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LABOR OPENS FIGHT FOR JOBS

NOW JAPAN WON'T TALK WITH CHINA

Defenders Had Refused
to Parley With Tokio
Until Troops Go

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (Saturday)—Japan announced today it would not negotiate with the Central Chinese government because it "does not have authority to speak for all China."

The Chinese government only a few days earlier had turned down the latest Japanese offer, made

British Labor Renews Demands

LONDON, Jan. 7 (TP)—Leaders of the British Labor Party voted today to renew their Party demands that the British government stop selling war materials to Japan. The executive committee of the labor party also issued a statement urging the British people not to purchase Japanese goods of any kind.

through the medium of Oscar Trautmann, Hitler's ambassador to China.

A steady policy of refusal to negotiate while the Japanese occupy Chinese territory and thus hold the advantage has been pursued by the British government and by its leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, since the outbreak of the present undeclared war.

Observers characterized the Japanese announcement, issued through Ambassador Kawagoe, as a "face-saving" gesture.

Peiping military headquarters of the Japanese had only yesterday admitted that the guerrilla tactics employed by the Communist-led Eighth Route Army in Shansi Province were causing "frequent losses," which called to mind the announcement that these tactics have been adopted for all of China by the Supreme Military Council.

The Peiping dispatch said the guerrilla troops had inflicted heavy damage by attacks at many points of railroad and other communication lines.

BRITISH COPS ATTACKED

SHANGHAI, Jan. 8. (Saturday)—Japanese troops attacked and beat British policemen here on two occasions as Japanese officials pressed their demands for complete control over the International Settlement.

Already Japan had taken over complete customs control in Shanghai and established a censorship over all telegraphic communications.

Although British authorities went through the formalities of protest after the first attack on British police, the example was repeated.

Despite Japanese disapproval, Secretary Allison of the American embassy returned to Nanking today aboard a U. S. gunboat. He will report to Washington immediately on the condition of the embassy building in Nanking, which the invaders were reported to have used for execution of Chinese prisoners.

Loyalists Gain New Ground in Fierce Attacks

BARCELONA, Jan. 7. (TP)—Spanish Loyalist leaders claimed tonight that their troops drove a strong wedge into insurgent positions south of Teruel. The government said its troops had taken control of the highway from Teruel to Villastar and had isolated the Rebel garrison.

Hand to hand fighting ensued as the opposing troops battled desperately for possession of the important area.

HENDAYE, (French-Spanish) Jan. 7.—General Franco's headquarters gave every indication today that his counter-offensive is at an end with Teruel still securely held by Loyalist troops.

Observers placed this interpretation on announcements saying that Franco was unwilling to sacrifice further lives and spoke of planning a new campaign.

Hoover Crew Blasts 'Hysterical' Rumors Upon Arrival In S. F.

Passengers' Behavior Contemptible and Selfish,
Says Representative of Firemen's
Union Aboard Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Charges that the crew of the wrecked liner President Hoover were drunk and disorderly while on duty were branded the work of "hysterical publicity-seeking passengers" by Harry P. Finch, member of the crew and ship's delegate for the Marine, Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers' Union. Finch and 170 members of the crew arrived here today on the "President McKinley."

"The truth of it is," Finch declared, "that many of the passengers behaved contemptibly themselves. Not only were they fighting among themselves for the most advantageous quarters, but showed selfishness and inconsideration for others during the entire length of our stay on the island."

"As usual," he continued, "it fell to the lot of those who did the most work and those who in the long run lost the most... to take the blame from a few hysterical publicity-seeking passengers."

Copeland Accused
In a still more sharply worded rejoinder Robert J. Fitzgerald, secretary pro tem of the MFOWW, charged Senator Copeland (Dem., N. Y.) with fostering lies and slander on the Hoover case "in order to pave the way for the destruction of the sea unions."

Fitzgerald declared that "after interviewing members of the crew of the 'President Hoover'... I can state positively that reports circulated that they were drunk, inebriated, and endangered the lives of those in their care, is an absolute lie, without a single bit of foundation."

Finch stated that he was on watch when the Hoover struck and that he and the entire crew of 170 worked for nearly 20 hours without rest in order to safeguard the lives of the passengers. Much of this time we spent behind closed bulkhead doors, where a shift in the position of the liner would have meant sure death for them.

Finch declared that "inevitably, some bottles were taken ashore," but pointed out that this was 24 hours after the disaster and that liquor was also issued to the passengers to ward off danger of illness due to exposure.

All Passengers Safe
Finch called attention to the fact that, because of the hard work and experienced seamanship of the crew, all passengers were taken ashore without so much as a sprained ankle.

"Not a drop of liquor was drunk before every passenger was ashore safely and every precaution taken for the safety of the ship," he declared. "No man on duty was at any time under the slightest influence of liquor."

He pointed out that as far as the claims for lost baggage were concerned, the crew was much the heavier loser, as crew members were allowed to take only one bag each ashore, while all passenger luggage was taken off.

The marine inspection board will conduct a hearing into the charges some time this week.

The \$8,000,000 merchant marine vessel has been abandoned.

Steel Lodge To Install

OAKLAND, Jan. 7.—Steel Workers Lodge No. 1649 will install new officers on January 14, it was announced today, including President Edward Humann, Vice-President Bill Stunkard, Financial Secretary O. M. Sherwin, Recording Secretary and Business Representative David C. Hipolito.

200 Navy Planes Continue Desperate Hunt for Bomber

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 7. (TP)—Navy officers refused to give up hope today as the hours passed with no word from the missing Naval bombing plane.

One of the greatest air searches in history was underway.

The massed forces of the Pacific Fleet were sent out aided by 200 planes from the aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga. The planes made periodic sweeps across the entire area in which the missing plane was last reported without turning up a single clue.

'Rescue Our Shipowners' Kennedy Here

Can't Get Brains for
\$25,000 a Year, Says
Commission Chief

By JACK BROMAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Brain's agent on sale for \$25,000 or less, said Joseph P. Kennedy upon his arrival here this morning.

The Maritime Commission chairman's evaluation of gray matter was in response to a question on why he advocated the abolition of the \$25,000 maximum for steam-

ship company officials.

"If you expect to get the best brains, you have to pay more than \$25,000 a year," he said. "You can have eight \$25,000 men have eight duds."

Here ostensibly to "save our ships," he made it plain that he intended to save our shipowners. Kennedy hasn't lost any of his hatred for organized labor. When asked if he would have anything to do with the lockout of the Seattle longshoremen by the Waterfront Employers Assn., he replied:

"I can't miss it. Again under the Maritime Act, we have no jurisdiction over labor (a regretful note in his voice). If this sort of thing continues, it means the end of the merchant marine. We might as well throw our money in the ocean."

It was obvious that by this "sort of thing" he meant the shipowner's charge that the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union is "violating the agreement."

Kennedy said he did not intend to meet with a delegation from the crew of the Poller liner Hoover, which arrived here this morning aboard the President McKinley, as it was not in his "jurisdiction."

To Meet Union Leaders
"I am going to meet with the men at 4 o'clock this afternoon, though," he said.

"What men?"
"Lundeberg and the other representatives of labor out here."

A delegation of Maritime Federation union leaders was scheduled to meet with Kennedy late today, including Harry Bridges, ILWU president; Harry Lundeberg, Sailors' Union secretary; and R. J. Fitzgerald, Marine Firemen's secretary pro tem.

No Comments on Algie
The Commission chairman refused to make any comment on the (Continued on Page 6, Col. 5.)

TACOMA DOCK MEN OFFER SEATTLE AID

Border Line Not Included
in Agreement, Says
Bridges

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—A rank and file committee of Tacoma longshoremen declared today they will refuse to work cargo diverted from Seattle because of the lockout by the employers. The Tacoma longshore local has not yet gone CIO.

Meanwhile, the Seattle longshoremen strove to reach an agreement with the Waterfront Employers Association, offering to return to work at once and negotiate in regard to the S. S. Border Prince and the Border Line afterwards. Unloading of the vessel precipitated the lockout, when the employers asked that the cargo be handled by the ship's crew and the longshoremen insisted that they live up to the agreement which grants the work to the longshoremen.

Old Terms Suggested

The Waterfront Employers Association suggested the men return under conditions which existed prior to November 19, when the agreement was reached.

A spokesman for the Tacoma rank-and-file declared:

"The Tacoma workers are solidly behind the Seattle longshoremen. We will not fight our brother unionists in the CIO. We are supporting them in their fight against the shipowners."

Ernest P. Marsh, federal labor conciliator, acting on instructions from Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, entered the negotiations last night.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Harry Bridges again accused the Waterfront Employers Association of violating the 1500 longshoremen in their lockout here today.

"The claim of the employers that the Border Line, whose steam schooner, Border Prince was used by them to start the dispute, has joined the Waterfront Employers Association and therefore is a part of the agreement, is a direct violation of the agreement," Bridges told the People's World.

"The agreement says anyone joining the Employers Association must do so by mutual agreement, and we agreed to that if any new local, such as the Honolulu local, would also come under the agreement. They wouldn't agree to that, so as it stands, it requires mutual consent."

Method Proposed
The International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union president proposed a method to settle the dispute.

"We are asking that work be resumed, and negotiations directly with the Border Line be started," he said.

A Maritime Federation mass meeting, to outline the issues of the lockout was called yesterday afternoon in Seattle.

In providing work for the growing numbers of needy Americans who face starvation," the editorial declared, "the WPA is badly hampered by the infamous Woodrum amendment. This amendment must be repealed and WPA must be enabled and required to provide work for all who are left out by private industry."

"There must be no retreat before the arrogant and short-sighted demands of those who would cut government expenditures at the expense of the unemployed. Public welfare must take precedence over private profits."

"One of the first essential steps," the editorial continued, "is to permit the government to provide work for the unemployed, and to provide confidence where it is needed most is passage of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution on WPA employment which is now on the Senate calendar."

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ACTION URGED
WPA Orders 9 States to
Adopt Emergency
Measures

By ADAM LAPIN

(People's World, Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Backing up its policy that every worker has the right to a job, the CIO today launched a nationwide campaign for passage of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution.

This resolution provides that it shall be the policy of WPA to give jobs to all workers who cannot find employment in private industry, and that WPA workers who cannot find work elsewhere shall be discharged.

Introduced by Senator Lewis W. Schwellenbach of Washington and Representative Robert G. Allen of Pennsylvania, the resolution is now on the Senate calendar and is expected to come up some time during this session.

Letters were sent by the CIO today to all unions, councils and representatives urging them to take immediate steps to rally support for the measure in their localities.

Jobs for All

A front page editorial in CIO news, official CIO organ, entitled "Promise to Provide Work Must Be Kept," also urges widespread action to insure passage of the resolution.

Meanwhile, David Lasser, president of the Workers' Alliance of America, said that his criticism of sabotage of the recent WPA order to give jobs to 350,000 workers has brought results. Lasser reported that Aubrey Williams, assistant WPA administrator, has ordered officials in nine mid-western states from Ohio to Kansas to put needy workers on WPA rolls and to investigate later.

The original charge made by Lasser was that sabotage was taking place because of the unnecessarily slow certification of needy workers.

WPA Viewpoint Changing
This change was hailed by Lasser "as a concession to the criticism of the Workers' Alliance."

He saw in it an indication that the WPA administration seems to be veering around to the point of view of the Schwellenbach-Allen resolution.

In its editorial, CIO urged action for the repeal of the Woodrum amendment which provides that WPA funds be apportioned in 12 equal sums, thus making a deficiency appropriation.

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Attacks Knudsen
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'Democracy On Trial,' Says Lewis In Arizona

Urges Consideration for the Many, Not for the
Few in Comment on Layoff of 30,000
General Motors Men

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Poor Showing

Capital and industry, Mr. Lewis said, "have made a pretty poor business showing—we need more labor participation in Government affairs." He blamed "lost purchasing power," resulting from insufficient wages, for the present business recession.

Lewis made no comment on President Roosevelt's message to Congress, but said:

"The billions spent by the Federal Government in relief really are subsidies of business, because all the money has found its way directly back to the coffers of business men."

JOHN L. LEWIS

House Progressives Open Counter-Attack

(People's World, Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—House progressives launched a vigorous counter-offensive on the House floor today against big business attacks on the New Deal.

Representatives who made speeches along these lines included John M. Coffee, of Washington, H. Jerry Voorhis of California, both progressive Democrats, and John T. Bernhardt, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota.

Their speeches followed a meeting of House Progressives this morning.

Attacks Tory Program
Attacking the program recently adopted by the National Association of Manufacturers, Coffee said:

"The self-styled 'industry's program for 1938' is in fact not a program for America's 130,000,000 people, nor even for all of industry, but a program for America's sixty families."

"As against industry's program of slashing wages, cutting WPA, and denying the rights of collective bargaining, Coffee offered a program which he said Progressives in Congress and outside of it would support.

Points included in this program were:

1. The right of every American worker to a job.
2. Strengthening and preservation of the National Labor Relations Act.
3. Passage of a wages and hours bill.
4. Adequate relief for the millions of unemployed workers.
5. Protection of small business men and small investors.
6. Legislation to aid the farmers.

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program, and for the permanence of American democracy.

"Many of us reaffirm the pledge made in our name by the President—that the pledge that we shall not let the people down."

"We recognize the program of the N.A.M. whenever it is offered here by any members of whatever party or section, no matter how cleverly it may be disguised."

"We shall fight for the defeat of this program on every issue and for the program we and the President have pledged to achieve for the American people," Coffee emphasized.

Bernhardt declared that the President and the people had planned for recovery, but that big business had deliberately thrown a monkey wrench into these plans. The title of his speech was "we planned it so."

Monkey Wrench Thrown
"Something went wrong with our plans," he said. "Was it accident? We who are accused of seeking alibis reject the alibi of accident. We affirm that we planned it so, but that powerful forces threw a monkey wrench into our plans."

Bernhardt accused the railroad magnates of playing an active part in the sit-down strike of big business.

"The railroad magnates are active in the strike," he declared. "Their equipment deteriorated by 25 per cent during the crisis and depression, which made large new purchases necessary. These purchases were begun toward the end of 1936."

"In May, 1937," he charged, "immediately after the meeting of the American Association of Railroad Presidents, the railroad magnates suddenly stopped these purchases."

Voorhis declared that "the program which we have before us now must be carried out."

He said that big business opponents of the New Deal have no constructive program of their own to offer.

AFL Chief Asks Bill to Cut Hours

HOUSING ASKED
Auto Union Leader Says
Half of Detroit Men
Are Unemployed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (TP)—Pres. William Green of the AFL demanded immediate emergency legislation today to halt the business slump.

Green told the Senate Unemployment Committee that the reduction of jobs is proceeding at a pace comparable only to the worst days of the depression. The AFL head called for a bill reducing working hours as the first piece of legislation needed. He did not ask a minimum wage law.

Said Green:—"Immediate increases in WPA work and other employment are imperative in order to lift business out of the decline."

Green suggested increased public works construction; enactment of the housing program; reduction of local taxes to aid housing; and revision of the social security program.

Mr. Homer Martin of the United Automobile workers told the Senate Committee that one half of the auto workers in the Detroit district have lost their jobs in the business recession.

Martin put the Chrysler employees at 15,000 on a 12 to 24 hour week compared with a peak of 80,000 in 1937. Martin said that General Motors employees 161,000 men against 226,000 at the peak of its payroll last year.

The Auto Union chief estimated that the Ford company is employing 10,000 men on work weeks of one to three days compared with a normal load of 100,000.

Flays 15-Hour Day

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (TP)—AFL President Green sent a strong letter of protest today to Interstate Commerce Commissioner Eastman over the maximum hour provision for drivers of busses and trucks.

The commissioner recently published safety regulations setting the maximum hours of labor for motor-car drivers at 15 in any one day and 60 hours in one week. The AFL head pointed out that the 20-year operation of the eight-hour basic work-day for railroad employees proved the unreasonableness of the 15 hour day for motor-carrier drivers.

Roosevelt Flays
Press for Drive
Against Budget

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (TP)—President Roosevelt today chided newspapers which have been calling for a balanced budget. He remarked if the press wants to help out it could do something about the subsidy it gets from the government.

He said that the government's policy of distributing money to newspapers is a "monstrous waste of money."

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GAYNOR SAYS EXTRA SESSION IS NECESSITY

Sees Fall Elections As
Present Objective
of League

by TOM PATTERSON
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The state executive board will meet Sunday in Fresno, but meanwhile State Chairman A. F. Gaynor of Labor's Non-Partisan League is fully convinced that a special session of the legislature is necessary.

"We could have been started now with housing projects under the Wagner-Stegall Act," he told The People's World today, "if Governor Merriam hadn't vetoed the four enabling bills passed last session."

"If the Governor calls the session," Gaynor added, "he'll try to make political capital out of it for himself. But when virtually everyone agrees about the need for housing legislation, he'll have a hard job explaining his vetoes."

Organization Grows
Gaynor, who puts in his eight hours on the job these days and attends to Labor's political movement in the hours afterward, is concerned right now with the organization's growth and its immediate tasks.

"We're able to report now," he said, "that unions totaling about 30,000 members are formally affiliated so far." Conditions of affiliation set down by the state convention last month include payment of ten cents per member per year.

"Of course the Sunday meeting in Fresno will concern itself with the 1938 elections. That will be the central campaign from now on, but we're still confining ourselves to discussing issues and working for unity of the labor movement behind a program. We will not talk candidates until the next convention in the middle of this year."

Three Issues
"Three important matters were referred to the coming meeting by action of the convention. They involve the action we will take on the questions of the unicameral legislature, the use of injunctions against labor and the state-wide rash of anti-picketing ordinances."

Gaynor expected that Labor's Non-Partisan League will be represented by spokesmen when the housing sub-committee of the Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare holds a hearing Monday and Tuesday in Sacramento.

The executive board session in Sacramento will be held at the Hotel Californian.

Special Session Opponents Silent

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—If there are legislators who oppose a special session of the legislature, they are carefully avoiding admitting it. Whether the governor mentioned the proposition with the idea of actually calling it is not clear.

Assemblymen Patrick J. McMurray and Melvin I. Cronin of San Francisco are among the latest to announce they favor the idea. We have yet to hear any legislator, since the Wagner-Stegall act passed, come out and say he opposes a state enabling act.

Even those who support Merriam seem to have lurking suspicions he made a large boner when he vetoed those passed.

Senator Walter McGovern, the governor's faithful respondent to a question over the telephone as follows: "I don't see how the members of the legislature can give an answer to that (whether or not a special session should be called). The governor is in the best position to know. Don't you think?"

Merriam's Veto Bars Way to House Building

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Four bills vetoed by Governor Merriam last Spring would have been entirely sufficient for the state to qualify for 50 million dollars of federal housing funds under the Wagner-Stegall Act.

High R. Pomeroy, fiscal representative of the National Association of Housing Officials, told a conference of commercial, building and civic interests.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Although landlords raised rents throughout the city during the year, only 1946 units of new housing were undertaken last year. This figure was 49 units below that of 1936. The figures were based on building permits issued by municipal permit bureau.

San Pedro Man Jailed In Card Slaying of 2

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 6. (TP)—Wesley Martin was jailed today after Sheriff's captain William Bright said Martin confessed to killing two companions in a quarrel during a card game.

Victims were Lloyd Lansing, a ship painter, and Lawrence Wines, a longshoreman. Officers said Martin shot the others with an old fashioned pistol last night in his hut on the edge of Wilmington.

Landlords' Greed Blamed for Slums

Los Angeles Health Officer Tells the City Council
That New Slums Are Springing Up—
Rent Sharks Are Assailed

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Slums in Los Angeles are largely due to the greed of landlords who "take advantage of conditions" and get rents for houses that are practically uninhabitable, according to City Health Officer George Parrish.

Parrish reported to the City Council yesterday that new slums are developing.

"Some," he said, "are of recent origin but many are as old as the city itself."

The health officer made his report to the Council in compliance with a request for some written presentation to be placed before the Assembly Interim Committee on Social Welfare.

The Interim Committee will meet Monday in Sacramento to consider the possibility of obtaining a special session of the State Legislature for consideration of a municipal housing act.

The City Council has passed a resolution providing for the City to obtain a share of the \$50,000,000 which the Government will loan the state for a housing program.

Governor Frank Merriam's veto of the enabling act to take advantage of the Wagner-Stegall funds has placed an obstruction in the way of the city's obtaining this federal money for slum clearance.

Pro and Cons Battle Over Picket Ban
Mayor Shaw Remains Non-Committal on Ordinance

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Indicating today that he is wary of the anti-picketing ordinance, Mayor Frank L. Shaw interviewed a group of labor leaders and a committee of merchants.

An A. F. of L. delegation including representatives of the Warehousemen's, Retail Clerks and Studio Carpenters' Unions and the American Federation of Actors, visited the Mayor yesterday.

Curtis Hyams, W. Hassen and Ralph Fraser spoke against the ordinance.

No Commitment
Though he refused to make any final commitment, both labor and business groups were under the impression that the Mayor is not entirely satisfied with the ordinance.

Pressure of separate merchant and manufacturer groups to sign the anti-picketing ordinance, continues to be applied.

Representing the Super Market Association, C. S. Smith yesterday headed a group of money barons who interviewed the Mayor.

Unfair Merchant Complaints
Smith, whose own markets have been a constant source of trouble and worry to the labor movement because of his unfair practices and the poor conditions of his employees, complained that stores "have been subjected to all forms of picketing and violence."

In the meantime both C. I. O. and A. F. of L. groups are continuing their fight against the ordinance. Preparation is being made to circulate a petition to bring the ordinance to a referendum vote should the Mayor refuse to veto the measure.

Thus far Mayor Shaw has been non-committal except for a vague statement of dissatisfaction with some clauses of the ordinance.

Culinary Local Congratulates F.D. On His Message

OAKLAND, Jan. 7.—Culinary Workers' Union, Local 31 (AFL), continued its progressive march here yesterday when it petitioned unanimously a resolution to send a letter to President Roosevelt, congratulating him for his opening address to this session of Congress and promising him fullest support in all progressive measures.

Second outstanding step was the strong vote endorsing a resolution to call the Unemployed Committees of all unions in Alameda County to a conference late in January, for the purpose of coordinating the efforts of securing relief for all unemployed union members.

At the same time, the more than 300 vote endorsing a resolution to take immediate steps to put into effect a wage scale increase passed by the union last September. It was pointed out that the committee in charge of the increase, had not functioned in the most satisfactory manner.

Culinary Union Plans Help for Jobless Workers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Miscellaneous Employees Local 110, of the AFL Culinary Alliance, today announced setting up of an unemployment committee to assure getting prompt and adequate relief for unemployed members, and to fight layoffs.

"This action was taken by our meeting yesterday afternoon," said Secretary Sam Jay, "after the culinary Joint Board rejected a resolution submitted by Cooks Local 44, and concurred in by our union, for the setting up of centralized unemployed body for all culinary locals, by a 7-5 vote."

"Our local's unemployment committee will carry forward a program for our unemployed members and will seek to cooperate with similar committees in the other locals in the industry."

Citizens Ired At Mushroom Labor's Plight

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Jan. 7.—Vigorous criticism of sanitation, housing and canning operations at the struck Golden State Mushroom Co. plant was made here today by a group of 30 leading citizens of Redwood City and vicinity, who issued a written statement on the results of a findings committee's investigation.

The plant has been picketed for a number of weeks by the strikers, who are organized under the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Included in the group of 30 was County Health Director Charles C. Gans. The report was drafted by C. A. Warfield of San Carlos, chairman; William Milne, F. J. Furnival, C. L. Anderson and Rev. William J. Owen, after a tour of inspection with Plant Superintendent Eddie Deskins and President Solomon Fernandez of the Mushroom Workers Union.

Future Meetings
The committee determined to meet in the near future with Dr. Gans and representatives of the state housing commission and the state food inspection service, and in addition is inviting Stuart Savery, plant manager, and Stanley Hancock, CIO organizer, to meet at the home of Chairman Warfield to consider the union's demands for higher wages, shorter working hours and union recognition, with a view to working out a settlement of the strike.

The report outlined six main indictments on sanitation against the company:

1. A "deplorable lack of facilities for the workers to wash, there being only one wash basin for the entire staff of women workers and one for the men, both basins being in the same room with the toilets. Only cold water is available."

2. No showers whatever—workers must go home to clean up.

3. Drainage from mushroom beds is allowed to accumulate in open trenches.

4. An incorrectly installed septic tank should be replaced by connections with the sewage system.

5. Garbage is allowed to collect in open containers, providing a breeding place for flies.

6. Lack of control of rats and flies is grossly neglected.

On housing, the report stated the workers are housed in sheds—the quarters are "inadequately ventilated, crowded, dark and without vents for gas heating and cooking appliances."

On canning operations, the group declared they are "conducted in a dark, low-roofed shed with exposed rafters, the approach to which is through a littered yard, without shelter. Canning operatives are literally are without the necessary facilities to insure personal cleanliness before beginning and during their work."

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Nurses Leaders Installed
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The AFL Nurses Union announced installation of officers for 1938, including Mrs. Eunice Kindell, president; Mrs. A. Cody, vice-president; Ruth Mihan, financial secretary; Mrs. Estelle Blair, treasurer.

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LABOR JUMPS GUN ON OPEN SHOP MEETING

Paddock Is Left Behind
By Workers' Fast
Questioning

LONG BEACH, Jan. 7.—Leaders of the open-shop "Citizens' Committee of Ten Thousand" found themselves with their backs against the wall Wednesday night, when organized labor, AFL and CIO, packed their widely publicized "mass meeting" at Civic Auditorium.

Chairmaned by E. B. Clancy, executive secretary-treasurer of the Ten Grand group, the meeting got off to a smooth start with detailed explanations from Charlie Paddock, business manager of the local Press-Telegram and member of the committee's advisory council, who related the organization's "aims."

Demands from the organized labor majority of 3,500 persons in the hall that speakers state how labor would be benefited by the committee, however, swept away original plans of the business men. Bewildered, Chairman Clancy forced insurance Mogul Ray Underwood and Paddock to step in and steer the meeting.

When representatives of labor went on the stage and attempted to argue points with the committee's leaders, Paddock waved questions aside and declared the meeting had "got away from its original purpose."

Among laborites who spoke were George Roberts, president of the Los Angeles CIO Industrial Council; James Engstrom, president of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific; and Labor Attorney George Shibley. George Robertson, Southern California regional director of the CIO, was denied permission to speak.

Lack of the union label on application cards put committee leaders "on the spot" when members of the audience demanded to know why a group that is ostensibly formed to "bring employers and employee together" used non-union printing.

Fifty-Fifty
"We believe in a non-partisan setup," answered Paddock. "Fifty per cent of our work is going to organized labor and 50 per cent to unorganized labor."

"It's another move of the Merchant's and Manufacturers' Association and Chamber of Commerce to set up a vigilante group to defeat the very thing that we are fighting for," said CIO Director Robertson in reference to the Committee.

"There was not a mention made in the meeting of how labor is going to solve its problems," he added.

**S.F. Is Choice
Of Engineers
For Nat'l Meet**

Convention Will Be
First Held As
CIO Body

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Although the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association is one of the oldest labor organizations in the U. S., its 62nd national convention to be held in San Francisco, Calif., on January 17 will be a "first" convention in at least two ways.

It will be the first MEBA convention to be held in San Francisco, and also the union's first under the banner of the Committee for Industrial Organization, with its new name of International Union for Marine Engineers. The past three conventions have been held in Washington, D. C., headquarters city.

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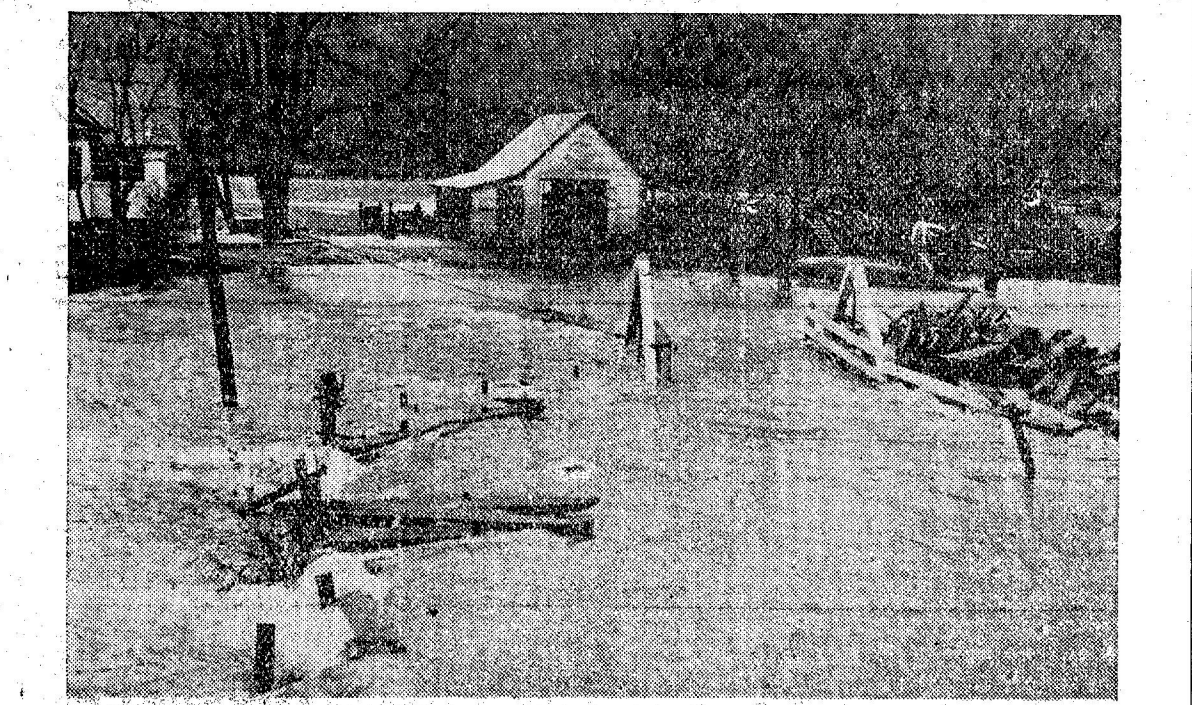
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FLOODS RAVAGE OREGON FARM LANDS



ONE OF THE many farmsteads on the outskirts of Portland which were endangered by raging waters following the rise of nearby streams after a series of heavy rainstorms in the northern part of the state. The floods caused much property damage and marooned many families.

Pedro Pete Attorney for 'Dirty Dozen'

Claims Green Backing
at Hearing Before
Labor Board

(People's World L. A. Bureau)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—At the reopening of the National Labor Relations Board hearing here yesterday, A. H. (Pedro Pete) Peterson showed versatility by appearing as counsel for the "Dirty Dozen" ex-longshoremen who stayed with the AFL when the dockers went CIO, and by claiming to have personal authorization from AFL President William Green to represent the American Federation of Labor in all matters in which "its welfare is at stake."

Peterson admitted he had no authorization to appear for the board of directors or the officers of International Longshoremen's Association, Locals 38-82, Inc., but was authorized by the "Dirty Dozen."

Board attorney David Sokol asked: "Do you claim your organization represents the majority of the longshoremen in the harbor?"

"Pedro Pete" stated he would introduce hundreds of pages of evidence from the transcript of the trial before Judge Reuben Schmidt, in which the "Dirty Dozen" failed to secure control of ILA 38-82.

"Tom C. Brown, acting secretary-treasurer of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, Local 1-13 at San Pedro, produced authorization cards showing 2193 longshoremen designating the ILWU as its bargaining agent."

E. L. Bowen, ILWU acting president, testified that Edwin Nichols, head of the Waterfront Employers Association at the Harbor, refused to recognize Local 1-13 as bargaining agent.

"Continued refusal," said Bowen, "would cause a serious state of affairs."

**Refinery Local Ready
To Take Strike Vote**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The Golden State Refinery Workers Union, Local No. 50 of the CIO Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, is making preparations to take a strike vote against the Federated Metals Co., a division of the American Smelting & Refining Co., it was stated here today.

Negotiations over 30 days failed to produce satisfactory understanding on the union shop, wages, job classification, hours, seniority and vacations with pay, with the company refusing to budge from its proposed job classification and wage rates meaning a pay cut for 26 men, the union stated. Approximately 150 employees are affected.

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Pedro Stevedores Kill Return-to-AFL Rumor

CIO Union's Officials Spike as False Report by
Ryan Group—Hold That Local Will
Stick by Its Guns

SAN PEDRO, Jan. 7.—Reports issued by the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. District Committee that they were "telling San Pedro men to get back to ILA before it's too late," following a claimed "victory" in court over the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, were branded as lies here today in a bulletin addressed to all Pacific Coast longshore locals by Roy M. Donnelly, president, and Francis G. Fetzner, secretary, of ILA Local 38-82, Inc.

Their bulletin states: "While we should not be surprised at the statement made above, we were surprised to see that this group would go so far as to mishandle the truth in this manner."

"We wish to state, here and now, that if this group of Ryanites (Paddy Morris, Bill Lewis, Bruce and Company) wait for Donnelly and Fetzner to recommend longshoremen joining their ranks, Ryan will never have enough longshoremen to work a dory."

Assure Other Ports
"While this letter is signed by ourselves as president and secretary of the ILA Local 38-82, Incorporated, it is as officers of the corporation that we are carrying on the fight to legally affiliate the incorporated local with the ILWU."

"The longshoremen of ILWU Local 1-13 control this port, absolutely, and we can assure other ports that Ryan will not be able to shake this control."

"We feel sure that the longshoremen... are as progressive as they have shown to be on occasion after occasion, that they have not reached the point or will reach the point when any small reactionary group can stampede them into the arms of Joseph P. Ryan and other reactionaries of the AFL of which he is an outstanding example."

"Yours for holding the fort," "Roy M. Donnelly, president," "Francis G. Fetzner, secretary," "Joseph P. Ryan is ILA president and an AFL vice-president."

**Inland Boatmen's Union
Signs Agreement**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The Inland Boatmen's Union has signed an agreement with the two boat companies of Thiemarrin & Johnston, the union announced today.

"Union recognition, and hiring on their hiring hall, and on a casual basis, \$1 an hour with a minimum of two hours, are included in the agreement," the committee stated. "All picket lines have been withdrawn."

"The marine culinary workers on the auto ferries are pressing their case against discrimination on the dismissal wage agreement."

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SUIT LINKS BECK, GREEN TO EMPLOYERS

Brewery Workers Claim
Bosses Promised to
Pay Men's Dues

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Contempt proceedings brought by the Brewery Workers Union against the Teamsters Union and the California Brewers Institute, were under advisement with Federal Judge Wm. James here today. Both unions are AFL.

Hearings were ended after Paul Malone, Brewers' Institute administrator, unwillingly testified that he, AFL President Wm. Green and Dave Beck, Teamsters' czar, had put their heads together and signed an agreement to compel the BWU members to take membership cards in the Teamsters Union.

Trial of the case will begin next Tuesday.

Employers to Pay Dues
Signed on May 12, 1936, the agreement provided that BWU members in California were to be given cards in the Teamsters, with the implication, Malone admitted, that the employers were to pay the initiation and dues of the men.

"Breweryworkers are not cattle to be bought and sold by William Green and Daniel J. Tobin (Teamsters president)," so that one union can have \$250,000 more in dues than it has now," said Attorney P. H. McCarthy.

The BWU filed proceedings on the grounds this constituted undue interference by the Teamsters, officials and the employers into activities of the BWU. Beck "to have prosecuted a rigorous boycott, with many 'dumplings' of BWU members, in the Pacific Northwest."

**Back Wages for
Lumber Workers
Is NLRB Issue**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals today granted the National Labor Relations Board permission to reopen the Carlisle Lumber Company case and hold hearings to establish identity of employees who went on strike in 1935, to determine eligibility for reinstatement and back pay.

Last month the court ordered the company to obey a Labor Board order to reinstate the strikers and bargain collectively with them, but decision as to payment of back pay was deferred for presentation of evidence.

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NAZIS DEFEND JEW BAITING IN RUMANIA

Rome Ready to Greet
Hitler on Visit in
the Spring

BERLIN, Jan. 7. (TP)—The semi-official German press struck at Britain today over London's note to Rumania on behalf of Rumanian Jews. The British note to Bucharest, reminding Rumania of her obligations under minority treaties, evoked bitter comment from the "Deutsche Dienst", a subsidiary of the official German News Agency.

"The British treatment of the Boers of Africa during the Boer War stands out in striking contrast to the present British distress over the welfare of Rumanian Jews. Britain never has thought of minorities agreements on behalf of three million Germans oppressed and persecuted by Czechoslovakia. Human lives never have played a great part where British interests were at stake."

Rome Ready for Hitler
ROME, Jan. 7. (TP)—The Italian government announced today that arrangements are virtually complete for the entertainment of Chancellor Hitler when he visits Premier Mussolini next April.

Foreign Minister Ciano is chairman of the committee on arrangements. One of Rome's finest palaces, the Palazzo Doria, is being prepared as Hitler's official residence during the stay in Rome.

The German Chancellor will also visit Florence and Naples. Details of the program for Hitler's entertainment have not been disclosed. Observers, however, recall the pomp with which Premier Mussolini was received in Berlin last summer and predict that elaborate plans have been laid for the visit of the Nazi chieftain.

Duce Speeds Building Of Men-of-War Heavy Fighting Craft Marks Change in Policy

ROME, Jan. 7. (TP)—Premier Mussolini took another step today toward fulfilling his promise to give Italy an ocean-going navy when he announced plans for the construction of two more 35,000-ton battleships.

The new naval building program also calls for the construction of 12 scout ships and a number of new submarines.

Italy now has two of the most modern capital ships afloat in the navy. The 35,000-ton battleships launched last year. The two new men-of-war announced today will give the Italian navy a total of eight first line battleships.

The construction of heavy fighting craft marks a change in the Italian naval policy. Italian naval experts previously considered that lighter ships were better adapted to Italy's defense needs in the restricted waters of the Mediterranean.

News-Press Contract Talks in Stalemate

GLENDALE, Calif., Jan. 7.—The Newspaper Guild has reached a stalemate in negotiations for a new scale and guild recognition with the News-Press, the only daily newspaper in Glendale, it was announced here today.

Upon the presentation of the proposed scale and agreement, the News-Press management has consistently refused to enter into any negotiations and has employed a very reactionary lawyer to fight the Guild.

Kent Valley Farmers Petition Flood Aid

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—Sixty-seven farmers in the Kent Valley petitioned the Board of County Commissioners to save their homes from winter floods.

Each year the swollen waters of mountain creeks overflow the banks and sweep through the lands of the valley farmers. Today Soos Creek five miles southeast of Renton, menaces the lower valley.

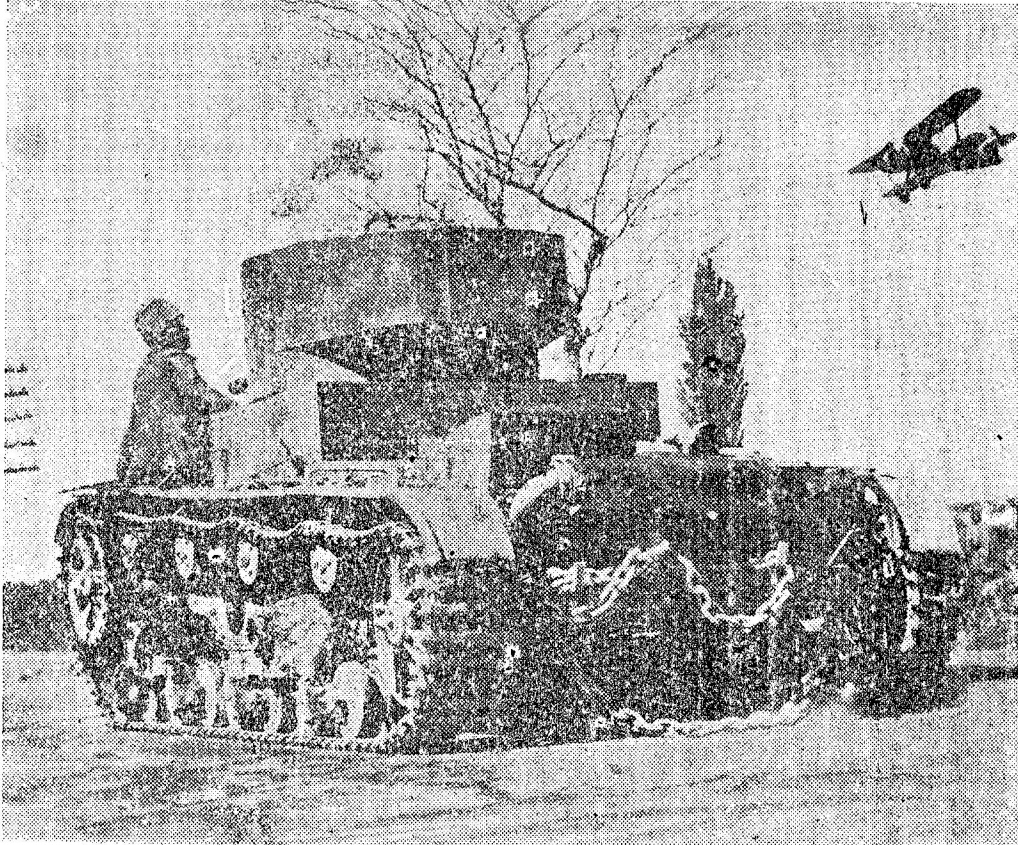
The farmers in appealing to the county for aid, said the flood threat would be lessened if fallen trees and other debris that clogs the creek were removed.

Layoffs Hit Workers in Stove Industry

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Journemen of the AFL Stove Mounters Union have been laid off here in the past week, with only helpers and a few journeymen told to stay on the job pending outcome of negotiations between the union's committee and the employers.

The union negotiating committee has been trying for weeks to win higher wage scales, but to win success, so the rank-and-file of the union has demanded a general membership meeting for Friday night to thrash things out, it was learned today.

When Fascist Plane Meets Loyalist Tank



A TANK of the Loyalist forces defending Madrid moves along a road toward the front lines as an insurgent plane speeds overhead.

Nazis Heil As British Officer Calls on Heaven For Fascism

250 in San Francisco
Cheer Denunciation
of Democracy

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Here in San Francisco last night uniformed Nazis cheered, greeted one another with "Heils," and heard Captain Henry Hamilton Beamish, British fascist, declare:

"Some people say we are trying to export fascism—Well, I wish to Heaven National Socialism and Fascism could be exported to every country in the world."

I attended a meeting of the German American Bund, Nazi propaganda organization, last night at California Hall, Folk and Turk streets.

There I heard 250 Nazis roundly cheer the announcement that Baron Mannfried Von Killinger, confessed woman-flogger and Nazi consul-general in San Francisco, would speak at a closed meeting of the Bund, Jan. 14 in the California Hall banquet room.

The announcement was delivered in German by Herr Hein, master of ceremonies for the evening while around the wall stood nearly a dozen uniformed Nazis, cheering and giving the fascist salute.

Captain Beamish, who boasted that he spoke on the same platform as Hitler in Munich in 1922, declared that he had addressed the Bund in New York City and Los Angeles.

"The Jews started and won the last war," he cried with a thick British accent, and today Germany is surrounded by Jewish democracies—Kosher countries I call them, England, France, Czechoslovakia. Germany wants peace, but Germany didn't arm, the Bolshevik, alias Jewish, hordes would have overwhelmed her."

The tone of the whole meeting was rabidly anti-Semitic, and Herr Hein quashed all attempts at discussion, although several Germans in the rear of the hall asked for the floor.

The principal speaker of the evening, Otto W. Degen, who stood between an American flag and a Nazi swastika as he spoke, proved something of a wash-out. He was an old, wasp-like creature with horn-rimmed glasses, a goatee and

Red Cross Ships Supplies; Bars Clothing For Chinese

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Although the Red Cross continues to refuse acceptance of clothing for shipment to China, 207 bales collected earlier by Chinese relief organizations were shipped from here Wednesday on the U. S. Army Transport Chaumont.

The announcement was made by A. L. Schafer, manager of the Pacific Branch of the Red Cross, in a letter to Consul General C. C. Huang of China. The consignment was made up of mostly new garments, delivered by Chinese relief

Soviets Keep Watchful Eye on Drifting North Pole Camp

MOSCOW, (TP)—"A close watch is being kept over the drifting North Pole station, and the Soviet government is ready to come to the aid of the four valiant scientists," Otto J. Schmidt, famous Arctic explorer and head of the northern searoute administration, declared in an interview.

Planes on Rudolf Island can fly to the Papanin camp without even waiting for good weather, for we know the exact location of the station all the time. It can give planes their bearings and light signals when they are ready to land," continued Schmidt.

He told about the small hydrographic vessel, the Murmanets, which will leave Murmansk for the Greenland sea in the near future.

moustache. He read most of his speech.

"What are the aims of the Jews?" he squeaked. "The Jews are after the domination of the world so Christian people may be their slaves."

He extolled the Nazi Labor Front lavishly.

New Liberty Concept
"Germany does not accept the liberal or so-called democratic nations' interpretation of liberty," he declared. "It is not a question of how much a man makes, but how he lives. Germany solved the social problem, not against the worker, but for and with the worker."

Degen claimed to have returned recently from a trip to Germany. He was fulsome in his praise of the Hitler regime.

"Employers and employees are a unit," he shouted. "There are no more strikes! When Hitler came into power in 1933 he took over the funds of all labor organizations and placed them in government banks."

He let the cat slip out of the bag, however, when, after a prolonged eulogy of the Nazi labor policy, he declared that the wage for common laborers in Germany was now around 33 marks a week.

At its current exchange rate of more than five marks for a dollar, this means a weekly wage of about \$6.50. A few sentences later he declared that the Nazi government checked off about 10 per cent of all wages for "social services."

Actually, this latter figure runs much higher.

Nazi Tourists Due
Of interest to San Franciscans should be Regen's statement that eight Nazi "labor tourist" steamers would be in San Francisco during the 1939 exposition.

He likewise declared that he was sure Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania would all go Nazi in the near future. He carefully abstained from making any predictions about the United States.

An international flavor was lent to the meeting by the presence of Italian Fascists and White Russians, who were introduced and given the fascist salute.

Degen's speech was heartily applauded. It was followed by the showing of an ordinary film produced by a German tourist agency.

It was received in a lukewarm

Killinger Will Speak
at Secret Meeting,
Audience Told

manner, but when Captain Beamish strode to the platform, he was loudly cheered.

Beamish concluded a violent anti-Semitic address by announcing that he would speak this evening at the Native Sons Hall.

A beely plug-ugly bounded to the floor from the center of the Hall. "But only Christians can attend," he shouted. "No Jews! I'll be there myself to see to that."

The crowd laughed and applauded. The meeting was over.

Sailors Vote To Remain Independent

West Coast Union Only
Absentee From Unity
Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Secretary Harry Lundberg of the Sailors Union of the Pacific announced today that the "three-way" referendum vote had resulted in 2204 votes in favor of remaining "independent" and 641 votes for either the American Federation of Labor or the Committee for Industrial Organization.

This would leave the SUP the only major seamen's organization in the U. S. staying out of the National Unity Convention starting here January 17, to build a national seamen's union under the CIO.

In a statement and story appearing exclusively in Hearst's S. F. Examiner, Lundberg accused the CIO of taking up a special assessment among the longshoremen and spending "thousands of dollars" in an attempt to influence the vote. Lundberg also said "they" made "personal threats and pleas" to sailors.

Ridicule Change
The Longshoremen's union ridiculed Lundberg's statement, saying the last assessment voted by their local was in October for the benefit of the locked out CIO Woodworkers in Portland, Ore.

The SUP was part of the AFL International Seamen's Union until late in 1935, when its charter was revoked by ISU top officials. Subsequent negotiations for return of the charter failed when Lundberg rejected the ISU terms.

Last summer, after the Maritime Federation of the Pacific convention unanimously proposed a referendum for CIO affiliation in all component organizations, the SUP ballots were burned by orders of a small headquarters branch meeting. However, they were counted in several ports with the totals showing 90 per cent in favor of CIO.

Since then Lundberg has made many attacks on the CIO.

Police of 3 States Hunt Fugitive Mail Bandits

CUNTHRIE, Ky., Jan. 7. (TP)—Murder charges faced three fugitive bandits today in the fatal shooting of a Federal postoffice messenger and the wounding of Police Chief Sherrod. The trio seized a mail bag containing \$25,000 and fled.

The messengers, Arthur Mimms, was taking the mail pouch to a train yesterday with Chief Sherrod and a postoffice clerk as his and without warning opened fire, and without warning opened fire. The police chief was shot in both legs.

Police of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee were asked to keep a close watch over all highways today for the bandit car.

RACKETEERS LINKED WITH MYSTERY PAIR

G-Men Trace Couple in
USSR Jail to N. Y.
Dope-Deddlers

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Federal sleuths, still trying to unravel the Robinson passport mystery, stumbled across the trail of this city's public enemies Nos. 1 and 2—Louis (Lepeke) Buchalter and Jacob (Gurrah) Shapiro, master racketeers.

The investigators found that a man whose photograph closely resembled that of Buchalter obtained a passport through the office of former County Clerk Albert Marinelli in exactly the same manner as did "Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Robinson," whose true identity is still uncertain since their disappearance in Moscow last month.

Buchalter and Shapiro, who once dominated the narcotic and fur mugging racket of the city, recently jumped bail and completely dropped from sight.

U. S. Probes Fate of Passport Forgers

MOSCOW, Jan. 7. (TP)—The U. S. government invoked its agreement with the Soviet Union concerning the arrest of American citizens today in an effort to learn the fate of Mrs. Ruth Marie Rubens.

The U. S. Embassy made a formal demand on the Soviet foreign office asking whether Mrs. Rubens, also known as "Mrs. Robinson," had been arrested.

Under the agreement the Soviet officials are required to notify the U. S. authorities within 72 hours when an American citizen is taken into custody in Russia.

The demand was made after the state department at Washington had established that a woman who disappeared from her Moscow hotel several weeks ago was really Mrs. Rubens. The woman and a man had entered Russia on passports bearing the names of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson. The Washington authorities discovered that the passports were fraudulent.

10 L. A. Meetings Will Honor Lenin

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—"Collective Security: The Road to Peace" will be the subject of the Lenin Memorial meetings, it was announced today by Seema Matlin, chairman of the arrangements committee.

More than ten meetings will be held in Los Angeles county to commemorate the 13th anniversary of Lenin's death during the week of January 21st. According to the committee, Paul Cline, County Secretary will be the main speaker at the meeting jointly sponsored by the Downtown and Industrial section of the Communist Party to be held at the Trinity Auditorium, January 26.

UCLA Students Vote For Peace in Poll

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—UCLA students decisively voted against war as ballots were filed with the student newspaper, The California Bruin.

Of the 81 men that voted, only five said that they would volunteer for service. The others would refuse to fight, but five said they would, if drafted.

Ballots turned in by 37 women showed that only six would support a war and encourage their boy friends to enlist.

One of the questions asking if the girls would support draft dodgers found no one willing to answer.

ICC Approves Merger Of Three Bus Lines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (TP)—The merger of three bus companies operating in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana was approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Washington Motor Coach Company, Inc., will be the result of the merger.

The Washington Company already is majority stockholder in the two other units—Olympia Peninsula Motor Coach Company and the Spokane-Butte Motor Coach Company.

DAVIES FOR BELGIUM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (TP)—President Roosevelt announced today that the American Ambassador to Russia, Joseph E. Davies, will be transferred to Belgium in the spring.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 7. (TP)—Passengers told today of spending four hours in an American A. R. Lines plane in the swamp behind Newark Airport after the pilot landed the ship safely in a fog.

Delayed by headwinds, pilot Usher Roush was 42 minutes late reaching the airport from Chicago. A thick fog blotted out the ground.

Roush circled over what he believed was Newark Airport and

New Hangman For Ethiopia



THE DUKE of Oosta, a cousin of King Emanuel, who was appointed by Mussolini to succeed Marshal Graziani as Viceroy of Ethiopia, is saluted by a guard of honor as he departs for Addis Ababa from Naples.

150,000 Italians Sent To Spain, Amlie Estimates

Twice Wounded Captain in Loyalist Ranks Returns
to U. S. Confident That People's Army
of 400,000 Will Win Out

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Twice wounded in the service of Loyalist Spain and back in the U. S. for a rest, Capt. Hans Amlie, brother of Rep. Thomas R. Amlie (Prog., Wis.), said that the republic, with an army of 400,000 and growing stronger, will win the war.

The tall, powerfully built engineer and former U. S. marine and army man, said morale of the Loyalists is insuperably higher than that of their adversaries, because they know what they are fighting for and have the civilian population solidly behind them.

Gen. Franco's conscripts, he said, are glad to become prisoners, which compels the fascists to depend on support of foreign powers who are in Spain for what they can get out of it in the way of raw materials. If Italy and Germany increased their support of Franco, Amlie believes it would lead to a general war.

150,000 Italians in Spain
Amlie estimated that 150,000 Italian troops have gone into Spain to aid Franco, of which perhaps 100,000 survive. About 150,000 Moors are there, but so many of the first recruits have been killed that many of those now with Franco are lads of 14 and 15. Nazi Germany is supplying about 7,000 or 8,000 aviators, advisers and specialists, as well as extensive war equipment.

The Teruel offensive is of the highest importance, the captain said, and would be a government victory even if the fascists recaptured the city, for it forced the long-planned Franco offensive to take place where the government wished and not where Franco wished. Amlie fought in important engagements at Jarama, Brunete and Belchite.

Tribute to Americans
He paid tribute to American volunteers, not only the combatants but those who, as stretcher-bearers and without means of defense expose themselves to fire. "Perhaps the bravest of all," he said, "is Pat Reid of Chicago, whose job it is to keep the telephone going between the headquarters and who is always seen carrying forward his spool of wire in the very front line."

Capt. Amlie returned with his bride, Millie Bennett, an American newspaper woman. He hopes to return to Spain in April or May, but will not go back without authorization from the U. S. government. By that time he hopes it will be abundantly clear that democracy should be saved in Spain and that the present "neutrality" policy whereby a weak nation, suffering an aggression, is denied the means to defend itself, will have been reversed.

Chain Store Tax
Upheld in Texas
AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 7.—(TP)—Chainstore companies operating in Texas lost out in the state supreme court today in their fight to defeat a recently enacted chain store tax bill. The measure calls for a tax of one dollar on the first store established in the state by a chain. The tax varies in accordance with the number of stores established.

The supreme court held that the tax was constitutional. Today the store chains moved for a rehearing of the decision.

The high court overruled the motion.

Alaska Mines Yield 20 Millions in Gold

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Twenty million dollars worth of gold was taken from Alaskan mines during the past year, according to a report of the Geological Survey today. Silver, copper, coal and other minerals brought up the total produced minerals up to \$27,440,000.

The year's production brought the total value of minerals taken from the territory since its purchase from Russia to \$750,000,000. The 1937 purchase price was \$7,200,000.

Marooned Air Passengers Tell of 4 Hours in Swamp

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 7. (TP)—Passengers told today of spending four hours in an American A. R. Lines plane in the swamp behind Newark Airport after the pilot landed the ship safely in a fog.

Delayed by headwinds, pilot Usher Roush was 42 minutes late reaching the airport from Chicago. A thick fog blotted out the ground.

Roush circled over what he believed was Newark Airport and

U. S. TO SIGN TRADE PACT WITH BRITAIN

Turns Down Plan for
Alignment With
Fascists

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A formal announcement of basic agreements on the long-pending trade pact between Great Britain and this country is to be expected within 24 hours according to informed circles here.

This opinion was strengthened last night when the United States gave a cold shoulder to the suggestion of former Belgian Premier Van Zeeland that America enter a "five power economic pact with Germany, Italy, Britain and France." Instead the government continued on the reciprocal trade program previously announced by Secretary of State Hull.

Tory Plan Rejected

The original Van Zeeland plan for a general economic conference with the aim of lowering tariff walls and stabilizing money systems, was yesterday modified by Britain's tory government. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain proposed a new scheme by which American gold would be used to provide credits for Germany and Italy and thus safeguard British investments in these countries.

But Washington is reported to be more receptive to this proposal than to the original plan. It appears, instead, that the United States will conclude a bilateral pact with Britain.

Men Who Fought For England Spurn Charity

LONDON, Jan. 7. (TP)—A protest against government relief for incapacitated ex-service men through the British "poor law" was contained today in a report filed by the British legion.

The legion report said that an 8-month inquiry had revealed that nearly one hundred thousand ex-service men who served in the World War were unable to work because of injuries sustained while fighting for their country. The report urged Parliament to devise some means of aiding these men without forcing them to pose as paupers to take advantage of the poor law.

British Jobless Mount Despite Rearmament

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Despite the heavy rearmament program of the National Government, Britain's jobless employed has swiftly risen 27 per cent in the last four months according to a Ministry of Labor report yesterday.

Ordinarily December brings an increase in jobs but the survey showed 166,000 workers not working last month who had jobs in November. The steady decline of the building industry accounts for much of the increase in jobless.

On December 12, the government report shows that 1,655,407 without work in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland—out of a 47,000,000 population. Many more are suffering in the Irish Free State.

VISITOR TO EUROPE WILL RELATE OBSERVATIONS TO L. A. AUDIENCE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Fugene Linder, founder of the Los Angeles Discussion Clubs, who has just returned from an extensive European tour will speak on: "My Experience and Observations in Germany, Austria, Poland and Rumania" on Sunday Jan. 9 at 7:30 P. M. at the Fellowship Forum 200 N. St. Louis St. There will be no admission charge.

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Smoke Out Merriam— Wipe Out Slums!

ANY tenant in San Francisco who can get away with paying less than one-fourth of his wages for rent, is just plain lucky. Many, very many, must pay more. That is, to get a place to live that is fit for living in.

Rents are high enough everywhere in the coastal cities. And in spite of this being God's own country, many a Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head, while a great percentage of city families live in what can only be called slums!

Slums in California! Slums in beautiful Portland! Slums in Seattle and Tacoma! How absurd, with all this sweep of land everywhere in the west, and with timber to supply the world, that people of the west are cooped up in miserable slums as bad as the lower East Side in New York City!

How in the name of all that is logical, did this situation arise? For one thing, there has been no real building of modern homes for the average family for ten years or more. Certainly, there has been some building, but by no means enough—for people of low incomes.

Yet, when a plan, that will be far and away too little—the Wagner-Steagall Housing Act—was passed in congress, it met the most bitter opposition of the reactionaries. It is now in the hands of a combined House and Senate committee for ironing out differences. The People's World welcomes this act's passage, and points out how it might markedly aid employment. Which is precisely why the reactionaries fought it—they pursue their "sit-down strike" and want unemployment to aid them to fight the CIO and crack the New Deal.

By the provisions of the Wagner-Steagall Act we have a plan for government housing, and also for—supposedly—stimulation of private construction by real estate interests.

By this Act, the Housing Administration will have authority to spend half a billion dollars up to 1939, with not more than 10 per cent to go to any single state.

But right here is where we in California, and specifically in San Francisco, which has the highest rents and the worst slums on this Coast, run up against the wall of reactionary stone that is topped by a man called Merriam, who, by the grace of disunity in progressive forces, is, unfortunately governor. Merriam vetoed the Enabling Act that might bring federal funds to California for building homes. (Building trades, remember that!)

But we do not think all is lost because a Republican anachronism sits in the State House at Sacramento. The National Conference of Mayors recently pointed to San Francisco as one cursed with slums. The City Administration is making much palaver over "Cleaning Up for the Fair."

The PEOPLE'S WORLD holds that Mayor Rossi and the City Fathers can—if they want to—fight for and get federal funds to wipe out at least a big part of this city's wretched hovels. To show Fair visitors a city virtually free of slums. If the Special Session cannot overpower reactionary Merriam, then there are other ways. But the way to make San Francisco free from eye-sores, is to wipe out its slums—and give labor unions jobs to help recovery at the same time.

Seamen and Dockers— Both Are Workers

SEAMEN work at sea. And longshoremen work along the shore, moving the cargo. But because the seamen want to work as seamen, and because the stevedores want to work handling the cargo, the Seattle Waterfront Employers Association has locked out 1500 longshoremen.

The port of Seattle is at a standstill, with other maritime workers also affected, because of the decree of the employers.

Why? Because the employers want to do their bit for Wall Street's program of economic sabotage, and also want to fatten their bank-rolls. They want to slash wages and they want to deprive hundreds of longshoremen of jobs. They claim the longshoremen are violating their contract, but two months ago they agreed to a settlement of a similar "beef" and now they refuse to abide by that settlement and also ignore the longshoremen's demand that they return to work as of January 5 and submit the dispute to arbitration, as per the agreement.

Naturally, the employers would like to see a fight between the Canadian seamen and the stevedores. But workers are workers the world over, and the Canadian seamen are strong in sympathy with their brothers on the Seattle docks. They want to be seamen and they want to support the longshoremen in their demand to be longshoremen.

Such unity, stating the employers right in the face, probably was a strong influence in the announcement by Ringenberg, head of the Seattle Waterfront Employers Association, that he expected the dispute to be settled in a few days.

Solid ranks of the maritime workers, and the support of the general public against the predatory employers, will end another provocation against the unions and another example to the American people on how to deal with the "sit-down strikers" of Wall Street.

Political Circles Look to Fresno

MORE than a few anxious politicians will be looking in Fresno's direction tomorrow. This is an election year. This is a strong labor year.

The interest at Fresno tomorrow revolves around the state executive committee meeting of Labor's Non-Partisan League—the lusty infant that was born a month ago in a state convention in San Francisco.

Many tasks and problems will be clamoring for the board's attention. Nationally the League is not only committed to the proposition that working small farmers and labor can work together, but it has a nation-wide agreement with the Farmer's Union.

Labor's Non-Partisan League should certainly offer the hand of fellowship and cooperation to such organizations as the locals of the Farmers Union and the Grange.

Right now a major issue before California is the demand that the governor call a special session. Housing, unemployment, tideland oil and restoration of funds to the Industrial Accident Commission are four issues which four times justify such a session.

Labor will unquestionably have something to say on this issue from Fresno. State Chairman Gaynor of LNPL favors such a session to rectify the governor's sabotage of housing legislation last Spring.

Other matters will come before the League's executive committee, including consideration of proposals to campaign for a unicameral legislation and for a referendum against injunctions. But in all things, the League is pointing to the 1938 elections.

Make no mistake about it. The League can easily have a decisive voice in these elections. The most important condition is that its leadership and supporters work tirelessly to bring together all factions of labor around a common program and leave the selection of candidates to a time when the utmost unity is secured.

Julian Javido

HIS life an epic poem of abnegation for his fellow workers, we mourn with the toilers of Santa Cruz the tragedy of their loss by the untimely death of Julian Javido.

On the battlefields of the wage struggle, no less than under the impressive panoply of military might, is proven the heroic soul of the common man. And "Our Julian" was one of the commonest of common men, a humble Filipino worker of California's fields.

But Julian was a giant in all that is noble in a worker. Jailed by the lawless law as an "agitator" in the lettuce walkout of 1934, Julian Javido refused to be bailed out until his American fellow strikers were: "I all right. You no worry for me," were his simple words.

And when finally out, though given a bath and bed in a comrade's home, he was found sleeping on the floor under his old overcoat. "No, no!" he protested when his host insisted he sleep in the bed. "I just out of jail. Jail not clean. I no want to make anything dirty."

And though weakened by the horrors of jail, he insisted, against friends who wanted him to recuperate, on returning to the picket line. "No rest now. Boys all strike. I must go." What simple heroism!

Of such heroism are countless toilers made. Loved by all, both white and Filipino workers, Julian was a living proof of the unity of all men of labor, regardless of color or race.

On some future day, the workers of Santa Cruz will raise a shaft of stone to our Julian. Lacking that now, they have built him a monument of love in their hearts. And his funeral day saw the fields for 50 miles around deserted, a tribute fitting to a hero of labor.

"Our Julian gone!" wept his Filipino comrades of Santa Cruz. "Our Julian gone!" cried the white workers of Santa Cruz. "Our Julian Gone!" mourn we also of the People's World.

He Who Snickers Last, Snickers Best

THE Los Angeles prosecutor snickered. What did the Los Angeles prosecutor snicker about?

He snickered at what Attorney Leo Gallagher said in municipal court.

What did Attorney Leo Gallagher say? Attorney Leo Gallagher said that 26 workers, who were arrested for the serious offense of being hungry—"were only asking for food in the only manner available to them."

Our L. A. correspondent does not inform us of the name of this particular snickerer, but he seems to be some descendant of the First Lady of France, who once commented upon the people's lack of bread by suggesting they eat cake. She snickered. He snickers.

But those who snicker at hungry people may well keep in mind what happened to the day mentioned. And recall that the jail in Los Angeles is no stronger than the Bastille, which, if viewed today, is a hole in the ground.

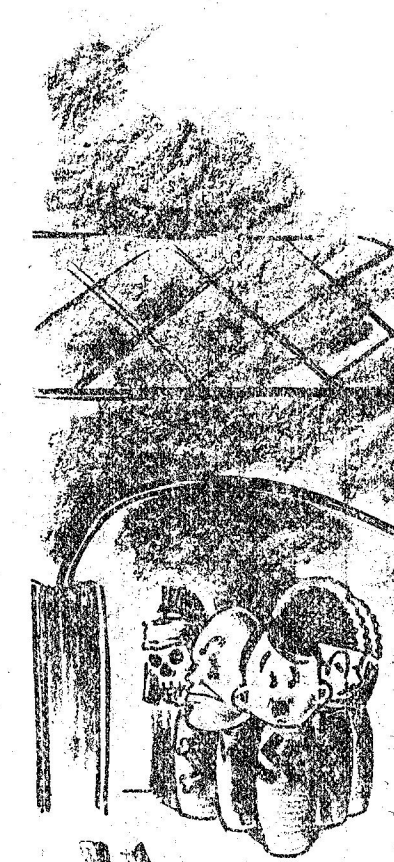
With this lesson in mind, we think that we may proceed to more immediate measures. The 26 hungry workers, now on trial before Judge William McKay, asked for food from the State Relief Administration. What is a "Relief Administration" for? To administer relief? Or to deny relief? It seems to have had the idea that it exists to refuse relief to hungry people.

It occurs to the People's World that there are some trade unions in Los Angeles. It also occurs to the People's World that, whether they be CIO or AFL, it is right in line with the interests of their members to aid unemployed workers obtain relief.

If the joint authority of the CIO and AFL in Los Angeles is thrown behind workers who need relief and ask for it—they will get it.

And the snickerer will be impaled on his own snickersnee.

READY FOR A STRIKE



Young Los Angeles Get Chance In Commission Set Up by City Fathers

BY MATT PELMAN

THE movement of the youth in this area to bring before the attention of the authorities the pressing fact that young people of today have very real and acute problems has grown steadily. It is now beginning to bear its first fruits.

A milestone in this campaign of the city's socially-conscious youth was passed on December 21, when the Board of Supervisors enacted a new county ordinance.

The ordinance leads off with: "The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles do ordain as follows: that there be and is hereby created a commission of Los Angeles to be known and designated as the 'Country Youth Commission'."

This official municipal Youth Commission and the proposed survey of youth conditions can play a very significant part in helping the youth of the city to solve their many problems of jobs, vocational training, recreation, etc. It is particularly necessary that representative commissioners are appointed by the Board and that adequate amendments are passed strengthening the ordinance.

Committee Formed

AN informal committee has been formed composed of the members of the present temporary commission, other youth leaders, and many of the most noted adult youth advisors and social workers of the city. It is working to prevent the newly created youth commission from becoming a political football of corrupt politicians by guaranteeing that the commissioners to be appointed by the supervisors will be as representative of the large youth organizations as possible.

The committee has set itself the task of strengthening the ordinance and the commission it creates by securing for the commission adequate funds for its work, office space, materials, a full time secretary and clerical help. It is striving for the insertion in the ordinance of provisions regarding the appointment of commissioners, so that some youth themselves will actually be on the commission.

The excellent work of this committee would be aided if youth organizations in the neighborhood would provide more support and pressure on the supervisors for the passage of these necessary amendments.

Need Adult Aid

Many hope that an adult advisory committee of the Youth Comm. will soon be formed. Nor need such cooperation be limited to the county wide committees, but it could be extended to the District Youth Councils and all the social agencies in the various areas.

Building and strengthening the Government concern for youth is today more important than ever before.

The problem of unemployment among young men and women is daily becoming more acute. The Councils of Youth established in

each supervisorial district and the commission should tackle this problem.

A great service could be rendered the young people of the city, even by such a simple thing as spreading information, already through which youth might obtain any available jobs. The plight of the unemployed young people should be brought sharply to the attention of all people in our county.

Example Set

IN THIS connection the example of the activity of the Council in the 2nd district is encouraging. The "job conference" which they plan to hold in the Central Avenue territory about the middle of this month to explore possibilities for jobs and relief should be followed and enlarged upon by the youth organizations in every other District as well.

In the course of the contemplated survey, the commission will run up against such problems as cannot be solved even with the fullest cooperation of either the city or county administration. Such a matter as relief, for example, cannot be solved by these authorities. It requires State and Federal action to do that.

The Young Communist League is represented on the temporary commission by its Executive Secretary, Lou Rosser, who has played a prominent part in all the actions of the body. Through its representation and participation in the commission's work, the young Communists hope to carry out their program for making security, democracy and peace a slogan of Pacific Coast youth.

Letters From Our Readers

The Strange Saga of The S. S. Gausdal

San Francisco

The M. S. Gausdal arrived in San Francisco on December 6, 1937, en route to Aarhus, Denmark, from Yokohama. The vessel put in for repairs to No. 2 tank, where a rivet was shifted out and replaced by a bolt, at the same time the boat was scraped and painted.

Ten members of the crew requested to be paid off as the ship was bound for Europe and they had no desire to accompany her. The captain refused this request on the grounds he could not get a crew as cheap as he desired in Frisco. Immediately on learning this, the whole crew went on a sit-down strike, which caused the skipper to change his mind, and the ten were paid off the following morning.

The remaining members of the crew then asked the skipper to sign on competent seamen in their places—union men. This he even refused to consider, meaning that he would get hold of SCABS. Things then started to move, with all her crew on a sit-down, and with only the assistance of the two junior mates (the first mate refused to help in the dirty business), the Gausdal started to move out the dry dock into anchorage, there to await a gang of scabs kindly supplied by an "old friend" of the seamen in this port, THOR OLSEN, who has been a parasite on the seafarers since 1924 when he used to run around with a trumpet for the Salvation Army. He was later kicked out of the Army because of his nefarious activities. In the '34 strike he herded scabs.

PHONEY FRONT

He is the possessor of phoney union papers of the Norwegian Seamen's Union in Norway, which he uses to lure young boys into believing he has authority to procure crews for Scandinavian ships sailing to and fro on the Pacific.

Next day, using a permit kindly supplied by the Inland Boatmen's Union, three members of the Scandinavian Seamen's Club in Frisco, chartered a tug and went out to the ship and took ashore the sit-downers who by this time also de-

sired to be paid off, stating that it was against their principles as union men to sail with scabs. The captain was obliged to give these men written assurance that they would be paid off and not regarded as deserters.

Well, there she was, no crew at all. Still the skipper would not give in. About midnight that day, 13 American boys (minors for the most part) were smuggled aboard by our "friend" and the ship sailed. However, the matter was by no means closed. The parents of the boys suddenly woke up to the fact that their loved ones had been crimped in the good old Frisco way of 50 years ago.

CLUB, PARENTS ACT
The SSC got in touch with the parents and advised them to get in touch with the Norwegian Consul, who was partly responsible for the shanghaiing of the minors, in that he signed them on without their parents' written permission. The anxious parents promptly did this with the result that, after a brisk exchange of radiograms, the skipper was finally convinced that it was no go at all, so he put into San Pedro where all the scabs were put ashore. Deciding it was better to have his ship fully manned by competent seamen (after a great deal of pressure by the first mate and the chief engineer), Capt. N. O. Nilsen sent for 21 seamen to the SSC in Frisco, who were promptly sent to Pedro by bus.

The seamen concerned and the SSC here in San Francisco desire to thank the American unions who showed their wholehearted willingness and gave such admirable support to their fellows in the above action.

L. DAHLBERG, Delegate, Scandinavian Seamen's Club.

Dear Sir:
This is the Miners' Hall as six different mining associations meet here. There are a few hundred of us up and down the river. This is a good place to mail a few of your papers and subscription blanks for your paper as some of the boys will subscribe. Just address MINERS' HALL, P. O. BOX 197, HAPPY CAMP, CAL.

by Vernon

COLUMN LEFT

by Harrison George

In The Days Of Old, The Days of Gold—



NIGHT on a train in Nevada is just darkness, and vague hints of desert from car windows. Except for Reno, with its garish lights and gambling halls—not to mention, since some of them don't like to be mentioned, the divorcees.

We regretted the night. For while we slept, the desert was left behind, and over the top of the Sierras, the train puffed around curves that carried us up and up and up. Away up, past Truckee, where you enter the empire of California.

Still further up, to where the village named "American" nestles among snowy, tree-clad peaks, and where in daylight one's breath is taken away, not only by the altitude's rarefied air but by the beauty and breadth of the view down the canyon of the American River.

The canyon walls leap swiftly from the river a thousand feet into the air, still clothed with majestic "Christmas trees" and grudgingly yielding place to each other among winding smaller canyons that finally mould the distant heights, green with timber, and, in summer, alive with turbulent streams.

This is California, the land of gold and high adventure. Indeed at the fifty-named next town of Dutch Flats, you can see the gashed hillsides where the placer miners of 1849 washed gold from "them thar hills."

Here, indeed, was virile history made when the cry of "gold!" swept not only California, but the nation. And not only the nation, but the whole world. "The blacksmith dropped his hammer," wrote an observer of that day, "the carpenter his plane, the mason his trowel, the farmer his sickle, the baker his loaf and the tapper his bottle. All went off to the mines, some on horses, some on carts, and some on crutches—and one went in a litter."

Few, perhaps, of today's readers who have lived always in the staid region of New York, can imagine those mad, wild days in California. Three thousand sailors deserted ship in '49 at San Francisco, to get to the gold fields.

Even with \$400 or \$500 coming to them in wages, they jumped ship and rushed to the mines. Five hundred ships were abandoned in San Francisco bay, hundreds to rot, along with their cargoes—for who could be hired to do longshore work then?—captain and cabin-boy, sailor and cook all stampeding to the gold fields.

Still more, as California became synonymous with gold, came over sea and land. From every country and race under the sun, till, as the leading newspaper of 1851, the "Alta California," said, "Such an omnium gathering of humanity has never been witnessed before in the world's history." And to this day the life of San Francisco is rich with cosmopolitan color.

NOT only a few won wealth. Says Bancroft: "There were comparatively few miners at the end of their first two years who had \$1,000 laid by." And \$1,000 was no money at all. Here are some of the 1849 prices: Haircut and shave, 4¢; beefsteak and coffee, 1¢; eggs, 75 cents to \$1 each; washing, \$3 per dozen pieces; ordinary hotel rooms, \$25 to \$100 weekly; onions, 50 cents each; rubber boots, \$60 per pair."

Came the backwash. Says Shaw in his aptly titled book, "Golden Dreams and Waking Realities": "The winter (49-50) set in. Thousands were returning sick and impoverished from the mines. The arrival of so many laborers soon affected the rate of wages, and the points (street corners—H.C.), were daily crowded with men unable to obtain work."

"A great reduction in wages then ensued, the prices of provisions remaining the same, discontent and indignation prevailed among the lower orders, and nightly meetings took place attended by crowds of the rubes, ripe for pillage or riot, but luckily without a leader. Violent speeches were made and secret leagues formed in every quarter. Order might have been subverted and terms dictated by the mob."

"As it was, these meetings ended in furious tirades forbidding foreigners to seek employment, or people to hire them, accusing foreigners of being the cause of a fall in wages..."

We would guess that there was a leader, but a bad one, with a General Johnnesque line of "Damn the foreigners!" But, for all that, wages were held up by "deadly threats to all who dared labor under the fixed rate of ten dollars a day."

WORLD FRONT

by Harry Gannes

THE unusual case of an Englishman confessing his deeds as a Japanese spy has come to light through The London Daily Worker.

How does Mr. Greene happen to come out with the goods now? He went to Spain. There, too, he was employed as a secret agent for Fascism. What he saw in Spain changed his mind. He wrote a book confessing his crimes in Spain. The title of the book is "Secret Agents in Spain."

Mr. Greene's spying was not confined to Britain alone. He did service for the Japanese in trying to uncover from his uncle, Sir William and other naval officers who used to frequent the homes of the Greens, information concerning the United States.

As a spy, Green worked under the direction of Captain Arta Oka, recently Navy Attaché for His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Embassy in London. He was hired in 1934 and worked for Japan until he went to Spain, either for Hitler or Franco. He was paid \$4,000 a year for his espionage with an occasional bonus for special duty or information.

Mr. Greene tells how he was hired. He established contact with Captain Oka. Captain Oka wanted to know what he could obtain from Greene.

"I gave him an outline of the means by which I could probably obtain advance information with regard to the U. S. A. plans," Greene writes, through various social connections, etc., and said that if he could arrange for anyone to discuss the matter with me I should be playing squash at the Queens Club at 10 o'clock the following morning."

EMPLOYED by the Japanese government as a spy, Mr. Greene later also became a counter-spy for the British Admiralty. He told the London Daily Worker how he functioned. He kept in close touch with the most influential circles of British upper class society, particularly naval circles. He helped the Japanese hire other Englishmen believed to have contacts that would aid the Japanese Embassy obtain naval information. To get Japanese propaganda into the "incorruptible" British press he relied upon friendly undercover relations with influential Britons and paid them for it.

On the "neutral" ground of London's swanky West End he organized—later with the knowledge of high British officials—a system of espionage for Japan as well as a propaganda apparatus directed principally against the United States.

TO prove his contentions that he was a paid spy for the Japanese, Mr. Greene has a sheaf of letters in the handwriting of Captain Arta Oka, Japanese Naval Attaché. These documents tell of meetings and payments concerning spy activities. Mr. Greene says he also has a set of documents of special interest to the United States, though these have not yet been published. He tells of an instance when he trailed and spied on an American naval delegation that came to London.

"Oka, G., and myself had a long meeting one day in an hotel at Knightsbridge, and it was after this meeting that it was decided that I should spend a day or two at Claridge's while the American delegation was there."

"My wife and myself spent a very comfortable two days there, at the Japanese Government's expense."

"Our bill coming to over 20 pounds (Sterling) (\$100), and paid without question, was another instance of money being spent by the Japanese Secret Service."

Mr. Greene could tell a lot more and perhaps will. How much of Hearst pro-Japanese propaganda is spy-inspired? In what high circles are Japanese spy agents traveling in this country? Could there be any doubt that a new flood of Japanese spying has been loosened in the U. S. since Japan's invasion of China?

SEEING RED

with Mike Quin

MOTHER NATURE is hopelessly out of step with modern civilization.

Her rich abundance keeps pouring forth absolutely regardless of "business conditions." She continues providing plenty for all her children, totally ignoring the fact that they cannot afford it.

California agriculture in 1937 brought forth the greatest bumper crop in its history. Apples, oranges, artichokes, asparagus, wheat, grapes, cotton, walnuts fairly boiled out of the soil.

Man alive! There is Paradise. The warm California sun and the fertile lands. Rich herds of cattle grazing on the hillsides. Bright flashing streams populated with fat trout. Dense cool forests of lumber for houses. Boundless minerals, wells of thick black oil.

It's all here. Everything for life and health and satisfaction. What a pity we can't afford it!

It's magnificent, but don't touch it. Light that flickering little jet in the gas plate and fry yourself a lump of hamburger. Wash it down with warmed over coffee and read the want ads. Don't tantalize yourself with thoughts of the great abundance, because it doesn't belong to you and you cannot afford it.

ALL THOSE warm hills and green fields are private property. Owners have their money invested in those properties and they are entitled to a profit.

Entitled? Well, anyhow, it's their property and they want a profit. Who are you to start telling people how the world should be run?

Read your want ads and gulp your coffee. Twist an artificial smile onto your face and go looking for a master. You aren't a man, by God, you're a louse.

I'm sorry if I hurt your feelings. But it is better that I should be honest than that you should be smug.

Look at this state you're living in. Think what it would be if its population could measure up to it. Look at those hills and valleys! There's elbow room. There's a country built for men.

It's a damn pity it isn't inhabited by them.

Can creatures call themselves men and sit hungry beside a mountain of plenty?

What is this thing called "business" that is stronger than human appetites and can warp human reasoning to a point where it rationalizes the hunger of children?

Listen, California, your cities are filthy with poverty and unhappiness—your valleys are filled with fear, worry and debt.

That would humiliate men. What in the whole catalog of active creatures do you call yourself?

I WAS ONCE told that in trying to explain anything to people, I should be careful not to hurt their feelings or insult them. I don't think that rule applies everywhere.

California, you need insulting. Never did I see a population so badly in need of insults.

I can remember as a child, a hungry man came to our door and my mother fed him on the kitchen table. We gathered around in quiet amazement. The man was hungry. It shocked us. Our clean, children's brains worried about him for days after he went down the road. We dreamed of him at night. That was one lone, solitary, hungry man.

But the brain of California can contemplate the hungry in thousands and be smug.

Mother nature doesn't know anything about business. She turns out babies by the hundreds—even when the factories are shutting down, and there is no work.

CHANGE THE WORLD

with Mike Gold

THINGS move too fast these days for a columnist to keep up with. Take this congress of the American Students Union that has just ended. Last year they were still a semi-outlaw organization, with all the umbrella-Tories and campus-Hearsts calling them "Reds! Moscow agents! Hairy apes!"

This year the boys and girls are given the key to Vassar College for their meeting—Vassar, where the daisy chain once grew. Dr. McCracken, head of Vassar, thought the occasion important enough to make a serious welcoming speech. And President Roosevelt himself took notice and sent a fine message of welcome.

What do you think of that for one year's progress? I wish I could have been present at the meeting. I think it had a peculiarly historic flavor. We are building, though most of us don't yet quite realize it, a People's Front against fascism in America. It is almost an unconscious and spontaneous reaction of the masses against fascism and war. The CIO is a powerful urge from the depths toward this great goal; the rising American Labor Party is another expression of it; that recent congress where for the first time American scientists discussed their ethical and moral relations with society, was another manifestation; and this convention of students was another.

THE students repudiated the negative and meaningless Oxford pledge, and put in its place a platform that is positive, concrete and effective in the face of the enormous fascist danger that looms like some grinning beast of the Apocalypse over every hearth today: the students voted for collective measures by the democracies.

They rejected do-nothingism, phony isolation and all the rest of that ivory-tower discussion that goes on amongst middle-aged intellectuals. War is no theory with the youth; they are the ones who are always called out to fight the wars. They don't want war; they want peace; and they have learned that giving Mussolini, Hitler and Japan a free hand is simply NOT the way to world peace but almost an invitation to war. Hurrah for the youngsters! they are, as I have said before, the finest generation of college youth any of us, old or young, has yet seen in America.

They know more, think more soberly and soundly, have a deeper sense of responsibility and loyalty to the people than any other generation since the Civil War. Whenever I meet some of these students and their leaders I feel good; I feel confident of the future; this is a generation that has a definite greatness and nobility; some of them have already showed it in Spain; American science, literature, democracy is safe in their custody; hand in hand with the working class they are marching to a world that I would like to live long enough to see!

THEY had their Trotskyite pimples at the congress, I noticed; a little band of 25 unfortunate kids who, before they have ever had a chance to really grow in the sun, to taste life, experiment, act, develop, have been sidetracked into this dark cellar of sectarian hate and treachery. Trotskyism spouts leftist phrases about internationalism and class struggle; but these kids voted for American isolation and a free hand to the fascist dictators. The Trotskyites still claim they believe in the defense of the Soviet Union; words, words, camouflage, lying words! At the student congress the Trotskyites repeated the Hearst-Ham Fish statement that "collective security meant pulling Moscow's chestnuts out of the fire."

I am sorry for inexperienced kids who have been led into this work of sabotage by the sly old veterans of sectarianism. Fortunately, they were a handful at the congress. They will always be a handful. Trotskyism goes against the common sense of the masses in every land; that is why it has failed, and must always fail. At this historic hour, who can hope to sell the progressive, forward-moving masses a program whose only positive features are hatred of Loyalist Spain, anti-imperialist China, and the Soviet Union?

A LULLARY FOR A BABY BORN IN 1937

OH HUSH thee my baby and sleep while you can,
The days that are flying will make you a man.
Sleep deeply my baby, 'tis I who should cry,
The Masters are planning the way you shall die.
The mining and blasting, the coal that we hew,
The steel we are casting, are baby, for you.
To mortgage your future, the brain blood and bone;
Your life an investment to cover their own.
Oh stay as a baby, stay as you are,
So tiny and helpless, yet bright as a star:
But buds break to blossom as brief moments fly,
And Masters are planning the way you shall die.
—W. T. Nettleford in "Left Review"

Popular Jewish Choir Sings Folk-Music of the Oppressed

Group Sing Oratorios Without Reading Music

By LOUIS SELIGSON

NOT a single one of them can read a note—yet for 55 minutes they will sing a complex and difficult oratorio!

One hundred men and women, workers, housewives, tailors, grocers, butchers and carpenters will render Jacob Schaefer's oratorio, "Two Brothers." And they will follow their directors' waving arms and sing by rote what they learned by ear.

There is only one organization among the Jewish workers that can do things that way and that is the Freiheit Gesang Verein. This organization, in existence for the past 14 years, has devoted itself to the development and popularization of worker's folk songs, proletarian music and the music of oppressed peoples all over the earth.

For the past two years their director, dynamic Mischa Cefkin, has molded this organization until it can sponsor complete operettas. Last April they produced one which received such a tremendous response that 600 clamoring persons were turned away at the door to the already filled Trinity auditorium.

NOT ONE READS NOTES HOW they work, this worker's singing group, and yet not one being able to read any notes?



Mischa Cefkin, Director of the Choir

"This is puzzling to many," says Mischa Cefkin, and his movements become more dynamic as he explains. "But it is rather simple. 'We have succeeded in developing a mass vocal technique which is peculiar only to our organization. It demands the utmost discipline from the group and it is only a group like ours, one that has a worker's purpose, that can supply this discipline. 'We never rehearse unless we have a full chorus present. Once we accept a member after testing his singing voice, he is under compulsion to attend regularly. Only very good excuses will pardon an absence.'"

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1938 Dawns In Moscow

Blanket of snow adds beauty to festivities, as millions celebrate in people's metropolis.

Moscow, USSR, Dec. 31, 1937. MOSCOW is covered with a thick blanket of snow. Day and night a whole fleet of all kinds of machines sweep away the snowdrifts smoothly trimming the streets of snow. But under foot is the smooth carpet of snow which lends a particular appearance to the big city.

Streams of people. Every now and again people hurry by carrying small fir trees. All the window shops are filled with them. Covered with tinsel and adorned with red, blue, orange-colored parachutes, elephants and dolls, the fir trees stand in cotton-wool snow. A small girl, pointing to a big Santa Claus hiding behind entangled branches seriously asks her mother: "Is that Papanin?" Fir trees on the streets, on the squares surrounded by gaily decorated and enticing booths selling sweetmeats, toys, harlequin hats, carnival masks . . . 300,000 fir trees for the New Year's day have been sold in Moscow in these days.

It would seem that Moscow, which has only just celebrated two holidays—the October days and Constitution Day—should have exhausted all its laughter, festive appearance and even its money. Because in these days millions of roubles' worth of gifts were bought, smart frocks, tasty things and attractive looking bottles with their necks covered in gold and silver paper.

Holiday Spirit

It is true that if any person would have dropped from any of the planets onto Moscow, he would immediately comprehend: today is a holiday. This can be seen by the faces, laughter and sparkling lively eyes of the people, by the shop windows, even by the trolley buses and buses.

A bus has only just flashed past with a loud-speaker installed on its roof, and it has drawn up involuntarily in its wake, following the jolly song bursting from the funnel of the loud speaker. Here's another bus—tens of little flags flutter above it, like bright flowers, and when the bus comes under the silver rays of the flood lights at the Bolshoi theatre, it seems as if the whole of Moscow is one entire captivating Christmas tale.

Through the avenues of the Park of Culture and Rest hundreds of skaters glide, fly past, precipitately whirling and suddenly standing and stock still, as if nailed to the ice. An orchestra glides smoothly and rhythmically through the avenues of the Park. The basses solidly sway, the trombones and clarinets glide along . . . fireworks, red, violet, yellow lights. . .

Dancing is in progress on the squares. The city rings with melodies. Hundreds of thousands of children meet the New Year in their winter camps.

Children's Camps

At the present time in these camps—beautifully furnished, warm and roomy houses—work is intensively going on. For one must come to the New Year festivities in resplendent and original dress. The children are sewing their own costumes. At these children's carnivals, which have become a tradition, there springs up a picture of how the country lived through the past year. Here are four intrepid Polar explorers joyfully dancing with little Uzbek and Georgian, who captivated Moscow with their lovely art. The fighters of the Spanish Republic.

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Popularity Reflects Growth of Class Awareness

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Yet so successful has been the work of Cefkin and the Verein that their growth has been a steady, phenomenal one. At their concerts, hundreds are always turned away and Saturday's concert is a sold house, with standing room only.

But the Verein not only holds concerts where they popularize our proletarian Jewish composers; they have cultural evenings every Sunday where they explain Beethoven and Wagner to the workers. To these flock the workers that are hungry for musical enlightenment.

They have developed a smooth working organizational technique that takes care of their initiation of new members and dues, and other routine functions. For their next concert they are planning to have 150 singers.

The growth of the Verein is symptomatic of the growing class-consciousness of the Jewish workers in Los Angeles.

The late beloved Jacob Schaefer's "Two Brothers" is I. Peretz's libretto set to beautifully stirring music. A symphony orchestra will accompany the singers and one of the soloists will be Florence Rubens, soprano.

Premiere Held For Work of Soviet Composer

MOSCOW, Jan. 7.—The premiere of the new opera "Seeds of Tomorrow," was held recently at the Bolshoi theatre in Moscow. The music of this opera is written by the young talented Soviet composer, I. Dzerzhinsky. The opera is based upon Sholokhov's novel of the same name.

The works of this talented composer are already known abroad. Only recently Paris applauded the song of the Soviet Cossacks from the last act of Dzerzhinsky's opera "And Quiet Flows the Don," performed by the Red Army Song and Dance Ensemble. The popular songs written by Dzerzhinsky for the cinema can be heard everywhere in the Soviet Union.

Dzerzhinsky was born in the family of a Byelorussian peasant. His musical education began when he was ten years old. At this age he was sent to study at a music school, but as he himself admits, he was on the verge of giving up music altogether for his teacher was so strict when he made mistakes in his music exercises. Young Dzerzhinsky was fonder of composing his own music than of carrying through the exercises set.

At present the young composer, after finishing work on "Seeds of Tomorrow," which he wrote in a year, wants to write a third opera about Pugachev. "The image of this peasant leader," says Dzerzhinsky, "attracts me very much. I expect to spend the next two or three years on this opera."

FAVORITES



'Wells Fargo' Spectacular Film of West

By SUE BARRY

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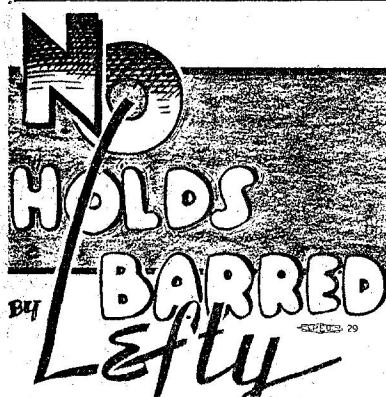
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Japanese Olympic Games Committee, Tokyo, Japan,
Dear Sirs:

sumptuous of me to write this letter but there are likely to be a lot of problems coming up in connection with the 1940 Olympic Games in Tokyo, and I feel that my advice might help you smooth out everything and put on a real show.

Now I know a lot of silly people will say that it is a "mistake" to hold the games in Tokyo because the games were originated to stimulate international peace and good sportsmanship, and your country is at war at present.

Of course I don't take much stock in these scotters, and I think I understand your position pretty well. As your General Araki has pointed out, you're not at war at all, but only "insuring" Chinese-Japanese friendship in the future."

A Friendly Hint
As you see, I'm pretty broad-minded about this friendly correction and parental training, you're giving China, so I hope you'll listen to the suggestions I want to make on cashing in on the Olympics.

First, I think you should advertise among all the athletes that you're providing bomb-proof dugouts while the sportsmen are on the field. You could send out pictures of the interiors, like the Southern Pacific does to show all its customers what swell tourist facilities it has. If you had a pretty girl in the picture it would help a lot with our American press.

Then instead of using the ordinary wooden hurdles in all the hurdling events, it would be clever to use barbed wire entanglements. Think of all the swell publicity! It'd be a wow.

Only a Slight Change
Of course, you'd have to make some alterations in the pole-vault classifications. Something like this: CLASS A, Pole vault, plain; CLASS B, pole-vault with gas mask. You couldn't expect the vaulter who has to carry a heavy mask up all that distance to compete on a par with men who were so foolhardy as to appear on the field without a mask.

Then there's the shot-putting event. This is ordinarily a pretty dull sport, but I've got an idea as to how it could be made the hit of the Games. Instead of tossing those dull, heavy shots, why not have the athletes toss hand-grenades, scoring both for distance and accuracy. They could be loaded with colored lights, which would go off in a pretty fire-works display when the grenade landed.

This last stunt would be a smash success with our American papers. Just think of three hand-some girls (in shorts) tossing the grenades, under the caption: "Three Grenadiers at Tokio."

Lefty Is Helpful

The javelin-throw could be improved on, too. I've always thought that there wasn't much sense in seeing how FAR you could throw the javelin if you couldn't throw it ACCURATELY. So you might award prizes for distance AND accuracy. You could use the bodies of dead Chinese for targets, like you did outside of Shanghai in your bayonet practice.

I don't need to tell you this has a world of possibilities if given the

Seals Off For A Sleigh Ride

"WE'RE AWAY," SAYS MISTOFER MAILS

San Francisco to Finish Second, Opines Walter

CAPTAIN RHYNE RELEASED

Miller, Mann, Rookie Pitchers, Show Promise, Coast League Impresario Declares

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

"Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and Portland will be the clubs this season."

This, at least is the opinion of loquacious Walter (The Great) Mails, formerly the fastest-talking pitcher in the Coast League and still capable of covering linguistic ground at a pretty snappy pace. Mails is now impresario of the San Francisco Seals.

On that account, if for no other, the Seals are excepted from the above rating.

WALTER BOASTS
"Last season they picked the Seals to finish sixth and we came in third," Walter boasted, "so if they pick us fourth this year, we'll probably romp in at second."

"We've got a fine lot of new pitchers," he told me. "Oscar Miller, a young pitcher we've bought from Yakima of the Northwestern International League won 24 out of 28 starts last year, and Gordon Mann, from Marion, of the Ohio State League got 18 out of 20."

Captain Hal Rhyme, veteran shortstop, has been allowed to make a deal for himself, Mails announced.

RHYNE TO OAKS?
"Oakland needs a shortstop, so he may be signed up with them," Mails remarked.

A good many familiar faces will be missing from the Seals' squad when the boys go into training over at Hanford next month.

Frankie Hawkins, at third last year, has been recalled by the New York Yankees, as has Eddie Longacre, outfielder.

President Charlie Graham has sold John Gill, outfielder, to Chattanooga of the Southern Association. Ken Sheehan, southpaw pitcher on last year's string, has been sold across the bay to the Oaks.

BATTERY FOR SALE
The Seals are likewise dickering to dispose of a battery, complete, to the highest bidder. It consists of Bob Cole, relief pitcher, and Vince Monzo, catcher.

Wesley Flowers, southpaw hurler, has been turned over to the Chicago Cubs for a try at the major circuit. "But we've bought a lot of new players who should bolster up our lineup," Walter added.

FRESH BLOOD
Besides Mann and Miller, the Seals have acquired the following promising publicity build-up.

Then you ought to add some new events. The Olympic Games have become too hum-drum and routine, what with all this sprinting and jumping. A contest in treaty-tearing would be novel and you Japanese would have a good chance to win.

I could think of a lot more peppy additions to the 1940 games—in fact I've got a list here in front of me—but I'd like to see first how these suggestions take on. I'll send you the rest if you mail me a stamped self-addressed letter.

Or perhaps I'm a little to premature. Maybe there won't be any Olympic Games in Tokyo. Yours for clean sport,
—LEFTY.

Sports Flashes

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 7. (TP)—The world's number one amateur tennis player, Don Budge of California, broke even today in two matches in a triangular tournament among the United States, Australia and Germany.

Budge was hard pressed in his singles engagement with John Bromwich but finally defeated the young Australian, six four, eight six. The lanky Californian paired with his Davis Cup teammate, Gene Mako, in a match against the German combination of Baron Von Cramm and Heiner Henckel. Von Cramm and Henckel were surprisingly easy winners in straight sets.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Jan. 7. (TP)—Thirty-one exhibition games will be played by the Brooklyn Dodgers during their training camp season in Florida this spring. The schedule just released by the Brooklyn baseball club calls for the team to play 19 of its exhibition games against major league opposition.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 7. (TP)—President Bill Benswanger of the Pittsburgh Pirates refused to comment today on reports that his star outfielder, Paul Waner would welcome a trade to another ball club. Benswanger said that he had not heard from Waner since he mailed the hard hitting veteran a contract for the 1938 season.

KOVAC IN UPSET

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Jan. 7.—Three westerners, two of them from California, stole the show in Florida's biggest amateur tennis tourney—the Miami-Biltmore invitational.

The upset of the day was scored when Frank Kovacs, Oakland boy, dumped fourth-seeded Arthur Hendrix, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, to advance to the semi-finals along with Bobby Riggs, California, Elwood Cooke of Portland and Bryan (Betsy) Grant of Atlanta Georgia.

Kovacs victory was over his own doubles partner, for later in the day he was teamed with Hendrix in a 10-17, 2-6, 7-5 victory over Abraham Bassford and Bernie Frank.



LOU SELIGSON, crack feature writer for the PEOPLE'S WORLD, takes notes with one hand and draws with the other. While interviewing HENRY ARMSTRONG, world featherweight champion and recently rated the most sensational boxer of the year, Lou drew Armstrong's mobile features from life.

Fighter of the Year

Henry Armstrong, whose exclusive interview appears here, was recently rated the "Fighter of the Year" by Ring Magazine's 1937 international poll. So overwhelming was Armstrong's victory that he was likewise rated No. 1 lightweight as well as the champion featherweight. He had an unbroken string of 27 victories in 1937, 25 of these were knock-outs.

RULESMAN WILL RESIGN

CHICAGO, Jan. 7. (TP)—The Athletic director L. W. St. John of Ohio State University announced today that he would resign next spring as chairman of the National Basketball Rules Committee.

COMES TO RENO?

RENO, Jan. 7. (TP)—Baseball star Vernon "Lefty" Gomez announced plans today for buying a home in Reno and making Nevada his permanent place of residence. He parried questions regarding divorcing his wife, June O'Dea.

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World's Featherweight Champion Calls For End To Discrimination

Henry Armstrong Tells Story of His Struggle to Fame

By LOUIS SELIGSON

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—The smoke-filled Manhattan Gym is packed with hangers-on, who have come to see Henry Armstrong, Negro featherweight champion of the world.

The crowd is tense, they want to see what the champ looks like; they want to see him spar a few rounds and decide for themselves if he is as good as they say.

Suddenly a cheer breaks out near the entrance. A short, clean-cut, smiling Negro is coming in followed by an escort of three handlers. He smiles at the cheers and nods to everybody.

A NEGRO CHAMPION

When Henry works out, the crowd about him grows thick to watch his every move. Henry is the idol of the masses wherever he goes. Quiet, modest, soft-spoken and intelligent, he is the sort of champion that truly represents a Negro people.

When Henry hears that a reporter from THE PEOPLE'S WORLD wants to interview him, he is smilingly ready. He believes with the PEOPLE'S WORLD that the Negroes should be liberated from oppression and discrimination. Henry is very busy, with hundreds of people clamoring to speak a word with him, but he gladly turns to the reporter.

It is a far cry from the days when he was forced to quit school to go to work to support an aged father and family. He remembers when he was very young, how he used to run to and from school every day improving his wind and building his body.

STARTED YOUNG

"I was always good as an athlete," he says, "and I always felt that I played a little bit better than the rest of the gang. This gave me the idea that I might take to boxing."

"But my father wanted me to be a doctor. In high school I took physiology and biology and all that stuff so that I could prepare myself for a medical career. But I had to go to work when I graduated, and that's where my dream of medicine stopped."

The first thing that opened up for Henry was work as a section hand with a railroad construction outfit. From there he gravitated to pinboy at a bowling alley, and to various other sundry jobs open only to Negroes because of the closed door in other fields.

SEES NEGRO FIGHT

One day in St. Louis, his home town, he saw a Negro put up a good scrap and his old ideas about wanting to box came to the fore. The situation at home was getting worse. There was no money coming in and the cost of living was rising. So, Henry turned to the art of boxing.

"I was strong and confident that I could take care of myself and I learned that there was some easy

money in boxing," he says.

Henry's rise was rapid and there is little need here to recount his rise to the championship.

Today, Henry can look down his division and he can truthfully say that he is the best of the lot. In fact, Ring Magazine has already picked him as Lightweight champion, too.

DISCRIMINATION RIFE

But the road is still not as smooth as it could be for a Negro champion. He finds discrimination still rife. He has only one answer to this.

"Make yourself be good. If you are good in whatever you do, people will recognize it and will respect you for it. Negroes like Joe Louis, who are good, modest and confident, are sure to command respect."

But even so, it is true, he says, that discrimination because of race prejudice is rampant.

"Why, I remember when they did not allow any mixed matches in St. Louis. Even today, then won't allow two Negroes on the same card," he declares.

"I wish with all my heart that the government would do something about an anti-lynching bill. The government should back it to the hilt."

NEGROES IN BASEBALL

"And another thing, the greatest thing that could happen to sports is allowing Negroes into the big leagues. Such men as Satchel Paige are great pitchers and it is a shame that the public should be robbed of the chance to see them in action. We have succeeded in removing the ban on Negroes in boxing and in track and some other sports; now I think baseball should be next."

"The newspaper sport pages should begin hammering on this question," says Armstrong. But, even though he is cheered wherever he goes, Henry is never allowed to forget that he is a Negro.

HOTELS REFUSE HIM

Hotels refuse to register him and he is forced to lodge at places where the presence of a Negro guest will not offend.

"I was the only Negro ever to enter the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans," he smilingly boasts, "but that was only to make a radio broadcast and out we had to go after that for fear of offending the tenants there."

"But I think that discrimination is decreasing," he exclaims.

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