wage scale, fair to all concerned, is set and agreed upon to the satisfaction of the entire community.

The next step is the registration of every fruit worker in the district, giving the worker his card of identification, and no worker hires a car unless he has such a card — the system contemplates a copy of the registration in the hands of the registration headquarters, one to the Sheriff and one to the farmer. The utilization of this method gives me and my officers complete surveillance over every fruit worker in the district, and as the season progresses, we make a daily round of the various fruit workers in the community, asking them if they have registered and if they want work, advising them that it will be necessary to register; otherwise, they will not be needed in the community. You can see that at once we

have complete control of the situation and can choose our workers from those who have had past good records, as at the expiration of the picking season, each farmer makes a report on his registration sheet showing at which type of work the worker is proficient, how much he was paid and what type of work he produced.

As a side light to the situation, our office does not wait until the fruit season is upon us, but several weeks prior to the season I have set up a temporary office in the midst of the affected area and have gone there personally, never leaving night or day, in a sincere effort to contact each worker personally, giving him a hearty handshake and a happy smile. As the season begins, I don my working clothes and go out on to the ranches, picking a little fruit with each worker or giving him a happy smile — in my boyhood days I was a farm boy myself, and I realize the value of a smile given to the fruit worker under conditions which he operates, and in this way we tend to inject contentment and happiness.

You may be surprised to know that in the past several seasons the fruit workers at Brentwood have actually been proud to possess a card of registration and there has been not the least sign of labor trouble in the district — understand me, it is liable to happen at any time in these unrestful days, but I find that constant vigilance on our parts and a conscientious desire really to do our jobs gives us the material assistance necessary to realize our fond hope of "peace on earth — good will to men". If one just wishes for peace and then does nothing personally about it, no results can be expected, and it takes the fair judgment of not only the farmer and the worker but the authorities as well, and I believe heretofore your troubles in many other counties, for without criticism, let me say frankly that many of the peace authorities do not get to work until the fire has burned down the building — here we merely try to stamp out a fire before it gets too much of a head start, and while we have been successful in the past, all I can do is to sincerely hope that our efforts will meet with the same cooperation and success in the future.

Very truly yours,
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Gentlemen:

Concerning your letter of November 28, please be advised that we have forwarded to you in prior communications a specimen of our registration system which you asked for.

Regarding outside organizers who come into the territory, this office feels they have a right to come in and talk to individuals or they have a right to hire a hall to speak to them, but where they get up on soap boxes and address a group from a street corner or in the open, the people of Brentwood take the position that these people are inciting riot and are disturbing the peace of the residents of the community, and so therefore they swear out a warrant upon such basis.

It is upon the serving of the warrant on the method used by the peace officer either takes or breaks the case, and if an arrest is made at the time that the soap box orator is in the midst of his oration, the peace officer immediately puts every last one of the hearers against him, and therefore the peace officer knows up the entire situation. He attacks the matter in an entirely different way as follows: the so-called so-called orator under surveillance during the time he makes the oration, he allows him to finish his oration, he takes him under arrest and takes him to the County Jail. You will note that this is an entirely different type of procedure than most peace officers use, but by employing it, we absolutely eliminate the belligerent attitude of the mob and in this way the psychology of the entire proceeding is to have the mob with you rather than against you. (That is a nut shell in the secret of our success at Brentwood more than anything else)

Very truly yours,
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Red Orchestra Labor Organizers Are 'Bums' In Orange County Labor Press

Music for the Labor Action Press Ball to be held on January 30th at International Hall, 236 Van Ness Avenue, will be supplied by A. Antonelli's Red Orchestra. This unique orchestra, the only one of its kind in the West, is made up of revolutionists and anti-fascists.

Their purpose is to aid the working class struggle for liberation. Comrades and friends who attended the Labor Action banquet in November will remember the lively dance tunes and revolutionary songs played by these musicians.

Besides music and dancing, a special program is being prepared by the committee in charge to consist of dramatic presentations and other offerings.

Tickets for this affair are only 25c and can be obtained at the hall or at Koblitz's, 1004 Fillmore St.

truck drivers' strike of 1934 which changed the whole attitude of labor to unionization and sent a surge of organizational stimulus through Minneapolis and the entire northwest.

"The new union, Local 544, was immediately challenged by the organized employers, and after a smashing union victory in a seven weeks' strike against the wholesale grocery employers, the bosses were completely convinced that Local 544 was made of the same stuff as old Local 574. On the heels of this victory came a flood of negotiations with employers, and each week has seen new contracts signed and placed in the union files. Among the signers are the department stores of the city, including that of the Dayton Company, which for too long a time had successfully opposed the unionization of its employees.

"Local 544 now holds contracts covering a wide group of local industries such as coal, grocery, fruit and produce, liquor, taxi, furniture stores, package delivery, greenhouses, newspapers, spring water, cold storage, auto accessory, building material, sand and gravel, excavating and grading, prepared concrete, lumber and wrecking, waste paper, transfer, and scores of small groups and miscellaneous individual enterprises. The members of Local 544, which numbers in the thousands, has almost doubled since August 1, 1936."

Growers Try Bonus System At San Diego

Unions Taking Strike Vote of Celery Workers

SAN DIEGO.—The Independent Agricultural Unions (Mexican, American and Filipino) of San Diego County, are taking a strike vote this week in answer to the Growers' refusal to negotiate further for an agreement for the harvest of the celery crop and other vegetables grown in the county. The Celery Growers, fearful of the recent organizational drive initiated by the unions, have announced that they intend to initiate the bonus system in the fields, attempting to disguise it by calling it a 5-cent raise.

CLUB OVER WORKERS

The bonus system has proven one of the most vicious of the California Growers' weapons. They use it in two ways. One is the yearly bonus, paid only at the end of the season by each individual employer to all employees who have worked steadily for the Association and only them during the entire year. This means that after a worker has been working for any one grower for a month or so and a slack in the work comes, as a result of an immature crop, the worker may not seek employment elsewhere if he wants his bonus at the end of the year. Like all bonus systems it is used to hold a club over the workers' head in order to keep him in line and to prevent him from going out on strike. It was against this vicious system that the Citrus Workers in Orange County struck last year.

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The Party At Work

San Francisco

Activity is being organized to make full use of the new Socialist Headquarters at 236 Van Ness Avenue. The second Forum in the regular Sunday evening services will take place January 24 at 8 p. m. Erich Rix, member of the German Transport Workers' Union and two years a prisoner in a German Concentration Camp, will speak on the subject: "Under the Iron Heel—How Fascism Comes, How it Acts, and How it Looks from the Outside."

Other activities are the regular Monday evening class from 7-8 p. m. in Socialist Fundamentals, with Millie Goldberg as instructor, which will continue for six weeks, from the opening, January 18. The last day for registration will be January 25.

Another Monday evening class, from 8:30-10:00 p. m., takes up the "History of Socialist Thought," under the instruction of Ernest Norback. Thursday evenings, for a period of fifteen weeks, there will be a class from 8:10 p. m. on the "History of the Three Internationals (Includes Paris Commune, the International Workingmen's Association, Blanquism, Proudhonism, Marxism, etc.)" Beginning January 21, with January 28 as the last day for registration, this class will be conducted by Barney Mares.

Every Saturday night an informal social will be held at the headquarters. A special Italian Social will be held January 30—with Italian orchestra and refreshments.

An educational meeting will be held Wednesday, January 27 at 8 p. m. on the topic of "International Affiliations and the Socialist Party." Glen Trimble will be the speaker.

The Young People's Socialist League will hold an open meeting Friday, January 29, at 8 p. m.

for election as delegates to the State Convention, to be held from noon on Saturday, February 20 to noon on Monday, February 22 in either Berkeley or San Francisco (exact place will be announced later).

The number of delegates allowed each local has been tentatively figured (on a basis of local dues stamp purchase average for the year of 1936). Some slight adjustments in figures will be made, owing to discovery of figures for January and February, 1936, not available at the time averages were figured. Locals should check their own record of dues stamps bought and notify the State Office not later than January 27 of any error in the average.

Under Article XVI, Section 2, of the Constitution, locals are entitled to the following number of delegates: Bakersfield 2; Berkeley 5; Berkeley Finnish Branch 2; Capay Valley 2; Fresno 1; Los Angeles Branch Central 6; Los Angeles Jewish 2; Los Angeles Polish 3; Oxnard 2; Palo Alto 2; San Diego 1; San Francisco 4.

Convention Delegates

Owing to a slight delay in issuance of instructions from the National Office, the number of delegates allowed California is not yet known. As soon as this information is received, the ballots will be sent out with the nominations received in the State Office which were mailed from locals on or before January 20.

Los Angeles

A social will be held at Socialist Party Headquarters, 116 1/2 West Ninth Street, at 8 p. m. January 30. The public is invited.

Referendum Passed

The referendum to suspend Article XVI, Section 2 (last line) and Section 5, was passed by a vote of 81-53, with some locals not voting. This means that Socialist Party members who have been in the Party in California for six months are eligible to run

Tour for Labor Action

The Business Manager of Labor Action starts this week on a tour of California to build up interest and circulation for the paper. Locals will be notified of the schedule and members are asked to cooperate to the fullest extent to make this tour a success.

Western States Federation Of the Socialist Party

Red Special Organizer Reports

Comrade Anderson, on his way through New Mexico, writes: "We have just finished more than two weeks' travel in the large state of Texas. Street meetings with the use of the sound equipment, and local meetings of comrades and sympathizers have been held in ten cities. Everywhere the new emphasis of Socialist work in mass organizations has been met with great enthusiasm. Texas is ripe for the mass organization of workers, farmers, and the unemployed. Our Socialist comrades are taking up in earnest the elementary work of organization among these groups. Although few in number in such a large state, the Socialists are loyal and sacrifice a good deal to maintain the Socialist organization there. More power to them!"

"We are now traveling through New Mexico. We spent two days in Clovis, enjoying the cordial hospitality of the Duncans and the Powells—faithful and loyal leaders of Socialism in this state. These comrades and others are deserving of the highest regard, for they are giving all they have in time and money to maintain the Socialist organization here against the greatest of obstacles.

"We expect to stop at the following places in the state: Estancia, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Hot Springs, Lac Arboresque, whence we move on into Arizona. "We are proud of the privilege of representing the Socialist Party in Sound Truck No. 1—the Red Special! The comrades everywhere rejoice when they see this bright red truck on its way across the country with its message of hope to the exploited workers of country and city."

Comrade Anderson reports enthusiasm on the part of comrades in New Mexico for the organization and plans of the Western Federation.

Federation Endorses Labor Action

With a vote of nine to one by Executive Committee members of the Western Federation of the Socialist Party, Labor Action has been officially endorsed as the organ of the Federation. The motion made by Comrade Paul S. McCormick, member of the WFSF Executive Committee in Colorado, was mailed December 18 to the members of the general executive body of the affiliated states, with the announcement that the decision would be made on the basis of votes received on or before mailing date of January 5.

The vote by affiliated states in good standing on the motion, "that the Western Federation of the Socialist Party endorse Labor Action as its official organ with the understanding that such endorsement shall continue until such time as, in the judgment of the majority of the WFSF Executive, the policies of Labor Action and of the WFSF shall no longer coincide," was as follows:

The three Executive Committee members in New Mexico all voted in favor of the proposal. Two members of the Colorado Committee voted in favor, and the other member did not vote. Only one member from Minnesota voted (a favorable vote), since there had been at the time no official action by the SEC appointing the other two members. Wyoming did not submit a vote. California voted three in favor of the proposal. The only "no" vote came from one member of the WFSF Executive Committee in Kansas. The "no" vote was qualified as follows by the comrade voting: "I might add that this is no criticism of Labor Action, but that I object to the entire system of 'official papers.'"

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California Awaits The Red Special

Early this past week Comrade Anderson entered Arizona. Because the organization in that state is not extensive, very few plans could be made in advance for extensive use of the truck. Arriving in Lowell, Arizona, on January 18, Comrade Anderson planned to talk over with the State Secretary there the possibilities for work in that state.

Probably the Red Special will arrive in California in about three weeks' time. Locals in the state are urged to cooperate in every way possible to make the tour a success and take advantage of the opportunity to have a sound truck for organization

work. Tentatively the plan will be for Comrade Anderson to stop in San Bernardino where there seem to be good possibilities for organization work, and from there go into the Los Angeles and southern area. Detailed plans, both as to routing the truck and for its use in connection with Comrade Ernest Erber's tour will be announced later. Locals are urged to send in suggestions as to use of the tour in their locality so that the State Office will have a basis for working out detailed plans. Information must be sent to the State Office in regard to local ordinances in connection with use of sound equipment in moving vehicles!

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