



VANCE MUSE

## Christian Americans Replace Klan As No. 1 Fascist Body

When anti-labor legislation began to be introduced into the Arizona Legislature, democratic Arizonans began to investigate their source. Some very startling facts have been uncovered which many innocent supporters are unaware of.

Fiddling fascist W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel, U. S. Senator from Texas, bitter enemy of President Roosevelt and his win-the-war and post-war policies, is the father of an outfit with headquarters in Houston, mis-named, Christian American Association. Its main activity seems to be to put over an anti-labor amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

According to Vance Muse, CAA secretary, the main purpose of the organization is, "concentrating on getting state legislatures to petition Congress to submit our measure as a constitutional amendment . . . state legislation is sometimes introduced in accordance with our principles." Muse says CAA has asked legislators in 20 states to introduce their anti-labor bills.

This is the same Vance Muse who in the 20s was one of the star performers in a high powered lobby outfit which collected hundreds of thousands of dollars from selfish business men to keep up high tariffs and low taxes. Back in 1929, Senator Thadeus Caraway's Senate Committee on Lobbying had this to say of Muse's racket: "The operations reported here are reprehensible in the highest degree." (See page 4 for additional story) (Cont. on page 4)

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## Arizona Legislature Evades Its Responsibilities

The 17th regular session of the Legislature convened on January 8 at the most critical period in the history of our nation. Although our army together with our allies is driving in for the kill of Nazi Germany, still bloody fighting days are ahead. Japanese militarism has still to be smashed. Great post-war problems need consideration NOW.

With less than 20 days left of the 60 day session, the present Arizona Legislature has not met its great responsibilities to our state and nation. It has fiddled while the world burned. Instead of using every minute of the 60 days for vital war and post-war legislation, certain powerful legislative cliques have seen fit to introduce anti-labor legislation at this time. This has created disunity. It has consumed valuable time of patriotic citizens away from their war tasks in order to fight this subversive legislation.

When we look at the war tasks of our state: production, manpower, housing, child care, education, price and rent control, we see the score of the Legislature zero. On the post-war tasks of re-conversion, employment, industrialization of Arizona, the record is little better, although, the memorial passed in the early days of the session to ratify the U. S.-Mexico Water Treaty offered hope of a constructive session.

Not a peep has come out of the Legislature on the most important meeting held in years of great promise to Arizona's future—the West- (Cont. on Page 3)

## THE CRIMEA AGREEMENT

The historic declaration of the Big Three conference is being greeted joyfully and enthusiastically by the peoples of the United Nations. They greet it as a living demonstration that the mighty world coalition is as firmly and indissolubly united in shaping a world of lasting peace as in bringing final victory in the war.

The agreement's far-reaching significance cannot be overemphasized, for it establishes with certainty that the alliance of America, Britain, and the Soviet Union is not only meeting the test of war, but is successfully meeting and solving the problems of reconstructing a free and democratic world, and laying the groundwork for a durable peace.

Thus the promise of Teheran, where the foundations for the long-term cooperation of the Big Three were first laid more than a year ago, is becoming a living reality.

For the decisions reached at Yalta by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Marshal Stalin, reflect their "common determination to maintain and strengthen in the peace to come that unity of purpose and of action which has made victory possible and certain for the United Nations in this war."

The military decisions for combined and coordinated operations assure the final defeat of Germany in the shortest possible time by powerful blows "from the east, west, north and south."

The decisions reached on the control of Germany after its defeat guarantee the wiping out of the last vestiges of nazism and German militarism, and the establishment of measures necessary to prevent its resurgence to threaten the world once more.

The measures proposed to deal with the problems of a liberated Europe, and the specific solution of the Polish and Yugoslav situations, give a pattern for the emergence of democratic, free nations and their speedy rehabilitation and reconstruction.

The machinery for constant consultation, through the quarterly meetings of the Big Three's foreign secretaries, for collective decisions on problems as they arise, assures the continuance of that close collaboration of America, Britain, and the Soviet Union that is so essential for the national interests of each and the common interests of all the United Nations.

Finally, the agreement to call a conference in San Francisco of the United Nations to frame a charter and form an international organization for world security and peace, based on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, gives the permanent and lasting framework to the world coalition on which the future of the world depends.

There should be no illusions that the defeatist opposition will lay down their arms and give up their unceasing struggle (Cont. on Page 4)

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## Land Speculators And Power Interests Block U. S.-Mexico Water Treaty

The hearings in Washington before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the U. S.-Mexico Water Treaty has made it clear that there are certain powerful land speculators and private power interests who do not want the Treaty ratified.

Testimony and evidence presented at the hearing shows only California objecting to the Treaty. Her objections are based on a narrow sectionalism. She objects to Mexico getting the 1,500,000 allotted under the Treaty on the basis she is not entitled to that amount. If California was to get water from the Colorado on the basis of the amount of water she contributes then she would get very little.

Evidence was produced in Washington showing a small selfish group in California, the Imperial Irrigation District. This group is willing to deliver 800,000 acre feet of water annually (which it has not acquired) to projects owned by the District in Mexico, for a juicy financial consideration. This, while they object to the "generosity" of the Treaty. The private power companies furnish considerable opposition too, because they want to build a privately owned power plant on the All-American Canal at Pilot Knob. The Treaty provides it shall be built publicly and so operated.

If we remember correctly the Imperial Irrigation District is the same outfit that refused to bargain collectively with unionized electricians on its power system a few years ago and went so far as to put armed vigilantes around its plants to prevent unionization.

At the hearing it was shown that the Mexican government is satisfied with the Treaty. Mexican labor, according to the press, is also supporting the Treaty. Our Latin-American neighbors are watching these hearings very closely because they indicate whether our Good Neighbor policy is to be implemented in a practical way or is just so much talk.

We believe that the Treaty as a whole is fair and equitable; that it is an important step in building good relationships with our Latin-American neighbors; helping Mexico industrialize and raise the living standards of her people, and to stimulate a much needed post-war market for American production.

There may be some minor points in the Treaty which need adjusting, more clarity or compromising. We believe that the Treaty should be ratified now and these minor points can be ironed out by mutual agreement later.

Write Senators Hayden and McFarland to vote for ratification of the Treaty as a boon to Arizona and the West by making more possible industrialization and post-war markets for Arizona products.

## Mexicans Condemn California's Opposition To Water Treaty

By Efen Farrill

Mexico City, Feb. 14.—Mexican workers and peasants' organization are indignant at the continued opposition of California spokesmen to the proposed U. S.-Mexican water treaty.

California Senators Hiram W. Johnson and Sheridan Downey have expressed their opposition to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is holding hearings on the treaty.

The Californians, evidently inspired by big power interests, object that in dry years Mexico's guarantee would have to be made up from water needed by American farmers in the Lower Colorado Basin.

El Nacional, government newspaper, recently urged that Mexican laborers no longer be sent to California, and that President Manuel Avila Camacho's government boycott California in reprisal for the Johnson-Downey stand. The laborers, El Nacional declared, have saved California's harvests.

## BUSINESS MEN NEED WALLACE

By Earl Browder

Shortsighted newspaper spokesmen for the American business world are howling against the appointment of Henry Wallace to the post of Secretary of Commerce and the direction of the RFC that goes with it. They want someone in that job who has learned nothing new in the past 15 years, and who will resist every new concept of adjusting America to the new world that is coming into existence, someone, that is, like Jones.

This position is not only shortsighted. It is suicidal. Men of the type of Jones represent an approach to the postwar problems which would throw American capitalism quickly into a crisis of unemployment from which the only constructive way out would be some form of socialism. Wallace, on the other hand, represents a program which opens up a new period of expansion and growth for American capitalism.

### Full Employment, Not Socialism, The Issue

It is passing strange to read in the New York Herald Tribune the editorial argument that Wallace must be rejected because his concept of full employment would lead to socialism in this country. It is strange, because even Thomas E. Dewey, the Herald Tribune's candidate in the national elections, also committed himself as fully as words can commit, to the pledge of full employment in the same basic terms as Wallace and Roosevelt, and won the bulk of his votes on that basis. If there is one issue upon which the mass of American voters, Republican as well as Democratic, were agreed, it was precisely the basic issue of full employment.

American businessmen had better stop thinking about selecting public officials who reflect their old prejudices, and begin to support men who can find markets to keep their plants running. They should, above all, now put forward men who have not only the confidence of the American people but who also have the confidence of the other peoples of the world who must be America's customers if we are going to expand our foreign trade. And Wallace is the man to get markets, not Jones nor any of his type.

### World Markets In Balance

If American businessmen are still thinking that the winning of markets is merely a matter of under-bidding our British competitors, they are heading rapidly for a rude and shocking disillusionment. On that road lies nothing but chaos.



For not only have the British competitors the power and the determination to put a halt to any such program on the part of America; more important still, our potential customers, notwithstanding their most bitter need for our commodities, are not willing to accept them on the old terms. The whole world is in the process of organizing itself to do business with America—but only on terms that will be worked out in advance with each and every country, and those terms must be based upon full recognition of the national interest of every country with which we do business. **Wallace Represents All Interests**

Wallace understands this issue, and the Jones type of businessman does not. That is the fundamental reason for the change to Wallace, and everything else is incidental. And that is sufficient reason why every intelligent businessman should welcome the nomination of Wallace.

Wallace is not a special representative of "labor" and the "small men," any more than he is of business itself. If it appears otherwise, that is only because labor is more keenly aware of the true interests of American economy than most businessmen are.

Labor has countless co-operative relationships with capital and management today. These must be used now to win business circles to the support of Wallace, not with arguments that business should support labor's choice, but with arguments that business should support its own true interests which in this matter coincide with those of labor.

Wallace's nomination to head the Commerce Department is a measure for national unity, and for national prosperity in the postwar world. His confirmation will be victory not for labor alone, but for the entire nation, including business and financial circles.

Let businessmen forget their prejudices and learn to think as Americans.

## Fight For Negro Rights Concern Of All

During the week of February 11 to 18, millions of Americans honored the history and contribution of the Negro people to the life of America.

No phase of our history has been so distorted as this contribution of Negro Americans. Only now are we beginning to learn of their rich and varied endowment to American science, culture and invention.

Yet, as important as is this past history, and it should be taught in all our public schools, of equal importance is the glorious part that Negroes are playing in present day events.

About 700,000 Negro men and women are now in uniform. Many have already given their lives on the battlefield. More than three million Negroes are industrial workers helping to build the weapons of democracy.

Hence, Negro Americans today are determined that the gains they have made—the right to fight and work for democracy and to enjoy the fruits of it—shall be increased and extended. They are in no mood to give them up or to tolerate any restrictions on their citizenship.

Today, millions of white Americans realize that to maintain American democracy as a whole, to win this people's war, and to guarantee a post-war of peace, jobs and security, the Negro's struggle for jobs, decent housing, the free use of the franchise—in a word, all the rights and privileges of full citizenship—is his concern too.

In every community in Arizona, official and unofficial committees need to be set up to bring together the whole community, including representatives of our racial minorities, to concretely and effectively help intergrate our minorities fully into American life.

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## Soviet Paper Tells Views On Free Press

Freedom of the press in the Soviet Union is well developed, the Soviet Trade Union publication War and The Working Class informed Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press in America.

Cooper had appealed recently for world wide freedom of the press, and then had added that this would not apply to "Russia and China."

War and The Working Class writer, N. Baltisky, assured Cooper that the Soviet people would like to see freedom of the press in all countries, but that they knew that in lands outside the USSR this freedom was not very real.

"In a majority of the countries in Europe and America," said Baltisky, "the main restriction on freedom of the press is not apparent in restriction by law, but in that the broad masses of the people and organizations have no material possibilities at their disposal necessary for the publication of newspapers and magazines."

"In the Soviet Union only, where all power is in the hands of the toilers of the cities and villages, represented by Soviet deputies, a judicial right to issue their own newspapers and magazines is guaranteed by the supply of toilers and their organizations with paper, printing offices, buildings, communications, and other commodities."

"Everything is guaranteed by the Soviet constitution."

The AP head answered this, saying that it was clear that the "American and Soviet idea of freedom of the press are not the same."

## Worth Remembering

What goodneighborliness toward Mexico and industrialization of that country alone will mean to America, is dramatically illustrated in a recent newspaper article. This article stated that Mexico plans a \$383,000,000 industrial development program for the years 1945-48. This is just for four years. Think what that means in industrial equipment purchased in the United States.

Think what that means in raising the living standards of the Mexican people. Think what it will mean to providing employment for American workers.

## Legislature Evades

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ern Governors' Conference held in Phoenix in December. This conference had proposed legislative appropriation of funds to carry out its plans to build the west. U. S. Senator Kilgore has introduced a bill calling for a special Federal committee for the study of new industrial areas (the West and the South) with the aim of providing legislation to assist these areas in the post-war period. Unless the Legislature acts quickly, Arizona will not be ready to cooperate effectively with the Federal government in post-war planning.

The proposal of the Governor's Planning Conference (held in Tucson in December) to set up an effective State Planning Board has been completely ignored. This is imperative to post-war planning. Narrow political partisanship is behind this criminal indifference. Plans of such a board could be very helpful in cushioning the difficult re-conversion period.

Still demanding consideration is adequate and effective legislation dealing with labor, veterans, women, youth, racial minorities and old age pensions.

The people of Arizona, individually and through their organizations need to make the politics-as-usual legislature know the disgust and indignation they feel towards a legislature which has ignored its responsibilities. Something can still be salvaged out of the last days of the legislature if the people act fast. The people should hold it responsible for idleness, absenteeism and neglect during war.

VICKY SAYS:



We cleaned up our Congress, it's true,  
And we've started the year out anew,  
But we won't fail to note  
How new Congressmen vote  
And the people will judge  
the whole crew.

## World Labor Meets

The World Labor Conference, now in session in London, is the sort of event to which labor has been looking forward for years. There has never before been a labor gathering on a scale as great as this.

The representative character of the conference is indicated by the composition of its leading officers. The co-chairmen hail from the three largest countries of the United Nations, the U. S. A, Great Britain and USSR. One of the vice-presidents is from France bringing back into international labor cooperation a labor movement with powerful traditions. Another vice-president stands for Asia through the leader of the Chinese unions, and the third represents Latin America through the president of CTAL.

Thus the progress of world labor organization has reached a higher stage of development.

If such a conference had met earlier in our lives, it could have achieved tremendous gains in curbing Hitler before he started on his bloody march.

The greatest of all its present obligations is that brought forward by the Soviet trade union leader Vasil Kuznetsov: TO ROOT OUT FASCISM. After the military victory there will remain for the working class the big job of cooperating in building enduring peace, in part by stamping out the fascist enemies of peace.

Both the Soviet and British unionists expressed regret that the American Federation of Labor was not represented. It was the only large labor organization not there. But the AFL membership was not fully absent for it has expressed its desire on many occasions to take part. Continuation of pressure on the executive council by the AFL membership should rise to new heights now.

War Bond Dollars Are  
**DOUBLE DUTY**  
**DOLLARS**

## Plans To Use Dirt Farmer To Disrupt National Unity Blasted

In response to a letter sent out by the Arizona Farm Bureau to hundreds of farmers throughout Salt River Valley, all of 6 turned up Wednesday, February 7, at the A.F.B. offices. I. M. Clausen, F. B. executive secretary, carried on a tirade against labor and then wound up by urging his listeners to work for passage of the so-called "right to work" bills, S. B. 61 and H. B. 113, introduced into the Arizona Legislature by Senator Fain and Representative Estes.

### Source Exposed

One of those present at this meeting was M. B. Allen, treasurer of the Arizona Communist Political Association, a small poultryman. After Clausen's attack on labor, Allen took the floor and spoke against these bills. He pointed out the sources from which they came — the labor-hating, race-baiting Christian American Association of Senator O'Daniel of Texas. He showed that this group was neither Christian or American but had one prime purpose—disrupt our country's war and post-war national unity.

Allen urged the Farm Bureau to have nothing to do with such bills which were not only detrimental to labor but to the farmer, too. He pointed out the mutual interest of the farmer and labor, and showed that farm prosperity is dependent on high wage standards for the worker. That without a strong labor movement there can be no high wage standards. Allen emphasized that labor is the farmer's best friend and the purpose of these bills is to smash labor.

Allen placed the pointed question whether the Arizona Farm Bureau was in agreement with the resolution adopted by the national convention of the F. B. in Chicago last December wherein cooperation with labor is urged. I. M. Clausen and Hollis Gray who were delegates to the Chicago convention were present, while Allen spoke. Allen wanted to know whether the Arizona Farm Bureau accepted the position of Ed O'Neal, national president of the F. B., that post-war farm prosperity is dependent upon farmer-labor cooperation.

### House-Cleaning Needed

It is obvious that the Arizona Farm Bureau is out of step with its own national



M. B. ALLEN

organization on labor. It is apparent that the un-American principles of the Associated Farmers has penetrated the Farm Bureau. From this the small, working farmer can come to one conclusion only and that is, that the A.F.B. doesn't represent his fundamental interests any more and a house cleaning is needed.

### Hearing Told S. B. 61 Menaces Post-War Prosperity

At the Senate hearing next day on S. B. 61, Allen spoke against it and warned that unless the high purchasing power of the American worker is kept up in the post-war period, the farmer will lose a substantial part of his best market. Such a condition will mean the end of all hopes for a post-war America of full employment, jobs and prosperity. Allen emphatically stated that labor and the farmer must work together for a program of international cooperation between our country and the rest of the world as envisioned at Dumbarton Oaks, in order to find customers for America's high production.

## Universal Training

As we have said before, those honestly opposing universal military training on the ground that it will not be needed after we take Berlin and Tokyo, are underestimating the job of eradicating fascism.

Fascism has built new bases to continue the fight, as we may observe in Argentina, for example. And, moreover, there will be a very considerable force needed for occupation and

a struggle for the speedy and unqualified endorsement of the Big Three concord, on which depends speedy victory over the Axis, and the establishment of freedom, prosperity, and enduring peace throughout the world.

## Lublin Liberated

Nazi barbarities against the Catholic Church are contrasted with the religious freedom of liberated Poland, in a letter addressed by Rev. Dr. J. Kruszynski of the Lublin Diocese to the Polish-American community.

The message from Rev. Kruszynski, a close friend of the Massachusetts Catholic leader the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Boleslaw Bojanowski, was released here yesterday by the Polish Press Agency.

"It is my wish that American Polonia should know of the nightmarish experiences suffered by us under the yoke of the perverted Nazis. The Catholic church was deprived of all rights. The Furor Teutononicus raged, and it was especially mad in the Dioceses which were under the Prussian regime before the first World War.

"When in July 1944, the Red Army crossed the Bug River and approached Lublin, the whole nation was filled with joy," Rev. Kruszynski continued.

"After the Red Army entered Lublin the Polish committee of National Liberation was formed, and on Dec. 31, 1944, it was transformed into a Provisional Government.

"Freedom was given to the church. Schools were reopened. A Catholic University was reestablished in Lublin.

"Thus far there is no department of religion in the present government. In accordance with the principles of Church Law, the Polish clergy support loyal relations with the Government by maintaining a non-political attitude, thus doing their duty according to Church law and to the Concordat concluded with the Vatican."

vigilance in all the Fascist countries for a long time.

Who is to do that? The men at present in the army?

They will surely object. And replacements for them can best come from the youth who annually arrive at the age for military training.

Or are we to desert our allies, who will have to share all these tasks without our help? That is tantamount to refusing to car-

## Christian Americans

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Farm Bureau Federations in several states, built by the Extension Service, are cooperating with the CAA to obtain passage of state labor laws hamstringing collective bargaining. The Arizona Farm Bureau, too, is actively supporting such legislation. The Farm Bureau has no right to indirectly use federal funds to fight organized labor.

### Investigation Needed

Since S. B. 61 and H. B. 113, so-called "Right to Work" bills are exact copies of bills introduced into other state legislatures, it would be well for Arizonans to investigate the sponsors of these bills, State Senator Fain and Representative Estes, to see if they have any connections with the CAA.

It would be well for the Arizona Legislature to investigate the fact that Kemper Marley, former president of the defunct Hitler-like Associated Farmers, an organization exposed by the U. S. Senate LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee as an outfit financed and organized by anti-labor corporations to destroy the labor unions, is now a state officer of the Arizona Farm Bureau. This is the same Marley who in 1939 led a mob of 400 armed stormtroopers to do violence against peaceful, unarmed AFL Teamster pickets to forcibly prevent these American workers from exercising their rights of free association and collective bargaining.

ry out the necessary measures to punish the war criminals and guarantee the peace.

All progressive, democratic and anti-Fascist people should take note that the fiercest opposition to military training is coming from the most reactionary elements.

Americans of all classes need such training to insure their own liberty and the independence of our nation from just such people as would deny them the right guaranteed by the constitution for that very reason.

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to wreck the United Nations coalition and President Roosevelt's policies.

The all-important task for all Americans, and especially for the labor movement, is to unmask the beggars and wage



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