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# ACCO THROWN OFF LOS ANGELES RELIEF LISTS

# Employers, Police Plot Anti-Labor Drive Los Angeles WPA's

# Will Seek To Frame California Communists Under C. S. Act NOW REPLACE

## Financial Backing Is Promised By S. F. **Employers**

FRESNO, Calif., March 26 -The basis of a sinister plot to frame leaders of the Communist Party in California as the opening gun in an attack upon the labor movement and civil liberties the people of this state, it is

reported, was laid at a secret con-

ference held in a swanky Fresno hotel recently. Participating in the conference were police, local public officials and spies in the employ of power-Jul San Francisco financial inter-

Plans discussed, and revealed through authentic sources, included ndictment of California Communst leaders on charges of conspirtoy to violate the Criminal Synicalist Act. Groundwork for the range-up will be a widespread anfi-Red campaign of the Hearst type, seeking to show the Comist Party is a secret underd organization of conspira-

## STOOL PIGEONS

Active in preparing the frameip are Stanley Morton Doyle (alias, Pat Morton) labor spy now working in San Francisco; Colonel Henry Sanborn, editor of the fasist "American Citizen" and chief ival of Doyle in stool-pigeoning; id William Young of the Young Anvestigating Service, an agency of stool-pigeons.

The rivalry between Dovle and Sanborn has led to the information of this plot leaking The Criminal Syndicalism Law.

in its most recent application, was used by powerful financial agengies to railroad eight agricultural union leaders to jail on identical charges of "conspiracy to violate" terms of the measure. This frameganizations and individuals, not only in this state, but throughout the country.

A telegram sent by the editor of the WESTERN WORKER to the Fresno County District Attorney demanding a statement regarding reports of the plot to date has brought no answer.

## FASCIST PLOT The fascist character of the

frame-up plot can be seen in the fact that the Communist Party is an open, legal party in this state and throughout the United States. It is on the California ballot and participates in presidential, state, gressional and local elections.

a Whitney, Communist candidate for state office in the 1934 elections, polled in excess of 200,-

Necessary part of any employer vigilante drive against the militant labor movement, for the open shop and company unions, is a wiolent attack upon the Communist Party.

## MUST PROTEST

All labor, progressive and liberal forces throughout the state should be alive to the danger of this plot, and organize the greatest possible mass pressure and protest, addressed to the District Attorney of Fresno County.

The threatened attack comes at in against the infamous Crim- another ship. A state conference for the repeal of the measure will be held in Sacramento on Sunday, April 19, work relief jobs to 3,000,000 by passed resolutions are: initiated jointly by the California July 1, 1936 have been sent to Conference for the repeal of the state WPA directors by Harry L. Criminal Syndicalism Act, and the Hopkins, Federal Administrator. Southern California Councils for About 320,000 workers are expect-Constitutional Rights.

## Telegram To Fresno District Attorney

March 25, 1936

District Attorney Fresno, Calif.

Official press release by Communist Party charges secret conference held recently in Fresno discussed plans to arrest and indict leaders of Communist Party in California on charges of conspiracy to violate Criminal Syndicalist Law stop Reports indicate plans backed by financial and industrial interests stop before publishing same we request statement from you affirming or denying knowledge of correctness of these reports stop awaiting your reply to include in press release to press of entire

> Harry Carlisle Editor Western Worker

Just One Month Left

To Pass Freedom

Resolutions

ference For Repeal of the Crim-

inal Syndicalism Act and will send

two delegates to the state-wide

conference in Sacramento on April

19th. Brother McClung who was

ence, brought back an enthusiastic

report. Endorsement and election

of delegates followed his report.

RODEO, Calif. March 27-

The Mine, Mill and Smelter

Workers' Union, Local No. 51,

of Selby has endorsed the C.S.

repeal conference and elected

two delegates to the Sacramento

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March

27-Lorene Norman, the C.S. pri-

soner who is now out on bail ow-

ing to the birth of a c'hild, will be

one of the principal speakers at

a mass meeting in the City Hall

Park on Monday, March 30th at

The meeting is under the aus-

pices of the Southern California

Councils for Constitutional Rights.

It is called to further the struggle

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.,

March 27-At its regular Open

Forum on Sunday evening,

March 29, the San Francisco

Council of the Democratic Par-

ty will present William P. San-

ders, chairman of the Confer-

ence for Repeal of the Criminal

Syndicalism Act. The forums

Mr. Sanders will speak on the

efforts being made by liberals and

progressives throughout California

NEW YORK, March 27-The

tions demanding freedom of the

eight California C.S. prisoners.

Among the organizations outside

Tailors' Local No. 3, Denver,

Bakery and Confectionary Work-

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ers' Local No. 2, Chicago.

Colorado.

are held at 68 Haight street.

eight C.S. prisoners.

meeting.

8 p.m.

## NATION-WIDE DEMAND PRESSED FOR FREEDOM OF C. S. VICTIMS

C. S. Chairman



sent by the council two weeks ago WILLIAM SANDERS, to attend a meeting of the Oakpresident of the Ornamental Iron land branch of the repeal confer-Workers' Union, now chairman of the California Conference For Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, who will speak at the Open Forum of the San, Francisco Council of the Democratic Party at 68 Haight street on Sunday evening, March 29th, at 8 p.m.

# FASCISTS HALT up has roused a mighty protest from liberal and progressive or-

## "Back on Ship or Go To Jail Within 12 Hours"

GENOA Italy, March 24-Fascist Italy to-day extended its strike-breaking law into the international field in the strike of the for repeal of the Criminal Syndi-American Dollar liner, S.S. Presi- calism Law and freedom of the dent Garfield. The Italian authorities notified the crew that their strike was a crime and that they would be jailed unless they returned to the ship within twelve

Protesting against the captain's action in locking three firemen in the ship's brig, the crew of the President Garfield left the vessel when it docked. The crew charged that the captain had exceeded his authority in keeping the firemen confined. They pointed out that a captain's authority regarding disciplinary action against members of to have this act repealed as unthe crew terminate upon arrival in American legislation. The meetings the first port where there is an of the Open Forum are free to American Consulate. Faced with the public. the ultimatum of the Fascist authorities the crew returned to the

The firemen are being returned conducting a campaign on a natime when a state-wide cam- to United States in chains aboard tion-wide scale to secure resolu-

## LAYOFFS ON WPA

Orders to cut the number of of California which have already ed to lose their jobs.

# **DEATH PACTS** PEACE PACTS

AND DUCE THUNDERS FOR CONFLICT

## League Crawfishing

ONE-WAY VOTE SCHEDULED BY HITLER IN NAZI BLOOD BALLOT

European capitalist nations are marching deliberately to war in step to the martial music of peace conversations. A summary of events since our

last issue discloses: The Italian stock market has

crashed as a direct result of the expensive and unproductive invasion of Ethiopia.

Italian fascism has voiced a challenge to Great Britain's power in the Mediterranean, proclaiming that her superior air forces give her dominance over Britain's sca

## JAPAN PROVOKING Japanese forces have invaded the Siberian border in a series of provocative raids, more deliberate and vindictive than anything previous.

Germany's rejection of all proposals concerning the Rhineland episode has left the League of Nations, in the language of capttalist papers, "without a ray of light." Negotiations have reached a virtual standstill. Germany continues to pour tanks into the "neutral" area and smugly ask "What are you going to do about it?"

FOR SANCTIONS The Soviet Union and France (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

## Western Worker Affairs in L. A., S. F. This Week

San Francisco will celebrate completion of the drive for a \$7,500 suștăining fund for 1936 with a Victory Banquet Sunday, 7 p.m., ITALY STOCKS LANDSLIDE March 29th at 121 Haight street. Thère will be entertainment. speaking, chicken dinner and a general good time. Price, 50c.

Los Angeles ill celebrate on Saturday, March 28, 8 p.m. at the Mason Opera House, 127 South Broadway, with a Western Worker Concert-which is an annual affair, the fourth since this paper was founded.

Prominent artists, among them Uzia Bermani, pianist R. Mendelevitch, violinist of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, I. Markoff, cellist, and the Freiheit Mandolin Orchestra, will entertain. Admission is 25c.

These gala entertainments will not only give those who attend a chance to enjoy themselves, but tion was the charge that the lo proceeds are expected to bring in enough to finally complete the guotas for these two sections.

## RESERVE THIS DATE NOTICE: To fall Bay Area

San Mateo, San Jose, Monterey! Reserve May 10th as a day of Recreation and Enjoyment. On May 10th the Annual Picnic will take place at Varsity Park, Pienic Playgrounds, 3 miles West of "Stanford" on Portola Road. Enjoy beautiful sunshine, lancing in the open air to good music, all kinds of amusements, tasteful food, inseluding barbecued meats. RE-SERVE THIS DATE! San Francisco Workers Pienie

# Committee

# RYANATTACKS Face 5 Yr. Jail Term If GULF; YANKS 2 They Organsze Projects

ACTION IS REGARDED AS OPENING OF DRIVE ON PROGRESSIVES

## Trial Is a Farce

LONGSHOREMEN PENAL-IZED FOR SUPPORTING SEAMEN

NEW ORLEANS, March 23-Joseph P. Ryan, International President of the International Longshoremen's Association, revoked the charters of Locals 1226 and 231 in what is regarded here as the opening of a campaign against all opponents of his dictatorial policies. Basis for the accals had violated the "no stoppage of work" clauses in their contract with the ship-owners.

The trial was held in Gulfport, Miss, at which neither T. J. Darcy, president of Local 126 nor J. B. Spancer, special use of a Pacal 1231, were present. The trial committee first tried to hold sessions in a bed-room in New Orleans at which a noted strike-breaker, Sylvester Pete, was present. When Darcy and Charles Stein, Vice President of Local 1226 objected, the committee agreed to hold the trial in the Central Trades and Labor Council hall. Although th defendents and witnesses were at the Labor Temple at the appointed time, the trial committee left before the trial was to begin. Darcy was notified by telephone soon after they had left that the trial

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# Teachers Threatened Private Charity May By Representative Connolly

LOS ANGELES, March 24 -Terror and intimidation against white-collar workers on the WPA were launched here yesterday at an enforced meeting of all workers on Project 2298, held specifically for the purpose of "warning" the workers against organization in the Public Works and Unemployed

Five thousand dollars fine and three years in jail, was the threatened penalty held up by Art Tryon, direct representative of Col. Donald H. Connolly, County WPA Administrator, for any attempt to organize on this project, which is composed of teachers in the Los Angeles City Schools, clerical and statistical workers.

"On no account is there to be my political activity on the project, solicitation of funds, or handng out of circulars or leaflets," said Tryon,

"The penalty provided for this \$\$5,000 fine and three years in

## o report any such activities imme

ARMY BOSS Further clarification of this latest anti-Union move by the army officers in charge of WPA here,

is in charge of Project 2298. "There is an organization which newspapers frequently," said Evans. | this ruling. However, you are here-

These white-collar workers were compelled to attend this meeting and all received the following letter, dated March 18th:

acts."

"A general meeting of all work ers on WPA Project No. 2298 (Los Angeles City Schools, Glerical and Statistical workers) will be held'in the Sentous Auditorium, 1205 West Pico Blvd., Monday, March 23, 1:10 p.m.

"All workers except those paid at distant spot payoffs are required to attend. Attendance slips will be signed at the door." This letter was signed by Evans.

"SYMPATHETIC" The workers for the most part coldly received all speakers. Old age pensions were ridiculed in a poem that was read. Assistant Supervisor Travers told of his "sympathy" for young workers iust out of school, vocationally prepared but jobless, and of his "sympathy" for the older workers who were fired by their employers because it was "good business for

vith young workers." Travers also told about opporunity for civil service examinaions for a permanent position vith the schools, but "forgot" to nention the age limit on this exmination, which would eliminate bout three-fourths of the workers on this project.

heir employers to supplant them

## See National Union Of Creative Talent

HOLLYWOOD, March 26 -Hollywood News Bureau) - Holvwood writers, rapidly becoming mion-minded, see future possibil 'ty a national union of all creative talent in America will be formed Such an organization would in-·lude, among others, the Screen Writers Guild, Dramatists Guild Authors League of America, American Newspaper Guild, Songwriters Protective Association and a new organization for exploited and of the Western Worker, pass it overworked radio script writers. | on.

## Be Only Means of Subsistence

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 25 Starvation was an immediate menace to 4000 Los Angeles relief workers and their families here today, summarily cut off the Los Angeles County Relief Adminisstration rolls yesterday, with the excuse that they were "unemploy-

The workers were simultaneous y denied relief by County Superintendent of Charities Rex Thom? son, "until their eligibility for county relief was established ung der the requirements set up by the California public welfare act.

"I predict large numbers of them will be forced to turn to private charity because of inability to meet the three-year residence required ment for county charity," said Thomson coldly.

## PROTEST

A dozen families marched to the Board of Supervisors' chamber here yesterday, protesting that their children were starying, but the supervisors turned deaf ears to their pleas.

The families were brutally noti-fied by Director Roy W; Pilling of the LACRA, as follows:

"Because of a new ruling in the state department it is now impossible for LACRA to extend relief to unemployable persons. This is as made by Manfried Evans, who because state funds for relief can be used only for employables.

"We are sorry not to have I igures on the front page of the able to give you more notice of "We are not of those people, by notified that you will receive have no connection with them, no further checks from LACRA, and are not interested in their If you are in need of further aid, it will be necessary for you to establish eligibility for such aid with the Bureau of County Welfare or other agencies."

> Although classed now as "unemployable," all 400 families had been on the LACRA rolls for at

### BACK LUNDEEN BILL BERKELEY, March 25-Local

3 of the Public Works and Unemployed at its regular meeting here March 17 went on record demanding \$10 per week and \$3 per week for each dependent as asked for in the Frazier-Lundeen Workers Insurance Bill. The demand was made for all those now being laid off WPA projects.

## MATSON DOCK FIGHT ON LOADS

MATSON DOCK BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Mar. 26-An entire gang of longshoremen, members of the I.L.A., were fired today for refusing to load 3,100 pound sling loads of cement on the Matson Line ship Manulane, The San Pedro Local of the I.L.A. called a special meeting to discuss the dispute and the men voted to handle only standard sling loads of 2,100 pounds.

The Matson Company offered a 'compromise" whereby they would reduce the loads by three sacks of ement. The union refused. Half un hour later the company agreed to the smaller weight.

The sentiment among the men here is strong for establishment of a standard sling load in all Pacific Coast ports.

After you have read your copy-

# CHINESE UNIVERSITY BESIEGED BY MILITARY FORCES; STUDENTS RESIST FASCIST ATTACKS

## United Front Formed Against Japanese Aggression

SHANGHAI, China, Mar. 27-Troops of dictator Chiang Kaishek have thrown a military cordon around Fuhtan university and are holding it in a state of siege. All entrances and exits of the campus are blocked off with barbed wire with machine guns mounted in readiness.

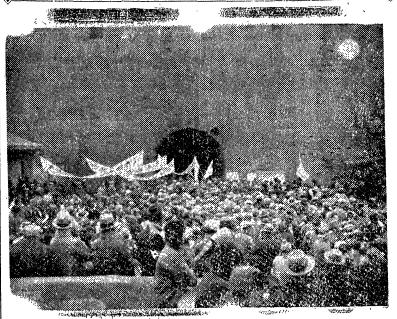
The situation was caused when 100 police officers raided the campus last Wednesday in an effort to arrest Communist students. The entire student body rallied to the defense of their fellow students and 3 officers are reported slain in the resultant battle. Police claim they were shot by students. The faculty asserts the officers were panicked and accidentally fired into their own ranks. The stu-

### dents are unarmed. SYMPATHY STRIKE

Students in neighboring universities, numbering 6,000, threaten to go on strike unless the siege is International Laboir Defense is

The military forces declare that they will starve the students out The raid was part of a nationwide suppression drive in which Chiang Kai-shek is seeking to beat down opposition to his policies with armed force. His disgraceful capitulation to Japanese Imperialists and his constant policy of favoring the interests of British, American and all foreign imperialists against the interests of

## TOWARD A UNITED CHINA



Chinese students demonstrating in front of the walled city a Peking. This photograph was taken last December during the protes movement against the Japanese "autonomy" movement in the North Failure of Chiang Kai-shek to heed the will of these students ha thrown their sympathies in the direction of the Communists.

the Chinese people, has resulted in a nation-wide sentiment of revolt against his government. The universities have been main centers of the opposition movement.

UNITED FRONT A United Front movement has already been launched in China which proposes to unite all antiimperialist forces against Japanese invasion and Kuomintang betrayal. This united front, which is reported to include the Red Armies of Soviet China has

Chinese people and foreshadows the fall of Chiang Kai-shek.

New advances of the Red Arm in the northern Shansi provinc brings them close to the border of the Japanese controlled pro vince of Hopei. Any conflict of the Red forces with the Japanese would find the entire Chinese people firmly supporting them.

Chiang has already flown North for an emergency conference with his generals to seek some means of suppressing the united front the support of virtually the whole | and the Red advance.

# EMPLOYERS LAY COAST-WIDE PLANS FOR DRIVE AGAINST LABOR

# CONFERENCE CONSIDERS TO IMPOSE COMPANY UNIONS ON WORKRS IN WEST

SEATTLE, Wash., March 25-Further intensification of the drive against bona fide labor unions and the establishment of widespread company unionism was hinted in the announcement of policy adopted by prominent industrial and agricultural employers who adjourned their second meeting here yesterday.

ILA CHARTERS

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RAILROADED

were to appear in Gulfport to

stand trial March 16. Although

the accused officials protested

the trial being held outside the

state and stated that they would

not have sufficient time to pre-

pare their case, the "trial" pro-

The first of the two charges of

'no stoppage of work" was in the

case of the crew's strike on the

Point Reves. Officials of the lo-

cals stated that the longshoremen

were ordered to handle the lines

on the Point Reyes. This is sea-

nien's work and had they obeyed

this order they would have been

scabbing on the seamen. The other

charge grew out of an incident

that occurred when a Luckenbach

vessel was docked next to a ship

where an encounter took place be-

ween a scab and a union man.

Longshoremen ran off the Lucken-

bach ship to see what had hap-

pened and resumed work half an

hour later. It is significant that all

the evidence at the trial was fur-

It was brought out that the trial

committee was a sub-committee of

the I.L.A. executive committee, A

Local 1226 voted unanimously

ships lying at piers 48, 58 and 60

file leader elected by the Joint brands filmiself a "Bolshevik."

were blockaded by mass pickets

Ship Strike Committee. Eight

ships are involved; including the

famous "mutihy" California. Cur-

ran was on the latter ship at the

time of the San Pedro strike,

which is history making in its

The Brown, Carlson and Grange

illegal. 1400 seamen have reg-

WORKERS' NEW

TRIAL UP SOON

WILMINGTON, Calif. Mar. 23.

-Granted a re-trial on framed

charges of "disturbing the peace," five women members of the Fish

Cannery Workers Union, A. F. of

Protests should be sent to Benj.

F. Scheinman, presiding judge of

the municipal court, Los Angeles.

Cervantes, Mrs. Jesus Diaz, Con-

cha Cantu, Juanita Caracoza, and

The five workers are Mrs. Jesus

The five workers are out on \$250

bail each, as they have been since

other counties, less than 60).

that the case be dismissed.

Ruby Mendoza.

their conviction.

istered for pickét dútý.

FISH CANNERY

nished by the ship-owners.

the case.

ceeded in their absence.

On March 14 the defendents

The employers will seek "closer cooperation between employes and employers to combat the subversive influences that would destroy

Attendance at the conference was by special invitation only. The first meeting was held in Del Monte, Calif., early in February. RED-BAITING

The employers seek a united front of their kind. They plan a campaign of "Education . . . . to defeat false propaganda and false theories." Curiously enough, while seeking to cut employes' wages to the bone they publicly announce their desire to maintain "the American standard of living."

Robert B. Henderson, president of the Pacific Portland Cement Company, San Francisco, is genefal chairman of the employer organization.

Announcement of the "educational campaign against subversive inffluences" coincides with similar plans laid down at a recent secret meeting of labor spies, police and officials at Fresno, Calif., the details of which are to be found in another column of this issue of the WESTERN WORKER.

SEEK ANTI-LABOR LAWS

LOS ANGELES, March 25 -Loudly beating the drums for fascist mobilization, Leray D. Owen, national chairman of the so-called Americanization Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, called for new anti-labor laws here yesterday in addressing 200 members of the mattufacturing and industrial committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Claiming that one out of every six persons on relief rolls in Los telegram from Ryan pointed out Angeles are aliens, Owen declared the procedure to be followed at Angeles are aliens, Owen declared it deplorable that Federal relief generoes make no distinction between aliens and citizens in affording direct or work relief."

Dwen further stated: "We need strifigent naturalization laws to deal with aliens within our midstallens who form the backbone of the Communist Party."

J. A. Pettis, who assertedly wrote the California Criminau .Syndicalism Law, alarmed himself and his audience by declaring that a, "formidable attempt to repeat the law will be made at the next led by Joseph Curran, rank and session of the Legislature."

DEFENDS TRANSIENT BAN LOS ANGELES, March 24 -Determined to be No. 1 Fascist in California, Police Chief "Hitler" Davis called for "economic sanctions on Communists and their allies by all members of business and industry," in one of his speeches to the "Electric Club" here yesterday in the luxurious

Bilthiore Hotel. "I have a list of 150 names o prominent Southern California in tellectuals who are figliting for the repeal of the California Syndicalism Law under which many Communistic agitators are being penalized;" ranted Davis.

"These names should be boycotted by business and industry as allies of Communists."

## Can You Register For Sponsorship of Party Candidates? Labor Defense, in issuing a call for renewed protests to demand

THOSE IN POSITION TO SO DECLARE SYMPATHY SHOULD DO SO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27-While the Communist Party is working toward the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party on a local, state-wide and national scale, or toward a united labor ticket in the various congressional and assembly districts; the Party will put forward a Communist slate in the tered "Communist" are required a bundle must get his section or coming state and congressional for each Party candidate in assem- unit on the job to double the num-

elections, one must be registered of sponsors for candidates is May tive at all times. Those sections before July 16. Registration for 27; last day to file them is June and units who lack Western the presidential primaries in May 20. We must have sufficient reg- Worker agents, or whose agents who are not yet registered should candidates sponsored in all dis- see that the situation is rectified. do so now—before July 16. Those tricts. Official Communist regiswho have registered "Decline to tration in California for 1934 was State" or for any other party, 1,822 (San Francisco, 336; Los An-

## 1.000 READY TO STRIKE APRIL 1

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 25-Unless demands for higher wages are met by the Southern California Growers Federation, 1000 agricultural workers of the Mexican Confederation of Unions will walk out on stříke April 1st, was the ültimatum delivered to the growers here yesterday.

The union demands are 35 cents an hour for a 9-hour day, time an da half for overtime including Sunday and holidays, union recognition, and equal wages to women workers.

# **DEATH PACTS**

(Continued From Page 1) ... demand economic sanctions to enforce existing peace guarantees. England is unwilling to co-operate unless Italy agrees. Italy refuses and declares Britain's fleet in the Mediterranean

a threat of war. The London Naval Parley, re-U.S.A. and Great Britain put their signatures to a document involving a great deal of language but will maintain navies of equal strength and was signed in order come out of the parley as a gesture to public opinion. The real outcome of the parley was to junk all previous agreements and leave the field clear for a totally unregulated naval construction

NAZI ELECTIÓN The whole of Germany is one

as the Elections of March, 29th approach. The fascist propaganda the trial want suggested that I bureau is belianing forth threats the trial want suggested that I bureau is belianing forth threats those I D/A. Joeals that had solited hever, seen the contract the suggested that had solited hever, seen that had so the contract the contract that had so the contract the contract that had so the cout that had so the contract that had so the contract that had so never, seen before: A Bolshevik, in Germany, is anyone who fails to vote for Hitler. The ballots the Maritime Tederation of the Gulf Coast should be brought into are to provide no place for an opposition vote. There will be the this morning to empower their of- unopposed Nazi slate and a circle ficials to take whatever legal steps in which to "X" approval. Anyone they think necessary to fight the casting a blank ballot is autodecisions of the trial committee. matically branded an enemy of NEW YORK, March 26-Eight

Nazi press is industriously sug-

gesting. Anyone who refrains

from going to the polls, likewise

tions of the Communist Party in District 13 should immediately call in all collection fists and other material of the Western arousing of the Eastern rank and Worker Financial Drive and remit all funds to the Western lëadërship has dëclarëd the strike Haight Street, San Francisco,

# Alameda Council

STRIKE GAINS REPORTED: NO VOTE YET ON LUNDEEN BILL

whether or not to endorse the ter was dropped. bill. It was then ordered that the entire bill be published in the East Bay Labor Journal so that organized labor in general on the to study the bill in full.

It was reported that the window trimmers of the local stores are organizing a union.

Fur Workers Mr. Stein of the San Francisco local of the Fur Workers' Union stated that there are not enough fur workers in the East Bay to organize a local and asked the sanction of the council to organize these workers into the San Francisco local. The request was granted. He promised they will be organized 100% shortly.

The council voted a donation of \$25 to the Red Cross for relief ulting in complete failure, the work in the disastrous eastern

Tom Moonev

no hampering restrictions. It sim- recommended a great mass meetply implies that the two nations ing for May 15th. This was concurred in.

Last week it was reported that proposition the council accepted workers.

OAKLAND, Calif., March 24.-oit. This week the editor reported Last night a resolution was pre- that the Tribune was "very sorry sented by the teachers Union but we can not print the kind of endorsing the Frazier-Lündeen a column you want." All they Bill. A number of delegates said wanted was notices of meetings that they had not had enough and personals but nothing that time to study the bill to pass really concerned the workers. upon it at that time. A motion Delegate Wolters said he would was carried that one month from have nothing to do with such a now the council will vote upon worthless column and so the mat-

Teamsters' Union

The Teamsters' Union announced that arbitration proceedings east side of the Bay will be able growing out of the recent strike of the Tribune truck drivers had been finally concluded with a splendid victory for the Union. were increased from \$17 to \$33 per week and the same had been his men through the union office. won for the Post-Enquirer truck The Machinists also reported

> Co. Those workers were just being organized when the boss fired twenty of them for union activity. Hälf, an hour after this took place been organized. This report was

applauded. Warehousemen

The Warehousemen's Union re that some kind of document should the Tribune was willing to run a ported a victory with small gains "Labor column" and after placing in the recent strike of the Hayseveral safeguards around the ward Poultry Producers warehouse

## SHIP SUBSIDY BILL PROMISES UNLIMITED PROFITS IS CHARGE

WASHINGTON, March 25 -> 2. Construction subsidies may The anser to Preident Roosevell's go as high as 40 percent of the request for par Merchant Marine difference between the cost in an great ulcer of Nazi propaganda. second to none, entered the Sen. American and a foreign yard, b tie fo day in the form of a company as percent ingure may be, us

promise ship subsidy bill Immes providing that permission is grant-diately a strong bi-partisan bloc, ed by the President, headed by Schator Clark of Mis- 3, Entire crews of subsidized souri, organized to "filibuster it to freight ships must be Americana: lized and 90 percent on passenger death."

Clark stated that the new bill ships. contained "jokers" which would 4. Limits subsidized profits to was reported to the Senate by the ship's built on the West Coast. Commerce Committee," s'aid Clark, "we niight just as well come out for outright government operation of the Merchant Marine.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the bill are: United States and foreign coun-

permit the President to grant uh- 10 percent. Ship-builder must pay limited profits and that it fails to cash for 25 percent of estimated American Seamen. "As the bill subsidy differential is allowed for

> MOCOW HEALTH IMPROVES

MOSCOW, March 24-Cited as evidence of improved conditions of 1. Create a Maritime Authority liealth in Moscow, the department of five members to administer sub- of vital statistics reveals figures sidies and regulations. Provides showing that in 1935 the death for a differential in construction rate was decreased by 16.5 per Werker Drive Committee, 121 and operating costs between the cent compared with 1934, while the birth rate increased 18 per ism Act, have official observers

## Arizona Workers LOS ANGELES BORDER PATROL Seek Support In Fight On Packer

EMPLOYERS IN REFUSAL TO SIGN UP WITH A.F. OF L. UNION

YUMA, Arizona. — Members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' union of Arizona have asked the State Federation of Labor to send out communications to central labor councils and state federations over the United States asking them to back the union in its battle against McDaniel and Sons of the Yuma district.

McDaniel refused to sign the union's working agreement after E. F. Vickers, president of the

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The District sent out directives months ago that each section and sub-section must appoint a Western Worker agent by April 1st. He should be a comrade who will make it his major Party assignment to see that the paper is distributed, the bill paid, subscribers followed up, and new ones gotten One comrade has thoroughly de- and that news and articles of all

Job To Do

Assuming your section has done its work in getting such an agent, here is the job you and he have to work on immediately. Beginning April 1st, there is to

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Alameda Council

STRIKE GAINS REPORTED: NO

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SEATTLE, Wash., March 25-Further intensification of the drive against bona fide labor unions and the establishment of widespread company unionism was hinted in the announcement of policy adopted By prominent industrial and agricultural employers who adjourned their second meeting here yesterday.

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RAILROADED

were to appear in Gulfport to

stand trial March 16. Although

the accused officials protested

the trial being held outside the

state and stated that they would

not have sufficient time to pre-

pare their case, the "trial" pro-

The first of the two charges of

'no stoppage of work" was in the

case of the crew's strike on the

Point Reyes. Officials of the lo-

cals stated that the longshoremen

were ordered to handle the lines

on the Point Reyes. This is sea-

men's work and had they obeyed

this order they would have been

scabbing on the seamen. The other

charge grew out of an incident

that occurred when a Luckenbach

vessel was docked next to a ship

where an encounter took place be-

ween a scab and a union man.

Longshoremen ran off the Lucken-

bach ship to see what had hap-

pened and resumed work half an

hour later. It is significant that all

the evidence at the trial was fur-

It was brought out that the trial

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the I.L.A. executive committee. A

Local 1226 voted unanimously

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NEW YORK, March 26-Eight

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were blockaded by mass pickets

led by Joseph Curran, rank and

file leader elected by the Joint

Ship Strike Committee. Eight

ships are involved, including the

famous "mutiny" California. Cur-

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time of the San Pedro strike.

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WORKERS' NEW

TRIAL UP SOON

WILMINGTON, Calif. Mar. 23.

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charges of "disturbing the peace," five women members of the Fish

Cannery Workers Union, A. F. of

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On March 14 the defendents

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The employers will seek "closer cooperation between employes and employers to combat the subversive influences that would destroy cooperation between employes and

Attendance at the conference was by special invitation only. The first meeting was held in Del Monte, Calif., early in February. RED-BAITING

The employers seek a united front of their kind. They plan a campaign of "Education . . . . to defeat false propaganda and false theories." Curiously enough, while seeking to cut employes' wages to the bone they publicly announce their desire to maintain "the American standard of living."

Robert B. Henderson, president of the Pacific Portland Cement Company, San Francisco, is general chairman of the employer organization.

Announcement of the "educational campaign against subversive influences" coincides with similar plans laid down at a recent secret meeting of labor spies, police and officials at Fresno, Calif., the details of which are to be found in another column of this issue of the WESTERN WORKER.

## SEEK ANTI-LABOR LAWS

LOS ANGELES, March 25 -Loudly beating the drums for fascist mobilization, Leray D. Owen, national chairman of the so-called Americanization Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, called for new anti-labor laws here yesterday in addressing 200 members of the manufacturing and industrial committee of the local Chamber of Commerce.

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DEFENDS TRANSIENT BAN

LOS ANGELES, March 24 -Determined to be No. 1 Fascist in California, Police Chief "Hitler" Davis called for "economic sanctions on Communists and their allies by all members of business and industry," in one of his speeches to the "Electric Club" here yesterday in the luxurious Biltmore Hotel.

"I have a list of 150 names of prominent Southern California intellectuals who are fighting for the repeal of the California Syndicalism Law under which many Communistic agitators are being penalized," rainted Davis,

"These names should be boycotted by business and industry as allies of Communists."

## Can You Register For Sponsorship of **Party Candidates?**

THOSE IN POSITION TO SO DECLARE SYMPATHY SHOULD DO SO

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The union demands are 35 cents an hour for a 9-hour day, time an da half for overtime including Sunday and holidays, union recognition, and equal wages to women workers.

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L. will appear shortly in municipal court to have date for a re-hearing set, it was stated today by the Harbor branch of the International Labor Defense, in issuing a call ance an in the reading content. for renewed protests to demand

This paper of yours is going to pecome a mass newspaper in Cali-F. Scheinman, presiding judge of fornia, Arizona, and Nevada. Its liar records, which means that District. There is no doubt that Protests should be sent to Beni. the municipal court, Los Angeles. The five workers are Mrs. Jesus Cervantes, Mrs. Jesus Diaz, Conand continues to the end of the those we now have. year. And the slogan is DOUBLE THE CIRCULATION BEFORE The five workers are out on \$250 1937! TWO THOUSAND NEW bail each, as they have been since READERS BY JUNE 1ST!

Thirty to sixty sponsors regis- agent who is now responsible for the rate of 1,000 every month. We most 100 percent. In order to vote in the August The first day to secure signatures scriptions must be a major objec-

Surprising Figures who have registered "Decline to tration in California for 1934 was Let us examine our subscription not exaggerating to suggest that We must all help with the cir-State" or for any other party, 1,822 (San Francisco, 336; Los An- records for the year 1935. DUR- this figure could be doubled and culation—and how can you sell a Subscriptions. may change this by re-registering geles, 736; Alameda County, 199; ING THE YEAR 2846 SUBSCRIP- trebled when we remember how paper when you don't take time to Bundle orders "Communist" after the May 5 Sacramento, 87; San Diego, 66; TIONS WERE OBTAINED—AND many readers of this paper pass read it? ONLY 700 OF THESE WERE on their copies to friends and re- And it has been thoroughly dem-

The Western worker becomes (RENEWALS. WE GAINED 2146 latives.) an eight-page paper on May 1st. NEW READERS, BUT LOST With the increase in size will also MANY OLD SUBSCRIBERS be, an improvement in the appear- WHO WERE NOT CONTACT-ED PROPERLY FOR RENEW-ALS!

circulation is now showing an in- over 10,000 workers in our Dis- a vast majority of these readers crease—but not enough. The cir- trict have been subscribers to the could have been retained if we culation drive begins on April 1st | Western Worker in addition to | had comrades attending to it.

ing that our readers change at and has sold renewals to them al-

paper. (At the same time it, is Reader of the Western Worker." that increase:

Yet our total circulation is stag-Reason for It

The reason for all this is the absence of a functioning distribu-The previous years give us sim- tion and sales apparatus in our

As far as the bundle sales are monstrated in San Francisco, that sorts come from his section region concerned, an estimate based on it is easy to get renewal subscrip- ularly. the regular distribution may be tions. For five or six months he arrived at. We are safe in assum- has been visiting old subscribers for.

000 readers during the last four about the membership of the bly and congressional districts. ber of papers it now handles. Sub- years. To be on the safe side, let Communist Party in District 13, work on immediately. us cut this figure in half and we California, Arizona and Nevada, you can see by comparing the cir- be an INTENSIVE circulation Add this to the figure discovered culation figures that not all Party drive to the first day of June to the presidential primaries in May 20. We must have sufficient reg. Worker agents, or whose agents among our past subscribers and members are reading this paper. get an IMMEDIATE increase of closed Thursday, March 26. All istration by that time to get our are not functioning properly must we find that approximately 37,000 We must immediately raise the 2,000 in the circulation.

onstrated that the Western Work er has a wide appeal for the people we want to reach with it.

The District sent out directives months ago that each section and sub-section must appoint a West ern Worker agent by April 1st. He should be a comrade who will make it his major Party assignment to see that the paper is distributed, the bill paid, subscribers followed up, and new ones gotten, One comrade has thoroughly de- and that news and articles of all

Job To Do

Assuming your section has done

its work in getting such an agent here is the job you and he have to

Beginning April 1st, there is to

primaries.

# The Truth About the Riots in Spain

# A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF EVENTS IN SPAIN SINCE THE ELECTION VICTORY

## Reactionaries Creating Riots in Effort To Disrupt People's Government: United Front Forces Firm

INTRODUCTION

The following first-hand report written directly from Europe is the first eye-witness account of the tremendous events going on in Spain that we have received to date. It is far the most important article we have yet printed on the Spanish election victory.

### By PIERRE VAN PAASSEN Federated Press.

sinate labor leaders. But the Spanish workers, their endurance surpassed by indignities to which they have been submitted these past two years, do not suffer in silence since the election victory. of its press, its labor halls closed They strike back, and reactionary all over the country, its leaders elements do their best to represent workers' self-defense as uncurbed rowdiness. More recently the People's Front has gained the outlawing of young Primo de Rivera's Fascist Falange; the latest white hope of Spanish reacand the group responsible fc. .nany of the provocations.

LAND TO THE PEOPLE The demand of Spain's landless farmers for division of the great semi-feudal estates grows more insistent. More than 30,000 political prisoners are out of prison. Eleven thousand liberals, Socialists and left republicans who were ousted from their positions in 1934 have been reinstated as magistrates, judges, and district gov-

The united front has forced the government to begin a clean-up campaign in the army, especially in the officer Thousands of officers fascist sympathies and anti-democratic elements

be placed on the relifed They will not go to prison or be shot as the workers of the Asturias were in 1934 when they rose to prevent the establishment of the semi-fascist dictatorship of Gil Robles and the landed proprietors. The working class in the hour of victory is always more generous, **more humane than the reaction**. Perhaps too generous!

SUPPRESSED TRUTH

At last the truth about the 1934 revolt is coming out. At that time Gil Robles and the renegade Lerroux did not hesitate to turn the Spanish Foreign Legion 100se upon the miners and the peasants. This military outfit, chiefly composed of criminal elements from all over Europe and officered by white Russian emigres, was brought over from Africa, because the government dared not employ native Spanish troops against the starving population.

The Foreign Legion behaved as if it was on conquered territory. In one village the entire population of women and children was driven into the church and the building set on fire, while the men were holding the pits against the attacks of goverament troops. The outside world was informed by the Madrid censorship that the miners were plundering and firing churches. Photographs now published in the free Spanish press st foreign legionnaires carr, the severed heads of Asturian miners attached to their belts and the corpses of children laying in the streets. Aristocrats, landed proprietors and fascist shock troops are fleeing in their thousands across the border into France.

## **WORKERS STEADY**

They fear the revenge of the people. But the people remain calm.—I asked Largo Caballero, to what he attributed the pheagricultural.

ladares, leader of the late month. reactionary government, refused to confiscate and subdivide among the peasants the big aristocratic estates and the vast lands belong- Navy took over control of Kure the entire collection to a guard His howlings did little good. ing to the church, and when he Island in the Pacific, formerly un- post nearby and left it. They said: 'The peasants have to be der civil control of the Hawaiian feared to take it back to the cell were returned to him. He might all the newspapers of the Bay Some people have phoney ideas. satisfied with eating grass,' these Territory. This spot is strategi- and they did not care to mix it give some to the incoming Sac- District. A London, England, (Next Article-"ENTREE OF millions of hungry, destitute and cally situated for a cable station. up with the results of the other ramento Defendants.

illiterate human beings flocked over to our side and formed that .DRID.—(FP)—The desperate union with the urban proletariat efforts of Spanish fascism and re- which is invincible. When the actionary absentee landlordism to people stand together for their stave off a little longer their in- rights, for an elementary human evitable doom explain the per- decency, there is no force on sistent stories of riots and dis- earth strong enough to resist them. order that come to American read- When the farmers begin to realize that their interests and those of Again and again in recent weeks, the city workers are the same and fascist groups have attacked work- they cease pulling the chestnuts ers' halls or attempted to assas- out of the fire for the agricultural trusts, the goose of fascism is cooked.'

## GREAT GOVERNMENT

Then the united front was set up. Although outlawed, deprived imprisoned and not permitted to reorganize, without money and without one of the other resources of propaganda, the united front imposed its will and swept reaction out of power. In a country where 67 per cent of the soil is in the hands of 2 per cent of the population, the agricultural worker—the most desperately destitute creature in Europe perhaps -turned his plow against the feudal landlords and was victori-

The reaction, the champions of law and order, rather than submit to the vote of the overwhelming majority, planned to suspend the operation of democratic institutions by plunging the country into civil war. That was the trick Hitler employed in Germany and Mussolini in Italy. In those two countries the trick worked because liberal's and democrats stood by idly while working class organizations were smashed to pieces.
In Spain, the liberals had learn-

ed their lesson—as the liberals of France. They have realized that the liberals are next to be muzzled after Fascism is victorious over working class organizations. That is why liberals of Spain and o be put on a spot that way. workers in the People's Front.

## CROCKETT MAN REINSTATED BY

MASS PRESSURE FORCES COMPANY TO ACT

CROCKETT, Calif., March 21. Allen Angles, recently dis charged from the C. and H. Sugar Refinery here has been reinstated by the employers due to mass pressure built around the case locally.

Angles was fired for union acivities. A protest meeting was called and was attended by more than 1000 persons. Harry Bridges and other other union leaders spoke. A resolution demanding his reinstatement was passed unanimously.

The company, which at first had refused to do anything about the case, was forced to reconsider. Angles is to get full pay for the time he was off. Meanwhile the company is looking for other neans of getting rid of him.

made its appearance in Crockett. of Sanborn's sails.

## WPA STRIKE

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 22.—As 2500 Socialist and trade union leader, union workers on WPA projects is much dissatisfaction over low away. C 'allero replied: When Porte "security" wages of \$55.00 per

> KURE ISLAND On February 20, 1936 the U. S.



# Mooney and the Red Squad

## VIGILANTE RAIDS WITHIN THE PENITENTIARY

His cell was looted.

raids on the Reds. Besides, their

superiors migh "dump" them i

they said they had NOT given an

The Red Squad pondered over

these possibilities as Mooney'

property lay out in the weather

exposed to the prowlings of every

guard at the post, not to men

tion the numerous stool-pigeons

who pawed over the papers at

Squad DID, NOT KNOW was

that Mooney was informed of the

MOONEY REPLIES

If any one thinks that Mooney

The capitalist, warden of prison,

their Jeisure. What the Red

order to raid Mooney's cell.

INTRODUCTION

This is the seventh of a series of articles written exclusively for he WESTERN WORKER by a man just released from San Quen- few days he asked the Sheriff joined the Communist Party in tin penitentiary. Each article is complete in itself. The events covered if he could return to prison again 1925. In 1926 he organized the all took place very recently within the prison walls. Many readers and have his cell cleaned and have heard snatches of these occurrences before or have read faint suggestions of them in the daily press. This is the first inside story prison. The Sheriff told Tom of them that has ever been published.

The San Quentin guards occupy a ticklish position with respect to Tom Mooney. Whenever they meet people who have read about the Mooney case they are asked: "Are you one of the guards that is keeping an innocent man ike Tom Mooney a prisoner?" Of course the guard" replies that he is only "hired" to 'keep order" or evades the question in some way. It makes the guard uncomfortable (poor thing!)

France—even right-wing liberals The Red Squad had finished stand solidly together with the raiding McNamara's cell. They decided to pay Mooney's cell a visit. There are guards in the prison who really think Mooney got a raw deal and-should be freed. One of them happened along when the Red Squad C. AND H. FIRM started along the tier to Mooney's

> "I guess you know whose cell this is?" he asked the Red Squad. "Dam right we do" they said, "It's Mooney's cell."

"You know that Mooney gets all his books and papers straight from the Warden, I guess. Besides, Mooney drags quite a bit of weight outside. Better go easy when you shake down his cell. You might get into trouble bothering a guy like Mooney." "We know what we're doing," the Red Squad said, "we got our orders, and we're going to carry them out."

"That's okay with me then," the guard said, leaving.

## EVERYTHING TAKEN

Where they had been ruthless in destroying everything in the cell of McNamara, they went at Henry Sanborn's red-baiting their work in Mooney's cell a paper, the American Citizen, first trifle more carefully. Those of us about" they are mistaken. He or dered the hearing held up for a who have studied the Mooney Vigilantes constantly attempt to case and know of its far-reachintimidate the townspeople, but ing consequences can hardly condistribution of the Western Work- ceive of the mass of data which er has taken a lot of the wind out | Mooney keeps in his cell. The | mountain lion just "rarin' to go." Red Squad took it all, everything! There were clippings and or prison guard that Mooney fears evidence on the Mooney case has not been made yet. When he which were priceless, papers and has anything to say about the data which proved Mooney's conprison or his case he pounds it tention of a frame-up conclu- lout in unmistakable terms. For tounding! It's a wonder the walls were called out on strike by the sively. The Red Squad mixed the Mooney has got "guts" to burn. of the prison didn't crumble and and their business is to stop the Revolutionary Workers of Mexinomenal success of the People's local Building Trades Council, the whole business together, obtained He stormed about that prison fall down. Mooney using a Front at the recent elections in a walkout threatened to spread four cardboard boxes, dumped wanting to know why the hell phone. Incredible! Had somecountry which is predominantly throughout Missouri, where there the whole works in and carted it his cell was raided when all his one told the Warden that Mount of course, former officers in the the CGT (General Confederation

> Then the Red Squad got cold personally. feet. Instead of "losing" done with books, papers, etc. taken had stayed in San Francisco, or his pet rulings. from McNamara's cell, they took else they had not raided his cell.

# Jim McNamara

The Sheriff took him from his day hunger strike. cell and, bringing his into his office, put through the call for and the Warden

## THE CONVERSATION

wants to know if you'll have his to the prison, requesting percell cleaned and painted while he is over here? Warden-What's that? I dont understand.

Sherriff — Wait a minute. (To | Warden was in a tight place. The Tom) Take this and explain it

er and spoke into the phone.) Mooney-This is Tom Mooney, Warden, I'd like to have my the Bay District had tried for cell cleaned and painted if you- | years to get interviews with con-Warden-What? How? Who?

and I-

want my cell cleaned and painted tion. raid an hour after it happened, and-Warden-The hell with that

cisco at the time attending the I want to know who allowed you hearing on his writ of habeas to use a phone without my permission. You are still my pris-

Warden-I-I-I'll-see youwhen you get back over here.

## UNHEARD OF

Remarkable! mail is censored by the warden Tamalpais had been out for a walk he would have preferred For a few days he raised so much that statement than to believe

> which put the Warden on a spot. newspaper had a call put through THE C. S. PRISONERS.")

## Mooney returned to San Francisco and the hearing. After a painted while he was away from go back over there for such a what you want done?"

Tom thought this a good idea.

Sheriff-Warden, Tom Mooney

Say-who is this talking? Mooney-It's me, Tom Moon such interviews. The newspapers ey, Warden, I just wanted to-Warden-Say, is this Mooney?

Talking on a telephone? Mooney-Yes, it's me Warden. the head which Straight gave him The Sheriff is right beside me it was too much. He claimed he

Who gave you permission to use time he retired. After a long a phone? That's what I want to know.

although he was in San Fran-l

Sheriff-(To Tom) Oh, yeah. Well you're MY PRISONER NOW. Go ahead and talk all you will hold still for any "pushing want, Tom. Mooney - (Into phone) If

you'll have one of the cell-tendbounced into that prison like a 111 appreciate it very much.

# POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MEXICO ON THE PEOPLE'S UNITED FRONT AND CARDENAS; AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE C. P.

MEXICO CITY, March 25.-Sixteenth of September is one of the busiest streets in Mexico City, in the heart of the hotel and shopping district. If you stand in the entrance of the Olympic Theater and look upard to the third story balcony of Number 18 on the opposite side of the street, you will see a huge white banner, with letters in red, reading: "PARTIDO COMMUNISTA DE MEXICO. This is the headquarters of

the Communist Party of Mexico. Raided on the night of February 5 by the fascist "Gold Shirts," it shows little sign of damage now. The offices of the Communist Party of Mexico are as plainly equipped as any workers' headquarters in the United States-a few benches, tables, and on the walls, paintings of Marx and Lenin.

At one of the tables, talking wih a group of workers, sits a gray-haired man with a high forehead and a pair of keen, dark eyes. A friendly smile of recognition, then he is deep again in concentration upon the discussion. This is Herman Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico. This is the man I've come to interview regarding the great United Front Confederation of Mexican Work-

## STRIKE LEADER

Laborde, formerly a member of the Railway Clerks Union (part of the Syndicate of Transportation Workers) worked with railroad workers employed by the Southern Pacific Company in the state of Sinaloa. Leader of it would waste time for him to the great railway strike of 1927, during the reactionary regime of small job. "Why not let me call President Plutarco Calles, he was up the Warden and tell him thrown into the military prison. at Santiago. He finally was released, as a climax to an eight-

Comrade Laborde was a leader of the Workers and Persente Bloe in the presidential election campaign of 1928 and was elected to the House of Representatives. The reac-

mission to speak with Alex Mcwith Kristy and Straight when London paper was not asking about someone as important as (Mooney picked up the receiv- Tom Mooney. He allowed Mc-Kay to use the phone. That settled him. The newspapers of victs, condemned or otherwise. The Warden would not allow came down on the Warden with a terrible barrage of criticism Between that and the whack over had been "sitting on a powder Warden - Never mind that. keg" for eight years and it was wrangle with the Prison Board he fidgeted about for a faw days. Mooney-But Warden I only Finally, he tendered his resigna-

## INTERNATIONAL OUTFIT

His passing will not be re gretted. He had made several mistakes in his life, but as he was a member of the International Police Force, they overlooked many of his errors. Wasn't he the "big-brave" Marshall who had killed the crazed Hindu in a crowded courtroom? Very well few days, got the Sheriff to take ers take my bunk and things out then, as long as he gives orders him back to San Quentin and he of my cell and have it painted to watch the Reds he will be honored.

The International Police Force

is a body of high police officials whose duty it is to watch and White Army of intervention that viet Union and they still think



tionaries gained his expulsion, partly because of a speech before the legislature in which he exposed the true significance of President Hoover's "Good Will Tour" of the Latin-American

the Twelfth Plenum meeting of for the Latin-American Confer- groups against the proletariat. ence. He was a delegate to the Seventh Congress of the C. I. in 1935 and since 1929 has been a member of the Central Committee of The Communist Party of Mexico. In 1930 he was chosen General Secretary of the Party.

### INTERVIEW

Murray: What are your im-

pressions of the great Mexican Labor Congress of Unification? Laborde: The Trade Union Unity Congress is the most important event in the history of the Mexican proletariat because of the important period in which it was called, because of the number of workers (500,000) which the railway unions until 1928. He the Confederation succeeded in uniting, and because this new United Front is founded upon a platform of struggle, in the midst in the United States? of important actions of the working class, and with a relatively

high level of class consciousness. nist Party's role in calling the People's Front, aided by the par-Congress?

unity, having made many at- will be the standard-bearer in tempts to achieve this since the the development of national, 15foundation, in 1929, of the Con- erating revolutions among all the ederation Sindical Unitaria Latin-American peoples. (Confederation of Red Trade But it is very necessary that Unions). In March, 1933, the the workers of the United States Party sent out a call for a united and particularly the Communist front of all working class groups Party of the United States, give and participated actively in the effective aid to the movement in United Front Conference realized Mexico, mobilizing the people of Kay, a condemned man who was with Kristy and Straight when they attempted to escape. The labor groups of that period, was they attempted to escape. The labor groups of that period, was the labor groups of the labor gro and Peasants Unity, very narrow and weak, but which nevertheless served for a time as the leading force in the fight for trade unity, and which succeeded in creating of the American people for the several local and regional united Mexican People's Front and the front movements.

## NATIONAL UNITY MEET

initiative of the Alliance of American countries, Mexico in-Graphic Arts, to a large extent cluded, in an economic and com-These were broken up by the of strengthening the economic splitting maneuvers of several domination and political influence leaders of important labor cen- of the United States in Latintrals. Later, on the initiative of America. the Communist leaders in the Red Trade Unions, the Union of Electrical Workers called a meeting of all labor groups to discuss the position they must take in the face of the declarations of General Calles against the strike ists went to Japan via Italy. Japanmovement. At this meeting the Committee for Proletarian Defense was founded with the purpose of uniting all labor to repel reactionary attacks upon the proletariat-and the calling of a National Congress of Unification.

Murray: What is your opinion of the new Confederation as a force for labor unity, against imperialism and as a revolutionary force? Laborde: The new Confedera-

tion already has united the great suppress all Red activities. They majority of the organized workare scattered all over the world, ers of Mexico. The only labor in the pay of donations from the groups who have not joined it leading capitalists of the world are the CROM (Confederation of spread of Communism. Many of co, organized and dominated by the members of this body are Calles for political purposes) and Russian Army of the Tsar. Some of Workers, also a reactionaryof them were officers in the controlled organization) and other groups of lesser importance Mooney's things as they had hell that the Guards wished he that Mooney had violated one of tried to whip the Bolsheviks. with a total membership of no But the Bolsheviks whipped more than 50,000. These groups Another accident came up them on every front of the So- can be drawn in and complete unity achieved, providing correct Very little of his data and papers and which got him in wrong with they will someday regain Russia. united front tactics are applied.

The United Labor Congress voted unanimously that the Confederation of Mexican

Workers participate in the people's movement against imperialism. The new Confederation was represented at the Congress of the People's Anti-Imperialist Front, which with its 500,000 members raised to more than a million the number of persons represented in the People's Front Congress.

## **FUNCTIONS**

Murray: How will such a Confederation function in situations ike the Monterrey strikes?

Laborde: The Confederation must fight for united action of all workers, including those of the White Unions (company unions). At the same time the Confederation must try to bring about an alliance between the proletariat In 1932 he was a delegate to and the small bourgeoisie to prevent the reactionary owner-clique the Communist International and from organizing, moving and pitin 1934 he again went to Moscow ting these above mentioned

> Murray: What effect will the new Confederation have upon the Mexican workers in the United States?

Laborde: It should contrib ute powerfully to the organization and unification of the Mexican workers there. Concrete forms of cooperation must he achieved with revolutionary organizations in the United States and with workers' organizations in general-but particularly with the organizations of Mexican workers.

### NEED OUR HELP

Murray: What is your view movement here and its relations to the revolutionary movement

Laborde: The revolutionary movement in Mexico is passing through a very touchy periol. Murray: What was the Commu- The development of the Mexican ticipation of the new Confedera-Laborde: The C. P. of Mexico tion, can raise this movement to was the initiator of the fight for such a high level that Mexico

Columbus who seek intervention in support of Calles and ite ize the widest possible support government of President Ca 'e-

This is important in relation also to the Pan-American Con-Thanks to this activity, there ference called by Roosevelt at were begun in 1935 discussions which, we suspect, an attempt toward the united front on the will be made to enroll the Latininfluenced by the Communists. mercial alliance for the purpose

## JAPANESE AVIATORS

"Germany is training Japanese military aviators. In December, 1935. 26 German aircraft specialese delegates to the Naval Conference spent 2 days with Goering en route to London." Nation, 3-11-

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## Control Tasks adopted by San Francisco Section Convention, to

be achieved by May, 1936. 1. The proposal of the Section Convention that San Francisco strive for a dues paying membership of 750 by May has been accepted by the Section Committee. In February, dues payments averaged only 428. The dues payments for the first two weeks in March have gone up to 552. Every unit must have 100 per cent dues achieve this control task.

every contact before them. In this agents. way, we will easily recruit 185 new members and draw back into the Party 65 old members. Each unit must make up a list of all contacts and all former members at once. Fractions within the unions and mass organizations must systematize their work in recruiting. The Section Committee has pledged itself to recruit 55 of the total new members.

### WESTERN WORKER AND BASIC PARTY LITERATURE:

order of Western Workers from 675 to 1000, each sub-section committee must elect a responsible Western Worker agent to check on subs and routes, regular checkup to be made once a month at sub-section committee meetings; to elect a functioning San Francisco section Western Worker agent.

To increase the sales of The Communist from 125 to 250, and the sale of the PARTY ORGAN-IZER from 225 to 400.

To obtain 180 Wesern Worker

### TRADE UNION WORK: The 60 Party members who can

join the A. F. of L. must do so. SHOP UNITS:

To establish three functioning shop units; one factory in the N industry; one in the G industry. and one in the U industry. To establish three functioning ship

## NEGRO WORK:

To set up a functioning commission for work among Negroes with a responsible leader. This work to be taken up by the Fillmore and Marina sub-sections, and a responsible comrade assigned to this particular work. AGITPROP WORK:

whom shall be the agit-prop direc- Explosions were engineered and tor; director of the Workers' the government issued a report employing a considerable number School and the section literature that "an entire arsenal of the Red of men who were unable to carry agent.

## YOUTH WORK

pamphlet by Gil Green. To set up amid the wreckage. Vargas issued composed of young comrades who To help the young Communist

questionnaire to be filled out by of the Communist Party. youth contacts who shall be visited by the Y.C.L. **ELECTIONS:** 

tration district.

### WORK AMONG THE MINORITIES

shall set up a functioning lan- clare", was insane when he com- task making is hardly imaginable, guage department with a respon- mitted suicide." sible head. Concentration will be on the Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Filipino and Japanese people.

## FIGHT OVERTIME

Resolutions were adopted for a pital . . . " 30-hour week, inclusion of travel | Ewart, a refugee from the Na- points and pursue their specific time in working time, regular pay- zis, was studying economic and tasks on a well organized scheddays, distribution of surplus com- historical questions in Brazil. ule. modities to WPA workers, trans- Forged documents were placed portation by inspected busses in among his papers by the Vargas stead of open trucks, \$94-a-month agents. He is charged with being security wage instead of the pres- a "spy" and there is a demand ent \$60.50, two weeks notice of that he be court-martialed and discontinuance of any project and shot. automatic reinstatement of faid- Vargas has so aftered the Era- 10191/2 University Avc., Berkeley

# Party Life Terror, Misrule in Brazil by Vargas, Wall Street Yes--Man where to Go

## PEOPLE OF U. S. ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO SAVE HERO OF NOVEMBER UPRISING

The hand of Wall Street, already dripping with the blood of scores and thousands of heroic rebels, has clutched Luiz Carlos Prestes, national hero of the struggling Brazilian people, leader of the national anti-imperialistic movement of Brazil which is waging the struggle for the independence of the Brazilian people and for democratic liberty.

Prestes, a Communist, has been paying membership if we are to the hero of the Brazilian people ever since that time from 1922 to America. Among the thousands The sub-section membership 1926, when, with iron determinacommittees must meet regularly, tion and supreme courage, he led prisons are soldiers, peasants, and the full sub-section member- the struggle of the people against ship must co-operate by bringing the rule of Wall Street and its

## FOR INDEPENDENCE

Getulio Vargas, head of the reactionary Brazilian government and himself an abject-though well-paid-slave of Wall Street, has endeavored to brand the November, 1935 uprising as "Communist led," through "agents of Moscow." Prestes, as a leading Rezendo, well-known writers and Communist, has been singled out for particular attention.

But the truth of the matter is the November uprising was led the National Liberation League which was founded in 1935 and which always has stood forth as willing to fight for the genuine independence of Brazil. Many of those elements which, in 1930, supported the bloc of the Liberal Alliance of Vargas have since become disgusted with the open treachery of their leader who now occupies the presidential chair. These elements enthusiastically joined the National Liberation League.

The Communist Party supports and aids the National Liberation League. It supported the League in the November uprising. Prestes, as a national hero, was appointed honorary chairman of the

## PEOPLE'S FRONT

The National Liberation League is in reality a powerful People's Front, supported by millions of starving and exploited Brazilian peasants and workers. This People's Front has issued a munifesto in which it declares that the League exists only to continue the struggle of the Brazilian people for independence and for democracy.

The tactics of Vargas in suppressing the November uprising To set up a functioning Agit- are typical. Something like 17,-Prop commission of five, three of 000 persons were thrown in jail. Army, including arms belonging to on under the slave-driving and the Workers' and Peasants' Army cold, and struck for better condi-To popularize the decisions of of the U.S.S.R., with Czech inthe YCI Congress through the scriptions," had been discovered dered to either go back to work a youth group in the needle trades, blood-curdling stories of the These men and their families are "atrocities" committed by the rebare members of the union. Needle els of Natal, Recife and Rio. Vartrades fraction to be responsible gas engineered the murder of officers of his own army-formerly known as secret police agents-League contact youth through a and laid their murder at the door

## BARRON MURDERED

Vargas caused the arrest, torture and ultimate murder of an hundred are now building high-For concentration on the elec- American youth, Victor Barron, tions, to begin in the 23rd Assem- son of Harrison George, and and shovel without machinery,bly district (Mission) with the or- through the reactionary press as- just as was done 2000 years ago. ganization of an assembly district sociations announced he had comsub-section apparatus that will be mitted suicide. Barron, it was these poor unfortunates on the responsible to the section commit-said, dived from a window after trot up steep embankments with tee. Reorganization in the other he had "revealed" the hiding place wheelbarrows building the highassembly districts shall be guided of Prestes. But Prestes had been by our experience in the concen- arrested and jailed days before modern helps and invention thrown Barron had been taken into cus- to the wind and the contractors tody. When this was discovered, forcing the last bit of energy out the Brazilian police changed their of these men for so much a day. The incoming section committee story. "Barron," they now de- A more cynical, cruel system of

## EWART TORTURED

thur Ewart, along with his wife, has been imprisoned, tortured and threatened with deportation to Nazi Germany, where instant ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 23. death awaits him. Abel Cher--Any attempt to enforce an edict mont, senator, speaking recently in hundred members of 33 scientific of the state WPA administrator the Senate of his country declared: expeditions will set out on that Pennsylvania relief workers "This latter (Ewart) . . . suffers three icebreakers to the Soviet , must put in overtime to make up so much torture and so brutal North to look for coal, iron, gold, time lost because of weather beatings, that, in spite of his and rare metals, to investigate conditions will be answered by a rugged physique, his ribs have been seal fishing and reindeer huntstrike, a mass meeting of 2000 fractured by his tortures in the ing and to make astronomic and WPA workers here unanimously headquarters of the police and he geodetic observations. Geological has had to be treated in the hos-scientists alone number 150. The

off WPA workers onto relief. | zilian constitution that it is one of

the most dictatorial in Latin rotting in the filthy Brazilian workers, teachers, lawyers and Included among these

### FACE DEATH

Dr. Frederico Carpenter, member of the law faculty of the Rio University, chairman of the Brazilian section of the International Jurists' Association, the national section of the International Jurists' Association; Hermes Lima, Castro Rabello and Leonidas de

The people of the United States, where American imperialism has its roots, are directly concerned with the struggles of the Brazilian people for independence and democracy and freedom from the exploiters. We in this country must force Wall Street and its tool, Vargas, to release Prestes, Ewart and all of those who now are being tortured in prison, many of whom, like Prestes, face death.

### PROTEST

Send protest telegrams to the Vargas government, copies to Senator Abel Charmont, Brazilian Senate, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Organize broad committees for the defense of the Brazilian people. Organize delegations to the Brazilian consulates. Utilize all mass meetings for the adoption of protest resolutions. Demand a Congressional investigation of the collusion of the American Ambassador, Gibson, with the Brazilian police in the torture and murder of the American youth, Barron.

### THE "TASKMARERS OF EGYPT"

Roswell, New Mex.

Editor, Western Worker: The taskmakers of Egypt have nothing on our modern slave driving system as the following reports will show. First, the curb and gutter project of Hobbs, tions and, it is stated, were oror the project would be closed. now turned out to starve or be transferred to some contract job where real slave-drivers are hired to push them. This is the case just east of Roswell at Comanche Draw where all the workers from the East Grand Plains project and several other projects, have been herded together and several ways with wheelbarrows and pick

Here we can see hundreds of ways of New Mexico with all

and if any one of these men fall down in these tasks or kick on The ex-Reichstag Deputy, Ar- conditions he is promptly fired.

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## FROM A HOUSEWIFE

Richmond, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker: I've never contributed a line to the "Worker." I've read it for a couple of years and have given a few dimes to help along, but And follow our leaders into the my work is not among people. I work continuously with my housework, children, and chickens, but while I work I think, and I surely do admire our paper and the Communist Party.

Chances are few, but I never miss a chance to put in a good word and I always put my papers and pamphlets in some good | For we'll put him down, spot to be read by others when I'm through,

Well, anyhow, here is a poem, if it could be called one, and at least it may give you a laugh if not worth more. Maybe you'll think I don't know "beans." Well, I should—I've taken a lot of them the last few years.

Best wishes to the success of the Western Worker and the Communist Party.

## ODE TO CALIFORNIA

California, Golden State, Mob rule, lynch law, workers' fate. Vigilantes at your Golden Gate; Come, comrades, it's not too late.

We'll reclaim you for our own, Return to you your golden crown; Out of their filthy jails we'll make Palaces for your beauty's sake.

And round them, still shall hover The spirit of labor's emancipator starvation wage.

## To make even more beautiful these places:

Rest homes for unfortunates of all races.

Though some of us are still in the mist We'll up with our arm and clench our fist.

To see our fight right well begun.

And never again shall Willie Hearst Defile you with his fascist thirst. If he and his ilk don't step in line They'll just be lost in the march

The fascist hound; And though he'll rant and tear Watch us keep him there.

of time.

We don't want charity, Just give us solidarity, And when this we've won We'll celebrate Labor's coronation.

P. S.—This is my first attempt.

## PARIS STRIKE

PARIS, Mar. 16.—River boatmen on the waterways near Paris are out on strike. They demand application of conditions of the Emergency Decree of November, 1919, which regulates boatmen have been working as every Sunday at 2 p. m., March many as 18 hours per day, at a 29th through April 26th, at the Haight Street, San Francisco,

## If One Good Poem Deserves Another Then Here It Is

In our issue of Mar. 23 we print ed a letter and a poem from "F. F." a 10-year old girl in Los Angeles. She asked us to start a children's section. A friend of hers (sex and age unknown) writes us the following:

Los Angeles.

toons. A children's page would be ested in and want to be a pilot. I have managed to think of war long enough to write this poem: WAR

Like a shadow creeping, creeping Like the blood of thousands dead Grim and morbid, dark and evil, Bathed in battle's bloody red.

With ruthless hands it slays, Yet it wishes only more; It chuckles to the dying screams It laughs with cannon roar.

It reaps its harvest often, To the frequent show'rs of lead; Chackling to the cannon roar— Shouting o'er the dead.

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# HAS MILITANT

"F. F." is my friend. I too like Cabrano, business agent of San the Daily Worker better. Also, I Mateo Carpenters' Union, called would like you to have some car- the police and had him arrested. fun and I wish you would have an bail after a preliminary hearing aviation club in it. I am inter- before Judge Stetson at the San Mateo County court house.

tions of the Communist Party in District 13 should immediately In preparation for a gigantic May call in all collection lists and working conditions in the river Day celebration, the Downtown other material of the Western shipping industry and provides Sub-section of the Communist Worker Financial Drive and 1efor an 8-hour working day. River Party will hold street meetings mit all funds to the Western Worker Drive Committee, 121

CARPENTERS CALLS POLICE

BURLINGAME, Calif.-Mr. F From was arrested recently for passing out New Masses in front of the Labor Temple here. Joe Mr. From was released on \$25

has written that Al Capone was a piker, compared to the crooked deeds this union business agent has done in San Mateo County re-

Units, sub-sections and sec-

# **UNION OFFICER**

Western worker vic TORY BANQUET, Sunday March 29, 7 p. m., 121 Haight street. Excellent program. Good No complaint was read. Date for

the jury trial was set for April 14th in Judge Stetson's court. , Joe Cabrano is the same Cabrano the San Francisco Chronicle has written so much about. He has been doing crooked racketeering in San Mateo County relief. He has been responsible for the firing of militant workers on several jobs. A former member of his union

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Most middle class people do not own enough property to defive any substantial income from it. They depend on employment for a living.

They are not in a position to fight their battles alone. They must choose between labor and Wall Street and if they choose the latter they will find themselves headed toward fascism. Under fascism they will be impoverished at a more rapid rate than at present.

"Historically," says Corey, "the niiddle class was a revolutionary class, struggling against feudalism to establish the rights o small property."

WOMEN, WAR AND FAS-CISM by Dorothy McConnell (5 cents—18 pp.)

During the last three years, lie campaign against women has developed into a worldwide movement including the United States. "It has become a cool, steady, ruthless drive which is even more drastic than any drive against racial minorities." Dorothy Mc-Connell in her pamphlet WOMEN, WAR AND FASCISM makes it abundantly clear that if women are to successfully oppose war and fascism and thus safeguard their security and freedom, they must organize. Had it not been for organized protest of Belgian women in 1934, their employment in factories and offices would bey would have been excluded n all posts in public depart-

Women are essential to the development of a fascist state because they provide cheap labor and a high birth-rate. They are essential to a successful war, because they run munition plants, factories, business offices and

dle classes? What are their prob- | United States "all haters of fascism should nite with women... nant class' in America as some to repeal the 213A clause of the would-be Marxist "specialists" National Economy Act which gives government sanction to the discrimination against women... about them. (The Crisis of the Private industries have taken their cue from the government and have carried their strictures much further. . . . The employers are not making a drive against women only. They are using a situation which exists to make a drive against the whole working population."

> The March choice of the Book Union is "Soviet Communism," by Beatrice and Sidney Webb. In the Book Union Bulletin, Corliss Lamont says: "The Webbs have written the book on Soviet Rus sia. And in all likelihood, it will remain as such for some time to come." The editors of the Book Union, in a special statement, say they "are convinced that the book is not only the best and most important selection they have yet made, but is one of the few really great works of scholarship of our

> "Soviet Communism" is scheduled for early in March by Scribners. Information may be secured by writing to the Book Union, 381 Fourth ave., New York City.

## CHILDREN OF Religious Sect Won't Salute

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20.-Investigation of f'subversive elements" among children in the Perry School of the Redondo dis- resonant "shushes!" Presently the trict was ordered here today by the district attorney's office, because the children's religious beliefs are said to bar them from saluting the flag.

The order came from the board of supervisors, on motion of Supervisor John R. Quinn.

Assertedly more than 100 residents of the community complained that the children were not saluting the flag. They are said to be ses," national religious sect.

similar case occurred in A similar case occurred in design Massachusetts several microtics "Whaddaya mean! Out of or-

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# California's Sun Kissed Hoodlums Healthand the Class Struggle

A Story of the Whys and Wherefores of Vigilante Activity - - By Ronald R. Cooley

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

With union halls and workers' homes wrecked, with Vigilantes smashing at the picket lines of the mill strikers in this unnamed California city, the bosses are riding high. Sockie Boyd and Jim Halver, Communists and officials of the mill workers' union, together with scores of other militants, are hunted like rats. Nevertheless they have led a drive to bring out the other union locals in a sympathetic general strike to end the Vigilanteism. Many of the unions have voted to go out.

Now go on with the story.

### CHAPTER IV. WHO'S OUT OF ORDER?

The Teamsters' Union met in special session to consider the situation. Though it hadn't been announced beforehand, every man knew they were to decide whether or not their local would join a general strike in support of the hard pressed mill workers.

The president walked onto the platform and pounded for silence. The gossiping teamsters in the front row fell silent, stepped on their smokes and began to holler "pipe down." Patiently the president banged again, and the second row gave over its conversation and joined the outcry for silence. Again he thumped with

his gavel: "The meeting will come to order," he shouted hopefully, and the third and fourth rows began hissing in loud and chair had them all crying for order and silence and so the meeting opened. By the time the minutes had been read the last row had given over its crap game and had come to order.

A teamster near the door waved his hand and addressed the chair. "Brother Bulow has the floor," the chair responded.

workers' union is outside and wants have been severely curtailed and members of "Jehovah's Witnes- the privilege of the floor," announced Bulow. The gavel banged. "Out of or-

"The business agent of the mill

der? Ain't we holding this meeting to decide on a general strike

"Siddown, Bulow! You're out of order!" The president glowered under his scraggy brows and looked very puffy.

"I will not siddown! I'm a paidup member of this union and I

"Siddown, you sonofabitch!" and the gavel banged.

"I've got the floor and I ain't sittin' down!" Big Bert's two hundred and ten pounds of leathery muscle towered six foot four in the aisle, "Jim Halver, business agent of the mill workers, has got something to say . . .'

A rangy, blonde youth rose tipsily in a tobacco-fumed corner. "Atta boy, Bert! We want Halver!" He hiccuped. "Whoopee! We want Halver!"

"Throw that drunk out!" The chairman pointed at the youth with his gavel. Half a dozen overalled bouncers rose. Bulow moved to intercept them.

"You ain't throwin' anybody outta this meetin'!" he roared. A dozen rose in his support.

'You're damn tootin' he ain't!" "We're goin' to VOTE on things tonight!"

"Get tough and we'll throw your beef squad through a wall!" The chairman was nonplussed. Not being able to throw out the opposition was something new for him. He banged for order and tried to think.

"Alright!" the chair surrendered. "Call him in."

IIM HALVER wasted no time in formalities. He said his say in just five minutes. "We can lick the mill owners, hands down, but we can't stand up alone against the Vigilantes. We've asked the other unions to join us in a gen eral strike to end the terror. Twentv-two unions voted to go outbut they didn't set any dates. So now the Central Labor Council has appointed a Strategy Committee to lead the general walkout; and what's it done?" His voice was sarcastic, "It declared that 'drastic action must be postponed until all avenues to a peaceful settlement are proven closed'-and then it went into conference with the arbitration board!"

The tipsy teamster rose with a cheer. "Whoopee, for the peacelovin' Strategy Committee!" "Siddown!" Someone shoved him over a chair and he disap-

peared with a crash. "The Strategy Committee is just losin' time," Halver went on, "And if we're not to lose our

strike to the Vigilantes then there's got to be a general strike, -and it's gotta be quick. I was sent here by my union to ask you to vote to come out to back us. And if you do vote to strike, why for the love of mike set a DATE for it, so the Labor Couneil can't stall you!"

They cheered him to a farevou-well.

Big Bert Bulow, twenty years a member of the Teamsters, took the floor: "I move that this union go out on strike, on all jobs, a week from next Monday; and that we stay out until the Vigilantes have completely ceased their activity in this city."

There was a moment of silence, broken only by the sound of scores of union men catching their breath. Then came a shower of seconds to the motion.

Mike Racey, twenty years president of the union, banged with his gavel. "You're crazy!" he declared, "One union can't make a général strike!"

Summed only so got to start A shouted half a dozen, Strategy Committee won't.

"Everybody's voted to go out!" "Yeah, what are we waiting

"We're waiting for the Strategy Committee and Mike Racey!" "Boo!"

Racey turned the chair over to the secretary, and for twenty minutes he harangued the men; reminding them they were only one union; reminding them of the union's contracts; reminding [ them they wouldn't get their strike benefits if they joined an unauthorized walkout;-he reminded them of everything except the fact that the Vigilantes were bent on smashing the unions, which would automatically do away with their contracts, strike benefits and everything else.

"I move that this union express its complete confidence in the General Strike Strategy Committee," he concluded in an im-

passioned voice. They answered with a round of boos and a splutter of raspberries. "You mean Tragedy Com-

mittee!" they velled Racey was exasperated. "Alright. How're you going to get

the rest of the unions to follow "They're just waiting for some-

one to give the word!" "Whoopee for the word!" cried he drunk.

ANOTHER teamster got up. In his hand he held a little four-

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The front row began to whistle | page mimeographed newspaper, | There's too much red-baiting in and stamp. "We want Halver- the "Rank and Filer." "A mill this union. Everybody that wants we want Halver-we want Hal- striker gave me this while I was to do something that shoulda on my was to this meeting," he been done five years ago is a Red.' said, "And the whole thing is ad- His jaw was out like the bumper dressed to the unions that have on a Mack truck as he turned not attempt to treat yourself, Dobell's solution; gargle. Price, voted for a general strike and and faced Racey. "I helped put but should call a doctor. But, calls on them to make it a week out that paper,—and I've been a if you are like most people today, from next Monday. The appeal member of the Communist Party unable to afford it, then here is is signed by the mill workers' for three years!" Racey's jaw a list of remedies for your medistrike committee. If we're worth sagged in amazement at such im-cine chest. Their use, in place a damn we'll start the ball rolling by answering this appeal with and continued, "And I dare any not only save your money, but a vote to strike!" tell me to my face that I use ized by quackeries that are apt "At's a ticket!" "The Warehousemen and the trickery or that I'm not a good to be harmful.

Taxi Drivers meet tomorrow union man!" night!" bellowed a voice from the Racey's bald pate was blue with



"You ain't throwin' anybody outta this meetin' !" he roared. A dozen rose in his support. "You 're damn tootin' he ain't!"

night.

to invite 'em to join the party!" The building fairly shivered and of the A. F. of L.-"

settled with the approval of the men. In the back of every mind was a picture of the terror the old faker!" mill strikers were facing, and the weren't stopped now they would some day enter the Teamsters' hall with their pick handles and above the others. "I move that blackjacks. The tide flowed for a walkout vote.

And like the Dutch boy at the dyke Racey stuck his nickel's worth into the conservative dam and appealed for "sanity."

"You're letting the Reds stam pede you!" he screamed, "You know that thing's a Red paper. Use your heads for a minute! First we're asked to walk out a week from Monday - then up bobs this Communist rag with an appeal to everybody to go out a week from Monday!"

He mopped his brow and broke the gavel. "And if that ain't a slick piece of trickery, whaddya call it!"

An outraged teamster rose, "I helped put out that paper, and I ain't no Red!''

"Whatsa matter Reds?"

Someone laughed and swered, "They're alright!" Big Bert Bulow rose yet another time. His prominent ears were mottled with anger. "That's

what I want to know!" he roared,

'Whatsa matter with the Reds!

rear. "We can send a committee fury. "This'll mean expulsion for you, Bulow! You know the stand "BOO!"

"Why don't we get rid of that

The Teamsters were rising in realization that if the Vigilantes waves, shaking their fists and sounding off the raspberry. One thundering voice swelled

> Big Bert Bulow be made president of this union!" "SECOND THE MOTION!" to it the way it was going: you about them."

cried a hundred. "You're out of order! All of you!" was Racey's comeback. But he did no more red-baiting that

The motion to strike, a week from Monday, was carried unani

AS BULOW AND Halver left the hall together the mill worker spoke. "The Teamsters are a good union," he said, "but . . ." "But what?" demanded Bulow

"But there's too many fakers in office and not enough discipline in the rank and file."

"Izzatso! Come back a year from now and you won't find a drunk or a faker in the hall."

Driving Vigilantes off the strees is really very simpleproviding you have a well-organized union to do it with "CHAIR LEGS AND COUR-AGE." The next installment shows how. Don't miss it.

## San Francisco Workers' School A great variety program and dance!

JAMES BRANCH, master of ceremonies REDFERN MASON, guest speaker Ben Legere in Clifford Odets' great new monologue, "I Can't Sleep"

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, at 8:30 P.M.

At 121 Haight Street DANCING UNTIL 1 A.M. Mood Indigo - Music a la Duke Ellington, by San Francisco's only woman from Chiapas told how the UNION NEGRO ORCHESTRA!

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

FOR THE MEDICINE CHEST |

(Continued) When you are ill, even if your symptoms seem trifling, you should pudence. Big Bert waved a fist of expensive patent remedies, will sonofabitch in the building to will help you avoid being victim-

> Prices listed are approximate; dosages are for adults only.

SEA SICKNESS (or train sickness): medicine, potassium bromide tablets; dose, 10 grains. Price, \$1 a hundred. SCURVY: medicine, orange

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a hundred.

STARVATION: medicine, mil-

cles. Price, 50 cents a pint.

50 cents a pint.

itant organization: dose, 100 per cent. Price, a little work. STIFF NECK OR MUSCLES: medicine, alcohol; massage mus-

SORE MOUTH: medicine, five

per cent boric acid solution: mouth

SORE THROAT: medicine,

wash. Price, 15 cents a pint.

STYE: medicine, yellow oxide of mercury; apply daily. Price, 25 cents a drachm. SUNBURN: medicine, zinc ox-

ide ointment; apply to burn. Price, 15 cents an ounce. SWEATING: (excessive): medi-

cine, two per cent alum solution; apply to parts. URINATION, PAINFUL: medicine, sandal oil capsules; dose,

one capsule Price, 15 cents a cap-WARTS: medicine, fluid extract of cannabis; apply daily.

Price, 50 cents an ounce,

WHOOPING COUGH: medipotasium bromide tablets; dose, 20 cine, quinine sulphate tablets; grains at bed time. Price, 90 cents dose, one grain—over five years. Price, one cent each.

## Can You Name This Column?

## CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

You still have three weeks to think up and send in a prize winning name for this column. Entries are coming in a bit slowly yet. Renember, if your suggestion is accepted you get a YEAR'S FREE SUBSCRIPTION to The Woman Today, a new monthly magazine which has just begun publication in New York. This contest closes Saturday, April 18th, and the winner will be announced in the issue

ANOTHER GIRL AND I

blow you away. You don't seem too." to be standing anywhere. You laugh and talk with someone, but you look as though you are somewhere ele, as though you are in an awful hurry to be offthough heaven knows where you are going."

"We certainly don't know," she said. "And we don't know any reason why we should be where we are, either.

"Now you were called 'The Lost Generation," she went on," 'The Post War Generation, there was time at least that you knew where you were going."

"We thought we did," I replied, wrong we were. We thought well not be, that's all." we had a future; we thought we were going to have a career, or said. raise a family, and then all of a our feet."

the time you were maturing you things if you can't do anything felt yourselves a part of society about them." as it was. You were geared in-

had a chance to set your bones

get solid. But we've never be-"I don't know what it is," I longed. We never had our feet said. "When I look at you girls, on the ground. We never got you appear as if a breath would hold anywhere. It's the sex side,

> That reminded me of something I once heard that stuck in my mind. I told her about it.

A college girl, one of a "smart" crowd. She was clever, good looking, too, and she dressed well. I'd always thought of her as admirable because of her looks and her charming manner. "Who the devil," she said, to someone about

something, "would marry me?" The other girl nodded. "It's not only that," she said. "We get married. But it doesn't seem to mean anything. And it's not the matter of kids, either. I don't 'but we soon found out how know what it is. You'd just as

"That's it. You can't plan any sudden—there was the crash and thing. And you can't talk about the ground went out from under finances, because what's the use? So you don't talk at all. We just "Yes," said the other girl, "But kid each other, and talk nonsense, while you were growing up, you because we can't talk about the were standing on the ground, things that we're thinking about. however unsolid it really was. All There's no use talking about

"But you can do something

# **NURSERY ON CALLES' ESTATE**

Women of Mexico Want Pre-natal Vacation With Pay—National Meet Maps Plan

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 15.— Last week there took place in workers were involved. Mexico City an important Con- Margarita Velasco pointed out ference for Women's Civil Rights, a grave fault in the Congress, attended by delegates from all that there was little representaparts of Mexico. The principal tion from the women factory points in the program were: the right of suffrage; women to be paid the same salaries as men when performing the same work; working women to be granted a two months rest period with pay before and after pregnancy; the role of women in the fight against war and fascism and for

the dissolution of the fascist 'Gold Shirts." Many peasant women delegates spoke at the Conference describing the problems of women workers in different parts of Mexico. Apeasant woman from Morelos (where one of the wealthy estates and mansions of Plutarco Calles is located) demanded the confiscation of Calles' property and its conversion into a creche A peasant from Tobasco described the terrible conditions in that state where the majority of the children are backward because of poor and inadequate food, while the Spanish land-owners make large profits. Another peasant Governor of that state spent \$13,

(Special to The Western Worker) (000 to break the recent banana strike in which many women

workers.

Consuelo Uranga, representative of the Communist Party. called for the creation of a vast women's movement of the broadest possible base, whose task would be the conquest of women's civil, political and social rights.

# Dr. Franklin Bissell

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# **EDITORIALS**

## SEAMEN, ATTENTION! No Strikes Permitted In Fascist Countries

News from Italy reports that the fascist nostrike law was invoked against the striking crew of the American Dollar liner "S. S. President Garfield." (See story on page one.)

Here is striking confirmation of our indictment of fascist countries for their suppression of workers' rights. All the more reason for maritime and shoreside unions making it their business to rally forces to combat fascism here and conduct a vigorous anti-fascist anti-vigilante campaign

Although it is true that American workers as yet have the legal right to strike, fascism creeps on in bolder fashion than ever before.

Evidence for this is seen in shinowners and industrialists conspiring with State officials and stool-pigeons to smash the unions and frame working class leaders. Also, the arming of "industrial guards" and the hoarding of secret caches of deadly bombs and lethal weapons for use against strikers points to a vigorous all-round offensive against living standards and union solidarity.

In this regard, Senator La Follette's committee for preliminary investigation of violations of civil liberties by employer groups should receive the widest encouragement. We have no hesitation in declaring that investigation of California groups alone would provide sensational material as to the underhanded, unscrupulous and ruthless plans of profit-hungry employers to utilize governmental agencies as well as professional strike-breakers and frame-up artists to weaken the entire labor movement.

Not only does this prove the necessity for setting up active trade union anti-vigilante committees of action, but also demands that all workers turn their attention to the political field and rally behind the Farmer-Labor Party movement to wrest political control away from the old corrupt capitalist parties and place popular power in the hands of the people.

Italy and Germany are horrible examples, holding up a mirror to the American workers.

Fight for the right to strike—the right to live!

## Young Man, If You Cannot Find A Paying Job, Work FOR NOTHING

The chairman of the national defense committee of the California Daughters of the American Revolution on behalf of the recent State convention, has demanded that national headquarters fight for the following program:

Severance of relations with the Soviet

Outlawing of the Communist Party. Universal fingerprinting. Stringent deportation laws. Defeat of the American Youth Act.

Creation of an American diplomatic school for training young Americans.

This needs no comment from us, as it obviously represents merely a part of the general fascist program such as is vigorously propagated by Hearstites. But the comment that accompanied criticism of the American Youth Act is priceless: the Act would "subsidize unemployed youths with Federal funds and make them exempt from labor on military projects or capitalistic industrial projects." HOW TERRIBLE

Note the echo of this, even more plainly expressed, in the editorial column of Hearst's San Francisco "Call Bulletin":

"That is the position of modern youth; if it cannot make a living in the city, let it try to do so in the country.

"If it can't get what it thinks it ought to be paid let it work, willingly, for less. "And if it can't get that 'less', it should

be willing to work and learn FOR NOTH-Nothing remains to be said. Go to the devil,

young man. What price fascism, Daughters of no more

American Revolutions?

## Make May Day a Unity Day For the Farmer-Labor Party

May Day approaches once more. This international day of the workers promises to produce the mightiest parade and celebration of united front movements against poverty, war and fascism ever experienced. The workers everywhere will take over the streets and demonstrate their

mighty power, challenging capitalism and its

May Day is as genuinely an American tradition as any national holiday. It is America's great traditional contribution to the celebration dates of the international workers. It began in 1886 when Chicago police murdered workers who were striking for the eight-hour day. It is also associated with the Haymarket martyrs who were hung after being convicted on a false charge of bombing—the first great legal lynching such as threatens the Scottsboro Boys; and similar to that which keeps Tom Mooney incarcerated. A speaker at their funeral declared:

"For the love of truth they died. They fought for a cause believing themselves in the right, and in the years to come they will be loved and revered."

May Day this year is to be an occasion for more than deep felt reverence: it is a day for triumphant rallying of all liberal and progressive forces in squares and parks, and at public mass meetings, cementing the united front that will fight back reaction and preserve our liberties in spite of the Heart-Liberty League fascist threats.

Begin to popularize May Day through the literature on sale in the peoples' bookshops. Drive for unity of action such as has already brought unity between trade unions, Socialists and Communists in many parts of the country. Build sentiment for the Farmer-Labor Party, the forces for which will make huge forward strides in the May Day dem-

Let May Day be the occasion for not only celebrating the victory of the workers in the Socialist Soviet Union and the victories of the People's Front movements in Spain and France, but the achievement of unity of all progressive forces behind the Farmer-Labor Party in California!

## Storm Troopers Are Ready To Enforce Nazi 'Democracy'

Nazi Storm Troopers have received orders to don their uniforms and "be prepared" for the "election" due on March 29th.

Ready-to terrorize people into voting in support of Hitler's audacious denial of democratci

Ready—to beat and jail those who ma' use of the election to arouse support for the people's front against war and fascism.

Ready—to murder Hitler's most feared opponents, the Communists and Revolutionary So-

Popular will is to be consulted, bludgeon in hand! The results will naturally be "overwhelmingly in favor" of Hitler's war provocations and rule by terror. This is presumed to allay the fears of foreign financiers whose loans are needed to stave off the approaching crisis in

At the same time, the elections of factory representatives, usually held in the factories under Nazi supervision, have been postponed for a year, according to an obscure news item. Last year these elections went strongly against Hitler's fraudulent "Labor Front" in spite of coercion and terror. And this year the united front and free trade union sentiment is still stronger. These elec- ' tions would completely expose the fraud of the national "plebiscite," were they permitted free expression; hence their sup-

It is not so easy to rig elections in the factories these days. The organized strength of the workers, patiently being built up in the factories by courageous anti-fascists, is just beginning to break through the terror, before long it will come out openly in the streets and neighborhoods.

Here is evidence that in the factories is to be found the source of power-working class power-that provides the solid core of strength that ultimately rallies weaker elements to a common struggle. It is the basis for Soviets, broad, democratic organs for struggle and for the administration of revolutionary needs, that will ultimately be called into existence when parliamentary democracy--the sort of "democracy" that Hitler easily controls-fails to meet the needs of an aroused, organized, disciplined people who know exactly where they are going. Such forms are developing in Spain at the present moment, fighting to release those forces of revolutionary change long held back by reaction that takes the form of open fascist terror.

Hitler has suppressed the real elections. No one in the slightest degree acquainted with the facts will be fooled by his thin pretense of "democracy." The workers will forge their own democratic forms, including in them masses of allies from the farmers and the city middle classes, and sweep fascism aside in the same series of acts with which they abolish capital-

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What The Well Dressed Murderer Will Wear



A large part of humanity was outraged when Darwin suggested that human beings evolved from monkeys. Far better cause for indignation is the growing tendency of mankind to develop into beasts of bloodshed and destruction as pictured above.

The diseased hulk of capitalism in its dying fevers is prepared to breathe poison gas. The Japanese soldier above may think that his mask will afford him some security. But no mask can defend against the gasses invented since the last war. The only defense is for the populations of nations to organize and prevent the capitalist powers from releasing the destructive fumes.

# Can Victims of Black Scare Afford to Raise Red Scare?

## RANDOLPH'S REPLY TO ATTACKS ON NEGRO MEET

a Farmer Labor Party.

Congress follows in part: STATEMENT

"I read with interest and some concern some newspaper reports purporting to show that the National Negro Congress which met in Chicago February 14 was domto refute this charge as entirely false and entirely without founda-

"The National Negro Congress as the name plainly expresses, is a Negro movement, and it has projected to fight for Negro rights. or Democrats. Being a Negro Negroes of all political faiths, Democrats, Communists, Republicans and Socialists as well as Negroes of various religious creeds and demoninations, such

A LEGAL PARTY United States? Negroes who elect to be Communists need make no apology for it. That is their right. It is guaranteed by the Federal Constitution. Communists are not criminals. The Communist Party is a legitimate political party and has city, state and national tickets like Republicans and Demo-

"Nor should Negroes who are sincerely fighting for race rights become alarmed when they are erty League or by the famous groans and called for help. iolph Hearst.

MINORITY GROUPS

branding them as 'red.'

to the cross because the Phari- move him from the cross, to ida."

In a brilliant statement printed sees, Saducees and Scribes charged like mad dervishes for the blood in the Feb. 29 issue of the Chi- that he 'stirreth up the people' and of Communists? cago Defender, a leading Negro dined and supped with the Publinewspaper, A. Phillip Randolph, cans and Sinners.' They should unanimously re-elected president remember that the early Christ- P. Davis, the moving spirit of the of the National Negro Congress, lans were thrown to the wild Congress and secretary, is not a makes a passionate defense of beasts in the Roman amphitheatre, Communist. Marion Cuthbert, treathe Congress against red baiting burned at the stake, and driven surer, is not a Communist. These Randolph, a prominent Social- Pagan Roman despots because while I am not a Communist, I ist and one of the foremost lab- they dared to preach the doctrine am willing to go down fighting or leaders of the country, is pres- of the brotherhood of man. Jesus for the rights of any Negro to ident of the Brotherhood of Sleep- Christ and his followers were exercise his Constitutional right. ing Car Porters, affiliated with persecuted as Communists then as a free man, to join the Comthe American Federation of Labor. because they supped together at munist Party or any other party He favors the United Front and a communal table. Prose- he may choose to join, for to cuted, narrassed, hunted, hounded deny him this right is to reduce His statement which is a stir- and hanged as we are, are we to him to a slave. this appeal for support of the become the prosecutors of others? The National Negro Congress

"And what about the rise of in the fires of persecution. Its millions of Negro people everyleaders were scorned as 'nigger where. They represented the great lovers.' It was the third party masses of Negroes sorely beset then. The Bourbon slave power by poverty and misery with no inated by Communists. I hasten, of the South would have put a other hope except meagre relief. His letter is long and interesting other hope except meagre relief. follower of the Grand Old Party

ceived there before the Civil War. less lot. "Negroes ought not soon to for-It was not, is not and will not get that their emancipation was was put to death.

raise the 'red scare' bogey in these witchhunters and rave and yell land."

NOT A COMMUNIST

"I am not a Communist. John into the catacombs of Rome by are the chief national officers. But

EMANCIPATION STRUGGLE was epoch-making. It was com-Negroes and their white sympathe Republican Party? It was born thetic allies, who represented and that grudgingly doled out to death were he found in Dixie. They face evictions from day to Thus Communists don't receive day and the police club if they any worse welcome now in protest, also the jail, sickness and Georgia than Republicans re-eventual death. This is their hap

"Our downtrodden group is be dominated by either Com- the result of the fight put up by looking for a way out and munists, Republicans, Socialists men like Lovejoy, Wendell Phil- they came together from all part lips and Garrison, who were rot- of the country to talk about i movement, it naturally includes ten-egged, put upon and dragged and act. Verily these are seriou through the streets of Boston, times and this is serious business while the immortal John Brown This large group of Negroes de serves the reverence and suppor "Can Negroes who have Scotts-Land not the ridicule and opposiboro and Angelo Herndon cases; tion of Negroes of high degree as Catholics and Protestants, can Negroes who are segregated, Make no mistake! Negroes are Baptists and Methodists. Episco lynched, mobbed and jim-crowed; massing together with their white palians, Congregationalists, Pres- can Negroes who are denied jus- working brothers and they are byterians, Seventh Day Adventists | tice in the courts, the right to | taking the march, and if I know possibly followers of Father Di- work on certain jobs, the right them as I think I do, they are in vine and what not, and why not? to equal education; can Negroes no mood to be taunted with who are the victims of a ruth- meaningless labels by those white "Since when can Negroes, the less sharecrop and tenant farm- or black who fail to sense the victims of the black scare by the er slavery system, of vagrancy deepening and swelling tide o Ku Klux Klan and Negro-phob- laws and grandfather clauses, af- discontent and the gathering ists, North and South, afford to ford to join the pack of bigoted wrath of the people abroad in th

# FLORIDA BRICKLAYER NAILED TO CROSS FOR 'COMPLAINING'

condemned as 'reds,' even if some cause he dared to criticize the ex- heard. well-meaning, but misguided, in sting order, George J. Timmernocent Negro leaders of men of man, a jobless bricklayer, was the cloth do so, or if they are saved from certain death near denounced by the American Lib- Ocala when a passerby heard his

Negro hater and the hater of all While Timmerman lay suffer- Roosevelt in search of new work peoples of color, William Ran- ing in a local hospital bed, Sher- He managed to tell police that iff S. C. M. Thomas suggested an armed stranger halted him on the case "looks like a fake to the road and forced him at pis-"It's gotten to be a regular in- me," and Police Chief J. H. door sport now to damn most Spencer opined that the victim movements and individuals who had allowed himself to be cruciresolutely and aggressively fight fied "for communistic reasons" for human and race rights of the so that he might become a "marworkers and minority groups by tyr" and "gain public sympathy." Cops had been forced to extract shouted: "This ought to teach "Negro preachers should not for- many 41/2-inch spikes from Tim- you to keep your trap shut. You ly in the past to the downfall of

OCALA, Fla., (FP).—Nailed which he had been nailed by three with heavy spikes to a crudely of four unknown men. A heavy constructed cross, his lips sewn coat had been thrown over his together with coarse twine be head to prevent his cries being

> Timmerman, who local cops said had been involved in "labor troubles" on the federal government's new trans-Florida ship canal, was returning to Camp tol point into the woods. There three or four other men threw a coat over his head, choked him and completed the crucifixion.

One of them, he recalled, for many years. get that Jesus Christ was nailed merman's hands and feet to re-should have stayed out of Flor-all rotten systems that fatten on Haight Street, San Francisco,

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

OLD MAN GANDER isn't mished. I'll give you more instalments of it later. And when that is finished we'll have BISHOP QUIN'S HYMN BOOK. But this issue is going to be a breathing spell because we have a lot of correspondence to clean up.

Not long ago I quoted some famous rhymes of writers living and dead and asked you to send in your favorites so we could make a collection. Since then we've been experiencing a veritable Johnstown flood of poetry.

D. J. sends in the famous reply Ambrose Bierce made to snobbish critics. Bierce was a San Francisco writer who styled himself a cynic. He was far from class conscious but developed a profound hatred for the bourgepisie and made a career for himself out of walking over their corns. His art was to figure out what would displease the bourgeoisie the most and then contrive to say it. He succeeded so well that all the snob critics in England and America took up endgels against him, To this, Bierce replied:

"Lo! How my fame rings out in every zone,

"A thousand critics shouting 'He's unknown.'

D. J., in his letter, believes that he enmity of fools has always served to build the prestige of better men. And he sees some comparison between the critics of Bierce and the Hearstian critics of Communism

Ella Winter sent in these two as her favorites:

"Peace on earth," was said. We sing it. And pay a million priests to

bring it. After two thousand years of

We've got as far as poison

-THOMAS HARDY "God save England! God save the King!"

God heard the embattled nations sing and shout, "God this, God that and God

the other thing." "Good God!" said God. "I've got my work cut out." G. K. CHESTERTON

Reverend Robert Whitaker doesn't quote, but writes his owr rhymes and sends them in. He encloses a letter in which he tell me the rhyme about golf links posed of groups of serious-minded and children, which I printed as anonymous, is by Sarah Cleg horn. Whitaker vigorously flays poets who write flancy intellectual vagaries and urges a return to clear, direct rhymes which sawhat they have to say plainly.

and I will quote one part:

"It is nearly 30 years now since Henry George opened to me the vay of economic interest, which 'ed me to read on far beyond him and to become a Socialist, and my wife, who was but a young girl then, years before I married 'ier, has been a radical for over forty years. We were both ready or Communism when the Russian Revolution opened our eves o realism of strategy which had been slowly dawning upon us hrough our study of the I.W.W. novement and contact with it.' Here are the Reverend's

## LANDON

Hearst rode the donkey yeserday, The Democratic ass; Today he rides the elephant And feeds him Kansas grass.

BORAH

Bill Borah is a man, no doubt, Who loves his fellow men; But he walks right in, And he turns about, And he walks right out again.

F. D. R. "Ticket," the old conductor

The ticket puncher bobbed his

Alas! Frank couldn't find

"You had it; never mind "But," Frank replied behind

a cough, "How will I know where to get off?"

THE HEARST PRESS Call it by any name you will, And damn it as you may;

Labor it is that pays the bill And feeds. Hell's mouth today. Edward R. Nelson of Los An-

geles writes as follows: "I certainly subscribe to the views you have expressed as to the value of poetry (rhyme) and District 13 should immediately have been preaching the use of

"Rhyming has contributed largethe working class.

"Rhyming was largely responsible for the I. W. W. movement. Listen! I seem to hear the wobblies singing-"We'll have PIE in the SKY when we DIE.

"Though I personally am no connected with your movemen I believe that all the divergent factions now devoted to opposing the Capitalist System should cooperate with one another to said certain end. So I am contributing a bit of rhyme to help the good work along." Here's Nelson's bit:

Brother, I would not care if

Were German or Irish or What your religion chanced

to be Would be of no concern to

From where you came and what you are, To my friendship would be no

It's what you are far down inside; On that alone would I decide.

I have had friends of every White, brown, yellow an black ones too.

With me the thought will It's in the heart, not in the

RED FUNERAL Hawthorne, Cal.,

Comrade Gone

HAWTHORN, Calif.—The funeral of Comrade Joseph Paulukonis, of 127 Hawthorne Boulevard, was held at 1:00 p. m; Fr\*

day, March 20. Comrade William Kellas gave a brief address, summarizing the life and activities of the dead comrade. A Lithuanian Comrade spoke in the native Lithuanian

Joseph Paulukonis was born 6 years ago in Lithuania. He knew the oppression of Czarist Russia. In 1903 he came to America. He became a citizen of this country, moved to California twenty-three years ago and renained here until his death.

At the close of Comrade Kellas' farewell he said, "The Communist Party will now pay its respects to the deceased."

Two little Pioneers then stepped into the aisle carrying a red banner on which was inscribed a Hammer and Sickle. They carried it to the side of the bier where a member of the Los Angeles Section Committee draped it over the coffin. They then saluted and spoke these few, but powerful words, "Our Comrade!"

Mary Paulukonis, widow of the deceased Comrade, extends her gratitude to all who have assisted and comforted during a trying

## Marcantonio Bill For Jobless Will Get Hearing Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C., March

23.—Public hearings on the Marcantonio Work Relief Standare Bill to create a \$6,000,000,000 fung for adequate relief to those now iobless will open in a few weeks. Representative Marcantonio (Rep., N. Y.) made this announcement at a time when it is becoming increasingly apparent the Roosevelt administration is planning even deeper slashes in relief appropriations for the next few months.

Roosevelt's scheme of appropriating money for only seven months of the year, beginnig July 1, instead of as customarily for the full year, is proposed solely for the purpose of cutting work relief.

Units, sub-sections and sa tions of the Communist Party in; call in all collection lists and such to the fullest possible degree other material of the Western Worker Financial Drive and remit all funds to the Western Worker Drive Committee, 121 California.