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Can Organize On Job

ALAMEDA JOBLESS UNION SIGNS UP MANY IN PROJECT STRIKE

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Coldly violating definite promises made to 3000 workers who struck in the Saluson-La Brea storm drain project Monday, Project Supervisor W. D. Lomax yesterday fired 39 leaders of the strike, and caused the arrest of six of them.

After promising that no leader of the strike, which was called by the Public Works and Unemployed Union job committee, would be fired for union activity, Lomax fired Louis Goolsey, PWU project leader, early yesterday morning.

Aroused at this betrayal, a grievance committee of 75 workers went first to Lomax, then started out for the project headquarters, but were stopped halfway by police and six workers were arrested.

Goolsey, Aaron Johnson, Rodrick McKenzie, Harry Grain, Orval C. Sweat, and Duge Galloway were arrested and taken to the Wilshire station for "questioning." They were later released without being booked.

In quick response to this attack, the PWU immediately issued leaflets today calling for a meeting tomorrow of all workers on the project to take action against the mass dismissals.

Colonel Donald H. Connolly, czar of WPA in Los Angeles County, issued the following statement "explaining the trouble":

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PICKET LINE HOLDS SOLID AT IRON WORKS

SHIPYARD WORKERS ARE FIRM DESPITE ARRESTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.—One arrest today and four Tuesday morning on charges ranging from "spitting on the sidewalk" to assault and battery and disturbing the peace marked police attempts to help smash the strike of shipyard workers and machinists against the Union Iron Works.

COMMUNIST Speech Gagged

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—"Mr. Browder will now step to the microphone."

With this announcement at the close of the "March of Time" program on the Columbia network at 7:45 Pacific Coast time last night, all western stations and several New England stations of the network switched—not to the 15-minute speech of the secretary of the Communist Party, but to momentary silence, then to records and other programs outside of the scheduled talk.

This is the most effective reply to the liberal dailies and spokesmen who rebuked Communists gently but firmly for anticipating such arbitrary censorship. Numerous stations adopted the Hearstian standards of free speech—not for Communists. They hid their repression behind the old excuse of "time sold to advertisers."

The "March of Time" program dramatized the speech of Earl Browder at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International last year; staged a replica of the stormy scene in Congress during the debate earlier on the day over the broadcast, when reactionaries like Kramer (Dem., Calif.) demanded suppression of Browder's talk and almost came to blows with Marcantonio (Rep., N. Y.), a progressive who was arrested for leading the unemployed in a demonstration in New York City recently.

An announcement stated that fascists and anti-communists were picketing the radio station scheduled to bring Browder's speech to the millions eagerly awaiting the first national radio talk of a Communist spokesman.

The almost breathless suspense created by "March of Time" dramatic technique ended in a miserable anti-climax for Western hearers. A valuable lesson was taught. Its real lesson, however, will be derived from Browder's speech, which we expect to reproduce in full or in part in next issue of the Western Worker.

KRAMER PRAISES HEARST'S ANTI-LABOR CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—William Randolph Hearst's anti-Communist, anti-labor campaign found a ready backer in the House here yesterday when Representative Kramer, Democrat from Los Angeles strongly praised the publisher.

Kramer is author of several so-called "sedition" bills now before Congress. He has established a reputation as one of the most rabid red-baiters in Congress.

Opposing Kramer was Representative Vito Marcantonio, Republican of New York. Subject of debate was Browder's scheduled talk on Communism over the Columbia Broadcasting System Thursday night.

Representative Blanton of Texas demanded that reporters for the Daily Worker be "kicked out" of the press galleries in Congress.

FORCED FINGERPRINTING

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Mar. 5.—San Diego County this week instituted a new drive against labor as fingerprinting of more than 1700 county employees was begun.

CIVIC LEADER BRAGS ABOUT RAILROADING

FRAME-UPS AND VIOLENCE ARE BOASTED DURING WEEKLY LUNCHEON

Investigation Asked

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS CRIMINAL-SUBVERSIVE, ATTY CHARGES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Confirmation of the fact that the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners and the Modesto dynamite case prisoners were framed, issued from the bragging mouth of Charles Mariner, representative of the State Chamber of Commerce who "talked too much" at a weekly luncheon of the Hi-Twelve Club in San Jose last month.

According to Alfred Aram, a San Jose attorney who attended the luncheon, Mariner boasted that during the past year the State Chamber of Commerce spent \$50,000 on labor suppression, "framed" labor leaders and sent them to the penitentiary when sufficient evidence for their conviction was lacking, and attacked them with vigilante violence when other methods failed.

INVESTIGATION ASKED—Outraged by the high-handed arrogance of this bragadosio, Attorney Aram filed a protest with the attorney general's office at Sacramento and demanded an investigation of the State Chamber of Commerce. Aram is a member of the American Legion and the Disabled Veterans. He was a military pilot during the World War.

Text of Aram's letter follows: "On Feb. 7, 1936, I attended the weekly luncheon meeting of my service club in this city. Mr. Mariner of the California State Chamber of Commerce was the guest speaker of the day. He spoke of the various activities of that organization and solicited support of all 'thinking and patriotic' (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

New Orleans Dockers Defy Ryan As Locals Endorse Maritime Federation

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 2.—In complete defiance of the dictatorship of Joseph P. Ryan, local longshoremen have fully endorsed the Maritime Federation of the Gulf and elected three delegates to its convention here on March 3rd.

A letter from Ryan, International president, threatening to lift the charter of any local supporting the charter was read at the meeting of Local 1224, by its president, Darcy.

Darcy called for all those in favor of the Federation to move to the left side of the meeting hall. Chairs and all moved as the men vociferously expressed their sentiments for affiliation.

Local 1226, is the white local. The colored local, 231 has already pledged full support and is to elect its delegates at their meeting.

UNITY UNQUALIFIED—Following the endorsement of the Gulf Maritime Federation a mass meeting was staged. Delegates from I. L. A. locals in New Orleans and Corpus Christi, Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association, and American Radio Telegraphists' Association. Unofficial delegates elected by the rank and file of the Seamen's Unions also attended.

Smith, speaking for the colored I. L. A. Local 231, compared the present situation to the colonial days of America, when the loosely knit colonies had to unite for their own protection.

"The time has come," he declared, "when the workers on the waterfront, the I. L. A., the I. S. U., Teamsters, and all must unite, regardless of race, color or creed to fight our common enemy the shipowner."

Smith referred to the conditions on the West Coast gained through their Maritime Federation. When he referred to the leadership of Harry Bridges in the Pacific Coast I. L. A., there was a storm of applause.

STALIN INTERVIEW SUPPRESSED IN GERMAN AND POLISH PAPERS

Hearst Headlines On China Communists Proven False

League Peace Parley Will Try to Halt African War

The Soviet Union commanded public attention on a world-wide scale with the simultaneous publication in the press of most nations of the interview between Roy W. Howard, of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, and Josef V. Stalin, leader of the Communist Party of the U. S. S. R.

The conversation was headlined in practically every country with the significant exceptions of Germany and Poland where it was suppressed by government authority.

Reason for this unusual interest is attributed to the recent ratification by the French Chamber of Deputies of the Franco-Soviet mutual defense pact and the critical situation arising from Japanese aggressions on the border of the Mongolian People's Republic.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW—Stalin affirmed that the Soviet Union "will tolerate" no invasion of the Mongolian People's Republic by Japan and is prepared to defend the integrity of the smaller state by force of arms.

He declined all responsibility of the U. S. S. R. for the decay, confusion and degeneration of capitalist countries. Revolutions in other countries, he emphasized, are solely the concern of the people of those countries. If the people of any nation want to alter or abolish the capitalist system and establish a form of society similar to that of the Soviet Union, that is their business, he asserted.

He clearly differentiated between the so-called "National Socialism" of Germany and Italy and the socialism of the U. S. S. R. Fascism (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

"THE EARTH SHALL RISE ON NEW FOUNDATIONS"



Little Communists demonstrating in Paris with upraised fists. This photograph was taken on the occasion when 200,000 Communists, Socialists and liberals joined in a united front protest demonstration against the attack on Leon Blum, Socialist leader, by royalists. The Hearst press used this photograph but softened its significance by declaring the children to be Socialists. Their fists clenched in the Communist salute tell a different story.

JAMES FARLEY SAVES MONEY BY STARVING POSTAL CLERKS

Roosevelt's Campaign Manager Sets New Record As Patronage Dispenser

James Farley, postmaster general and campaigner for Roosevelt in the election campaign, will be much in the limelight during the next few months. Therefore, it might be instructive to look at Mr. Farley's past, if for no other reason than to discover what sort of man Roosevelt picks to surround him.

Al Smith, now a Liberty League mouthpiece, gave Farley his start when he appointed him to the New York State Athletic Commission in 1924. He must have been satisfied with Farley for he reappointed him four times. So in reality, Farley got his start in politics on the basis of a flood of free passes to athletic events. He resigned the commission job only to take his oath as Postmaster General.

ALAMEDA MAY Get New Mayor IN RECALL

ALAMEDA, Calif., March 6.—A mass meeting of ten thousand citizens here last night pledged to recall Mayor Hans Roebke, City Manager Charles Broyles and Bruce Munro. Thus the adults have decided to finish what 4500 students started when they struck against removal of School Superintendent Wm. G. Paden from his position by the corrupt political ring in this city.

One of the speakers at the meeting lauded the strike of the students and the recall move, but concluded that the student walk-out "was a gesture of protest, but it has now served its purpose." The youth shouted down that idea.

The Alameda Voters' League, during the past year, circulated a recall petition against Mayor Roebke. But the mayor got around them by putting in a new city clerk—who refused to certify the petition when presented to him.

Landon On the Pan AND HEARST TOO

Prof Query Does It

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 4.—George A. Davis, secretary of the American Federation of Treasurers, in a telegram endorsed by two other prominent educators, has asked Governor Landon of Kansas if his "balanced budget for the state was at the expense of education and human relief."

Landon is being plugged by Hearst as a possible Republican candidate for president this year. Official reports show that many Kansas schools have been forced to close, that thousands of teachers are receiving abnormally low salaries and that educational facilities for thousands of school children have been seriously restricted.

In conclusion, the telegram to Landon declares: "Doubtless you know Hearst's efforts to place the schools under control of reactionary forces; to reduce federal relief of human need, and to cripple the power of the American labor movement. Doubtless you are aware of the just characterization of Hearst as one of the most subversive influences in America, made before the American educators' gathering in St. Louis by your fellow Kansan, Dr. George S. Counts, now of Teachers College, Columbia University."

Landon, to date, it is reported, has not answered. Have you donated to the \$7,500 Western Worker Sustaining Fund? Do it today.

GREEN DEFIED BY EAST BAY LABOR BODY

LETTER OF INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM TO APPEAR IN LABOR JOURNAL

Casey Charges Read

RED-BAITER ATTACKS SAN DIEGO 'PROGRESSIVES' IN LONG ARTICLE

(Alameda County Central Labor Council)

OAKLAND, Calif., March 3.—Last night's meeting of the Labor Council was mainly devoted to intense debate on "orders" from William Green and whether or not to support the progressives in the San Diego Council and also the Committee for Industrial Unionism.

In response to the council's letter to Joe Casey, A. F. of L. organizer, asking him to explain his actions in dissolving the San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council he sent a copy of the San Diego Labor Leader, A. F. of L. organ there which Casey controls. A long article in this issue, setting forth Casey's attempted justification of his activities, was read.

In the article Casey charged that Professor Steinmetz, president of the San Diego body, was a proven Red, inasmuch as he supported the Public Works and Unemployed Union, the Amer. Youth Congress and the League Against War and Fascism.

Joe Casey further claimed that the San Diego Council had violated the rules of the A. F. of L. in demanding a closed shop at the San Diego Exposition.

It was further revealed that Wm. Green, president of the A. F. of L. is prepared to withdraw the charter of the Office Workers' Union if it officials do not abandon their legal actions against his representative, Casey!

Heated debate followed the reading of this article, during which President Fee ruled several motions out of order. "It don't make any difference what any delegate thinks," shouted Fee, "This Council will not make any decisions against officials of the A. F. of L. while I am chairman!" He tried to order the article and accompanying letter filed, but the program (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Maritime Unions Plan Mass Meeting To Arouse Public

PLOT TO WRECK UNIONS IS UNCOVERED IN NORTHWEST

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Mar. 5.—Declaring their 4-day strike a demonstration of strength the crew of the Panama Pacific Liner California agreed to sail the ship back to the home port, New York City and take up the fight there for a new wage and working condition agreement.

An attempt was made by the operators to enlist the aid of the Federal government in breaking the strike on the grounds of "mutiny."

Similar such absurd charges were made during the 1934 strike by the shipowners, without any success. MASS MEETING PLANNED SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 6.—Plans are being arranged for a mass meeting by the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation to acquaint the shore-side unions and the general public (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

# FRAME-UPS AND VIOLENCE ARE BOASTED BY CHAMBER SPEAKER

## San Jose Attorney Demands Investigation Of State Chamber of Commerce

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notic citizens. The speaker said that during the past year the State Chamber of Commerce had interested itself in labor disturbances, both in industry and agriculture, and in its activities had spent about \$50,000. He elaborated on the nature of its activities and with pride and satisfaction informed us that in several instances where the evidence was not sufficient to convict the persons involved in these disturbances they were 'framed.' In other instances some were dealt with by physical violence. He clearly implied that the purpose of such physical violence was to bring home to the persons involved the pressing necessity of choosing between physical safety and constitutional rights.

"The fact that the representative of a responsible and powerful organization, such as the State Chamber of Commerce, felt safe to speak, and on the basis of such activities solicit support, ought to make us pause and think. Is it not fair to conclude that the State Chamber of Commerce has assumed the role of invisible government? Is it not a fair assumption that the State Chamber of Commerce has arrogated to itself the right to determine who shall enjoy constitutional guarantees or when physical violence or fraud shall be substituted in the places of constitutional guarantees, fair trial and due process?"

"As a citizen and as an attorney I deem it my duty to call on you to investigate these bold and criminal usurpations of the functions of government. Moreover, it may be open to question whether the corporate charter of the State Chamber of Commerce shall not be revoked in quo warranto proceedings for acts which are not merely ultra vires but are criminal and subversive, striking at fundamental American institutions so necessary if, orderly, society and representative government are to survive."

"Very truly yours,  
(Signed) "Alfred Aram."

Attorney Aram's demand for investigation comes at a time when these same Chamber of Commerce influences are openly demanding dismissal of two University of California teachers, Prof. Max Radin and Harry Conover, for addressing a mass meeting in San Francisco in the interests of the Modesto dynamite case prisoners.

It comes at a time when these same influences are preparing a violent attack against the San Francisco maritime unions and openly flaunting their plans in Eastern newspapers.

It comes at a time when they are making every effort to have attorneys who defend Communists in the courts disbarred from practice.

An investigation of these "California Dictators" is certainly in order and Attorney Aram's demand should receive the support of all California labor and every honest individual.

What is more, it points to the urgent necessity of a Farmer-Labor Party.

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## JOBLESS WIN EAST BAY AND L. A. STRIKES

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**EXPLANATION**

"Shortly after noon about 75 men on the job, Figueroa street and Moynier Lane, threw down their tools and walked off because we had discharged Louis Goolsey. He was implicated in the disturbance on Monday.

"The 75 started a march on the project headquarters at Stauson ave. and La Brea street. Police were notified and met the demonstrators about halfway to the headquarters.

"Half of the men returned to the job and went to work after listening to the officers. The other half did not and as a result police questioned Goolsey, Aaron Johnson, Roderick McKenzie, Harry Grain, Orval S. Sweat and Duke Galloway.

"Johnson and McKenzie were among the men who were prominent in the Monday affair when rocks were thrown at those who wished to keep on working after a small group of agitators quit in a demonstration. Work on the job proceeded uneventfully during the remainder of the afternoon."

"The 'small group of agitators,' to correct Connolly, were 3000 militant, striking workers, and the only stones thrown were by stool pigeons and provocateurs in the private, as well as public employ of the WPA.

## OAKLAND PWUU WINS

OAKLAND, Calif., Mar. 6.—Because of militant strike action taken on several WPA projects here last week the local officials are beginning to recognize the Public Works and Unemployed Union as a force to be reckoned with.

Last week action by workers was taken on five different projects. The men protested against working 8 hours per day—two more than the regular amount—in order to make up for hours off because of rain. The largest project is the Wild Cat Canyon job of the Regional Park Board.

Last Wednesday, after about 2500 men had worked their regular six-hour shift they walked off the project. A few days later a large committee called upon Mr. Koetitz, district administrator, with a long list of grievances and found him in a conciliatory mood.

**JOB STEWARDS**

It was proposed that job stewards be put on every job in order to assure proper organization and it was agreed that the PWUU should organize such a system at once. So that the union can keep tabs on orders going out to foremen, a request was made that a copy of all orders relating to working conditions be mailed to the PWUU office. This was ordered done at once.

Complaint was made against Superintendents Cortiss and Sheridan of the Wild Cat project. Charges are to be filed against these two slave drivers and a promise was made to investigate. Then it was pointed out that many timekeepers and tool-house men are assuming too much authority and issuing orders that should only come from those above. A bulletin was immediately ordered sent out with instructions that this practice must stop at once.

As the committee was about to leave a group of unorganized WPA workers appeared with a grievance. They had lost a day's pay while being transferred to another project and charged discrimination between two gangs. The committee took these workers in hand and after winning a partial victory for them, signed several of them up in the union.

As a result of these actions about 400 new members have joined the Public Works and Unemployed Union during the last four days.

**ONE-MAN CAR Smacks Automobile**

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.—A "one-man street car," more safe than the two-man cars," according to the Market Street Railway Officials, yesterday ploughed into an automobile at Seventeenth street and Van Ness ave. So, injured a man passing in front of the automobile and narrowly missed crushing two children accompanying him.

The automobile had halted, awaiting the "go" signal. The one-man car, with the conductor busy at one of his many tasks, smashed into the back of the automobile. The car was a No. 35 on the No. 1 run.

Costello, business agent of the Painters' Union here, was crossing the street in front of the automobile. The one-man car shoved the machine into him, injuring his head, shoulder and hand. His two grandchildren were discovered beneath the automobile, uninjured.

The Market Street Railway last Summer started operating one-man cars on several streets here, contending they could not afford to operate the two-man variety. Scores of platform men were thrown out of work. Because an ordinance prohibits one-man cars the firm got out an injunction and has been operating these cars on the strength of it ever since.

# Organized Vigilantes Have Control of Crockett Union by Terrorism

## INTIMIDATION RIFE WITHIN RANKS OF AMER. FED. OF LABOR LOCAL

CROCKETT, Calif., March 2.

A striking illustration of how fascism works with the ranks of the trade unions is offered in the present situation existing in the Sugar Refinery Employees' Union, No. 2003.

This organization was formerly functioning openly as a company union, headed by "reliable employees." At the conclusion of the 1934 strike, contact between members of this company union and the militant longshoremen and warehousemen aroused the demand for a bona fide A. F. of L. union among the sugar workers.

Sensing this the company union leaders took the initiative and applied for an A. F. of L. charter. This was granted and the same officers were retained as leaders

of the bona fide union.

**FASCIST RULE**

This is the background of the situation. But the inside story is far more odious.

Within the ranks of this union is a well trained group of vigilantes, who actually drill under the supervision of fascist-minded officers.

Up until a short time ago, one of these "drill masters" was none other than the editor of the vigilante sheet, American Citizen, Major Sanborn.

Completely intimidated by the fascist group, the rank and file members of the union are absolutely cowed. One member who dared to run for officer in the union on a rank and file program, was actually beaten up by this gang of vigilantes.

So complete is their control, the union is not even affiliated to the State Federation of Labor or even the local Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

**INTIMIDATION FREQUENT**

Stool pigeons are exceeded in number only by the vigilantes. Any worker who has the misfortune to utter a single remark which could be construed as a progressive idea is immediately set upon and beaten up. If he is not fired on top of it, he is considered fortunate.

One member who has worked in the refinery for years and been a tax paying member of the community for years was fired because he had become engaged in a "fight." Actually the member had consistently opposed the tactics

of the company union officials, with the result that a man who had only been in the mill a short time deliberately attacked him.

Deciding that it takes two to make a fight the company fired the worker. The provocateur disappeared and has not been seen since. The man who has his entire life's earnings invested in the community is now out of a job and with no chance of gaining one in the company-controlled town.

Black as things are however, there are a few workers with enough spirit and fight to carry on the battle against this two-edge enemy.

A public mass meeting has been called and at this meeting the complete facts of the whole unsavory condition will be exposed.

## CHINESE REDS SLANDERED BY HEARST PRESS

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Despite the charter-jerking action of the reactionary-controlled International Seamen's Union Convention the ranks of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific are one hundred per cent solid. Already 5300 members have signed cards pledging loyalty to their Union in its fight to regain the charter and A. F. of L. standing.

But the shipowners' puppets have not given up their original intentions to smash the rank and file control of the Pacific Coast maritime unions. On the contrary they have renewed their efforts. The scene of activity for the moment has merely been shifted to the East Coast.

The reactionary I. S. U. officials aim to kill two birds with one stone. They seek to stifle the unanimously expressed demand of Eastern seamen for militant action in the fight for improved working conditions and are now maneuvering very clearly for a sell-out agreement.

In the same breath these hirelings of the shipowners are attempting to turn the Atlantic seamen against their West Coast union brothers.

Already West Coast seamen have been ejected from Atlantic Union halls by order of the I. S. U. officials.

## Seamen On All Coasts Must Fight for National Unity

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Seamen must fight against this. If anybody is to be ejected from Union halls let it be the Gus Browns and Scharrenbergs.

East Coast men! West Coast men!—The I. S. U. belongs to the membership. It does not belong to the seven self-appointed dictators.

Follow in the footsteps of the Pacific Coast Marine Firemen and the Sailors' Union of the Pacific who have demanded a rank and file conducted referendum on the decisions of the Convention. All branches, locals and districts must fight for this.

Demand the I. S. U. Executive Board institute this referendum.

Such action will defeat the aims of those who would destroy the rank and file unions under the name of "unity."

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## East Bay Labor Council Ired By Orders From Top

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resolves forced a vote. However, the motion to file carried by 51 to 27.

After the vote a delegate remarked Green better be careful which Office Workers' Union got its charter jerked. "If it's the San Francisco local that loses its charter Scharrenberg will be out of luck," he said, "for he couldn't get into any other union."

## GREEN DEFIED

A long communication from the Committee for Industrial Unionism was ordered printed in full in the East Bay Labor Journal. This was done despite a letter received from Green last week "ordering" the Council to have nothing to do with the Committee.

The American Student Union was branded a "Communist controlled" organization, in a letter from Green who cited Edward Vandeleur, president of the State Federation of Labor as his authority. The Council was "advised" it should not seat fraternal delegates from the students. A dozen angry delegates demanded the floor to answer this.

Said one, "I am not a Communist and probably never will be one, but as long as the Communist Party is legal in this state we have no more right to bar anyone from membership in this Council because he is a Communist than we have to demand that he join the Republican or Democratic parties." Another remarked, "It looks like Vandeleur is taking his orders direct from dirty Willie Hearst."

Chairman Fee ruled all motions to seat the student delegates out of order. He declared that Green's letter constituted an order, and he might jerk the Council's charter if defied.

A committee was appointed to gather facts concerning the A. S. U. to forward their findings to Green with a statement that the Council considers him in error and asking him to reconsider.

## DISASTER PLAN

Secretary Spooner reported that his conferences with the city attorney on the Disaster Preparedness ordinance have resulted in a resolution which will be presented to the city council on March 5. The resolution would amend the ordinance, deleting the paragraph which gives the committee the

## Women's Day at S.F. Open Forum, Mar. 8

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SAN FRANCISCO.—On Sunday evening, Mar. 8, the Open Forum conducted each week by the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party at 68 Haight street, will observe International Women's Day, which is being celebrated all over the world by women's organizations, social and political groups. The speaker will be Miss Tanna Alex, San Francisco attorney and recent candidate for supervisor on the United Labor ticket. Admission is free.

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# EAST COAST I.S.U. OFFICIALS SEEK TO STIFLE DEMAND OF SEAMEN FOR FIGHT ACTION

## Rand and File Call for Militant Stand to Gain Original Demands Made

NEW YORK, March 5.—Despite the overwhelming vote of the East Coast seamen against the renewing of the old agreement and the majority sentiment for a definite line of action against the shipowners, the reactionary District Committee of the I. S. U. re-opened negotiations by asking for a \$62.50 wage scale instead of the original 20 per cent increase which the membership have demanded.

Deliberately retreating from the shipowners instead of maintaining a fighting policy, this change in demands was reported without even consulting the rank and file.

On top of this the demands for overtime pay, union control of shipping and improved conditions are being pushed into the background.

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## Frisco I.L.A. Moves To Recruit Coast In Charter Fight

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The date of the mass meeting has not yet been set. A statement by a representative of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in San Jose emphasizes sharply the need of such an investigation. (See story on Page 1, Col. 3.)

Bellingham I. L. A. Local 38-98 has also adopted a resolution supporting the demands of District Councils No. 1 and 2 for the Congressional investigation.

**PLOT UNCOVERED NORTH**

Seattle capitalist papers have been running advertisements for an "unlimited number of seamen." Investigation by alert maritime leaders reveals the fact that plans have been made to attempt to replace union men with scabs immediately following the March 10 elections.

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## GENERAL STRIKE THREAT MADE BY NEW YORK UNION

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 5.—A general strike in New York City!

The threat was whispered by union men here today as the Realty Advisory Board refused demands of striking building service employers, after more than 14 hours of negotiation with leaders of the union.

Union officials went so far as to consent to arbitrate most of their demands, but the emples stubbornly refused to make the slightest concession.

Mayor LaGuardia's police continued to make arrests as pickets defiantly battled for their rights, against imported scabs and gun thugs. Sixty-seven strikers have been arrested since the strike went into effect Sunday.

## I. S. U. PILOT POPULAR

In an effort to counteract the tremendous influence and popularity of the rank and file-issued I. S. U. PILOT, which has been a tremendous factor in building unity and offering a progressive program for the men to follow, the I. S. U. is publishing a bulletin known as the Seamen's Journal, Atlantic and Gulf Supplement.

Its very fine first issue is a shining example of strike-stifling propaganda. Praising V. Olander for "his good offices in reopening negotiations," the sheet then launches into a full spread against any militant plan of action to insure the seamen of their demands.

**LYNCH IS EDITOR**

The rest of its contents are devoted to a rabid attack upon the rank and file. Particularly against the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. Strangely enough, the editor is a member of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. His name is Carl Lynch, former editor of the now defunct American Seaman, which earned the wrath

# Queer Dough in Jail

## A Prisoner Tells of Counterfeiting in San Quentin

### INTRODUCTION

This is the first of a series of articles written exclusively for the Western Worker by a man who has just been released from San Quentin penitentiary. We regard it as one of the most vital and important series we have ever run. In view of the current scandals involving American prisons and the increasing practice of financial interests in using the prisons as a weapon against political movements, it deserves the widest possible reading. The series throws interesting light on the causes of crime that should open the eyes of every honest thinking person.



Modesto prisoners, Harry Donlan and the rest of the class war prisoners, it is certain they would have spent their time in far better pursuits. It is within their realm of disciplinary measures to search for guns, knives, contraband, queer dough and other things, but when they spend most of their time peering and pushing about our comrades who have given up their freedom that the working class movement might go on, then it IS OUR BUSINESS. And not for one moment are we going to let them forget that our comrades are not to be subjected to searching, probing, snooping activities of the San Quentin "red squad." Not a week passes but what the "Red Squad" makes its rounds of all the cells of our comrades searching for (what they call) red literature. All the class-war prisoners are known by sight to the Red Squad. When the Red Squad is a little off its feed, they stop one of the class-war prisoners going through the prison yard and search him. Houdgardy almost got into serious trouble when he told them, "Don't disturb that machine gun in my watch pocket." The silliness of their methods is laughable at times, but the seriousness of the situation is not to be laughed off.

### MY PURPOSE

I am going to give the readers of the Western Worker quite a few articles on the prison and its bestial methods of torture, its definite tendency towards the same brands of fascist terror which are being practiced in Germany, Austria, Poland and other nations where the fascists must keep their power by jailing or killing everyone who objects. I want you to read these and understand them, for it may be your turn next, and I want you to know just what you can expect if you do go to prison, either for labor activities or anything else. I feel that the criminal has been de-classed by the same forces which have kept the millions of unemployed in misery for so long. And it may be possible to show a good number of those accidental criminals that they have the wrong viewpoint, that individual lawlessness is wrong and useless, and that only by getting back into the working class and taking part in the class struggle with the workers can they bring about a system where stealing will not be known or necessary. To that end I dedicate these articles.

(Next Issue: "THE BAGLEY M'NABB CAPER.")

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

# WAR-PROP BUREAU FOR HOLLYWOOD JINGO FACTORY

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO LIKE THE ENGLISH IN FASCIST ITALY

HOLLYWOOD (FP)—The motion picture industry, never known for its pacific tendencies, is practicing the goose-step in the open these days. The building of a motion picture reserve unit, to be affiliated with the Signal Corps, has at last been formally and publicly okayed by the War Department. Though efforts have been afoot for the last two years to develop a propaganda machine for the films, military men have been hesitant about revealing their intention of using the movies' vast propaganda possibilities as a basic preparation for war time hysteria.

### UNDERWAY

Maj. Gen. Paul B. Malone, commanding officer of the 9th corps area, has visited Hollywood and set up the necessary apparatus for enrolling writers, actors, directors, technicians and every other sort of movie worker into a propaganda machine which at a moment's notice will be ready to flood the screen of the country with jingo films.

### LABOR ANGLE

Nor, Hollywood observers believe, is it unlikely that in certain special cases the unit will turn out propaganda pictures for political or social forces, particularly useful when it comes to breaking strikes.

HOLLYWOOD, (FP)—Word reaches Hollywood that Mussolini's latest edict is one that forbids the showing on Italian screens of any films showing Englishmen in a sympathetic light. This follows on the friction between Italy and Britain on the Ethiopian situation.

### STRICT BAN

Not only are all English-made films banned from Rome, but such American pictures as David Copperfield, Mutiny on the Bounty and Captain Blood (although this was written by Sabatini), are due for exclusion. Mussolini will see to it that his people think the way he wants them to, even if he has to make the possession of a brain a crime against the state.

### BUTCHERS ON STRIKE

TIA JUANA, Mexico, Feb. 29—Last night 52 meat slaughterers went out on strike against low wages paid by the Municipal Packing Company. The principal strike demand is a 100 per cent increase in wages. The effectiveness of the strike was seen when the price for slaughtering doubled immediately following the walk-out.

Help build Western Worker Routes in your neighborhood and section.

# Opening of People's Front Congress In Mexico City; 700,000 Represented

## THE UNITED PEOPLES FRONT IN MEXICO



This photograph was taken on the day when 100,000 Mexican workers and liberals turned out in a united front demonstration against the return of Dictator Calles to the country. It was held in Mexico City where the present People's Front Congress is now in session.

## 1200 Delegates From 635 Organizations In Giant Meet

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 26 (Special to the Western Worker)—With 1200 delegates, representing 635 different organizations and more than 70,000 people, the great Congress of the People's Front, Against Imperialism opened today at 11 a. m. in the Hidalgo Theater here.

The theater was decorated with posters reading: "Down with War and Imperialism!" "For fraternization between the people and the soldiers!" "Long live the Confederation of Workers of Mexico!" "Demand the dissolution of the fascist 'Gold Shirts!'", etc. On the back wall of the stage hung huge paintings of Emiliano Zapata and Ricardo Flores Magon, leaders of the 1910 revolution. Above the stage were similar portraits of two leaders of Mexico's War of Independence, Benito Juarez and Maria Morelos. All of these portraits were painted by artists belonging to the Mexican League of Revolutionary Artists and Painters.

### HONORARY OFFICERS

Eugenio Mendez (one of the three Mexican delegates to the Cleveland Congress Against War and Fascism) presided over the opening of the Congress. Officers were elected including as honorary presidents, Ernst Thaelmann and George Dimitroff. "The most prominent representatives in the fight against fascism and imperialist war." Jose Benitez, a railroad worker, was elected president of the Congress.

Jose Albarra (also one of the delegates to the Cleveland Congress) welcomed the delegates in the name of the organizing committee.

### CONFEDERATION DELEGATE

A tremendous ovation was given Pedro Morales, peasant delegate and member of the Executive Committee of the newly-formed Confederation of Workers of Mexico. Morales, in sandals and peasant clothes with a bright-colored serape slung over his shoulder told the delegates: "We peasants have come to this Congress inspired by the example of one who died in the struggle to give land to the peasants—Emiliano Zapata!"

One of the greatest ovations of the day was given to Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Mexican Communist Party. Laborde began his speech by saying that the Congress of the People's Front was taking place in a period of the sharpest struggle of popular and progressive forces against fascism and reaction. Referring to the unification of the proletariat under the Confederation of Workers of Mexico, Laborde described this as "the most important political event in the history of Mexico." After analyzing the forces of reaction and particularly warning against the fascist "Gold Shirts" Laborde closed his speech with a statement of the tasks of the People's Front: the continuation of the Revolution of 1910; the confiscation of lands of the big landowners, both foreign and Mexican; the raising of the standard of living of the working class; the carrying through of the revolution to a higher stage; the fight to achieve the socialist state when the opportune moment arrives.

who had been held in jail for nearly sixteen months, many without trial, many about to be sentenced to the scaffold.

Joy, Happiness, tears! The triumphant victory of the rugged miners, the mothers, the sweethearts. People embraced on the streets without ceremony, without previous acquaintance. They kissed each other on the cheeks, on their dark hair, on their foreheads, and shouted: "Did you hear the news? The United Front won." The red flag waved for days impossibly with a north wind atop the "Consejerias" and woe to he who attempted to furl it. Mighty UNITED FRONT, what next?

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE, too. A united front under the banner of the Farmers and Workers' Party will open San Quentin and all the jails of the country to pour out the criminal syndicalism victims, the Modesto frame-up victims, the Scottsboro boys, the Tom Mooney's, etc. Yes; it can happen here, too.

# The New Soviet Hollywood

## IT IS NOT TO BE A CREAM PUFF NIGHTMARE

By George Bell. (Western Worker Moscow Correspondent)

MOSCOW.—The chief fact that is being emphasized here about plans for the new Soviet Hollywood is that it will not bear any striking resemblance to the "papier mache" film city in Southern California.

Boris Shumayatski, Soviet film chief, recently returned from a visit to the United States with his head bursting with brand new ideas about movie technique, but all of these ideas have nothing in common with the chief basis for Hollywood's existence, namely fabulous profits for the giant film corporations.

### SOVIET FLORIDA

The new Soviet Hollywood will be located in the south of the U. S. S. R., in the Soviet Union's "Florida," in that semi-tropical climate where thousands of workers and collective farmers spend their vacations where formerly only the parasitic hordes that followed in the trail of the Romanovs lolled away their non-too-precious time.

An official of the Soviet movie industry recently made these observations:

"What will our cinema city be like? It will be a city flooded with sunshine. But our cinema city will not resemble the American Hollywood.

"Our cinema city will be full of space. It will be a genuine city of art, imaginative in its architecture, with nothing clumsy or imitative. The houses will be sparkling, the streets broad. There will be small separate cottages for art workers, a big hotel where people can come and live comfortably, botanical and zoological gardens, poly-clinics, clubs and theaters."

In fundamental respects, say the Soviet film leaders, they cannot copy the Americans, "for with them everything is built for profit."

### EVERY FACILITY

Here, on the other hand movie directors, authors and actors are assured that they will have at their disposal all the equipment, materials and other aid that may be needed in conformity with their capabilities.

"The new 'cinema city' will have a new theater, seating from 4000 to 6000 persons—and it will have none of the garish vulgarity of 'Grauman's Chinese' in Los Angeles. . . . There will be a cinema museum which will provide a living history of the work and achievements of Soviet and world cinema.

### UNIVERSITIES

Excellent cultural facilities are included in the plan for the new Soviet Hollywood, including a

film academy, schools and universities where workers in the films may perfect their skill, or, as the Russians are fond of saying, "improve their qualifications." A magnificent sports stadium (not the commercialized Los Angeles "Bowl," mind you) is also planned by the creators of the new Soviet film city.

An indication of the great scope of this new enterprise is seen in Boris Shumayatski's statement that more than 110 film directors will be needed at the new studios.

### NOT INCLUDED

The new Soviet Hollywood will not have:

1. Million-dollar executives whose chief job is to degrade the latest aesthetic taste of the masses in the interest of profit.

2. Lavish "spectacles" costing huge fortunes where byzantine mummeries conceal the sordid realities of life in a land of deep crisis.

3. A grave yard where talented young authors are bribed and corrupted in the service of cheap scenarios that are false to life.

"Our cinema city in the U. S. S. R.," a Soviet film man said recently, "will be a beautiful palace of art which will evoke the envy of the West. Such a cinema city will be built, and we shall come to it and give all our creative strength to making there the best films in the entire world."

# THE VICTORY OF THE SPANISH PROLETARIAT

## United Front of Communists, Socialists and Syndicalists Won Elections

E. Alvarez. For long years the Spanish proletariat fought without success the domination and terrorism of the capitalist class. The advent of the Republic, which some hailed as the liberation of the workers, was only a slight change of master. The monarchists merely changed their face with the result that under the new regime there were two masters for every one of the old set-up.

The workers in Spain were divided. A large percentage dreamed under the banner of anarchism. Another part worked under that of socialism. A smaller, though compact one, plowed steadily under the red flag. There was one basic thing in common between these three factions: they belonged to the exploited class. There was and there is one aim in common between them: the total eradication of the exploiters and their form of government, and its substitution by a socialist regime.

### BITTER EXPERIENCE

The tragic happening of October, 1934, with its rivers of blood wherever the workers, unorganized and disunited, tried to assert their rights, taught socialists, syndico-anarchists and left

republicans a cruel, bitter lesson, illustrated by the deaths of thousands of their best members, and epitomized—in case they became forgetful—with the incarceration of over thirty thousand leaders of the three factions, with socialists in the lead.

Meantime, and for years, the Communist Party had preached the necessity of a UNITED FRONT. No; the syndico-anarchists were absolutely opposed, by doctrine, to any class of government. They didn't believe in the ballot. The socialists were jealous of the growing ascendancy of the Communist Party of Spain.

### UNITED FRONT

But the massacres of workers and the threatened death penalties to hundreds of those in jail and the meting out of savagely long terms for the crime of striking and picketing brought the anarchists, the socialists and the Communists together. The anarchists dropped their objection to the ballot, the socialists their fears and the UNITED FRONT BECAME A BEAUTIFUL REALITY. It was a union of class conscious workers—revolutionary in spirit and action to oppose the machi-

## THEY MARCHED HOME AGAIN



This photograph shows a column of miners, led by one of their wives, surrendering to the police after the disastrous uprising of 1934. Many of them have lain in the dungeons of Spain ever since that time. With the victory of the People's Front in recent elections, they were all released and carried home triumphantly on the shoulders of their friends.

nations and terrorism of both the monarchists and the rightist republicans. It was the answer to the capitalist class of Spain, incubated with the blood of Asturias, bent on a reign of sup-

pression and slaughter.

At the request of this united front the Government had to dissolve the Cortes, and issue a call to new elections. This Government did its best to stop the dissolution

## A Lesson for America in the Experience of The Spanish Working Class

and the call. Of no avail. At the end of December, unable to delay the issue any longer, the capitalists entrenched in the Government began their usual red-scare campaign.

### PROPAGANDA

Over the radio, in the newspapers the announcers and the headlines shrieked: "We are under the red terror." Nightly, hundreds of fascists went out distributing their papers (similar to the 'American Citizen' of San Rafael) in which they poured lies against the workers, against the United Front. As usual, they called themselves the patriots, the saviors, the flag-wavers.

In answer, the UNITED FRONT put out their own leaflets and poverty-stricken mimeographed sheets educating the workers, reminding them of October, 1934, of the 30,000 in prison and of the danger of similar occurrences if they did not win the election.

### THOUSANDS OF MEETINGS

El Socialista, official organ of the Socialist Party, and La Libertad, a very leftist organ of the Left Republicans had to give extra space in every issue to publish the thousands of announcements of meetings held every-

where in Spain exhorting the workers to win the electoral battle. It was a wave as big as an ocean set on its end, and with no intention of spending itself upon an empty sand.

Throughout January the campaign fund for the United Front was swelled to an incredible amount. "Gold from Moscow," screamed the reactionaries. It was not from Moscow. It was from the poor workers. If we consider that even the thousands of prisoners went on a diet and voluntarily contributed to the campaign what was saved in food, we may have an idea of whence the money came and of the spirit that animated the Spanish proletariat.

The day of reckoning dawned. As it had been predicted by the left newspapers the workers won through their UNITED FRONT. This despite intimidation, abuses, frauds.

### LIBERATION

Immediately all prosecution of workers, and soldiers who had fraternized with the revolution in 1934, had to stop at the behest of the victorious UNITED FRONT. The jails, penitentiaries, the dungeons had to open wide their doors to pour out stumbling, emaciated, tortured, half dead men

### PRISON GUARDS

They came to the prison, questioned the Warden, got his permission to examine the photo gallery and found the entire plant. But not without trouble. For it was necessary to shove out of their way several guards and officials (including the captain of the prison yard) in order to get to the places they wanted, and talk to the cons that were in some way implicated in the caper.

That they found everything and what is infinitely worse—found things the prison officials and guards could not find, is well known. True, their findings made a laughing stock out of the guard force of the prison who should have known that such things were going on. The ignorance of guards is so well known that they can be outwitted and outguessed by a child. How then could they expect to cope with convicts who are accustomed to out-manuevering coppers who (despite their low level of intelligence) are far smarter than the average prison guard. Throughout the prison, convicts went about with a smile on their faces. Whenever a guard approached, one could be heard asking another, "Hey, when can I get the next batch of tens?" The guard within hearing, either ignored the remark or snatched the convict by the coat and whirling him about would search him, then and there.

### CAUSE OF CRIME

Mainly, we are not concerned with the disposal of the cons who were taking a short-cut to becoming

Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

What Party and YCL Members Must Do In Youth Work

For some years we have suffered from an epidemic of "non-cooperation" between the Party and the Young Communist League.

With the broadening of the YCL into a mass youth organization, in time, a number of YCLers will be joining the Party.

Leading YCL Comrades in the past have been in the habit of only attending their unit meetings once a month.

This situation must be changed if the building of the new youth organization is to progress.

TO ALL UNITS IN DISTRICT NUMBER 13

There are still between two and three hundred members who have not registered for their 1936 membership books.

We also want to have every Party member who recruited three or more members since the beginning of the Drive, January 1, to send his or her name, Unit number and City, direct to the District Org. Dept.

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Jobless Unions Fight for Homes for Evicted Families

WORLD WAR VET AND FAMILY OF SEVEN THROWN ON STREETS IN SOUTH GATE, CALIF.

By the Los Angeles Boondoggler. SOUTH GATE, Calif., Feb. 29.—You have heard it said, "Radicals wish to destroy the American home."

The furniture had been taken in rough hands and flung into the street. Three of the younger children wandered dumbfounded through the scattered, dusty furnishings thrown helter skelter into the gutter.

He is a shell shocked veteran who gave the best years of his life in the service of "his" country and even now still were frayed army garments and a Legion button as he lay on a davenport where he collapsed screaming and sobbing.

WORKERS TAKE A HAND A crowd of men and women start gathering. The majority of them wear prominently displayed a button that reads, "JOIN THE P. W. U. U." Also present and lending active support are members of the local Epic Club and a few friendly members of the American Legion, supported by the people of the neighborhood.

A calm young man, elected for the job by the crowd, mounts a chair and explains the situation. He tells how this family, whose breadwinner is working on WPA at \$35 per month, has been evicted three days before their rents are due.

VICTORY

But then he reports that a house has been found and that an official of the Red Cross, the relief station being closed, has been forced to advance one month's rent. The crowd and the family think they should accept the house. The pieces of furniture are lifted carefully aboard a truck by a group of people some of whom are classed as police headquarters as dangerous radicals who seek to destroy the American home.

An ambulance is secured and the sick girl is on her way to the General Hospital, followed by a committee of three to see that she is admitted. The committee comes in handy, for the hospital admits her only under protest. They have won. The committee turns to go. I note one wears in his button hole a pin of the American Legion. The lapel of the second carries a button of the Public Works Unemployed Union. The third wears no button of any kind but I look more closely and see on his left hand a ring which bears some kind of an emblem. A he moves his hand there flashes— to my astonishment and complete satisfaction—A Hammer And Sickle.

WHERE WAS THE MAYOR? The mayor of South Gate where this eviction took place is Mr. Pomeroy, who is also assistant relief administrator of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration.

The people here say he utilized their confidence as a stepping stone to a higher position and forgot what he promised them. In the coming election certain individuals are running for office whom they call "Pomeroy Puppets," and workers' groups are determined to defeat them by putting their own Farmer-Labor candidates in the field.

Herman Nesbitt and Joe Hausman will be their candidates for city councilmen, and Mr. Vogler for city treasurer. All three, who are militant members of the South Gate Epic Club, were at the eviction and did their part to help the Hollenbecks.

Mrs. Hollenbeck has this to say: "The people with big cars drove by, looked at us, and gave no help. You people came and helped us and I'll stick to you. When we vote to put our own people in office we won't be thrown out of our homes into the street, humiliated and treated like we were animals. If a Labor Party will help I'm for it One-Hundred percent."

HOMELESS IN SAN BERNARDINO



Lee Washington, his wife and four of their seven children. Mrs. Washington is holding their baby on her lap. Behind them lies their furniture where it was dumped by sheriff's deputies when they were driven from their home on an eviction order.

Waterfront Unit Turns In \$7.50 to Take Lead in Western Worker Drive

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 4.—Unit 1, Waterfront Sub-section, took the lead in San Francisco unit competition when it turned in \$7.50 for the first two days of competition.

A set of the Collected Works of Lenin will be awarded the winning unit. The competition, part of the drive to build a \$7,500 sustaining fund for the Western Worker, started March 1 and will end April 1.

Soviet Women's Role is Portrayed

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Soviet films win new laurels with the production of "Three Women," L. Arnshtem's highly praised film based on women's role in the creation of the new Russia.

By the way, my wife and I have a contest for new subscribers since the drive began. She has, to date, six and I have seven. I would like to know if that can be duplicated by any household in the section? That is, no consideration for subscriptions gotten at bazaars or any like function.

Farmers Realize Worker Need for Unity of Action

FRANKFORT, Ind. (UNS)—Farm sympathy with labor efforts for industrial organization is expressed by Edward A. Stinson, State secretary for Indiana, of the Farmers' Education & Cooperative Union.

HE MUST EAT

SAN DIEGO, March 2.—Charles Sisson, 42, unemployed, recently had his left leg amputated. Out of the hospital, sick, hungry, he could find no way to feed himself or his wife and son. So he turned to robbery. Easily captured, he was rushed to trial. A "merciful" judge sentenced him to "the term prescribed by law." Now he'll have three meals a day. But will his wife and son?

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TWO SICK CHILDREN AND NURSE ON SIDEWALK AS LAW TAKES COURSE IN SAN BERNARDINO

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Feb. 29.—A Negro family, namely Lee Washington, his wife and seven children have lived in this community for ten years, coming here from Arizona where they had lived as good, quiet citizens.

Out of their allowance of \$55, \$16 was needed to pay rent. This left them, family of nine an allowance of \$39 a month with which to buy food and clothing. Dividing this into nine equal parts we find the sum of \$4.33 for each of them. Seeing that this would not feed his family Washington failed to pay the rent.

Color Technician To Talk at Forum In Hollywood Sun.

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 5.—Robert Edmond Jones, foremost American scenic designer and color expert on the first all-Technicolor production, "Becky Sharp," will be a main speaker at the Contemporary Theater symposium to be held at the Masonic Temple, 6840 Hollywood Boulevard, Sunday night, Mar. 8 at 8:30 o'clock.

HOUSING PROBLEM The question of housing enters the matter at this point. The shortage of houses in this community is so acute that if something is not done very soon many persons will find themselves in the street. For five days the PWUU and SRA visitors looked for a home for the Washingtons until another household generously took them in.

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Redman's Hall, 3033 16th st., March 20, 21, 22. Keep these dates open.

Watch for further announcements.

SAINT PATRICK'S BENEFIT Dance, Sat., March 14, 8 p.m. Druids Auditorium, 44 Page st. Given by Conf. for Repeal of C. S. Act. Benefit Sacramento Defendants. Public invited. Door prize. Prizes for Spot and Ballroom Dances. Union Music and Refreshments. Admission 25c.

DICK PARKER (Waterfront) Branch, I. L. D., Dance, March 8, at 8 p. m., 779 Vallejo st.

Admission 15c HELP DEFEND CLASS WAR PRISONERS.

DANCE, 779 Vallejo street, March 14th, 8 p. m.

Good music. Auspices: Jugo Slav Workers' Club. Hat check 25c.

TOM MOONEY BRANCH, Y. C. L. Inauguration Dinner, Sunday, March 15, 6:30 p. m.

at the Boys' Inc., 15 Market street. Mooney, Modesto and C. Defense speakers. Musical numbers. Make reservations, C. O. YCL, 121 Haight street. 35 cents a plate.

East Bay

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. Variety Entertainment and Dancing. Main speaker: Anita Whitney. Comrades' Hall, 1819 Tenth street, Berkeley. Saturday, March 7th, 7:45 p.m. General admission 15c. Spagnetti Dinner at 6 p. m. 25 cents.

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COMMEMORATE THE PARIS COMMUNE OF 1871, Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake st., Los Angeles, March 21st, 8 p. m. Auspices: I.L.D. KEEP DATE OPEN.

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Concert at Mason Opera House, Saturday Nite, March 28th. Followed by Cabaret at Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring st., Los Angeles.

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RIP TIDES . . . By LeMae
"THE POWER OF THE PRESS"

South Broadway was witness-
ing another protest demonstration.
Led by that militant group of
seamen whose name has passed
into the workers' history, the
meeting was being staged in the
tiny square at the foot of fish
market opposite the Anchorage—
purported seamen's refuge.

mass. The seamen gave way-
reluctantly. Very much so.
The speaker—and two others
for good measure—were tossed
into the wagon. Half unconscious
from club blows in the kidneys
where it don't "show."

THE BRUTAL ADVENTURE OF A CRIMINAL AND CRAZY GLOWN

"Down With the Insane and Irresponsible Government of the Puppet Mussolini"



This is the cry rising through Italy today which is as alarm-
ing to British and American capital as it is to Mussolini. Despite
all the hysterical victories reported in the Hearst press, Italian
invading forces today are virtually stalemated. Above: Ethi-
opian infantry going into action with modern machine guns.
Right: Italian troops embarking for the front.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

In the February issue of the
New Masses," Dr. Summer cor-
rectly takes a stand against the
health insurance plan as in op-
eration in England. Here the
workers are often forced to pay
dues to private insurance com-
panies who in turn supply them
with a certain amount of medical
care.

tageous as health insurance paid
for from tax funds, but it would
be a tremendous advance over
the present system where work-
ers are unable to pay for their medi-
cal care and many doctors are
out of work.

Some Things We Have Done and What
We Must Do in Organizing Women

Discussion Article by Member of
S. F. Women's Commission.

Either the working class has the
toiling and exploited women as
allies or the bosses have them.
And because we live in a world
where the schools, newspapers,
radios, and churches are controlled
by the capitalists, they have led
the women to see things their
way.

Another good piece of work
now being carried on in Los An-
geles is the broad Women's Com-
mittee of the American League
Against War and Fascism, which
includes members from 40 wom-
en's organizations, who work in
their own groups to enlighten the
members there and to lead them
to take action against war-like
maneuvers and fascist tendencies.

which is enthusiastically received
and is helping to rally all the
members to call for action on the
part of their well-paid officials to
improve working conditions first
by living up to the union by-laws
and contract.

day problems.
2. Not enough forces because
our Party as a whole does not
realize the life and death necessity
of winning the women.

What work have we done in our
District to help the women gain
their immediate demands, and to
see that their only road to free-
dom lies in close cooperation with
the working class?
Certainly the best piece of mass
work was done in Los Angeles
last year, in the meat strike in
Boyle Heights, for which the
ground-work was laid by four
conferences against the high cost
of living, culminating on March
8th, International Women's Day.
Then block committees were formed
three weeks before the strike,
and two mass meetings were held.
The second was on Saturday, from
which the audience marched di-
rectly to the picket line, closing
most of the shops. A broad, elected
strike committee of 50 met
every night and worked all day
assigning pickets, meeting with
the packers and butchers, and
getting out the daily bulletin,
Women's Voice of which 1000
copies were sold daily. Hundreds
of women were on the picket lines
and additional thousands partici-
pated by not buying meat. The
strike was won with a 5c cut per
lb. on all meat.

Among other activities which
are being carried on, the confer-
ence to get a Federal Housing
Project, and the auxiliary to the
Firestone Public Works and Un-
employed Union, should be men-
tioned.

One of the leading auxiliaries
has overcome its petty squabbles
by carrying on a successful mem-
bership drive, and broadening its
activities to include educational
and social evenings. Although
the drive is bringing in a number
of new women each meeting yet
there is no reason to be satisfied,
for there are hundreds of women
who are still eligible for member-
ship. The auxiliary is doing good
work in extending a helping hand
to any group of women who want
to start an auxiliary.

Some of the steps we can take
to remedy our weaknesses, are:
1. Carrying on discussions in
the units, the trade union frac-
tions, and those of other mass or-
ganizations, among both men and
women on the need of supporting
all women's work, and recruiting
the most active elements. Popu-
larizing our women's literature
particularly Zetkin's "Lenin or
the Woman Question," and the
magazine "The Woman Today"
and "Health and Hygiene."

WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO
In San Francisco the work has
been primarily organizational
through fractions working in wom-
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S. F. White Collar
Unions Organizing

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Cul-
tural Projects Union, Lodge No.
236 and the American Federation
of Gov't Employees are calling
upon all WPA workers on local
recreation projects to join and at-
tend meetings of the Cultural
Projects Union at 83 McAllister
street on the 2nd and 4th Mon-
days of each month.

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WITH OUR APOLOGIES
San Jose, Calif.
Editor, Western Worker:
Let me register my wholeheart-
ed disapproval at the consistently
phoney "continued on page 6, col-
umn 2" business in the last few
Workers. Suggest that whoever
is responsible be instructed to
come to work sober.

GOING TO EXTREMES

Los Angeles.
Editor, Western Worker:
Visitors to the Griffith Park
zoo were given a demonstration
of war time camps, a la fascist,
the other day. Drunken doctors
lined up four hundred men for
examination for the U. S. En-
gineering Department. They had
these workers half naked in full
view of women and children vis-
itors to the park.

L. A. Film Group
Begins Class in
Cinematography

LOS ANGELES.—"The New
Film Group" has opened registra-
tion for the mid-winter term of
its film school. The school was
originally established to answer
the demand of its own member-
ship and of many other people in
the film industry interested in
Cinematography. A great deal of
interest in this school has al-
ready been evidenced by many
people in the film industry. The
present term, which started Feb-
ruary 24th features three inte-
grated courses based on "The Cine-
ma As an Art."

LWIU Members Vote
On A.F.L. Merging

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Voting
for affiliation to the United Brother-
hood of Carpenters and Joiners
of America (A. F. of L.) is being
held by the Lumber Workers' In-
dustrial Union members.

PWA WORKER INJURED

SAN DIEGO, March 4.—Peter
Kramer, 46, a PWA worker was
critically injured yesterday when
a steel rail fell on him and frac-
tured his arms and legs and crush-
ed his chest.

GUN, TAR AND FEATHERS

From Santa Rosa comes a news-
paper clipping, as follows:
"Santa Rosa local of the Ho-
tel and Restaurant Employees'
International Alliance and the Bar-
tenders' International League of
America received its charter here
yesterday from the American Fed-
eration of Labor.

"Tom Campion was elected pres-
ident of the new Bartenders' Un-
ion"

Santa Rosa, Calif.
Editor, Western Worker:
Tom Campion, who is president
of the Bartenders' Union was very
prominent in last summer's raid:
as a vigilante, being equipped
with a revolver in the first raid
and very important in the second
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WE WOMEN WORKERS

CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

(The following is from the
New York Herald Tribune, Sept.
5, 1935.)

By Joseph E. Phillips
MOSCOW—The training of
Soviet children in the amenities
especially in relations with their
parents, and the discouragement
of "hooliganism" were accentuated
in an order issued by Joseph V.
Stalin and V. M. Molotov, chair-
man of the Council of People's
Commissars (Premier) for the
school term now beginning.

clothes were not neat.
Extra curricular talks will be
the principal method by which the
children will be instructed in the
new rules of conduct and matters
of courtesy, respect for their elders
and parents, kindness to every one,
and kindred subjects, in line with
the current stress being placed on
the development in the Soviet
state of appreciation of lasting
family ties.

Books and Pamphlets

"RULERS OF AMERICA—A
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Anna Rochester, International
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analysis of the composition of
the financial groups that rule
America that has yet appeared. . .
Miss Rochester allows us to peer
behind the scenes to observe the
power exercised by the financial
monarchs of our day. After monu-
mental research, she has brought
together an elaborate tabulation
of the financial groups, their in-
terconnections and the companies
they dominate or influence. We
are allowed, almost for the first
time, to glimpse the full extent
of the vast empire they have con-
structed.

Behind the Swastika, by Jose-
phine Herbst. Published by the
Anti-Nazi Federation, 168 West
Twenty-third street, New York
City. Thirty pages.

Josephine Herbst has done a
good piece of reporting in this
small pamphlet. It is a breath-
less summation of events, atti-
tudes, feelings and of life in gen-
eral under the Nazi flag. Many
things are told that do not get
into the capitalist press, either
here or abroad.

The January issue of The Com-
munist International magazine
which is now appearing as a
monthly is on sale at all Workers'
Bookshops.

Among the leading articles are:
Dimitroff's Victory at Leipzig
Was a Blow at Thaelmann's Jail-
ers.

Teach the Masses—Learn From
the Masses.
There are no Grounds for Self-
Satisfaction, by O. Kuusinen.
The General Elections in Great
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Our Behavior at the Leipzig
Trial—Declaration of Popov and
Tanev.

Review of the Daily Worker
for October, 1935.
England, Italy, Ethiopia, by
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HIS MIND MAY BE GEARED FOR
COMMON LABOR—MAYBE NOT

(Letter from a student who
came to the Los Angeles Work-
ers' School from Nevada to
study for two semesters and
then went back to Nevada.)

Dear Comrade Bonner:
Enclosed find a Postal Money
Order which I turn over to you
in the Power of Attorney to de-
with as you see fit. I consider
his amount, together with the fees
that I paid the Workers' School
a very bad depression price for
the tuition of the two semesters
which I attended. For my individ-
ual satisfaction I consider my-
self very fortunate in having had
the opportunity to attend a work-
ers' school. I am far better equip-
ped to help carry on the revolu-
tionary movement.

ult to express myself, and also
my mind seems to be geared up
for common labor; but if I don't
overcome it, it won't be because
I didn't try. My education con-
sisted of grammar school and
hard knocks before I went to
Los Angeles, but am confident
that the efforts of the Los An-
geles Workers' School will produce
results in my case.

I am now selling my labor pow-
er forty-eight hours a week at
forty-five cents per, so with my
studies, agitprop work, and trying
to keep up with the news I am
very busy.
Wishing you a perfect batting
average in the health and hap-
piness league, I remain
Comradely yours
—J.H.

San Francisco Units!
The success of the \$7,500 West-
ern Worker Drive depends upon
you. Visit your contacts for do-
nations, arrange house parties,
take up collections in your mas-

# EDITORIALS

## The Voice of the Soviet Union

The ragged, underpaid newsboys of the world shouted headlines in a score or more languages on March 4th proclaiming the uncompromising stand of the Soviet Union. Their voices echoed through the depression-haunted streets of nearly every world capital, save those of Poland and Germany where the embarrassed hand of government authority quickly stifled all mention of the incident.

An American newspaper man sat for an hour in a room in Moscow, discussing world affairs with a calm, genial, unprepossessing man named Stalin. Ten minutes later the telegraph nerve system of the world was vibrating with excitement.

What the Soviets have to say is important. The very newspapers which have continuously reported for years that the 'Russian experiment' is a failure, seized upon the interview with frank admission of its importance. It is the word of the most powerful, most stable country on earth and the only one that remains totally unaffected by internal depression or crisis.

What Stalin had to say was simple, direct and quickly told. The length of the interview was accountable only to the reiterated questions of the interviewer.

He explained that the Soviet Union would make war on no nation, but that any attack either on the U. S. S. R. or the Mongolian People's Republic would be resisted by the most powerful army in the world today.

He disclaimed all responsibility of the Soviets for the instability and chaos existing in capitalist countries, pointing out that revolutions in other countries were the business of the peoples of those countries.

He refuted the ridiculous comparison of so-called "National Socialism" in fascist countries with the very real socialism of the U. S. S. R.

That was the sum total of the interview. Recent ratification of the Franco-Soviet pact had a lot to do with creating interest in the interview. But there is another factor of even greater moment.

Seventeen years ago the working people took lands and factories away from the capitalists in Russia and said they would run them for the common good and not for private profit. Capitalists of the world were alarmed but unconvinced. They adjudged the working people incapable. They constantly waited for the collapse of the "experiment." BUT IT WORKED. It worked so well that today the Soviet Union can face the world with confidence and security.

And within every one of these capitalist nations the voices of the people are rising, demanding a similar social order to that of the U. S. S. R.

The Soviet Union is far more dangerous to the capitalist powers as a living example of the victory of socialism than it could ever be as a potential military aggressor. Troops and artillery can be combatted by troops and artillery. But with what are the depression-wracked capitalist nations to fight the clear vision of a sensible society?

## The Rulers of CALIFORNIA

When Charles Mariner stood up before the Hi-Twelve Club in San Jose last month and bragged that the State Chamber of Commerce has sponsored violence against labor unions and had "framed" leaders and sent them to San Quentin, he expected a ringing round of applause. No doubt there were plenty of men of his own calibre there who regarded him as a hero. But there was Attorney Alfred Aram present who recognized him for what he was. (See story, Page 1, CIVIC LEADER BRAGS, etc.)

Attorney Aram's indignation is the normal reaction of a decent-minded citizen awakened for the first time to a realization of the fact that the State government is controlled at will by financial interests which respect neither laws nor common decency. A good section of the populace has known this ever since the conviction of Tom Mooney, and their information has been confirmed by scores of railroadings since.

What Attorney Aram apparently does not know is that the very man he is appealing to for an investigation, Attorney General U. S. Webb, is one of the chief henchmen of these financial interests. During the Santa Rosa tar and feather scandal of last year when prominent civic leaders and public officials openly committed mob violence, Attorney General Webb flatly refused to investigate the affair.

During the Criminal Syndicalism trial at Sacramento, Attorney General Webb openly supported the State Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers who instigated the railroadings in order to imprison the organizers of the Cannery

and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union. Not one single act of violence could be cited against the defendants in that trial or against their union. To the contrary, all the evidence revealed violence on the part of the employers. Nevertheless, eight young people were sent to San Quentin for terms of one to fourteen years.

Attorney Aram has taken the correct step in demanding an investigation. But his demand will have no effect unless supported by similar demand from every union, liberal or working class group in the state and from honest individuals. Such demand should be addressed to the attorney general and the governor immediately.

(Read the pamphlet "THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR" for a complete account of the infamies of which Charles Mariner has bragged.)

## The Seattle Elections Teach The Value of the United Front

Lowell Wakefield, Communist candidate for the City Council of Seattle two weeks ago polled 6694 votes in the primary elections. He ran eight in a field of eighteen and missed the nomination by only two places.

Russell Fluett, Washington Commonwealth Federation, supported by the Communist Party, won the nomination for Corporation Counsel. Tom Smith, Federation candidate and also supported by the Communist Party, missed the nomination for mayor by only 1200 votes.

But the Socialist Party refused a united front with the Communists and ran candidates in opposition to those of the Commonwealth Federation. The Socialist candidate for mayor received 265 votes. Socialist candidates for the City Council polled one-third as many votes as the Communists.

The lesson is a simple one. A united front of ALL labor and liberal or left-wing forces could have gotten immediate results in Seattle. Such a united front is an immediate necessity throughout the United States. Let those who refuse this united front ponder a bit on the Seattle elections.

## CELEBRATE International Women's Day

Next Sunday, March 8, is International Women's Day, long since established to annually celebrate woman's struggle for equal political rights, against war, for protection of women in industry, for social reforms specifically benefitting women and children, and for complete emancipation from capitalist exploitation.

According to Grace Hutchins' book, "Women Who Work," nearly eleven million women were employed in industry in 1930. Although the trend is to absorb more women in industry, capitalism at the same time displaces them through speed-up and technical improvements.

Women are vitally concerned with the problems of minimum wage laws, protection against occupational disease, unemployment relief and social security measures. Women are natural allies of men in strikes and in struggle against vigilantes and fascist moves. They are strongly involved in all questions of war. As to the home, the rising cost of living makes housewives ready to break away from the old parties in still greater numbers if an anti-Sales Tax, cheaper food program is brought to them in simple, logical terms and linked up with independent political action—with the Farmer-Labor Party.

The decision of the New York Court of Appeals declaring the minimum wage law for women unconstitutional forcefully points the issue. Few states have even primary laws protecting women, and where these exist they need amending and strengthening. For this and other reasons women can be persuaded to enter demands in progressive political programs.

Long neglected, women as a special problem is rapidly becoming a live national issue. It is therefore gratifying to note the appearance of a new, attractive magazine for women. The March issue of "The Woman Today" contains articles by Sonia Branting, Margaret Cowl, Mary Van Kleck, Meta Berger, Ann Barton and others, with a range of subjects calculated to appeal widely to all women. Selling for ten cents, it is on sale at all International and Workers' Book stores. It must be widely circulated in all women's circles as a means of drawing them into the united front movements.

Celebrate International Women's Day by selling or distributing "The Woman Today"—in neighborhoods, at meetings, in your organization.

# The Awakening of Barnacle Bill

By Michael Quin.

Who is knocking at my door?  
Said the rich shipowner.  
What's this noise and what's it for?  
Said the rich shipowner.

I want good grub and I want more pay,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor,  
And more time off and a lot more say,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I've sailed your scows  
Through wind and fog,  
I've made you fat  
As a corn-fed hog,  
And I'll live no more  
Like a hungry dog,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I'll tell Scharrenberg on you,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
I'll tell Green and Furuseth too,  
Said the rich shipowner.

Make up your mind and make it up quick,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor,  
We're rank and file and we'll make it stick,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

We've set our sails  
And charted our course;  
We've bet our shirts  
On a union horse;  
To hell with your  
Vigilante force,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I'll ship scabs and I'll break your ranks,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
I'll call troops and they'll bring their tanks,  
Said the rich shipowner.

You'll do your worst, so do as you like,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.  
But don't forget the General Strike,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

Your bloody threats  
May come to pass,  
But union men  
Are a solid mass,  
And you can't defeat  
The working class,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

You're a Red and a Communist,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
You're a bearded Bolshevik,  
Said the rich shipowner.

There's plenty of grub and goods, for all,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.  
Yet jobs are scarce and the pay is small,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

We want our share  
Of bread and cheese,  
And a decent shirt  
So a man don't freeze.  
You can call it anything  
You please,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

It's my world; it belongs to me,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
You've no right to dictate to me,  
Said the rich shipowner.

You're a parasite and a swindler too,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.  
The world don't need the likes of you,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

You've sucked the blood  
Of the working guys,  
But millions of men  
Are getting wise,  
And we'll take no more  
Of your tricks and lies,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

## "Homespun Philosopher" Loves the People

Our old friend, Willie Randolph Hearst, need not have gone all the way to Kansas in his search for a presidential candidate. There are plenty of governors in this country who have sent National Guardsmen with drawn bayonets against strikers. But Alf M. Landon, governor of Kansas, has peculiarities which Mr. Hearst was quick to realize might be of particular importance in a presidential candidate at this time.

Millions of people are troubled. Millions actually are existing on starvation diets. The forces of reaction and fascism are hammering away at the organized labor movement. The Liberty League would stifle every spark of protest against things as they are today.

And Alf Landon, who sent National Guardsmen against strikers in 1935, is a self-made "homespun philosopher." Landon "loves" the common people—and so does Hearst, especially when they are represented in healthy numbers on his subscription lists.

### KINDA VAGUE

Landon has a program, too. "What this country needs," says Alf, "is recovery." And he continues, "When in doubt balance the budget." He doesn't think it's quite fair to throw all the burden of taxation on the common peo-

# How Governor Landon And Hearst Likes His Scab Herding Methods

ple, but he has very vague ideas when it comes down to a realistic policy of taxing those who best can afford to pay.

Landon thinks it's good publicity when Hearst visits him at the Capital. But the people of Kansas—mine strikers and WPA strikers—say the Capital stinks ever since "Dirty Willie" paid his historic visit to "horse sense" Alf.

### SMELLY RECORD

Back in June and July of 1935 he sent the militia against the hard-rock miners who were on strike in Cherokee County. His bayoneted troopers robbed thousands of workers of their jobs in the mines and replaced them with scabs. The mining field is dominated by the Eagle Picher Mining Co. with main offices in Cleveland, Ohio. The company fought the strikers by organizing a company union. Only mine owners and officials can be officers in this union. Dues are \$1 per month collected at the place of work. Failure to pay means loss of a job.

During the strike two sheriffs were forced to resign. One, the second one, was appointed by Alf Landon himself. But the strike, it seems, could not be broken by sheriffs, so Landon, at the request of the mine op-

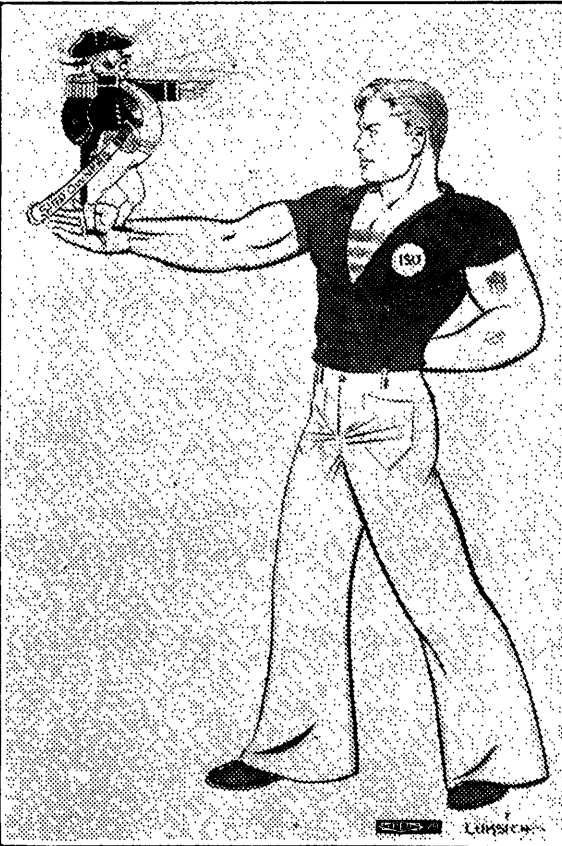
erators, sent the militia. Martial law was declared and even elected township officials were yanked from office if they showed sympathy for the strikers.

Landon helped the mine owners, but he advised the strikers to "sit tight and have faith." When the people of Kansas got fighting mad at their governor, Landon said, "It's good for the masses to make them mad. It makes 'em do things."

### VIGILANTES

At Fort Scott, Kansas, vigilantes used tear gas and clubs against a group of WPA strikers. Landon, whom Hearst has described as "a doer of things," did nothing for these strikers. Landon told a reviewer for the New Masses that he had noticed a tendency for a united front of reactionaries to suppress all civil rights.

"I deplore this tendency," he declared. Hearst is organizing "Landon Clubs" all over the country. There are several in the Bay area. One was formed in Palo Alto recently, under the no doubt expert guidance of Samuel T. Bush. Mr. Bush is general counsel for the Wholesale Fruit and Produce Dealers' Association and the Apartment House Owners and Managers' Association of San Francisco.



I am culture and civilization,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
Banish me and you wreck creation,  
Said the rich shipowner.

You're the profiteer who starves our kids,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.  
Your capitalist system is on the skids,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

Your day has come,  
You've met your fate,  
We'll launch a better  
Ship of state,  
We'll vote a Farmer-Labor slate,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

I'll beat drums and declare a war,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
You've been fooled that way before,  
Said the rich shipowner.

If you start a war, you'll fight it too,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.  
We'll spill no guts for the likes of you,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

We'll take the mills,  
The ships, the land;  
We'll guide them all  
With labor's hand;  
Your rule will fall,  
And ours will stand,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

Woe is me, it's the end of man,  
Said the rich shipowner.  
I'll kill all of you I can,  
Said the rich shipowner.

If blood must be, it's you, not me,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.  
Who'll bear the guilt for the blood that's spilt,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

You've run the show  
In your own mad way;  
It's the workers' turn  
To have their way.  
We're nearing the dawn  
Of a better day,  
Said Barnacle Bill the sailor.

# Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

## CIVILIZATION BY TORTURE AND TERROR

The recent wave of scandals regarding American prisons and the graft, brutality and degeneration which thrives in them have constituted one of the severest indictments of a so-called "enlightened" civilization that has ever been flung in the faces of a populace. The American people are accused of taking these flagrant exposures of decay of their nation with cynical indifference.

It is not so. America is doing a lot of thinking. It all stacks up and some day the American people are going to voice their indignation in an overwhelming storm of protests and action.

The San Francisco Chronicle has published an editorial in its February 26th edition which would disgrace even a tribe of cannibals. It brags of the cruelty of Alcatraz Island. It advocates the soul-killing horror imposed on prisoners as the only means of dealing with crime. It revives the brutal theory of ancient torture as a means of punishing law-breakers.

When a civilization becomes so bankrupt—so helpless to cope with the rise of crime—that it must resort to the blind, futile inquisitions of the middle ages, it is time for the population as a whole to take notice. The prisoners have long been used by ruling powers, not merely to punish crime, but to persecute their political opponents as well. The presence of the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners in San Quentin for no other act than organizing a union is clear enough example of that.

The Chronicle says nothing of the counterfeiting scandal, the "mistake" hanging of Rush Griffin and other infamies which have occurred in California prisons. It says nothing of the corruption revealed by the razor murder of Richard Loeb in an Eastern prison. That incident uncovered the fact that homosexuality was tolerated in the prison, the fact that Loeb and Leopold had private bathrooms and ate their meals in their cells, the fact that the power of outside money made these two young perverts a privileged aristocracy with special privileges and plenty of advantages, to offer other inmates as bribes for degenerate acts.

### WHITEWASHING

The Chronicle is shocked in no way by the corruption, brutality and irresponsibility of American prison officials. Instead it vents its fury against the prisoners themselves and offers the argument that the more horrible you make the prisons the more crime will decrease.

In America the criminals are locked in iron cages under the pitiless domination of rough-neck guards. The psychiatrists, brain specialists, sociologists and other men who might be able to cope with the problem of crime are confined to the universities.

### "NO PRETENSE"

The Chronicle brags: "Alcatraz was not intended to be a pleasure resort. It is one prison that makes no 'pretense of reforming the men in it.'"

In the Soviet Union, the prime purpose of a prison is to re-educate, re-educate and prepare criminals for a new life as useful citizens in society. It is the one nation of the world that has made real progress in combating crime. Noted scientists and criminologists all over the world have visited the prisons of the U. S. S. R. and voiced unreserved praise and admiration.

### CRIME FACTORY

But the real place to fight crime is on the outside and not within the prisons. A society that has seventeen million unemployed, that offers no security to its people, that offers a bitter, greedy contest for profit instead of the opportunity to perform useful work, breeds more crime in its slums and in the cynical slews of upper class society than its prisons could ever hold.

A workers and farmers' government could really control and eliminate crime. The capitalist system is helpless to meet the situation and this bold advocacy of "torture prisons" is ample evidence of its incompetence. Crime waves are an integral part of decay of capitalism. They are expression of capitalism itself.

# SHIP SUBSIDY COMPROMISE UP TO U. S. SENATE

## SALARIES OF OPERATORS WOULD BE LIMITED TO A MERE \$25,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 2.—Government participation in profits rather than any definite purpose is the aim apparently of the compromise subsidy bill based on the Copeland Bill offered the Senate by the Commerce and Postoffice Departments.

The compromise provides the Government and the shipping companies would share equally on all profits above ten per cent of the ship operators' original capital. Salaries of shipping line executives would be limited to \$25,000 a year. There is nothing forbidding an executive accepting a "bonus," however.

The salary "limitation" is merely a feeble effort to answer the indignation expressed by maritime union leaders at the enormous salaries drawn down by executives who, while pocketing government subsidy money, were bewailing the fact that they could not pay the "outrageous" demands of the maritime unions.

While the compromise aims at limiting the profits and salaries of the shipowners, the bill leaves untouched the administration plan to give huge direct subsidies to the shipping interests in the place of present indirect subsidies through ocean mail contracts.

It also provides for setting up a maritime commission of five which would enter contracts with the shipping lines on an operating and construction subsidy basis. The president's power to cancel ocean mail contracts expires March 31. An effort will be made to rush the compromise bill through before then.

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