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## LONGSHOREMEN CALL STRIKE VOTE

### Demand Freedom of 4 German Communists

#### WORLD WIDE PROTESTS GROW AS DEATH SENTENCE NEARS

##### Police Mobilized As Flood of Workers Delegations at S. F. Consul Demand Freedom of Torgler and 3 Others

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—With the sentence of the Nazi court in Leipzig expected early this week, bringing death by heading to Ernest Torgler, German Communist leader, the working class all over the world is protesting in countless demonstrations.

So clearly was the frame-up exposed by the heroic four defendants, and so obvious was it that the Nazis themselves set the Reichstag fire on Feb. 27, that the Nazi prosecutor was forced to recommend acquittal for the three other defendants, Geo. Dimitrov, Basil Taneff and Blagoi Popoff. The Nazi butchers, however, are keeping them in jail and will endeavor to execute them for "treason."

Workers in every city of the United States have answered the call of the Communist Party to demonstrate today before the German Consulate and demand the freedom of these four leaders of the German working class. For the past week especially, delegates, workers and liberals, whether Communists or not, have beaten a path to the Consulates.

In San Francisco Thursday a mass delegation mobilized by the International Labor Defense presented its protest at 201 Sansome street.

Friday more delegations stormed the doors, one from the trade unions affiliated with the TUUL, another led by the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners, and another of fifty delegates elected by the workers from Oakland and other East Bay cities. During the night red hammer and sickles were found to have been painted on the Consulate door, the building and on the sidewalks below. Three young workers, El Booth, Frank Tarney and Richard Marques, were arrested on charges of having done this. They are held on \$500 bail each. Trial is set for Jan. 12.

Police Mobilization  
Saturday a cordon of police was thrown around the Consulate, but delegations from the Unemployed (Continued on Page 3, Col. 5)

### Six Arrested in L. A. Fur Strike

#### TWO UNION MEMBERS FIRED: WHOLE SHOP WALKS OUT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Protesting two union members being fired from Rifkins Fur Shop at 719 So. Los Angeles St. on December 7, for organizing the workers there, the whole shop struck.

Yesterday morning, 8:45, three pickets were arrested by Phelps of the "red" squad, and 12:30 p. m. three more were arrested. All six, Frank Bromstein, Auben Eisenman, Jack Butman, Irving Lowen, Sam Steinberg, Max Samuels were arraigned in the Lincoln Heights court, charged with violating City Ordinance 20538, Section 2) and released on \$100 bail each. Their trial comes up in Division 7, Jan. 11 at 9:30 a. m.

### GREETINGS TO LUCHA OBRERA

Simultaneously with this issue of the Western Worker, the first printed edition of LUCHA OBRERA appears. Its first appearance will be in the Spanish edition of the Western Worker, the Communist Party organ in Spanish on the Pacific Coast, is now issued in an edition of 5000 once a month.

It will fill a great need in organizing the more than 350,000 Spanish-speaking workers in California, and in leading their struggles. The Western Worker in welcoming this significant advance of the revolutionary press, appeals to all workers, regardless of race, to aid in the building of Lucha Obrera. Funds and subscriptions are needed and should be sent to 1529 Powell St., San Francisco.

### Demand Freedom of German Communist Leaders!



Delegation of Oakland workers, led by Rudy Lambert, Communist East Bay Section organizer, the second from the left, at German Consulate, in S. F. protest framing of four leaders of German working class by Nazi court in Leipzig. Right, slogan "Free German Communists!" painted on sidewalk before the Consulate.

### Nationwide Protest Demands "Free the 9 Scottsboro Boys"

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROTEST MEETS TO BE HELD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Part of a mighty nationwide wave of protests against the frame-up death verdicts on two of the Scottsboro Negro boys sentenced to die February 2, two local protest mass meetings will be held while the International Labor Defense is appealing the cases again to the U. S. Supreme Court. Similar meetings to build up mass defense for the lynch-law victims are planned in other western cities.

In Philadelphia, 2000 militant workers recently quit work for half an hour as a protest strike for the Negro boys, large mass meetings have been held in scores of cities to spike the legal-lynchers' plans to burn Haywood Patterson and Clarence Norris in the Alabama electric chair.

To support the I. L. D.'s desperate efforts to force a hearing from (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

### Lenin Memorial Meets Jan. 21st in Many Cities

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A huge Memorial mass meeting commemorating the death of Comrade Lenin will be held in California Hall, Polk and Turk streets, Saturday evening, Jan. 21. The Lenin celebration will be as well a memorial for the two great German leaders of the working class, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

Preparations for meetings in other western cities are going forward and every section will hold memorials on this date. All cities, as soon as the arrangements are made, should send the details to the Western Worker for announcement.

### Unemployed Storm C.W.A. Offices in L. A. for Work

#### HUNDREDS DEMONSTRATE AS PAYCHECKS STILL DELAYED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Shivering in the rain and huddled around campfires more than 2000 war veterans waited through the night for CWA registration offices at 413 E. 10th street, to open yesterday morning, while another crowd of the same size waited in front of the Stanford avenue office for jobs which had been promised them.

Although more than 37,000 unemployed have registered and qualified for more than a week, only 2000 of the 13,000 Los Angeles men have been put to work. The CWA and the Federal Employment Service have passed the buck back and forth while thousands of families are starving. One excuse given was that the men had not been notified because they had no telephones.

Police trying to break up the crowd were told by the hungry jobless to bring their clubs and tear-gas—but that they wouldn't go until they got jobs.

Men at work on the projects have not been paid for their first week's work, now long overdue, and hundreds demonstrated at the welfare offices and CWA branch offices demanding their checks. In West Canyon workers put up a fight over the speed-up and delay of pay checks. Leaflets protesting these conditions were distributed. The Red Squad was brought and three workers were fired but this job was paid. The other jobs where no ac-

### WASHINGTON JOBLESS PRESENT DEMANDS TO LEGISLATURE

#### Demand Unemployment Insurance and Cash Relief

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 14.—With the galleries of the legislature filled by the 146 worker delegates from all parts of the state, the members of the House and Senate committees on unemployment were compelled to hear the real representatives of the workers thunder the demand for unemployment insurance, \$100 immediate cash relief and industrial insurance on all relief jobs.

The hearing followed the State Conference for Unemployment Insurance, at which seven delegates were elected to the National Congress Against Unemployment in Washington, D. C., and at which plans were laid for launching a relief workers protective union throughout the state.

"By our organized might we will crowd the galleries of the legislature with the workers unemployed in the mill and field and learning to demand their checks. In West Canyon workers put up a fight over the speed-up and delay of pay checks. Leaflets protesting these conditions were distributed. The Red Squad was brought and three workers were fired but this job was paid. The other jobs where no ac-

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### Eugene Jobless Plan County-Wide Protests

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 12.—More than 100 members of the Unemployed Council here marched to the county court house to present the demands of the unemployed to the county court.

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### I. L. A. LOCALS FAVOR FIGHT IF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHT IS REFUSED BY SHIPOWNERS

#### Demand \$1 Hr., 6 Hr. Day; Threaten Tie-up of Stockton Ships If Union Men Not Hired There

#### Delegates From 13 States to Be at Anti-Lynch Meet

WESTERN CONFERENCE AT SAN JOSE JAN. 21 CALLED BY I. L. D.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 19.—Delegations from working class and fraternal organizations from thirteen western states will hold a Regional Anti-Lynch Conference in this city Sunday, January 21, to lay a program for fighting the present increased way of lynching which is being used to terrorize the working class.

The conference is called by the International Labor Defense. It will be held near St. James Park, where the lynching occurred which resulted in Gov. Rolph's famous statement that started an increase of lynchings, particularly of Negro workers, all over the country. The total this year has already reached fifty, the greatest number in a decade and twice that of last year. In the agricultural strikes in California, lynch methods have been used by the bosses during the past year to terrorize the strikers.

One of the main fights to be taken up by the conference will be the cases of the Scottsboro Negro boys. These boys, two of whom were just sentenced to the electric chair by a lynch court in Decatur, Alabama, have become a symbol of the fight against oppression and legal lynching of Negroes by the bosses of the Southern states in the 34 months that the mass pressure of the working class has brought and kept them from death. The two convictions are now being appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The I. L. D., in sending out to send delegates to all organizations to appeal to all sympathetic individuals to come and join in this fight.

### Anniversary Issue Next! So, Order Extras

With next issue, which comes off the press Dec. 26, the WESTERN WORKER begins publication of the enlarged six-page issue. In this, the Second Anniversary issue, will be many new features, including a Trade Union Section, National and Foreign Briefs, short stories, more workers correspondence and many other departments you will find interesting. Order special bundles now of the Second Anniversary Issue.

#### BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—At a membership meeting of the International Longshoremen's Assn. last night 2800 men unanimously voted to send a call to all Pacific Coast locals for a strike vote on whether they will walk out if the right of collective bargaining is refused by the shipowners. All locals but one have declared in favor of the vote. San Pedro local has not been heard from yet. The Pacific Northwest locals favor a strike if the recognition is refused.

The meeting voted that all ships loaded by non-I.L.A. workers coming from Stockton be tied up in all Pacific ports if within three days the refusal of the bosses to hire 45 I. L. A. stevedores does not cease.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The membership of the International Longshoremen's Assn., Wednesday night at a special meeting at the Building Trades Temple, voted to send copies of their demands for \$1 an hour, \$1.50 overtime, six-hour day and union recognition to the N.R.A., to George Creel of the National Labor Board, to all Pacific Coast locals of the I. L. A., to Ryan, president of the I. L. A. on the East Coast.

The motion was carried overwhelmingly, as the longshoremen's answer to the Shipowners Assn. who last week announced a 10c an hour raise, to 85c in an effort to prevent the impending struggle on the Pacific coast waterfronts.

A motion to send the letter to the Shipowners Assn. was withdrawn as a result of the plea of the Holman machine, when Lewis claimed that the private negotiations they are now carrying on with the bosses might be upset if the bosses were made angry by demands by the union. Although this code was submitted by the union last July and the men have expressed themselves unanimously for it ever since. The feeling of some of the men was to get the support of all locals on this issue before making a decision to strike, and the motion was withdrawn.

Moves by the shipowners in various coast ports have been made to split the stevedores by granting small concessions in limited cases in different ports.

Struggle in Stockton  
Two delegates from the newly-formed Stockton local were received enthusiastically by the rank and file when they appealed for support for their struggle for recognition of the union and re-hiring of men discharged by the union. A Capt. Blaine has also refused work to 45 members because of belonging to the union.

Ryan, International president, who recently signed an agreement with the New York district over the heads of the rank and file there, has appointed Kolberg, district organizer of the West Coast without any of the mem-

The Convention adopted the draft Constitution presented by the National Council and wound up after 8 hours of lively business with pledging an extensive drive for membership and the consolidating of the branches and locals of the union.

Resolutions were adopted demanding the immediate release of the innocent Scottsboro boys; the withdrawal of American troops and warships from Cuba; the stopping of the persecution and oppression of Communists in Leipzig by the Hitler Fascists and the oppression of the workers in Germany. Also for the passage of the Federal Unemployment Insurance Bill and immediate cash relief for the unemployed.

Many delegates were unable to get through the flooded area South of Seattle.

The convention was very enthusiastic, and the delegates returned determined to start work on their program immediately.

### S. F. Auto Ferry Workers Threaten To Go On Strike

#### DEMAND RESTORATION OF 10 PERCENT WAGE CUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Thursday night the automobile ferry workers voted overwhelmingly for a strike if their demands for the restoration of a 10% wage cut are not granted. Officials of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries have refused to grant this on the pretense that this would cause an unequal wage along the waterfront. A general strike for the restoration is expected if it is not granted.

The ferry bosses are hoping that the mediator, and Michael Casey, the mediator, and George Creel, chairman of the National Labor Board, might negotiate a sell-out for them. All three are notorious for their anti-labor attitude and their "mediation" of strikes in favor of the bosses.

### S. F. Unemployed to Elect Delegates to National Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Election of delegates to the National Convention Against Unemployment in Washington, D. C. Jan. 13-15 will be held in this city Saturday Dec. 30 at a conference of unemployed workers organizations of No. Calif. the employed Council reports. The conference will be held at 2470 18th Street.

## Socialist Party Rank and File in Fight on Misleaders

### Demand Referendum of Entire State Membership on United Front and All Power to the Rank and File

"All Power to the Rank and File!" Under this slogan the Rank and File Committee for Investigation and Action has begun work to take the Socialist Party away from the petty-bourgeois misleadership and bring it into the struggles of the workers.

The move, begun by representatives from at least fifteen locals of the Socialist Party, followed the faked trial and dismissal of Harold Ashe as State Secretary of the S. P. for expressing the rank and file sentiment favoring the Communist Party proposal for a United Front of Struggle on the five main fights confronting the workers and small farmers.

Five locals whose membership voted in favor of the United Front are facing expulsion by the bureaucratic State Executive Committee. These locals are Lynwood, Southgate, Long Beach, Oakland and Berkeley. In the latter the membership overwhelmingly repudiated the attempt of J. Stitt Wilson, veteran misleader, to vote down the United Front. The S.E.C. has since addressed local Berkeley demanding it retract its

resolution for the United Front. Refusal will unquestionably mean the S. E. C. will attempt to revoke its charter for insubordination.

Other locals of the S. P. voting for the United Front include Los Angeles, long considered Busick's own, which voted 10 to 4 for struggle, and North Hollywood and West Hollywood. Many locals have not yet voted on the question, while in some where the S.E.C. machine is well organized, the letter from the Communist Party has been tabled without discussion. In some instances it has been "lost" by local secretaries on orders from the S. E. C. members.

#### Seek Referendum of Membership

The purposes of the Rank and File Committee are removal of all present S. E. C. members, and replacing them at the next state convention with militant working-class members, a referendum of the entire state membership on the question of the United Front of Struggle, and to change the state constitution to take election of the state secretary away from the

S. E. C. and have him subject only to the wishes of the membership. Further, they will fight to bring the S. E. C., at present mostly careerists who consider themselves above the opinion of the rank and file, under the control of the rank and file, by amending the state constitution to permit recall of members of the S. E. C. The Committee has adopted the "Liberator" as its organ to carry on the fight.

The Rank and File Committee is rapidly increasing its membership and influence in Los Angeles county and is being welcomed by many locals. David Lyon, chairman of the Committee, is now touring Southern California, explaining the purposes of the committee and agitating for the United Front.

The Western Worker, reprints the following letter which clearly reveals the depth of the split within the Socialist Party and the line-up of careerists formerly at odds, against the developing movement of the rank and file to make the S. P. into a party of the workers.

By LOS ANGELES SOCIALIST

The State Executive Committee and other reactionary Socialist Party functionaries are more active than they have ever been in years—trying under the guise of doing it "for the cause" to split the party and stop the determination of the rank and file to express their desire to join the united front on the Five Point Program proposed by the Communist Party. Their latest move is to start proceedings to oust former State Secretary Ashe from membership in the party.

Not satisfied with removing him as State Secretary, a recent meeting of Local Hollywood preferred charges against Ashe. His trial is set for January. Kicked out of the Party, he can't expose them on the State Executive Committee and with the sentiment behind him and the move for the united front, the reactionaries won't feel safe until he is out. Ashe is now touring the state exposing the splitting tactics of

the S. E. C. And they want to shut him up.

In the North, Porter, Assistant State Secretary, is carrying on a farcical "investigation" for the S. E. C., so that it can proceed with revocation of the charters of Locals Berkeley and Oakland. They would then immediately re-charter Berkeley and present the charter to J. Stitt Wilson, the veteran misleader, whose local just voted against him and for the united front of struggle.

#### Misleaders Unite

Packard and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, mortal enemies since the spring of 1932 when the latter accused Packard of sabotaging Geo. Kirkpatrick's campaign for U. S. Senator, are now working quite harmoniously against their common enemy—the militants, who have not yet become convinced that the party misleaders can be permanently unseated from control.

And Busick and Packard had a long-standing feud, but these two fakers quickly patched it up when faced with the open revolt of the rank and file. Similarly Shapiro and Busick now indulge in love-feasts on



# Scientific Starvation

By Jay H. Gee

Trying to save the face of the corrupt and miserably inadequate charity system, Gertrude Springer, associate editor of the "Survey", a journal of "social work", recently announced how this work is supposedly carried out. In her article "Thank You, Officer, We Can Manage" she tells what she wants you to think is done when:

"1—A waiting client suddenly throws a paper weight across the office and screams.

"2—A delegation with banners and baby carriages demonstrates noisily under the office windows.

"3—A large committee, despite police hovering in the background, demands a hearing for its protest against the relief system.

"Whang! Dull undertones from the outer office were shattered by a crash and a shrill scream. Mrs. Bruno, weeping, is ushered into the Supervisor's office. I'm so sorry, Mrs. Bruno, you were upset. There is a little more air here by the window. This heat is enough to upset anyone. Feeling better? I'm sorry you had to wait so long. You saw your visitor is out visiting families and no one can be sure when she will be back."

Thus another half-starved worker facing eviction, is analyzed as a "heat case" and is sent home to her brood of hungry half-starved children. They go back to the relief station the next day and wait again and again until this social snob of a visitor finishes her calls.

"We Use Patience"  
"Big talk is a manifestation

of strain," says another Supervisor. "We treat it as we treat everything else—with patience and common sense. Whenever the reception clerk feels big talk is upsetting the other clients in the waiting room, she takes the talker right away to the interviewer. Then she apologizes to the others. The interviewer never argues with him, and only where he becomes "violent" and begins to "smash" things, do we resort to calling the police and we are not to let the police know when we have to take this final step."

That Gertrude Springer is simply lying, thousands of workers know from experience with relief offices in San Francisco and all over the country. The sweet, patient, humanitarian attitude they speak of to those who keep them in their jobs, is belied daily by police clubs descending on the heads of workers weary of being told to starve, who singly or in organized committees, demand the relief they have earned.

The Real Orders

Every city has its orders to social "workers" varying only in detail, such as the notorious commandments issued by Relief Chief Jensen in Los Angeles. What "patience" is there in these?

"We must eliminate the human element as much as possible."

"Make it hard for any new case to get on relief."

"It is better to let the families wait one or two weeks before giving aid."

"In all cases of desertion, wife must file failure to prosecute and sign arrest warrant, or the case will be closed."

And if any of the social workers actually felt humane and understanding enough to ignore these rules, he or she would be immediately fired!

Demonstrations Called a Traffic Problem

"When demonstrators leave behind their baby carriages, social-worker Springer continues, "this is not our business but police business and is handled not as a riot, but as a 'traffic' problem."

Another Supervisor says as follows: "When demonstrators demand a hearing for their representative we 'politely' request the police to let us handle it. There just wasn't time to keep our work going and sit in on the speech-making, so we receive just one representative of an organized protest group. The police didn't like the idea of a lady cloistered with a high-powered agitator with fire in his eye, but we persuaded them that we go on better without them."

But evidently the police, nor the "ladies" themselves are fully persuaded, for riot calls bringing the police to club into unconsciousness the unemployed, including the women and children among them, as the usual tactic. The attempt of Gertrude Springer to paint the fakers, the grafters, and the willing tools of the corrupt relief system as lone heroes who say "Thank You, Officer, We Can Manage," does not stand up in the light of the facts.

And against their system only one method can win—the policy of mass demonstrations and committees forcing relief from these parasites who use every scheme to keep unemployed off the rolls. Through countless victories the unemployed have learned that "We can manage, officer, despite you" when organized in their struggles to raise the standard of living above the starvation level set by the welfare offices.

## UNITED FARMER LEAGUE TO HOLD WASH. MEETING

SEATTLE CONFERENCE SET FOR JANUARY 6th AND 7th

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—The United Farmers League is calling a two-day United Front Farmers State Conference, to be held at the Finnish Federation Hall, 102 9th Ave., Seattle on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6th and 7th. More than five hundred calls have been issued to organizations throughout the state urging the election of delegates to the conference, where a fighting program will be worked out for the struggle against the Roosevelt attack on the farmers and for united action with the city workers for adequate relief.

C. M. Boskeljon, state secretary, urges that all small farmers who can attend or send representatives for groups of farmers not belonging to any organization should get in touch with United Farmers League, or through him at Rt. 1, Box 268, Batsville, Wash.

The League is determined to hold so strong a conference this time that police and vigilantes will not dare attempt to break it up. The last conference, stopped and Boskeljon taken by a vigilante lynch party into the hills and brutally beaten during the Yakima strike of agricultural workers last summer.

The Western Washington farmers are mostly small stump farmers trying to make a living by raising a few hundred chickens, or by milking several cows, or both. The price of eggs, milk and butter are so low that it is impossible to exist much longer. The "National Board of Agriculture" has called for a "no working ground fast, and even the 'osking and file' of the reformist Granges are coming toward the program of the militant farmers organization.

Among the demands of the JPL are: No foreclosure, seizure of crops, or implements for debts; moratorium or cancellation on all mortgages, rents, taxes, and other financial obligations; free auto and truck licenses and no state or federal gas tax; free irrigation water; full compensation for all condemned livestock and produce; lower freight rates on farm machinery, implements and farm products.

## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### Great Increases for USSR Far East Workers and Peasants

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 15.—In line with the policy of the Soviet government to increase wages and raise the living standard of the workers and peasants, a decree makes effective on January 1 sweeping wage increases for workers and tax exemption for peasants in certain sections of the Far Eastern agricultural area. The move, calculated to strengthen greatly the Soviet Union defenses on the Far Eastern frontier, was made "in view of the tremendous flow of immigration to this section and the necessity of assisting these people to establish homes under extremely difficult conditions in the arid provinces."

Boldly contrasting conditions in capitalist countries where small farmers are bankrupt tenants of the finance corporations, the order provides for complete exemption for 10 years for all collective farmers from obligation to sell any of their grain and rice to the government; a similar exemption is made to individual peasants in the districts and provinces peasants are not required to deliver marketable agricultural products to the government for a like period. Collective fishermen receive an increase of 20 percent in prices, office workers 10 percent wage increase, while technicians and engineers receive a boost of 30 percent. Red Army soldiers and junior army chiefs are increased 50 percent in pay while senior officers receive 20 percent.

### More Than 2000 Assassinations by Nazis

PARIS, France, Dec. 15.—More than two thousand assassinations have taken place in Fascist Germany according to statements made before a meeting here at which prisoners released from German concentration camps were publicly questioned by a group of lawyers and doctors regarding mistreatment of victims under the Nazi rule. A story of the blood-spattered fascist regime was told by the widow of Deputy Stenzer, Communist, who was executed in the Deschauer concentration camp on August 22. She was imprisoned and released only after the murder of her husband, and escaped with her three children to France.

### Moscow Welcomes U. S. Ambassador

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Dec. 15.—W. C. Bullitt, American ambassador to the first workers and farmers government, arrived here and after presentation of his credentials was warmly greeted by President Mikhail Kalinin and other Soviet officials. After arranging for the erection of a new American embassy, Bullitt expects to return to the United States to complete the selection of his embassy staff.

### Hitler's "Reichstag" Salutes and Adjourns

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 14.—Hitler's rubber-stamp Reichstag has convened and after an "organization" meeting of 7 1/2 minutes adjourned to await further orders. The Associated Press admits that the Reichstag is nothing left for the hand-picked reichstag to do but demonstrate visibly that it is Hitler's rubber stamp.

### Britain Seeks Trade Resumption with USSR

LONDON, England, Dec. 15.—Following right on the heels of Soviet Union-U. S. A. recognition, the British imperialists are now seeking to resume a trade agreement with the Soviet Union and get some of the large orders for machinery which will be placed for the gigantic Second Five-Year-Plan. Though former trade pact was recently denounced by the British, Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade and Sir John Simon, foreign minister, met this week with the Soviet Ambassador, I. M. Maisky, to discuss resumption of trade.

### Japan Fleet to Fokien as Masses Greet Communists

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 15.—Japan has ordered the entire Japanese Third Fleet to proceed at once to Fokien Province, where the imperialists are launching a campaign of terror aroused at the treacherous negotiations with the Nanking government, and suffering under the huge war levies of the "Independent" Fokien government, will revolt and join with the nearby Chinese Soviet Republic. The fleet will base in Western Formosa, awaiting a pretext for "armed intervention."

Principal cities of the province are placarded with protests against the Sixth Decree, the campaign of the Kuomintang regime, as well as posters demanding strengthening of the boycott against Japanese goods.

Reliable reports state that considerable numbers of Red Chinese soldiers have joined into the 19th Route Army, in the vicinity of Yenching, and that the cities of Tsianglo-hsien, Shanchang and Yenping "have been thrown open to the Communists," with the workers of these cities greeting the Soviet workers enthusiastically.

### U. S. To Build Planes to Bomb Soviet China

NANKING, China, Dec. 15.—U. S. imperialists have contracted to build a \$5,000,000 airplane plant to supply the Nanking regime with bombers to attack the cities in Soviet China. Work is to begin in the sixth month of 1934. The imperialist-controlled banks have subscribed to a \$15,000,000 loan to finance the anti-Soviet attack in Kiangsi province, Finance Minister Kung announced.

### French Unemployment Increases

PARIS, France, Dec. 10.—While parliament continues the pretense of discussing relief, unemployment increased more than 6,000 during the sixth month of 1933. The unemployment for the corresponding week in 1932. The depths to which "stagnation" has penetrated French economy is seen in the closing of many large "commission houses," one of which had been doing business more than a century.

### "Cheaper to Bury One than Four," the Single Jobless Told

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 9.—"It's cheaper to bury one worker than four," the local re-employment office declares to justify discrimination against the single jobless.

Two unemployed workers, one married, with three children, and one single, walked into the Federal re-employment office here and asked for work. The married man got a work card, but the single man was told he would have to wait a long time for his card.

He asked Nelson Reed, in charge of the office, if a single man did not have to live as well as a married man. Reed replied insolently, "It is cheaper to bury one than four." This is the attitude taken by the dispensers of the New Deal Government here. The unemployed here have recently organized their committees of action in their neighborhoods, build the Unemployed Council, to win adequate cash relief without discrimination.

Ask the Western Worker sell more about these neighborhood committees. Call your neighbors together and discuss your problems and grievances.

Unemployed worker.

### Furniture Workers Strike in L.A. Shop Against Wage Cuts

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Sixty-nine workers, the entire force of the Soronow Furniture Mfg. Co., struck against a wage-cut, for equal division of work and against favoritism. The strikers came for leadership to the T. U. U. L. headquarters at 546 South Los Angeles street and all signed up in the Furniture Workers Industrial Union.

The rapid growth of the F. W. I. U. has been such that the boss has tried to smash the organization.

Joining in this campaign to destroy the furniture workers' militant solidarity, Busick, "Socialist" misleader, tried to sneak in and break the rank and file away from its T. U. U. L. affiliation. Busick is the same treacherous agent for the A. F. of L. who advised the recent dress-makers' strike here.

While the union was building up its forces last fall, Busick organized a group of disruptors within the membership. At a meeting last month attended by only seventy of the 350 union members, Busick's gang pushed through a motion resulting in 36 withdrawing from the union. The new "independent" union carried on no struggles and kept control only by threatening the members if they didn't "vote right."

Because this isolated, fascist union is misleading the workers, the F. W. I. U. has successfully called for them to re-enter the militant organization. A representative group of thirty-seven workers from many different shops, answered the first call.

Country who have had their miserable wages cut while millions are being spent on battleships, airplanes and other machines of war.

## Forced Labor Camps

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—A nationwide drive to round up and place in forced labor concentration camps all itinerant unemployed caught riding on freight trains or seeking rides from motorists has been announced by the federal government. The drive is to begin Jan. 1st, 1934.

Harry L. Hopkins, federal emergency relief administrator, has authorized the establishment of centers in various key cities where men thus caught will be concentrated enroute to the camps.

Sacramento, Stockton, Klamath Falls, Oroville and Reno, Nev., have been designated as western centers.

In California, State Relief Executives will be in charge of the drive. The move is one of the most open attempts of the Roosevelt government in establishing Fascist methods in the United States. The Communist Party calls upon all workers to organize against this move, and demand as well the repeal of all vagrancy laws.

Instead of forced labor, workers must organize and struggle for Unemployment Insurance.

**Deserting Contractors**

Through constant struggle and exposure of the contract system by the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, the Filipino workers are seeing thru these tricks of the contractors, and are beginning to desert them en masse. They are grouping together in camps without any contractors, and boarding for themselves. For instance, in one camp the contractors pay the workers \$3.50 a day for 10 men, when working for contract it costs them \$6.50 a day. In one month they save \$90, which the contractor used to get.

This grouping of workers is causing the contractors to be worried. On Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Cannetti one of the biggest contractors in the Valley and the president of this contractors' union held a meeting in his camp and declared that they are going to fight against all those who refuse to join their organization.

The only way the Filipino workers can fight against these contracting sharks and against the whole system of exploitation is by abolishing the contract system among themselves (Vesga, Tagalog, and Cocano) and uniting with all workers—Mexican, Negro and white—into a militant union such as the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union. —B. Rydell.

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Oppression and deportation of the Mexican workers is urged by a fascist group controlling the Welfare Bureau. While refusing any relief, this bureau puts up money to deport them and use threats of deportation to prevent starving families from applying for help.

Because one worker was active in organizing a Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union local and exposed the murderous brutality of the police who killed a worker, Isola, in the recent strike, he has been jailed on a frame-up drunkenness charge. The police have beaten him and are holding him virtually incommunicado.

## Prisoners Go On Food Strike in San Bernardino Jail

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Twenty men of Tank C, San Bernardino County Jail, went on a hunger strike Wednesday, Dec. 6. They refused to eat the rotten meat which was served them half-cooked and mixed with shreds of rotten meat. The strike is orderly, and is spreading. The men in the jail get no milk or sugar. They get 2 rotten meals daily. In the morning they get only once a week. They get milk only once a week.

The jails are filthy and infested with lice. The prisoners sleep on iron banks with no mattresses. They are covered with one thin blanket that is never clean and which was served to them by the jailer because he was telling the men about the prison conditions there. The Soviet Union is becoming popular with the prisoners.

—Worker Correspondent.

## Statement of Ben Dobbs on White Chauvinism Charge

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—I plead guilty to the charge of not aggressively fighting against the discrimination of Negroes at a social affair. I pledge not only to fight discrimination at social affairs, but to aggressively fight the sentiment of the Negro form it may take. I pledge to carry out the decisions made at the trial and to become an active fighter in the struggle for Negro liberation.

Ben Dobbs.

## To Celebrate 10th "Daily" Anniversary

SEATTLE, Wash. — A New Year's Eve affair, under the auspices of the Communist Party, will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Daily Worker. Speakers, a play and dancing will feature the program.

The affair will be held at the I. O. G. T. Hall, 1109 Virginia street.

## "KEEP TO YOURSELVES" MISLEADERS OF NEGROES URGE IN FAKE BOYCOTT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The boycott of all stores refusing to hire Negro labor in the Central Avenue district, initiated by the Spartan Club, a Negro democratic organization, is a demagogic gesture by the leaders of the Spartan Club. At the last meeting, not a word was mentioned about the discrimination in the parks and other places. When this question was brought to the floor, Dr. Daley, Democratic Party leader of the club, declared that Negroes must keep to themselves and that this was the only way that the world ever achieved their end. It was also his opinion that Negroes were discriminated against in the park because they were not respectable citizens. The fake leaders of the Spartan Club are demanding that

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## Growers Convene; Urge Deportation, C. S. For Strikers

STATE MEET AT MODESTO ASKS COUNTIES AID FOR ATTACK ON WORKERS

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—A resolution urging that in the future all foreign-born strike leaders be deported and all American leaders be arrested on charges of criminal syndicalism, was passed as the last act of the sixty-sixth annual Farmers and Fruit Growers convention held here for three days, beginning on December 11. This vicious move is a continuance of the terror campaign to combat the growing influence of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union throughout the state.

It was urged, in the resolution, that all local and county authorities co-operate in determining the identity of those who take part in or lead future strikes.

Nearly 150 delegates from all over the state attended the convention. All were large landowners who yearly employ hundreds of fruit workers and are controlled by the big finance companies. There was not one dirt-farmer in the group.

The action is seen as an attempt to force the big growers and bankers to try to stop the growing unity of the small farmers, under the United Farmers League, with strikers in a common fight against the big finance companies and large ranchers who pay wages set by the banks.

## Milk Workers Meet In L.A. and Draw Up Demands

125 DELEGATES FROM SO. CAL. FORM UNION FOR STRUGGLE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Milkers came through the rain from dairies fifty miles away to attend a meeting of the newly organized Milk Section of the Food Workers Industrial Union, Thursday evening, at Labor Unity Hall, 546 So. Los Angeles St., Los Angeles. Over 125 workers met to discuss conditions in the dairies and plans for action.

When the chairman asked all those who have received a wage increase since the NRA went into effect to stand up, not one man rose. No one got up, either when he asked all those whose wages had been cut to 40 a week to stand up.

The union formulated the following demands to be presented to the dairies:

75¢ a month with room and board for hand milkers, \$1.00 without room and board. 35-cow string per man. Better food, furnished and heated quarters.

All hiring of milkers to be done through the Union.

In the last two years, milkers wages have dropped from around \$100 to around \$40 a month. The men have had to pay as high as \$15 to buy a job from the shark employment agencies. The string have been raised to 30-35 cow for each milkster, and the men must work until the string is gone, often up to twelve hours a day. The majority of them work every day of the year, very few getting a few days off a month.

Where the workers are boarded by the dairies, the food is very poor, and in many cases, in spite of the long hours, only two meals a day are served. Sleeping quarters are not heated, and the milkers must furnish their own blankets.

## FREE THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS!



Members of I. L. D. put up this display in the Negro section of Oakland Cal. to mobilize support for a protest meeting against the Scottsboro frame-up. Wiley Young, Negro worker, was jailed for 10 days for the display.

## 300 Workers — and Even 10 Cops — Back Relief Com. Demand

OCEAN PARK, Cal., Dec. 8.—After repeated vain attempts to get relief for unemployed workers named Dean, of 1365 Vienna Way, Venice, Cal., went with a committee of 25 to the County Welfare.

Weinburg (known to the unemployed workers here as "Swineburg") head of the relief office, immediately turned in a "riot call and brought ten cops. Upon seeing the orderliness of the committee, the cops disgustedly turned on Weinburg, saying that they were tired of this constant turning in of riot calls.

Seeing that the police took no action, Weinburg appealed to a crowd of 300 who had gathered (most of whom had just been laid off from CWA jobs in Culver City), to "throw out the reds". When they were in a crowd shouted "We're reds, too."

Weinburg then tried to send Dean to the "tavern," a forced labor flop house and soup kitchen in Los Angeles, but Dean refused.

After occupying the office for 2 1/2 hours, the committee finally forced a food order out of Weinburg, although he made Dean go 16 miles into Los Angeles to get it.

## S. F. Police Chief Admits Jobless Are Increasing

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—That solving of unemployment for the winter by the NRA, heavily ballyhooed since the Civic Works jobs have been started, is only a myth to fool the workers is daily shown by the big business men and officials who deny the miracle is accomplished, or will be.

Lates of these is Police Chief Wm. Quinn, who has sent a circular letter to all office buildings and firms in warning against the results of the mass misery the increased unemployment will bring.

"During the next several months," says Quinn, "there will be an increased tendency in the theft of property in offices. Solicitors should not be allowed in buildings."

No one should leave an office unoccupied without making certain that all doors are securely locked, etc.

The type of "crime" stressed is not that of professionals, but of men forced by the thought of hungry families at home into acts they are not accustomed to.

## As One Farmer to Another

U. S. A.—Say, how about your mortgages?

U. S. S. R.—We haven't any. Not one in the whole Soviet Union.

U. S. A.—I had a good crop this year, over 11,000 boxes of apples, but I'm broke. How about you?

U. S. S. R.—We had a good crop this year on our collective farm and when the division was made after paying the government, the tractor station, etc., my family's share came to over 11,000 pounds of the different crops. Rye, barley, wheat, potatoes, cabbages, oats, peas, cucumbers and carrots. 11,000 lbs. will be enough to keep my family going for more than a year. Besides we have all the butter, milk and meat that we need from the farm supplies. And we got 975 rubles too.

U. S. A.—How much is that in our money?

U. S. S. R.—About \$500. Then besides, every family has its own cow and some sheep. And what we have beyond our own use we can sell. In that way we get money that we can spend for clothes and other things that we want.

U. S. A.—What sort of farm is this?

U. S. S. R.—It's called the Red Army kolhoz and has the banner for being the best collective farm in the SOKOL region, in the north province. There are 85 farms in the collective, and the women work together with the men and get paid according to their work—so many "workdays" for each of the agreed-upon units of work done. If you put in a long day, you get more than one day, maybe two work-days pay for it. In the first ten months of 1933 my wife and I have earned 650 work-days. You say your farm produced 11,000 boxes of apples. How many pounds of apples to the box?

U. S. A.—About forty.

U. S. S. R.—That means about 440,000 lbs. of apples. And yet you are broke.

## Eviction Is Stopped by Dinuba United Farmers League

DINUBA, Cal., Dec. 12.—The farmers mobilized by the United Farmers League yesterday saved S. Salo from being evicted from his farm here.

After mortgage-holders had tricked him into giving up the deed for his ranch, Salo and his aged sick mother were facing eviction until the United Farmers League came to his rescue.

Just when Salo was about to be robbed of his raisin crop and be put out on the road, a large mass of workers and farmers led by the U. F. L. forced the judge to give him more time to find a place to move to.

## Keep Thug Patrols In Orange Grove to Enforce Low Wage

C. & A. W. I. U. ORGANIZING PICKERS TO FIGHT FOR BETTER CONDITIONS

ORANGE GROVE, Cal., Dec. 14.—Under the guise of "keeping out Communist agitators and protecting pickers from violence" squads of armed deputies patrol every field here during the close of the orange harvest, to intimidate the workers. These thugs are paid directly through profits from the exploitation of workers and small farmers, it is even mentioned by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

Pickers get five cents a box, but while the most experienced can only fill fifty boxes a day, the average is under thirty-five and the majority of workers make only \$1 daily. Less skilled pickers make even less.

Pointing out that only when they have strengthened their union into a larger fighting organization to smash this terrorist campaign of the bosses, the C. & A. W. I. U. is organizing the workers to win better conditions.

## Columbia Steel's Big Profits Don't Raise Wages Any

PITTSBURG, Cal., Dec. 10.—Recently with inflation prices under the NRA the price on tin plate has gone up \$12 a ton. This represents juicy profits for the Columbia Steel Mill owners, subsidiary of U. S. Steel, but our wages are still the same—56¢ for a "long" ton of steel of 2240 lbs.

We can only turn out four or five tons a day. The company, of course, has not even mentioned a raise. Nor will they unless we organize to protect our rights and raise our wages like the workers back East have done through their Steel and Iron Workers Industrial Union.

A Steel Worker.

Agricultural and cannery workers: Get in touch with your union at 81 Post street, San Jose.

## Join the Army—and Serve for Nothing

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 18.—The other day we picked up two hitch-hiking soldiers who were very sore at the conditions imposed on them by the army. They said they were supposed to draw \$15 per month, but after deductions are made for cleaning their uniforms and other incidentals they had only \$4.30 left.

One of the soldiers, recently discharged from a hospital, was forced by an army officer to contribute to the "community chest" from his \$4.30—which actually took his last penny.

Soldiers of the Soviet Union were granted a 50 percent increase in pay this week, which is a striking contrast to the condition of soldiers of capitalist





If a worker breaks his shovel on one of the CWA jobs, he pays. But do you suppose the Pacific Bridge Co. will pay for its \$350,000 boner in blasting away the bedrock where it was to put one of the Golden Gate Bridge piers?

The CWA program will overhaul the capital and state buildings which leads P. M. to ask if that will include scouring out Ginny Rolph's \$15,000 bathtub.

There is a certain appropriateness in the act of the San Jose cabinetmaker who sent a redwood hat to Roosevelt.

The subject of the L. A. high schools oratorical contest is "Leisure Time—Its Possibilities and Its Significance". They should have added, "And Its Inevitability Under Capitalism". says M. G.

E-X-T-R-A!! Capitalist Paper Tells Truth!!!

"Administration Studying Government Distribution of Fools." —Greenville (S. C.) paper.

CAPITALIST LAWS (Copy of the official ballot in Montclair, N. J.)

Shall the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled 'Ar act for suppressing vice and immorality' (Revision), approved March twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four," which amendment was approved February twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three," be adopted?

"The air belongs to the common people," orated a speaker urging radio control, recently. True enough! They're always getting it.

Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm is listed as the wealthiest German, with a fortune of \$175,000,000. This ought to clear up the point of who didn't lose the war, anyway, an Oregon comrade writes.

The garter, suspenders and belt industry has pledged the NRA its support. And they'll treat their code as though it were as elastic as their products.

Tearjerking Glimpses of the Bourgeoisie:

More and more, the rising hundred percenters who used to be always seen coming out of the stock brokers are soon coming out of the pawn brokers.

"Early British chiefs practised cannibalism," the United Press informs us. After which they became civilized and developed into capitalists.

S. P. Rank and File Fight Misleaders

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 7) stand into a bulwark of dying capitalism.

The Communist Party urges all locals of the Socialist Party to take up determinedly the fight for a United Front of Struggle on the five point program proposed. All locals where the proposal has been tabled should demand a discussion and vote upon it. Where the vote is for the uniting of forces on these specific struggles at once elect a committee of three to meet with similar committees of the Communist Party to carry out the actions immediately. Where the machinery of the present bureaucracy prevents their will being voiced, the members should either join in the movement that militants within their own ranks have started, or else follow the example set by more than 150 Socialists and join the ranks of the Communist Party.

And always, the columns of the Western Worker are open to any expression of the membership to carry on their struggle for "All Power To The Rank and File!"

WESTERN WORKER TOURS LISTED

Alex Noral Tour; Speaks on "NRA, Fascism & War"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Speaking on "The NRA, Fascism and War," Comrade Alex Noral, will tour California holding mass meetings in many cities. Receipts from the meetings will go to benefit of the Western Worker in its drive for funds for a six-page paper.

For the first two weeks, Comrade Noral will speak in Northern California. His schedule is: Oakland, 845 22nd St., Tues., Dec. 26; Berkeley, 1819 10th, Wed., Dec. 27; Stockton, Wed., Dec. 28; Lodi, Thurs., Dec. 29; Sacramento, Fri., Dec. 30; Chico, Sat., Dec. 31; Eureka, Sat., Jan. 1; Fort Bragg, Wed., Jan. 3; Petaluma, Thurs., Jan. 4.

Party Members! Pay Up Dues!

During the next two weeks, every membership book is to be "controlled". That is, every member of the Party must present his book to the unit financial secretary. If the comrade is paid up, a control stamp is pasted in his book. This stamp is in two denominations—employed 2c, and unemployed 1c. The comrades who have no control stamp in their books are not in good standing. This control is conducted by our Central Committee for two purposes:

1—Comrades who have not been active should be visited and brought back to unit meetings.

2—All Party members must pay their dues up-to-date. Every Party member is urged to pay up his or her dues immediately! Have your unit 100% in dues payments—every Party member a paid-up member!

—Dist. Org. Dept.

15 Arrested in Portland Relief Fight Dismissed

UNEMPLOYED FEDERATION IS BUILDING BLOCK COMMITTEES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Following militant mass action on the part of Portland's unemployed workers, the 15 arrested in the recent relief demonstration before the Panama Building, were dismissed today.

In a laughable attempt to show what the "big-hearted" Multnomah county welfare offices are doing for the unemployed, Judge Tomlinson compared conditions in 1893, when no relief was given, to the present time, when the welfare grafters are doing out a small percentage of their graft in order to stave off mass action on the part of the workers.

Regretting the fact that "the ordinance did not fit the case," Judge Tomlinson stated that "We will see to it that an ordinance will be forthcoming". He stated that heavy sentences would be meted out in the future.

The Multnomah County Federation of Unemployed, a united front of all unemployed organizations in this county, is continuing the struggle for relief by the building of neighborhood committees, as laid out in the program adopted by the recent State Conference of Unemployed.

Los Angeles Everybody's Going to Be There... UNITED WORKERS PRESS BAZAAR

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I. L. D. CARNIVAL FOR PRISONERS Winter Aid

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Soviet Movie Tour for Western Worker In Northern Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—In the drive for funds to support the Western Worker, a Northern California movie and lecture tour is being arranged.

"Fragments of an Empire," the Soviet film directed by Sergei Eisenstein, depicting the Russian workers' epochal seizure of power and their industrialization, will be shown in several northern cities and later in other parts of the state. The first showing will be on Sunday, Dec. 31, at Berkeley, followed by a run Monday afternoon, Jan. 1, in Oakland, and another, Monday night, at the San Francisco Western Worker Bazaar.

Following the S. F. showing the film will be at Stockton, Jan. 4; Lodi, Jan. 5; Sacramento, Jan. 6; Chico, Jan. 7; Eureka, Jan. 8; Fort Bragg, Jan. 9; and Petaluma, Jan. 10.



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70 Delegates at California Y.C. Convention

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED FOLD IN PAST YEAR'S STRUGGLES

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Over 70 delegates representing every section of California took part in the District Convention of the Y. C. L., held Sunday, Dec. 17th, at 121 Haight street.

Every RACE was represented, including many nationalities. Many attended for the first time, young workers recruited through strikes in the agriculture fields, unemployed struggles in Los Angeles, shop concentration in San Francisco and in struggles against Imperialist War. A lively discussion characterized the enthusiastic convention.

The convention emphasized that its membership by four times and participated in many struggles, it had not built the league as fast as the rest of the movement has grown.

The following tasks were set: To build shop units, functioning youth sections in the agriculture union, to build unemployed clubs, organize units within the CCC camps, to build the L. S. N. R. and L. S. U., to furnish more leadership to the Pioneer movement, to run youth candidates in the coming election, to send a delegation of at least 1000 to the California Congress of Toilers in April, 1934, and as a result of the above activities to go over the top in our recruiting drive.

Red Students Paper Banned at UCLA

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Circulation of the College News, at the University of California at Los Angeles campus, was prohibited last week because it opposes military training and increased educational fees, and that it favored tolerance of all nationalities, races and creeds; freedom of press for students and faculty; and the operation of co-operative student agencies and book exchanges on a non-profit basis.

There is an active group of the National Student League at UCLA. Violators of the ban are to be turned over to police for investigation it was announced.

Oakland CARNIVAL for the Western Worker

DEC. 30 - DEC. 31 - JAN. 1 Workers Center - 645 22nd St. DANCING - ENTERTAINMENT - NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Play by Ronald Cooley, "Merry Xmas, Revolution!" SOVIET MOVIE All-day Restaurant, Every Day. Admission 15c each day

Get Articles For the Western Worker 3 Day Bazaar

The Western Worker Bazaar committee needs more attractive articles for prizes and features for the booths for the 3-day Bazaar of Dec. 30, New Year's Eve, and Jan. 1st. Every organization should try to raise enough money to buy an article suitable for raffle or auction. In many instances, committees of workers have called upon merchants with whom they trade, asking his cooperation, and have obtained valuable prizes as donations. Radios and electrical appliances are the best money raisers. Collecting these prizes should not, however, hinder the work of the general canvassing for small articles to sell in the booths, as almost every merchant will donate something if approached by workers who are his customers.

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Los Angeles

CELEBRATION OF SOVIET RECOGNITION—Sat. eve., Jan. 6, Trinity Auditorium, 730 So. Grand Ave. Nationally known speakers, an excellent musical program with prominent artists. Ausp. Friends of the Soviet Union.

S.F. Workers Theater Presents Two Plays on Dec. 24th

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—December 24, Christmas Eve, the Workers' Theatre of San Francisco will present two plays, "Heaven," a clever adaptation of Charles Erskine Scott Wood's "Heavenly Discourse" and "Merry Christmas Revolution" by Ronald Cooley at the Cultural Center, 121 Haight St. The plays have been under rehearsal for weeks. Directors of the two plays are Agnes Hock and Harlan Hall. George Lewis, Percy Cousins and Pietro Marcharini have designed and executed novel and striking stage sets in the revolutionary tradition. Refreshments and dancing will follow the plays.

Scottsboro Boys

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) the Supreme Court on the appealed cases, workers here will hold protest meetings on Friday night, December 22, at 3470 19th street, and Tuesday night, December 26, at 1223 Fillmore street. Other meetings are being planned for the North Beach and downtown sections, and will be announced next week.

The Great Soviet Talking Movie "The Patriots"

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Los Angeles TWO HUGE CELEBRATIONS

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Goodyear Section Opens New Center

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—A proletarian wedding will feature the opening of the new headquarters of the Goodyear section of the Communist Party at 1745 East Florence Avenue on Saturday evening, December 24. The growth of the Party has been so rapid, especially in the south side industrial district, that the Goodyear territory has been split into a Goodyear and a Firestone section.

Save Communists! C. W. A. Workers

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) Councils and Workers Ex-Servicemen's League and the Anti-Fascist Committee came and demanded freedom for the four. Today mass delegations of working class and liberal organizations have followed each other to the Consulate while a huge mobilization of police has been brought to keep them out and to try and disperse the crowds of workers assembled there.

Washington Jobless

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) Unemployed Citizens League of Seattle, Emil Linden, national secretary of the Fishermen and Cannery Workers Industrial Union; James Murphy of the National Lumber Workers Union, and Ryland of the National Student League of the University of Washington.

22 Arrested in Stockton Celery

C. & A. W. I. U. TO ORGANIZE WORKERS AS TERROR ENDS STRUGGLE

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 15.—One hundred Filipino celery workers on the Schekler ranch on Venice Island near here last week struck for 25c an hour. Under the wage paid, 17 1/2c an hour, the workers were unable to make a living.

Schekler immediately called the sheriff who arrived with some deputies and arrested 22 of the strikers and took them to Stockton, where he ordered them to leave the county. The rest of the workers, being unorganized, returned to work under the threats of the boss. The Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is calling a meeting to organize these workers.

Entertainment and Dance... SAT., DEC. 23 8 p. m. 1223 Fillmore St.

Hawaiian and Negro Singers, Novel Floor Numbers Given by Relief Workers Pro. Union Adm. 25c

Washington Jobless

The open hearing was won by the delegation despite the stories in the Olympia papers that no hearing was to be given. A committee sent by the workers to Governor Martin was told that he could not attend the hearing as he had "no right to invade the legislature without an invitation". When the workers later demanded of the legislators that they invite him to the hearing, one of the politicians said, "We should not embarrass the governor."

Save Communists! C. W. A. Workers

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) The S. F. Building Trades Council last week passed a resolution to be sent to Germany protesting the Hitler terror against the workers, the breaking up of the trade unions and the persecution of the Jews. The protests will continue during the coming week with all sections in this city holding mass meetings. In the Mission the meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 22, at 3470 19th street, in Fillmore Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 1223 Fillmore. The Downtown Section held a mass meeting today at 765 Howard street, and a meeting will be held in North Beach.

C. W. A. Workers in S. F. Organize

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Seventy-five delegates representing all CWA jobs in this city met Friday night and elected a Provisional Executive Committee of thirteen for the Construction Workers Industrial Union.

The meeting was organized by the Trade Union Unity League. Already more than three hundred have joined the union, with more coming in every day.

The Committee is calling a membership meeting at 121 Haight street, Friday night, Dec. 22, at 8 p. m., where a permanent executive committee will be elected, and the program and demands of the union drawn up. Neil Hickey, Provisional Secretary, states. Proposed demands are for the continuation of the work at 30-hour week and prevailing union scale after Feb. 15, state compensation on all jobs, no discrimination because of non-citizenship, race, color, religious or political beliefs, recognition of the union and workers committees on all jobs.

Workers in all towns! Send in stories of wages and conditions to the "Western Worker"!



PREPARING FOR 1934!

AN ... Begins!

At New Year's will be ... food cheer in the bour- ... about the opening of the ... to a mass six-page weekly ... a semi-weekly ...

International Labor Defense will be ... on Sat., Dec. 23 to provide relief ... families ...

New Year's weekend, big bazaars and ... San Francisco and Oakland, and one-day ... in Los Angeles, Richmond, Los Angeles and San ... These are the biggest affairs of the year for these ...

LEADS IN STRUGGLES

During the past two years the Western Worker has proven its value as a fighting organizer. When last year it became a weekly, workers naturally expected that its power as a mass organizer would be increased. This was immediately proven with the leading part it took in organizing the many hunger marches, followed by its great aid to the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union in the long series of strikes in the agricultural fields which marked almost the entire year, involving scores of thousands of terribly exploited workers, most of whom had never participated in a strike before. The Western Worker is proud of its part in helping them win. And these are but two of a long list of struggles where it has been an invaluable aid in organizing.

GET BEHIND THE DRIVE!

Now that the new advance is to be made beginning with the next issue, several tasks face the workers of the west if the enlarged paper is to be of the great assistance within its possibility. The first is the successful completion of the drive for a \$5000 guarantee fund, and for 3000 new subscriptions. Without these the very foundation to make the advance is lacking. But the support of all sections is needed. Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Colorado and other western states outside of California, however, are lax in sending in news of their struggles. In the past month there has been only a very slight improvement in this regard from Washington, and none at all from the others. Yet they need the Western Worker as much as it needs their support.

With the additional space of a six-page issue, there is ample room for all cities to be represented. In his present tour through the San Joaquin Valley and as far south as San Diego, George Morris, editor of the Western Worker, is stressing the assignment of responsible comrades to weekly send in a news letter of meetings and working-class fights in their cities. All other cities should take this step, without waiting for a speaker to come to them. Only in this manner can we really become a mass paper reflecting and organizing the struggles of all workers in the west.

So — make 1934 the banner year of the Western Worker. Get in news, get in subscriptions, and send in your quota of the Guarantee Fund.

FORWARD TO A MASS WESTERN WORKER!

On With the Signature Drive to Put the Party on the Ballot!

With the signature lists for placing the Communist Party on the ballot in California now on their way to all party units and sympathetic organizations in the State, the drive for 23,500 names of registered voters ...

From now until May 1st this will be the major task of the Party members throughout the state, not as a separate campaign, but carried on with all day to day activity and struggles ...

In the 1930 gubernatorial election, on which the figure of registered signatures is based, 126,813 voters registered declining to state party affiliation ...

Four months is not too much time for the task ahead, and immediately all sections should get to work. Here are some of the things to do:

First, elect a campaign manager and get together Election Drive Committees. These should be composed of Party members from the various units, and representatives of mass organizations ...

Concentrate on getting signatures in shops, factories, and ranches, particularly in the areas where strikes have been fought recently ...

giving greatest attention to working-class districts. Get from the local officials the registration lists from the recent elections and visit all the "decline to states" and "Socialists" ...

In San Francisco this means 8,267 "declines" in Los Angeles 71,328, in Alameda Co. 9,746, in Kern Co. 1,055, in Fresno Co. 2,904, in Orange Co. 1,802, Riverside Co. 1,069, Sacramento 1,118, San Bernardino 3,433, San Diego 6,856, Tulare 1,025, in Santa Clara Co. 1,377. Each of these, which do not include the Socialist registration, is more than the quota assigned for those territories ...

In farming districts, comrades should be assigned to visit from farm to farm. At all meetings and on all leaflets issued by organizations during the campaign, the signature drive should be publicized, in the latter case an address given at which the workers can themselves come and sign ...

To put the full slate on the ballot in coming election, at least 3,360 sponsors will be needed. These of course must be registered Communists. So we repeat, the first step is seeing that thousands of workers and sympathizers who have registered other than Communist, must re-register at once, as Communists. Where this right is challenged, the registrars attempt to do, the worker must insist on the changing of registration and report the case to the State Election Committee at the nearest headquarters, or to 37 Grove St., San Francisco ...

Seattle Workers School To Begin On January 1st

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—The Seattle Workers School announces classes for the training of workers for leadership in the working-class movement. ...



**JOB TO BE DONE**  
FREE THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS!  
FREE REICHSTAG FRAME UP VICTIMS!  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE!  
INCREASED WAGES!  
NO LAYOFFS!  
NO FORCED LABOR!

THE NRA IN THE UNION IRON WORKS

By R. Casimir A Short Story of Wage Cuts and Speed-up

The N. R. A. came to the Frisco Union Iron Works! It came with wage cuts under one arm and terrific speed-up under the other. We received a pass to enter the plant, one of the biggest shipyards in the west. It had been a great beehive of activity during the war. But that was not now. We stopped at one of the shops first to watch a worker at a cutting machine. "They work you pretty fast here, don't they?" He took a fast look at me. "Aw, no, they don't. It's pretty good here." Probably thought I was a company spy. He was working nervously, his hands shaking so nervously that I left lest he cut himself. We went on from shop to shop. The huge massive buildings seemed almost deserted of life, so few men were working. "Where's the wash-room around here, fella?" "Wash-room? — Don't make me laugh." "What do you mean?" "Well, if it's the toilet you want—there's the shack." I looked at the man he was pointing. "Right over the bay, huh?" I looked at his clothes. "Well, you guys get pretty dirty working here, don't you? ... What do you do for washing?" "We don't ... except for gasoline." "Pretty tough hombres, huh?" He laughed. "Well, we don't wash our faces in it, just our hands. They keep a five gallon can of gas for that. And that has to do for every guy in the place. I ain't a lily, you understand, but when a guy gets as dirty as we do working out here, he goes like to clean up before going home." "What does that mean—no lockers either?" "Sure, they got lockers—some wooden boxes to hold your clothes in—right out in the middle of the yard—and the wall." "The wall?" "Sure, they only got enough boxes for half the men. The rest dress and undress leaning against the wall—rain or no rain. "Haven't you put up a kick about it?" "Well, the company union has tried to get us new toilets—but the excuse is that we'd dirty it up in no time—so that's that." "That's the way a company union usually works, I guess." "Well, they did get them to put covers over the trucks when it rains, when they take us out to the dry docks at Hunter's Point. ... But hell, that ain't nothing. They put covers over trucks when they take pigs to be slaughtered, too." Suddenly there was a howl of pain. I ran out see what it was. A young fellow was holding his head and swearing up at an elderly man. The man on top was making gestures that he couldn't help it. The worker I was talking to laughed. "That happens all the time ... The guy up there is a riveter and riveters drop bolts on the helpers." I must have looked as if I didn't appreciate the joke, so he went on to explain. "You see, those bolts hold the plates in place. They try to work too fast when they take the bolts out—so some of them drop, that's all." "That's just carelessness ... Don't the foremen try to stop it?" "The foremen don't give a damn ... all they want is work—and the hell with the dents in the dome ... You see, we get a bonus if we do more than a certain amount of work. That is, if the boss likes the work." "What do you mean?" "Well, even if we do break our necks to make the bonus, if the boss don't like just the way the bolts are put in—no bonus ... I worked like hell the other day—and my bonus was 49¢." "That's what I call speed-up."

1200 AT L. A. MEET ORGANIZE PERMANENT ANTI-WAR GROUP

Broad Representation of Many Organizations Join Fight Against Fascism, War

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Twelve hundred people of Los Angeles and vicinity, filled the Orange Grove Theatre Sunday afternoon, where a powerful permanent local organization, under the leadership of the American League Against War and Fascism was formed. The Los Angeles Congress Against War was attended by delegates from many important trade, cultural, and political organizations ...

The militant enthusiasm of those present carried through to the end of the long program of speeches, resolutions, and organizational details. The manifesto of the American League was submitted to the Congress by John M. Weatherwax of the California Committee Against War and Fascism. He made it clear that the effort to organize opposition against war and fascism was beyond parties, races, nationalities, and religions ...

Dr. Alonzo Reynolds of the Methodist Episcopal Church brought a graphic account of the meetings of the National Congress in New York. Greetings and pledges of support were brought by speakers from many groups, including Sydney Terwilliger, secretary of the Anti-Fascist Action, Gross W. Alexander of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Young Communist League, the Japanese Proletarian League, and Ezra Chase, representing the Workers Ex-servicemen's League. Chase had just been released from jail, where he had been held for participating in struggles for unemployment relief. Lawrence Ross, representing the Communist Party, spoke in approval of the manifesto of the national congress. "War and Fascism," he said, are the continu-

Movie Reviews..

"TWO THIEVES"—Soviet movie, to be shown Friday night, Dec. 22, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Once there was a superstition that Russian workers, struggling so grimly to build Socialism, never had time to laugh. Like all myths, this one has also been blasted. "Thieves" is a fast-moving record of the hilarious adventures of two fakers who are mistaken for saints. Seeing a chance for some of the easy profits that saints get (on earth), they produce a string of first-class miracles to deceive their credulous audience at a religious festival. As saints they are highly successful, and do a great business—until the Soviet police catch up with them. Then comes a surprising climax that furnishes the show's best laughs. How the crooked pair escape from their predicament provides an object lesson in comparative rascality—the other rascals being the priests. The S. F. Film-Foto League, which is presenting "TWO THIEVES" at 121 Haight street, will accompany the film with a first-rate musical score and will run an extra feature, "Scottsboro - Decatur", a film brought out especially from New York. — R. B.

"FRAGMENTS OF AN EMPIRE"—Soviet movie by Eisenstein. Shown New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 6 p. m. at the S. P. Western Worker Bazaar at 1223 Fillmore street. This film, though a silent, remains as one of the greatest ever made and ranks with "Old Dan and New" and "Ten Days That Shook the World" as being the best which Sergei Eisenstein has produced. In the strength of its story and the clarity with which it is told, no talking picture yet seen equals it. The basic theme is of the tak-

International Events and Western Workers

World Capitalism vs. Growing Socialism  
Wall St. Forced to Recognition — Capitalists and Trotskyites Unite in Slander — Litvinov Victory Gives New Opportunities to Second Five-Year-Plan — Recognition Part of Comintern Program.

With the sailing from San Francisco this week of the Nelson steamer "Missoula" carrying salt to the Vladivostok fisheries, and the expected arrival soon in Pacific ports of crews and ships flying the Hammer and Sickle, workers of the west are realizing that after sixteen years of slanders and lies by American press and capitalists recognition of the Workers and Farmers Republics is really a concrete fact. Even before the hysterical waves of capitalist publicity of how Roosevelt "cleverly maneuvered Litvinov into repudiations of the fundamental principles of the Soviet Union" and the international revolution "a party movement" had receded, it was obvious where the victory in recognition lay. No better proof could be given of the increased strength of the Soviet Union politically and militarily than the series of non-aggression and trade pacts and recognition agreements which this one climaxed.

The United States capitalist government, facing the fifth and unquestionably worst winter of the series of worsening crises since 1929, must do the lie itself by NRA bootstraps more desperately than ever before seeks foreign markets. The failure of the London Economic Conference, was followed quickly by the debacle of the recent Disarmament Conference and the dissolution, even before it was signed of the Four Power Pact for anti-Soviet aggression. The intensified conflict between United States and Great Britain in Latin America, and between the U. S. and Japan in the Far East were important factors in the reversal of the sixteen year old policy. Desperate for Markets But the law that water seeks its level is no more true than its capitalist inevitably seeks markets and profits. And the exports from the United States have dropped tremendously since 1929. In regard to the USSR they have fallen from \$120,000,000 to about \$12,000,000 in 1932. This year they were still less. American capitalists will sell their "principles" for markets wherever a market is seen.

more than is intended." The charge of the Trotskyites that the right of asylum to persecuted American revolutionists in the USSR is hereby denied is equally false. The agreement does not mention the right of asylum, and, in no way restricts it. These reciprocal agreements are such as are stated expressly or are implied in so-called treaties of friendship and commerce entered into with other capitalist nations for years. Yet, to the chagrin of the counter-revolutionaries, the Third International still is not dissolved, but continues to give its leadership to the world revolutionary movement. There is no question of the correctness of the Soviet Government establishing "peaceful" relations with a world still five-sixths capitalist in order to strengthen its position. But, "The question of the class nature of the State and the Government must not be confused with the question of the day to day policy of our government." Stalin has pointed out many times. Capitalism vs. Communism Only those who close their eyes to facts would deny the character of the present period — the co-existence of capitalism and the Socialist system, and the uneven development of capitalism in various countries as a main factor, which utilized correctly, enables the very existence and growth of Socialism to progress at the expense of capitalism's decay. The transition from world capitalism to world Socialism cannot be other than a series of struggles over a long period, and during that period the growing Socialism, like a skillful fighter, protects itself from the blows (boycott, blockades, armed attack, etc.) of its enemy, at the same time it wages its attack at every weakness and every opening. "Go As Traders" This method was outlined by Lenin in March, 1922, when in discussing the decision of the Soviet Government to participate in the Genoa Conference, he said: "We do not want that we go there as traders, because we absolutely need to trade with capitalist countries as long as they have not yet collapsed." And further, "The bourgeois countries have to trade with Russia. This is other forms of economic relations their collapse will go faster than hitherto." And no one knows the nearness of the collapse of American capitalism better than Roosevelt, a man to recognition though he knows that thereby he hastens immeasurably the day of doom by giving greater strength to his enemy. His willingness to grant recognition and let the much-publicized Tsarist dictatorship wait is but one indication of this. While the Soviet Government understands that peace pacts and non-aggression pacts are far from a guarantee of peace, they delay the war upon the USSR. And they demonstrate to the masses of the entire world the essentially peaceful nature of Socialism and the war-like character of capitalism. Recognition Part of C. I. Program But in addition, the undertaking of the USSR given to capitalist governments in furtherance of peace and normal relations, instead of being a repudiation of its obligations to the International Revolution, are in fact a fulfillment of that obligation. It is but a carrying out of that part of the program of the Communist International which declares that "The internal consolidation of the proletarian dictatorship in the USSR, the success of Socialist construction, the growth of influence and power of the Workers and Peasants Republics among the masses of the proletariat and the oppressed colonial peoples signifies the continuation, intensification and expansion of the International Social Revolution." Recognition means no permanent peace, nor does it lessen the danger of war. Indeed, it is more likely that Japan, realizing the growth of strength in the Far Eastern Provinces, may only the sooner make her attempt to seize the territory east of Lake Balkal. Defend the Soviet Union! Capitalist seeking of USSR markets does not change its fundamental policy of encircling the Soviet Union and waging a campaign of aggression to smash it, if possible, and restore a world bourgeois regime. The task of defending the Soviet Union really becomes more important following recognition than ever it was before. One method of authority of the Soviet Union into the Friends of the Soviet Union into of all those sympathetic to the USSR. The conditions for carrying that out are now more favorable than before. The Friends of the Soviet Union National Convention in New York Jan. 26-28 should be a reflection of that increased and broadened movement for support and defense of the USSR and its show work to see that the organizations are trade unions of which the members should be represented with delegates. — E. K.

THE NRA IN THE UNION IRON WORKS

to 8:30 a. m. to work that day. And if there's no work—well, that's all there is to it." He was silent for awhile. "You keep comin' and comin' day after day ... last month we just worked about a week out of 4 weeks. And the month before — well, we just about averaged an hour a week—if you figure it out. And the pay we get ... first-class mechanics were out 27 1/2 %—helpers get about 45¢ a hour—riveters about 68¢, and when you figure how much you work—it don't figure very high ... The guys who work down in the ship don't get enough air to strangle out of his chest. He made a gesture of disgust. "I don't care when I get thinking about all this — it gets me so mad I could go out and pop a couple of bosses." I still didn't say a word. It seemed as if he'd been pent up and was just getting every thing out of his chest at one time. After a bit he looked up at me from his work and smiled sheepishly. "I know that's not the way to do anything. Slim would call that being an anarchist. The way to do is to ... He suddenly began laughing, slapping his knee, he was having such a swell time. He finally wiped the tears out of his eyes. "I'll tell you like a steam-whistle and continued. "This morning they tried to lay off some of the Russian riveters. You see when they can squeeze in a couple of other guys instead of Russians, they do it. But you can only do it when there's no important work—or for a long stretch. The Russians seem to be the best riveters around here. Well—here these guys told him that if they go they'll NEVER come back. But you should have seen the expression on the foreman's face." He began slapping his knee all over again. "Yep, that the way to do it—in a mass ... and can you imagine what we can accomplish if we was organized? That sure would make the bosses sit up." He paused a moment and then said significantly. "And we're doing it, too, fella."

Seattle Katayama Memorial Dec. 26

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Seattle workers will honor the memory of Sen Katayama, leader of the Japanese workers and one of the founders of the American Communist Party, at a mass meeting Dec. 26 at the Finnish Hall, 9th and Yesler. Seki Gungl, Japanese worker, will address the meeting in Japanese. Others will speak in English. The job of the Soviet Government, the organ of the dictatorship in the present, is to consolidate its power within the country, to proceed with the building of Socialism and to defend the country from imperial aggression. Clearly, it must establish relations with capitalist countries using their need for markets and their conflicting interests to postpone the imperialist attack as long as possible. The tremendous advances of Soviet economy, under the First Five Year Plan and the great progress of the Second Plan, prove how invaluable the time element is in a world situation where decaying capitalism and growing Socialism must inevitably come to grips. Every day's delay strengthens the defense the Soviet Union is building, and at a rate inconceivable to unplanned capitalist economy; and every day the forces of the international revolution grow stronger. The tremendous victory given Litvinov on his return proves how important the workers and peasants consider the victory. Here only those having no conception of the working-class struggle, then counter-revolutionaries, renegades or outright fools, would believe the stories told by the capitalist press. It really takes a Trotskyite to make the jump to believing that the capitalist press lied for sixteen years and then suddenly became clarions of the untainted truth. Does Not Affect Comintern Litvinov replying to the direct question that point four of the document signifies the abandonment of the Communist International stated clearly "The Third International is not mentioned in the document at all; you must not read into it