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STEAMERSHOONER LOCK-OUT UP TO FEDERATION

Right Wing Epics Win Aid for F.D.R.

Sinclair Telegram Wins Battle; Militant
Bloc Fights "No Compromise" Move

By JOHN BROMAN

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19.—While a majority of 600 delegates to the second Epic convention took a militant "no compromise" stand, wheel-horse politicians of the End Poverty League took advantage of the militant's lack of organization to force through a "compromise" in support of President Roosevelt here today.

The Epic primary slate will be pledged to the principle of production-for-use, and if elected to the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia, will show support by voting one ballot for an Epic candidate before throwing their support to Roosevelt, according to the policy stated.

However, the strong sentiment for "Epic principles" as opposed to political skullduggery by top officials of the Epic movement, forced the "wheel-horses" to give ground repeatedly in their attempts to hamstring the movement and tie it unconditionally to the Roosevelt band-wagon.

SINCLAIR WIRES

A telegram from Upton Sinclair, who has retired from the movement, to write another book in the seclusion of his Pasadena home, was required to get the delegates to support above policy.

Senator Culbert L. Olson, other "leader" of the Epic movement, completely cut his own political throat at the opening session yesterday when he attempted to justify his capitulation to the Senator W. G. McAdoo right-wing faction in the Democratic State Central Committee.

"Do you want Roosevelt re-elected?" asked Olson querulously. "No!" was the thundering answer from a large number of delegates.

Olson was visibly staggered. On Friday night, Olson had completely capitulated to the McAdoo right-wing in a resolution. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Wilson Got Us Into War, Show Buried Papers

WAITED FOR CONGRESS
SUPPORT BEFORE
WAR MOVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The great "Peace President" delayed actual declaration of war until he was confident that Congress would support him.

This startling revelation was made yesterday in a hitherto unpublished document read before the Senate Munitions Committee. The document was a letter written by Secretary of State Lansing on the day after the United States entrance into the war. It disclosed how the president anxiously waited to bring the United States into the war, cautiously biding his time in the hope that those "lukewarm" (to-ward entering the war) would grow hot and the cold lukewarm.

Previous sessions of the committee had revealed that the secretary of state was the direct agent through whom the House of Morgan brought pressure upon Wilson to bring this country into war on the side of the Allies and secure the huge loans floated through the Wall Street banking house.

LANSING STATEMENT

"The only satisfaction I derived from the situation," declared Lansing, "was that it must open the eyes of many people who had..." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

L.A. JOBLESS DEMONSTRATE JANUARY 24

WILL FIGHT BUDGET CUTS
AND DEMAND DISMISSAL
OF STOOL PIGEONS

Score U.S. War Moves

GOV'T TO SHUN RELIEF
AT EXPENSE OF CITY
AND STATE FUNDS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Faced with the most vicious attack on their standard of living in the relief history of Los Angeles county, thousands of unemployed workers will demonstrate for their right to live as human beings here next Friday in a gigantic demonstration and Hunger March on the Los Angeles County Relief Administration offices at 741 South Flower street.

The January 24 Hunger March will strike at the cuts in budgets of workers still on direct relief, cuts which run as high as 40 per cent gouges in the present malnutrition-budgets.

Leading the fight for cancellation of the relief cuts and for a 25 per cent increase in budgets, the Public Works and Unemployed Union will lead the workers from the County Charities rolls, the LACRA rolls, and from the WPA projects.

Roy W. Pilling, LACRA director, announced today that the average relief budget in the county would probably be slashed from \$40 to an average of \$25 per month.

VETS TO BE CUT

In the event the bonus is paid to veterans, all veterans on relief now will be cut from the rolls, Pilling said.

Demands voiced by WPA workers for trade union wage rates, against the now systematic use of stool-pigeons on all projects, for safeguards for the lives of the workers on the jobs, against all kinds of discrimination being practiced by the WPA executives—these demands will also be voiced by this mighty united demonstration of all unemployed workers.

Another vital demand will strike at the war-like drafting of workers from WPA projects to work on U. S. War Department projects.

WPA LITTLE HELP

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—More than 83,000 unemployed persons still are on relief rolls in California, according to an annotated by Charles I. Schottland, acting SRA director. Of these approximately 8000 have been assigned to WPA work projects.

Sufficient funds remain, Schottland declared, to care for those on direct relief in the state. Robert Hinckley, regional WPA director, it is understood, has authorized the use of \$700,000 earmarked for general relief purposes, on the understanding it will be repaid for relief in February.

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—More than 2000 Arizona pioneers faced the possibility of having their social security endangered after March 1 because the Legislature did not appropriate sufficient funds for the state to participate in the payment of old-age pensions for March, April, May and June.

The situation was termed grave in state house circles and unless some method of averting the crisis is discovered the old-age pension checks of 2257 persons will be cut at least 67 per cent. (For analysis of Roosevelt's social security program and of the Frazier Bill backed by the Communist Party and other groups, see page 5 of this issue. Ed.)

FEAR OF REVOLT HINDERS ALL CAPITALIST POWERS IN LEAGUE

GERMANY AND ITALY DEMANDING
CONCESSIONS ON THREAT OF
PRECIPITATING WORLD WAR

GENEVA, Jan. 20.—Cold fear that one frankly spoken word may flip the trigger of giant guns already loaded and pointed, or precipitate revolutions in nations or colonies, is the atmosphere in which the League of Nations council re-convenes today.

The internal situation in Italy is desperate and fear that proletarian revolution may depose not only Mussolini, but the crowned heads and the capitalist system is one of the dominant considerations of the League delegates.

STRIKES IN ITALY

Reports of strikes in Italian munition plants, dissension in the ranks of the military and strong growth of the underground Communist movement are all well confirmed. Continual defeats of the Italian army in Africa are no longer a matter of question.

Fear that a revolution within Italy might set off revolts in the colonies of other nations and strengthen working class power generally, are no less a consideration to the capitalist delegates than fear that Mussolini, driven to desperation, may try to save his face by precipitating a world war.

MASS POWER

Germany, encouraged by the disorder and confusion, has set up a cry for return of her colonies, knowing that she, too, can wring concessions by threatening to become the "mad dog" of Europe and precipitate a general conflict which the stronger nations do not want.

MAD NATIONS

Like Italy, the internal situation in Germany is desperate. These two nations today, armed to the teeth and fearful of their own hungry, oppressed populations are crying: "Do as we ask or we will run amuck." Both Germany and Italy would be willing to launch belligerently into a world war in the sheer hope of distracting their restless populations.

UNAFRAID!



E. Voroshilov, people's commissar for defense of the Soviet Union, commander of the most powerful army of the world today. The Soviet Union is the only nation which can act without fear in the present world crisis and is the only nation that is not bargaining for a share in war loot and has no capitalist interests in foreign countries.

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THE ORIENT

Meanwhile, in the Orient, Japan continues progress with her imperialist program which she proclaims to be military domination of all China, invasion of the Soviet Union and seizure of huge portions of Siberia. Pre-occupation of occidental powers with the Mediterranean crisis has created a strategic moment for Japan to advance belligerently without fear of serious interference from her rivals.

HEARST SPIES INVESTIGATE 'RED' SCHOOL

VIGILANTE METHODS ARE
URGED IN VICIOUS
ATTACK BY PRESS

False Story Printed

MEMBER OF "RED SQUAD"
VOICES HOPE FOR
FASCIST LAWS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—Openly inciting to riot and to vigilante action, William Randolph Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner today "exposed" the Los Angeles Workers' School as "openly flaunting in the faces of authorities powerlessness to curb its activities!"

In glaring headlines, Hearst "discovered" the school, which is now in its third year of existence!

HEARST SENDS SPIES

Posing as "sympathizers" of the working class movement, Hearst reporters and cameramen appeared at the Los Angeles Cultural Center, headquarters of the school, last Tuesday evening, attempting to wring information from every worker in the building.

"I hate Hearst as much as any decent man would," said Tom Fay, Hearst reporter who wrote the lies appearing in the Examiner.

First posing for a picture taken by the Hearst photographer, Fay then persuaded other workers to pose for pictures. The pictures appearing in the Examiner, of course, were not those posed by Fay.

Pictures taken of the Cultural Center Bookshop appeared in the Examiner, with the headline: "Radical Reading for Restless; Here You Are, Mister: Russia, Ruin, Revolt."

STATEMENTS DISTORTED

The Examiner story quoted statements as given by instructors and workers for the school. These statements were simple explanations of the Workers' School, but the Examiner's scurrilous story completely and viciously distorted these statements so that they in no way resembled the original statements.

"I can get all the information I want from the files of the 'Red Squad' and from the Examiner files," boasted Fay.

Subsequently, he stated: "I'd be a Communist myself, except for the discipline you have."

The story openly incited for American Legion vigilantism against the school, as follows:

"Attempts to establish a similar school in Seattle two weeks ago were defeated by veterans' organizations and by police who were backed up with the laws governing the situation."

HOPES FOR FASCIST LAWS

The Examiner also quoted Lieut. Lake Lane, "Red Squad" thug:

"We are hopeful that in California the next Legislature will recognize the danger to American ideals and form of Government that is created by 'Red Colleges' and will give us laws that will enable us to drive them out of existence."

The Los Angeles' Section of the Communist Party issued a leaflet today exposing the Hearst lies and pointing out that this is another move on the part of Hearst towards establishing fascism in the United States.

The leaflet called on all workers and friends of democracy to unite in struggle against such vicious attacks on civil rights.

The Workers' School will start its spring term here early next month.

Sailors Ask Aid in 6 Hour Day Fight

Early Settlement Seen As Federation
Strength Becomes Factor: Final
Decision Rests With S. U.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The full weight of the powerful Maritime Federation will be recruited by the sailors in their fight to gain the six-hour day on steamerschooners as the result of a popular vote at the regular headquarters branch meeting of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific last night.

Mass Conference Demands Freedom For C.S. Victims

UNITED FRONT TO DEMAND
MINIMUM SENTENCE OF
PAROLE BOARD

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—

A state-wide mass conference to demand release of the victims of the Criminal Syndicalism Law will be held in Sacramento on April 5th. The date was set by a joint meeting of delegates from the Los Angeles and San Francisco committees of the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act held here yesterday.

All unions, working class and liberal organizations in the state will be asked to send delegates to the Sacramento conference.

PAROLE BOARD

Plans were also laid for an extensive campaign of letters, post cards and resolutions from organizations to be sent to the three members of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles demanding that a minimum sentence be fixed for the C. S. prisoners. This would mean their release by February 27th.

Addresses of the parole board members are: Frank C. Sykes, Kohl Bldg., San Francisco; Joseph H. Stephens, Merchants' National Bank, Sacramento; and David Bush, Oakdale, Calif.

MASS MEETINGS

The Northern California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act will hold a mass meeting in the Building Trades Temple here on Wednesday evening, Feb. 5th. A mass meeting will also be held in Los Angeles on Feb. 15th.

A quota of 50,000 copies of the pamphlet, THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR was set for the conference to sell in California between now and April 5th.

MODESTO MEET PLANS PROTEST

DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO
SET DAY AND HOUR OF
FRAME-UP PROTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—A one-hour general stoppage of work in protest against the frame-up of nine maritime workers in the Modesto case was voted at the January 12th Modesto Defense Conference.

The day and hour of stoppage is to be set by the Defense Committee some time before the hearing on the appeal, which is set for the February calendar of the third district appellate court.

Thirty-five trade union delegates, four delegates from ladies' auxiliaries of union, and delegates from friendly organizations including the International Labor Defense, the Jugo Slavia Workers' Club and the Finnish Workers' Club made up this first broad conference on the Modesto case. Other organizations are to be asked to send advisory delegates also.

Until the present the sailors have carried on the fight on their own initiative, with practically no results. The motion to place the shipowner-enforced steamerschooner lock-out into the hands of the Federation for full support and aid was received with enthusiasm and determination to see the struggle through to a successful conclusion.

District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation will be empowered to exert all its influence to effect a settlement with the operators. Any offer that the Council may succeed in obtaining will, of course, be referred to the membership of the Sailors' Union for final ratification or action.

Sixty-one steamerschooner crews are at present laid off as the shipowners have until now played a waiting game, with one eye cast on the outcome of the International Seamen's Union Convention, which is at present going on behind barred doors at Washington, D. C.

D. C. ACTS ON HAWAII

A special meeting of the executive committee of the District Council of San Francisco Bay Area, was held to consider the present situation at Hawaii, where the shipowners have launched a drive against the fast growing maritime unions.

It was finally voted that in the event the Hawaii longshoremen officially ask for aid the question shall be referred to the entire executive committee of the Maritime Federation for coastwise action. To date the Island dockers have not made this request.

The District Council also recommend to its sister locals of the Federation that there be a one- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

MODESTO MEET VOTES 1 HOUR WORK STOPPAGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—As all maritime union halls were draped in mourning for the 34 seamen who were lost when the Iowa foundered on Columbia River Bar, the fight to free the eight victims of the Standard Oil Modesto frame-up received further impetus when the headquarters branch of the Marine Firemen's Union voted to concur in the recommendation of the recent Modesto-Defense Conference to hold a one-hour protest stoppage of work.

Other maritime unions are expected to follow suit at their next regular meetings.

Bazaar to Raise Funds for I.L.D.

A bazaar will be held on Jan. 24, 25, and 26, at the Workers' Center, 2706 Brooklyn ave., to raise funds to finance the local and national campaigns of the I. L. D. in behalf of political prisoners.

Final auctions and raffles will take place on Sunday, Jan. 26. At the same time, an "international" supper will be served, consisting of Chinese-American Chop-suey, which will be cooked and served by Japanese workers.

You Can Help!

The Western Worker is your voice. You are going to need that voice more in the coming years than ever before.

It is not just the voice of the Communist Party, but of every class conscious worker in the West.

The capitalist press enjoys the support, through advertising, of the huge corporations. It is their voice. Its aim is to advance their interests and to stifle yours.

The working class press must depend upon the loyal and energetic support of the working population. Its aim is to advance your interests in opposition to those of the financial interests.

The wealthy industrialists frequently send their hoodlums around in the middle of the night to throw stones through our windows. They also employ expensive lobbies in the legislature trying to railroad through fascist laws to suppress our publication. But they never send advertising checks.

The Western Worker has to depend upon its annual financial drives to defray its costs. Naturally, the price of each copy can be by no means cover the expense of publication. We are in the middle of such a drive right now. We ask all of our friends and readers to aid in whatever way they can. Give a party or affair in your home or headquarters to raise money for the Western Worker. See that your organization does its share in filling the war chest for the coming year.

CONCERT PLANNED TO AID WESTERN WORKER CAMPAIGN

Plans for a large concert in San Francisco for the Western Worker were presented to the Press Conference held Friday, Jan. 17, at 121 Haight street.

The conference decided to meet every Friday evening at 7 p. m., at 121 Haight street with representation from every unit of the Party and delegates from mass organizations. This body will direct the Western Worker campaign in San Francisco to raise \$2500 for an improved and enlarged paper.

Sub-Section and unit organizers are requested to check up on the units who failed to show up at previous conferences and see that comrades are selected to work in this body.

Unit representatives present on January 17th were No. 1, 3 and 7 Mission; No. 1, 3 and 5 Downtown; No. 1, 4, 5, 10 and 12 Fillmore and No. 4 and 7 of North Beach sub-section. Waterfront and Marine sub-sections were absent.

Let's have 100 per cent representation at the conference Friday, Jan. 24th, at 7 p. m.

LABOR RAPS FINKY BUZZELL CHARTER JERKING ACTIVITY

L. A. Labor Council Secretary Forms San Pedro Company Union

By JOHN BROMAN SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 15.—Direct betrayal of the interests of all workers in San Pedro was charged here today against J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, as a result of his violation of trade union democracy by removal of the A. F. of L. charter of the Fish Cannery Workers' Union.

That Buzzell organized a new "A. F. of L." union among the strike-breakers working in San Pedro fish canneries. That the canneries are taking \$2 and \$3 from the pay of the workers in these plants for "police protection" from a non-existent picket line, without any protest whatsoever from Buzzell!

That charges of "disturbing the peace" lodged against five Mexican girls who were members of the old union, are being pressed by Buzzell and his reactionary clique!

That one of Buzzell's "gang" is openly bragging that he "got" Jack Moore, ousted business manager of the old union, arrested on a trumped-up charge of "suspicion of burglary!"

BITTER RESENTMENT

Seamen and longshoremen here are openly expressing bitterness and resentment against Buzzell, charging that he is trying to destroy all unions in the harbor area.

Workers in the canneries are dissatisfied, particularly so when they have to pay for "protection" from such thugs as Hache and Cole of the Red Squad. Workers receiving \$9 to \$13 a week are docked \$2 a week, and those receiving \$13 to \$25 a week are docked \$3 to pay for this "protection" from non-existent pickets.

The old union, which lost its charter, has been dissolved and many of them joined the new A. F. of L. union, although only about 20 per cent of the strikers from the old union have been given seats.

Many of them are blacklisted and have been forced to leave San Pedro and Wilmington, the harbor area, even though they belong to the new union.

Monday night, two plain-clothes detectives went to Filipino workers in Wilmington who were active in the strike and threatened them, saying: "All Filipino workers who were active in the strike

Great Man Was War Monger, Is New Revelation

(Continued From Page 1) been clamoring for action and claiming that the President should have acted after Lusitania disaster or certainly after the Sussex. Why, the President would have been defeated had he tried to obtain action after either case almost as certainly as night follows day.

"I confess to a measure of indignation when I consider the abuse which the President has borne because he was brave enough to wait until he was sure that he could take a step which would not have to be withdrawn because Congress would not give him a decided majority.

Proof that Wilson lied in claiming ignorance of secret pacts between allies was contained in a document in the possession of the Senate Munitions Committee.

When President Wilson called on Congress to declare war upon Germany, the "Peace President" knew all about the secret treaties for carving up territory between the Allies.

will have to leave Wilmington in 24 hours!"

The five Mexican girls will appear for trial on "disturbing the peace" charges tomorrow in Municipal Court, Division 7, Los Angeles, before Judge Wilbur C. Curtis.

All the girls were bailed out by the Harbor Section of the International Labor Defense, which now has an office at 226 West Sixth street, Room 9, San Pedro.

Yesterday, M. L. Sanchez, a member of Chippers and Scalers' 28-91 of the International Longshoremen's Association, was arrested on the ferry from Terminal Island to San Pedro by two Red Squad officers and was charged with violation of the leaflet ordinance.

He had been distributing leaflets on the Island issued by the Spanish-speaking branch here of the I.L.D., demanding release of the five fish cannery workers.

Arraigned yesterday in San Pedro, Sanchez was released on \$50 bail furnished by the I.L.D., and his trial was set for January 21st in Division 7 of Municipal Court, Los Angeles. Sanchez pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial.

Workers are urged to write Division 7, Municipal Court, Los Angeles, demanding immediate freedom for Sanchez and for the five Mexican girls.

ARMY BUNGLES WPA PROJECTS, REPORT SHOWS

INVESTIGATE BLUNDERS, SAYS LABOR COUNCIL

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—For "asserted flagrant inefficiency," the Army-operated WPA projects were scheduled for an investigation by a county-wide committee consisting of representatives of the Central Labor Council, county surveyor, regional planning commission, county engineer, county counsel, County League of Municipalities and the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

At a preliminary conference yesterday, J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council, attacked the "security" wage prevailing in the county.

"Craftsmen trained in the various trades will be forced to walk the streets while people who have been on relief for years will supplant them if the WPA continues to hire unqualified men," said Buzzell.

A stand contrary to the best interests of workers, employed or unemployed, was taken by A. Marvin Hart, official of the Carpenters' District Council, who complained that the WPA was putting alien workers to work even when they had not taken out first citizenship papers. He claimed this was contrary to state law.

Supervisor John Anson Ford charged "a deplorable lack of coordination and widespread inefficiency in the top of the WPA administration."

Fishermen Get I.S.U. Charters

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 18.—Although the convention is barred to all newspaper reporters it was learned that charters were granted to three Pacific Coast fishermen's unions by the 33rd meeting of the International Seamen's Union of America.

The Herring Fishermen's Union of the Pacific, Seattle, Washington; Salmon Purse Seiners' Union, Seattle; and the Cooper River Prince William Sound Fishermen's Union of Cordova, Alaska, were granted charters.

Epic Convention For F. D. Roosevelt

(Continued From Page 1) which asked Roosevelt to name the delegation to support him in the convention, and which pledged unequivocal support to the President.

"FOOL" THE G. O. P.

"We are going to fool our Republican enemies," said Olson, after losing the political leadership of the Democratic Party in California, "and are going to show them that complete harmony exists in the California Democracy which will help re-elect President Roosevelt."

Sinclair, who has announced his absolute retirement from the Epic movement, and who has returned "Upton Sinclair's National Epic News" to the End Poverty League's board of directors as the National Epic News, stepped into the convention arena from the seclusion of his Pasadena home—by means of a telegram, which excited wild demonstrations and saved the goose for the worried "leadership" of the Epic movement. It read as follows: "All health makes it impossible for me to serve you as candidate on slate or as a chooser of candidates. This naturally makes me unwilling to dictate policies, but I am told that you are as yet in doubt as to my opinion."

BACK ROOSEVELT

"Therefore, I'll repeat what I said in the We People book. Epic should keep its flag flying. You should name an independent candidate pledged to production for use for the unemployed, and thus give the voters a chance to express their desire for Epic. The candidate may run unpledged, or if it seems better they may be pledged to any uncompromising candidate from California except myself.

"They should declare their intention to vote for the Epic candidate on the first ballot at the national convention, and after that for President Roosevelt.

"It would do Roosevelt no harm and it will keep our cause alive. "Epic should make a straight Epic fight, win or lose. Our political loss in the 1934 campaign

was a propaganda campaign. You are learning democracy.

"Upton Sinclair," At this juncture, two resolutions were on the floor—majority and minority reports from the resolutions committee, over which hot argument had developed.

THE RESOLUTION

This resolution provided that six delegates be chosen from each congressional district, plus eight at large, all pledged in writing to production for use for the unemployed. The President is to be asked to accept a "working majority" of these delegates, and is to be given a "deadline" to do so by February 10th, 1936. Failing White House okay, the board of directors is empowered to call another convention of "all Epic forces" to select an independent slate and if necessary pledged to another presidential candidate; this slate is to vote for the pledged candidate on the first ballot, and to flop over for Roosevelt and Farley on the second ballot at the Democratic convention.

The majority resolution—introduced by John Packard, one-time member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party—entrusted the list of delegates to the ministrations of Senator Olson, who was to get Roosevelt's okay, and provided for another convention on Olson's return of "all liberal forces" either to ratify Roosevelt's "pick" or to choose and instruct another slate of delegates to the national convention.

WANT SINCLAIR AID

The minority report demanded that the slate be okayed by Sinclair, who should pledge this delegation to "anyone who, in his opinion, will further this program," should Roosevelt refuse to recognize the Epic slate.

Both majority and minority resolutions demanded that Sinclair be "drafted" to head the delegation—which Sinclair has persistently refused to do.

Dr. Raymond Holmes, of San Francisco, chairman of the board

of directors and appointed chairman of the convention, was crucified here today when he either intentionally or accidentally misread a telegram, allegedly from Sinclair.

After reading the first long telegram from Sinclair, Dr. Holmes read the following wire: "We support the minority report wholeheartedly, Upton Sinclair."

Wild cheering broke out, which turned to boos and pandemonium a few minutes later when one Smith, secretary-stooge for Senator Olson, grabbed the telegram and the microphone to pronounce the telegram false.

The telegram really read: "We support Barbara Brook's resolution (minority) wholeheartedly. We are for Upton Sinclair. Doctors Balfe."

CHAIRMAN RECALLED

Whether two telegrams of like nature were sent or not, was undetermined. But Dr. Holmes was sacrificed to the altar of Sinclair, and a new chairman was elected for the afternoon session—Jerry Voorhis, schoolmaster and former Socialist.

At one time this afternoon, an amendment was offered providing that a "board of strategy" be elected to take charge of the situation should Roosevelt refuse the Epic slate, but this bureaucratic set-up created such opposition that the "machine" men dropped it like a hot potato.

During the debate on the majority and minority resolutions, when many delegates were demanding the floor, Bailey, one of the bureaucracy on the stage, belittled the delegates: "You bunch of minority nuts!"

Voorhis and Sessions did the "dirty work" for the machine throughout the convention, being the only "leaders" who did not arouse the ire of the rank and file delegates.

AL SESSIONS LEADS

In submitting the adopted resolution, Sessions said: "Sinclair is purposely staying away because it is up to the people of California—they should not depend on an aged, sick author. Sinclair is taking no sides. Both majority and

minority resolutions are out of order, because they are both predicated on the proposition that Sinclair can be drafted for the slate.

"The sensible thing to do is to get Roosevelt to accept the straight Epic delegation. At least give the President a chance to accept production for use, and then if he doesn't, give him plenty of hell!"

Putting on his best "earnest young man" manner, Voorhis argued the position advanced by Sinclair throughout the convention, indicating he is close to the throne of the retiring monarch.

UNITED FRONT ASKED

The upward-turn of the rank and file delegates, which were mostly working class elements, was shown by the reception given to the progressive statement issued by the Epic Committee for the United Front, a body formed of delegates to the Epic convention last May, who were pledged to the United Front.

This statement, which demanded "complete democracy and control by the membership of the policy of the End Poverty League and its press organ, the National Epic News, was well received by a majority of the delegates, who were confused, however, by their still strong loyalty to Sinclair as an individual.

"NO COMPROMISE"

The United Front Committee called for a rank and file Epic delegation to the Democratic convention, for no "compromise or deals" with McAdoo or any of his agents, and support of a program of social legislation by the State Legislature and Congress, on such issues as unemployment and old-age insurance; the 30-hour week without reduction in weekly pay; prevailing union wages on WPA; protection of civil rights and repeal of anti-labor legislation. It also called for "work jointly with all labor, farmer and political organizations for the realization of such a program."

The letter of the District Committee of District 13 of the Communist Party, issued in leaflet form, was also well received. Many copies of both the Western Worker and the new Sunday Worker were also sold to delegates.

HAWAII UNIONS GROW FAST AND SHIPOWNERS' ATTACK FOLLOWS—STOPPAGE FOR IOWA MEN VOTE

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hour stoppage of work on a designated day in commemoration of the 34 seamen who were lost in the Iowa disaster. A full investigation into the wreck is now being carried on.

CONVENTION MAKES SLOW PROGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With the ISU convention in its second week the reactionary executive committee continued its vicious attack against the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast.

According to an at present unconfirmed report Andrew Furuseth, 84-year-old President, has resigned. V. A. Olander, secretary-treasurer of the International has also signified his intentions of resigning. Rank and file delegates from the West Coast will raise the demand that the ISU support the Australian seamen in their three-months' strike, morally and financially.

To date no definite action has been taken by the Convention in regards to the demands of the seamen on all coasts for a national uniform agreement. East Coast seamen, however, are floating the convention with demands for a definite fight to gain West Coast scale and conditions.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 19.—The East coast crew of the Panama-Pacific liner, California, waged a successful fight on behalf of the crew of the sister-ship Pennsylvania, who were left stranded in San Francisco, when their ship sailed with a skeleton crew of scabs.

Under the threat of definite action, the operators were forced to concede to the demands of the California crew that the members of the Pennsylvania be furnished transportation home without discrimination.

The operators paid the fares of the stranded seamen from San Francisco to San Pedro where they were placed aboard the California as passengers back to New York. The operators were also forced to promise to place all the crew back aboard the Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile the crew of the California, who also raised strong protests against the re-signing of the 135 East Coast seamen's agreement, without the voice of the membership, have deferred all action until their vessel arrives in New York.

GENERAL STRIKE LOOMS IN AUSTRALIA DOCK WAR

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 19.—Sentiment is rapidly crystallizing for a general strike of all trade unions in the support of the Australian Coastal Seamen who have been waging a three-months' strike in defiance of a united front of both shipowners and the government.

The strike is being staged as a result of a left-handed decision handed down by the Federal Arbitration Court along with the government's threat to apply the infamous "Dog License Act" with which it broke the waterfront strike five years ago. This act empowers the licensing officer (similar to the U. S. Steamboat Department) to cancel the license of any seaman who refuses to carry out the orders of his employer; in relation to his work or one who has refused to carry out the decisions of an existing award.

This is nothing more or less than the State prohibition of the right to strike. Furthermore it provides a means whereby strikers can be driven out of the industry entirely.

It is this open Fascist legislation that is rallying all Australian workers to the support of the seamen.

An appeal for aid and moral support has been made to the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the West Coast Maritime Federation.

PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE DEMANDS CLEAN-UP OF L. A. CITY JAIL

Mayor Shaw and City Council Scored for Refusal to Act in Face of Protest From Many Local Organizations

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Demanding to know what is blocking investigation of horrible conditions prevailing in Lincoln Heights jail, the Committee for Joint Civic Groups will again demand action of the City Council here on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 10 a. m.

Resolutions by individuals and organizations are demanding of Mayor Shaw and the City Council that discrimination against political prisoners cease, and that in the interests of justice, James McShann, Harold Hendricks and John Sanders be immediately and unconditionally released.

FRAME-UP VICTIMS

McShann, Hendricks and Sanders were convicted on frame-up testimony following the police riot in against an unemployed demonstration on June 1, 1934, and since they have been subjected to extreme discrimination and violation of their rights in the Lincoln Heights jail.

"Captain Shand, jailer at Lincoln Heights, says the jail is no health resort or summer resort," reads the leaflet issued by the committee. "Captain Shand is right. It is not a health resort."

PROTEST ASKED

The leaflet points out that medical attention—which is badly needed by McShann and Hendricks—

ICOR Meetings Are Planned

Three affairs are scheduled at Bnai Brith Hall, 149 Eddy street in the near future. They include a concert and mass meeting of the I.C.O.R. State Conference, Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p. m., with a one-act play and music; a conference Sunday from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. to be concluded by a Turkey Banquet in the evening with entertainment by Amsterdam's Trio Concert.

Proletarian Congress Ends Session Completes Its Plan

After a three-day discussion of the home and foreign policy of the Soviet Government, the delegates at the great "proletarian parliament" of the U. S. S. R. on Wednesday gave their hearty approval of plans for increasing all measures of defense against imperialist invasion.

Crew Refuses Steam to Scab Longshoremen

SEAMEN FORCE PRESS TO RETRACT LIE WITH PICKET THREAT

NEW BEDFORD, Jan. 16.—The steamer Harpoon of the Shepard Line sailed from New Bedford with her cargo still aboard because her union crew refused to provide steam for scab longshoremen.

The I.L.A. here is on strike and the docks were swarming with scabs ready to work the ship. Delegates from the I.S.U. managed to get aboard the ship and inform the crew of what was going on. The crew shut off the steam and notified ship's officers and the stevedore boss that no work would be done until the I.L.A. gave clearance.

It is exactly such action as this that has caused the frantic appeal of the shipowners to the government to smash the West Coast maritime unions and their demand on the I.S.U. convention to oust and reorganize its unions on the Pacific Coast.

An interesting side-issue was the boomerang the local daily paper, the New Bedford Standard, suffered when it attempted to arouse public opinion against the crew of the Harpoon. Over a broadcast over its radio station the newspaper stated that the crew of the Harpoon were scabs and therefore the longshoremen refused to work the ship. The crew notified the paper that if a retraction was not made in the 1 o'clock news flashes, they would picket the newspaper office.

The Standard broadcast the retraction and stated they got their false information from the police department.

NEGRO FIRED, BEATEN, JAILED IN WPA WAR PROJECT PROTEST

PWUU Deputation Protesting Racial Discrimination Likewise Fired

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—Because he defended himself against attack by a stool-pigeon-provocateur, Walter Martin, Negro worker, was jailed here yesterday in the worst case of racial discrimination in the short but infamous history of the WPA.

Six other workers, who protested and took up Martin's case as a grievance with WPA project executives, were known to have been immediately fired from their jobs, and others were believed also to have been fired.

Martin was charged with "assault and battery" and was released here this afternoon on \$100 bail furnished by the International Labor Defense.

On Monday City Engineer Meyers and other officials attempted to transfer 500 workers from the La Brea project C-642 to a War Department project under the U. S. Engineering Department.

Many refused, but Martin was forced to sign his transfer. He immediately refused to take a physical examination, and at 10:30 yesterday morning he was fired.

STOOL ATTACKED

A stool pigeon, whom the officials later refused to name, was sent to order Martin off the project. Since it was a public street, Martin refused and the stool pigeon immediately struck him. When Martin attempted to defend himself, he was arrested.

At noon a grievance committee of 14 went with Martin and police to Project Superintendent J. J. Ryan, City Superintendent Stewart, and a WPA Complaint man, who told the committee to take the complaint to the department at 660 East 22nd street, that they were violating project regulations and to return to their foremen with their grievances or they would be fired.

Thanking the officials for the information as to proper procedure, the workers returned to work—only to be picked up two at a time a few minutes later and fired from the job. Affidavits setting forth these facts were delivered to Col. Connolly, WPA administrator, here this afternoon. They were signed by John Eaker, James Dickson,

Edward Poffbaur, John Harrington, Theodore Clemenger, Tom Aimon, and Walter S. Dozier, all of whom were fired for "insubordination."

The grievance committee to Connolly demanded that Martin and all others be immediately reinstated on Project C-642, that they be reinstated with full pay from date and hour of their dismissal, that all stool-pigeons be eliminated from WPA projects, and that the Public Works and Unemployed Union grievance committees be recognized on all jobs. The committee was headed by Pat Cahlan, county organizer of the WPUU.

ARMY OFFICERS

Time and again workers have been "drafted" as in war-time from WPA projects and forced to work on War Department projects under direction of uniformed army officers of the U. S. Engineering Department.

Workers are urged to send immediate protests to Col. Connolly, WPA headquarters, 12th and Santee streets, Los Angeles; Police Chief Davis, and to Mayor Shaw, demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Martin and the granting of the mentioned demands of the WPA.

G-MEN ON THE LOOSE IN S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—The government is quietly packing G-men into this city. The Hearst Examiner infers that their mission is to "investigate" the maritime unions at the request of the Chamber of Commerce. Coming at a time when employers have openly proclaimed their intention of waging a major war against the Pacific Coast maritime unions, this news is a signal for alert workers to be on the alert for possible frame-ups and provocations. The records do not yet show a single example of department of justice agents ever having performed their work in the interests of labor.

FOREIGN NEWS

Briefs

Fifth Anniversary Lower German Yages Arms Expansion Students Released

MOSCOW.—The Stalin Agricultural Machinery Plant in Rostov will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Dec. 31. During the five years of its existence the plant has produced farm machinery valued at more than 400 million rubles.

This year's output is valued at over 120 million rubles against an output valued at 5.5 million rubles in 1931, the first year of the plant's existence.

MELBOURNE, Australia.—An All-Australian Society for Cultural Relations With the USSR will be organized in Melbourne, Australia, according to a resolution recently adopted at a "conference of friendship with the USSR" held there recently.

Over 1000 people, representing 32 organizations, participated in the conference, which lasted two days.

The various decisions made at this convention revealed the deep sympathy of the people of Australia towards the Soviet Union.

PARIS.—The purchasing power of the German workers' wages decreased by 35 to 40 per cent between the middle of 1933 and the end of September 1935, states Das Neue Tagebuch, a German language journal published here. Since September, another sharp decline in purchasing power has taken place in connection with the development of the acute food crisis in Germany.

The above conclusion is drawn on the basis of the prices shown in the advertisements of the biggest Berlin department stores, which incidentally reveal that the statistics on food prices published by the Nazi government are falsified and unreliable. These advertisements show that veal has gone up in price from 30 to 190 per cent, pork from 25 to 50 per cent, beef from 30 to 100 per cent, sausage 50 per cent. The price of herring, which is of special importance to German workers, has gone up 350 per cent, potatoes more than 50 per cent, cabbage 100 per cent and tomatoes 500 per cent. The price of the cheapest fish has doubled.

PARIS.—Germany has created such a military system that she could draw her entire population into war work at any moment, states a report on the French military budget which has been prepared for the Chamber of Deputies. The report also stresses the wide scope of the German war industry, as well as Germany's big advances in the mechanization of her armaments and the training of military reserves.

Another report to the Chamber proposes, in view of the large growth of Germany's military forces, that either France be completely militarized or that measures be taken to improve the effectiveness of the French army together with organization of mutual assistance. The reports also call for the creation of a special corps equipped with the latest military technique and consisting exclusively of professional soldiers.

Peiping.—Students arrested during the recent anti-Japanese demonstrations here have now been released, although the student association claims that 25 students are missing and are either still in prison or have been killed by the authorities.

Released students state that they were kept in cold cells and subjected to brutal beatings. Some of them are still showing the effects of maltreatment. Peiping authorities have issued an order for the immediate closing of the middle schools for the winter recess, although the winter recess usually begins in the middle of January. The object is to prevent the middle school pupils from joining in the student movement.

Nazi Aid Hauptmann

NEW YORK.—Nazi advocates have been active in the fight to free Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted of the murder of the Lindbergh baby. As an example of this, Kurt Mertig, secretary of the German National Societies, and chairman of a so-called citizens' committee of 500, called a protest meeting in the Central Opera House in New York City.

Drive Under Way for Better L. A. Transportation System

Hearings Being Held Before City Council On One-Man Cars

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—While a united front movement to gain better transportation facilities and abolish one-man street cars was getting under way in several sections of the city, hearings on the transportation situation got under way here this week before the Public Utilities and Transportation Board.

After a number of people gave testimony yesterday, the hearing was continued until next Tuesday at 1:30 p. m.

PEOPLE'S VOICE

In the Council for Better Transportation, which met last Sunday at the Utopian Hall, 1747 1/2 East Florence ave., delegates from 27 organizations laid plans to broaden their conference and voted unanimously in favor of resolutions against one-man street cars and demanding that street cars be resumed on 61st street between Avalon and Broadway, and on San Pedro south of 59th street to Manchester.

Chairman of the meeting was J. J. Morgan, organizer of the locked-out Street Car Men's Union. Permanent officials were elected, including E. Lewis, chairman; Mrs. Horner, recording secretary; and Mrs. Larue McCormick, secretary and treasurer.

1300 SIGNATURES

The San Pedro Street Business Men's Association was represented and reported that they had gained 1300 signatures to a petition demanding resumption of service on that street.

Delegates represented Epic clubs, Upholsters' Local No. 15 of the A. F. of L., Utopian Society of America, Democratic clubs, Utopian clubs.

On Monday night, a conference of Epic clubs, trade unions, Democratic clubs, women's clubs, business men's associations, etc., met at Utopian Hall, 5200 York Boulevard, to attack one-man cars and per cent cooperation.

Facilities for the Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park-Verdugo areas. Two delegates were elected to coordinate activity with the Southside committee.

RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD

An unofficial delegate from the Pacific Electric branch of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen promised to contact all the locals of the brotherhoods for other delegates.

Epic Assemblyman W. F. Gilbert stressed the necessity for united action for better transportation and pledged his own 100 Epic Councilman Parley Parker

Stakhanov Movement Doubles Coal Output

MOSCOW.—(FP)—The Stakhanov efficiency movement, its effectiveness formerly measured by the results of single Soviet enterprises, is beginning to affect the entire Donbas coal fields, where the daily output of coal has risen from 170,000 or 180,000 tons to 230,000 or 240,000 tons.

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The following proclamation issued by the Communist Party of Italy and spread throughout the country gives a clear indication of the true state of affairs. Hundreds of small balloons were recently released in Northern Italy carrying these messages:

PROCLAMATION TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE

To all Italians who want to save Italy from ruin.

to demand better transportation. Christensen, leader of the City Council fight against one-man cars, described the Los Angeles Railway Corporation's equipment as completely antiquated.

"Some of their cars were brought to Los Angeles before the McKinley presidential administration," he said.

Albert H. Heltness was elected permanent chairman of the committee.

ENGINEER REPORTS

At the board hearings, J. W. Walters, transportation engineer for the board, declared that one-man cars cause a 24 per cent delay at Fifth and Main streets, and a 31 per cent delay at Seventh and Main streets.

Morgan of the Street Car Men's Union charged that motormen are forced to answer questions, make change and punch transfers while the one-man cars are in motion, in direct violation of rules of the L. A. Railway Corporation.

"I charge the Los Angeles railway with negligence in making schedules so fast as to require men to make change while in motion," Morgan said. "Motormen don't like to take chances but they have to in order to make schedules.

"A motorman's right hand should at all times be on the air-brake, his left hand on the control and his eyes on the road. He cannot have any inside interference."

One-man cars have been involved in serious accidents, injuring many people, during the past three or four months.

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CARPENTERS ON WPA DEMANDING CORRECT WAGES

RATED AS LABORERS AND DOING THE WORK OF CARPENTERS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Rebelling because they are doing skilled work for \$55 a month and because they have never received the "rating" they have been continually promised, carpenters on the Westlake Relief Drain, a WPA project, have written a letter to WPA headquarters in San Francisco, demanding the rated pay of \$85 a month.

Thus far these workers have wanted to struggle by themselves, refusing to ask help either of the Carpenters' Union or the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

RATING ISSUE

Only a few of the carpenters on this project are "rated"; the rest are technically laborers who have been transferred to the 'carpenters' gang, because they are really carpenters. Rating has been promised time and time again, but has been delayed because there is only a short time left for skilled workers on this project. When that work is completed, they will all be re-classified as laborers.

Most of the carpenters are working in the tunnel and in the main trench on Orange Drive.

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By a CCC Boy.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Twenty-five CCC boys from the Griffith Park camp, who no doubt still cling to their old patriotic ideas of democracy, received a shock here last night at a meeting of the Rainbow Division Association, where they were guests.

In making an appeal for a flag pole for a CCC camp, "Slim" Sutherland, one of the "aristocratic" misleaders in the Rainbow Chapter, opened his appeal by stating:

"You all know what those CCC camps are—that's where they make men out of mongrels!"

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DOG'S LIFE TOUGH ONE

ST. LOUIS.—(FP)—Out of work, out of money, out of food, a St. Louis couple locked up their baby and their pup and left the house in search of jobs. The baby cried. The pup howled. Police broke down the door. Later they arrested the couple. The judge searched his law books and scratched his head. Then, using the only law he could locate, he fined the father \$25—for cruelty to animals.

L.A. GROUP IS IN CONFERENCE OVER HOUSING

RENTS UP, RELIEF DOWN CREATES PROBLEM FOR LABOR

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—Organizing a fight for better housing for the workers of Los Angeles, now living in unsanitary hovels and shacks, the Joint Housing Committee met here last Saturday with 22 delegates and eight visitors responding to the call despite rainy weather.

Committees were set up to visit trade unions and women's organizations to invite delegates for an enlarged conference to be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 2 p. m., at 823 1/2 Santee street.

REPRESENTATION

Organizations represented included the Women's Auxiliary of the Street Railway Men's Union, A. F. of L.; the United Consumers Against the High Cost of Living, two branches of the Women's Councils, three Public Works and Unemployed Union locals, an Epic Club, Utopian group, church, Dr. Roman's Forum, etc.

Siegfried Goetze, of the Better Communities, Inc., outlined problems and difficulties the committee must meet in its fight for better housing.

RISING RENTS

Delegates pointed out that as rents go up and wages and relief go down, the problem of housing and at the same time proper food becomes difficult to solve. The Parent-Teacher Association statement that 30 per cent of school children suffer from under-nourishment was cited, as well as figures that 90 per cent of American homes in rural sections, 80 per cent in small towns, and 30 per cent in cities have no running water, bathroom, toilets, or electric lights.

Fifty-six per cent of building trades workers are totally unemployed, it was stated, and 24 per cent are working only part-time.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—How long will religious people condone the rising tide of American anti-labor violence? asks the Methodist Federation for Social Service in its Jan. bulletin. The church group's report lists 73 workers and farmers killed in industrial strife in 1935—and no employer.

WAR BRINGS HUNGER, MISERY AND SLAVERY.

Already necessities are scarce and prices rise without cease. Salaries, wages and the provisions of the soldiers are diminishing daily.

Down with the war! Demand immediate cessation of hostilities and the recall of troops from Africa.

INTERNATIONAL

The Communists and other working people of England are no more responsible for the maneuvers of British Imperialism than are the people of Italy responsible for the mad plundering of Mussolini. The English Communists fight against the imperialists in their country just as the Italian Communists fight against the fascist toadies of Italian capitalism.

The peoples of the entire world, and especially the peoples of the workers and peasants' government in the Soviet Union, want peace. Peace is today being violated by the monster Mussolini. The task of halting the war falls upon the Italian people, for the Ethiopians are ready to lower their arms at any moment.

RESTORE FREEDOM

The people of Italy demand liberty of speech and the freedom to read the truth that is today suffocated and besmirched. They want liberty to organize where they will and how they will; liberty to choose their own leaders in their organizations; liberty to decide their own problems and to elect their own representatives to the government.

DISASTER PLAN FOUGHT BY ALAMEDA LABOR DELEGATES

Spooner Says He Is Negotiating With the City Hall to "Modify" Ordinance

OAKLAND, Jan. 18.—The Warehousemen's Union, an I.L.A. affiliate, introduced a resolution calling for the repeal of the local "Disaster Preparedness Ordinance" at the January 13th meeting of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

During the heated discussion around the resolution it was pointed out that although the local Labor Council represents one of the largest organized groups in the community with an approximate membership of 47,000, the council had not been asked to join in the plan. The reactionaries, by way of excuse, stated that Secretary Spooner now is "negotiating" with the City Hall and Red Cross officials to have the ordinance "modified."

A Public Works and Unemployed Union delegate called the council's attention to the recent Hagstrom store strike in which the Alameda Milk Producers' Association threatened to lock out all milk wagon drivers. The delegate declared this incident, had it been brought to a head, might have resulted in the city's milk supply being shut off and this probably would have been termed a "major disaster." All the vigilante forces organized under the new ordinance then would have been loosed against the strikers.

SOFT SOAPED

An amendment to refer the resolution to the executive committee, and a further amendment to refer the resolution to Spooner for further consideration, passed by a small margin.

It was reported that the fight to reorganize the grocery clerks in the Hagstrom, MacMarr and Safeway chain stores has been carried by attorneys for the store, to Ed Vandeleur of the State Federation in the hope of getting a more favorable settlement through his aid. The Grocery Clerks reported that at their next meeting 100 new members will be initiated.

The Bartenders' Union reported thirty-six new members in December and January. The Machinists reported that the General Engineering and Dry-dock Co., has agreed to their strike demands but that the other yards are still holding out. The men, however, are 100 per cent solid and the yards are closed tight.

EDUCATION

A report on education resulted in the executive committee being appointed as an educational committee. The committee is composed of about half rank and file. Various speakers will be called in to talk at least once per month. They will speak for 30 minutes and a 10-minute question period will be allowed.

The council concurred in a request from Tom Mooney that it elect five delegates to work with the five chosen by the San Francisco Central Labor Council, the two groups, to act

as his defense committee. The five from here will be chosen next week.

During the report from the Grocery Clerks mention was made of an attack by a Japanese newspaper upon the union. The Japanese paper declared the union is responsible for ousting Japanese from several East Bay markets. A Warehouseman delegate asked why the Japanese workers were not organized and was told: "Well, they want to organize, but we don't want them in our union because their standard of living is lower than ours."

FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

It was pointed out that in the maritime unions discrimination is being eliminated and that Japanese, Chinese, Negroes and others make good, militant union men.

Assemblyman Wagoner then took the floor and made a long speech against the Chinese butchers. He cited the horrible conditions of existence that they are forced to live under and then declared he had told them to organize their own union, and if their strength warranted, they would be allowed in the Butchers' Union.

He revealed the wages of the Chinese butchers are as low as \$8 and \$10 per week, with room and board. In one Oakland place it was found that eighteen of these workers were forced to sleep in a single room. They work from 10 to 18 hours per day.

These Oriental workers must be organized, it was pointed out. (Editor's Note: See editorial, page Six.)

N. Y. POLICEMEN ROUGH PICKETS KIND TO THUGS

PICKET GUARDS EXTRA EFFICIENT

NEW YORK.—(FP)—"Assaults on pickets must stop. New York's police department must take official cognizance of labor's right to organize and picket free from gangster assaults or other intimidation."

In these terms, Secretary Jacob Rosenberg of Musicians' Local 802 has written to Police Commissioner Valentine, complaining that while "patrolmen assigned as picket guards have been extra-efficient in protecting the interests of employers, evidently the equality of employers' and employees' rights has not been properly explained to them."

Musicians, picketing 23 unfair halls and cabarets, have in many instances been attacked by thugs, Rosenberg said. One picket defended himself by grabbing a traffic stanchion and chasing four gorillas down 48th street, but was stopped by a police officer, who made no attempt to detain the assailants. Another policeman refused to call an ambulance for a picket who had been beaten unconscious by armed thugs.

BOSTON.—The Council of Teachers' Unions of the American Federation of Labor has had introduced into legislature a bill to repeal the Teachers' Oath Act passed last year.

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The five dismissed executives were John D. Scouller, business manager; R. F. Marshall, supervisor of insurance; Dr. Willard S. Ford, chief deputy city superintendent; Dr. Paul E. Webb, director of research; and Louis B. Travers, personnel director.

The dismissals were achieved when Stewart O. Mertz, one-time "liberal" and member of the "Four Horsemen," voted with the reactionaries who were elected in a hot election campaign last spring. According to all available reports, academic freedom of expression was not involved in the dismissals.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

EAST OF THE Rockies

Textile Strike More Child Labor Newspaper Guild Depression Story

NEW YORK.—A general textile strike was threatened by Francis J. Gorman, vice president of the United Textile Workers of America, unless the proposed National Textile Act to regulate wages, hours, machine load and other labor conditions was passed by Congress. He pointed out that the employers were taking every advantage to destroy code standards. The United Textile Workers is preparing for a public hearing on the proposed bill before the House Labor Committee on Jan. 27.

WASHINGTON.—The American Federation of Labor reports an alarming increase in child labor within the last year. New Jersey silk mills are taking on children 13, 14, and 15 years, old at wages ranging from \$4 to \$7 a week. North Carolina textile mills are also employing children of 14 and 15. Only 24 of the necessary 36 states have ratified the child labor amendment to the constitution.

NEW YORK.—The Amsterdam News, which was forced into bankruptcy when the Newspaper Guild won a strike against it, was sold for \$5000 cash.

The Newspaper Guild is now well represented in every New York newspaper except the German Staats-Zeitung, formerly run by Ridder, now chosen to head the New York WPA. Ridder, whose appointment shows the anti-labor nature of the Roosevelt administration, told a delegation from the Guild that he was opposed to employes of the Staats-Zeitung joining the guild.

WASHINGTON.—During the past year the newspapers have nearly every week reported as proof that the depression was over a tremendous increase in sales by department stores. Figures recently released by the Federal Reserve Board show an increase in sales of only five per cent for the year. As prices last year were higher than in 1934, this shows that sales were on approximately the same level and is an eloquent commentary on the veracity of capitalist newspapers.

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The five dismissed executives were John D. Scouller, business manager; R. F. Marshall, supervisor of insurance; Dr. Willard S. Ford, chief deputy city superintendent; Dr. Paul E. Webb, director of research; and Louis B. Travers, personnel director.

The dismissals were achieved when Stewart O. Mertz, one-time "liberal" and member of the "Four Horsemen," voted with the reactionaries who were elected in a hot election campaign last spring. According to all available reports, academic freedom of expression was not involved in the dismissals.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

UNITED FRONT ACTION FOR THE OVERTHROW OF FASCISM URGED BY PARTY

GAGGED VOICES

Members of the fascist military, your commanders will not let you speak even in the assemblies of the fascist party, because they know that the majority of you will speak against war. Break away from these betrayers who cheat you of your incontestable right to express your opinions. He who is sent to death has a right to be heard. Refuse en masse to leave for Africa. Make use of your arms. Unite with the workers of Italy in the struggle against the enemies of the people who are steering our country to catastrophe. The Communists are not your enemies but your brothers who are fighting for the salvation of Italy.

RESTORE FREEDOM

The people of Italy demand liberty of speech and the freedom to read the truth that is today suffocated and besmirched. They want liberty to organize where they will and how they will; liberty to choose their own leaders in their organizations; liberty to decide their own problems and to elect their own representatives to the government.

GENERAL STRIKES

The only way to force cessation of the war is to speak loudly and bravely in the assemblies of all organizations. We must organize mass demonstration which will express the will of the working people. We must wield the weapon of strikes, suspensions from work, and when the situation warrants, general strikes. Only in this manner can the will of the people exert its power.

The men on the battle fields must refuse to fight and retire from the front, preserving their weapons for the fight against the enemies of the people.

There is no other road to save Italy from catastrophe.

Enough of war! Away with the irresponsible and criminal government of Mussolini.

All Italians! Let us unite against the government of Mussolini and the handful of capitalists who control him. The Communists, in united struggle with the whole Italian people, must save Italy.

October, 1935.

Communist Party of Italy.

HOME FACTORY
WE WOMEN WORKERS
OFFICE FARM

COURT DENIES PROBATION FOR FRAMED SAILOR

STATE INSISTENT UNION AGENT SERVE FULL SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—The long greedy arm of the Hawaiian plantation bosses stretched across the Pacific into the courtroom here and saw to it that Maxie Weisbarth, agent for the Honolulu branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, was securely locked behind prison bars for nine months.

Weisbarth returned to Portland from Honolulu to be sentenced as the result of an incident in the Paul "We Want War" Scharrenberg tanker "strike."

An offer by the Sailors' Union to pay a \$1000 fine to allow Weisbarth to be placed on probation, due to the fact that Mrs. Weisbarth is an expectant mother, was heard favorably by the trial judge. But the prosecutor, who unquestionably had received his orders to keep Maxie in prison, as a "menace to Hawaiian interests," demanded that Weisbarth serve the full nine months.

The prosecutor's motion was accepted and the Hawaiian bosses are saved, for a time at least, from the dangerous "menace" of native-born Weisbarth, who did nothing more or less than to organize the seamen in the open-shop "Paradise of the Pacific."

To take care of Mrs. Weisbarth the membership at the headquarters branch of the Sailors' Union instructed the secretary to pay her \$25.00 a week until Maxie is freed.

N.Y. Electricians Win Demand for Union

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Electrical Workers' Union, Local 3, which struck when non-union workers were employed at Samuel Gompers Industrial High School and other New York schools, returned to work after the Board of Education agreed to employ only union electricians.

A Soviet Movie "FRONTIER" Doyzhenko Epic

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—"Poet of the Cinema" is the honorary title given Doyzhenko, famous director of the Soviet film, "Frontier," which will open in a Western Premiere engagement at the Grand International Theater in Los Angeles the latter part of this month or the early part of February.

Regardless of the content of his productions, Doyzhenko imbues his films with a lyrical quality, a warmth and roundness of conception of the human element that is lacking in the impersonal approach of Eisenstein of the calculating direction of Pudovkin.

In "Frontier" Doyzhenko catches the brooding mystery of the great Taiga Forest. He manages to catch the secrets of the inhabitants and to reveal their problems, their hopes and their confidence in the future, weaving these together in the film to make an awe-inspiring symphony of nature, a heroic document of these simple heroes of the Far Eastern frontier.

As in all his films, Doyzhenko poses a problem in "Frontier" with the foresight of a realistic poet who is one with the world and keenly alive to its problems and life.

The Russian dialogue is fully translated through English titles.

Mechanize Army In "Peace" Plan

MORE AND BETTER ARMS FOR ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The appointment of Anthony Eden to the office of Secretary of Foreign Affairs, replacing Sir Samuel Hoare, co-author of the "peace plan" favoring Italy, was accompanied by the announcement of army modernization plans affecting all branches of the British army, particularly the Egyptian unit. There the cavalry brigade is to be completely mechanized, as Britain is constantly in fear of an attack on Egypt from Libya.

Speech By Lenin at the Unveiling Of a Monument to Marx and Engels

By N. LENIN

We are unveiling a monument to the leaders of the workers' world revolution, to Marx and Engels.

Humanity has suffered and languished for ages under the oppression of a tiny handful of exploiters who tortured millions of toilers. But while the exploiters of the previous epoch, the landlords, robbed and pressed down the peasants, the serfs who were disunited, scattered and ignorant, the exploiters of the new period saw before them, among the down-trodden masses, the vanguard of those masses: the industrial workers of the towns. The factories united them, town life enlightened them, the common struggle in strikes as well as revolutionary action hardened them.

The great world historic service of Marx and Engels lies in the fact that they have proved by scientific analysis the inevitability of the downfall of capitalism and its transition to Communism under which there will be no more exploitation of man by man.

The great world historic service of Marx and Engels lies in this that they indicated to the proletarians of all countries their role, their task, their calling: to be the first to rise in revolutionary fight against capital and unite around themselves in this struggle all the toilers and exploited.

We are living in a happy time when the forecast of the great Socialists is beginning to become true. We all see the dawn of the International Socialist Revolution in a whole number of countries.

The unspeakable horrors of the Imperialist butchery of the peoples are invoking the heroic upsurge of the oppressed masses and are increasing their forces tenfold in the struggle for emancipation.

May the monument to Marx and Engels remind the millions of workers and peasants that we do not stand alone in the struggle. The workers of the more advanced countries are rising side by side with us. Hard battles are still in store for them and ourselves.

The yoke of capital will be broken in the common struggle and Socialism will finally triumph!

"I Would Rather Rot in Frison Than Join the Army or Navy"

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Although I was educated for the navy, today I would rather rot in prison than to join the army or navy!

Militant attack against the growing militaristic spirit being fostered in the United States, was made by Dr. J. Lowrey Fendrick, pastor of the Wilshire Presbyterian Church, here yesterday at a meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association at the YMCA.

"Even a war for self-defense would be wrong," said Rev. Geo. Hunter Hall, vice president of the association. "I will never support a war of any kind," said Rev. Stanley

George of the Cypress Park Presbyterian Church.

Lining up with the reactionary chauvinists was Dr. Ezra Newcomb, who said, "there must be something wrong with any man who will accept police protection but who would be unwilling to defend his country."

"We cannot afford to take any law of God invariably in its literal sense as unrelated to other laws and principles," said Dr. Newcomb.

Rev. O. H. L. Mason, Dr. J. P. Hicks and Dr. J. M. MacInnis said, "there are times when it is the duty of a Christian to fight."

NEEDED



Pat Chambers, one of eight Criminal Syndicalism victims framed last year because they organized agricultural workers. Pat and the rest are working class leaders and their appeal, now pending, will be fought by the entire ruling class.

TRAIN PORTERS DEMAND LATEST ON SCOTTSBORO

By S. A.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15.—The train was just leaving Portland. We were eating. One of the porters had heard I was an organizer for the International Labor Defense.

"Say," he said to me, "Can you give us boys the latest dope on the Scottsboro case?"

I showed him a few pamphlets. "Hell, we've all read those," he whispered huskily. "Haven't you got some LATE news?"

"How about coming down to the back car after you finish eating," he continued. "You can talk to the bunch of us."

I went. The head steward popped in just as the meeting started. He wanted to know what it was all about and started to make trouble.

"We're going to hear about Scottsboro," one of the porters told him. "If you don't want to hear about Scottsboro—then get to hell out of here!"

FATHER DIVINE MAY AID LABOR-PARTY FORMING

AGREES WITH ANTI-WAR STAND OF EAST BAY CONFERENCE

OAKLAND, Jan. 20.—Followers of Father Divine will be interested to hear that their Negro leader has come out in favor of the movement for the formation of a mass Farmer-Labor Party.

Under the slogan "Peace!" Reverend M. J. Divine has gathered about him followers numbering into the millions. Twenty of his meeting places, called "Kingdoms," are listed for California in The Spoken Word, official paper of the movement published in New York.

Last June this religious movement entered the political field with the formation of "Righteous Government Forums" in connection with the Kingdoms. In October, at 1075 Seventh st., Oakland, one of the five local branches of the movement, a representative of the East Bay Labor Party Conference presented the statement of principles of the Conference. This statement was sent back to Father Divine who responded as follows: "I am ready and willing to agree with you as you stand for peace and against war and un-stabilized form of government that perverts its foundation in graft and greed and selfishness."

At the opening meeting of the Father Divine Kingdom in Sacramento, to which a Labor-Party Conference speaker was invited by Brother Edward Cannon, a letter from Father Divine was read in which the signing of petitions for the freedom of Angelo Herndon was urged.

Frequent favorable articles about Soviet Russia, as well as reprints of large parts of New Masses articles like Robert Forsythe's "The World Gone Mad" have appeared lately in The Spoken Word.

How good is your unit working? Did you carry out your last plan of work? Are you improving from week to week? How is further improvement to be made?

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5, 8 P.M. Mass meeting at Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero sts. TO DEMAND IMMEDIATE FREEDOM OF THE CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM ACT PRISONERS. Please make announcements in your unions. Conference for Repeal of Criminal Syndicalism Act.

ENTERTAINMENT & DANCE with one-act play "WILDCAT," performed in Slavonian. Given by South Slav Educational Club "Bucunost." Mission Turn Hall, 3541 - 18th street, January 25, 1936, 8 p. m. Good Union Music. Adm.: Women, 25c - Men 40c.

MOTHER BLOOR ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Wed., Jan. 29th, 7 p. m. at the Coffee Cup Restaurant, 5424 Geary st. Dinner 75 cts. Auspices S. Mother Bloor Ann. Comm. Make reservations by Jan. 27th at 68 Haight st.

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN. Sixth Annual Ball of the Lenin Branch 119 I.W.O., Sat. February 22, 8 p. m., Sokol Hall, 739 Page st.

LABOR DEFENDER NIGHT. Dance - Entertainments, Feb. 2, 779 Vallejo, 8:00 p. m. Auspices I.L.D. Support the Labor Defender.

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I. L. D. BAZAAR—FRIDAY 24, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 of January at Workers Center, 2706 Brooklyn ave. Support the International Labor Defense by collecting merchandise and bring your friends to the bazaar!

Large Gold Nugget Found in Russia

MOSCOW.—(FP)—Prospectors for the thriving Ural gold trust recently found a nugget weighing 30.3 lbs. in the Kosobrodk gold fields. It is believed to be the third largest known nugget.

DROWNED

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Jan. 16.—The refusal of WPA executives and job foremen to take measures protecting the lives and safety of workers claimed another life here this week when James Murray, 53, was knocked from the pier where he was working and was drowned in the ocean below.

Officials declared Murray was struck by a plank while walking along the pier at the Hyperion sewer project near here. His body has not yet been recovered.

Murray was living in Los Angeles at 122 North Hope and was one of 2000 men employed on the project.

The pier is 1150 feet long and 25 feet wide. Carpenters and helpers are made to walk a 12-inch plank above bare scaffolding while carrying lumber.

TWO BRIGHT COCKS . . . By Meridel LeSueur

(Reprinted from Farmers' National Weekly.)

I swore to high heaven I would not sell my two prize roosters. I can see them now from the window walking so bright in the first winter snow. I only got the two of them left. Twice now I took prizes at the county fair for them, a right handsome pair they are, too. I can see them now walking bright as morning, in the chicken yard, stepping out, high and handsome in the cold with the hens looking down the runways, at them.

But Johnson'll come any minute now to take a look at them. He's been hankering after them now since the last time I took the prize with Silas there, the biggest one. He's wanted that cock right bad to breed up his flock. I wouldn't never sell it to him, but the price he was offering was top price and tempting.

I LEARN OF CONGRESS

Something is changing my mind though, right slow, but thorough. When Mrs. Ray came out here from town wanting me to help send a delegate to the Congress Against War and Fascism I thought she was crazy. Why we haven't got anything. The kids will have to stay home from school, I can't buy anything at the store any more. My children get thinner and thinner every day. Every morning I can feel it, Latsy's stockings hang on her shanks no bigger than a new calf's. And, oh Lord, sometimes I wake in the morning hungering for the sweet odor of bacon. Were you ever haunted by bacon? We used to always have enough hanging in the shed until spring, but this year, thanks to the NRA, our sheds are as bare as Mother Hubbard's. It's an awful thing to feel hunger. I told Mrs. Ray all this and she said real low and so I couldn't forget how she looked, "This is more important than anything. We got to get together. United action is what we got to have against war and fascism." It took me a powerful long time to be seeing it. And she looked out the window and I looked and saw Silas and Winthrop, my two

roosters, stepping high and fastidious in the snow and I knew what she wanted alright.

"We got to send a delegate from here!"—she said—"We got to have money," she said, "You don't expect the bankers to send a delegate, do you?" she said.

UNSTEADY AS WATER

Beyond the barn yard I can see the fields with that little slope falling down. I looked out this window like this now for twenty-five years. I can remember looking out and seeing that gentle slope of land when my children were being born in this room and I was walking round, slow, waiting. Somehow that land always seemed like something steady under me, something for my children to walk on. Now I know it's just as unsteady as water. You can see for yourself how poor and spotty the corn is, only a few bunnies, so we will have another hard winter to get through and that's the case. And it's the case with everyone around here.

We just finished corn husking and there's an awful little in the cribs. Our wheat wasn't so awful bad but now the government wants to take half of it and my husband says he'd rather see it rot. Drouth, hail, grasshoppers and the government have plucked us bare as a boiled chicken.

It's an awful thing to feel hunger. In September, our garden was so poor and we put up everything we could because the winter was ahead and the children began to bring in different kinds of roots and one morning mushrooms sprang up in the grass and there they were but we were afraid to eat them because of reading about that whole family got wiped out even if you boil them with a silver spoon and if it turned black they were no good. Still we didn't want to die. We ate through a wall of rice just about, because our potatoes were small as rocks and this new potato ruling by the government wouldn't even let us go over and get the potatoes that Old Man Starn had rotting on his place. It's a thousand dollar fine for a housewife to use a potato

without the government stamp on it, even if you are starving. Worse than the bootlegging fine.

I COOK EVERYTHING

I guess I got kind of crazy in the fall. I would fly out and grab every carrot when it got big enough, every beet. I watched the children like a terrible hawk for fear one would get more to eat than the other one, for fear they would eat too much at one time and then there wouldn't be anything later. I would write on a piece of paper just how much they ate so they wouldn't wake up hungry and then there would be something for the next meal.

There was a time when I was afraid to look out the window down past the east forty, afraid I'd see Swanson from the bank coming up the road to foreclosure on our mortgage. I got afraid of the very trees, I got so I'd think I saw somebody just go by the window and my legs would be like water under me. But things have changed all that now. I don't feel that any more because I don't feel as alone any more. What has happened has changed all that. Now I feel something different.

Everyone on this land was like that a year ago, unorganized and silent, afraid to look in the mirror, afraid to breathe at night for fear their creditors would hear them. It's different with all of us now.

SLOW STARVATION

I got closer to it with a kind of shock, when Mrs. Ray says that some day, "Why it isn't only your children or my children, that is starving. It's the children of the whole working class. Why," she says, "Do you know that there is a decline in the weight of all the children in the United States, that they are getting SMALLER. (This is an awful dream I have every night that I see my children getting smaller and smaller until they are walking around no higher than a clothespin) 85 out of every hundred," she says, "are getting smaller, are slowly, slowly starving." Sitting right here in this room I suddenly felt like screaming. I clapped my hand

over my mouth. And we sat there and I was crying.

OUR FORECLOSURE SALE

This about the foreclosure is what I want to tell about. It made a terrible deep impression on me. Since then I am seeing it over and over again. I wake up in the night and I see that little black knot of men no bigger on the hill than a team of horses taking everything out of the truck, all our furniture, the maple bed, where all my children were born, the chair that came from New England my grandmother brought, every stick and stone of ours, right out of the truck where the sheriff had put it and right back into the house, big as life. I stood there in the dusk under the elm my grandfather planted, with my children hanging onto me and I wasn't afraid any more. Something was full in my breast as a sack of golden wheat full to bursting.

After that we went on relief but we never heard of Swanson any more and we went ourselves when the Holiday was "on the march," to keep others from being evicted. Sometimes there was violence, and once the sheriff went in the night without the Holiday knowing, with guns, and shot a man out of his house, like he was a rabbit in a hole and killed one son, shooting at him when he was running for the corn field, that

was high enough to cover him. And one of the girls went stark raving mad after that because she saw it out the window. I tell you after that it changed what you might be seeing out the window of your own house. It made you feel different after that, even walking from the kitchen stove to the table on baking days.

TOO WELL OFF

I kept going and going down to relief day after day, the kids driving our mule, Old Red we called him, driving me down to the offices in the village, and we got sent home and for some reason could not get anything, because we had two cows left, because we had two roosters, because we held out with our wheat wanting bushel for bushel with the government for the seed we got. One reason or another and men and women four deep in the line standing and waiting and waiting and going home and coming back and hunger and cold creeping up on us.

Well, one day I don't know what happened, something went off in me, and I said I'm not going home, nobody is going home, we're going to sit here, stand here, we're going to be here until we get something. I'm not going to hear my children wake up crying like beasts in the night for the hunger in their bellies. And we stayed every last man and woman, and when we left we had flour and prunes, something at least to keep our ribs from sticking to the backbone. But the boys said, "Holy Christmas, good times are here again, we can eat dried prunes for breakfast, drink water for lunch and swell up for supper."

SHOT OUR COWS

Yesterday was the last straw. We had two cows left. Last year before the AAA we had twenty, all good jerseys with high test milk, and they shot them and wouldn't even let us have the meat from them. Well, this winter there is one thing we won't have and that's any cows at all. We won't have to be listening to that low mournful cry of hungry animals every morning and all look at each other wondering what we're going to feed them with, and

see their flesh grind down on them like a tide leaving their ribs like old boats sticking out.

We won't have to do that any more, also we won't have any milk. Only the canned milk the relief gives us. This is the end. We got nothing to lose now. The government inspectors came, tested our cows, said they had Bangs disease and took them off, giving us twenty bucks for two good jersey cows, one due to come in in February. Our last two cows. This is the last straw. Bangs disease, if you don't know it, makes cows abort. It's supposed to be contagious. It doesn't hurt the milk any, not like T.B. How do we know anyway our cows got it. They never aborted. The agriculture college works with the government and we have nothing to say. I take that back. We got one thing to say, just one thing now and that's UNITED ACTION. I see Swanson shooting like a bat out of hell down the road once when we were on the march to keep them from foreclosing on Brigham's place. When we demanded relief and when we came out of there onto Main street I see people looking at us different, a kind of respect and fear. We came out of there close together, walking along the windy street and I felt something powerful.

STUCK TOGETHER

That's it. It took me a long, long time. Now somebody's got to go from here to the Congress. We got to send somebody for us . . . to represent us and to come back here and link us to others . . .

We know what Fascism is already here. We got a taste of it on our skins. And war too. We got to stand together.

Those are the last high bred things we got on the place now, those two bright cocks. Ra-a-a-chel . . . Ra-a-a-chel . . . John . . . Children . . . go catch the two roosters. Go fetch them quick. Here comes Johnson past the east forty. Ra-a-a-chel . . . Ra-a-a-chel, go fetch the cocks, put them in a sack and bring the monies to me. I got use for it now. I know what to do with it now. Ra-a-a-chel . . .

Garment Men Gain Demands In Strike

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(FP)—The International Ladies Garment Workers' Union ended a strike of one month's duration against the Ritter & Levin shop when a contract was signed recognizing the union and requiring all strikers. The strike was called after one of the proprietors had sought to evade his previous contract with the union by going into bankruptcy and reopening under a different name. During the strike, eight pickets were arrested, and one, Anna Koval, was beaten by police.

Glassworkers Strike For Improved Wages

COLUMBUS, O.—(FP)—Glass workers in eight centers of the industry are on strike under the leadership of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers of America, demanding a 7½ per cent wage increase, elimination of geographical wage differentials and a minimum hourly scale of 50c.

RIP TIDES - By LeMae

EXPELLED!

"And because they have been the leaders in breaking our sacred pact with the employers these men have been expelled from our union—the union that has survived after fifty-two years of struggle both within and without," the red-faced, beefy individual eloquently raised a pudgy, sheet-white hand toward the dust-encrusted charter hanging with a sharp list on the wall over the rostrum, "This union has no place for radicals, alien or otherwise, who refuse to uphold agreements which this union has entered in honest sincerity."

A few feeble hand-claps arose from the packed hall. The speaker in as dignified a manner as possible spread his big rear end into the chairman's seat. A sense of expectancy filled the air. The membership looked about. Each waiting for the other to do something or say something. Nobody stirred.

The reading clerk read a letter from a shipowner demanding that a crew be furnished for the steamer S—. Funny? No one moved. Last meeting when that same letter was read twenty members leaped to the floor at once with shouts of "table it in the waste basket, until they give us our demands." But those familiar twenty faces were gone. Expelled. Along with others.

"We are through with this nonsense and I am going to ship a crew tomorrow," the fat-faced chairman belligerently searched the smoke-filled hall for any signs of challenge. No response. "Got them all, I guess," he muttered to the recording clerk. "There's nothing else to discuss, so we'll adjourn now—but before we do let me warn you men again—pay no attention to any of these disrupters we have expelled, unless you want to join them," he dragged his loaded stern off.

"But I tell you, we have three hours overtime coming to us," the delegate argued, "the mate himself signed the record." "You go back aboard and pack your gear—you're through," the chairman walked into the dock of the ship.

SPANISH WORKERS HOLD RED FUNERAL FOR DEAD COMRADE

Vacaville Communist Had Been a Militant Fighter for the Rank and File

By a Worker Correspondent. VACAVILLE, Calif., Jan. 11.—Henry Espinoza, a militant fighter in the ranks of labor and a member of the Communist Party died suddenly Monday, January 6, at the Yolo County Hospital, leaving a widow and four children. The Communist Party immediately organized a committee to see the widow in order to get her permission for the Party to make funeral arrangements. She consented and we had another committee raising money for the floral piece. We raised \$14.35 in a few hours.

The floral piece was a Hammer and Sickle of red carnations on a background of white. The slogan was, "We pledge ourselves to carry on your struggle—Communist Party."

The body was in state at the Spanish Hall, property of the Spanish Lodge of Vacaville. Comrade Espinoza was general secretary of this lodge. He had been elected in a smashing victory for the rank and file over the former misleaders who were owners of the Solano Grocery Company, members and stool-pigeons for the vigilantes.

During the strike in 1933 these misleaders stopped credit to the workers in order to smash the strike. This failed and attempts were made to split the unity by other means.

The funeral ceremony was a speech by A. J. Espinoza, brother of the dead man, and also a militant working class fighter. The floral wreath was placed at the head of the coffin and two Young Communist League members in uniform stood guard on each side. The speech explained the Communist Party program and what the dead comrade had done to further this program.

We were told not to grieve, but instead to build the Party and that though we had lost one com-

you better send a patrolman down here—one of the men thinks he has some overtime coming." "Now, men, while you have been out to sea we have been forced to take some very drastic action to save our union from the shipowners," the new patrolman wiped the heavy perspiration from his brow—the messroom was damp and cold, "all trouble makers have been expelled from the union—a few of them got hurt for their pains, too," he added in unfeigned bravado.

"The captain says this delegate has been causing trouble ever since he has been aboard," deceived by the ominous calm of the crew the patrolman went on, "and I also have information that he is a Red, therefore I demand that he turn his book in to me."

The patrolman never knew what happened until he picked himself up on the dock and painfully limped off in the direction of the union hall.

"Don't get excited," the fat-faced individual with the expansive stern spoke reassuringly over the phone, "I will send you another crew right away. What's that—you say the long-shoremen threatened to hang the hook?" His face turned a boot-top red, "well, for Christ sake fire them, too."

The door burst open as he hung the receiver up. His face turned surfer-colored as he eyed a hostile crowd of milling seamen. Like a cornered rat, he of the big butt looked around for a hole to crawl into as he shouted excitedly, "Bill, call the police—call the Red squad—call the—"

A tanned and paint-covered hand cut his frantic ravings short.

"And now to save the union for the men who built it—we'll do some expelling," the owner of the capable looking hand spoke up in a quiet voice.

The broad butted individual collided with limping patrolman as he bounced off the last step. "Come on, let's get out of here, I've been expelled," he whimpered.

The Red squad of stepped them up while from above a chorus of Bronx cheers roared down.

LISTOWEL HAS LECTURE DATE HERE SHORTLY

NAZI FIGHTING EARL RAISES FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—Leader of the first British delegation to Germany to investigate the situation of the political prisoners there, and a strong leader of the movement in England interested in transferring the Olympic Games from Nazi Germany to another country, the Earl of Listowel, member of the British Labor Party in the House of Lords will offer a lecture here shortly.

Scheduled to arrive here the early part of February—will speak on "Nazism, a Menace to the World." His tour is for the purpose of raising funds for the aid of victims of German Fascism.

The Earl also led a delegation to Spain which gained the pardon of five prisoners condemned to death.

His stay in San Francisco is sponsored by a specially formed committee among whom are Bishop Edgar Parsons, Mrs. Louise Taft, and Marie de la Welch.

Social Security Act Is "Gold Brick"

PRESIDENTIAL SELL-OUT SETS UP STRIKE-BREAKING MACHINERY

By BOB HOLLIDAY (Continued from last issue.)

The huge wave of mass pressure which is now being rolled up behind the Frazier-Lundeen Bill began in the early stages of the depression when the Committee for Unemployment Insurance was set up.

This committee now has affiliated to it thousands of A. F. of L. locals and other workers' organizations.

GOLD BRICK

Sensing these mass demands for unemployment insurance, the National Administration, ever alert to protect the interests of the employers, decided to palm off a gold brick onto the public.

This farce, called the Social Security Act, got up by Frances Perkins to make things socially secure for the rich, and signed by President Roosevelt last August.

This bill was "enacted with the idea of providing the workers with some income in the event of a future depression. There will be no benefits for and it is not intended to apply to the present depression."

TWO SYSTEMS

It set up two nation-wide insurance systems: one against old age, and the other against unemployment.

For "Administrative reasons" the old age insurance bill, based on equal payments by employer and employee, will not go into operation until January 1, 1937; and no old-age pensions will be paid until 1942. The unemployment insurance tax was effective the first of the year.

The 12 cents which the average California wage earner found missing from his first 1936 weekly pay envelope or check, representing exactly 0.45 per cent of his week's pay was his first contribution to a state unemployment insurance fund.

WORKER PAYS

Beginning January 1, 1937, the workers will find 0.90 per cent of their wages missing from their pay envelopes, thus doubling the contribution.

The worker pays his share but receives absolutely no benefit so long as he keeps his job. If he loses his job before January 1, 1938, and is still out of a job four weeks after that day, he will be eligible to receive benefit payments.

Two years of delay before benefit payments could begin was decided on because the lawmakers and experts figured out that it would take that long to accumulate a fund of sufficient size to enable the state to begin making payments.

The man who has a job will keep on paying his wage percentage to keep the fund solvent after January 1, 1938; so there will be money on hand to pay him if and when he loses his job!

This is under the terms of the California State Legislature's "Unemployment Reserves Act."

FEDERAL ACT PREVAILS

The Federal Social Security Act provides that reckoning from January 1, 1936, every employer of eight or more persons with certain exceptions must pay a tax of 1 per cent on his total payroll. The State Law says the employers of four or more persons come under these provisions; but for the present at least, the terms of the Federal Act will prevail.

In 1937, the employer tax will be raised to 2 per cent; in 1938 and after it will be 3 per cent, although an employer may be granted a lower rate if his employment record or his reserve funds justify it.

Under the Social Security Act, every worker will have about a half cent of every dollar taken from his wages. This increases until by 1938, it will be one and one half cents from every dollar. The employer has a payroll tax of nine tenths of a cent from every dollar and it increases to a little less than three cents after that.

EMPLOYER GRAFT

Of course, the employer will try to make the buying public stand the cost by the simple means of boosting prices.

No benefits are to be paid until 1938 under the proposed Security Act of the present administration, which of course leaves out the millions who are now unemployed. Then a worker losing his job would have to wait four weeks before receiving any kind of relief on the theory that a worker ought to have enough reserves to last him that long. After you begin receiving payments you are allowed only one week out of

every four that you paid in.

For example, if you worked twenty weeks during 1936 and 1937 and you became unemployed in 1938, you receive only five weeks of payments. Regardless of how many weeks you worked in 1936 and 1937 you cannot get more than twenty weeks of payments. That is the limit. After that it is not the government's concern what happens to you.

FINKY RULES

Here are some of the finky rules of this act:

1. Those on strike will receive small payments. Those not at work because of illness will receive no payments.

2. The man or woman who loses or has lost his or her job will have to register for work at one of the district public employment offices which the state will maintain.

3. If he refuses to accept what they call "suitable employment" or fails to apply for a "suitable job" when notified by the District employment manager, he won't be eligible for benefit payments.

4. No one will be in a position to claim the benefit after refusing "suitable employment."

(This neat little frame-up sets up machinery for government scabbing by forcing unemployed to take strikers' jobs under threat of losing their payments.)

5. After he has been registered to work with the employment office and no work is provided, the worker will be entitled to payments after a waiting period of four weeks.

6. Workers discharged for misconduct or who quit their jobs will be entitled to the benefits but only after a waiting period of eight weeks.

FEDERAL APPROPRIATION

The Social Security Act provides for a Federal appropriation of four million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936 and of 49 million for each year thereafter. This sum is to be used for "administrative purposes."

Ten states including California have already prepared Unemployment Insurance Acts under the terms of the Social Security Act.

WHAT TO DO

How are workers going to combat this fraud? They can fight it by demanding passage of the Frazier-Lundeen bill which remedies these defects.

- 1. Discuss the bill in your union, your club, your church, your organization.
2. Compare it with the Social Security Act.
3. Introduce resolutions in favor of the bill.
4. Write or wire your congressman and senator requesting that they vote in favor of the measure.

THE COMFORTS OF HOME LIFE Roosevelt's "Chats" Do Not Peach Them



There are thousands of people in America living like this. Hearst prates unceasingly about "American Democracy" and the so-called "American standard of living." Roosevelt's Social Security program makes no provision for them unless they are fortunate enough to have found jobs and have not starved by 1938. Then they might draw a miserable pittance. The Frazier-Lundeen Bill would give these people a minimum of \$10.00 per week with \$3.00 for each dependent.

600,000 MINERS WILL STRIKE IN GREAT BRITAIN

DEMAND WAGE INCREASE OFFERED BY BOSSES

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Unless demands of wage increases of two shillings (fifty cents) per day are granted, the total membership of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain will present strike notices beginning Monday, Jan. 13, it was reported here today following a Delegates' Conference.

The conference rejected offers of increases of from six pence to one shilling (twelve to twenty-five cents) per day, according to age. Original vote to strike late in December was 478,000 against 28,000.

The last miners' strike of nationwide dimensions took place in 1926, being the cause of a nation-wide general strike which was abandoned due to treachery of labor leaders such as MacDonald and Thomas who later completely and openly deserted the workers for posts with the National Government. As a consequence the miners lost their strike at that time.

Militancy of the workers is reported high. Miners in a Scottish constituency recently elected William Gallacher, Communist Party leader, to Parliament.

corporations in the country still cling to the so-called employe representation plans, the board concluded.

School of Theater Will Be Opened at Los Angeles Soon

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—The Los Angeles School of Theater, located at 3527 Whitehouse Place, Los Angeles, Calif., announces the establishment of a theater training school. Courses will be offered in the following subjects: Acting, Stage Make-up, Body Movement, Stage Technique and a Dance Group.

The school will be held at the Contemporary Theater from Jan. 11 to Jan. 19, inclusive, with the winter term of ten weeks beginning Jan. 20th.

In order that training may be available to all who are interested, fees are set at the lowest possible figure—\$3.00 for the ten-weeks' course. Complete or prepaid scholarships are available to a limited number of students.

Los Angeles Bazaar Planned For Aid to Political Prisoners

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Workers sympathetic to the needs of political prisoners and their families, will through the Workers' Center at 2706 Brooklyn ave. on the week-end of Jan. 24-25-26 for the annual International Labor Defense bazaar.

All proceeds from the bazaar will go for legal aid for political prisoners and relief for their families.

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Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY

With much loud noise and ballyhoo, the bigwigs are yelling about the coming of "Presidential Balls" throughout the country and what marvelous results these charitable undertakings are going to accomplish for the little sufferers of infantile paralysis. The most that the proceeds from these balls could accomplish would be a few hospital beds where children who are already paralyzed may be patched up.

The main sources of infection are the slums in the big cities and the camps for migratory labor. The dwellers in these slums and camps are often engaged in struggles to better their living conditions and in this way reduce the danger of infantile paralysis at its source. The leading fake politicians and business men who are sponsoring the "Presidential Balls" use bullets, gas, and lynchings to fight these struggles and to keep the slums just as they are. Draw your own conclusions as to the purposes of the balls.

606 San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:—I wish to know if the dope known as 606, formula guarded with secrecy by the medical Gentlemen, is obtainable by a mere layman. I'm determined to do a little research on the subject.

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Pueblo, Colorado, Jan. 14, 1936.

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J. N.

ANSWER:—Such an operation may be performed either to drain the fluid out of the pleural cavity (the cavity surrounding the lungs) or to put air into this cavity in order to make the lung collapse. In any case, the reason for the operation is probably tuberculosis of the lungs. If this is so, we cannot understand why the doctors did not tell you so, unless they thought that they could cure you before you found out the truth and, thus save the government some compensation money. In any case, you should demand a written statement from the Veterans' Hospital stating whether or not you have tuberculosis. If the disease dates from your service, you are entitled to compensation.

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The King Is Dead! The Empire Is Dying!

Within a few days both the titular head and the skilled literary propagandist of the British Empire have died. The King's death follows a crisis in British politics of profound significance, precipitated as it was by popular hostility to the Tory Hoare-Laval solution of a problem concerning security of the widespread Empire.

We may well conclude that with the end of the twenty-five years' reign of George V. comes the definite signs of the advanced decay of the British Empire.

George V. came to the throne at the time when the last political weapon of the British aristocracy, the veto, was smashed; at a time when the world war was in active preparation because of German aggressiveness in British realms of empire and trade; at a time when the working class was launching a vigorous independent political battle. The subsequent years beyond the war were years of evident strain on British resourcefulness. But Labour politicians were corrupted, workers bore the brunt of chronic crisis, the Empire was saved by compromise here, mass murder there; and Britain even seemed to grow strong and safe despite the vigorous entry of the United States and Japan into world imperialist politics.

But the world crisis finds disintegration setting in once more. Wars—and revolutions—are the order of the day. Colonies tug in their separate directions. The workers grow more revolutionary. The oppressed natives in China, India, Africa, seek national independence.

Recall Lenin's words, declaring that ten, twenty, nay fifty years but a trifle in the profound revolution from capitalism to socialism. From the Russian "Bloody Sunday" in 1905, through the many wars culminating in the World War, through the Russian Revolution, and the many subsequent upheavals throughout Europe, is a bare thirty years. The desperate maneuvers of imperialist diplomats and crisis-ridden fascist dictators signify that before many years have passed, revolution will have brought new and wider rifts in the imperialist fabric.

The King is dead: the British Empire is dying. It may be that the coming of the Prince to the throne will give a new fillup to fascism in England. But already the united front grows quickly and the prestige of the Communist Party becomes enormous. There can be no doubt about the outcome. The energetic anti-fascist People's Front of England, following in the path of the strong People's Front in France, will increase at the expense of capitalist weakness. Not for much longer can the old "pomp and circumstance" blind the British people to their true interests.

With the passing of the Empire once and for all, world capitalism will soon come to an end, ushering in the era of peace and plenty for all humanity.

Lincoln's Birthday Is The Property of the American People's Front!

By the time this reaches most of our readers, we will have celebrated the 12th anniversary of the death of V. I. Lenin, the greatest revolutionary scholar and learned during the entire period of imperialism—the epoch of wars and revolutions which brought the working class to power in Russia and is cementing the forces of the working class and farmers everywhere into unified organizations that have revolutionary potentialities. It is the successful carrying on of this work of building the united front that is our highest tribute to Lenin, and his best disciple Stalin, present pathfinder in Socialist construction.

Lenin, during the bitter, tragic years of intervention when American troops were being used against the Russian workers, appealed to the American people in his pamphlet, "Letter to American Workers," pointing to their revolutionary traditions and the long struggle for democratic rights and asking them to aid the Russian revolution.

Today, when the American Liberty League, Hearst, and the Tory reactionaries of American monopoly capital are rallying their forces for an attack on those rights, it is timely to echo Lenin's words of all Americans interested in preserving those rights. It is particularly appropriate during the next few weeks, when the reactionaries and Tories will be attempting to seize upon the forthcoming anniversary of Lincoln's birth; trading upon honest patriotic sentiment to cloak their reactionary purposes: wage-cutting, reduction of unemployed relief, war preparations, limitation of democratic rights—everything that counters decency and progress for the masses of people.

We therefore challenge their vile distortion and misuse of Lincoln's memory. He had a progressive role to play during the Civil War, when he fought the slave-owners and Tories of his day. He championed civil rights for all the people, and led the nation to war to achieve Negro emancipation—the cause whose greatest champion was Frederick Douglas, whose anniversary falls on the same day as that of Lincoln. Marx and Engels recognized Lincoln's progressive role. It

is therefore fitting that we of the Communist Party, inheritors of the traditions of Marx and the First International, should lead in the fight to preserve the historic advance brought about by that war and again lead the way to the greater freedom—the Second American Revolution!

Celebrate the anniversary of Lincoln in the light of true American traditions. Build the united front against imperialist war and "Liberty League" fascism! Cement the forces of the People's Front—the Farmer-Labor Party!

Divide and Rule Is an Employer Tactic

It is not hard to see the advantages gained by the ruling class when it succeeds in setting black worker against white worker, white against Oriental and so on. Divide and rule is an age-old policy adhered to by ruling classes who have much to gain by preventing unity of the working masses.

A week or two ago the question of discrimination came up at a meeting of the Alameda Central Labor Council. Certain delegates claimed they did not want Chinese butchers in their union because the Chinese have a lower living standard. They advised the Chinese workers to form a union of their own.

No butcher would be well-paid if he did not have a union—a strong union—in the field to force employers to pay fairly decent wages. The Chinese are human, they like to eat, to sleep comfortably, to see their children well-fed. Because they have rotten living and working conditions it is no sign they desire such things.

They are discriminated against by the employers. They haven't the strength to organize themselves nor would it be wise to force them into a separate union. They will never have the strength until they are allowed to become a part of the American labor movement. Longshoremen learned this lesson in connection with Negro workers during the 1934 strike. There is no race discrimination in the I.L.A. now. And both white and black gained much.

The Chinese butchers should be taken into the union. They should be helped in every way possible. They are good fighters and their place is alongside their American fellow-workers. The bosses are united. The workers, too, must be organized in unity if they wish to keep their unions.

Who Pays the Taxes?

It is significant that the Hearst press, with all its lamentation for government "extravagance" as regards relief, has nothing but praise for Roosevelt's budget for armaments and war preparations which is the largest peace time appropriation ever made.

Who is paying the cost of building the war machine is clearly indicated by the figures recently released by the Labor Research Association and the Inter-professional Association for Social Insurance by Dr. Joseph M. Gilman.

During 1933 and 1934, taxes on incomes less than \$5000 per year increased approximately 75 per cent.

During the same period, taxes on incomes up to \$50,000 yearly increased only 5 per cent. Taxes on the higher incomes increased only 3 per cent.

Between 1930 and 1934 the proportion of indirect taxes which, in the end, are paid by the workers and farmers, increased from 31.8 per cent to 66.1 per cent.

During the same period, the proportion of direct taxes, which strike heaviest at the large incomes, declined from 68.2 per cent to 33.9 per cent.

The report of the Labor Research Association declares: "Between 1930 and 1934, the tax burden of the poor was proportionately more than doubled; that of the wealthier classes had been more than cut in two."

Hearst Attacks The Workers' Schools!

Hearst, following incitement of vigilante action against the Workers' School in Seattle, is now attempting to duplicate this fascist terror in Los Angeles.

It is evident that his editorial serfs, willingly or unwillingly, are following a pattern laid down by the master himself, the methods everywhere being the same—lies, misquotations and pictures supposed to convey a sense of outrage, followed by direct encouragement to both "red squads" and any loose fascists who enjoy destroying working class lives and working class property.

It is the fascist pattern as practised in Italy and Germany. But the American working class is awakening to decided opposition to such anti-democratic, anti-constitutional procedure. Furthermore, they are becoming increasingly aware of the need for studying American Labor History, Marxian Economics, Trade Union Tactics, Building the Farmer-Labor Party, courses given in Workers' Schools in Los Angeles, San Francisco and elsewhere.

The attack on the Seattle school, announced by the Hearst rags to have been closed, was, on the contrary, the means of bringing wide publicity to the school and actually aiding its work, besides arousing an indignant citizenry against the barbaric fascist methods of police, working together with the vigilantes, those self-styled Mussolinis and Hitlers.

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Recruiting Is Easy If Correctly Done

We would like to say a few words on recruiting. Two things are obvious: First, that most comrades do not see the urgent necessity of recruiting. Second, that three-fourths of the recruiting is done by less than one-fourth of the membership. Now, if all the membership could be activated, we could double our membership in the next few months.

What does this require in practice? Merely that each member recruit one new comrade at least every three months. Is this hard? No, it is ridiculously easy if one has any contact at all with the masses. We have recruited more than twice that many in the last year, and we know other comrades who have done the same. Our unit, J-8 in Hollywood, recruited 12 members in one week, doubling the size of the unit.

Why is recruiting so slow? In the first place, some of our comrades have no contact with other workers because they are only in our own left-wing organizations. To remedy this, we must check on the activity of every comrade, and if he is not producing results he should be changed to other work. More comrades should join outside organizations, such as trade unions, parent-teachers associations, Townsend clubs, American Legion posts, Democratic clubs, etc., where we can reach new people.

FORGET RECRUITING

Secondly, our comrades in large mass organizations spend most of their time building the mass organization itself, and do not consider bringing the more advanced workers into the Party. If you have been in a mass organization for six months and have not recruited anyone, there is something wrong with your attitude and work. We must get into the habit of picking out those workers who might be good Party members.

Thirdly, one of the causes for slow recruiting is the often careless way in which we handle contacts, and even applications. This can be remedied by having two comrades in the unit responsible for contact lists brought into the unit, and to continually check on those comrades who are doing the contacting. Each unit member should have a list of all people he knows and considers good Party material.

He should give books, pamphlets, Western Workers to these people and discuss this literature with them. In this way each comrade will be able to work on at least five people at once and allow them to develop slowly, mainly through reading. He can get them to join classes but should never lose contact with them until the best elements are brought into the Party.

If the above things are carried out we are sure we could double our membership in a short time.

The importance of recruiting cannot be overestimated, particularly if we hope to build a real mass Farmer-Labor Party to fight effectively against war and fascism.

Unit J-8,
Hollywood Sub-section,
Communist Party.

COST OF LIFE STILL MOUNTING, FIGURES SHOW

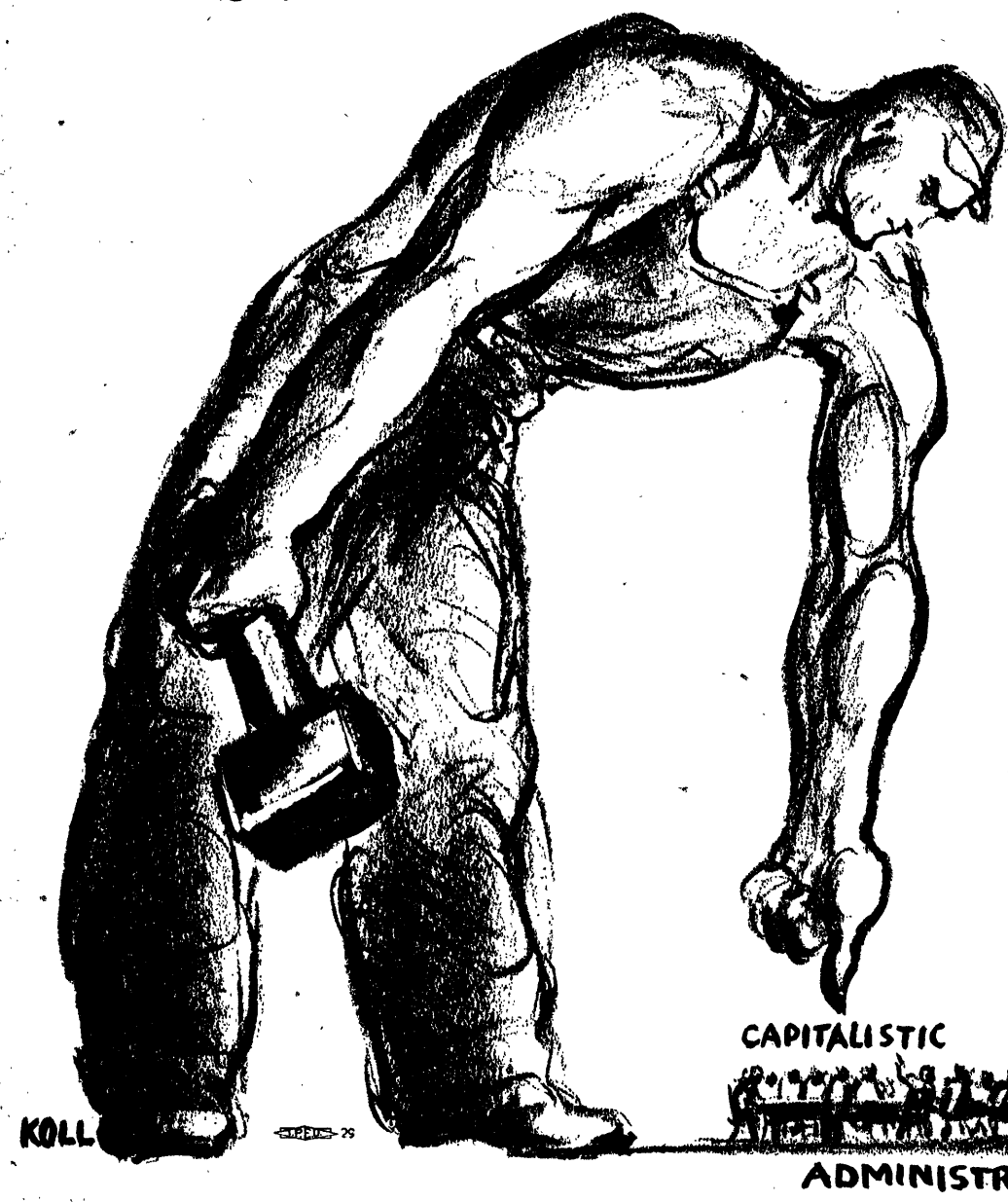
FOOD, CLOTHING, COAL
ARE HIGHER

NEW YORK.—(FP)—The unbroken upward trend of the wage earner's cost of living continued during December, according to latest reports of the National Industrial Conference Board, employers' research organization.

Living costs increased 0.6 per cent from November to December, with the largest advance in food prices and the second largest in rents. At the close of 1935 living costs were 5 per cent higher than in December, 1934, and 18.6 per cent higher than in April, 1933, the low point of the depression.

During the month food prices moved upward 1.3 per cent, making them 40.9 per cent higher than in April, 1933. Rents increased 0.5 per cent from November to December. Clothing and coal, increased slightly.

Labor is Mighty if Politically Independent!



Fighting War - Fascism In the West

FIRST PRE-CONVENTION DISCUSSION ARTICLE

This is the first of a series of discussion articles leading up to the several party conventions to be held between now and the National Convention in March. There will be discussions on other phases of Party work, including one on the farmers. The Western Worker is open to discussion from any and all Party comrades, sympathizers, and members of mass organizations. You are invited to send in your ideas. Articles should be signed but identity will not be disclosed unless by permission.

By G. Stevens
(San Francisco Section)

In this article I am going to deal with the problems and tasks facing the party in the struggle against war and fascism. I will deal with them in a logical manner, i.e.: Attitude of our section toward this problem.

Comrade Dimitroff, while speaking of the United Front and the German situation, brought out a very important point when he said, "In our ranks there were people who intolerably underrated the fascist danger, a tendency which has not been overcome to this day."

And we must admit that this tendency unfortunately does exist among our comrades. This was brought out clearly during the preparations for the Northern California Conference Against War and Fascism. These preparations were taken very lightly by our functionaries and the result was that many of our comrades in trade unions and mass organizations were not familiar with and did not take part in building the United Front. In fractions where this task was taken seriously, as in our garment union fractions, we did record definite successes.

BEGIN AT HOME

Therefore, our first task is to begin at home and convince every party member that there is a war situation and that the defeat of the present fascist trends is an immediate objective. This weakness can be overcome if our comrades approach this matter seriously, carry on anti-war and fascism unit discussions, utilize our literature to a better degree.

To us on the Pacific Coast the task of mobilizing people against war and fascism is of particular importance because the developments in the Far East prove definitely that the gravest danger of war to the U. S. lies in the Pacific. Let us deal with the attitude of the American people toward war. The latest indication of this sentiment is given by the nation-wide poll conducted by the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches which showed that nearly 96 per cent of the people are opposed to a war in which the United States is the aggressor. They express this desire for Peace through their demands for a

stronger neutrality act and even by their slogans "Isolation" and "No Foreign Entanglements" which are being utilized by the war makers as the "blind alley" into which they are trying to divert this genuine sentiment for peace. To Hearst and Coughlin these slogans mean "Preparedness" and "more armaments."

ISOLATION IMPOSSIBLE

We must prove to the people that such a thing as "isolation" is impossible under the capitalist system and we can do this more easily than our comrades in other districts because our closeness to the Far Eastern trade makes all of us more conscious of these ties. A majority of the people know that American business men have huge investments in the Far East. This is not hidden. They must be shown that these corporations do not give up a single penny without a struggle. And it should be an easy task for us to show that Japan by her actions in China is endangering the profits of these corporations and because they never give up these profits without a struggle, we face a grave danger of a war in the Pacific.

If we can convince the people that "Isolation" is impossible in the Far East, it will be much easier to convince them that a major war in Europe will certainly involve the United States.

We must demand a strong peace policy, and protest fascist war preparations. Our task in the field is: a) demand that our government declare a complete embargo on goods and loans to Italy. Every organization in which there are Communists must pass such a resolution; b) we must ask for passage of resolutions protesting fascist attacks upon all honest people and against fascist preparations for war. On this issue we can receive universal support from the people; c) we should popularize all stoppages of shipments of war cargoes, such as the acts of the local maritime workers, and try to convince the workers in the basic industries that the most effective way to stop a war is not to manufacture and not to ship goods to the aggressor nation. It is our immediate task to work with other peace organizations in building a strong anti-war and anti-fascist united front. We must redouble our efforts to form a working agreement with the Socialist Party. Recent steps taken in Cleveland by the N.E.C. of the Socialist Party, show us that it can be done. Our comrades must become familiar with these new developments and discuss them with their Socialist Party friends.

WORK SHOULD BE EDUCATIONAL

Our first steps should be educational. We should organize anti-war neighborhood discussion groups, participate in forums, and widely circulate our literature dealing with the questions of war and fascism. We must be care-

ful in our choice of this literature. With our Socialist friends we should discuss particularly the peace policy of the Soviet Union. The peace policy of the Soviet Union must be brought out clearly and points such as sanctions, shipments of oil, proposals for a total disarmament explained very carefully.

In addition to our anti-war work, we must not overlook the importance of fighting against present fascist trends. In the field of anti-working class legislation, we must focus our attention upon the defeat of the Tydings-McCormack bill (S-2253) and the Kramer peace time sedition bill (H. R. 6427) and the repeal of the C. S. law. Every party member, must have a thorough understanding of these bills and the C. S. law and support their defeat by circulation of petition and by sending of organizational and individual protests.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY

One of the greatest threats against the organized labor is vigilantism. Among trade union and farm workers there is a strong desire to counter-act these gangster attacks under protection of the local authorities, by organization of defense groups and by forcing strict prosecution of these lawless gangs. We certainly are lagging behind in this field and we don't seem to realize that this is one issue around which a powerful movement can be developed with a possibility of becoming the basis for a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Nye Investigation Committee is proving to us that we can not trust the old parties. They are capitalist parties through and through and when it becomes necessary to protect investments, they disregard the wish of the people and sell them out to the war makers. Every move we make against war and fascism weakens the capitalist system and strengthens the desire for a Farmer-Labor Party. Only such a party will be in position to defend the interests of the people against war and fascism.

Editor's Note: In an early issue of the Western Worker there will be an analysis of the Tydings-McCormack Bill, the Kramer Bill and other fascist and semi-fascist measures. Watch for it!

Delegates Elected To Australia Meet

SYDNEY, Australia.—San Francisco will be represented at the All Australia Congress Against War and Fascism which will be held in Sydney on Jan. 27th.

M. E. Woodfield, a delegate from the American League and a member of the Maritime Federation will carry fraternal greetings to the people of Australia who are fighting for a strong United Front against the efforts of reactionary groups who are striving to take away their civil liberties and involve them in another war.

OPEN FORUM

RELIEF MONEY
San Francisco, Calif.,
Jan. 14, 1935.

Western Worker:
The appropriation made for the continuance of SERA relief is ridiculously small. Relief administrators are trying to make it stretch by cutting budgets to starvation levels, by herding single men into WPA camps, by refusing almost every new applicant for relief and by closing cases for any reason that can be cooked up. Unless the unemployed demand that the state appropriate a reasonable amount of money for relief, they are sure to be faced with severe cuts.

Sincerely,

W. A.
Editor's Note: The jobless must organize, not only to demand more money for relief but force the federal government to pass the Frazier-Lundeen Bill for social insurance now introduced in Congress. For an analysis of this bill see the previous issue and page 5 of this issue of the Western Worker.

JOBLESS NEWS

Seattle, Wash.,
Dec. 28, 1935.

Dear Sir:
The Unemployed Citizens' League, affiliated to the National Unemployment Council of Seattle asks you if you can give space in your columns.

This organization establishes relations and affiliation with trade unions for a solid front and organizes WPA projects on the job. The Citizens' League furnishes pickets for strikers.

We form relations and good will among the working masses and do not discriminate. Our aim is mass pressure and we don't hesitate to express it. We are not "reds"—just unemployed citizens. Comradely yours,

H. H. H.

Editor's Note: The Western Worker welcomes all news of the unemployed. Its columns are open to correspondence and news stories from jobless workers as well as from all other people struggling against exploitation, exploitation and speed-up.

RENEW REIGN OF TERROR—ORDERS OF L. A. MAYOR

ASKS LARGE SECRET
SERVICE FUND

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9.—Mayor Frank L. Shaw wants increased terrorism against the workers of Los Angeles!

He indicated this here today when he demanded of the City Council in his annual message that the "secret service" fund for Police Chief James E. Davis be left "as is." The proposed appropriation is \$90,000.

Last year the council cut the fund to \$30,000.

"I believe the restoration of the money will give the police department adequate facilities necessary to combat successfully certain types of violations which are only susceptible of detection and apprehension through secret service methods," said Mayor Shaw.

Increased use of stool pigeons in workers' organizations to combat the "crime" of organization by the workers for self-protection, is undoubtedly the plan of Mayor Shaw, Chief Davis, the Chamber of Commerce, et al, for which the \$90,000 appropriation is demanded.

Hitler, Hearst Alike—Newsboy Tells Reporter

By D. R.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—He's just another of Hearst's newsboys.

But because he makes but 50 or 60 cents per day, he doesn't think so very much of his paunchy boss.

"Hearst and Hitler and Mussolini are all the same," he says. Yesterday, selling Sunday papers, he made 14 cents. Hearst allows him a 2-cent profit on each paper. It used to be more.

He works 14 hours per day on the average. Sometimes it's longer because after all "a guy's got to eat."

He carries a boycott Hearst button in his ragged coat pocket and he's thinking of joining the Newsboys' Union. Hearst won't like that.