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## DRIVERS PICKET SAN FRANCISCO DOCKS, WAREHOUSES AS LEADERS IN INTER-UNION WAR SPIT FIRE

### Still A Finish Fight Between Craft Groups

SAN FRANCISCO.—The A. F. of L.-C. I. O. war on the west coast intensified, as both sides strengthened their general staffs and the teamsters executed two swift, rear-guard maneuvers to prevent the outflanking of their waterfront blockade.

Teamster pickets surrounded two local warehouses, to prevent freight from removing cargo in place of trucks without from service. They also tied up a Western Pacific train on which they said embargoed freight had been routed via San Jose to make it appear as an out-of-town shipment. Most of the longshoremen continued working but space on the wharves near exhaustion.

Director John Brophy of the C. I. O. and Lee Pressman, counsel, arrived in San Francisco to help guide C. I. O. strategy in the crucial struggle. On the other side of the trenches, John P. McLaughlin, local teamster secretary, was elevated to an international vice-presidency, a post held by the late Michael Casey. The latter's son, Joseph Casey, a member of the teamsters' strategy board, voiced the bitterness of the struggle when he told the Long Beach state federation convention:

"There will be before you gutless liberals who will tell you there is a common meeting ground for the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. I tell you no. You are tied hand in hand with Vandeleur (state federation secretary) to wipe out this plague on the labor movement in California."

It was at the same convention at George Kidwell, veteran leader of the San Francisco bakery drivers, a teamsters' affiliate, was greeted with a storm of abuse and called "an agent provocateur of the C. I. O. and the Communists" when he proposed that a commission appointed by Pres. Roosevelt settle the longshore-teamsters dispute.

Pressman, on arrival here, said: "All offensive and defensive means will be used by us to carry this fight to a finish, as has been forced upon us by the Teamsters Union." Another complication arose with charges by Harry Bridges, longshore chief, that Marine Firemen's officials were helping the teamsters by issuing over 1,000 forged union books to non-members to gain support for refusing to raise claims on winches operated by longshoremen. As a consequence, J. E. Ferguson, firemen's secretary, was suspended, and a referendum on C. I. O. affiliation ordered.

Teamsters came out of the state federation convention strongly entrenched with six of the 15 vice-presidencies, having killed a resolution to limit 400 posts to one per international union. A group of delegates, including Kidwell, Pres. John F. Shelley of the San Francisco Labor Council, and others, left the meeting declaring they had "wakened the beast," both physically and verbally, and would continue their fight for peace in the labor movement outside Shelley was beaten up at the convention.

### S. Dak. Farmers Get W. P. A. Jobs

ABERDEEN, S. D.—While curtailment of W. P. A. employment for needy wage workers continues it seems that the farmers of South Dakota are getting the breaks. F. A. Kennedy, state administrator announced here recently that 4,000 farmers were to be given project jobs soon and that more would be added later.

Farmers objected strenuously to the continuance of W. P. A. projects during the harvest season. They virtually demanded state aid in forcing workers to accept farm employment at peon's pay.

### "CARRY ON" IS SCOTTY'S LAST WORD TO WOBBS

PIERCE, Idaho.—Fellow Worker Wm. Cooper, card No. 229166, died here a few days ago. This Fellow Worker, known far and wide as "Scotty" was an active delegate of Industrial Union No. 120 and his untimely passing is mourned by many friends. A few hours before he died he told those gathered around him, "Tell the wobbs to carry on."

### Sailors Demand Bonus On Orient Bound Ship

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. (FP).—Demand of the crew of the Lykes lighter Steamer for war bonus and indemnity was referred to arbitration after the ship's departure was held up for a day. The men asked \$250 bonus and \$25,000 indemnity insurance each. The vessel, loaded with gasoline and scrap iron, is bound for Chinese and Japanese ports.

### Covington Hall To Teach at Work Peoples College

The board of directors of Work Peoples College has chosen Covington Hall as one of the English instructors for the coming winter courses which begin December 1. Covington Hall is well known among industrial unionists as well as among other labor groups as a good writer and poet. Who hasn't read Covington Hall's inspirational poem "He is known also as a capable instructor, having taught labor classes at a community college. Hall is one of labor's veterans who knows what labor should do to get the good things of life that it deserves. He has been active in the ranks of labor for many years. Four months spent with Covington Hall and other teachers, and with congenial fellow students in the interesting atmosphere of Work Peoples College is bound to prove a memorable experience to all who attend this I. W. U. school next winter.

The monthly fee is only \$30 and covers room, board and tuition. Plans attending Work Peoples College. For further information write to: Work Peoples College, Box 38, Morgan Park Sta., Duluth, Minn.

### Oil Men Ask Sales Tax To Cover Cost Of Social Security

AUSTIN, Tex. (FP).—Lobbyists and legislators are "locking into" a consideration how and where \$16,000,000 in new taxes can be raised. If the lobbyists are successful, the people of Texas will pay for their social security program with a sales tax.

"Talk to me about a sales tax," Gov. James V. Allred said. "Twenty pipe lines collected \$78,000,000, making a profit of 25 per cent in a single year, and paid the state \$10,000,000 in franchise tax. They have enjoyed enormous profits even during the depression."

Pipe lines and utilities are scheduled to consider how and where the 30-day session. Allred has indicated, however, he will not be averse to a luxury tax.

### A THIRD OF THE NATION

Times have changed a lot. When Abe Lincoln moved into Illinois, the settlers were howling the howling of wolves in the woods. Today there's a wolf on every third doorstep.

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# Industrial Worker

CAN INJURY TO ONE BE AN INJURY TO ALL

## A Symbol of Farmers' Interest in Labor's Cause



This Yakima, Washington stockade extends around three sides of the county jail. Built in 1933 to hold arrested I. W. U. strikers, it still stands, an eye-sore to the public and a threat to workers who venture to demand more than the peon wage the fruit growers are willing to pay.

## Effort to Steal Ohio Foundry from IWW Through Framed Election Fails

C. I. O. hoped to run Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union of the I. W. U. out of the 100 percent organized enameling division with votes of C. I. O. and unorganized workers in other Ohio Foundry plants.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Another attempt to fight CIO broadsides into their precinct to deprive I. W. U. members of their right to act through the union of their choice, has been broken.

Since February of 1934 the I. W. U. has been the union of the employees of the Enameling Division of the Ohio Foundry Company. Through this union substantial wage increases and better working conditions were won by a strike at that time, and by negotiations afterwards. Their security of employment and seniority rights have been protected, and they have enjoyed good union conditions with a 100 per cent union membership in the plant. Efforts were made to bring in the foundry workers in the company's two foundries at different times, but these workers did not respond readily to the call of the I. W. U. to organize in an industrial union that they would run themselves.

Other Unions Ask Board help. Some organization was built up meanwhile by the Molders' Union (AFL) in plant 1, and by the Amalgamated (CIO) in plant 2. June 3, the Molders' Union filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board asking that the production and maintenance employees of plant 1 be declared to constitute a unit for collective bargaining. They did this

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The I. W. U. fought this on the grounds that there was a real union giving real service to its members, and that the only connection of the enameling division with the rest of the company's plants was joint ownership. Less than one per cent of the foundry products went to the enameling division, which worked almost entirely to process jobs, chiefly for washing machines, for other companies.

Board Rule Favors I. W. U. After a long delay, involving transfer of the records of the hearing on the question to Washington, the National Labor Board handed down its decision on Sept. 21. It states in part:

"It is hereby certified that the Industrial Workers of the World, Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 440, has been designated and selected by a majority of the production and maintenance employees of the plant for collective bargaining. They did this

## WOBBLY LUMBERJACKS FIGHT BAD CONDITIONS IN NORTHERN CAMPS

Modern living standards completely ignored in camps where Ontario loggers work long and hard for small pay to enrich lumber barons

SULTAN, Ont.—The Wakami Lumber company is now operating two logging camps near here. Lamb's camp can be reached by truck while Boulton's, where the writer is now employed, is across a lake. The conditions in this camp undoubtedly are characteristic of many more open shop, unorganized logging camps of northern Ontario.

There are two log shanties with sufficient double-deck bunks to accommodate 50 men in each, and with a small wash shack between where the slaves can wash only their hands and faces. The bull cook carries all the water with a hand-made yoke, hence the value of it.

There are no bathing facilities of any kind, nor any place to wash clothes except the open-air jungle along the lake shore. Of course there is a compulsory assessment of 50 cents a month from each man for a

wash woman who washes only the articles she pleases. There is also the usual craft of one dollar a month for the laundry.

The wages are \$34.00 to \$40.00 a month and board. Twenty-six days work is considered a month. There are no pay days and anyone who leaves the job before the camp closes is subject to being paid off at the minimum, regardless of what job he has been working at.

The food runs heavy to beans and fried salt pork, better known to the lumberjacks here as "gyrads". The company furnishes dished-up enamel plates and cups to eat from and, as usual in this neck of the woods, no dessert dishes or saucers for the puns.

The noon day meal is hauled out on the job and eaten jungle fashion around an open fire.

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## NEW FARMER VIGILANTE GROUP IS BORN IN WASHINGTON FRUIT BELT; IWW PLANS ORGANIZATION DRIVE

### Philly Scrap Iron Firms Refuse Wage Raise To Drivers

PHILADELPHIA (FP).—More than 1,000 union truck drivers struck against 40 of the city's largest scrap iron and metal firms when Teamsters Local 470 failed to obtain a new contract to replace the expiring.

Negotiations broke down when company representatives and union officials were unable to reach an agreement on union demands for an 8-hour day for drivers, 60c for helpers and a 48-hour week.

The strike comes at a time when the scrap iron business in Philadelphia is booming. Although prices have not reached the level of 1918, they are far above those of three years ago and the city's scrap dealers are coining money from the world's war fever.

### Child Snatching Becomes Official In Old England

Since 1928 England has revived the old practice of child snatching to supply industries which need young workers with the youngsters they

Back in the 1840s this business of taking children from the very poor and from orphanages to sell them to manufacturers was a private business carried on in connivance with local officials; now it is under the direction of the government and has the cooperation of trade unions. Says the International Federation of Trade Unions Bulletin:

"It is recorded that the official transfer began in 1928, but that it was limited to the distressed mining areas, since then there has been a gradual extension of the scheme to other industries. In 1934 about 5,000 juveniles were transferred to other parts of the country, in 1935, 10,000 and in 1936 more than 14,000."

The Ministry of Labor regulations and some trade union supervision tend to restrain unlimited exploitation of these young people and the unions are asking that none under the age of 16 years be transferred.

A few of the billions that England's capitalist class burns up in one way or another every year would come in mighty hand to the working class parents who have to send their children away from home to keep them from starving to death.

## Case Workers Need Real Wage Raise, Get Small Bonus

RACINE, Wis.—The J. L. Case company has decided to pay a mere 5 per cent bonus to all its employees. Since 85 per cent of these workers are underpaid and draw less than \$100.00 a month, the bonus won't fatten up the pay envelopes very much.

This is sure a nice smoke screen to keep the slaves quiet on the matter of getting a real raise in hourly pay. The Case employees are in the Lewis outfit which isn't doing much for them outside of collecting dues and levying fines against them. Rank and file opposition is growing every day in this shop and it is about time they begin to wake up.

Let's hope that when they do kick the C. I. O. overboard they will see fit to organize in the I. W. U. IOW-7.

Both are pirates, but otherwise there is about as much resemblance between Capt. Kidd and U. D. as between Robin Hood and a fellow who robs blind men's cups.

### Apple Knockers And Gandy Dancers To Cooperate

ORANOGAN, Wash.—As the big apple harvest in this section goes into full swing I. W. U. members among hundreds of unorganized workers are establishing themselves in the towns and jungles, getting ready to move into the orchards and to struggle in one way or another with John Farmer for a little more in wages than he is willing to pay.

The I. W. U. is prepared to go at the job with education and organization of workers as its weapons. At a meeting held here recently a motion was passed instructing the General Organization Committee of Industrial Union No. 110 to make the necessary preparations for an extensive organization drive in the district.

With the prevalent discontent among workers on account of rising prices and almost stationary wages it is more than likely that before the season is over the determined efforts of experienced I. W. U. organizers will have given concrete proof that the migratory fruit workers can be organized in spite of all the efforts of the employers to keep them unorganized.

Other Plans. The harvest workers now gathered for the late apple picking are looking forward to winter months which will soon be here when jobs will have to be found in other industries. The same is true of the railroad extra gang workers in this area. Many of these men will be looking for jobs in logging camps and construction jobs. Others will look for a warmer climate when the snow starts falling, and some will try to stick it out through the winter in the cities.

One of the worst handicaps that has to be overcome in the organization of workers who are migratory through necessity, is that the members lose contact with one another and with their organization when they disperse after a season's work is done.

This year the I. W. U. members in this area, both the agricultural and the railroad workers, are planning to carry on their organization no matter where they may land. In the mean time while work is available in the Northwest Industrial Union Nos. 110 and 620 are, according to plans, going to cooperate in the fullest extent possible in putting over a real campaign for the I. W. U.

### Apple Growers Unite To Maintain Low Pay Scale

WENATCHEE, Wash.—The agriculturalists of this district are organized 100 per cent now. To declare L. E. Pruitt here recently, and he wasn't speaking about the agricultural workers either.

The Associated Farmers of Washington, Inc. Just look here, and of which Pruitt is president, declares it is organized to oppose violence and the closed shop and that it is in favor of paying wages as high as the industry will permit. Any grower in every shipping point in this district voted unanimously to back the organization," said Pruitt.

He declared also that wages in the fruit industry are 17 1/2 per cent higher than they were last year and one is lead to infer that he considers that plenty high enough. However, no wage scale has been fixed by the association.

Prior to the organization of the association a C. I. O. organized address a farmers meeting in this city and sought farmer cooperation in starting a C. I. O. union among harvest hands. He assured the harrowing a C. I. O. union among the employees that such a union would

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## On Kill When Mexican Workers Oppose Fascists

MEXICO CITY, (MEN)—In a class which opens September 1st between members of the CTM (Confederation of Mexican Workers) and a group of fascists attending a meeting of the Mexican Nationalist Vanguard, more than 100 shots were exchanged and several persons were wounded, of whom one, David Herrera Navarro, later died of his injuries. This incident comes about as a direct result of the clear-increasing activity of fascist groups in Mexico City which the organized workers are determined to stop at all costs before they grow to more dangerous proportions. New "patriotic" and "nationalist" organizations are springing into existence almost daily, all of them apparently receiving funds, backing, and support from the same small group of reactionary politicians who formed the so-called Social Democratic Party a few months ago, from militant Catholics, from Chambers of Commerce and employers' associations, and from Nazi and Italian spies and agents provocateurs.

## Work Peoples College Needs Help

For the coming winter term at Work Peoples College, beginning December 1st and continuing for four months, the school needs students who are willing to work their way through. The college needs three students for kitchen help whose duty it is to clean the kitchen, set the table, wash dishes, and in general help the cook. A student will be needed to keep the building clean. A fireman is wanted to keep everybody warm. All of the above mentioned jobs are part time and the student selected to fill them can attend classes between work and will receive as compensation room, board and tuition. All applicants must be members of the I. W. U. or willing to join when they come to school to work. Applications must be at the school on or before October 15th.

Send applications to Work Peoples College, Box 39, Morgan Park Sta., Duluth, Minn.

## GANDY AND JUDGE

Tune: Yankee Doodle

By MIKE QUIRK

A gandy dancer came to town, Arrived at Minneapolis. He was picked up by a local bull as a character suspicious.

"I'm a gandy dancer," he told the judge.

"An American and a true man," "What is that?" his honor asked, "It does not sound quite human."

"We are the men who keep the tracks in shape," replied the gandy; "We sweat and toil and break our backs."

"That you might ride in safety," Said the judge, "you are right but also wrong."

Since you are not a big boss, But as to the working class you belong."

I must send you to the workhouse," "No business people are sent there."

"When they go on a tender, And the damn place would vacate be If there are no workers sent there."

So I'll send you up for ninety days For the crime of being a gandy, "And if I catch you here again, I'll throw away the jail key."

"But, your honor, I'm a union man—A union that hates grafters; And when the boys know about this deal, They sure will raise the rafters."

"No more the helpless prey are we Of greed and exploitation, In one big union we are strong And spreading 'er the nation."

The judge he scratched his head and said, "The night days are suspended; But you must leave the town at once; And so the farce was ended."

## ARMS FOR SPAIN

MEXICO CITY.—The Mexican government report on exports of arms to Spain shows that last year's shipments amounted to \$2,350,000. It says that support of the legally established Spanish government will continue.

## THE WORLD AS IT IS

Poetry: A medium of Social Revolt—

BY ART HOPKINS

Poetry! In its rhyme and rhythm many beautiful thoughts have been expressed. Social orders of the future have been sung by the poets. Thoughts of a more humane, a more beautiful existence for human beings have found expression in the words of poets of all ages.

One of our present day poets who has a social vision is Countee Cullen. His book of poetry, published some time ago entitled "Copper Sun" rings forth the spirit of revolt.

The present trend in society is toward suppression of the individual. Down your ego for the whole race. Suppress all your desires. Subordinate your individuality to the group. Such is the message we are given by both sides, left and right. Both fascism and bolshevism have as their fundamental theory the suppression of the individual. Their ultimate goal may differ, but their tactics lead to the same end: human beings enslaved to super-man, or group, or class.

Neither have faith in the individual. Both believe he must be ruled by a more fit individual.

Not so Countee Cullen. He has faith in the individual. He gives his "Ultimatum."

I held not with the fatalist creed Of what must be must be; There is enough to meet my need In this most meagre me.

These two slim arms were made to My steed, to ward and fend; There is more gold in this small brain Than I can ever spend.

The seed I plant is chosen well; Amushed by no sly weaver, I plant it if he drops to hell, Or if it blooms to heaven.

Were you ever in a zoo? Did the bars on the cages ever remind you of a prison cell? Did the prison cell ever remind you of society?

Many times I have thought of it! Many times I have wondered whose life is most wretched? we, who have our so-called freedom, or those animals locked up in a cage?

The animal is locked in a cage. A small cage. He revolts against it, but yet is unable to do anything.

He has the ability to use tools and machinery. He must remain satisfied. The human race, the human being, the lord of the animal kingdom, the animal with intelligence and thinking power gives itself to a more cruel subjection, a more ruthless life, a greater degradation, than the tiger in the cage. The tiger or the lion or leopard will snap at its offender when he enters his cage, but alas, the human animal will not even do that. He will kiss the feet of his master, his cage keeper.

Thoughts in a Zoo

Here is Mr. Cullen's "Thoughts in a Zoo."

They in their cruel traps, and we in ours, Survey each other's rage, and pass the hours

Commiserating each the other's woe, To mitigate his own pain's fiery glow.

Man could but little suffer in exchange. Save that his cages have a larger range.

That lion with his lordly, untamed heart, Has in some man his human counterpart.

Some lofty soul in dreams and visions, But in the gaffling flesh securely trapped.

Gaunt eagle whose raw pinions stain the bars, That eagle, too, so men cry for stars!

Some delve down like the more far underground, (Their nature is to burrow, not to bound)

Some, like the snake, with changeless, less slothful eye, Stir not, but sleep and smoulder where they lie.

Who's most wretched, these or we, Or who's the slave, or who's the free? Caught in a vastness beyond our sight to see?

Countee Cullen is one of those

## LOOKING THE WORLD OVER

International Notes of Columns to Labor

### British Isles

Retired naval officers have taken to scoring their former branch of the military service, condemning the machine as being less than a success and less brilliant as the transport and sea warfare.

The British Labor party, which has split into four factions on the rearmament question, is holding its convention in October and in some quarters it is thought that a real split will then take place.

The British Empire divided on the eligibility of the Spanish government to retain its seat on the League of Nations Council with Canada, of all dominions, voting against Spain.

Japan's ambassador seems to need some protection in England and his bobbies have the job. In British political circles bombardment of Nanking was "serious," inasmuch as "Japan had not declared a war on China."

### Germany

The Nazi government will subsidize the building of 204,000 new dwellings this year. It is over this and other like subsidizations that Hjalmar Schacht was reported on the cuts with Hitler, but now all is "hunky dory" again and the finance minister is coming back from Italy.

The ten communique for students are very tiresome reading. They contain such wonderful thoughts as: "German people," "German spirit," "National Socialism," "German spirit," "German nation," "German students," "German honor," and "injured honor can only be redeemed with blood."

### Russia

Russia had 121,000 combines working her harvest as of August 1 of this year. Of tractors she had 350,000 in active use, many of them obsolescent, says Dzhirsky.

Lower prices are raising the Soviet worker's income and standard of living. Would it be thought?

The Red Army held its maneuvers in White Russia and foreign military observers were present. The pace is still continuing and spreading to Karlik, to where many Finns from the U. S. and Canada emigrated several years ago. Many of the former Finnish socialist and communist leaders, some ten years ago are disappearing completely.

### Italy

Italian sailors and cadets killed an anti-fascist editor Giuseppe Miceli or Bresciani at Tunis and three officers were killed by the French authorities in Tunis. The French say Miceli was killed in his office, but the Italians have their own story, which is broadcast in Italy.

Chinese Appeal To Japan's Soldiers

TOKYO (FP)—Tokyo newspapers report that Chinese papers are releasing quantities of leaflets on Japanese positions on the Shanghai front. "Why are you fighting?" the leaflets ask. "Your soldiers are suffering great privation in Japan. Demand of your officers that you be sent home at once."

COULDN'T STOMACH IT

The people of New York switched doctors, after Hearst's medical columnist, Doc Copeland, prescribed a return to Tammany Hall.

Some poets that dreams of a brighter, a freer world. He has the foresight of this future, and has the ability to put it in poetic form: "From The Dark Tower:"

"We shall always plant white flowers on others' graves."

The golden increment of bursting fruit, Not always countenance, object and mute,

That lesser men should hold their brothers cheap; Not overvaluing while others sleep, Shall we beguile their limbs with mellow flute,

Not always bend to some more subtle snare; We were not made eternally to weep.

"The night whose sable breast receives the stark, White as the snow is less lovely, being dark."

And there are buds that cannot bloom at all; In light, but crumple, piteous, and fall;

So in the darkness we hide the heart, But when we come with fire to 10 years' experience in banks get anywhere from \$15 to \$25 a week.

Working conditions on the Street are the worst in years. They are aggravated by the current market slump which has caused 15,000 layoffs.

Those still on the job are subject to stagger systems. One is the Scotch wheel, whereby an employer is forced to take off every fourth or fifth week without pay. Practicing this are Post and Flagg, Abbott, Proctor and Paine, Harris, Blain and Percy and other houses which clientele their noses in disarray at accounts of less than five figures, yet chisel dimes on their employees' pay.

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### The Race is on

Most of all of the doors, killed the town clerk and terrorized residents for two hours.

Trolley, in exile here, and then his former secretary has been arrested by the Russian OGPU in Spain.

Deliberate in the Americas

The American Tobacco Company suspended manufacture of cigars in Puerto Rico because of high taxes and the dollar a day minimum wage it was ordered to pay its employees.

A new co-operative sugar plant on the island made a net profit of \$222,000 for its first year of operation.

Reverend rejected Uruguay's suggestion that American countries accord recognition of belligerence to General Franco. Other countries have previously rejected it.

Panama has but one political leader and three parties have elected the same man for their leader.

Japan is selling goods in South America by labeling their products "Made in U. S. A." which should be a good practice. Of course, American manufacturers don't like the idea, as several years ago they went to the trouble of having quotas fixed for limiting Japanese goods in those countries.

The Far East

High Japanese officials have lost some of their certainty as regards China, the workers of which country have surely backed up their government effectively on both the battlefield and in keeping industries, especially transportation, going.

Militarists still state, though, that their first want to drive China from her second line of defenses and then they are willing to negotiate. But Chinese officials say they will not be driven from their second line of defenses.

In Japan the public has donated 16,000,000 yen for the army. In China the Communist government in inner China disarmed and sent its armies to fight for Nanking.

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## COMING EVENTS

### DETROIT

Saturday, October 2, 7 p. m. The I. W. U. and the Libertarian Committee, together with other labor and liberal groups will present "Fury Over Spain" at the Auditorium of Detroit Institute of Art.

Man, woman, or child can afford to miss the message brought from the battle fields of Spain by this soul-stirring picture story of the fight against fascism. Two shows, one starts at 7 p. m., the other at 9 p. m.

### PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, October 3, 8 p. m.: Spaghetti Supper and Get-Together at the I. W. U. Hall, 152 S. Third St. Admission 35 cents.

### NEWARK, N. J.

Friday, October 15, Open Forum at the I. W. U. Hall, 294 Market St. and thereafter every Friday evening. Prominent speakers on all subjects. Refreshments and sandwiches for relaxation and recreation. Come, come! Come!

### NEW YORK CITY

Saturday, October 16, 8 p. m. A social and dance will be given at the I. W. U. Hall, 22 W. 17th St. for the benefit of local organization work. Under the auspices of the I. W. U. of the I. W. U. Admission 25 cents.

### LOS ANGELES

Every Sunday.—Open Forum at the I. W. U. Hall, 250 Lang Blvd., 212 South Spring Street, R. P. M.

### CHICAGO

Every Thursday, 8:30 P. M.: The International Good Chorus meets at the I. W. U. Hall for singing practice. Men and women who like to sing are invited to apply for admission to the group.

## Retail Clerks Get Contract With Big Retail Chain Store

PHILADELPHIA.—The Philadelphia anti-union and anti-labor American Stores Co. of Philadelphia, which under its late president and founder, Samuel Robinson, would not hear of allowing any organization in his millionaire corporation of chain stores, is about to sign a contract with the Retail Clerks Intl. Protective Assn. (AFL), granting a 12 percent pay increase of \$1 a week.

When the contract is formally accepted, the American Stores will be the first chain store organized into a closed shop. The agreement will affect more than 7,000 workers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. It is expected that it will lead to similar agreements in other chain stores.

Last year, the R. C. I. P. A. struck the American Stores. This strike was lost. The men who went out were not re-hired, and wages and hours continued to be cut. Many clerks got as low as \$10 and \$12 for a 54-hour week. The present president declared that any employee who had a grievance could come right into his office and settle it; the men who were out were just "agitators."

The union made a fresh start. The company's new president, William Parks, seems to have a different attitude on the union than his predecessor, perhaps understanding that organization is inevitable and that he may as well accept it instead of trying to buck it.

The proposed contract includes the formation of a grievance committee and inspection of stores by union officials.

Negroes, Too, Can Find, Says Mayor

DALLAS, Tex.—(Approval of a former Ku Klux Klan leader, George K. Butcher, failed to convince the Dallas city council that Negroes should not be employed as policemen. Mayor George S. Sprague remarked: "We have all races of folk in Dallas. We must govern them all fairly.")

In Abe's day, they thought nothing was good for a railroader. Today, if you're a Michigan timber worker who wants a living wage, the vigilantes beat you to a pulp in the name of Americanism.

Head-on collisions between automobiles have been reduced a lot by the progress of highway engineering. The automobile now runs on highways and motor parkways around New York City, Chicago and Boston have been constructed with the view of separating opposing traffic lanes by a raised embankment or dividing island.

This is also accomplished by the installation of raised divisional strips on other highways. Each roadway thus becomes a two-way lane. This innovation has brought concrete results is proven by figures issued by the New Jersey state traffic engineer showing a 100 per cent drop in fatal accidents on two highways and 50 per cent on a third. Some of the recent highway developments of this type are the elevated Express highway and Grand river drive in New York, the Bronx River parkway, the George Washington and Tabor bridges, the Boston-Worcester turnpike, and the Chicago Outer drive.

The Verba de la pulga, a South American plant, is good to have around the house for its stench for insects. They don't like the plant for some reason and refuse to buzz around it if it is anywhere in the neighborhood. The Pan-American Society of Tropical Brought to Gulfport, Miss., is sponsoring this plant, which grows in the republic of Colombia. Four seeds of this insect repellent (the society does not state if it is toxic to humans) will be sent on request to any one who sends a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Instructions for its growth and care are also free.

## New York Means Minimum Wage For Women Slaves



Accordingly it will be necessary to make arrangements so that they can choose the union of their own preference. As it stands now, the election is to be held on the 15th issues presented June 3, with all who were on the payroll June 3 entitled to vote. This means that for some other union than the CIO would the AFL would have to vote "neither" in order to establish grounds for a new election. The AFL would have the choice of the majority. The election rules state that to rank IW/O on these ballots would render them void. If the union is not on the ballot, it was to make them so, such a number of void ballots would give the union of the two unions named on the ballot the right to choose the union for those two, the bargaining rights. So it is necessary to explain that to vote for the union on the ballots does not mean voting for the union itself, but is laying the ground for withdrawing for a union not named on the