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Mexico Disarms 10,000 Fascists in Preparation for Land Distribution

The Economically Powerful Mexican Labor Movement, Strongly Influenced by the Ideals Planted There by its Founders (I. W. W.), Brings Pressure to Bear on the Political State

MEXICO CITY.—More than 10,000 peasants, followers of the Fascist general, Cardenas, are being disarmed by the command of the 12 military districts in various parts of the state of San Luis Potosi in order to assure the peaceful distribution of land.

After Yucatan, San Luis is the next state on Pres. Cardenas' schedule to develop his land reform program. This state, however, has for many years been under the absolute control of Mexico's No. 1 Fascist, the former Minister of Agriculture, Gen. Cedillo, who has been and still is carrying out an open as well as an underground opposition to the president's agrarian program. Being himself a large landowner, Cedillo has always closely cooperated with the rest of the state's hacendados to keep land reform outside the borders of San Luis Potosi. This is part of the reason why Cedillo, during the past few years, has been building large military formations within the confines of his state.

With this well-equipped private army the Fascist general has been threatening the peace of Mexico and it is said that he had been plotting open rebellion lately. Very quietly and methodically, Cardenas has step by step eliminated this danger. On September 8, he deprived Cedillo of his prized possession of airplanes, two weeks after the newspaper El Machete had exposed the fact that the general had bought 14 planes from the United States.

This was followed, September 14, by a replacement of the federal

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Flogging Cases Face White-Wash

By ARON GILMARTIN

TAMPA, Fla.—The famous Tampa flogging cases were renewed as the state of Florida placed on trial five former Tampa policemen and three Orlando Klansmen for the flogging murder of Joseph Shoemaker, former Socialist, near Tampa in November, 1935.

In a previous trial in the kidnapping case of E. P. Poulton, state chairman of the Florida Workers' first case who was a companion of Shoemaker and Dr. S. G. Rogers, the five former Tampa policemen were convicted by a 6-man jury in the Bartow court house the previous day. The case was remanded to the state supreme court. The cops were sentenced to four years each in state prison by presiding Judge Robert E. Dewell. The sentence was later reversed on appeal to the Florida Supreme Court, which remanded the case for a new trial. In announcing its decision, the court declared: "The alleged police brutality is of a most revolting character and constitutes a blot on our civilization as a people."

Att'y. J. Rex Farrier opened the trial for the state by filing motion to nullify the case against Edward Spivey and James Dean, Orlando Klansmen who were identified at the scene of the flogging by Rogers and Poulton. Onlookers predicted that this prepared a general white-wash of all the men involved and an attempt to slip out of the case with as little attention as possible. The state's motion, in effect, means that it will not press the prosecution.

Maritime Contracts Bar Quickie Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO.—Both deep sea and steam schooner owners have renewed agreements for a year with all maritime unions, and also with the Longshoremen. If any dispute occurs, arrangements are made for an impartial board to decide interpretations of the contracts. Quickie strikes are barred.

Death Rate Grows As Wages Go Down U. S. Report Shows

Twice as many of the poor as of all other classes are killed in this country by the seven most dangerous diseases in this country according to a report of Josephine Roche, assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of public health.

There are ten diseases which are responsible for three out of four American deaths. They are, in order of their deadliness: heart disease, cancer, pneumonia and influenza, cerebral hemorrhage, nephritis, tuberculosis, appendicitis, and syphilis.

"From seven of these ten—all but cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes, and appendicitis—the death rates mount steadily as income goes down. The death rate from respiratory tuberculosis is seven times as great among unskilled workers as among professional workers. It is three times as great among the skilled as among the professional.

"Pneumonia kills three and a half times more unskilled workers than professionals; death rates from diabetes and syphilis are twice as high for the unskilled as for the professional; cancer toll for the unskilled worker is 50 per cent higher than for the professional.

"The death rate from all causes is more than twice as high for the unskilled worker as the professional."

Disabling illness among persons on relief are shown to be 68 per cent higher than those in families under the state of \$10 a week. Works Progress Administration workers have a disabling illness rate of 40 per cent above that of other employed.

Idaho Loggers Respond To Appeal for Gentry

The time when young D. L. Gentry will be removed from the hospital at Orofino, Idaho, to one near his home in Sikes, Louisiana, where he can be more conveniently visited by his mother and dad is being shortened greatly by the response for funds for this purpose. The committee visiting the camps in the last couple of weeks is meeting with fine results considering the conditions under which they have to make their appeal.

The Diamond Match Camp 2, out at Priest River topped the list with a collection of a 96.78. Diamond Match Camp 3, out of Sandpoint, boosted it by donation of \$48.95. The committee held a good meeting at Moe and Dittman's camp out of St. Joe and collected \$59.56. Unfortunately Rogers Camp closed down after the heavy rains before the committee could arrange a special visit for this purpose but it is a former visit the delegate received donations amounting to \$29.50.

The possibility of charges being preferred against the gunmen who waylaid Gentry and the other pickets the night of August 2, 1937 with Gentry as the plaintiff may postpone his return to his home state for a short time. Efforts are being made to bring a protest from organized labor in Idaho against the non-punishment of these attackers of peaceful pickets. Unless organized labor takes action now to see that these gunmen are made examples of we can not be assured that such warlike shooting will not be repeated.

PROSPERITY NOTE
Even the lowly worm is affected by this here so-called prosperity. Worm production for fishermen has increased 100% percent since 1933.

LUMBER WORKERS BULLETIN

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Lumber Workers Bulletin will go to press November 1. All news from camps and mills should be at the office not later than October 26. This is your bulletin. Write for it!—Bulletin Committee, P. O. Box 365, Seattle, Wash.

Big Three Gain Control In AFL Building Trades

DENVER.—Rejecting any form of compromise in an inter-Brotherhood Trades Department battle, the big three—carpenters, bricklayers and electrical workers—completely ousted from leadership representatives of the department's smaller, more highly skilled trades and captured the posts of chairman and secretary-treasurer and five of the eight vice-presidencies, which comprise the executive council.

Ousted were J. W. Williams of the carpenters, who lost favor with Pres. W. D. Hutcheson of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters for opposing their union's election during their last convention, and M. J. McDonough of the plasterers. Williams had the support of the smaller unions in the department. Elected were Joseph A. McInerney of the tile setters, president, and Herbert Rivers of the hod carriers, secretary-treasurer. Pres. Daniel Tobin of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters and Hutcheson were on the executive council by the big three. Williams, in his retiring speech warned the department against allowing their jurisdictional machinery to break down.

Rich American To Lose Huge Estate

MEXICO CITY.—William O. Jenkins, American citizen, is losing his huge estate of some 270,000 acres in the state of Puebla by order of Pres. Cardenas of Mexico. The land is being distributed among the landless peasants. Surveys for the individual plots have already been completed. Engineers have been busy on the hacienda for some time. They report that with the exception of 5,000 acres, all the land is under cultivation. Twenty-thousand acres are in sugar cane.

Norwegian Sailors Win Sitdown Strike

HOUSTON, Tex. (FP)—A sit-down strike by the crew of the Norwegian freighter *Vesterdal*—first set down under a foreign flag that port has seen—won a war bonus of \$250 for the seamen. The ship is bound for Japan with a load of scrap iron. When the master of the ship attempted to cast off from dock, the sitdowners walked off the vessel. Refusal to "turn to" while moored to the dock constitutes a strike, but refusal after leaving the dock would have been mutiny. At one period of their two-day strike, the crew refused a bonus of \$100. Owners of the freighter in Norway backed agreement to the bonus, and the vessel sailed.



Pursuit of happiness led this New Jersey farm worker to join a strike against 18c-an-hour pay.

Three Hungry Gangs Court Natl. Labor Board For Recognition As Ford Dues Collecting Agency

There is Perfect Cooperation in a Ford Plant as Far as Production is Concerned; Workers Have yet to Learn How to Cooperate to Further Their Own Good.

By A FORD EMPLOYEE

According to the latest report there will be an open hearing on the matter of four "little" groups seeking dues collecting rights, from the National Labor Relations Board, over the Ford employees. Of course, Henry Ford will have one or more representatives present.

The Ford Brotherhood of America claims to have about 25 per cent of the employees on its books. The Liberty Legion, Inc. makes no claims as to membership but will be at the hearing as will the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L., who also are silent as to their approximate strength in the plant.

The Liberty, Inc. has absorbed about 99 44/100 of the P.B.A. membership and many more of the employees as well, in an intensive campaign to "put a red, white, and blue button on every employee. The two last named are admittedly company unions. Of the A.F. of L. you know.

The United Automobile Workers, with its stooge president, ex-cop-carrier Martin, is becoming better known (witness expulsions and internal strife) as just another large number of workers once again dominated by the ambition of Lewis to become Czar of Labor. . . . Read up on labor history pertaining to Muscovite.

New a Three-Ringed Circus
What was formerly a two-ringed circus (Ford unions vs. Lewis) has now become three-ringed, with the entry of the A. F. of L. Visions of huge funds stimulate the leaders to battle each other in the courts for permission to maul John Workox of money. John has no decisive voice in the matter and he wonders what happens to the many millions that are collected yearly as dues and assessments.

Ford Law Don't Waste Time
The great during working hours is a lunch period of 20 minutes. In that time the hands are to be cleaned and a clean spot to sit is to be found; what time remains is to be hurriedly bits and snaffles food. Hurry up and fill—the bells—back to the job.

The job offers little chance to exercise the legs, deafening noises, and too little time to eat comfortably or decently—suffering on a great scale mental, mental and physical fatigue. Irritability, spot pain, arch trouble, varicose veins, etc., and the hundred or more ailments resulting from an absurd discipline system are the lot of the Ford worker.

100% Cooperation
The shames mentions "rugged individualism." The plant operation for

WORKERS MUST USE ECONOMIC POWER TO STOP JAP FASCISTS' RUTHLESS MURDER OF CHINESE

Remember Class War Prisoner at Wobbly Wedding

Detroit Wobblies, gathered the evening of October 9 at an affair to celebrate the wedding of Fellow Workers Roy Sheldon and Irene Zura, took up a collection of \$52.00 for Mrs. Mike Lindway, wife of the Cleveland Class War Prisoner.

The two Detroit workers were given a regular Wobbly wedding, the Right Irreverent Frank R. Cedervall, D. D. A. (Doctor of Direct Action), officiating. Like the true rebels they are, the newly-married couple felt that there was no more fitting time than their wedding celebration to remember the man and woman who have sacrificed so much for the cause of Industrial Freedom.—G. D. C. Local No. 20.

Refuse to be Bribed To Transport War Supplies!

NEW YORK.—One hundred thousand maritimes workers, newly lined up in the CIO maritime unions, it is claimed, are going to "strongly urge" that a resolution to boycott Japanese goods be passed at the National CIO conference which opens October 11 at Atlantic City.

Sen. Thomas Bay of the New York Maritime Council declared that maritime workers felt that their own best interests and those of all labor unions are "bound up with an active defense of democratic nations, whether in this country, Europe, or the Far East. If the invaders are not restrained, democratic institutions all over the world will be imperiled. The only way a new world war can be prevented is to halt this invasion," he said.

Dr. Harry F. Ward, chairman of the American League against War and Fascism, wired Pres. Roosevelt urging that our neutrality legislation be rewritten to allow aid to be rendered the victims of aggression in China and Spain "under conditions which will not involve this country in war."

Meanwhile ship load after ship load of munitions, scrap iron, and other war supplies are being transported to the Japs aboard ships of American register, manned by American seamen. What's the idea of asking for more pay and bonuses for seamen on these ships? For real results let the seamen refuse to haul supplies to the fascist murderers for any wage, bonus or no bonus!

The N. M. U-boats of the large merchant ships are being loaded with ship owners. Possibly some of these sacred agreements, and future ones that they hope to make, might be endangered by a little effective direct action, but that's the only way to get results.

As for the boycott, it will do no harm but the decrease in silk stock and sock buying by the workers which may result, will cost one gun from sending its murderous shells into the ranks of the miserable, terrified Chinamen.—K. T. S.

Insurgents Split Oakland Teamsters

OAKLAND, Cal.—Clifford Lester, ousted president and leader of the rank-and-file movement in the Oakland International Brotherhood of Teamsters local, has been voted funds to go to Indianapolis and fight the International's charges against him and his associates. The struggle between the Oakland teamsters and their 300 insurgent rank-and-file members is being led by the officials deposed when the A. F. of L. lifted the local's charter last summer. Nine members of the union offered withdrawal cards by Charles Real, secretary of the reorganized local, have been told that if they do not accept them they will be expelled. Lester's group has advised them to return to the hiring hall. If they are again refused work, charges of discrimination will be made before the National Labor Relations Board.

FUNNY UNIONS CLAIM CREDIT FOR DECLINE IN LUMBER PRODUCTION

Decline of Market for Lumber is Due to Lack of Purchasing Power of People Who Need Homes, Not to the Much Publicized Boycotts Which the Organizations Involved Could not Enforce if They Wanted to.

LEWISTON, Idaho.—The Potlatch Forest Inc. has had turned back from the east several millions of feet of lumber because of a boycott by the CIO and AFL. It is rumored. This rumor has the earmarks of being far fetched if not a positive piece of propaganda on the part of the lumber company and the CIO and AFL.

The lumber companies have already taken advantage of the rumormongers to close down several mills where whose output is not needed to meet the lower orders on hand and are doing the same thing in this case. They hope to ingene the loggers and mill workers against the organization of labor excepting in such regions as the opposition of the Four L's, the I. E. U. I. type. It is a custom of the employers to pose for front page pictures as "Captains of Industry" when comparatively good times exist, and accept all the credit for the better conditions. But when a depression starts closing in on them they try to make it appear that every thing would be all right but for the "unreasonable" demands of organized labor.

The AFL and CIO who are trying to organize the short loggers in Idaho are not denying that they have boycotted the lumber. In fact they

Railroad Men Get 44 Cent Increase

CHICAGO.—The possibility of strike action or the part of 250,000 members of the five operating railroad brotherhoods was averted as an agreement was reached between the country's railroad lines and the unions. The agreement provides for a 44c-a-day increase adding an estimated \$35,000,000 to the roads' annual payroll.

The pay raise represents an average increase of 6.5 per cent, a compromise accepted by the unions, which originally demanded 20 percent. The agreement was reached with the aid of the National Railway Mediation Board which intervened on Aug. 26 after negotiations had broken down and a strike had been authorized by the membership.

The five brotherhoods which signed the pact are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

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ABOLITION OF THE WAGE SYSTEM

INDUSTRIAL WORKER

EDITORIAL

ONE BIG UNION OF ALL THE WORKERS

Industrial Worker Dictator Wants

"An Injury to One is an Injury to All"

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Peace Treaties

For some weeks past the United Automobile Workers of America, C.I.O. affiliate, has been undergoing a purge. Since its recent Milwaukee convention the leaders at the top have been cleaning house with such good effect that quite a gang of lesser leaders have been set out in the cold, and many restraints are being placed on the influence of the members.

The U.A.W. is going through a process of development common to all non-revolutionary, leader-ridden organizations. In the heat of struggle in their early formative period aggressive action is encouraged in order, on the one hand, to convince the still unorganized workers that a strong union is in the field to battle in their own behalf; and on the other, to show the employers that it is more economical to deal with than to oppose the union.

It is the experience common to thousands of militant workers who have carried the brunt of struggles in craft unions of all kinds, and in the newer pseudo-industrial unions, that once an agreement has been made with employers, the militant is no longer the welcome person to the leadership that he was in the days when picket lines were to be established and maintained in the face of difficulties.

After the contract has been signed the militant is expected to become a mild and docile member who "pays his dues and keeps his mouth shut"; while many a man with the inclinations of a scab becomes the favorite of the union's business agent because he never has complaints and grievances or tries to promote an "unauthorized" strike.

When the treaty of peace with the employers has been signed the next step is to muzzle the rank and file fighters and to concentrate the directive power more completely in the hands of the big-shot leaders.

"Respectable" Unionism

The new full styles in A.F. of L. and C.I.O. contracts are well provided with clauses, wherases, and what-nots that make them highly respectable—and presentable to any company. It is unlikely that even Henry Ford would seriously object to being seen in public with one of them if he were not such a stubborn cur, and if his workers could be brought into line.

The key note is discipline imposed from above. Permission to strike must in every case be obtained from the general officers. Workers must be "educated in the principles of collective bargaining." Which means, of course, that negotiations between lawyers must replace direct job action. The "quickie" strike has become an outlaw.

These provisions must inevitably turn out to be anything to workers in the lumber industry especially and correspondingly satisfactory to the lumber barons. By the time grievances from an outlying camp reach the main office of the union and then travel a long and twisted trail through "investigation," "protest," and "negotiation" a whole season will have passed with nothing settled except that the dues-paying workers have been stung.

Time to Call a Halt

Anyway it's time for the thinking workers to call a halt in the present disastrous trend in the labor movement. With the Lewis outfit engaged in a mad dash for contracts under any conditions and terms so long as they get recognition, and with Green demanding "war to the knife" against the C.I.O. particularly in the lumber industry so his pal, Brother Hucheson, can get his "rough carpenters" back into the fold again, the situation ought to be reasonably clear to every working man who has become involved on one side or the other in this war of the fakers.

It is almost certain never again in those industries where unions of some kind now have a hold will the workers lapse into complete disorganization. The bosses won't allow it!

Neither the Lewis nor the Green family succeed in holding the workers in check the employers will do their utmost to set up commodity of their own to forestall the advance of the I.W.W.

Limousines, He Fires Ex-Wobbly

Stephen Semmowich Dybets was another of the old probables, who being enthused over the great events of the Russian Revolution in 1917, went over there to help build the new workers' society. He wasn't just a philosopher or politician looking for pie and a chance to lord it over his fellow man, but a practical worker. They gave him a job.

He devoted himself to instructing his comrades in industrial technique. Later he was sent back to the U. S. to purchase automotive machinery etc. He bought more than \$50,000 worth. Becoming director of the All Union Motor Car and Tractor Administration he has been largely responsible for getting the big new plants producing on a fairly efficient basis in spite of tremendous difficulties.

Recently Dictator Stalin canned Dybets because, it is claimed, he wasn't building very cars enough for Stalin and his crew.

57-Day Mexican Oil Strike Ends With Labor Gains

MEXICO CITY.—(MLN).—After fighting for fifty-seven days, during which time the gasoline supply of Mexico City was slowly drying up, the oil strike in the Pozo Rica field of the Aguila Petroleum Company came to an end on September 15th, with many important gains for the workers of Section 30 of the Oil Workers Union.

The strike was called two months ago when the Aguila Company refused to extend to the newly formed Section 30 the rights enjoyed under their collective contract when these same workers were formerly a part of another section of the union. By the terms of settlement, reached late on Wednesday the 15th after several days of intense discussion, the workers are granted 75% of their salaries during the strike period as well as part of the expenses of the strike itself.

Biggest Mexican Union Talks War Against Low Pay

Low paid workers employed in United States owned mines threaten a general strike in the industry after several months of fruitless negotiations.

MEXICO CITY.—(MLN).—In view of the fact that the oil workers are trying to bring the American Smelting and Refining Company to an agreement over a collective contract for all its units in Mexico, it is believed that a general strike may soon break out in the industry through-out the country.

The Industrial Union of Miners and Metal Workers has been negotiating this contract for several months, with the object of standardizing wage rates and working conditions in the industry. As is well known, the Guggenheim-owned American Smelting and Refining Company, through its control of nearly all refining plants and smelters of importance, practically dominates the industry and is a virtual monopoly. It is impossible to bring order into the present chaotic labor conditions in mining without obtaining a general contract with the "Asarco" as an indispensable first step.

With approximately 125,000 members, the Miners and Metal Workers Union is the most powerful single labor union in the country. Should the strike come to a head, it will create a situation similar to that which obtained during the recent general oil strike, although its immediate effects on the public will be less severe, naturally, than in the oil conflict.

The official figures of the Second Industrial Census, carried out in 1935, indicate gross profits of more than \$50 million per year in the mining industry. The average wage, however, is only 75¢ per hour, slightly more than half that prevailing in the oil industry, although the cost of living in the mining centers is greatly increased by the study made by the expert commission which investigated the oil industry, is only slightly lower than that of the petroleum centers.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

I. U. No. 440 Members Notice

"Due to an error in making up the ballot committee's report" on the question of whether I. U. No. 440 should hold its regular convention this year. It was erroneously reported that the vote was for no convention, when in reality the vote, by a large majority, was for a convention.

Therefore, Metal Machinery Workers I. U. No. 440 will hold its regular yearly convention as per their By-Laws.

W. H. Westman, Secretary-Treasurer.

C.R.U. BULLETIN

The General Recruiting Union Bulletin will appear November 1. Members interested to send in articles are requested to get them in early so there will be time enough to prepare them for publication. Address: C.R.U. Bulletin, 2422 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.—Markus Dahl, Chairman of the G.O.C.

LOS ANGELES

Fellow Worker C. E. Setzer has been elected branch secretary to succeed Fellow Worker Edw. E. Anderson. Address all mail intended for the branch accordingly: 280 Lang Bldg., 212 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

MINNEAPOLIS

Fellow Workers take notice: Send all communications for the Minneapolis office to the new secretary, John Hoyer, 2224 35th Ave. So.

SACRAMENTO

A general membership meeting is called for October 31 at 208½ Eye St., Sacramento, Cal. All footloose members are urged to attend.

MANHATTAN BRANCH

On and after October 4 the address of the Manhattan branch of I. U. No. 510 will be P. O. Box 368, Church St. Annex, New York City, N. Y.

I. U. 510 NOMINEES

The list of nominees sent to the Industrial Worker and published in the last issue is not correct. The correct list, sent in by Chairman of the G.O.C. Martin O'Connor, follows:

G.O.C. Nominees

John J. Bagley, C. P. Chase, J. J. Wojanowski, George King, Joe Dunn, Frank Natunovic, E. P. Newton, William Patton, Max Kerenblatt, B. Coderick, J. B. Childs, Phil Lanzone, Fred Hansen, Slim Johnson, C. B. Houghton, A. Martin, Beat. Bears.

G.E.B. Nominees and Alternates

Stanley Sawicki, Walter Dempsey, Louis Perry, Max Kerenblatt, E. P. Newton, William Fox, William Patton, Beat. Bears, Frank Russell, A. Caporale, Fred Hansen.

All nominees should have acceptance or declinations in the office of the chairman of the G.O.C. by November 1.

I. U. 110 NOMINATIONS

Nominations for General Organization Committee Members: Mike Capelli, Morris Sorensen, J. Burke, F. H. Binger, Neil Peterson, John E. Peterson, Chester Zook, C. F. Bales, William Unger, Ernest Moreland, James Anderson, George Randall, Bill Rags, Wm. Henry, Ed. Story, James Gratton, Chris George, Frank Lawless, James Schmitt, Amos Rice, Wayne Braden, Kirby Bender and Yen Ali.

Nominations for G. E. B. Member: Geo. Sawd, declines, Mike Capelli, Chester Zook, Joe Jarvis, Bill Rags, John K. Peterson, A. P. Johnson, Wm. Unger, Fred Christensen, Ed. Story, George Fox and C. F. Bales.

CLEVELAND NEWS STAND

The One Big Union Monthly may be bought at the Cut Rate Drug Store, 79th and St. Clair.

There Never Was Strength in The Craft Unions

By I. JONES, I.W.W.

"U. S. puts war blame on Japs." Probably typographical error? "U. S. puts war blame on Saps." how's that?

When the American Legion came to the city they were welcome—O, how welcome!

We were on the verge of going to the poorhouse. Butchers and bakers hung out signs WELCOME AMERICAN LEGION. Then the saloons saw the light, WELCOME AMERICAN LEGION, and damn me for a flatfoot if I didn't see a sign, WELCOME, AMERICAN LEGION in the Perhabapeterian cemetery.

All out for the shreds the American Legion was supposed to process. The warmth of the welcome were off and you ought to have heard the natives huffing the Legion in the back, "Chincher! They're down here to chisel Wall street out of the price of the next convention. They got the jack for their train fare down here from the Buffalo Convention."

So it is quite evident New York City's welcome didn't reach any further than the Legion's pocketbook and, if Wall street didn't stake them the convention was a total loss.

W W "Meat prices kill business." So? And here all the while I thought it was part of a plan to put the boys on a grass diet. How naïve I'm getting to be in my second youth!

The setting of Black on the Supreme Court bench also sets a precedent and it is a pippin. Sorensen of the ultra-circumpect savants of the privileged bit, swallowed hook, line, and sinker and helped to nail the precedent to the masthead of the ship of state.

That's that off. Franklin throws a mean curve, and those bushers should never stray into higher civilization... maybe they are in on it. I hope so.

W W The class struggle did not get so grievous until the masters of men started in to civilize the craftsmen, the trade unionists—it has been losing fight all along for the past fifty years and, by a strange coincidence, the same leadership has strutted its stuff during that period. At first blush it would seem a class struggle is hard to win—the reverse is true, however, it is easy of accomplishment; but it cannot be done under leadership. Leadership dreads to go too far, as the girls say and is a trifle skittish about wounding the feelings of our overlords and masters. Fifty years of economic war is a long time and many of us are under sold—leaving behind us, of course, suitable replacements, boys and girls to take up where we left off.

Prolonged wars are peculiar in the sense that armies grow bigger despite the most modern and brainless instruments of extermination, making death, and disease.

A matter of 6,000 Finlanders went to the 30 years' war in Germany and when they returned to Finland it was discovered that their number was greatly increased. Some of the wise heads figured out that in the

Those are the records and he was known in those days as the aristocracy of labor even when he had no sex. In other words, he traded his honor for a mess of pottage and nestled under the bosses' wing out of harm's reach. He has been untrue to the working man and slightly untrue to the boss.

Everything went well with them while the country (industry) was expanding, but when the country was "fall up" and the bosses started in to civilize them, as they had civilized the 90 percent before them, it was then the aristocratic wall rose to high heaven, rent the air and it was discovered their union didn't have the strength of a sack of Portuguese; quite easy of discovery because the strength was imaginary in the first place—they had been leaning on a broken straw.

Soviet Russia spent \$10,057,000 with the American Merchants of Death, having ordered two battle-ships to be built here, for which down payment was made, a considerable quantity of artillery and ammunition. Next in line in the amount spent here was China, Argentina was in third place.

Sept. Arms Sales Total 18 Million

During September the arms export from the United States reached the highest figure for any single month since a congressional act two years ago required export licenses for shipment of war supplies. The total was \$18,000,537.

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Frisco Chinese Shops Organize

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Retail Department Store Employees Union has signed up the three local National Dollar Stores, operated and largely managed by Chinese, with a full union shop. \$100,000 work and \$21 minimum for clerks.

THE DARK CRISIS



"I suppose that's all you people have to do in your spare time."

Wake Up Slaves!

There is nothing in the whole wide universe of man to compare with the power of the wage workers as a class. The might of all the world's armies and navies combined, would be as nothing if opposed by an organization of industrial workers inspired to act for the achievement of a common goal. As for the lordly dictators of our day who attempt to "beside the world like a colossus," they even in their own countries, would be as ineffectual and helpless as a lost sheep in a desert if their slaves, now so submissive, would insist collectively on taking control of the economic structure to which they give life with their labor.

Yet in spite of all this power that wage workers have, the last years follow one another in unbroken succession. Instead of improving, things get worse. The standard of living is slipping downward, uncertainty is greater; and the only security against danger of absolute starvation is a pauper's mole reluctantly passed out in one form or another.

Despite all this magnificent strength that is labor's, labor is a large part of it is still apathetically saying, "It might be worse," or "it has always been this way." It is claimed that slavery has been abolished but never was slavery so real and so extended as it is at the present time.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Workers do have to remain slaves. The way is open to free society—solidarity, stands between the workers and peace, security, happiness and freedom except a few impotent, harmless members of the ruling class who will continue to rule only so long as workers are blind to their own opportunities.

The Politician

The statesman throws his shoulders back, And straightens out his tie, And says: "My friends, unless it rains The weather will be dry." And when this thought into our brains Has percolated through, We common people nod our heads And loudly say, "How true!" The statesman blows his massive nose, And clears his august throat, And says: "The ship will never sink So long as she's afloat." We're not to open our solemn eyes,— Applaud with main arm and leg, And slap each other on the back The while we say, "He's right!" The statesman waxes stern and strong, His drone becomes a roar: He yells: "I say to you, my friends, That two and two make four!" And thereupon our doubts dissolve,— Our fears are put to rout, And we agree that there's a man Who knows what he's about. —Author Unknown.

THE PREAMBLE

OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

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The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few who have made up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of management of the industry into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employer. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another's interests. Moreover, the trade unionists allow the employing class to maintain the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any industry, or in all industries, are united as one body, and no strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one a injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to lead the people into the overthrow of the present capitalist system of government by organizing industrially. We are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

SPOKANE, Wash.—It's no more than right that someone should take a little space in the Industrial Worker to assure the thousands of stiffs who traveled (reluctantly) millions of miles to see the President on the hill of the building of the great Council dam, that when the President and his party visited this and other projects there was plenty of chuk in the pack each and they didn't have to ask for bacon butts on the way.

It is reported, in fact, that the Presidential party started out from Washington with a ton and a half of chuk; together with all the other things necessary to juggle up on the road.

The whole country listened to the words of praise, the good things said for the fine dam the construction workers built. No doubt it made even the maimed and disabled workers who contributed their health and strength to the building of the dam, honored that so great a man should laud the product of their labor.

But what probably interested the still able was the promise of other jobs, for it is said that the dam will be let soon for new projects. So the stiff will have some place else "to head for" in search of a 50 cent an hour job and a place to sleep and eat—and to risk his life in the reclamation of more arid acres.

The President was an optimistic prophet when he assured the spell-bound listeners that by 1945 Washington will be a city of wealth in abundance with in reach of that. That sounded very pleasing to the workers of this section though few or none of them had, at the moment, even a nickel to eat. It is to say nothing of a ton and a half of them.—A. J. Trussell.

Minimum Wage Act Makes Exceptions

EDMONTON, Alta.—Among this year's jokes on that part of labor that takes legislation for workers seriously is the minimum wage law which is to be in effect in Alberta on October 1. It provides for a 33 and one third cent an hour and a \$15 a week minimum wage for men. The highest minimum in the Dominion, 35 cents an hour, prevails in British Columbia.

The rates are for men with at least a year's experience at the kind of work they are doing. Farm workers and domestic workers are excepted.

Farmers Line Up With CIO Union

Farm Political Associations and get the Price for Cotton Picking.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (FP)—The Southern Tenant Farmers Union at a special convention here has voted to affiliate with the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America CIO affiliate. The union, an independent organization of sharecroppers, tenants and other farm laborers, will remain a self-governing body affiliated with the International. All locals, however, will be newly chartered and all membership cards newly issued.

The convention adopted a resolution requesting Congress to "adopt legislation which would permit the expansion of cotton production in the south. The resolution declared that crop reduction and destruction have resulted in the loss of millions of thousands of farm workers off the land. Another resolution demanded repeal of the poll tax law, which effectively disfranchises a majority of the voting population of the southern states.

Aubrey Williams, national WPA youth administrator and a native of the cotton belt, told the delegates that he saw in the new agricultural union a safeguard of the interests of a large segment of the breadwinners of the south and the nation, which is not reinforced by legislation, is the most insecure of any in the nation's economic fabric." Williams congratulated them in their ability to stick together in spite of the terror used against them.

Newly elected officers included J. R. Butler, president; E. B. McKinney, vice-president; and H. L. McKinney, treasurer. The dues are \$10.00 a year as a fair price for cotton picking of this year's bumper crop.

The World As It Is

Anti-War Talk Is Not Enough

By ART HOPKINS

War! War! America is for peace—no declared President Roosevelt in his address in Chicago the early part of last week. America is for peace—but we are ready—we are preparing for the crisis.

Roosevelt's speech has received favorable comment from both conservatives and extreme radicals. But somehow this writer cannot get overenthusiastic. The speech smelled too much like Wilson.

Why did we remember correctly Wilson was elected upon a "keep us out of war" platform. American people were opposed to war. They had nothing whatever to do in the European catastrophe.

What happened in 1917 is history. A complete change in our attitude. America was going to "have democracy." Those "terrible Hun" must be conquered. And we won the war. And we made the world safe FROM democracy.

Why all this talk about Japan as an aggressor? Has Japan done anything different from what Italy did in Ethiopia? Or what Italy and Germany are doing in Spain?

But Japan is different! Why? Some American pocketbooks are hit! Some of our "pillars of society" have invested capital in the Far East; hence this outcry "Japan is the aggressor."

Today Roosevelt speaks one thing! Tomorrow—we have no guarantee that he will not do the same as Wilson!

Once again I can see a world gone mad with patriotism. I can see young womanhood selling liberty bonds to save the world from those "terrible Japs." I hear the sound of preparation for the blare of bugles, the rat-tat-tat of drums. I see thousands of meetings and hear the appeals of patriotic orators. I see wives with babies in arms bidding farewell to husbands and fathers. I see sons, husbands, brothers, and fathers marching under flying flags, keeping in time to the loud, boisterous music of war. I see them march down the streets, through fields and farms and prairies. Marching, marching, marching!

Victory? I can see the soldiers return victorious. Victorious over what? No one will know nor care. They have saved the world from the Japs.

Don't let anyone kid you that there is an ocean separating us from the Old World. There was an ocean between us in 1917 and it didn't keep us from going across. Neither will it restrain us today.

With anti-war propaganda must come something concrete—something real. Anti-war talk means nothing.

Talk is cheap! Organization is what is needed. It's the working class that fights the war; it's the working class that constructs war materials; it's the working class that transports these materials and soldiers to their places of destination.

May Prevent Sale Of Oil To Nazis

MEXICO CITY.—(MLN)—Senator Guadalupe, president of the National Revolutionary Body of the Senate, has proposed the consideration of an immediate protest to President Cardenas against the rumored sale of oil by the Petrosimex (the government-owned oil company) to two Nazi officials now in Mexico.

The German emissaries are H. Bentz, a functionary of the Nazi Ministry of Economy, and F. Eski, manager of the German firm of Dresden, who are reported to have come to Mexico for the purpose of placing large orders for Mexican oil, according to information received from abroad; the senator asserts, the oil is being sold in reality for the rebel forces in Spain, and in view of the known friendship of Mexico for the legitimate Spanish government and of the material aid given Spain by the Mexican government, Senator Guadalupe is demanding that any sale of Mexican petroleum to the Nazi agents be forbidden.

KILLING WITH KINDNESS

"We are really in the line in the role of a redeemer."—Lieut. Col. Takahashi, member of the Japanese cabinet.

The Japanese love the Chinese just as they loved the Manchukuan in 1932.

LOOKING THE WORLD OVER

International Notes of Concern to Labor

By JOHN LIND

British Isles France gave Mussolini 24 hours in which to join a truce party in Spain. The 24 hours passed. Mussolini had not even contemplated an answer and Franco and England did nothing.

About 100,000 Londoners gathered to see the British Fascist Oswald Mosley when he landed in London, but Scotland Yard sent all its reserves and Mosley spoke. Judges worked overtime to sentence 104 anti-Fascists to jail and fines for trying to stop Mosley's gang.

The British Labor party okayed its council's action in kicking out the Socialist League from party membership. During the election the Communist Union front offer and elected Harold Laski and Sir Stafford Cripps on the executive in spite of the support of both united front officers and their membership in the Socialist League. The party demanded action against Japan, against which a boycott is sweeping the nation. Political parties were given two more representatives on the executive.

Poland Jewish students are being segregated in the universities of Poland. The number of Jewish students has declined from about 20 per cent in 1928 to less than 10 per cent this year. They are being forced to stand up during classes and Nationalists are hoping for the day there will be no more Jewish students in colleges.

About 70,000 teachers struck, giving a holiday to about 3,200,000 grade school students. The government ousted officials of the teachers union because they were members of the National Camp of Poland.

Germany Germany must again go to market for a good share of her next year's bread cereals. The country's stockpile this year she imported about one million tons of wheat alone. The shortage for next year will be about three million tons, on the basis of 1936 consumption figures.

Known opponents of Hitler have their driving licenses cancelled, listeners to Moscow broadcasts go to jail as does those sending letters out of the country in which they tell their friends of Hitler's perfidy. Betrayal of an industrial secret is as big a crime as betrayal of a military secret. Dismissal from employment is the penalty for the disease of not liking Hitler.

The three German flyers back from Eastern Turkistan, whom we mentioned last week, took a fantastic trip and liberated after a revolt. Germany is building an industry to smelt low-grade iron ore under the Paschke-Petzsch acid-smelting process.

France The finance minister in presenting his new budget warned both labor week and week that there is no cooperation between the two. Production must be kept up and labor is to do its share by giving up the 40-hour week and working 45 hours. Sitdown strikes must be curtailed. French strengthened, foreigners kept under a strict surveillance and foreign agitators ejected from the country. No wonder the newspapers say France is on the step to the right. Both the Communist and Socialists fell in line with this step, so "necessity" to save the country from "Fascism," that Fascism must be embraced.

Russia Russian GPU agents have arrested at least 50 Trotskyites in Barcelona, Spain. This news is from an hitherto obscure source and is not being amplified.

The spy law has been changed to permit sentences of 25 years in prison, which "might" save many lives as it mitigates the sentences of "saboteurs." So far they have been sentenced to either 10 years or death, these being then no intermediate sentences between the two.

The purge is still in full swing. Even Moscow Zoo keepers lost their jobs, being charged with poisoning and destroying animals and even slaughtering them for meat. Changes have been made in military ranks and the commissariat of the interior still has the say over army supplies. Even Voroshilov is worried, say some of the newspapers. High officials have been executed.

Elsewhere in Europe The Cortes (parliament) of Spain backed up the present government, but a split in the Cortes gave the opportunity to castigate groups that would "liquidate" others, just because of different social views. The Cortes are doing their damndest to fight the Trotskyites, Anarchists and Syndicalists.

The Catholic army's commander-in-chief Gen. Laidoner is convinced that the North of Europe will be the scene of important struggles during the next war, because of the large deposits of minerals there.

About 600 American Legionnaires failed to see Mussolini. He was resting from his "arduous" tour of Italy. A Fascist writer charged Russia with supplying \$16,000,000 worth of war supplies to the Valencia government, but did not mention the amount Mussolini has sent to Franco, which was unofficially reported at about \$30,000,000 some months ago.

Mexico to move against the dictatorship in San Luis Potosi state, where the "cultural" former secretary of agriculture Gen. Cedillo is the sole arbiter of things. Several supporters of the government have been killed in that state recently.

American mining companies fear a strike against them in Mexico and plaster U. S. papers with stories telling how labor trouble. Miners are dissatisfied with wages and working conditions, especially in mining owned by the American Smelting and Refining Co. They're preparing for a strike, knowing how American companies feel about wage increases.

Trotsky, from his haven in Mexico, charges Stalin with engineering the death of his former secretary Erwin

Other American Countries

Honduras has repatriated about 500 Nicaraguan exiles. Maintaining its quarrel with that country. El Salvador is one of the few countries which has openly recognized General Franco's government in Spain by restoring a fully accredited envoy from him.

Uriah Butler, charged with working the riots during the June oil strike on Trinidad Island, won his hunger strike, to which he had been in order to get food fit to eat. He gets his grub from friends on the outside now.

Brazil voted another 90 day state of war into effect, to meet the Communist menace. It is a part of the government's scheme to win the election scheduled for January 3.

The Far East Japan declared an informal state of war against China. Its armies were stopped on the Northern fronts, so it is now trying to get Chinapen to fight Chinese by getting a former president of China to form an army against the Nanking government.

The government was "surprised" to have the U. S. government denounce its attack on China. As American capital is heavily invested in China, this should have occurred to the U. S. government. American shipping is said to lose heavily if Japan should win. And again, neutrality is not a paying proposition, as it does not bring dollars into American coffers.

The Tokio paper Nichi Nichi found out that Japan has but Germany and Italy as "friends." All other nations have denounced her attack on China or do not support it. Foreign military experts already are rating Japan a second class military power, because she's been stopped on all Chinese fronts.

Japanese aristocrats adopted a high estimate of their value, considering that scientists some years ago valued the human body (its ingredients) at somewhat less than a dollar.

Here and There England abducted a few Arab leaders and sent them to an island in the Indian Ocean, expecting them to plot in that hot climate. Anyway, they'll have to refrain from shooting Jews, England figures.

Another riot took place in Tunisia this time about 55 miles west of Tunis. One anti-Fascist was killed and 12 "natives" and four police wounded.

About 2,000 Basuto and Pondo tribesmen fought among themselves in a gold mine near Johannesburg, South Africa, over a new wage scale. Sounds queer, to say the least.

Toll of Death In Spain's Civil War Is Over 1,300,000

According to government figures from Madrid the Spanish civil war has cost 1,300,000 lives to date.

The compilation shows the following toll in this bloodiest war in Spanish history as the fighting continued through the 15th month: Killed in action: Loyalists—110,000; rebels—250,000.

Killed behind the lines by bombs, shells, executions (including civilians)—Loyalists—500,000; rebels—400,000.

Civilians killed in air raids, shellings, strafing—Loyalists—50,000; rebels—10,000.

Calif. Parole Board Threatens Union Secy.

SAN FRANCISCO. (FP)—"Give up your job as secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union, or go back to San Quentin for two years." This is the ultimatum delivered by the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles to Robert J. Fitzgerald, recently named as secretary of the union to succeed J. E. Ferguson, who was expelled for plotting a strike against the parole board.

Fitzgerald is one of the Modesto frame-up victims on parole. His parole officer, Charles C. Cox, explained that the charge was the general rule of discretion, because "union men sometimes battle among themselves."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEWARK, N. J. Friday, October 16: Open Forum at the I. W. W. Hall, 294 Market St. and thereafter every Friday evening. Prominent speakers on all subjects. Refreshments and socializing and entertainment included. Come, one! Come all!

NEW YORK CITY Saturday, October 16, 8 p. m. A social and dance will be given at the I. W. W. Hall, 22 W. 17th street, for the benefit of local organization work. Under the auspices of the I. D. C. of the I. W. W. Admission 55 cents.

LOS ANGELES Every Sunday.—Open Forum at the I. W. W. Hall, 280 Lang Blvd., 212 South Spring Street, 8 p. m. W. W. hall, 212 S. Spring St. Good music, refreshments; starts at 8 p. m. Admission 15 cents.

CLEVELAND Saturday, Oct. 16, Draper Boy's Dance at National Labor Auditorium, 10814 Prince Ave., at 8 p. m. This dance arranged by Draper Shop Branch of I. W. 440 for the benefit of Mrs. Mike Lind. Admission 35 cents. Valuable door and other prizes. Everybody welcome. (Prince Ave. cross E. 93 at 3831 E. 93.)

OAKLAND, CALIF. Every Sunday, 8 p. m. Open Forum at the I. W. W. Hall, 438 10th St., Oakland. Good speakers.

CHICAGO, ILL. Saturday, October 16, 8 p. m. The Finnish I. W. W. Group cordially invites members and friends to a big entertainment and dance at the I. W. W. Hall, 2419 Lincoln Ave.

NEWARK, N. J. Saturday, October 30, 8 p. m. A dramatic performance of three acts and a dance will be given at Bohemian Hall, 19th Ave., corner of S. 17th St., Newark, will be given by the Hungarian members of the I. W. W. Other attractions. Part proceeds for suffering Spanish families. Directions: Take Bus No. 25 or 26 to No. 17th St. Get off and walk one block north to the hall—Admission 40 cents.

NEWARK, N. J. Friday, October 15: Open Forum starts at the I. W. W. Hall, 294 Market Street, Newark, N. J. with Covington Hall, a veteran of the labor movement, poet and writer, given by the Hungarian members of the I. W. W. Power and Promise.

Friday, October 22: Jack Walsh, veteran of the I. W. W., will speak on the History of the Marine Transport Workers.

Saturday night, November 6: A Bingo Party and Dance will be given by the Industrial Workers of the World at 294 Market St. One free hug. Admission 25c. Wardrobe included.

Sydney, Australia.—According to reports received here Ted Dickenson, old IWW members, speaker, and organizer, was murdered by the fascist in Spain.

Fellow Worker Dickenson joined the IWW in Melbourne in 1923. He was also active in Sydney, Brisbane, and Adelaide until 1928.

It was reported in one of our weekly papers that he was taken prisoner while helping to maneuver a machine gun. His words is his captors were typical of him: "A bunch of scoundrels, they want to kill Dickenson. We will drive you fascist bastards clean out of Spain."

His last message to friends was: "Salud, boys! Keep your chin up!" During 1925 in Sydney he was jailed many times in the fight to sell literature in the Sydney Domain. This fight was won. As editor of "Direct Action," IWW paper, in

MEXICO CITY.—The factory Tostitos, a small textile concern, has passed into the hands of its workers to demand of the Mexican government and authorities.

The workers had appealed to the labor board for 10,000 pesos in back wages which the company owed and was unable to pay. Under these circumstances, the factory was handed over to the workers.

The company's machinery was valued at 30,000 pesos. The board decided that the workers, now organized as a cooperative enterprise, should have this sum in 12 monthly installments. If they are able to pay within three months, the sum will be reduced by 60 per cent.

Famous German Anti-Fascist to Lecture Here

NEW YORK (FP).—The 14 de France, arriving in New York, brought to this country another one of Germany's great writers, Ludwig Renn, driven out of his homeland by Hitler's Kultur.

Renn, now a Spanish citizen and commander of the 11th Battalion of the 1st Brigade, has more than 10 years an officer in the German army and fought throughout the World War on the western front. Because of his record as an army officer and because of his family name, which is Baron Armin Friedrich Vieth von Golsenau, the Hitler regime released Renn after 2½ years in concentration camps in the hope that he might sell out to the Nazis.

Renn, however, escaped to Switzerland, where he remained until September, 1936, when he offered his services as a military specialist to the Spanish government.

As a writer, Renn is known for books like War, After War and Death Without Battle, an indictment of Fascist Germany which was published in this country.

SHABBY NOBILITY By L. E. SMITH

The hounds are baying and the trumpets blare As people gather in the old town square

To watch the fox-hunters going by Hurdling fences six feet high. Stand aside and clear the street Or be trampled near the horse's feet.

Crowd cheer—that's what they're supposed to do. Nobility is going through. On well groomed horses they thunder past.

The hounds have caught the scent But what care you, you stupid or? Whether the hounds should catch the fox? You must tell from day to day While they have nothing to do but play.

Let's organize and demand our rights. And forget about the parasites.

DIPLOMACY While Japanese rain bombs on Chinese civilians, Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, chief delegate to the League of Nations, asks NOT that the league members term Japan the aggressor, but that league members reaffirm the principles of the covenant. That's real diplomacy!

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DUPONT AND OTHER PROMINENT PATRIOTS REVEALED AS AIDING EASTERN VIGILANTE MOVEMENT

Purchase Tear Gas Guns Says Crook Promoter

PHILADELPHIA—Pierre S. DuPont and other prominent Philadelphia and eastern industrialists are supplying money for the purchase and use of tear gas against union organizers and union members, the Philadelphia Record in a copyrighted story revealed after an investigation of an organization known as the "Minute Men and Women of Today."

The purpose of the organization is to preserve and protect our constitution and our American institutions," according to its president, Benjamin Waite Blanchard, Police, according to the Record, say he has a record as a suspected criminal.

Blanchard, his wife and four members were arrested after Nicholas Wozniak, union organizer, had been nearly blinded by tear gas while urging workers of the Apex Hosiery Mills to join the union. Blanchard, when searched by police, was found to have six tear gas guns on his person. In his car were found a Springfield automatic, a chain with tear gas shells, a 94-inch tear gas gun and several tear gas weapons.

Super-Patriots Drop Out
DuPont, the Record says, admitted to a reporter that he had contributed to the organization, but could not recall how much. Denying he knew the money was to be used for tear gas, DuPont said it was told to him to uphold the constitution.

Spotlighted by the Record's investigation, several socially prominent figures listed on the organization's letterhead began a hasty retreat.

"Vice-president" general" Walter Godley, who is also secretary of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, a super-patriotic organization, resigned from the Minute Men, stating that he had been "duped" by Blanchard. He denied that the Descendants sponsored the organization, a claim made by the Minute Men stationery. He admitted that individually several members of the organization had contributed to the M. M. fund.

Little Crook Investigated
Blanchard's police record revealed his arrest in Decatur, Ill., in 1925 as a confidence man. Two years later he was arrested in Chicago on charges of operating a confidence game. Later the same year he was picked up in Wheeling, W. Va., on charges of aiding a bank clerk to embezzle \$2,000. On all three charges and several others he seems to have escaped punishment.

Literature found on Blanchard urged purchase of M. M. badges for \$3.50. Extravagant estimates placed their retail value at 50c. The literature also urged members to "be prepared." This involved purchase of tear gas gun at \$4. A local manufacturer estimated their retail value at \$3.

"As Mayor Wilson prepared to sit as magistrate himself to hear charges against Blanchard and the other defendants, the latter developed. The LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee instructed its local representative to make a thorough investigation, and M. Herbert Syme, counsel for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, sent evidence to the Department of Justice at Washington and prepared to fly there to supply further evidence if necessary.

United Automobile Organizer Deplores Unauthorized Strike

PORT HURON, Mich.—It's an unauthorized strike, said the C.I.O. organizer after a squad of deputies led by the sheriff charged a picket line at the American Enamelled Wire company here. With swinging clubs approximately 100 pickets of the United Automobile Workers local union were put to rout by the police. No serious injuries were reported and the picket line was reformed in front of the plant, though the entrance was cleared.

The union organizer was "negotiating" with the company and deplored the action of the workers in calling the strike, saying that when his plea comes from the latter declared he would "stick by the men." Which is not so much to the point as, will the men stick by him?

"I do think that people can be moved to fight by means of the money," said the organizer. "This money was collected at the Zura-Skinner wedding party October 9. Thank you, bride and groom, and wedding guests!"

AFL Absorbs Apex Company Union

PHILADELPHIA—After arguments and discussions which lasted over a period of many months and became particularly bitter as the company tried to bolster the morale of its "independent" union in its fight against the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, the 800 members of the Natl. Assn. of Hosiery Workers, company union at Apex Hosiery Co. gave up the ghost and asked to be admitted to Branch 1, A. F. H. W.

William Leader, president of Branch 1, pleaded with the dissolution of the company union and said "Everything will work out all right. We soon will have an unquestioned majority of Apex employees. Then we'll just sit tight and wait until February when our present contract expires, and negotiate, for a closed shop, which I am confident the company will give us."

Rathborne Charges AFL With Tampering CIO Marine Workers

Mervyn Rathborne, chairman of the C. I. O. Maritime Council and president of the American Communications Assn., charged that more than 25 men with membership in C. I. O. marine unions have been sent to the front during the last month. He complained of the lack of adequate police protection and declared that the attacks were reprisals occasioned by the departure of some 7,500 longshoremen from the A. F. of L. into the C. I. O.

O.B.U. Monthly Gets Donations

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — The Plenic held here September 26 by the Hungarian members and friends of the L.W.W. cleared \$42.46, half of which has been donated to the O.B.U. Monthly; the other half going to Bernukows, the Hungarian weekly of L.W.W. paper.

The O.B.U. Monthly was remembered this week also by Fellow Workers W. L. Lewis and H. T. Collins. Thanks, fellow workers!—Business Manager.

CLEVELAND 440 NOTES

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The boys at the Columbus Brass felt pretty good at their Job Branch Meeting last Monday because of the five per cent raise that showed up in their pay envelopes. This is the fourth pay increase negotiated by the I. W. W. Shop Committee at the Columbus Brass since the plant was organized in 1934.

As usual, the foundry, which alone of all departments refused to join the I. W. W., was left out in the cold. The molders did not participate in the raise. Some day we hope they will clear away and they will see fit to join the I. W. W.

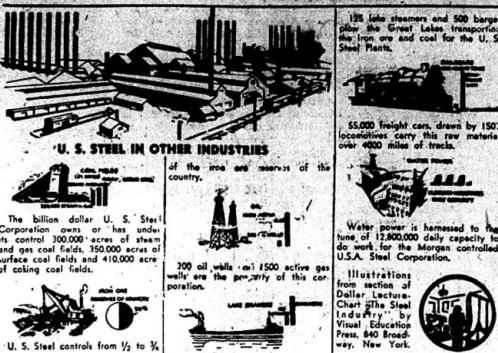
The next time our local members drop into the office they will have a chance to see a marvellously ingenious wood-inlay calendar made by Fellow Worker Mike Lindway at the Columbus Pen. The calendar will last a lifetime, the dates and months indicated by a tumblers action. "Talking about a lifetime!" one of our going to let framed Mike Lindway spend his in the suffocation of a pen cell.

Every Cleveland member should positively attend the Dance given by the Draper boys, the proceeds to go to Mike Lindway and little Mary Ann. This won't get Mike out of jail, but it will keep him there the easier for him to know that his fellow workers are not forgetting his beloved ones on the outside.

For details of the Draper Dance see the Congress Events Column elsewhere in this issue.

Incidentally, the local office wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$52.02 from Detroit to be turned over to the union. This money was collected at the Zura-Skinner wedding party October 9. Thank you, bride and groom, and wedding guests!

Seeing Things — TRUSTIFICATION IN STEEL



U. S. Steel controls from 1/2 to 3/4 of the iron and steel of the country.

The billion dollar U. S. Steel Corporation owns or has under control 300,000 acres of steel and gas fields, 350,000 acres of surface coal fields and 410,000 acres of oil and gas fields.

300 oil wells on 1500 active gas wells are the property of this corporation.

Water power is harnessed to the tune of 12,000,000 daily capacity of work for the Morgan controlled U.S.A. Steel Corporation.

Illustrations from Dollar Lecture, by Visual Education, 400 Madison Ave., New York.

Oregon WPA Jobs Cut as Private Industry Lags

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 8, 1937.—Mass lay-offs on Oregon WPA projects have reduced, by more than 4,000 persons, the number of workers employed in the last year, according to E. J. Griffith state WPA administrator.

On September 28, 1936, there were 13,448 persons employed on WPA projects in Oregon. This figure had been reduced 9,026 September 18, 1937. The quota allowed for the month, October, is 9,300 for the state. These mass lay-offs are part of the administration's economy program at the expense of labor. Only \$1,500,000,000 was allowed the WPA for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, with the stipulation, however, that only one-twelfth of this sum could be used up each month.

"WPA politicians did not hesitate to stir up race hatred in order to expedite these mass lay-offs. Those unfortunate enough to have been born in a foreign country and found of the L.W.W. were ordered discharged first. Imagine the ire of the moron type upon learning that there were actually slaves from the WPA who had not seen fit to pay special tribute to Uncle Sam for the privilege of being exploited here. Yet and still there has been a goody number of natural born citizens discharged also. This, however, is completely overlooked by the moron who gloats over discharged of the "barbarians."

There is small chance for the discharged WPA workers to enter private industry. The lumber industry has slashed up considerably the rate of the high insurance rate of oriental shipping and a few more natural causes. It shows every sign of slowing up still more. Thus the future of discharged workers is one of starvation unless organized labor can effect a favorable change in the not too distant future.—X14738.

Mexico Disarms Fascists

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army garrisons of San Luis Potosi. And now it is reported that more than 10,000 farmers, followers of Coddilo, are being disarmed by the federal administration. That should be the end of Mexico's No. 1 Fascist plotter.

The rural school teachers are actively cooperating with the military authorities in the disarming of the Coddilos. It is expected that the operation will not take more than a few days.

In the meantime, a large contingent of engineers and surveyors has been sent to Luis Potosi, to start the preliminary work of distribution of land to the landless.

The League of Agrarian Communities, and other farm organizations of San Luis Potosi, have expressed their enthusiasm and their gratitude over the projected land distribution.

The pressure from below in Mexico, expressed through a strong and at the present militant labor movement, does not allow the government much chance to lag in the fulfillment of its promises to socialize land and industry, though it goes forward too slowly at this direction.

The Mexican movement for abolition of capitalism, and with it the political state, first found systematic organized expression in 1912 when the Casa del Obrero Mundial (C.W.M.) was formed following the overthrow of Diaz.

Protest Against Pistol-Toting in Tug Boat Strike

HOUSTON, Tex. — Officials of the Natl. Maritime Union protested against the pistol-toting guards and special police in the strike against tug-boat companies here. The union also warned city officials that unless officers ceased stopping union men outside the union hall and searching them for arms, trouble would result. Mayor Fonville was assailed for failure to invite union representatives to a hearing to discuss strike violence, while officers of large concerns were asked.

FUNNY UNIONS CLAIM CREDIT

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are using this rumor to gain a little prestige by pointing out that they have such great support in the east and therefore it is of more benefit to the workers to join their ranks than to join a genuine union as the I. W. W.

Not Supported by Facts
So far, the CIO has not organized any building workers on the white pine or they certainly cannot claim any of the credit for the rumored boycott. And it is an admitted fact that the AFL has only a small portion of the building work organized. So even if a boycott was in operation against the Potlatch Forest lumber it would be completely ineffective. One union that is blamed for it and would like to take the credit for it has no members who could put a boycott into effect. And the other union has but a small percentage of these workers organized and wouldn't do it if they could.

The lack of labor solidarity whereby one building union could be used as a weapon of labor against these concerns is to be regretted but there is no use the AFL, the CIO, or the companies trying to kid up the building industry, the lessened today. Even if the AFL had one hundred percent organization of carpenters and furniture workers such a claim that they are boycotting this lumber is laughable when one considers that in the 1935 lumber worker's strike on the coast, the carpenters belonging to the same union as the lumber workers continued using lumber coming from those mills run by scabs. As the past activities of the AFL members shows that they wouldn't boycott this lumber, it's the number of members using it are not sufficient to do it if they would, and as the CIO is out of the picture because they haven't any members in the building industry, the lessened demand for white pine cannot be because of any boycott by organized labor.

Labor Demands Too Little
There is a lessened demand for lumber. But it isn't because organized labor is demanding too much. It is because labor, organized and unorganized, demands too little. If labor would demand more of the things they would be an outlet for all the lumber that could be produced. And if labor would demand and organize to get all those things that make for a fuller life that most of all the industries then all the industries would be faced with an outlet for their products.

The winning of better conditions, leisure and the means to a fuller life that are made possible by the highly mechanized industry of production would end the recurrent depressions of the present economic system.

Lay-Offs for Rail Road Men Promised

It is reliably reported now that the operating department railroad workers have been given their 6.6 per cent wage increase there will be a lay-off of at least 150,000 men in this industry during October.

Both the shop crafts and the operating department had voted to strike in the event a 20 percent increase was not granted by the companies.

ST. PAUL.—The "silent system" is to be abolished in Stillwater prison, according to reports here.

Sleep Under Tree On Chelan Power Line Job

IN BRIEF

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Cowell Cement Co. plant at Concord has reopened with A. F. of L. workers. C.I.O. pickets, who claimed 95 percent membership, had been out since July, have been withdrawn pending a labor board hearing on unfair labor practice charges.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—One thousand employees of the Big Jack Overall Co. struck for recognition of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal.—Garage machinists in Marion county, who had scheduled a strike, settled on a compromise agreement giving a 4-hour, 5-day week except during the summer season, and 90 cents an hour pending complete unionization of the industry in the county, after which 95 cents will be paid. The men had been working 48 hours.

FITCHBURG, Mass (FP).—United Automobile Workers Local 513 reports having signed up 79 percent of the 300 workers in Iver Johnson's arms and cycle works. Two days after the union asked for a conference, the management hurriedly tried to organize a company union.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The John Deere Plow Co. has reopened its plant, turning a lookout into a strike. The plant is still picketed by warehousemen and members of the O. P. S. and Professional Workers Union. It had been closed when the warehousemen demanded reinstatement of a worker discharged because he was arrested for a minor offense.

WASHINGTON (FP).—District of Columbia workmen affiliated with the A. F. of L. are not expected to honor picket lines established by the C.I.O. It was ruled here at a meeting of the Central Labor Union.

KITCHENER, Ont., Canada.—A strike at the Kaufman Rubber Co., called by where 200 Rubber Workers local, was 100 per cent successful as 600 workers walked out. Demands include a 5 per cent to 20 per cent wage increase, time-and-a-half for overtime and seniority rights.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont., Canada.—Union recognition is the main issue in the strike at the Maple Leaf Milling Co. where 100 per cent of the Grain Processors Union (A. F. of L.) ask higher wages and allotment of work.

NEW ORLEANS.—New Orleans automobile salesman have formed a permanent A. F. of L. organization, A. P. Harvey, A. F. of L. regional director for Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas reports.

NEW ORLEANS.—For the first time in local history, the Standard Fruit and Steamship Co. has signed a contract with the Intl. Longshoremen's according to Pres. Paul Harman of Local 1419. Men get 50c an hour between 7 a. m. and 4 p. m. and \$1.20 for overtime.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Hospital and Institutional Workers Union, formed 196 to 64, to accept a counter-proposal from nine large private hospitals providing preferential hiring, an 8-hour day and minimum for miscellaneous employees of \$30, as against the former \$75.00, thus averting a threatened strike.

NEW ORLEANS.—WPA is shutting down work in northern Louisiana, where most of the state's cotton is grown.

WASHINGTON.—Recognition of the American Federation of Labor as the principle labor organization in the building industry, the lessened demand for white pine cannot be because of any boycott by organized labor.

Jailed for Refusal To Take Jap Cargo

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 8.—Seventeen seamen of the Norwegian motorship "Wigard" went to jail because they refused to take cargo from Japan with a cargo of scrap iron loaded here. T. A. Prebren, Norwegian vice consul, said the seamen would be held until he receives further orders from Norway. The seamen range in age from 18 to 20 years.

CHELAN, Wash.—John J. Jodel There are quite a lot of such as they are, in this district this fall. There is plenty of apple picking to be had and a number of construction projects at which one may set in. Incidentally there is room for more I. U. No. 310 delegates up the way.

Power Line
Sixty miles of power line is being built out of Chelan to Lucerne, Wash., to furnish power for the new mine and mill at the latter place.

Ziehar has the contract and he is doing the work on the power line himself but has sublet the right-of-way clearing to Crowe of Ellensburg. There are two other 37000 under him.

In all the camps along the line the workers have to furnish their own bedding and they sleep out under a tree or wherever they can. Working hours are nine a day; wages are fifty cents for brush pickers and \$6.00 for sawyers. Linemen get 75 cents an hour and grunts 50 cents.

Highway and Mine
Winn's Bros. has the contract for the mill and 12 miles of highway. The highway is about completed, also the mill, but there will be work all winter on the powerline and mine. The mine is 12 miles out of Lucerne. There are about 850 men working in it. Wages for miners are \$5.50, for muckers \$4.50. Some of the miners are contract workers. Chances of going to work are good.

The C. I. O. is supposed to have this mine lined up. The chances for I.W.W. organization work are good on all these jobs. So come on, all you footloose fellows here, and let's fix up these jobs.—Wm. Unger.

Newspaper Guild Charges Hearst-A. F. L. Frameup

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles chapter of the American Newspaper Guild has filed charges with the Natl. Labor Relations Board charging William Randolph Hearst and the American Federation of Labor with intimidation, coercion and collusion.

The charges followed creation of the American Federation of Newspaper Writers and Reporters, Local 1. Charter members are J. P. Richardson, a city editor who before his promotion had signed a guild application card; Joseph P. Harrison, highly paid Hearst columnist whose chief assistant has usually been plugging the boss' girl friend, Marion Davis; and the Princess Conchita Sepulveda Pignatelli, according to the guild.

The guild, headed by W. W. Buzell of the Central Labor Union and Bart Guild, who directed Hearst's fight against the guild during the Seattle Post-Intelligencer strike last summer, inspired to destroy the guild. Further, it includes the firing of an active guild member. The new "union" was formed during negotiations between the guild and Hearst's two newspapers, the Herald-Examiner and Examiner.

Guild and Other Unions Expelled By Frisco A. F. L.

SAN FRANCISCO.—On orders from William Green, with only a few dissenting votes, the Southern California Newspaper Guild has been expelled from the San Francisco Local Council. It will join the newly formed CIO Council. The Alaska Canners Workers Union was also removed as was San Jose's delegation from the Miscellaneous Workers Union, on the instigation of State Federation Pres. Edward Vandeur. Although his union is a registered Communist, his union was expelled on expulsion, saying they have never set up political requirements for their members. Haye was one of those who was expelled from the Ship Clerks Union, instead of waiting to be put out, has withdrawn its delegate from the A. F. of L. council.

The A. F. of L. expelled its president, J. E. Shelly, delegate to the Denver A. F. of L. convention.

THEY RAISE THEIR OWN
WASHINGTON (FP).—While workers struggled and struck for better wages during 1936, corporation executives upped their own salaries almost twice as much, government figures from the Securities & Exchange Commission, the Department of Labor reveal.