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## FAMILIES LOSE RELIEF; JOBLESS STRIKE BACK

### Civil War Ahead In China

#### Masses Hold Key Position In New Strife

By HAROLD R. SAACS

The imprisonment of Chiang Kai-shek, Kuomintang dictator, at Sian, capital of Shensi, may be the prelude to stirring events in China.

(Since this article was written the execution of Chiang Kai-shek has been reported.—Ed.)

This sudden and spectacular development took place at a time when all over the country signs were multiplying of a revival of the mass movement for so long quiescent.

There have been strikes of Chinese workers in Japanese mills—25,000 in Shanghai, 35,000 in Tsingtao and a large number in Tientsin. There have been renewed militant demonstrations by students in many cities. Soldiers stationed along the Suiyuan border quickly and successfully, and with virtually no help from the Nanking government, repelled the recent attempted invasion of Suiyuan by Japanese-sponsored Mongol troops

#### MASS STRUGGLES AHEAD AGAINST RULERS

The revolt at Sian could become in this situation the starting point for a country-wide mobilization against the imperialist invader. Aroused, the Chinese masses would embark inevitably upon a determined struggle not only against imperialism, but against its agents, against the white terror regime at Nanking, against the generals, the bankers, and the landlords.

The development of such a movement will depend not upon the whim of the generals but upon the independent action of a revolutionary party. If Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has actually made a deal with the Chinese Communists, the latter will quickly find themselves the pawns in an inter-militarist game. If Chiang, should escape, the whole affair might collapse, or degenerate into an inter-militarist civil war.

Of all the rogues' gallery of Chinese generals, Chang Hsueh-liang is probably the last one would expect to find engaged in threats to fight Japan or in any dickering with Moscow or the Chinese Communists.

#### CHANG'S BACKGROUND IS BLOODY

Chang, the weakling son of a strong father, surrendered his inherited empire in Manchuria

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#### Seamen on Parade



Just one scene in the stirring demonstration of the striking maritime workers on the walks of New York.

### Thomas Speaks To Seamen; Bridges Hopes For Ryan Aid

By JOHN NEWTON THURBER

Striking seamen in New York harbor are following-up their thrilling mass demonstration of last Saturday, when 10,000 strikers filled the streets, with a mass meeting jamming Madison Square Garden.

Speakers at the Seamen's Strike meeting in the Garden are: Joseph Curran, leader of the rank and file insurgents of the East Coast seamen; Harry Bridges, president of the Pacific Coast Longshoremen; and Norman Thomas, Socialist leader.

The Madison Square Garden meeting was called on short notice. Great interest was displayed in New York in the meeting.

Bridges, who has flown to the East, will measure the success of his trip to this coast by the extent to which he succeeds in winning the support of rank and file elements in the Longshoremen's Association which have remained under the influence of Joseph P. Ryan, reactionary I.L.A. president. To date the attempts of Long-

shoremen of the East to support East Coast strikers have been checked by Ryan's conservative machine. For the first month of the strike Bridge's professed to accept the word of Ryan, whose opposition to labor militancy is notorious, that he would support the West Coast maritime workers in the event of a strike.

Ryan's recent action in blocking unloading of the French liner Champlain, as a move against the



NORMAN THOMAS

East Coast strikers, has driven a wedge between Bridges and Ryan. The current trip of Bridges, which includes speeches to I.L.A. locals in Philadelphia and Boston, can be measured only to the extent that he succeeds in splitting the rank and file from the Ryan leadership.

From the West Coast comes word that negotiations for a settlement of the strike there was progressing. Harry Lundeberg, militant secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and President of the Maritime Federation of the West Coast, announced that satisfactory terms have been reached on all questions except on the issue of control of hiring halls.

#### NO COMPROMISE ON WEST COAST

From the outset the striking West Coast maritime workers have let it be known that they could accept no compromise on this crucial point. With the employers in control of the hiring halls, or even a proportional arrangement on hiring of men, serious inroads can be made into the

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### Mass Action And Strikes Nation-Wide

A war on two fronts has been unleashed by unemployed organizations across the country, for the maintenance of WPA projects and to halt the removal of families from relief.

This movement is expressing itself in stay-in strikes, militant picketing and giant mass demonstrations. It is expected that the counter-attack upon the government's relief cuts will be climaxed with a "pink slip pilgrimage" upon Washington.

#### WPA Drops 200,000 in Month

WASHINGTON (FP) In the month between November 7 and December 5 nearly 200,000 persons were dropped from WPA rolls, according to an official announcement from Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator. On December 5, there were a total of 2,384,202 people on WPA projects.

During these 7 days, 1214 were dropped in Florida, 1136 in Georgia, 5245 in Illinois, 3080 in Iowa, 7889 in Kansas, 2452 in Kentucky, 3817 in Massachusetts, 2216 in Michigan, 4627 in Minnesota, 9411 in Missouri, 2387 in Nebraska, 1528 in New Jersey, 781 in New York city and 3235 in New York state, 8015 in North Dakota, 2451 in Ohio, 8118 in Pennsylvania, 8775 in South Dakota, 1312 in Tennessee and 8462 in Wisconsin.

The total drop between November 7 and December 5 was 193,350 persons, according to official figures.

#### New York's Jobless March on City Hall

by BRENDON SEXTON

NEW YORK.—To halt the callous removal of tens of thousands of families from the relief rolls, the unemployed of New York City will march in demonstration upon the City Hall on December 19, in what promises to be one of the country's most impressive demonstrations.

While Mayor La Guardia has been voicing vehement protests to Washington against any cut in the WPA rolls here, the local administration under his guidance, have lost little time in carrying through wholesale cuts against the unemployed of this city.

#### 25,000 Off Relief

Since October 1st more than 25,000 families have been dropped from the relief rolls. Approximately three out of every four applicants for relief during that period, have been turned down

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# Nazi Expansion, Ireland's Unrest Threaten Britian

By GUS TYLER

Typical of Britain's problem in holding on to her empire were the thrusts taken at it during the last week by Ireland from within and by Germany from without. Stanley Baldwin's minor embarrassment with

Wally and Edward gave Hitler and De Valera an opportunity to make their demands. Should England become embroiled in a major imperial problem, it may well be expected that these same tendencies will express themselves even more forcibly.

## GERMANY DEMANDS COLONIES

Dr. Hjalmer Schacht, economic spokesman for Germany, made his demands for colonies. Quite bluntly, he states that Germany is overcrowded and must expand.

There can be no question that Dr. Schacht's speech was intended for home consumption as much as for foreign ears. Somehow or other the Nazi regime must explain why the German people are, in the Fourth Year of the National Socialist regime, suffering untold hardship and privations. No longer can the Jew be the scapegoat. So Schacht tries to turn the angry despair of the German people away from Hitler and himself to foreign nations. Schacht and Hitler must plunge their nation into the heady liquor of jingoism and, ultimately, war, that they may drown their sorrows in panic.

## INCREASE THE POPULATION

Germany and Italy, in their demands for expansion, have been quite consciously trying to cover up the fact that their chief interest is in finding lands for economic exploitation by their home capitalists. These countries always make their demands in terms of the needs of a hungry "people" who need a place to live.

Strangely enough, however, these same countries have been encouraging big families and still bigger populations at home. These same countries, with an eye to a big army, have been handing out all sorts of inducements for big families. These same countries have told women that her place is in the home, that her job is to raise babies. While shedding crocodile tears because their people lack place, these rulers go on urging bigger and bigger families.

Dr. Schacht, in an attempt to explain this quite apparent contradiction, grew quite sanctimonious in his speech. He insisted that birth control was "contrary to the most elementary principles of the divine order of the world." This pious faker, after completing a jingo speech for war, for murder and arson, suddenly discovers that some other policy would not be "divine."

## IRELAND SEEKS FREEDOM

While Dr. Schacht was giving expression to the clash of imperialist interests on the German front, the Irish Free State was endangering the British Empire on the colonial front. The English Gover or General was shorn of his power. Ireland pays allegiance to the new king, but does not permit Great Britain to have any say in the Irish Free State beyond regulation of foreign affairs.

The coincidence of Germany's demands and the Irish move calls to mind the Rebellion in Ireland during the last war, when the anti-British movements of Erin were a war factor in favor of the Kaiser's cause.

Britain's dangerous position—caught between the devil of other imperialist interests and the deep

sea of colonial revolt—is the force that continually drives her to seek compromise by buying out her imperialist rivals, by turning the latter's appetites in non-British directions.

With this in mind Britain came to the League Council this week to discuss the Spanish question.

## BRITAIN'S PROPOSAL

Britain's proposal on Spain is a mixture of past failure and future futility which places Franco and his rebel forces on the same plane as the regularly recognized government. First, Britain repeats its formula for non-intervention, knowing full well that it has failed completely up to now and will continue to do so. Germany immediately counters by demanding provisions for no "propaganda aid," whatever that means. He may probably take it to mean that if the Soviet Union continues to preach for communism it will be rendering propaganda aid to the Spanish government.

Britain then demands an international commission of mediation to conduct an election plebiscite in Spain to find out which side really represents the nation. This move comes at a time when the government forces are beginning to consolidate and put Franco on the run. At such a time, Britain decided to find out who really composes the legal government.

Britain knows, perfectly well, that an election took place in Spain. The whole world knows that Franco used his class and personal and foreign influence to defy the electoral mandate. What need now of an election?

Just when Franco is breathing hard, Britain proposes to call "time out." What assurance that Franco will accept the next popular mandate any more than he accepted the last?

The proposal is as fantastic as it is unfair. But it is typical of Britain's position: to maintain a neutrality benevolent to Franco!

The Soviet Union has given an unenthusiastic endorsement to the Franco-British proposal at the League Council.

## BRITAIN COMPROMISES

As the war goes on in Spain, however, it is not at all unlikely that Britain will seriously push its proposition. As the CALL pointed out last week: "Britain's dilemma arises from the fact that its control of the Mediterranean seems to be threatened no matter which side wins: should Franco win then Britain's enemy Italy would find a strong base in Spain; should Franco be defeated, Britain fears a working class regime in Spain."

One possible solution for the British dilemma is intervention in Spain by an international commission. Britain would hold partial power in such a body. Should Spain be exhausted by a long war, such an international committee would wield abnormally important influence. Such a body might for some time become the virtual ruling instrument on the Iberian peninsula, and it could so run affairs while in power as to set up the sort of regime it likes.

Just as Britain policy has continually made it the official compromiser with the Fascist powers, so, too, in the matter of Spain,

## Liberty League Liberty



A scene in the Sun Shipbuilding Co. strike. James Young, 65-year-old shipbuilder, was killed in this charge of the police. John Pew, company president, who contributed \$100,000 to the Liberty League, says he can't afford to increase wages.

## Cops Unleash Terror Against Ship Union

CHESTER, PA.—Terrorism and violence on the part of local police officials have thus far characterized the strike of union workers at the Sun Shipbuilding Company.

Three workers have been killed and more than a hundred injured in two clashes between picketing strikers, strike-breakers and local officials. Two of the deaths occurred when the police, the sheriff and a number of thugs charged the picket lines armed with tear gas and clubs.

The third man died as the result of a heart attack suffered during a pitched battle between pickets and strike-breakers. Four thousand participated and more than one hundred were injured in this latter clash.

## Protests

The killings brought a vigorous protest from John Brophy, director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, to Governor George E. Earle of Pennsylvania. Brophy demanded that "the authority of Pennsylvania be exercised immediately for the purpose of maintaining the right to picket and to prevent maiming and murdering of our people."

The strike at the Sun Shipbuilding Company was called after the demands of the workers for recognition of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America as sole bargaining agent, pay increases of 20 to 50 per cent, double pay for Sunday work, time-and-a-half for overtime, and a preferential shop were refused. Picketing began immediately, led by John Green, president of the union and Socialist Party member.

## First Move

Since then Bernard Childs, organizer for the CIO, has declared that the strike must be won, "because it is the first move in a drive to bring industrial democracy to Delaware County."

David H. H. Felix, Philadelphia

Britain may make and carry through a new compromise.

## THE UNITED STATES SPEAKS

The United States has spoken on Spain to endorse the British proposal. This is horribly unfortunate for those who do not wish to see the American government begin now to pave the way for an early recognition of Franco. By America's endorsement of a plebiscite, our state office places Franco and the Spanish Government on a par. From hence forward it is just a matter of prestige and weight within Spain which may decide whether or not the U. S. will recognize Franco or not.

(An analysis of the Franco-British proposal as it may work out in Spain appears on page 3.)

Socialist and labor attorney has charged that civil liberties were being infringed in Chester and that the situation paralleled the Coal and Iron Police terrorism before that force was disbanded by the state.

In an effort to break the strike, John G. Pew, president of the Sun Shipbuilding Company, has written letters to the workers asking them to return to work over the Christmas season and promising conferences after New Year's Day.

Intimations of what the response to the letters would be were given at a mass meeting of 1,200 strikers when speakers declared, "We will give Pew a licking he will never forget."

## Sit-down Strikers Continue Victories

By FRANK MARQUART

DETROIT.—Walter Reuther, president of the Kelsey-Hayes local of the United Automobile Workers of America, announced that the 4,000 workers who have engaged the two

wheel plants of this corporation in a sit-down strike are returning to work with a victory recorded by this dramatic method. Reuther, a Socialist, stated that company officials have agreed to a minimum hourly wage of 75 cents. In many cases, this represents a 17 per cent increase in wages.

At the same time, the sit-down strike wave spread to the shops of the Gordon Baking company, where one hundred bakers stopped production, and resisted interference from law officers by hurling bread at officers in retaliation against a tear gas barrage.

## Tear Gas

For a time it was feared that some of the recumbent strikers would choke with the tear gas, but opened windows quickly cleared the atmosphere of the plant. The officers, who were attempting to clear the strikers from the property, were armed with warrants charging illegal possession.

A third sit-down strike has spread through the Detroit plants of the Aluminum Corporation of America. Because their wages are only 55 cents an hour, employees in the fabricating and extrusion plant stopped work and declared a sit down strike.

## Join Union

Acting spontaneously, the strikers, previously unorganized, announced that they were joining

## Department Stores Unionized in Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — For the first time in the history of the local labor movement department store drivers are unionized. Among the stores which have signed an agreement with Local 544 of the Teamsters is the Dayton Company, which has long been a power in the Citizens Alliance, the local labor-hating employers outfit.

All laundry and cleaning plants in the city have been signed up by Local 183 of the Cleaners and Laundry Workers Union. Nearly half of the city's 75 plants are strictly closed shop.

A unity convention representing thousands of unemployed and WPA workers in the state was held in St. Paul last week-end at the State office building of the Socialist Party. The convention consolidated the Workers Alliance locals with other jobless organizations, all of which are now affiliated with the Workers Alliance of America.

the United Automobile Workers and that they would be represented by the officials of that union. Late on the day that the sit-down began, the workers in the foundry division also halted work.

When the management made it clear that the demands, including a 20 cent wage increase and time-and-a-half for all work above eight hours in any day or 40 hours a week, would not be met immediately, the sit down has been prolonged into a stay-in. A provision station was set up a short distance from the plant to feed the men.

The Aluminum Company is a Mellon-owned concern, and manufactures moulding frames for both Chrysler and the General Motors.

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# Plot To Dismember Spain Seen In British Proposal

As we go to press, it is reported that Premier Taradellas of Catalonia resigned to enable President Companys to form a new cabinet, following Taradellas' attack on the CNT.

Testimony as to the courage of the Spanish masses in their fight against Franco's Fascist armies are being given by leaders of both the Left and the Right.

General Emil Kleber, hardened in the Red Army in China, now fighting on the Spanish front writes:

"It is true that the International came exactly at the right moment and set an example of courage and determination, but the militia followed that example with great bravery, and I am convinced that, even if he hadn't come, Franco would have been repulsed."

The reactionary Baron Carl von Hartman, of Hollywood fame, who was hardened in the slaughter of the Finnish working class in 1918 reports:

"My company of 33 men is up against some of the toughest fighters in this war—Asturian miners. They do not fight according to Hoyle, which in the beginning puzzled me, being accustomed to dealing with orthodox enemies.

"The chief weapon is dynamite sticks, the fuses of which they light with their cigarettes and throw as hand grenades."

## PLOT TO DIVIDE THE COUNTRY

While the workers and peasants of Spain are giving stiff resistance to their enemies, and show signs of taking the offensive, various plots are being rumored about for a solution of the Spanish problem by a division of the country into many little countries.

The tenacity with which France and Britain have barred any aid to anti-Fascist Spain and have kept the preposterous non-intervention committee going while it served as a cover for Italo-German aid to General Franco, proved that these "democratic" nations are determined to come to terms with Italy and Germany at the expense of the Spanish masses. Now Britain and France have taken an ominous step forward in their scheme to "solve" the Spanish crisis by a deal with Hitler and Mussolini.

Their proposal, last week, for new methods of barring aid to "either" side in Spain may be no mere attempt to refurbish the prestige of the non-intervention committee. The real teeth in the new proposal is in the provision for an armistice and an internationally supervised plebiscite.

## DISCUSSED FOR MONTH IN EUROPE

Behind these appears a plan, discussed for a month in all the European chancelleries and which broke into the press when a Catalan-bourgeois delegation was discovered in Paris dickering with the French government a few weeks ago.

It is a plan to set up one or more bourgeois republics in the anti-Fascist territory and to relinquish to General Franco the sovereignty of the territory he holds.

This scheme has the "virtue" of enabling France's allies who have recognized his government—Italy and Germany—to retreat from their insistence that Franco take over all Spain. It has also the further "virtue" that European capi-

## These Men Need Warm Clothes and Food



The workers' and peasants' armies of Spain continue their struggle against the armies of Franco. They are depending upon the international working class for aid.

talism would thereby be provided with a gendarme-state, in Spanish territory, as a threat against any attempt by the revolutionary workers of Catalonia and Valencia to carry out the social revolution.

## REACTIONARIES USE AUTONOMY DESIRE

In the *New York Times* of December 13 from Valencia, the present seat of the government, L. A. Fernsworth, who recently protested to American Catholic authorities against Catholic support of the Fascists, and therefore deserves some credence, indicates that the popular desire for a federation of Iberian republics is being utilized for a completely reactionary content:

"The question is being discussed whether some form of federal government, composed of a series of autonomous states, each of which would solve its own problems according to its own methods might not be a formula for future arrangements. . . . Then both Right and Left, each in its own particular house and garden, might again become neighbors who salute each other regardless of their peculiar ways of managing their households."

Fernsworth further reports that the Anarchists favor autonomy for revolutionary purposes. He quotes one of their leaders:

"I am sure that after the war there will follow a decentralization in Spain which will end in federalism, a perfect solution of the problem of the people's well-being. It will, moreover, form a bulwark against military and reactionary forces, who can only further their plans under an extensively centralized regime."

## CLASH OVER KIND OF GOVERNMENT

The real clash between the working class autonomists and the bourgeois autonomists will arise, however, over the problem of the social and political content of the governments. The Anarchists, although for local autonomy, think of it in terms of a working class economy, while Fernsworth as favoring autonomy, means it as a capitalist regime.

The clash between the bulk of

the Catalonian working class, traditionally organized into the Anarchists, and the bourgeois ministers is coming to the fore.

Premier Tarradellas "announced (Times, December 13) the break up of his government because of its inability to control Anarchist and Labor Syndicate groups."

The Anarchists retort by giving a political meaning and class origin to the reactionary coup which the CALL announced had taken place two weeks ago. Solidaridad Obrero, the Anarchist paper, states (November 28):

## WERE NOT CAUGHT UNPREPARED

"What has happened we have expected for some time. Events have not caught us by surprise. Because of this it has been easy for us to discover the conspirators and smash the plot. Reaction, which could never conquer Spain by arms, attempted through this plot to destroy Spain's revolutionary unity. Its program was to separate Catalonia from the Iberian revolution in order the better to conquer it, isolating and breaking up the firm front of the workers which each day grows stronger."

On November 29 the same paper writes:

"What bourgeois indiscipline is capable of, we have been able to

## Rally Raises \$10,000 For the Spanish Masses

CLEVELAND, O.—The sum of \$10,000 dollars was collected for the Spanish people at a mass meeting here which was attended by 3,500 people. Despite the refusal of the city central labor body to endorse the meeting, many local unions officially gave their support. Numerous delegations representing Spanish colonies of cities in northern Ohio. These groups contributed heavily to the fund.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. The Socialist Party participated actively.

appreciate in these last hours. The gentry of bourgeois mentality, cloaked as militiamen of the Revolution, have attempted to create in Catalonia a republic of medieval type. . . . The excitement produced everywhere by our editorial yesterday in which we exposed the thwarted plot gives us assurance that we interpret the thought of the Catalan people, which in these moments has been transformed into the light-house and guide of the Iberian peoples and of the world proletarian revolution."

## Socialists Collect Food for Spain

Tons of clothing and supplies and thousands of dollars have been raised for the Spanish workers and peasants by Socialist Party branches and locals, according to Roy Burt, newly elected national secretary of the party.

Every Socialist headquarters has been turned into a depot for supplies.

One party member recently made the round of clothing stores in his neighborhood and collected 85 leather helmets, fifteen cloth helmets, scores of rubbers, and a number of raincoats and sweaters.

## Burt, Trager Take Posts at Party Office

CHICAGO.—The retirement of Clarence Senior as national secretary of the Socialist Party because of ill health became effective December 15. On that day Roy E. Burt, fresh from the party organizing field, took over the national office as new secretary, and Frank N. Trager became labor and organization secretary, a new post created at the recent meeting of the National Executive Committee.

A farewell and testimonial dinner was given to Clarence Senior in this city last Saturday in honor of his nearly eight years of unstinting service to the party as national secretary. Senior will leave for Mexico for a much-needed rest.

### Roy E. Burt

Roy E. Burt, new national secretary, in the past few years has visited almost every state in the union as party field organizer.

Born on a farm in Illinois, Burt's family moved to Kansas when he was nine years old.

He has been a member of the Inners Union, Retail Clerks Union, and is now a member of the American Federation of Teachers.

Frank N. Trager, as combined organization and labor secretary, will do the job of two people. For the past year Trager has been state secretary of the Socialist Party of New York, where he succeeded in building the best upstate organization New York has had for many years.

He was one of the founders of the Eastern Federation of Unemployed Leagues and the Workers Alliance. He has held such posts as secretary of the Baltimore chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy, secretary of the Maryland Anti-Lynching Federation, secretary of the Baltimore Negro Labor Committee, and national labor secretary for the Workers Rights Amendment.

## Sons and Daughters Jailed in Strike



Families of hosiery strikers arrested in a lie-down strike before the entrance of the Berkshire Knitting Mills. Many of the strikers' relatives are picketing Woolworth stores which sell scab-made Frantone stockings.

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## RAISE HELL!

We are not glad that we can now say: I told you so! But we call your attention to it, just for the record.

It is about the WPA! The Socialist Party alone, of all the political parties in the last campaign, took the position that Roosevelt would betray his promises. Everyone else said we were wrong!

The Republican Party campaigned against Roosevelt because, they insisted, he would continue his reckless spending and subsidy of "boondoggling."

The Democratic Party, without committing itself in so many words, created the impression that it would maintain the relief standards by vague talk about standing by the New Deal.

The Labor Non-Partisan League and the rest of Roosevelt's liberal supporters made much ado about the president's progressivism in the matter of relief. Their only fear was that the president might yield to reaction should he be reelected by a small margin. But should FDR get a really big vote, then relief was safe.

The Communist Party repeatedly pointed out that in the matter of relief, at least, there was really a big difference between Roosevelt and Landon.

And now that Roosevelt has betrayed—what panic in the ranks of the faithful!

The "liberal" *Post* wonders whether it was Roosevelt or Landon who was elected. And Heywood Brown—good old Heywood who was so angry with our sectarian campaign in not jumping on the Roosevelt band-wagon—writes: "Somebody ought to remind the Roosevelt administration that it won the last election."

The *Jewish Daily Forward* explains it all by saying that there is a "misunderstanding between the WPA administrators and the local officials." And what is needed is "the introduction of clarity in the question." (Monday, December 7.) The *Forward* is determined to stand by Roosevelt!

And the *New Leader*, ALP affiliate, carries a strange headline, reading:

"WPA to Drop Million Families; Some May Get Monthly Dole.

"Administrator Hopkins Only Alternative Will Be to Exhaust Funds and Shut Down Completely Before Winter Is Over."

Only one group seems to hail the WPA cuts. These are the erstwhile supporters of Landon and the present pals of the administration, who are cheerily rubbing their noses together down in Washington, confabbing on how they shall all get together and cooperate for the dear workers.

The Socialist Party did not conduct its campaign, however, in order to crow. We conducted a campaign in order to warn the workers, to keep alive the flame of protest, to keep the unemployed organizations from relaxing their sinews before the promises of Roosevelt.

We spoke then so that the workers would be in a position to raise Hell now.

**Unemployed workers! Employed workers in trade unions!**

**Stop this betrayal. Raise Hell! And raise Hell where it will do the most good! Don't stop with name-calling of local officials. Thunder your protest so that the glib gentlemen in Washington may hear and may take heed.**

## CARRY ON, COMRADES BURT AND TRAGER

Greetings to Comrades Roy Burt and Frank Trager, the new national officers of the Socialist Party.

Your coming into office comes at a time when the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party has decided to root the party in the mass struggles of the American workers, by putting forward a militant and class conscious policy in those giant movements which today rock America.

As the party membership and class conscious workers look up for centralized leadership, the national office will find a heavy burden of responsibility resting upon it. It will be the task of those in positions of national responsibility to bring the all important resolution of our last NEC meeting into real life.

Comrades Burt and Trager have both energy and vision. Let them begin the job of solidly rooting the Socialist Party in the day by day struggles of America's workers, farmers, youth, Negroes, middle classes, and in their mass organizations. The party membership stands ready to do the hard spade work!



## From a Former Lynn Communist

To the Editor:

French Austin Benson, Communist Party candidate for Congress from the Seventh Massachusetts district in the last election, has joined the Socialist Party local of Lynn, Massachusetts. He was a member in good standing in the Communist Party for over four years, and through his determined, militant and sacrificing work in the unemployed movement won the support and admiration of the unemployed in Lynn.

Upon joining the Socialist Party he made the following statement: Dear comrade workers:

Although a candidate for Congress from the Seventh Massachusetts district in the last election for the Communist Party, I found it impossible to agree with the "defeat Landon at all costs" line, and took only a passive part in the campaign, being greatly impressed with the campaign of the Socialist Party for Socialism—not reformism.

Being a WPA worker, I am amused to re-read my old *Daily Worker* and see the manner in which the CP misled the WPA workers by telling them in an editorial of September 8, that, "Roosevelt did make clear, however, that despite the attacks of Hearst-Liberty League crowd he will not cut down on Federal relief activities for the victims of the drought and the unemployed."

The change in the line from social-fascism, dual unionism, and the rest, without any discussion among the party membership, proved conclusively the strength of the bureaucracy that has stultified the Communist Party as a revolutionary instrument of the working class. The class-collaboration character of the People's Front in Spain and in France and the desire of the CPUS to unite with "good" labor leaders, "honest" professional people, pacifists of every shade and description in order to carry out orders and manufacture a Farmer-Labor party, thereby dropping the revolutionary teachings of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, has compelled

me as a sincere and militant worker to leave the CP and join the Socialist Party.

The oft-repeated pleadings of the CP for a united front with the Socialist party and all workers was completely and utterly exposed to me here in Lynn where the Socialist comrades repeatedly asked the Communist Party for united action to build a branch of the Workers' Alliance—only to be ignored and refused by the "unity shouters."

I now take my place again in the ranks of the Revolutionary Socialists.

With comradely greetings,  
FRENCH AUSTIN BENSON

The addition of Comrade Benson to our ranks is a valuable addition to the cause of Socialism, especially in Lynn, Massachusetts, where he is recognized as the leading militant worker in the unemployed field.

Welcome to our ranks, Comrade Benson.

LAURENCE P. TURNER  
Lynn, Mass.

## CIO to Aid the Unity Of All Shoe Workers

Unity of all shoe workers in a single union for their industry was the goal set by representatives of three separate shoe unions, with a combined membership of some 40,000, who met with Director John Brophy of the Committee for Industrial Organization in Washington.

The unions represented were the Brotherhood of Shoe and Allied Craftsmen, the Shoe Workers Protective Association, and the United Shoe and Leather Workers.

Brophy agreed to send a CIO representative to work with the shoe unions, to the end that they may combine their forces for a united drive to organize more than 200,000 unorganized workers in the industry.

## N. Y. Socialists Elect Officers

Louis Mann was unanimously elected State Secretary of the Socialist Party of New York to succeed Frank Trager who has gone to the National Office.

Comrade Mann was the first acting State Secretary of the new State Organization during January and February of this year; was director of the Debs Youth School and the Debs High School; is member of the National Youth Committee.

Hans Peters was elected general organizer for New York State at the same meeting.

## 'Budget of Mercy'

After eight months in office, the New Zealand Labor government has offered its first budget. The extraordinary provisions made for the aged, the widows, the invalids, and for deserted wives has earned it the name "Budget of Mercy." Not less than \$5,480,000 out of a total of \$31,000,000 is allotted to these social services, an increase of \$1,710,000.

These additional funds are to be raised by an increase in the income tax in the upper brackets and by a graduated land tax which will be paid chiefly by the large landowners.

## PERSECUTION IN CUBA

HAVANA, Cuba. — Persecution of workers in Cuba is going on as ruthlessly under the new government, which is backed by the Roosevelt administration, as under the bloody Machado. Those who hold membership in trade unions are thrown into prison without trial.

## MURDER

Last year more than 15,000 mothers died in childbirth in the United States. Two-thirds of them died needlessly, because of lack of proper medical attention.



# WORLD SOCIALISM

By Herbert Zam

NO MORE hartening news can be received than the action of the Italian workers in expressing their solidarity, in spite of the Fascist terror, with their struggling Spanish comrades. Socialists, Communists, Anarchists, non-party workers are all uniting to do what they can to help the Spanish workers in their fight. They know very well that a victory for Spanish Fascism would also be a victory for Mussolini. A defeat for Spanish Fascism would be a defeat for Italian Fascism. They are therefore willing to make additional sacrifices. Some of the news recently received gives an indication of the condition under which they have courageously carried on work for Spain.

In Terni, five workers were sentenced to death for organizing and leading a strike as a protest against the sending of ammunition to Spanish Fascists. In Milan, 43 workers were sentenced to deportation to the Lepar Islands for five years because they participated in collections of money for the Spanish workers. In Livorno, 40 workers were arrested and are awaiting sentence on the same charge.

Mass arrests, exceeding 1,000 in number, took place in Trieste, where an open demonstration for Spain was held. "Informateur Italienne," the Italian anti-Fascist organ published in Paris, in giving the above information, further tells of mass collections of money in all the big cities. Not only anti-Fascists, but also Fascist workers, inspired with enthusiasm for the Spanish fighters, as well as small merchants and artisans participated in the collections. The walls of factories and other buildings are plastered with posters and leaflets calling upon the Italian workers to help the Spanish workers in their struggle, and innumerable arrests cannot put a stop to this activity.

## Jewels Mussolini Didn't Get

Packages have arrived in France from Italy containing jewelry, wedding rings, watches and other articles of value with the request that they be used to help the Spanish anti-Fascist fighters. The donors are, of course, anonymous. Evidently not all the Italian workers gave their jewelry when Mussolini asked for it in order to finance his raid on Ethiopia.

This activity by the Italian workers serves to bring out how little the rest of the international working class has done, hampered as it was by illusions about the non-intervention pact. Mussolini was hampered by no such drawbacks.

## Fascists Aid Fascists

The same bulletin gives extensive information of Italian activity on behalf of the Spanish Fascists. On October 8, at Riviera de Leguria, a steamer with its name painted over, was loaded with 22 cars of munitions and, carrying aviators, left for Spain. On October 13 the steamers, Tre Maria and Guido Brauer, sailed with war supplies for Spanish Fascists. In general, Genoa seems to be the center of the shipments to Spain. All steamers depart at four in the morning, and no notices of arrival or departure of such steamers appear anywhere. On October 20, the munition factory at Terni (where the workers were sentenced to death) began to produce bombs and other munitions with no factory or other marks on them. On the other hand, observers report having seen the steamers, Donato Francesco and Don Fabrizio, being loaded with munitions on which Soviet signs had been forged.

The continued operation of the Fascist air fleet in Spain in spite of serious losses can be understood from the following information: During the month of October, 38 airplanes manned by Italian pilots left Udine. On October 20, there departed from the flying field, Sarzano, near Rome, a fleet of 30 planes, all occupied by military aviators and commanded by the well-known Italian Lombardi. In Milan, the firm "Breda" received an order for the manufacture of 105-millimeter-guns and the necessary ammunition. No marks were to appear on any of the items and the entire personnel was given orders, under pain of death, not to whisper any word about this to any one. The first shipment was sent from this factory October 3, the second October 15.

More details could be given of this activity, but it is useless. The Spanish government has placed at the disposal of the League of Nations Committee enough material to indict Italy and Germany a dozen times over, but Eden and his colleagues will do nothing about it, even making hypocritical statements that "other countries are more gully than Italy," evidently referring to the Soviet Union. It is obvious that England intends to continue playing the game of protecting the allies of Spanish Fascism, while keeping France tied to the non-intervention pact so that any possible help to Spain from that quarter would be effectively paralyzed. Now it is up to the workers.

If the Italian workers, under the brutal terror of Mussolini, can accomplish the splendid work described, then the workers throughout the world can surely force their leaders to take decisive, militant action on behalf of the courageous Spanish workers and peasants.

## To Meet in Convention



Students who make up the membership of the American Student Union, which will hold a national convention December 27-30 at the University of Chicago. The above is a scene at Columbia University during the anti-war strike called throughout the country by the Student Union.

## YOUNG SOCIALISTS HAIL STUDENT UNION CONFAB

CHICAGO.—Liberal, progressive and radical students from all over the country will have their attention focused on the University of Chicago campus this Christmas vacation when the annual convention of the American Student Union takes place on December 27 through 30. Features of the convention will be discussions of the organizational problem of the growing Student Union—in particular the national campaigns such as that for the American Youth Act, the fight against military training, and the annual Student Strike Against War.

Over 500 delegates are expected from ASU chapters, as well as fraternal delegates from cooperatives, church student groups, school publications, and student body councils.

### Speakers

Among those who will address the sessions of the convention are Loh Tsei, militant Chinese student leader who caused a sensation at the World Youth Congress for her attack on Japanese imperialism, one of the Spanish youth delegates who is touring this country, Jerome Davis, president of the American Federation of Teachers, and other representatives of the labor movement.

Convention sponsors on the Chicago University campus include Maynard Krueger, Vice-President of the A. F. T., and member of the national executive committee of the Socialist Party. Alvaine Hollister, member of the Student Union's national executive committee, and national student director of the Young People's Socialist League, in a statement on the convention said:

### Proud of ASU

"As the world moves closer to the next war, there are many tendencies to fall back on such discredited agencies of the League of Nations, and to put faith in 'collaboration' of so-called peaceful nations. But we are proud of the student anti-war movement, led by the American Student Union, with its fine and vigorous spirit, and its understanding of its impotence of international machinery that puts faith in the 'peaceful' intentions of capitalist states, whether fascist or democratic. It is to the credit of our student movement that we are wise to that sort of muddled talking. We won't be fooled.

"We strike against war in April, and we repeat that we refuse to support any government that will lead us into war, or any war that our government may attempt to lead us into."

## Tampa Hears Thomas Rap Floggers

By FRANK McCALLISTER

TAMPA, Fla.—Before a cheering audience of 1,500 in the city's Municipal Auditorium, Norman Thomas last Friday, lashed out against those responsible for the flogging and murder of Joseph Shoemaker one year ago. Thomas was given a standing ovation by the audience when introduced and his speech was repeatedly interdicted or indicted for the kidnaped by applause.

Charging that the men conings and murder were only tools of the higher-ups, Thomas called upon the people of Tampa to make a crusade against the Ku Klux Klan, the racketeers and the cigar manufacturers controlling the city and state.

He also paid tribute to the unpaid cigar makers of Tampa who had denoted from their meager pay thousands of dollars to the workers and peasants of Spain.

### MURDERED BY COPS

On November 30, 1935, police and members of Ku Klux Klan kidnaped Joseph Shoemaker, Eugene E. Poulnot, chairman of the Florida Workers Alliance and a member of the Socialist Party, and Sam D. Rogers, active Socialist. The three men were brutally flogged and covered with hot tar. After nine days of torture, Shoemaker died.

Six of Tampa's policemen have already been brought to trial on the charge of kidnaping Poulnot. One was freed and the other four received sentences of four years, but were released on bail. Several have since left the state.

The murderer of Shoemaker, although under indictment, have not yet been tried. The ostensible reason for the delay is an unpaid board bill for the Bailiffs in the first trial.

Other speakers at the mass meeting were Rev. E. C. Nance of Tampa and Frank McAllister. Poulnot and Rogers were present and introduced to the audience. Rev. Walter Metcalf from Tampa presided.

In the morning Thomas spoke before the assembly at Southern College, Lakeland.

# MAC-TO-MAX AND KIDS

By McAlister Coleman

PROGRESSIVE schools are all right, I suppose. I have seen a lot of likely youngsters who have survived the, even as some of us old grumps survived the backward institutions of our youth. Maybe the little dears shouldn't bother their heads about spelling and the multiplication table and just stick to projecting dry-docks and choo-choo trains and power dams and such. And maybe they should have the manners and parlor presences of laughing hyenas. I don't know that those things matter. They couldn't turn out much worse than we have, no matter what sort of an education they are getting.

May we, though, enter a feeble protest against the jelling of a progressive school jargon that has miraculously come about in the comparatively short span of their existence? One of the progressive teachers asked us the other day about our three and one-half year daughter Ann. She was thinking, poor wretch, of taking Ann on as a pupil. "Do you suppose?" she said, "that the child can adjust?" We supposed she could. We didn't want to tell teacher, but the fact is that Ann is a fast adjuster. When she comes into a room, she adjusts almost everything and everybody in it. If it's not adjusted to her way of thinking, she picks up her abbreviated skirts and goes right to work. In a very short time, indeed, she has adjusted jelly, chocolate or whatever else she has been eating to all exposed surfaces. She also has adjusted such conversation as has been in progress to her own headlong tempo. With Ann it's a case of adjust or be adjusted.

## Are You Cooperative?

They have another word they dot on: "cooperate." Is snooty little Arburthnot "cooperative?" That means, does he take a swipe at teacher with his Boy Scout knife every time she comes past his work-place, or does he just show his progressive training by muttering "To hell with you"? There are quite a lot of other fancy, progressive words. But it has always seemed to us, in our hopelessly old-fashioned manner, that the one word that they never use and that might well be used early and often is NO.

We wallowed into these heavy educational seas because when we started to write this column we were looking at a copy of Max Eastman's grand new book, "The Enjoyment of Laughter," (published by Simon and Schuster). Max and I have several Mac-to-Max talks about progressive schools. We see eye-to-eye on that subject. We both have the sneaking idea that the young of the species are beautiful to contemplate and that they are the hope of the future and all. But that there is no reason why they should make the present so hopelessly irritating by self-expressing themselves on any and all occasions.

Max was reading proof on his book this last summer, while I was toasting my beautiful white body on the sands of Martha's Vineyard. I had the good luck to get a pre-view of some of its hilarious galleys and it is a joy to watch the way it is chuckling to success. A combination of Max Eastman's book and Art Young's pictures in "The Best of Art Young" should brighten the Christmas of the most incorrigibly gloom-ridden radical.

## Red Laughter

By the way, radicals who can enjoy laughter without losing their sense of proportion are our friends the IWW's. This Friday, December 8, they are having an entertainment at New York's Irving Plaza, at 15th Street and Irving Place, the proceeds of which go to the worthy cause of helping the General Defense Committee help the class war prisoners. If you want to meet a lot of real people doing real work in this industrial world go around to Irving Plaza, Friday night.

And just by way of doing a little self-advertising, I might mention that this Thursday I am going to tell all about current events in my usual pellucid manner at the Labor Temple, 14 Street and Second Avenue at 8:30 o'clock. The most attractive part of my Labor Temple talks is that it doesn't cost even a red cent to get into them and that you can leave whenever you get bored.

So little am I sensitive about having my audience get bored that I didn't even get mad last week when an auditor during the question period put up his hand and said: "I was asleep during the talk but I would like to say now that if the speaker didn't mention the Spanish situation, he's no better than a lousy Fascist." Of course, I had mentioned, and at length, the Spanish situation and we had passed resolutions damning the yellow, Carney story in the *New York Times*. But that's Labor Temple for you—one of the frankest, freest places in all the town.



# Ferment In Steel Steel Town Democracy

By ROSE M. STEIN

Weirton, Holidays Cove, and New Cumberland, West Virginia, inhabited principally by employees of the Weirton Steel Company, and lorded over by Ernest T. Weir, Republican Party finance chairman, recorded on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 7,934 votes for Franklin D. Roosevelt against 3,734 for Alf M. Landon.

These voters are pleased now with themselves and with the general election results. In Weirton proper the voters are highly pleased not only with their choice of a President, but they are almost as pleased with their choice of a constable. There is nothing facetious in this statement, nor is the fact an indication of provincialism.

In an unincorporated town like Weirton a constable is a very important officer. Up to the time of the election, when a steel organizer would call upon the constable for protection of life and limb, he would be far more likely to find at the appointed time and place Weir's hired thugs, known as the "hatchet gang" than the expected peace officer. That happened because the constable was a company tool, picked and elected through company influence.

### WORKERS ELECT OWN CONSTABLE

The new constable is Steve Barron, a steel worker who was fired from the mill for union activity, and who, while working for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, more than once felt the strong arm of mill thugs. The workers know Steve is on their side, and they rejoice over his election.

There is a new atmosphere in Weirton since November 3. The "hatchet gang" has disappeared, much to the displeasure of La Follette Committee investigators, who hold subpoenas for most of them.

The other day a group of glass workers from the Pittsburgh district, several steel organizers, and two women journalists, stood at the Weirton mill gates, distributing the Steel Workers Organization Committee's paper, while a sound truck drove all around the town preaching unionism, singing "Solidarity Forever," and urging the "hatchet gang" to "come out into the open now." The whole performance went off smoothly, without the least disturbance or molestation. There was only one police officer, and he was directing traffic.

The community was breathless. At only one other time in the whole of Weirton's history was so much freedom in evidence. That was in the latter months of 1933 when the NRA was new and the union was strong. Then the workers averred Weirton had become part of the United States, but they soon found they were wrong.

Weir soon showed who was boss in Weirton when with the aid of the courts he finally re-established his own absolute rule over the town.

"What will happen now?" the half frightened, half curious faces of the women who pecked out of doors and windows seemed to ask, and a voice from the sound truck shrieked back, "Weirton will be free from now on."

### COMPANY BETS OUT THE VOTES

Aliquippa Penna, Jones & Laughlin's stronghold, cast 6,145 votes for Mr. Roosevelt and 2,970 for Mr. Landon. "It was a severe blow for officials of this company, one of whom is a close

This is the third of a series of six articles on the struggles of American steel workers to organize.

Rose M. Stein is author of "M-Day," a book on the complete militarization plans of the United States Army in the event of war, and she is an outstanding authority on steel organization.

relative of the Republican nominee. There would have been even more votes for FDR in Aliquippa had not a number of voters been disqualified. This came about through J & L's own rather unique scheme for registering voters.

Most of this company's voters, who reside in Aliquippa, have been voting for the past 15 or 20 years without formal registration. The assessor's office would be open for only one day for registration purposes. This would be for the convenience of the town's business people. Workers of the corporation had no need of this office. If a stray worker would wander in, he would be told "never mind, you're already registered."

Preceding registration day, the company's timekeeper would make the rounds to ascertain if any of the employees had changed their addresses. He would rarely ask the foreign born if they were citizens. Where the inquiry was made, and the answer was in the affirmative, the worker was never required to produce his citizenship paper.

A number of workers who believed there was an advantage in claiming citizenship would do so, although they had never applied even for their first papers. The mere assertion of citizenship, or failure to deny it, would entitle the worker to vote. The list of company employees would be turned over to the assessor, who would record the names in his registration book, write "R" alongside the first name of each

page, and ditto marks all the way down.

The day before election the foremen would recruit a crew of men who own cars and instruct them that their work the following day would consist of hauling voters to the polls. The haulers would get paid whatever rate their regular jobs allowed, plus expenses in running their cars. When a group would be sent off to vote, another crew would be placed to do their work.

The workers got full pay for the time they spent in exercising their sovereign rights of American citizens, and even while they drove home "to fetch the missus," so that she too might cast her vote. Occasionally workers would take advantage of this opportunity to chisel a little on the company. They would stop at home long enough to grab a bite or a drink. The company winked at this chiseling. It was expedient to be generous on election day.

### MARKED BALLOTS FOR REPUBLICANS

In each polling booth there would be posted a sample ballot with X's carefully marked alongside the Republican slate. A number of foreign born voters, whose English is not of the best, would assume that the sample ballot was there for them to follow, and with the utmost obedience they would count the lines so as to fill in the X's exactly as in the sample, rarely stopping even to read the names on the ballot.

As a result of this procedure the Republican always won, and dozens of aliens voted so regularly that they themselves forgot they were not citizens. One worker was severely reprimanded during the 1934 election because he failed to vote. "But I am not a citizen," he pleaded. "What difference does that make?" his boss snapped at him, "you'd better vote anyway." Scores and scores of industrial towns in the Monongahela, Ohio, and Shenango valleys, in the lake regions of Michigan and

Illinois, and in the steel centers of Indiana, recorded a vote of better than two-to-one for President Roosevelt. To most of these voters it was not a question of parties, or even of personalities. In so far as they thought in terms of candidates at all, they undoubtedly preferred the Democratic candidate to that of the Republican Party. They were also influenced a great deal by labor leaders like John L. Lewis, Phillip Murray, etc.

### BASIC REVOLT AGAINST BOSS

But above all, they voted for Mr. Roosevelt because to them it meant voting against the boss. This is significant. It denotes a basic revolt against employer domination, and a realization that candidates endorsed and supported by the boss do not represent the workers' interests.

Now that both the voting and the shouting are over, is labor content to let it go at that?

Steel labor is not. The writer asked literally hundreds of steel workers, representing a broad cross-section of the industry, this question: "What do you expect from the Federal Government during the next four years?"

The answer was amazingly uniform, and came without the least bit of hesitation. They expect full protection of their right to organize.

### THEY KNOW WHAT THEY WANT

"We don't care how it's done," they said. "We don't know anything about the constitution, and don't care much. The President and Congress can get around it somehow. All we know is that we want the Wagner Labor Law, we want the 30-hour week, and we want no company unions."

This is the expectation, and it is in a sense the ultimatum. It comes not from the leaders, but from the rank and file, many of them speaking in a broken English. If their emphatic tone and determined faces represent any kind of gauge, they mean what they say.

That is the minimum of what

# 45 Jurors Plead for Harlan Men

Forty-five of forty-seven living jurors in the famous Evarta battle cases in Kentucky have now petitioned A. B. Chandler to free before Christmas the four Harlan county union miners serving life for alleged conspiracy to kill three coal-company mineguards. Five of these have signed pleas for executive clemency within the last week.

Three labor organizations with a total membership exceeding 175,000 lately appealed to Governor Chandler to pardon the prisoners. The joint board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union pointed out in a resolution that Chandler "was elected as a friend of labor, and should be anxious to wipe out this dark stain on the name of his state."

Defense Not Allowed  
"At their trial the prosecution did everything possible not to permit an adequate defense for these four innocent victims who dared to demand a decent American standard of living," Governor Chandler was reminded in a long telegram sent by Albert Rosner, president of the Knitgoods Workers' Union Joint Council.

The United Mine Workers of America is planning to begin a new drive to organize the coal miners of Harlan county. It was the organization campaign there in 1931 which led to the clash between mineguards and strike pickets, on which the murder-conspiracy charges were based. The defendants and their friends contend that the mineguards wantonly attacked the picket-line with machine-guns concealed in automobiles.

they expect, and if, as is most likely, these expectations do not materialize, they ought to be ready for a Labor Party very soon now—always providing that some demagogue, who promises everything, does not come upon the scene to direct their determination to channels suitable to his own ends.

(Next week: STEEL COMPANY Unions)

# Chinese Masses Holding Key Position as Civil War Impends

(Continued from Page One)  
in 1931 without firing a single shot. For that deed he was half-jestingly nominated that year for the Nobel Peace Prize! Helpless in the face of the imperialist invader, Chang was nevertheless strong enough to preserve a regime of unimaginable terror while he ruled in Manchuria and later in North China. Seven years ago it was Chang who played the role of imperialist puppet in the ill-starred attempt to provoke the Soviet Union by seizing the Chinese Eastern Railway.

Curious indeed are the twists of history when Chang Hsueh-liang emerges as the proponent of a united front with the Communists on the same terms as in 1927 for in 1927 it was against Chang Hsueh-liang and his father, Chang Tso-lin, that the other Kuomintang-Communist block was organized. Chang stems, in other words, from the most reactionary, most medieval, most oppressive, most corrupt branches of the Chinese military. Of all the scraggly leopards that roam the Chinese plains and mountains, he is perhaps the most incapable of changing any of his spots. No evidence can be placed in his demagogic demands.

Comintern over the precise meaning of the bizarre coup at Sian. The Daily Worker told us on December 14 that Chang is "raising the rallying-cry of a China united in opposing the Japanese invaders," and identified his demands as "the historical demands originally proposed by the Communist Party of China." This would seem to be another bone the inimitable Harry Gannes may have to swallow, for on the same day the more cautious Pravda said in Moscow "that while it might appear Marshal Chang was raising his banner against the Japanese, he is actually helping Japan to further sacrifice his country." (Associated Press.)

### GENERALS MANEUVER FOR POWER

Reports state that Nanking government troops are moving into position to crush Chang Hsueh-liang's rebellion. Japan is described as watching the situation with hawk-eyes, ready to strike at the moment it seems propitious to intervene. Meanwhile among the generals and the politicians the usual complicated maneuvers and intrigues have begun. For them the question is: "Who shall jump on whose bandwagon?" For them the answer will come only when it is clear whether Chang Hsueh-liang's bold

## Shanghai



Chiang Kai-Shek, kidnaped and killed by rival general Chang, who, it is claimed, aspires to take Chiang's place.

bid for power has any chance of succeeding.

The anti-imperialist movement can make use of these inter-militarist conflicts, but it must not at all costs tie itself to the

fate of a militarist uprising that is here today and gone tomorrow. The whole history of China has proved that a real national revolutionary war against imperialism will be organized by the workers and peasants and sections of the petty bourgeoisie independently of and against all these generals whose records, without exception, are records of capitulation to imperialism and terror against the masses.

### STRUGGLE AGAINST JAPAN A FIGHT FOR LIBERATION

This means that the revolutionary task today in China will be to arouse the broadest possible mass movement in the army, in the factories, in the fields. No trust whatever may be placed in any of the generals who for this or that reason today mouth anti-imperialist phrases. A new banner can be raised and millions will rally to it if they know that the struggle against imperialism also means the struggle against exploitation at home. The two are inseparable.

The Chinese peasant in the hinterland may scarcely know of the existence of Manchuria but he knows what it means to fight for his own land against the landlords.

(In 1927 the peasant masses interpreted the "unequal treaties"—with the imperialist—to mean the landlord-tenant contracts and when the slogan was raised: "Down with the unequal treaties!", they promptly tore up land deeds and seized the land!)



**Norman Thomas Says:**

**TAMPA RED TAPE TIES UP JUSTICE**

One of the disadvantages of this rapid travelling is that this column must often be written so long in advance of its appearance, and with such inadequate newspaper dispatches at hand, that it is impossible to comment intelligently on such grave and exciting news as may come from China, Geneva, or Madrid. But the compensating advantage, of course, is first hand contact with certain American developments.

**INDICTMENTS FORCED IN TAMPA KIDNAPINGS**

This is written on my way from Tampa, Florida, to Chicago. I made a hurried trip at the request of the Tampa Civil Liberties Committee (in which our Socialists are most active) to speak at a memorial service for Joseph Shoemaker who died on December 9, 1935, of wounds inflicted by a mob. Thanks to aroused public opinion, certain men, members of the Tampa police force and others, whom general belief connects with the KKK and the dominant political ring and the leading economic exploiters of Tampa, were indicted.

Some of them were convicted of the lesser crime of kidnaping Eugene Poulnot, but they are out on bail pending an appeal, and the judge who, to put it mildly, proved his incompetence in the long drawn out trial for kidnaping, has refused even to fix a date for the trial for the murder of Joseph Shoemaker more than a year ago!

His nominal excuse for this scandalous delay is that Hillsboro County (where the crime was committed) has not paid \$531.60 due Polk County (to which the trials were transferred), an amount incurred in feeding certain bailiffs during the long trial.

The Hillsboro authorities plead legal red tape which can only be cut by the legislature! At last the Tampa Times has started a popular subscription to end this shocking paralysis of justice.

**SAME OLD CROWD IS IN POWER**

The real trouble in Tampa is that despite a widely diffused, and in some cases courageous, condemnation of the murder of Shoemaker, the same old crowd, backed by the gamblers, certain manufacturers and other economic interests concerned for low wages and lower relief, is in power. It is even said that the KKK has strengthened its position.

The effort to bring Shoemaker's murderers to justice has at least held in check the sadistic terrorism which was cursing the Tampa area. Floggings have fallen off, and our friends tell me that they can count "only six" murders—or suicides?—of the terroristic sort.

But Tampa and much of Florida lie under a fear which one can almost touch and handle. There were rumors which the event proved false that our memorial meeting would be broken up like the Browder meeting during the political campaign. (For that act of mob violence only one man was bound over to court!)

In Lakeland, not far away, there is still no attempt to find and punish the abductors and probable murderers of Frank Norman. And justice moves with leaden feet in the case of the Negroes held in virtual slavery in the turpentine camps of North Florida, despite A. Philip Randolph's eloquent denunciation of it before the AFL Convention.

Only the other day did steady pressure of the Workers Alliance in Washington finally restore Eu-

gene Poulnot to a WPA job. Sober citizens in my hearing marvelled at his courage in staying in Tampa! Too much credit cannot be given the active Socialists and other friends of civil liberty in Florida.

Frank McCallister, representing the Workers Defense, is doing a magnificent job. Labor unions, Socialist locals and all friends of justice must keep up pressure for justice in the Shoemaker case and give support to the struggle for civil liberty for white and colored workers in the land of sunshine and sadism. The Workers' Defense League, 112 East 19 Street, New York, is handling contributions.

**MR. HUTCHESON'S CONVENTION**

In Lakeland, Florida, at the beautiful Carpenters' Home, I watched for a little while Mr. Hutcheson's first convention in eight years. I heard plenty of kicking from the Pacific Coast lumbermen and loggers seated only as fraternal delegates without vote. Some of our friends told me that Tammany Hall ought to come to Lakeland and learn something.

One of Hutcheson's weapons was red-baiting. This convention, following on the heels of the AFL convention, is tending to lower, not raise organized labor's standing in the low-wage South. I heard angry and bitter talk about the "aristocrats of labor" from the masses. It is the underpaid cigar workers who have aided the striking seamen and sent \$25,000 to Spain!

I visited a cannery where a galling spontaneous strike was broken. Girls stand on their feet ten hours a day, I was told, working under furious pressure for a wage scale of 1½ cents a try for "sectionizing" grape fruit. Their hands are puckered with juice and frequently cut with the sharp knives they use.

"In the rush season," one of the experienced girls who led the strike told our comrades, "I make maybe \$9 a week—usually less." The girls pay for their uniforms and bandages!

**PROSPERITY COMING BUT NOT FOR WORKERS**

Unquestionably capitalist prosperity is coming back. That story I heard in St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, and even Tampa.

But wages as usual lag; the army of the unemployed is still numbered in the millions, and nothing has been done, or can be done, to remove crisis from capitalism or avert the next depression.

We Socialists must emphasize that even prosperity leaves 90 per-

**Arbitrator**



Major George Berry, who is trying to convince capital to cooperate with labor at his Council for Industrial Progress in Washington, disclosed that America was heading for a new depression.

**U. S. Set to Deport Sallitto to Italy**

Dominic Sallitto, Italian anti-Fascist worker, has been ordered to surrender at Ellis Island on December 18 for deportation to Italy. By this action the United States will, in effect, turn him over to Fascist murderers.

Sallitto has been a legal resident of this country for fifteen years. He was arrested by Immigration agents in Oakland, California, on the charge of membership in an "organization advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence" because he rented part of the restaurant he was operating to the editor of a radical publication which goes legally through the mails.

The United States Circuit Court has sustained the decision of the lower court upholding the Department of Labor.

The Ferrero-Sallitto Defense Conference, which is defending Sallitto, has sent urgent last-minute appeals to individuals and organizations to send telegrams to the Secretary of Labor urging that the order of deportation be cancelled.

cent of those wage workers who have jobs with less than \$2,000 a year and 46 per cent with less than \$1,000. Commodity prices are up 20 per cent in six months! This in a country where the capitalist staidian, Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, tells us that the minimum wage should be \$2,500 a year.

The return of capitalist prosperity, the encouragement of the election, and the vigorous and intelligent work of the steel organizing campaign and the auto workers union are getting results. It was good to hear the story at headquarters in Pittsburgh and Detroit. More power to them and every union which is fighting for the real emancipation of the workers.

I got to Chicago from Tampa too late for the dinner to Clarence

**Washington Notes**

**Major Berry's CIP Predict New Collapse**

By JOHN HERLING  
Washington Bureau, Socialist Call

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Major Berry's Council for Industrial Progress has produced cold facts to prove that the United States is rushing headlong into a new collapse.

The continuing inability of workers to buy back what they produce, or as the report says, the fact the "manufacturing industry as a whole has not yet contributed to the support of the consuming market in proportion to the increase in production" leads to an economic condition similar in character to the "unbalance" of 1929.

Today, the amount of wages paid out as compared with the value added by manufacture is no higher, proportionately, than it was in 1929. According to the study the proportion is identical.

And so the analyst asked, "Can we expect that a permanent foundation has been laid in 1935 to support sound and progressive national economy when the same degree of unbalance continues to exist?"

The figures themselves make things clear. In 1920, there were 8,939,000 wage earners in the manufacturing industry. The

value added by the manufacturing process amounted to \$31,880,000,000. The total wages out were \$11,621,000,000. Thus, the percentage of the wage paid out of the "value added" was 36.4 per cent.

In 1936, the analysis reports there were 8,926,000 wage earners engaged in the manufacturing industry. The value added totaled \$19,794,000,000 and the wages \$7,218,000,000. And according to the tables compiled, the proportion between wages paid out and the value added in 1935 remains stationary, 36.4 per cent.

The report points out that labor saving machinery, mass production, and increasing efficiency developed to high degree in the post-war period, have been stepped up in the depression years. The power to produce grows greater while the economic ability to use and consume shows no improvement.

**Committee Hails the Mexican Offer of Asylum to Trotsky**

The American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky has issued a report on the status of an asylum for the noted Russian revolutionary in Mexico. The committee states:

"Backed by strong labor and liberal support throughout the world, with telegrams of congratulations pouring in, President Cardenas of Mexico reiterated his determination to grant

democratic rights of asylum to Leon Trotsky.

"A veritable lynch campaign against Trotsky's asylum is being carried on by the Communist Party, as well as by all varieties of reactionaries. But liberal opinion is overwhelmingly supporting Cardenas' decision.

**Union Support**  
"The Communists had counted most on the support of Lombardo Toledano, secretary of the CMT unions, who since his recent return from Moscow has been the

Norman Thomas, Max Eastman, and Suzanne LaFollette will broadcast over WQXR (W2XR), 1550 Kc. between 10 and 11 P.M., Friday evening, December 18, from the Hotel Center, New York, from the mass meeting held under the auspices of the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky.

unofficial Soviet representative in Mexico. But even CMT unions, including the powerful Oil Workers, the Graphic Arts, and others, joined the Mexican Committee for Asylum for Trotsky in repudiating the reactionary position taken by Toledano."

In a letter sent by the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky to all New York trade unions, inviting them to send representatives to the first mass meeting of the Committee, Friday evening, December 18, the Committee stated:

"You are perhaps aware that the Communist Party press has been carrying on a veritable lynch campaign against Trotsky and those who are aiding him to find an asylum and to secure an opportunity to be heard. This campaign makes it doubly important for all unions to send responsible representatives to the meeting so that they can report fully to their fellow-unionists on what occurs there.

**Meeting Friday**  
"Max Eastman is the latest speaker added to the distinguished list of those speaking at Friday night's meeting, which will be held at 8 P.M. at the Hotel Center, 108 West 43 Street, New York City."

**Too Many Mouths to Feed**



When Sam Jeffries, unemployed bridge worker, was haled into court to explain why he kept five of his children out of school, he brought along his whole family and asked the judge what he would do, were he also unemployed. The judge delayed decision.



# Cooperatives Way Out For Sharecroppers

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

MEMPHIS, TENN.—“A serious menace to American institutions” is the description applied by the Arkansas Farm Tenancy Commission to the conditions prevailing among tenant farmers in the state.

Following a long investigation, the Commission appointed by Governor J. Marion Futrell last week made public its conclusions in a report prepared by C. T. Carpenter, attorney of Marked Tree, former counsel of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, who himself had experienced violence at the hands of planters because of his activities in behalf of sharecroppers.

Confronted with the problem of a landless farm tenantry, the Commission reported that “in 1930, 63 per cent of all the farms of the state were operated by tenants and that tenancy increased 12 per cent between 1920 and 1930.”

### Shift Burden

The Commission, however, shifted the major responsibility for relieving the economic situation to the shoulders of the federal government, urging that the “United States, in cooperation with the state, secure suitable farm lands for sale to tenant farmers upon terms which can be met by any reasonably good farmer.”

With Southern farm tenants recognized as one of the most hopelessly impoverished sections of American labor, it is difficult to see how the proposal of the Commissioners can bring relief. Even if it were possible for tenant farmers to secure such small “homesteads,” the process by which they have been reduced to their present status would merely be repeated. Large numbers of the field laborers once owned their own farms, but the competition of the large plantations drove them from possession.

### Can't Move Backward

The Southern Tenant Farmers Union, organization of some 30,000 sharecroppers and day laborers, in a memorandum submitted to the Commission, had pointed out the impossibility of returning to the small individual farm.

“The advantages of large scale production,” it declared, “are too obvious and the resulting rewards too immense to permit the acceptance of such a view.” It added that “the concentration of land ownership into fewer and fewer hands, despite its grievous human consequences, finds an economic justification in increased efficiency of operation and greater productivity.”

In place of a return to small farm ownership—an impossible turning back of the economic clock—the union proposed the establishment of large scale co-operative farms and asserted that “through cooperatives we can plant the seeds for a new life.”

The Commission was established some months ago as a result of year-long pressure brought to bear on the Governor by the Union. The report now concedes the validity of the charges made by the sharecroppers concerning conditions in poverty-stricken realms of King Cotton.

### BRANCH DIRECTORY

Beginning with the issue of December 26, the CALL will carry a new classified section, a directory of branches of the Socialist Party.

All branches which wish to be listed in the CALL can have listing in this section at the rate of \$1.00 monthly.

Fixed notices to include the name of the branch, the place of meeting, the time of meeting and the name of the secretary, will be carried at this rate.

All five branches will wish to be listed in this section.

# Peacher Still 'Law' in Earle Despite Guilt

EARLE, Ark.—Paul D. Peacher, city marshal of Earle, has dropped his appeal from the verdict of a jury convicting him in federal court of “aiding and abetting in causing persons to be held in slavery,” according to an announcement this week by his attorney.

Planters who contributed to a fund for the payment of his \$3,500 fine are being quoted by sharecroppers as having made verbal threats to deduct the amount of their contributions from the “settlements” on the last crop.

Though found guilty of violating the federal statute aimed at peonage, Peacher is still holding office as the “law” in Earle.

At the trial, seven Negroes testified that during the cotton strike Peacher arrested them on charges of vagrancy, some of them in their own homes, after which they were speedily convicted in a mock trial and sentenced to work the marshal's land.

### First of Kind

The indictment—the first of its kind in decades—was the result of the activities of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, organization of sharecroppers and farm laborers in the cotton fields, which first brought light the prevalence of such conditions as were testified to in the Peacher case.

Hailing the outcome of the case as “only the beginning of the victories that lie ahead for the tenant farmers,” the Union appealed for public support through contributions of funds for the collecting of further evidence of peonage.

“We urge all lovers of liberty to come to the aid of the sharecroppers and day laborers, particularly of Arkansas, by sending their contributions to the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, Box 5215, Memphis, Tenn., or its representative for defense and legal purposes, the Workers' Defense League 112 East 19 Street, New York City.”

### LID Holds Radio Lectures Every Friday Evening

The League for Industrial Democracy announces a weekly series of broadcasts over Station WEVD, New York, Friday evenings, December 10, entitled “March — To Industrial Democracy.” The following are the scheduled speakers:

December 18—Sherwood Eddy, “Sharecropper Democracy — the Delta Cooperative Farm”; January 8—James Rorty, “The American Medical Association on Trial”; January 15 — Helen Woodward, “What Price Democracy for New Yorkers”; January 22 — Goodwin Watson, European Consumers Co-operatives—“What Future Have They?”

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# Bricklayers' Local Re-Elects Mirsky

Jacob Mirsky, Socialist, was re-elected president of Bricklayers Union, Local 37, in New York for his fourth consecutive term. Mirsky is known as one of the most militant and progressive trade unionists in the city.

Other officers of the union who were elected are: Pasquell Marino, vice-president; Wesley McIntyre, recording secretary; Edward Conway, financial secretary; Peter A. Thornton, inside sergeant-at-arms; Peter Hackett, outside sergeant-at-arms; Frank Burns, trustee for three years; James Evans, international union deputy; Joseph Little, alternate IU deputy; Ernest Cerussi, business agent.

Frank Della Penna was elected chairman of the New York executive committee. This is the first term for Della Penna, who is a progressive unionist. Other members of the New York executive committee are: Thomas F. Murphy, secretary and treasurer; Alfred De Lucia and Eugene Sullivan, delegates.

# Christmas Seals Sold To Aid Negro Rights

One million Christmas seals designed by Richmond Barthe, the young colored artist-sculptor, being offered for sale this year by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in order to raise funds to carry on its struggle for Negro rights.

Seals are in the hands of members of this progressive organization throughout the country, or can be obtained from the national headquarters, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The NAACP is an organization of Negro and white people whose principal purpose is to fight race discrimination wherever it may appear. It has been particularly vigilant in its attack upon lynching, and in support of the organization of Negro and white workers in the Tenant Farmers Union during the past two years.

### SPORTS FOR WORKERS

All who are interested in basketball, teams, male and female, swimming groups, and a soccer team are urged to get in touch with Charles Salzman, care of the Call Book Store, 21 East 17th Street, New York.

### FORUM SEAMEN

A forum for striking seamen in New York is held every afternoon at 1 o'clock at 107 MacDougal Street under the auspices of the Socialist Party. Various speakers from the party address the forums. Coffee and sandwiches are served.

### CELERY STRIKERS SETTLE

STOCKTON, Cal.—Pay raises of five to ten cents an hour and improved working conditions resulted from the strikes of celery workers. The Agricultural Workers Union announced that it would “continue the drive for higher wages and shorter hours throughout other crops of the valley and country.”

### GREETINGS



N.A.A.C.P.

# Christmas Re-Marx

By the Business Manager

When the holiday season comes rolling along each year, it strikes us that it is a particularly appropriate time for a bit of propagandising.

Party members and sympathizers who can afford it often have special greeting cards prepared which in part serve to drive home the lesson of man's inhumanity to man under the capitalist system. Many of these have been pretty effective, including some cut by hand from linoleum blocks.

But these Christmas cards, no matter how challenging, seem somehow to get hidden behind the other Santa Claus stuff which is piled up in so many homes at this time of year.

### In The Stream

Even those who have little of the spirit of Christmas, and some who are “anti-Christmas,” find it hard to avoid the general habits of this civilization, and often break down and buy presents of some sort or other for their friends and relatives.

Few are the families which are 100 per cent Socialist. Each one of us has some relatives who are all set for a good old-fashioned argument on Socialism and the policy of the Socialist Party whenever we appear.

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action toward righting the situation.

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And if you still want to remember the “Neediest 100” with a Christmas gift (N. Y. Times, please copy!), the staff of the Call would appreciate your remembering that it takes a steady flow of donations to finance a Socialist paper.

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Total subs received for the week—	147.

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# Thomas Speaks to Seamen; Bridges Hopes for Ryan Aid

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ranks of the unions and active unionists can be blacklisted.

Lundberg, a new star in the labor firmament of the West, was placed in his important position on the West Coast after the expulsion of Paul Scharrenberg, reactionary secretary of the union, on the Pacific Coast.

The battle of East Coast maritime workers to rid themselves of their reactionary officials, as was done already on the West Coast, is still to be won. Grange, vice-president of the Sailors' Union in charge of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Department, is being haled before Federal Court for his mishandling of hundreds of thousands of dollars of union funds. While other officials have been voted out of office by meetings from Texas to Massachusetts, union officers in the New York area are still entrenched in their offices, tenaciously fighting attempts to unseat them.

## GOVERNMENT AIDS SHIP OWNERS

Strikers are attacking government steamship inspectors for their collaboration with the ship owners in allowing ships to sail with inexperienced crews enlisted from the worst elements. Captain George Fried, head of the Inspection Service, has been the target of many of these attacks.

Great pressure has been put upon the West Coast strikers to force them to back down, particularly by raising the issue of perishable goods. The Seamen's Union of the West Coast has steadfastly refused to give way on this issue. In order to allow essential foods to be shipped to Alaska, it was arranged to carry it on a government operated ship, and similar arrangements are being made to get food to Hawaii.

"Job action," the seagoing form of the popular "sit-down" strike, which has been a major weapon in the hands of the militant workers on the West Coast, became an international weapon of labor solidarity, when French sailors refused to move the French liner Champlain from its berth in Le Havre. 450 passengers had already left Paris to board the boat, which is shortly scheduled to leave New York on a West Indian pleas-

ure cruise, when the French seamen folded their arms.

## FRENCH ACTION SPREADS

The action of the sailors on the Champlain quickly spread to the San Francisco, another French liner in the same port, where a similar sit down held up departure of the ship, with 1515 passengers and 5000 tons of cargo, for the Pacific Coast. Thus the strike, which thus far has been against American ship owners, spread to action against the French Line.

Up and down the East Coast strikers and sympathisers have been active in attempting to enlist all maritime workers, particularly the Longshoremen, in the strike. The occasional successes which have been achieved thus far each contribute toward the winning of the most important goal of the strike, the creation of a National Maritime Federation.

## Labor Secretary Helps Scabs

PHILADELPHIA. — Maritime strikers here have uncovered the fact that Frances Perkins, Roosevelt Secretary of Labor, has given assistance to strikebreaking efforts of the ship owners.

When a delegation of ship strikers called upon Mayor S. Davis Wilson of Philadelphia, to protest his order against picketing the Philadelphia docks, they were told that Frances Perkins had given him instructions from Washington to provide police protection for "loyal workers" who are being imported from New York.

Strikebreakers are being furnished ship owners of this area by the Burns Detective Agency, which is attempting to bring them in by bus from New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

## Boston Socialists Run Dance for Seamen

BOSTON.— The Socialist Party and the Young People's Socialist League ran a Solidarity Dance for the benefit of striking seamen, in the Clothing Workers Hall here this week. Members of the strike strategy committee were present to speak and all proceeds were donated to the strike fund. Strikers with picket cards were admitted free of charge.

# With The Party

## NATIONAL

The Central Bureau of Jewish Branches has issued a call for a national conference to be held December 25, 26 and 27, in New York. It urges all Jewish branches of the party to send representatives to the conference. On Friday, December 25, a mass meeting will be held in Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th St., which will be addressed by Norman Thomas, N. Feinerman and D. Meyer. The following night the New York Jewish branches will act as hosts to out-of-town comrades at a banquet. The session and banquet will be open to all members of the party 742, East 180th Street, Bronx, New York.

## MARYLAND

At a meeting of the state committee in Baltimore, plans were made for increased activity and tightening up of the party organization. The state committee now consists of Oswald Hunt, state secretary; William Elder, state chairman; Joseph G. Horak, Jerome Tucker, John Orman, William T. Toole, David Eymann, Samuel Angel, William Munroe, August Winterstein, Naomi Riches, Elisabeth Gilman, Charles Bernstein.

Local Baltimore at a general membership elected a press committee whose duties include distribution of the CALL and the American Socialist Monthly.

## MICHIGAN

Current events and cultural group meetings, initiated by the Educational Committee of the Wayne County, Socialist Party, are now under way and making good progress. The two groups meet on alternate Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. at party headquarters, 3946 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit. The classes will run over an indefinite period, and the public is invited.

## MISSOURI

The recent conference of Socialists from Illinois and Missouri area held in St. Louis under NEC auspices laid most of its emphasis on coordination of the work of Socialists in mass organizations. In line with this, a

second meeting will be held December 20.

Local St. Louis has resumed its Sunday evening Labor Forums at local headquarters, 3108 N. 21 Street.

A mass meeting held by local Kansas City on the recent Moscow Trial passed a resolution demanding a complete investigation of the trial by a trustworthy and authoritative International Labor Commission. The meeting was addressed by Jefferson Rall and C. R. O'Hara.

## NEW YORK

Max Shachtman will speak on "Whither Communism?" at the Parkway Forum, held under the auspices of the 18th A. D. Branch of Brooklyn, Sunday, December 20. The Forum meets at 1140 Eastern Parkway.

Gala dance Saturday evening, December 19, at 844 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, held by District R of the YPSL.

August Tyler, editor of the CALL, will speak on "European Diplomacy Today" at 2:30 P. M., Sunday, December 20, in the first of a series of lectures at the West Bronx Forum, Room 26, 7 West Burnside Ave.

A social featured by a dance contest will be given by the 8 A. D. Bronx branch of the Socialist Party on Saturday, December 19,

at Room 26, 7 West Burnside Ave. Admission 10c.

A joint dance of the Village Branch and the Matteotti League will be held December 19 at 107 MacDougal Street. Tickets, 35c.

A three-day bazaar is planned by the Jewish Socialist Voice for January 15, 16, 17, at the Socialist Labor Center, 31 Second Ave.

## OHIO

The Young People's Socialist League of Northeastern Ohio has begun publication of a new monthly organ, "Revolt". The editorial committee of the paper includes Henry Thurman, James M. Collier, Adell Kochman, Blanche Rubinberg and Esther Johannes. Revolt is published from the Socialist headquarters in Cleveland.

## VIRGINIA

The state committee at a recent meeting in Richmond drew up extensive plans for future activity. A drive will be made to get all members in good standing. A motion was passed that all party members not using exempt stamps must subscribe to the CALL by January 1 in order to retain their membership in the party. It was decided that work of members in mass organizations shall be directed by the state secretary on instruction from the action committee.

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# Jobless Strike Back as Families Lose Relief Pay

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at the interviewers desk before they even received applications. The demands of the unemployed for clothing allowances and for a 25% increase in rents have been met by the worst sort of police brutality. Five hundred of them have been arrested in the local relief bureaus since the date mentioned

Not to be outdone by the WPA workers of this city, over 5,000 of whom marched last Saturday, in what the New York Post called, "the largest, best organized and most impressive picket line in this city's history", the unemployed will march to City Hall on the 19 of December to protest against the arrests of their fellow workers and to demand:

1. an end to the inhuman case closing drive;
2. A clothing allowance of \$5 per month per person;
3. A 25% increase in rent allowances;
4. A city works program to give jobs to all the unemployed.

### Mass On City Hall

More than 75 trucks will carry the unemployed from the various parts of the city to City Hall, and will provide floats for a parade which will precede the picket line.

The New York picket line is the first of a series of city-wide, country-wide and state-wide actions which the Workers Alliance will undertake throughout the country, to improve the miserable lot of those now dependent on it for their livelihood.

### Sit-Down Spreads In Chicago

by WILLIAM HOLLISTER

CHICAGO.—Thirty-two Chicago WPA workers, four of them Negroes and including ten women have been staging a "sit-down" protest since Saturday at WPA headquarters in the Merchandise Mart, the building with the largest floor space in the world. Chagrined over the slashing of WPA rolls following the elections, these white collar workers have joined hundreds of their fellow workers all over the country in sitting down rather than lying down when faced with summary loss of their jobs.

Your reporter, after getting by several highly nervous and bewildered officials, found the strikers clustered as comfortably as possible in a small conference room, without windows or direct access to air, and recently denied the privilege of leaving their one door open. It seems that the other workers on the same floor were learning too much. Food and toilet facilities are the only privilege tolerated. Mail, newspapers, information must be "smuggled" past.

### Unions Represented

On Monday afternoon the group looked very cheerful and optimistic, and very determined, as they sat around enjoying their first hot meal. A steering committee of five, including two Socialists, has been elected to negotiate with Government officials and had sent a wire to Harry Hopkins, to which there has been no answer. Four unions are represented: Technical & Research Employees Union, Local 316, American Federation of Teachers, Artists' Union, and the Illinois Workers Alliance.

Howard Gibbons, vice-president of the AFT, and Ruth Cook of the TERU are the two Socialists on the steering committee.

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that are spreading around the country, this was called on two basic demands: stop WPA cuts immediately, and reinstate those already cut since November 3rd.

### Toledo Jobless Force New WPA

By NELSON G. MEAGLEY

TOLEDO—Arthur Preis, President of the Workers Alliance of Lucas County, has been sent to Washington in order to put pressure on the national administration in the present WPA crisis.

Preis' trip to Washington at this time comes as the result of pressure put upon local authorities who had begun the national layoff policy locally. When hundreds of Toledo workers were laid off two weeks ago, Alliance officials went into action immediately. Such strong pressure was put upon the city officials that a general conference was arranged between the City Council, the County Commissioners, W. P. A. administrators and the Workers Alliance.

As a result new projects which will give employment to 400 WPA workers were approved.

The Workers Alliance, not trusting the final approval of the projects in the face of the national policy, have sent Preis, a Socialist, to Washington, in order to see that the projects are not lost in administrative red tape there.

### Red-Baiters Force Erber Lecture Postponement

CLEVELAND — The mass meeting on Spain scheduled to be held here for Ernest Erber, national chairman of the Young People's Socialist League, has been cancelled.

The management of the Peoples Theatre, which is a Communist-controlled "innocents" organization, has refused to allow the meeting to be held, although the theatre had already been booked by local Socialists for December 23.

Plans are being made to hold an Erber meeting here early in January.

### "COME AND GET IT"

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—"Come and get it!" says the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, inviting northern capital to exploit its citizenry.

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Woodward is at his "debunking" best. He rolls along breaking idols, smashing many hallowed traditions, and setting to rest such idiocies as "America fought the war to save democracy." And the book is delightful reading.

It makes no pretension at being serious history. Epigrams take the place of serious discussion. Witch-trials and adultery in old Massachusetts are accorded several pages, but Sacco Vanzetti apparently occupy no place in American history. The Peggy Eaton scandal in Jackson's administration is worth two pages, but Dorr's Rebellion cannot even find a line in the index.

### Many Truths

Despite the omissions and over-emphasis on personal detail, and this is central in Woodward's

conception of debunking, the plain statement of many truths will be healthful for the aforesaid precocious relative. For instance, he will be able to point out that our Neutrality in the war was nothing but a sham from the beginning; that in the War of 1812 the issue was not that of the impressment of American seamen, but rather the imperialist demands of the South and West; that freeing the slaves was an incidental war measure for the Union, not a casus belli; that

the Fourteenth Amendment was a deliberate centralization measure on the part of big money, and that "the motivating spirit of the convention (constitutional)—not expressed but clearly understood—was to make the nation safe from democracy."

May we repeat, here is a history of the United States that is easy to read and for those who are not already trained it's an eye-opener. H.S.

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# LOBBY AND AISLE

By McALISTER COLEMAN

The Theatre Guild was still groping when we saw PRELUDE TO EXILE, by William McNally, at the Guild Theatre on West 52d Street, last week. But maybe all the gray matter and distinguished taste of the guildsmen will begin to click when they present Katherine Cornell in Maxwell Anderson's "Wingless Victory." Tell you about that later.

PRELUDE TO EXILE is another biographical essay. We've had Poe and Napoleon and now it's Wagner. Only it isn't Wagner. You just don't capture the essence of genius by showing him in a purple moment of infatuation. Biography on the stage is at best a tremendously difficult job. Wilfrid Lawson, as the impassioned composer, handled it as best he could and it was a fair best. Nevertheless he left us about as cold as the acting of Eva Le Gallienne. Which is something of a study in frigidity.

We simply can't believe that all there was to Wagner was a neurotic, egocentric, spoiled child. He may have been all that. The trouble with the Guild show is that, Polishly speaking, that is all that he was.

### STIRRING THEME

Just to be sure that Robert Sherwood can, when he puts himself into it, write a better play than the current smash "Tovarich," we went to see IDIOT'S DELIGHT again at the Shubert Theatre on West 44 Street. And again we were tremendously stirred by this altogether masterful handling of a theme that most of the tight-lipped propagandists have muffed so badly.

It is, of course, no more original a theme than that, all things considered, peace is a better state of affairs than war. But instead of hammering away at it by long speeches and agonized scenes of death and destruction, Sherwood snatches us up with his people on the stage, poor, bewildered folk, who with the exception of the Fascists, don't know the time of day. And he does it not only with sympathy and brooding understanding but with humor too, so that there is a whole range of emotional stops for him to play on. A range, it seems, that our Leftist playwrights can't, for all their good intentions, achieve. For my part, I would make it compulsory for a potential propagandist writer to go see "Idiot's Delight" at least three times before he sits down to his typewriter.

### ROUGH WAR

We sneaked over into the picture department's field and saw the Soviet film, ABYSSINIA at the Cameo, on West Forty-second Street. There's war in the rough for you, the raw material for an anti-imperialist play. ABYSSINIA is a stirring job of picture-making by courageous cameramen working under fire of hostile aircraft. Don't miss it.

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## 'Bassa Moona'

"BASSA MOONA," a dance-drama presented at the Lafayette Theatre by the African Unit of the Federal Theatre Project.

"Bassa Moona," the African dance drama currently crowding the boards of the Lafayette theatre, is something the Greeks didn't have a word for. And since the Greeks didn't have a word for it there's little we can say except that it is exciting, rhythmical, invigorating, thoroughly different, colorful, etc., etc., until it nearly exhausts our panegyric vocabulary.

Played with incredible energy and spontaneity by a Negro cast, "Bassa Moona" follows in the thumping tradition of its highly successful progenitor of a few seasons back, "Kykunkor," enlarging upon, although it is not quite so consistently engrossing as its predecessor. The drama consists of the usual marriage ceremony, voodoo dance, sacrifice to the gods, war dance and festival ending.

But the dancing is the show. Accompanied by beating tom-toms and African hymns, the dancers rise to a pitch of almost hysterical activity and this reviewer could clearly discern certain movements that bore remarkable resemblances to the Charleston, Lindy Hop, Trucking and the strongly suggestive burlesque routines.

A program note informs that the time and scene is present day Nigeria and the whole thing has us wondering if it is possible that

## 'Aged 26'



Linda Watkins and Robert Harris as they will appear in "Aged 26" opening at the Lyceum Theatre, Monday evening, December 21st.

our African friends have adopted some of the loony hoofing that occurs nightly in Harlem's Savoy Ballroom. These minor hallucinations interfere in no way with this purely theatrical entertainment.

Momodou Johnson (alias Asadata Dafroa Horton, author of "Kykunkor") and Norman Coker are credited for the production while the Federal Theatre technicians have dressed and staged it in an effulgence of color. Get to see "Bassa Moona" because we feel it is positively one of those "once in a lifetime" spectacles—and go early or you'll shiver on line with the rest of the eager Federal Theatre-going proletariat.

—Manuel Wein.

## First Films of Rape Of Ethiopia Seen On Cameo Screen

"Abyssinia," the Russian film document of the Fascist rape of Ethiopia, is now current on the Cameo screen. The entire film was photographed in Ethiopia during the period of invasion by Soviet cameramen. The actual scenes of the bombing of the Red Cross Hospital at Addis Ababba and the inhuman gassing of the natives are seen here for the first time.

Included on the same program are Soviet news-reels showing the celebration in Moscow of the 19th Anniversary of the October Revolution and the mopping of the Soviet workers in giant demonstrations for the defense of Spain against the Italian Fascists. By all means, don't miss it.

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Erica Mann, a well-known German actress and author, is the daughter of Thomas Mann, the famous German novelist and Nobel prize-winner who was recently deprived of his citizenship by Hitler.

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# All Out January 4 To Madison Square; Support Call Of The Spanish Societies

The United Spanish Societies to Aid Spain calls upon all those who would defeat Fascism in Spain to pack its meeting for Fernando De Los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, to be held at Madison Square Garden on Monday evening, January 4.

The meeting has been moved ahead to January 4 because since the first announcement of the call new Spanish Societies have shown a desire to participate in and throw their forces behind the demonstration. To allow for the broadest and most effective mobilization, the date was changed from December 23 to January 4, 1937.

The organizations originally sponsoring the meeting were: Sociedad Espanola de Beneficencia, Circulo Valenciano, Casa de Galicia, Alianza Obrera Espanola, Centro Andaluz, Club Coruna, and Agrupacion Feminina Espanola. Since the issuance of the call the following have joined:

Centro Montanez, Centro Vasco, Club Obrero Espanola, Hispanos Unidos de Newark, and Centro Espanol de Elizabeth.

Louis Careaga, Spanish Consul General, was elected honorary chairman of the United Spanish Societies. The vice-chairmen are Dr. Julio Cantala and Emilo Nunez.

Thanks to the broad support given to the sponsoring committee by the various Spanish fraternal and benefit societies, a basis has been established for the widest united action on the part of all those who would join hands for the defeat of Spanish Fascism.

No more fitting representative for such a broad and united purpose could be had than De Los Rios, the spokesman of the Spanish Government in the United States.

It is inspiring to see the Spanish people in

America stand so solidly with their embattled brothers and sisters in Spain; to see that although separated by oceans they have not left the struggles of their countrymen behind them; to see their readiness to undertake this giant meeting for their ambassador.

The Socialist Party calls upon its friends and sympathizers to do their bit to pack Madison Square Garden and make this meeting a demonstration in support of the embattled Spanish masses in their life and death struggle against reaction.

On January 5th the reactionaries of America should awaken with a headache from the thunderous meeting at Madison Square Garden.

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## Buenos Aires Is Scene For Imperialist Conflicts

A sudden reversal of position by the Argentina delegation at the Pan-American Conference brought into the open the underlying conflicts at the meeting of the nations of the New World. After an agreement had been reached last week, the Argentine delegates suddenly withdrew their support of the proposal and demanded consideration of the entire question once more.

What is behind this strange behavior?

The Daily News states editorially of the Pan-American conference:

"The Monroe Doctrine, Brought Up to Date!"

Never has the News been squeamish about speaking its imperialist belief. Its slogan has always been "Two Ships for One!" And no matter what happened abroad, just so long as it could be interpreted to affect America's imperial interests, the News would proudly proclaim: "Two Ships for One!"

The unrestrained hossanahs which this quite consciously imperialist sheet sends up for Roosevelt's ventures into South America are worth reams of historical analysis. After ending one of their homely analyses to prove that Roosevelt is putting over the old Monroe Doctrine in a gentlemanly and cooperative way, the News editorial writers end with the phrase: "Maybe the guy's a genius!"

That's the way the imperialist tabloid talks.

### DIFFERENT LANGUAGE—SAME THING

But the equally imperialist, though more polished, Times talks a different language to say the same thing. Hubert Herring writes in the Times magazine:

"The Monroe Doctrine was not on the agenda of the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace, but it had to be penciled in. The work of the delegates of the twenty-one American republics in December, 1936, is the fulfillment of the work of James Monroe in December, 1823. The twenty-one nations are now saying in concert what Monroe said in solo. They are saying America must not meddle in Europe, Europe must not meddle in America."

It is very interesting to note that the entire American imperialist-minded press has practically with one voice hailed the American purposes at the Pan-American Conference.

Almost as unanimous as the praise for Roosevelt in the imperialist press was the praise for

Roosevelt before the official delegations of the Latin American countries. Aside from a rude interruption by the son of the Argentine dictator, who cried, "Down with imperialism," Roosevelt heard nothing but thunderous applause.

### CONFERENCE IN CONFLICT

No sooner had the president stopped speaking, however, before the conference found itself in the grip of debate and irreconcilable conflict. The unanimous applause gave way to bitter struggle. So sharp was the fight that the proposals of the very influential United States were defeated, although the "Colossus of the North" was able to establish a certain basis for its political perspective in Latin America.

The strife arose from the fact that the loyalty of a number of South American countries was stronger for Europe than for the United States. These countries were tied to the skirts of Europe, and they would not be mothered by the United States.

The proposal of the United States called upon the two Americas, in the event of a European war, to isolate themselves from the rest of the world. This simple, and apparently idealistic, proposal for peace would have the greatest value for American businessmen.

### HAVE TRADE WITH EUROPE

Many of these South and Central American countries have an extensive trade with European countries. Should Europe become involved in a war, South American countries would be compelled, by the terms of the agreement, to divert their business entirely into intra-American channels. Europe's misfortune would be American businessmen's good fortune.

The Latin-American countries, moreover, could not wait until a war broke out to shift their trade from Europe to the United States. Should the American nations lean too heavily upon European trade, the breaking off of this support by a war might cripple the countries' economy. Hence, in the pre-war days, Latin-American business world have to begin to adjust itself in the direction of the United States so that the resultant isolation

coming with a war would not mean internal collapse.

All this, and more, is implied in the simple American proposal. It would also, as a result of the new orientation the United States would like these South and Central American countries to take, mean trade agreements and mutual military relationships. With the establishment of a permanent consultative commission of the various countries, the Americas would be converted into a solid economic and political bloc with military backing against the rest of the world.

### HEARST HAILS PROPOSALS

American imperialism would dominate the New World. Is it any wonder that Hearst, McCormick and Sulzberger-Ochs hail Hull's proposals "for peace."

The real rub comes with the opposition of those powers which have strong European ties. The opposition to the Hull proposal was led by the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, the delegate from Argentina, Carlos Saavedra Lamas. Argentina strongly opposed any attempt to isolate the Americas from the League of Nations. Columbia and Uruguayan delegates joined Argentina in pushing the fight against the U.S. plan.

These nations maintained that the League of Nations was a sufficient instrument for the maintenance of peace and that there was no need of a supplementary treaty applying only to the western hemisphere. These countries took a strong stand against neutrality and for the concept of collective security, through the League of Nations, to punish the aggressor nation.

The debate between the "League" nations and the "Monroe" nations (as they have come to be called) deadlocked the conference. Although the debate appeared as one between the United

States and Latin-American governments, in reality, it was a debate between the United States and other imperialist powers which speak through the puppet mouths of certain American regimes.

### PRESENT IN SPIRIT, IF NOT IN BODY

Those imperialist countries were present at the Pan-American conference in spirit if not in body. In a rarified sort of way the clash and interplay of American imperialist interests with that of other European countries was the background of the prolonged debates at the Pan-American meeting.

The result of the conflict, however, was a retreat upon the part of the U.S. delegation. A compromise was finally reached, calling for consultation among the American nations should peace in the Americas be endangered from within or from without.

But even this compromise was finally upset by Argentina's reversal; i. e. by Britain's pressure

## Can't Get Longshoremen to Scab



While Dan Donovan (center) vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association, is trying to convince the men that they should go through the picket line, the longshoremen refuse to unload ships in Boston Harbor.

## They Cried 'Liar' When We Said FDR Would Cut Relief

No. 2

Last week the CALL reprinted the editorial statement of the Post, former Roosevelt campaigner, containing an attack upon the administration.

This week, we reprint a few words from Heywood Brown, who also jumped upon the Roosevelt bandwagon, when the Socialist Party warned against the treachery of FDR.

"Somebody ought to remind the Roosevelt administration that it won the last election. It is quite true that certain issues were dealt with by both sides in less than a forthright

manner, but one agonized scream of the Republicans went on throughout the campaign. Hardly a single G. O. P. speech was made which did not contain an attack on work projects, and particularly those which are known to their enemies as boondoggling.

"It seems to me just and fair to say that President Roosevelt and his associates have received a mandate to continue boondoggling. And yet it is the successful side which now seems minded to heed the bitter complaints of the minority."