

East Bay Grocers Prepare to Break Closing Time Rule

Policy Established by Big Chains Faces Violation in Wide Discontent—Owners Say More Clerks Will Be Hired for Extended Opening

OAKLAND, Feb. 27.—With the "maverick" chain of Andrew Williams leading the way, numerous East Bay grocers were preparing for an early departure from the night and Sunday closing policy established by the major chains in their agreement, which they have gone out of the way to enforce, with Retail Food Clerks' Local 870.

It was learned indirectly that Williams was preparing to open his stores last week, but postponed the action at the last minute. He told the People's World at that time that he would hire 45 additional clerks if and when the action is taken.

Another chain, the Lucky Stores, also indicated it was considering night opening. Otto Meyer, a Lucky Store official, said there had been "some dissatisfaction" with early closing. He also said, answering a question, that early closing had meant hiring fewer clerks.

Wages Still Problem
A question which confronted the union, however, was whether or not the chains would attempt to lower wages in the event of a breakdown of early closing. The agreement which went into effect last October 15, raised wages and shortened hours.

James Suffridge, business agent of the union, told the People's World recently that he had not advocated the early closing originally, but that it was pressed vigorously by the big grocers and the union had voted to accept.

Elsewhere the argument was advanced that it was the only way to establish the nine-hour day, because the chains "chiseled" on overtime, repeated assertions by union members and others that employment had been cut by the early closing.

Later he has been quoted as saying that the union will live up to its agreement, unless the stores themselves ask for a change. Union officials and the big stores, however, joined to advocate passage of the recent Oakland city ordinance making the night and Sunday closing into a law. Its operation is restrained by the courts until legality is decided by the state supreme court.

Big Grocers Benefited
Fighting vigorously against the law, and against the recent efforts of union officials to force them to close early, are many small independent merchants, organized through the Store Opening Organization. Although Andrew Williams had gone along with early closing, he joined with these smaller merchants in opposing it.

If union men's suspicions had not already been aroused as to who was benefiting by early closing, a recent circular sent out by the Retail Grocers' Association and the Food Employers' Association (representing all the big grocery interests) might have aroused them.

The circular reminded grocers that their agreement with the Food Clerks was "in NO WAY affected by the action of the Superior Court" and urged them to "Observe your Sunday and night closing in the interest of a united food industry."

AFL Clique Fails In Effort to Raid Aberdeen Locals

(Special to the People's World)
ABERDEEN, Wash. Feb. 27.—Attempts by certain AFL officials to swing the lumber mills back to the "good old days" of Abe Muir and Bill Hutcheson of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, have met with outstanding failure here.

Recently the AFL opened offices here with two men in charge, former officers of the Sawmill & Timber Workers Union, Local 2, CIO Intl. Woodworkers of America. These men were tried and found guilty of misfeasance and nonfeasance of union funds—they are alleged to have squandered about \$10,000 when they worked on the union's weekly paper, The Timber Worker.

With red-baiting their chief stock in trade, they succeeded in confusing a small group of sawmill workers.

However, a joint publicity committee was set up by several CIO unions, and by issuing leaflets and going on the radio three times a week, broke the backbone of the AFL officials' attack. Several mills took a vote on the issue with the result of an overwhelming majority for the CIO.

Funeral Rites Tomorrow for 'World' Builder

OAKLAND, Feb. 27.—Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. in Richmond for Mrs. Frances Ray, 587 58th Avenue, charter subscriber and member of the committee which raised initial funds to start the People's World. She is survived by her husband, Emil Ray, member of Machinists' Local 1304, and their daughter, Patricia, aged 5. Death came February 25 at the University of California Hospital after an illness of three weeks. A Machinists' Union representative will speak at the funeral, to be held at the Wilson & Kratzer Parlors, 7th Street and Bissell Avenue.

BOETTIGER TO FACE NLRB ON 'UNFAIR' ISSUE

Board to Hear Charge of Discrimination Against Guild

(People's World Seattle Bureau)
SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law and publisher of Hearst's Post-Intelligencer must answer charges of unfair labor practices in an NLRB hearing on March 9th.

Regional Director Charles W. Hope issued a complaint yesterday which joins the unfair labor practice hearing with a representation hearing already scheduled to be heard on March 9th.

Charges were filed by the Seattle Newspaper Guild last July when Ruth Givan, of the classified advertising department, and Raymond Griffith, circulation department employee, were dismissed because of their refusal to be forced out of the union of their own choosing and into the Beck-controlled AFL groups.

Struggle for Rights
The hearing will bring into the open the struggle waged by employees in the Post-Intelligencer during the past year for the rights guaranteed to them by the Wagner Act in the face of bitter opposition from Publisher John Boettiger.

Ruth Givan, for thirteen years a supervisor of the telephone girls, incurred the wrath of the management when she joined the Newspaper Guild and refused to join a union organized by department heads which was later given an AFL charter.

When Mrs. Givan returned from a two-week vacation, she found a note under her door advising that "your services severed." No explanation was given for the sudden dismissal. When Mrs. Givan inquired for the reason she was told vaguely that her work was "inefficient," although she had been given a substantial raise a few months prior to the time she had joined the Guild.

Fear for Jobs
With Mrs. Givan's discharge came scores of pleas from employees of the department asking that no mention be made of their Guild affiliation to prevent losing their jobs. Employees openly stated they would retain membership but dared not attend Guild meetings without fear of dismissal.

Circulation employees bore the brunt of an employer attack to force them out of the Guild. Current Newspaper Guild members of the department head either to get out of the Guild and join the teamsters or he would find a way to fire every one of them.

Raymond Griffith was discharged when he, too, resisted pressure to quit the union of his own choosing. The reason in this case also was "inefficiency," as was the charge made against Frank M. Lynch, 17 years a staff photographer. It was the discharge of Lynch that precipitated the now famous Post-Intelligencer strike in 1936. He was exonerated and is now employed at the Post-Intelligencer.

Puts Up Liberal Front
The coming of John Boettiger to the Post-Intelligencer when the paper reopened after the Roosevelt landslide, was hailed as a sure sign that Hearst had turned over a new leaf. It quickly became apparent that Boettiger was merely to give a liberal front to the family's reactionary policies.

When employees joined the Guild and asked for recognition as the collective bargaining agency, Boettiger sparred for time even as he attempted to force employees into a company-controlled group.

Familiar union-breaking tactics were used. Threats were made on four separate occasions that the plant would be closed down unless circulation employees swung over to a company-controlled union. Rumors flew that if the plant were closed it would never reopen and all would be without jobs.

Despite a union-breaking policy carried on for several months employees not only retained their membership in the Newspaper Guild, but aided in conducting a successful strike of the Seattle Star, and increased their membership.

Associated Tankers Boost Seamen's Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27. (TP).—Wage increases of from \$5 to \$10 to 180 men working on the five tankers of the Associated Oil Company were announced today. Associated and other oil companies operating tankers on the West Coast are being pressed by the Sailors' Union and other unions for wage and hour contracts. A strike against Pacific Coast tankers in 1935 was smashed along with the conviction of nine men on what unionists alleged were framed charges.

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JUSTICE HUGO L. BLACK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (TP).—The Supreme Court Justice whose appointment stirred one of the sharpest controversies in the history of the high tribunal, Justice Hugo Black, celebrated his 52nd birthday today.

Black's appointment to replace the retired Willis Van Devanter was followed by the revelation that the former Senator had once been a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Rumors of his Klan membership flew thick and fast last summer while Black was vacationing in England. Immediately after his return Black made a nationwide radio broadcast, admitting past membership in the Klan but emphasizing his liberal views as witnessed by his career in the Senate.

As Senator, Black attracted attention by his investigations into ship subsidies, airmail contracts, and lobbying activities. He also sponsored the thirty-hour week bill and the wages and hours bill.

He has been a loyal supporter of President Roosevelt. He even ventured to attack the Supreme Court for its invalidation of the Triple-A.

Lawyer Guild Weighs Poll on Peace Policy

To Hold Referendum on Neutrality, Other Convention Rulings

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Study for next week's nation-wide referendum among the members of the National Lawyers' Guild is being conducted throughout this week, the local chapter of the Guild announced today.

The chief questions submitted by the recent national convention of the Guild relate to the neutrality policy of the United States government.

New York Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, now Guild president, will ask the lawyers' opinion on whether President Roosevelt should be asked to ease restrictions on trade with Loyalist Spain, whether the United States should cooperate, short of war, with other countries against aggressor nations, whether the Neutrality Act should be amended, whether embargos should be placed on aggressor nations, whether the Federal government should be empowered to declare a nation an aggressor, and whether war trade should receive governmental protection.

The national convention went on record against the Ludlow peace measure and against regulation or incorporation of labor unions. A long-time public works program was urged, and resolutions dealing with social security and unemployment relief were referred to committees for action.

The referendum on international problems will be accompanied by arguments for and against prepared by the leading members of the opposing factions at the convention. Amendments to the Guild constitution will be included in the referendum.

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FIGHT ON RISE IN MILK PRICE GAINS SUPPORT

Large L. A. Firms Join Small Dealers to Halt Brock

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—A host of outstanding Los Angeles concerns have mustered their support behind the small milk dealers' fight against the proposed state rise in milk prices.

Directed against Merriam-appointed Agricultural Director A. A. Brock, the protests have taken the tangible form of court restraining orders, and most recently, a contempt order against Brock for violating an injunction on the price rise.

Arguments to continue the restraining order in the form of a temporary injunction will take place before Superior Judge Wilson on Monday, March 7.

Charged as Illegal
Charging that the Brock order for increase in prices is both illegal and unconstitutional, gallon milk dealers supported by Ralph's groceries, Owl, Sontag and Thrifty Drug stores, Eilmore and Ambassador hotels, Boos Brothers, Ontara, Brown Derby, Pig'n Whistle, Simon's and many other eating places, are putting up a stiff fight.

Heading the fight of the gallon distributors, G. S. Ray, chairman of the committee, has filed 60 charges of unconstitutionality against the Brock order. The group consists of approximately 84 small milk-men who handle a large amount of milk deliveries.

Fear that the price rise would lead to loss of their businesses prompted the immediate protest against the rise. It was pointed out, however, that the move led by Brock, was in reality, a concerted movement of the large milk trusts to rob the small distributors of their livelihood.

Only Large Trust Benefits
While the consumer milk price was raised, at the same time the farmer received a cut in his price. The large trusts were the only ones who benefited from the new order.

At the same time, the Associated Farmers of Southern California, a reactionary, pseudo-farmer organization representing the wealthy landowners, claimed today that they had received information from the milk distributors here that a concerted attack on Dave Beck's attempts to unionize their industry is planned.

It was not disclosed who the companies were who were prepared to fight Beck's unions. Milk Products Industries, which is handling the negotiations for the industry with the unions, has been unwilling to amplify the rumor.

In the Farmers Name
The announcement of the proposed attack against Beck came at a three-hour conference between the Associated Farmers and the large milk distributors.

"The farmers are opposed to the unionization of food production and will lend the force of their support and resources to the distributors in their fight if the latter oppose unionization," the Association announced.

Associated Farmers' President Holmes Bishop declared: "Plans have been laid by us to mobilize the full force of agricultural groups against the closed shop idea in the milk industry, in distribution or in any farm commodity."

Warns Teamsters
Bishop warned the Teamsters that if they think they will be able to go ahead with their plans for unionizing the farmers and milk dealers by declaring their products "hot," that they should be "quickly disillusioned."

"The issue is clear-cut to us," declared Bishop.

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Ruling Forces Beck to Stop War on Beer

Raids Undermine Labor Confidence in AFL Leadership

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—"The beer war is off!" George H. Vandever, attorney for Dave Beck, made the announcement today as he explained he might soon go to Portland where nearly a hundred teamster goons are jailed.

End of the teamsters' jurisdictional raid on the Brewery Workers Union came as a Federal injunction, was issued in Los Angeles against interference with delivery of beer produced by brewery workers and as Al Rosser, Beck's right hand man in Portland, weakened under police grilling.

Rosser is charged with arson and implicated in bombings by James Scott, ex-convict and teamster business agent, who confessed to a bombing at Stevenson, Washington, as a tactic of the teamsters' union in their jurisdictional raid. Scott claims that all acts of violence were oked by Rosser, representative of Dave Beck, in Portland.

Workers Expelled
The initial move to split the unity of labor in the Northwest came when Dave Beck waged jurisdictional war on the Brewery Workers Union. Brewery workers were expelled from the Central Labor Council over the heated protest of the rank and file membership.

Beck enforced his edict by means of goon squads on the floor of the Seattle Central Labor Council. Only by repressive measures could he force through his order to seize control of the union.

Not only were brewery workers ousted but Beck banned eastern beer from the market in the Northwest. A virtual beer monopoly was established and maintained under a price-fixing agreement, which prevented the flow of eastern beer into the Northwest market.

Law suits involving thousands of dollars, regulation of the size of a glass of beer were repercussions of the beer ban. Labor found itself not in the position of working for better hours, wages and working conditions, but virtually enforcing monopolistic control of the beer industry in the Northwest.

The effect of the act was to widen the breach between the AFL heads and the rank and file members. The attempt to align union men against union men destroyed what little confidence the membership had in AFL leadership.

Despite the action of the AFL heads, the unity of the rank and file members of the AFL and CIO was strong enough to win the Seattle Star strike and repudiate John Dore at the polls in the city elections.

Miners Charge Press Incites Lynch Hysteria

(Special to the People's World)
NEVADA CITY, Calif. Feb. 27.—Charging that a "concerted attempt is being made by the local press to lash the citizens of this community into a frenzy of vigilantism; into brutal, barbarous and wholly illegal action against local miners and breadwinners who are striking to reinstate their fellow workers fired for union membership and activity," Twin Cities Miners Union, Local 283, today had demanded that law enforcement officers take action.

Signed by President George Book and Financial Secretary A. A. Garresio, Local 283's demands upon Sheriff Carl J. Tobiasen and District Attorney Vernon Stoll called for "the suppression of vigilante activities and the prosecution of vigilante mobsters."

Further, the union declared: "We also insist upon and demand the withdrawal of deputation from professional gunmen from without the County of Nevada."

Local 283 has also written Rep. H. L. Englebright in Washington, thanking him for joining 13 other California congressmen in "protesting the unfair labor actions of the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles toward our brother union, Local 270, of Banning, California," and asks him to support the National Labor Relations Board decision in the Idaho-Maryland case, upholding the charges of unfair labor practices growing out of the Old Brunswick Mine lock-out.

General Motors Cuts Office Employees' Pay

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (TP).—General Motors Corporation slashed the salaries of office and staff employees today because of the business recession. The cuts become effective on March 1.

The cut provides for slashes of 10 percent on salaries up to \$10,000 and pay reductions on salaries above that figure.

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Mexican Unions Call for World Labor Meet Against War

More Trouble for the Japanese

U. S. PROTESTS JAPAN SEIZURE OF WAREHOUSE

American Building Is
Second Closed by
Japan Troops

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (TP)—The American Consul, Clarence Gauss, made new representations to Japanese military authorities today over the seizure of an American warehouse in the International Settlement.

The consul protested that the closing of the warehouse was a violation of the rights of the U. S. Nationals. It was the second American warehouse to be closed by the Japanese military.

Protests Accepted

TOKIO, Feb. 27 (TP)—The latest American protests in Japan were accepted as a matter of course today by the foreign office. An official spokesman interpreted Secretary Hull's protests for a definition of the legal rights of American nationals in China.

The spokesman insisted that the U. S. merely took the position that it has no legal obligation to order its nationals to mark their property. This, he said, is in accord with the Japanese view.

Federal Reserve Bank

PEIPING, China, Feb. 27 (TP)—The new Federal Reserve Bank of China is expected to open next week. The institution will control the Japanese-held North China and the Shanghai area.

The 50 million dollar capital of the bank is subscribed half by the provincial government and half by participating Chinese banks. Notes of the new Federal Reserve Bank will be legal tender throughout North China, Japanese sources said.

Drunk Soldier Assaults Two

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (TP)—Two German residents of Shanghai formally protested to Japanese military authorities today that they were assaulted by a drunken Japanese soldier. The Germans said that the attack took place while they were out horseback riding. Japanese authorities blamed a member of the army auxiliary police for the attack and promised punishment.

Japanese Capture Lingshih

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (TP)—The Japanese military spokesman announced today the capture of the strategically important railway town of Lingshih in Shansi Province.

The official announcement said that Japanese troops had battered their way into the walled railway town after a bitter battle that routed 100,000 Chinese. Chinese sources indicated that the Chinese troops withdrew in good order.

The pass between the Chiao and Shihshu mountains, Lingshih is virtually the only avenue of escape to the south of the 250,000 Chinese troops now fighting between Hoku and Lishih.

Battles of great importance were raging around Lishih and Hoku. Meanwhile under the cover of a naval barrage, Japanese troops effected a landing at Shanshan in the Yangtze River, in a campaign against Chinese guerrilla troops. Chinese spokesmen announced that their planes had shot down several Japanese troops on the Yellow River.

Munition Plants Shifted by Italy

ROME, Feb. 27 (TP)—Defense officials are considering today the possibility of moving large munition factories from the French frontier to the southern and central part of Italy.

A proposed decentralization plan provides for the building of a series of large munition plants in rural districts.

Officials don't want these plants to be too far from Rome and other southern cities. On the other hand, they want them to be far enough from the northern frontier to make them less vulnerable in case of war.

A war material center is located Bolzan. However, that center is considered dangerous inasmuch as it is near the Austrian frontier. With the recent Nazi penetration into Austria, that nation is considered by Italian officials to be one of the fascist bloc.

Batista Sleuths Ferret Out Progressives, Anti-Fascists

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 27.—Human bloodhounds of the bloody Col. Fulgencio Batista scoured through the island today in search of more "plotters" in an alleged plan to overthrow the Batista dictatorship.

The names of 500 known progressives, both men and women, are said to be on the list of the searching secret police.

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PHOTO shows a section of the 129th Division of the former 4th Front Red Army (now a part of the 8th Route Army attached to the Kuomintang forces) going to meet the invaders in upper Shansi province.

League Speeds Organization In 7 Districts

Burke Tells Splitting
Tactic of Vandeleur
Political Group

OAKLAND, Feb. 27.—Having vigorously applauded Herbert Resner's declaration that "Labor is vitally interested in the coming state election campaign," nearly 100 delegates of Alameda County unions yesterday completed plans for the intensive organization of Labor's Non-Partisan League in the county's seven assembly districts.

The delegates assembled at Carpenters' Hall in the first county convention since the formal establishment of the League in California last December.

J. Vernon Burke, state secretary of the League, received a rousing welcome from delegates of both AFL and CIO unions when he denounced the Vandeleur-organized California Political League as an effort to divide labor on the political field rather than to unite it. He urged intensive preparation for the May 7-8 state convention of the League where state candidates will be endorsed.

Record Must Be Good

Resner, member of the state executive committee, also cited the organizational structure of the League as proof that candidates will be endorsed only when "we satisfy ourselves through our delegates and our investigations of their past record and qualifications."

Fifty delegates were present from CIO unions, while 39 represented AFL locals. Five others were seated fraternally from non-labor organizations.

Ellis E. Patterson, leading progressive Assemblyman now a candidate for lieutenant governor, was one of the main speakers at the evening session.

Heading the committees to establish assembly district membership branches, responsible for building the local election campaign apparatus, are the following: 13th District, R. W. Lewis; 14th, H. I. Jones; 15th, Clarence Tobey; 16th, James Nelson; 17th, W. H. Bailey; 18th, Carlo Jensen, and 19th, Frank Sullivan.

Fascist Broadcasts Arouse U.S. Anger

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (TP)—The federal government's special international broadcasting committee was disclosed today to be planning a distinct attack on European radio propaganda in South America.

The committee headed by federal communications Commissioner McKnight will meet tomorrow night to set up a sub-committee to study the propaganda broadcasts. A new American policy on broadcasts from Europe may emerge from the investigation.

Study of European broadcasts particularly from Germany and Italy to South America was believed to stem directly from the rise of fascism below the equator.

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School Girls Get Letters on Japan War Aim

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—A new scheme for the dissemination of propaganda favorable to the Japanese invasion of China appears in letters addressed "To a Girl Student of Any High School, San Francisco."

The People's World has learned of at least two letters, signed by the same person, and postmarked Tokyo, Japan.

The letters open with a polite wish for the exchange of letters, but quickly get down to the main purpose of pointing out the "real situation" as regards the Japanese Chinese war.

The script and wording of the two letters was identical. The following are excerpts:

"Now, we are fighting against the Chinese to establish the Peace of the Far East, and demolish the horrible Communism. Of course, the just always conquers the wrong."

"But I am very sorry that some of your people have been deceived by counter-propaganda of the Chinese and misunderstood our enviable act of self-defense."

"If you are to have real peace in the world, I think you should know the truth about the incident. Will you write and tell me your opinion on the subject?"

"It would be a great help to us to know it and it would be easier for us to explain..."

As an afterthought, the writer requests information about the United States, and the recipient's school.

Student Workers Get Pay "Raise"

BERKELEY, Feb. 27.—A new "salary plan" for non-student workers at the "Co-op" coffee shop on University of California campus was announced today by Kenneth Priestly, graduate manager.

The hourly wage of the plan are: 1.—\$67.50 a month minimum. 2.—All wages in cash. 3.—20 percent cut in food.

Before, non-student waiters, hashers, and dishwashers, were paid \$50 a month plus \$17.50 food credit. Now, the credit is turned into cash and called a "raise."

The hourly wage, however, remains at 36 cents. This is still below the 40 cent hourly rate of the student workers under the "Fair Deal" contract.

These changes followed many requests to the student Executive Committee—some from Telegraph Avenue merchants—that the coffee shop be raised to the "Fair Deal" standard. It is believed impetus for this move on the part of the Administration was given by Henry Lightfoot '39, newly elected secretary to the executive committee, who, in his first motion demanded that the non-student workers be paid "at least a decent wage."

Labor in Aberdeen Protests Relief Lag

(Special to the People's World)

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 27.—Hundreds of workers and their families are suffering privation here as a result of unemployment. It was charged here today.

About 10,000 people are on the rolls of the Welfare Department, and, as usual, this department is unable to take care of the majority in an adequate manner.

The trade union movement, both AFL and CIO, is active in demanding adequate relief.

Between 1100 and 1200 persons, both AFL and CIO, participated in a mass parade and demonstration against the "sitdown strike" of Wall Street here last Saturday.

Sponsored by the CIO Industrial Union Council, the parade demanded unity of labor against this "sitdown strike" and at the mass meeting, various speakers demanded resumption of industry.

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FRENCH GOV'T. GAINS SUPPORT BY NAZI REBUKE

Backing for Soviet Pact,
and League Reaffirms
Popular Front Aims

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Confidence in the Chamberlain Government rose to new heights today as the people of France learned late last night of its determined stand against the fascist aggressor nations.

The action was interpreted here as a reaffirmation of the popular front mandate and a direct rebuke and possible curb on the tory foreign policy of British Premier Chamberlain.

Last night's big vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies 439 to 2, came after leaders of the Chamberlain government declared their foreign policy to be:

1. Backing independence of Czechoslovakia and Austria.
2. Refusal to allow Germany or Italy to gain a foothold in Spain.
3. Rigid maintenance of the Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact.
4. Adherence to the League of Nations.

This determined stand by Premier Camille Chautemps and Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos came as a surprise to some quarters here. But it was explained that without such a vigorous position, the cabinet would not have lasted a minute before the parties of the Popular Front.

At the same time, conservatives both here and in Britain sought to twist the statements of the Chamberlain support of Britain's tory policy of making deals with Mussolini and Hitler.

But the adopted motion of confidence declared:

"The Chamber approves the declarations of the government and is confident that the government will safeguard France's national dignity and assure the maintenance of peace and respect for treaties within the framework of collective security and the League of Nations."

Nowhere in the "declarations of the government" alluded to, was there even implicit approval of the British "policy" abandoning the League of Nations and preaching a course of conciliation with the fascist nations.

Stick By USSR

Although both Chautemps and Delbos in previous times have leaned toward British conservatism, there was little if any of that in last night's debate.

"The Franco-Soviet pact," said Delbos, "comes within the framework of the League of Nations. France will loyally carry out that pact, placing it above political passions and propaganda."

Said Premier Chautemps in a fiery rebuttal to attacks of the rightist Pierre Etienne Flandin:

"The opposition urges it to abandon the Russian pact and seek rapprochement with the dictators. We feel it is our duty to warn that such action would involve the loss of security with no corresponding guarantees."

League Supported

"If we withdraw a helping hand in Central Europe, the totalitarian powers would fall on smaller neighbors."

"I prefer to continue the French traditional policy based on the League and the Franco-Soviet pact which is purely defensive. It is open to all and directed against none, and is a real instrument for peace conceived within the framework of the League."

"It is true that the League is suffering an eclipse, but if we allow the League to disappear, what stays of collective security remain."

Point One Adopted

Kidwell's sobering words, and a plea from the chairman for confining the discussion to the subject at issue resulted finally in adoption of Point 1, of the resolution, which reads:

"That unions affiliated with regularly established departmental councils must have the sanction in writing of their departmental council before applying to the Labor Council for sanction to place pickets."

Discussion of the second point, methods for gaining sanction of the Labor Council, continued an argument which had also broken out in the discussion of the first point, namely, what about unions that must strike and picket quickly if at all? Theatrical and State Employees and certain culinary crafts were particularly worried.

Amendment by Kidwell

An amendment by Kidwell to provide for quick picketlines in certain cases was debated, and finally the whole discussion went over to the next meeting without a decision on Point 2, to say nothing of what comes later in the resolution.

A motion by Delegate Andrew Gallagher to adopt the whole resolution and amend it later was defeated.

Delegate Lyons, who stated that he was the originator of the whole idea of a resolution on picketing rose to oppose the present one as too restricting and too complicated.

Vice President Lawrence Palacios of the Labor Council was defeated in a motion to have the whole thing go to referendum.

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CTM Pledges Support To Cardenas Formation Of People's Front Party

President Tells Convention He Will Aid Workers in Fight
on Oil Monopolists-Trotsky Branded Agent of
Fascism-Political Action Emphasized

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27.—Four thousand excited delegates to the past week's big congress of the Confederation of Mexican Workers today sped back with their reports to the one million workers and peasants who delegated them.

Highlights of the convention were:

1. A strong call for a world labor congress with chief point on the agenda to be the struggle of world labor against war.

Hearty endorsement of President Lazaro Cardenas' political program.

3. Condemnation of the treachery of the foreign imperialist oil companies and renewal of the battle for wage increases in the industry.

4. The branding of Leon Trotsky as an agent of fascism and calling for his expulsion from Mexico unless "he abides by the imposed conditions."

Dominating the stirring sessions by their vigor and militancy were Lazaro Cardenas, President of Mexico, and Vincente Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the big labor federation.

Cardenas Attacks Fascists

It was the former who suggested the calling of a world labor congress as a means "to halt the wave of fire and blood now sweeping mankind."

Cardenas attacked bitterly the fascist tactics used in the Spanish civil war. He sharply condemned fascist bombardment of open cities "in which women and children are the principal victims."

The President declared it necessary for the CTM to take the initiative in precipitating action "to stop these crimes against civilization."

In his closing remarks, he pledged the government to lead the Mexican people's fight against the giant oil monopolists.

"Foreign petroleum companies have attempted to exert pressure on the Government," declared Cardenas, "so that labor will not achieve the social conquests to which it is entitled."

"They withdrew funds from the banks, creating a restriction on

Oakland Labor to Receive Report of Metropolitan Plan

OAKLAND, Feb. 27.—Not a few delegates to the Alameda County Central Labor Council, and their union memberships behind them, will anxiously await a long-expected report from

Labor Council officers who comprise the committee to study the Metropolitan Oakland Plan.

The council will meet tomorrow night. Already, without any formal action by Labor and despite a barrage of criticism from within organization labor, the backers of the local "Toledo Plan" of virtual compulsion arbitration are publicizing the plan as though acceptance by labor were a mere formality and taken for granted.

Despite this, leaders of the Labor and Building Trades Councils have remained silent and allowed the impression to accumulate that labor is behind the plan. William Fee, president of the Labor Council, along with other conservative labor leaders, sat at the speakers' table Friday night at the Leominster Hotel when 250 large business men, attorneys and other representatives of the employer interests decided to hold a "poll" to determine whether or not the East Bay wanted the "plan."

To Poll Employers Only

Their poll was to be conducted only among employer groups.

Neither Fee nor the other leaders made any mention of the criticism that has been launched from within the labor movement, confining their remarks to a simple statement that a committee was still "studying" the plan.

It was feared by progressives that this was part of an effort to stampede the labor movement into accepting the plan on the assumption that the "community demands it."

Labor Leaders Silent

The plan was first launched more than a month ago, calling for arbitration and mediation boards which seriously hampered labor's right to strike and weakened its position in collective bargaining where it was applied in Toledo, William A. Spooner and James H. Quinn, leading conservative labor leaders, were quoted as speaking favorably of it. Under criticism, they have remained silent, but have not repudiated their published statements.

Paul St. Sure, famed as attorney for the cannery owners who brought about the merciless attacks on strikers at Stockton and in Alameda County canneries, was the principal speaker Friday night. He declared that the employers sponsoring the plan were only asking that the "golden rule" be applied.



LAZARO CARDENAS

finances, but they will not detain the Government's program."

Toledano Seeks Call

Vincente Lombardo Toledano seconded Cardenas' suggestion for a world labor congress to build a dam against war.

"Our blood has been boiling over every time we think of Spain," Toledano replied, "and your call will be recognized by all the workers on the earth. Democracy must be saved!"

In his carefully-worked out speech delivered earlier, on Wednesday, "Lombardo," as he is called by the workers, explained in detail the role of Cardenas and his progress-

sive administration.

"Just as the CTM signifies the unification of the Mexican working class and the resurgence of struggle against the national capitalist class and foreign imperialism," Toledano declared, "similarly the government of President Cardenas signifies the rehabilitation of democratic methods of government."

"These had degenerated and were almost lost through the concentration of political leadership of the country in General Calles for more than seven years."

Labor to Stay in Politics

The CTM had entered to stay in the political arena, Toledano said. Thus labor could push forward the revolutionary and democratic development of Mexico.

"When it was decided to enter political struggle," he declared, "the CTM announced that for the working class, participation in the government did not imply a belief in a Social Democratic Utopia, the transition from bourgeois society to Socialist society through parliamentary action."

Hails People's Front Party

The labor leader then discussed the historic significance of Cardenas' action in abolishing the National Revolutionary Party in favor of an organic People's Front party.

"Or, the last day of March," Toledano announced, "the Constituent Assembly of the new party will be inaugurated."

"The CTM believes that this is the most important political event in the contemporary history of Mexico. It is determined to lead the party to full support. But at the same time the federation will demand the complete fulfillment of the party's purpose to cleanse radically the national life and maintain in the people a firm confidence in their own destiny."

During his long speech, the vigorous head of the Confederation drastically denounced Leon Trotsky as a foe to everything progressive.

"Leon Trotsky," he declared among roars of approval, "has turned out to be an enemy of Mexico, an enemy of the anti-fascist struggle, and plainly the standard-bearer of the enemies of the working class."

Later this sentiment was reiterated in a drastic resolution enthusiastically adopted by the Convention.

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"Alias, Herbert Hoover"

IT IS strange, or perhaps it isn't so strange after all, that with all the supposed "vigilance" of such papers as the Los Angeles Times in behalf of the public, it remained for Congressman Byron N. Scott, one of California's outstanding progressives, to expose just WHO is looting the under-sea oil fields.

The "Pacific Dock and Terminal Corporation" sounds rather innocent, doesn't it? Doesn't even smell of "oil." Just "docks and terminals." But, said Representative Scott, this "dock and terminal" business covers a theft of oil by "people who have no right" to it.

And who do you suppose lurks behind that "Dock and Terminal" corporation? None other than the "great engineer"—Mr. Herbert Hoover, who is visiting Europe now supposedly just to renew old acquaintanceships, but who is seemingly careful to pick out fascist connections for the greater glory of the Republican Party. The Pacific Dock and Terminal Corporation, alias Mr. Hoover!

California should write their congressmen supporting the Senate Resolution enabling the government to take possession of these oil fields. And loot already taken should be reclaimed by government suit.

This brings up again the question of relieving farmers of taxation by a "severance tax," to apply on extracted wealth of this sort from our once bountiful resources. The People's World supports the Severance Tax. We think all progressives should, also.

Hearst Boosts the "Seafarers' Federation"

"Harry Lundeberg, Sailors' Union of the Pacific leader is scheduled to arrive in San Pedro this week-end to direct marshalling of forces for formation of a powerful seafaring bloc to combat Communist influences among maritime unions."

—Los Angeles Examiner, owned by William Randolph Hearst.

Copeland still calls the sailors "Communists," and Hearst is for the Copeland legislation.

In Hearst's language, you are a "Communist" when you are fighting the employers, but you are a great leader and you are fighting Communism, when you fight your fellow workers. Everybody knows that.

Unfortunately, Harry Lundeberg's proposal for a "seafarers' federation" is a labor-splitting proposal. It is an attempt to draw a sharp line between the seamen and the longshoremen. Those who support the "Seafarers' Federation" do not all say this, and many of them may not believe it, but it really does drive a wedge into the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. It really does put the longshoremen and other shore workers in one camp, and the "seafarers" in another camp.

This is a return to the old conditions when seamen and longshoremen had nothing in common—and in the end, just had nothing, that is, they put each other out of business. They got back into business only when, first of all on the Pacific Coast, they learned to stand together in a maritime federation.

What could the "Seafarers' Federation" with the best of intentions, ever do that the United Seamen's Council, for which part of the seamen of the Coast are already voting on referendum, could not do better? The West Coast Council referendum, and agreements between the unions that would fix jurisdiction and ensure solidarity, was proposed by the West Coast delegates to the recent Seamen's Unity Convention here.

The "Seafarers' Federation," besides splitting the Maritime Federation, would also undoubtedly continue Lundeberg's war against the East Coast seamen. It would fight the CIO, and such a fight would eventually line it up with the AFL, with the Green-Beck union splitters and against the Roosevelt New Deal.

The Seamen's Council would cooperate with the East Coast seamen and work with the maritime federations of all coasts, leading to the day which all maritime workers have dreamed of for years and years, when there would be a really national industrial maritime union.

Those supporting the "Seafarers' Federation" may say and may really believe that their new organization is going to fight the Copeland legislation.

But what kind of a fight will it be with Hearst on their side?

All enemies of labor, eager and anxious to split the ranks of labor, are rushing to boost the "Seafarers' Federation." No matter what its supporters say and believe, the enemies of labor know what it means. They are for anything that smashes maritime workers' unity, anything that separates them from the rest of the labor movement.

The headquarters branch of the Marine Cooks and Stewards has bitterly and unanimously condemned the unity-splitting "Seafarers' Federation." The headquarters branch of the Marine Firemen turned down in no uncertain terms the proposal to join this "Seafarers' Federation." These are good examples to follow.

A Nifty Steal for Bankers

THE Southern Pacific Railroad has accomplished a lot of profitable steals from the public in its many years of existence, as thousands of California citizens can testify.

But this old Fagan has not lost any of his slyness; in fact, it has more Oliver Twists functioning to enrich its coffers at public expense than ever before, and even numbers the "liberal" San Francisco News among its assistants.

The latest steal? The plan to give the S. P. considerably over three millions of dollars in exchange for nothing, for the withdrawal of ferry service from San Francisco Bay.

"Instead of paying \$3,750,000 to get rid of the ferries, it is now likely that the State Toll Bridge Authority can get off (sic!) with the payment of \$3,250,000..." writes the News.

"For that \$3,250,000 investment, the East Bay Bridge will get \$1,300,000 a year in additional revenue, with little or no increase in costs."

"What sane businessman would refuse to spend \$3,250,000 if he was assured of an annual return of \$1,300,000 on his money?"

What business man, indeed—unless he were spending money to acquire a nice round zero, which is exactly the case in this proposed Bay Bridge swindle.

It has been definitely proved that, at the PRESENT volume of traffic, the Bay Bridge can break even at a 25-cent toll, low enough to run the ferries into the ground on a competitive basis, despite the wailing statement from Florence McAuliffe, TBA attorney, that "reduction of tolls on the Bay Bridge is impossible under ferry competition." Most certainly the traffic would sharply increase at 25-cent toll, which an East Bay coalition of civic, public improvement and labor groups is demanding.

Then what would the public be buying from the Southern Pacific? Nothing! Not even the ferries, just the pleasure of seeing a San Francisco Bay unmarred by the sight of ferries.

The fallacy of McAuliffe's statement is plainly seen when you contrast it with his statement that reduction of tolls is possible on the Golden Gate Bridge, where the ferries are losing "hundreds of dollars a day," but not on the Bay Bridge, where he claims that both ferries and the bridge are now making money.

The TBA lawyer further lets the cat out of the bag, despite his statement that a "rate war with the ferries" is "undesirable" (for the S. P. only), by mentioning that "bond covenants" (page the Fleishhacker banking interests) legally prevent a rate war.

If ever there were a put-up job, calculated to rob the common people who are paying the freight for the Bay Bridge, this is one. The plan is to catch the people coming and going, between the Scylla of the S. P. Railroad and the Charybdis of the Fleishhacker outfit.

It's just another reason for the people to clean house in the state government in November, and remove the man who named the TBA officials—Gov. Merriam.

But immediately, the proposal of the allied civic and progressive groups of Alameda County needs support.

Get your organization on record, and write yourself, to the TBA and to Gov. Merriam, demanding at least a trial period at the 25-cent rate, demanding that the Southern Pacific be not paid three million dollars and more for nothing, demanding that the interest rate on the Bay Bridge bonds be trimmed so as not to provide further shekels for Fleishhacker and his cut-throat pals.

Release Dr. Townsend!

A PETITION for the presidential pardon of Dr. Francis E. Townsend from a pending 30-day jail term is now being circulated in Congress.

That reactionary sentence should never have been imposed and the petition should certainly be snapped through, and then President Roosevelt should rescind this outrageous sentence.

Reactionaries have already seized upon the case in an attempt to poison Dr. Townsend's following against the progressive Roosevelt administration.

Something should also be said here about Dr. Townsend's own plans for the future, namely his projected Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc., which he intends to use as a "political party."

As the former Old Age Revolving Pensions, this will be limited, according to the doctor, to securing old age pensions.

But who gains from such an arbitrary separation of progressives who believe in and work for old age pensions from those who strive for all progressive measures, including adequate security for the aged?

Surely, only the enemies of general progress. They greet with joy such isolation from the general progressive forces, without the help of which no such specialized movement can succeed.

Quite Shocking!

THE tragic death of Lord and Lady Plunket in a plane crash near San Simeon is more than "just another accident"—for the reason that Lord and Lady Plunket were guests of William Randolph Hearst. In view of Hearst's perennial British-baiting, this is quite shocking.

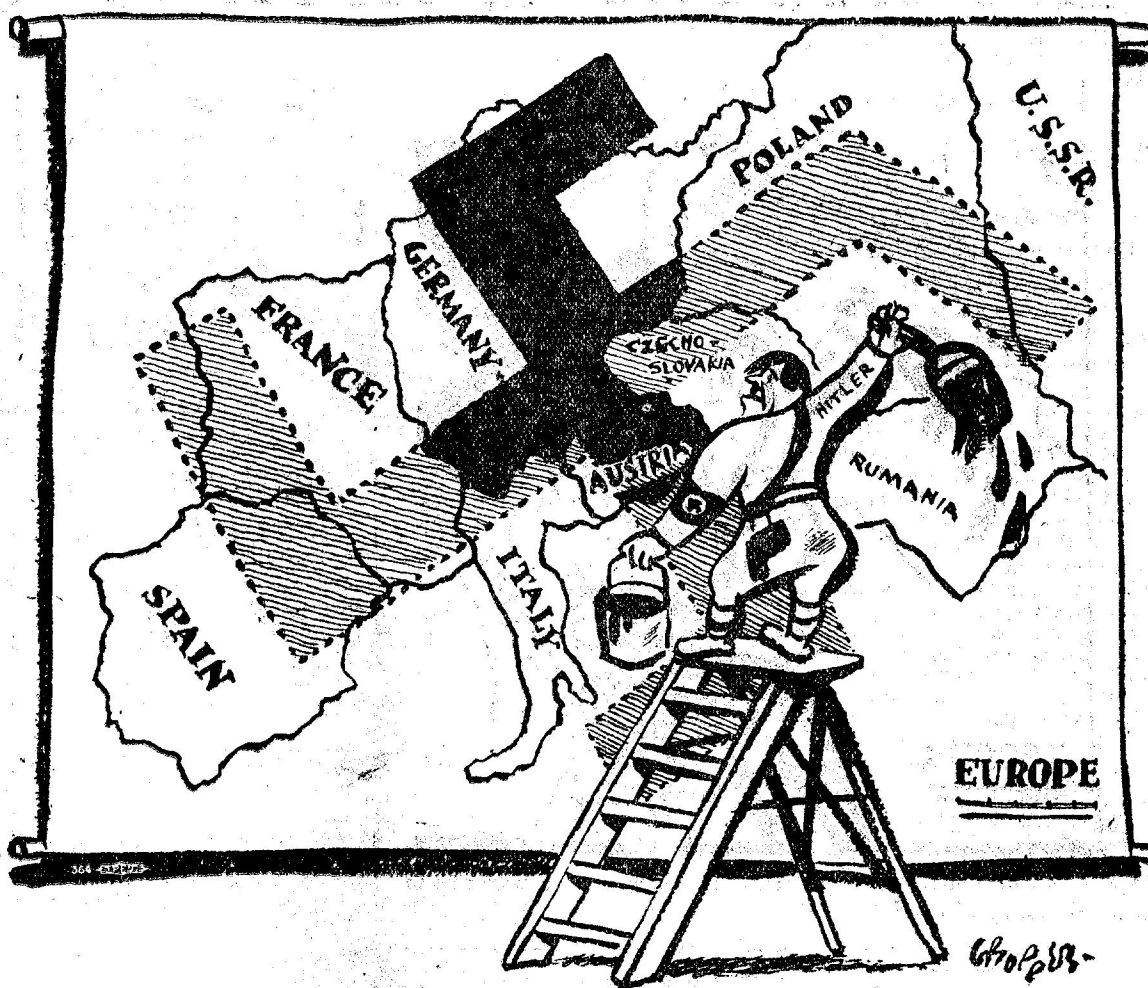
There is nothing which could better point out the hypocrisy of Hearst than this expose of his hobnobbing with the titled big-wigs of England, while screaming denunciations of any plan for collective action undertaken by this country with the British government for world peace.

The scions of wealth and nobility are always welcome guests in the home of this Janus who continues to call on the "liberty loving" people of the United States for "freedom from entangling alliances" with these same "villainous Britishers."

It is noteworthy that Hearst's own Examiner failed to comment on the fact that Lord and Lady Plunket were guests of Hearst, although they ran a long story (and picture) on the accident. Perhaps he didn't want it known.

The Austrian House Painter

By Cropper



Japan's 'Front' Fights for Life

By John Matsuto

In an earlier article, published exclusively by the People's World, Mr. Matsuto predicted the course of events now taking place in Japan. In this article, the author points the prospects for an early change in Japanese policy.—The Editor.

LATE dispatches from Tokyo report that four hundred thugs, calling themselves the Anti-Communist Patriotic Organization, marched into the city of Tokyo in broad daylight February 18 and occupied the headquarters of the two major political parties, the Seiyukai and Minseitō. They declared that they intended to occupy the buildings for thirty days, or the duration of the present session of the Diet.

During the Diet session the city is heavily guarded, especially near the parliament buildings and the headquarters of the political parties. Since the action took place in the middle of the afternoon, and the thugs were allowed to remain in possession of the headquarters for five hours it is obvious that the new metropolitan police chief (who is the choice of the fascist Home Minister Suetsugu) was reluctant to take action against them at first. The entire number were finally arrested, but only 130 held.

At this session of the Diet three bills were to be introduced by the fascists—a national mobilization bill, one for electric power control and a bill asking a huge appropriation for war expenditures. It is evident that this provocative action was taken with two purposes in mind. The fascists hoped to forestall any resistance on the part of the political parties to their legislative program. It was also to serve as a trial balloon to test the strength of the opposition to the fascist program.

Riot in Diet

The Diet session the following day (February 19) ended in an uproar. Representatives of the political parties expressed tremendous indignation against the fascist provocation, and received the wholehearted support of the people. The Home Minister was asked to explain his position. Feeling that for the time being at least he had the upper hand, he assumed a very insolent attitude. Refusing to take any responsibility, he would say nothing further than "I am sorry." Rioting followed, and the Diet was finally recessed.

To understand the situation fully, it is necessary to examine the fascists' program more thoroughly. The national mobilization bill was drafted by the planning board in collaboration with the army. It establishes state control over all industries connected with defense, and empowers the government to commandeer virtually every industrial commodity. It authorizes compulsory labor service, the regulation of wages and the prohibition of strikes. Public meetings and organizations may be prohibited and the press brought under complete control. Control of prices and trade is also included.

Army Plot Seen

The political parties fear that the army and those officials in sympathy with the army wish to use the present Chinese "incident" as an opportunity to create the framework for a totalitarian state where-in even the feeble popular control provided by the present parliamentary system would be eliminated.

The electric power control measure would merge the seven existing power companies and place them under military control, under the guise of war necessity. This would adversely affect all the small factory owners and the farmers, since the power they must have would be diverted to the war industries.

The proposed war expenditure appropriation calls for a staggering sum. The regular budget for 1938 is two and a half billion yen, of which 45% is for the army and navy. The new appropriation calls for 4,850,000,000 yen, or more than one and a half times the amount of the entire budget. This huge amount is to be appropriated in addition to the budget.

Resistance Growing

The present activity of the military fascists is a further step in

their maneuvers to gain control of the government. It has brought them a little closer to their goal of complete subjugation of the hundred million people of Japan. The stubborn resistance of the Chinese, financial difficulties at home and abroad and the restiveness among the people over the dragging out of the war (especially since the occupation of Nanking) have made the fascists more desperate and more anxious to achieve their ends as soon as possible.

For the time being the fascists

have the upper hand. The disturbances in the Diet cannot yet be termed as marking the beginning of the offensive of the people. They are, however, the first indication of the growing resistance. When the present Konoye cabinet was formed it was supported as a cabinet of national unity, but the sharp attack against Home Minister Suetsugu must be considered not as an attack on Suetsugu alone, but against the national cabinet itself. The "national front" is cracking from within.

Letters From Our Readers

Letters to the Editor should be brief and accompanied by the writer's name and address. Anonymous letters will not be published. Names to which letters will not be published without the writer's express permission.

Lies Come Home To Roost

Editor, People's World:

I desire to call attention of your readers to the news article from the Riverside, California "Enterprise" of February 8th, to the effect that migratory workers are induced to come to California through advertisements which promise them good wages in the fields.

The statements made in this article are typical of other agricultural sections of California. While California newspapers and Chambers of Commerce are squawking about taxes and the coming of "indignants from southern and western states" to California, this is the game under way throughout the state.

I thoroughly believe that behind the scenes an investigation would disclose the Associated Farmers, an organization sponsored by financiers who control bodies of farmers and horticulturists. This mafious group has fought every effort of agricultural workers to organize for betterment of their miserable condition. It was they who armed "vigilante committees," sometimes led by county officials, misuse, jail or deport thousands of workers in the Imperial Valley, the San Joaquin Valley and elsewhere. They have violated every law in the category whenever it suited their purpose to do so. They have sentenced thousands of workers to live in hells or orchards or in miserable shacks unworthy of the name of houses.

Here in Riverside County, Associated Farmers is strong and dominant. It stood solidly behind the reactionary county officials who recruited a private army of mercenaries and armed them as deputy sheriffs to break the strike of the workers on the Colorado River aqueduct in the Metropolitan Water District. The repercussions of that strike, like Banquo's Ghost, will not down. The arrogant refusal of the management to treat with their employees will be heard from in Riverside County at the next general election, even though most of the strikers have no vote in this county. The solidly organized group of Republican reactionaries in Riverside County must be broken down. It backs the Associated Farmers and denounces the Roosevelt administration, although that administration has poured large sums of money into the county during the past five years.

The lies of the Associated Farmers, which organization is a product of Riverside County, are coming home to roost.—H.F.K., San Jacinto, Calif.

Army Man Threatens Jewish WPA Theatre

Editor, The People's World:

The President is asking and getting a supplemental relief appropriation of \$250,000,000 so that the WPA will be able to keep those now on the relief rolls, and add those who have recently become unemployed so that all these people will have jobs, at least until June 30, 1938.

In the light of these facts, by what perversion of logic can Colonel Connolly, who heads the WPA here, explain his orders, and threats to the Jewish Unit of the Federal Theatre Project to cough

up profits on their show or be dismissed. The Jewish Unit has done as well as any other unit, so how can Colonel Connolly explain this discrimination?

How can he also account for his dismissal threats when the WPA policy for the present is supposed to be one of increased personnel, rather than one of reduction in the members of those now employed? Is the Colonel forgetting that the WPA is supposed to help humans, and you know, Jews are human, too? Or is the Colonel getting delusions of grandeur—and beginning to think that America could use a Hitler, too?

PROJECT WORKER,
Los Angeles.

Women Vie for Dinner Prize in Contest

Editor, People's World:

Flash! From Women's Auxiliary No. 2, Maritime Federation, East Bay, 1918 Grove St., Oakland.

We are happy to report rapid progress in our membership drive and other things we are doing. This drive is between us and our sister auxiliary in San Francisco, the loser to furnish a St. Patrick's dinner. We want the dinner, so we must win, and we will.

Our aim is to be the strongest auxiliary in the Federation and to do this we must have the cooperation of all maritime workers. The best way to know what we are doing is to come and see for yourself. The best time to do so will be on Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m. We are giving a dinner party at 3122 East 12th street, near Fruitvale avenue.

The proceeds will be used to help purchase our pins and add to our membership fund for the children's camp at Bonanza Springs. We must go forward and we can do so with your help. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link—let's make ours solid.

Come out and bring the family and enjoy a good home-cooked meal without the fuss and worry of having to cook it. Don't miss this. If you do, you'll regret it.

Fraternally,
Clara Davis, Publicity Chairman,
Oakland, Calif.

Vandeleur Gets Ha Ha Ha In Forum Anti-CIO Talk

San Mateo, Calif.

On February 15, Mr. Edward Vandeleur spoke to a mixed audience of workers and business men and women in the auditorium of the San Mateo Junior College under the auspices of the Peninsula Forum.

Most of his speech was directed against the Committee for Industrial Organization. He praised Mr. William Green, AFL president, as a fine man, and denounced John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, as a rascal.

Harry Bridges and the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, Mr. Howard and the Typographical Union, came in for their share of lying abuse from Vandeleur.

Many of Mr. Vandeleur's statements were so ridiculous as to provoke laughter.

A CIO representative from San Francisco is scheduled to speak at this same place on Tuesday evening, March 1st.

Sincerely, A. W.

COLUMN LEFT

By Harrison George

The Open Shop
Hides Behind
Mythical Babies



IT was only a worker's baby. So it was worth only one sentence of two lines in the "Post" of El Centro, California, under an almost invisible headline saying: "Child Dies at Labor Camp." The whole story of this baby's life, brought so painfully into the world, was told thus:

"BRAWLEY, Feb.—Richard Andrew Phelps, 2-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Phelps of the Federal Labor Camp here, died Tuesday night as a result of malnutrition and intestinal ailment, Deputy Coroner Herbert Hughes said Wednesday."

That was all. "... as a result of malnutrition and intestinal ailment..." We know of no worse "intestinal ailment" than "malnutrition," the polite word for starvation.

A baby starved to death! Do you hear that, you apologists for things as they are? A baby starved to death! Right here in California!

Does Hearst care? Bah! Hearst can see starvation only where it doesn't exist—in the land of socialism where babies come first and millionaires have been abolished.

Does Chandler care? Humpf! What is a worker's baby to the owner of the Los Angeles Times? But look at this! A front page editorial in the Times. It's headed: "Making War on Babies."

So Chandler does care for babies? No, not a bit. That editorial is not in behalf of babies. It is a defense of the Open Shop. The Times babies and Dave Beck, the one innocent, the other guilty as the Times itself, against unionism. Beck furnishes the ammunition. The Times fires it against labor. They work together.

Beck, says the Times, wants 100 per cent control of everything having to do with the production and distribution of dairy milk in Los Angeles County "or else." Then the Times puts its imagination to work and tells what the "or else" is. "Filth which already is finding its way into babies' milk after it is left unprotected, on doorsteps by non-union milk drivers."

Well, anything might be in non-union milk. And Dave Beck's "goons" are capable of anything, too. It's a toss-up. But we resent the charge that union men, milk wagon drivers or plain members of the Teamsters' Union, use any such methods. People who know them as neighbors and friends, know better. Teamsters have babies, too. And love them. But they don't love scabs.

These imaginary babies the Times sobs over, don't exist in fact. At what address do they live, Mr. Chandler? Trot out some proof that will stand up against investigation! Why be so vague about names, dates and places?

But the teamsters also have to do something besides play mummy. One thing they should do, it appears, is to find out whether or not they are organizing a new Federation of Labor, in addition to the one headed by Bill Green.

We can understand milk wagon drivers being organized as a part of an industrial union of all workers engaged in the milk industry. But we cannot figure out why men who milk cows or wash bottles in a pasteurizing plant should be in a Teamsters' Union.

If so, why not organize the bottle glass blowers and the machinists who make the pasteurizing machinery, also in the Teamsters' Union? Why stop anywhere? Why not make "teamsters" out of the kids that drink the milk? Or the wet nurses? Or, as Harry Bridges suggested, "the mid-wives, because they deliver babies?"

Beckism is headed for a fall. Nothing is clearer, as events in Seattle and Portland show. But unless the real union men among the Teamsters cut loose from Beck and his goons, their own union and others, too, is likely to fall with it. Public opinion is a vast power, and the Open Shop is mobilizing it, using babies, using anything.

More than that, Beckism is not craft unionism, neither industrial unionism. It is not unionism at all. And labor, not the Open Shop, must stamp it out.

WORLD FRONT

By Harry Gannes

HITLER, who borrowed the kernel of his speech from the decadent epigram of Oscar Wilde, that nothing succeeds like excess, anxiously looks to degenerate London Tories, to insure the complete realization of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo plots.

Perhaps the fascist despots in Rome and Berlin are gloating a little too early over the resignation of Anthony Eden. It is an open question yet whether Eden resigned or whether he was in effect fired at the behest of Hitler and Mussolini. In any case, German and Italian fascist officials, hardly concealed their glee over the departure of the dapper former foreign minister.

While there is little doubt that the Chamberlain cabinet can survive the rupture caused by Eden's resignation, the situation in the country is one of mounting hostility to the Tories' kow-towing appeasement of the fascist triple alliance.

Mussolini, Hitler and the pro-fascist Rothermere press in Great Britain had on many previous occasions called for Eden's resignation, saying that this would make it easier for Chamberlain to proceed with his long-concealed plans of granting Hitler the most extravagant concessions at the expense of world peace. They, of course, counted the British people as zero. Actually, Eden off the cabinet is worth a thousand times more to those who oppose Tory conciliation with the fascist triangle than his continued star chamber bickering and resistance in cabinet sessions.

NEVER a popular government, the present Chamberlain set-up could not now muster 40 per cent of the British electorate even with the support of the Conservative parliamentary majority which is due to party loyalty and fear of an enraged people overturning the rule of Britain's economic royalists.

Finally waking up out of its smug support of the Chamberlain pro-fascist intrigues so long as Anthony Eden stayed in the cabinet, the Labor Party organ, the Daily Herald, now shouts that the resignation of Eden should be used as a lever to "turn out the Tory government" to prevent a disastrous compromise with fascism.

But on how this can be done, the Daily Herald is mute. Because the Daily Herald and those who in the leadership of the British Labor Party have followed its policy of collaboration with the Tory encouragers of fascism and have aimed their main fire at the Communists and those who stand for the People's Front against fascism, Chamberlain was able thus far to get away with his conniving with the fascist enemies of world peace and democracy.

THERE is some danger now that the brilliant unorthodox Tory, Winston Churchill, and the crafty liberal, Lloyd George, together with Anthony Eden, will take the lead in a limited opposition to phases of Chamberlain's program and steal the thunder from the rightful labor opposition. Not that the Labor Party could not utilize the split in the Tory ranks and win conservative, liberal and even so-called "neutral" support, but again it threatens to become a tail to an opposition kite instead of being the kite itself.

THE United States, too, received special attention from Hitler. The Nazi Fuehrer's fervent espousal of Japan's aggression in China, calling on Washington to take a neutral attitude, is a direct threat to American peace. Hitler's recognition of Manchukuo at this moment is Nazi intervention against the peace of the United States.

Hitler undoubtedly would like to have Secretary of State Cordell Hull resign and to impose on this country an isolationist reversal of President Roosevelt's "quarantining" Chicago's peace speech. Fortunately the Vandenberg Tory crowd is not in power in the United States.

Now that the maneuvering base of the British cabinet has been stringently narrowed by the Eden resignation and the shameful threats of Hitler the possibilities of collective action of the United States, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union are greater than ever.

Many of President Roosevelt would take the initiative now in calling on the peace-loving nations to cooperate to attain and maintain world peace he would find the British people so receptive as to bring about the collapse of the Chamberlain agents of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo triangle. President Roosevelt can open a new, peace era in world diplomacy which would be an effective answer to Hitler's war-inciting speech.

BEHIND THE SCREEN

With Don Blackwell

SCREEN Writers Guild meeting ended up last Monday night with tremendous enthusiasm. The feeling of unity and the closeness and harmony of the relationship between the Executive Board and the membership had everyone feeling that the Guild is stronger now than it has ever been in its history. Birlough of the evening—when Johnny Grey, Guild treasurer, got his tongue twisted pronouncing Frank Capra's name and put the "r" in the wrong place.

Board member Ring Lardner Jr., drew many chuckles telling the inside about the Hollywood Reporter's review of the film "The Beloved Brut," which praised all departments except the writing of Lawrence Kimball and the acting of Bonita Granville because they refused to advertise in Billy Wilkerson's blackmail sheet.

Screen Directors John Cromwell and Herbert Biberman received thunderous ovations when they brought greetings from the Screen Directors Guild and pledged unity with the writers to fight encroachment of the gangster-ridden International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

Stewart's "Thomas Jefferson"

DONALD OGDEN STEWART, making his first appearance after recovery from a serious automobile accident, was warmly by the friendship and affection of the membership who stood up to welcome him. Board members continually referred to him as "Thomas Jefferson," because of the great amount of work he did in New York in drawing up a constitution that gave the screen writers autonomy without severing relations with the Authors' League of America. A really democratic job.

Tri-Guild dance, of actors, writers and directors, was announced for the latter part of April and promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever put on in Hollywood.

Cy Bartlett, who just finished writing "Cocoon Grove," got up at the end of the meeting and expressed his enthusiasm. He chided the board for scaring members away from the meeting by announcing that voting and discussion would be held on "a dull subject," the new constitution, when the meeting was the liveliest he ever attended.

Incorporation Has Dangers

WHILE incorporation was voted by the membership, all its dangers were not thoroughly gone into. The sincere confusion of President Dudley Nichols, and other board members probably accounts for this lack of clarity.

It is regrettable, however, that it was not brought home to the membership that with the rapid movement of events today, and the certain intensification of the onslaughts on unions, incorporation can become as great a danger to screen writers as it has become in the case of the San Pedro longshoremen.

DOTS AND DASHES: George Jessel's new radio sponsor is the Assn. Fresh Fish Dealers. . . Mae West embarks on personal appearance tour for three months. . . Her entourage includes seven male singers and four vaudeville acts. . . The script for "Gone With the Wind" is 20 inches thick. . . Metro has dropped eight more writers from its payroll. . . Dorothy Parker's latest book, "The Sign of the Cross," is the first of the Screen Writers Guild. . . J. Edward Bromberg, of Group Theatre fame, is said to be sensational in the forthcoming film, "Four Men and a Prayer." . . His previous movie roles have never given him an opportunity to show his real talents.

Shostakovich Comeback Rebukes Liberal Critic; New Symphony Praised

By Sender Garlin

MOSCOW, Feb. 25. (By Mail)—In vain did the gloomy Dr. Joseph Wood Krutch and his fraternity brothers on "The Nation" place a wreath on the artistic career of Dmitry Shostakovich when that brilliant young Soviet composer, back in 1936, was being subjected to sharp criticism by Soviet music critics for lapses into formalism and art naturalism.

Writing in that austere "temperate" tone characteristic of liberal critics when discussing the Soviet Union, Dr. Krutch pictured Shostakovich as being "cast into utter darkness" and "left amid the ruins of his reputation."

Apparently, Dr. Krutch, like others who sought to utilize the "defense" of Shostakovich for an attack on the USSR was unable to see that the reason Soviet musical opinion paid so much attention to the young composer was precisely due to the fact that they considered him a splendid talent who had strayed from the path that would enable him to fulfill the great promise that he had shown.

Now Writes Masterpiece

While Shostakovich's defenders were, with inward satisfaction, contemplating his "destruction" at the hands of "bureaucrats," (with satisfaction, since it provided further justification of their class hatred for the USSR), the composer himself was wondering over the criticism which had been leveled against him—and creating. The result is his new Fifth Symphony which was received with unbridled enthusiasm, first in Leningrad, later in Moscow.

After hearing the symphony in Leningrad, Alexei Tolstoy, a titan of contemporary Soviet literature and one of the USSR's most distinguished writers, said of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony that it was "a masterpiece. Equally laudatory praise came from music lovers when the symphony was heard in the Soviet capital.

At the conclusion of the Moscow concert, the vast audience which filled the Great Hall of the Conservatory of Music, applauded for more than thirty minutes. The applause subsided only after Shostakovich, an exceptionally retiring individual, was led to the stage by the conductor of the orchestra. The great impression has been made on Moscow musical circles by Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony that tickets for three forthcoming concerts in the Soviet capital are completely sold out.

Professor Hails Work

WRITING in the Soviet press, Prof. Henry Neuhaus, a noted musician who has trained a number of the gifted young pianists who distinguished themselves and their country in recent international competitions, declared: "Dmitry Shostakovich's latest composition, his Fifth Symphony, was heard for the first time in Moscow recently. It is difficult at this writing to give an exhaustive analysis of this work. I can only speak of the first, extremely profound impression which this very remarkable work left on me.

The Fifth Symphony has once more shown the rare talent of the composer. Among Shostakovich's earlier works, besides those which can be called almost brilliant, such as his world-famous "First Symphony," are some compositions which are less successful. Today, when we view things from the height of his Fifth Symphony, many things that once seemed incom-

prehensible to us, now become intelligible.

Earlier Works Protested

I AM thinking first of all, of a certain tendency on the part of the composer to a sharp satire and the grotesque. We professional musicians, while paying tribute to Shostakovich's great ability, nevertheless experienced a certain feeling of protest against his earlier works.

"There is nothing of this with regard to the Fifth Symphony. After hearing this work, one is left with the following impression: whereas formerly Shostakovich, in his musical compositions, often and persistently said 'no,' in his Fifth Symphony he firmly and convincingly says 'yes,' without losing his individuality or originality.

"The music of the Fifth Symphony is, in essence, profoundly tragic. But it is tragedy of a great style that reminds one of the compositions of Beethoven, Wagner, Tchaikovsky. . . Shostakovich is moving surely along a path of great art. His Fifth Symphony can be called a classic both as regards conception and the form in which it is worked out.

Finale Triumphant

"The concentration of affliction which is contained in the first movement, and the extremely lyrical third movement, which is also full of grief, do not, as in Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, lead to a hopeless end, but conclude in an imposing triumphal finale. The spirited, joyful music of the finale reflects the victorious march of our people.

"The path traversed by Shostakovich from his earlier works to the Fifth Symphony, as sometimes happens with great works of art, is undoubtedly autobiographical. One gets the feeling that this autobiography of the composer is closely bound with the great history of our country. I have no doubt whatever that a work of such profound philosophical content and expressive, artistic force as Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony could originate only in our country."

Shostakovich is only 32. He is a graduate of the Leningrad Conservatory. His "May Day" and "October" are symphonies for full orchestra and chorus of several hundred voices. His "Lady Macbeth of Mtzensk" is the first of a cycle of four operas contrasting the life of women in czarist Russia with that of the present Socialist system. Shostakovich's works have been played in New York, Philadelphia and other American cities.

Music Teachers to Hear Lecture

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Victor Luchenstein, prominent member of the Music Teachers Association is to speak before members of that group, Monday evening, February 28th, at Sherman Clay and Company. Among the new officers of the Association are Irving Parsons, President, Doris Lenhausen, Secretary, and Lincoln Batchelder, Chairman of the recital committee.

Get Out of the Harness, Girls!

Speed-Up Backfires In Short Story of Dictaphone Girls

By Ethel Turner

THE desks of the ten dictaphone operators, five in each row, faced a putty-colored wall. When a girl got up to get more records, we knew it by the softly formidable shadow cast in electric light on that wall. We dared not turn our heads to see who it was, for that meant losing a couple of seconds, but each time a blur of achievement projected on our screen we tried to type faster.

Miss Bittman sat at her desk behind us, correction our copy. A gaunt, glassy-eyed she-dragon, she menaced us in an enormous silence at our backs. But her sinister policing wasn't exactly necessary. Nothing but a major catastrophe could have stopped us from hitting the keys as fast as we knew how.

You see, we were on a system that the Executives called "an opportunity for a diligent girl to make money." Maybe Bedaux sold it to them. Maybe they made it up themselves. The point that mattered was that you could make money. There was Clara to prove it.

CLARA was young, and slim and bright as a fly. She wore dark dresses with a frill of white against her throat. Her cuffs were tight around her small wrists so that her tense fingers sprang to the typewriter keys like wires out of a shaft. The metallic carapace, bandeau type, fitted her sleek little head smartly, as if secured by nut and bolt.

Every morning, ten minutes before 10 o'clock, she tapped across the floor on Cuban heels and started to work. Her ears were so sharp she could hear the grass grow. We were sure, and she seldom missed a word on those blousy old dictaphones.

Clara Made Money. "Car 133, Track 2, raising Fresno 6 tons. Car 2095, Track 4 LCL, pigiron, Martinez."—she could type that sort of detail all day and never cringe. She had come straight from business school to this job, and when the Thing happened, had been with the Company for nearly six months.

BESSIE sat next to Clara. Bessie was a meagre blonde, sallow, nondescript. She had once been lovely; you could see a trace of it still. She had been with the Company for seven years.

Seven years! We couldn't figure it. Dictaphone girls came and went. Most of us were secretly angry, for other jobs; the far-off hills are perpetually green. It was still what was called the Prosperity Era, and though it was getting pretty darn hard to last any longer, row and then you could make it if you put up a good front.

Bessie, though, did not try to get another job. She had stayed too long with a system where a Dilligent Girl Could Make Money.

At one time, the legend ran, she was better than even Clara could hope to be. She reached her peak, and then began to slip. Finally she was afraid to look for anything else. Sometimes her paycheck was no more than her salary, which was just above what the State Law named as the minimum wage for women.

You see, we had to turn in a stiff average just to make the salary and hold down the job. We had to be good. Since we could barely exist on the salary, we drove ourselves cruelly to better it. And that's where the system came in—the percentage system that the Executives boasted about in shining phrases on heavy bond stationery.

Well, man, we begrudged the time to go to the dressing room. We bolted lunch, and shot back to our desks. One and all we dreaded the five o'clock bell.

MISS BITTMAN knew that Bessie was on the skids. To keep her own job she had to maintain a certain standard, so she began to ride Bessie hard. The slightest error in copy was checked against her earnings.

When a girl had missed a day or came in late, Miss Bittman would sneak up behind her as she sat at the dictaphone harness at her desk. Feeling hot breath on the back of her neck, the startled girl would turn around. Miss Bittman would dart her gaunt face forward and stare at the girl with those glassy-grey eyes, to see whether she had been indulging in a spree of drinking and general hell. She got so she would do this to Bessie, who was forced to stay home through illness more and more often. Of course she did not try her tricks on Clara, who was never late, and who took no time off at all.

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Well, she finally got rid of Bessie, all right. But it didn't do her any good. Because she lost Clara too—her bright, mechanized Clara who gave the department such a fine reputation with the Executives. Company. Among the new officers of the Association are Irving Parsons, President, Doris Lenhausen, Secretary, and Lincoln Batchelder, Chairman of the recital committee.



naturally sweet and trusting, she was fast forming the habit of darting her eyes about as if she expected a stiletto in the ribs. She'd walk in a jerky, uncoordinated way, and sometimes she'd stumble over nothing at all.

BESSIE lost three days and came back to the office with her hair dead and stringy, and her blue eyes the color of skimmed milk. As usual, Miss Bittman breathed hot vapors on her neck, shot out a long face, and stared, hard and cold as a snake.

My desk was behind Bessie's; she was in my line of vision as I typed. As she sat down I saw her give a long shudder. She picked up a cylinder, I could see by the large blue-pencil S on the container that it was Shuster's. Shuster was the world's worst—you'd think he had his mouth full of cotton bunnies. We all hated his records.

Bessie started to type. Clara looked away beside her. Clara was turned on Miss Bittman. Quick as lightning, she dragged her fingernails all the way down the woman's cheek.

Well, we all got mixed in it. I saw Esther Farrow land with a hand she maintained a fierce hold a deep, exultant gasp. With one full-sized swing on Miss Bittman by mistake, of course. To the tune of Bessie's horrible screams, we finally rescued Clara, who promptly fainted.

By this time most of the girls were screaming. Violet Ames wasn't screaming though. She was standing at her own desk, solemnly and back-spaced again. Clara clicked serenely and marvelously beside her. Suddenly there was a high, sharp whine. It was Bessie. She jerked the ear-phones from her head, snatched the wax cylinder from the roller, rose to her tiptoes, and brought the heavy cylinder down with all her strength on Clara's neat skull.

Two Gifts to Modern Music American, Thinks Still

By Richard Doving

IN AN atmosphere of extreme courtesy and refinement that made it seem more like an informal chat than an interview, William Grant Still, generally considered one of our foremost composers, discussed problems pertinent to music and to the world. Mr. Still talked freely, but reservedly in matters with which he was unfamiliar. From his replies it was evident that he has that quality, rare in a creative artist, of refusing to opine about things without a firm basis of fact for support.

"What is the connection between jazz and serious music?"—an old and trite question, but necessary and important. Mr. Still's answer was an example of his attitude.

"But what is jazz? Frankly I don't know what you mean. The term is used too vaguely. Some people believe jazz to be popular songs; to others, a matter of rhythm. I should like to see musicologists get together and decide, once and for all, exactly what the term stands for."

"Mr. Still, do you think there are any recent important contributions that American composers have made to the development of music?"

American Contributions

"Definitely," he said. "There are two: the first, a greater flexibility of instrumental technique. By that I mean an ability to perform passages that were unheard of a few years ago. For example, in Ferde Grofe's orchestration of the Rhapsody in Blue, he uses a clarinet glissando that was previously considered impossible. The second is more vague—an idea of greater rhythmic freedom."

Dressed in sweater and slacks, Still spoke in an easy, cultured voice. Or the problems of the Negro people, he showed a detached, philosophic view and offered no immediate, practical solution.

"A better understanding between the white and colored people must be brought about," he said. "Both groups must realize that their aims and ideals are fundamentally the same."

Still, forty-two years old, has received various scholarships and studied under Chadwick and Edgard Varese. His music is of a rich, melodic quality, with a polish resulting from careful study, especially in orchestration. He is at present living in Southern California and making a short visit to the Bay region.

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As we started to scramble out of the dictaphone harness, Miss Bittman, a white-faced fury, came flying down the aisle. Bessie had caught hold of Clara's hair, and was just beginning to twist the girl's head to break her neck. At sight of the she-dragon she gave on Clara. With the other she turned on Miss Bittman. Quick as lightning, she dragged her fingernails all the way down the woman's cheek.

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Elkus' Work Tops Concert

By Beverly Doone

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The Symphony program of Friday afternoon had "everything": a classic, some moderns, a local composer, a romantic, guest artists.

In that order there was first a charming Haydn symphony with a beautiful slow movement and a graceful minuet. Next came one of the moderns, if an eighteen-year-old composition can be called that in these swift days. This was Impressions from a Greek Tragedy by Albert Elkus, one of our really outstanding local musicians.

It is a scholarly piece of work, melodious and warm. It depicts Greek life with an impressionistic feeling for the sense of tragedy inherent in their drama. The composer's foreword says, "The finale suggests the lament of the chorus filing out at the end of the play, restrained in its grief by a philosophic acceptance of the hidden forces that drive men to their doom."

Other guest artists were a group of singers from the Municipal chorus, who sang the vocal parts in the Polovetsian dances from Prince Igor by the Russian Borodin. These were given with verve and abandon.

This concert was repeated Saturday night. The next in the series will take place Friday and Saturday, March 11th and 12th; a program of light music, centering around the appearance with the orchestra of Tilly Losch, the dancer.

Local Composition

THE little symphony orchestra of the Jewish Community Center may some day be best remembered for having played one of Mische Kosloff's first compositions. In the Center music hall on Thursday night, Victor Lichtenstein directed his band of players in a Theme and Variations by this young local composer.

Kosloff has a big talent and the composition is unusually mature for so early a work. The theme is strong and melodious; the variations are of harmony and melody rather than of rhythm. The natural modernism of youth and its day is in the music, but there is no awkward striving after modern effects. It will be interesting to watch this young chap's development.

CHANGE THE WORLD

With Mike Gold

THE Living Newspaper production "One Third of a Nation," which concerns itself with the housing problem, has been splendidly reviewed by James Dugan. I need not, therefore, cover the ground again.

Along with Blitzstein's "Cradle Will Rock" and the ILGW's "Pins and Needles," this play (or should one call it a document?) caps a memorable and historic season in the New York theatre. The social playwrights and musicians are beating the Broadway play-carpeters at their own game, "Propaganda," as George Jean Nathan used to call it has been proved to be the source of a new creative vitality.

THE real people of New York, until recently were never represented on Broadway. But now, for the first time, the voice of the people strong, tragic and rich in earthy wit, is heard there. And even the bourgeois critics admit that what we are getting is better art than Billy Rose or Lee Shubert ever bestowed on us.

Our social theatre has developed beyond the Village psychology. It has emerged from the experimental stage and is now an organic part of the cultural life of New York. We are witnessing the re-birth of the American theatre. The same thing has happened in France. Up to three years ago the French theatre and movies were in the depths of triviality at the tail end of a great bourgeois tradition. With the building of the People's Front and with the great renaissance of national heroism and intelligence it released. French drama is also undergoing a new and marvelous re-birth. This is an old and historic phenomena. Since the time of Eschylus and Shakespeare the theatre has always reached heroic heights when the people were awake, and were living heroically. The CIO and the new theatre in America are twin projections of the same new American spirit.

TO COME back to the Federal Theatre's production: I will only repeat with Dugan that I consider this the best of all the Living Newspaper shows. The professionalism of it is astounding. No veteran Broadway producer could have done better with a million dollars and tons of ballyhoo; here the job was done with a corps of unemployed actors earning \$23.86 a week.

But a sordid and heartless campaign is being conducted from certain quarters in Washington against the federal theatre. It has always had more enemies than any of the other projects. The commercial managers have seen in its intelligence a threat to themselves. Handicapped and sabotaged from the start, working against difficulties no commercial producer ever faced, the federal theatres yet managed to survive. Not only that, but they managed to outstrip the commercial stage, thus giving America its first indication of the mighty power and the depth of a true People's Theatre. It is a lesson that will never be forgotten.

If some Washington people want now to liquidate this theatre—if they see in the recession and the Wall Street reaction a convenient alibi for such liquidation—why haven't they the courage to do so openly?

TUNING IN

with Mary Hurley

IN the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Labor, the National Radio Forum will have Secretary of Labor Frances E. Perkins as speaker during the broadcast from Washington, D. C., Monday at 7:30 p.m. over the NBC Blue Network. Secretary Perkins will discuss "Current Labor Problems."

The problem of soil erosion that is inevitably a threat to farmers of all terrains will be discussed by Paul Dickey of the Soil Conservation service, speaking on the topic, "Keeping the Soil on Hillside Farms," when he is heard over the NBC Blue network at 11:45 a.m. Monday, during the U. S. Department of Agriculture broadcast.

The Rochester Civic Orchestra, under the baton of Guy Fraser Harrison, will be heard in a matinee concert on Monday, at 12:00 noon over the NBC Blue network. Harrison has programmed the Overture to Grieg's "Im Herbst," to open the concert, followed by Sibelius's six-movement suite, "King Christian II."

Monday's Tips
MORNING
7:45—News, KFI.
8:00—Farm Reporter, KSTO.
8:30—Originalities, NBC Blue.
8:45—The Friendly Homemaker, KSTO.
9:15—Your News Parade, Columbia.
9:30—National Forum and Home Hour, NBC Blue.
9:45—Vagabonds, Negro male quartet, NBC Red.
10:00—Vincent Curran Baritone, NBC Red.
10:15—Gold Medal Feature Time, Columbia.
11:30—How to Be Charming, NBC Red.
11:45—Agriculture program, NBC Blue.
12:00—Woop—Agriculture Bulletin, KGO; Editor of the Air, KFVD; Rochester Civic Concert, NBC Blue.
AFTERNOON
12:15—League of Composers' Program, Columbia.
1:00—Fiddlers Three, NBC Red.
1:30—Hughesford, NBC Red.
1:45—Dr. Allan Roy Dufoe, Columbia.
2:15—Vagabonds, Negro male quartet, NBC Red.
2:30—News Through a Woman's Eyes, Columbia.
3:00—American School of the Air, Columbia.
3:30—Women's Magazine of the Air, NBC Red.
3:45—Art Review, KGO.
4:00—Music is a Hobby, NBC Blue; American Progressive Talks, KFVD.
4:15—Boake Carter, Columbia.
EVENING
6:00—Philadelphia Orchestra, NBC Blue; Swing Spotlight, KLS.
6:30—Labor on the March, KGGC; How of Charm, NBC Red; Sports, Mutual.
7:00—Wayne King, Columbia; Concert Program, NBC Red.
7:30—Burns and Allen, NBC Red; National Radio Forum, NBC Blue.
8:30—Voice of Firestone, NBC Red; Veterans of Foreign Wars, NBC Blue; Pick 'n' Pat, Columbia.
9:00—Fibber McGee, NBC Red; WPA Concert, KGGC.
9:30—Music Mounts Revue, KGO; Vox Pop, NBC Red.
10:00—Music as You Desire It, KGO; Richfield Reporter, NBC Red.
10:15—Sports Graphic, NBC Red.

TUESDAY'S BETS
MORNING
7:45—News, KFI.
8:00—Farm Reporter, KSTO.
8:30—Originalities, NBC Blue.
8:45—The Friendly Homemaker, Columbia.
9:15—Your News Parade, Columbia; News, KGGC.
9:30—Morning Hostess, KFRC; National Forum and Home Hour, NBC Blue.
9:45—Homemakers' Exchange, NBC Red.
10:00—Gold Medal Feature Time, Columbia.
11:30—Fun in Music, NBC Red.
11:45—The Talk of the Town, NBC Blue.
11:55—General Federation of Women's Clubs, NBC Red.
12:15—As Women to Women, KFO; Agriculture Program, NBC Blue.
AFTERNOON
12:45—Good Health and Training, Mutual.
1:00—Club Matinee, NBC Blue.
1:30—Hughesford, NBC Red.
2:00—Bennett and Wolverton, NBC Red.
2:15—The Vagabonds, Negro male quartet, NBC Red.
3:00—Carmen All Stars, Columbia.
3:30—Women's Magazine of the Air, NBC Red.
4:00—Western Education Forum; American Progressive Talks, KFVD.
4:15—WGN Concert Orchestra, Mutual.
4:30—Famous Actors Guild, Columbia.
5:00—Maureen's Orchestra, Columbia.
5:30—Lady Esther Serenade, NBC Red; Phonsnette, NBC Blue; Readings on Parade, Columbia.
5:45—Boake Carter, Columbia.
EVENING
6:00—Horace Heidt and his Brigadiers, NBC Blue.
6:30—Labor on the March, KGGC; Caravan, Columbia; Hollywood Mural Gas, NBC Red; Sports, Mutual.
7:00—NBC Jambores, NBC Blue.
7:30—Jimmy Fidler, NBC Red; Readings on Parade, Columbia; WPA Concert, KGGC.
8:15—Bennie Walker's Amateur, KGO.
8:30—Johnny Presents, NBC Red; Al Johnson's Show, Columbia.
9:00—Death Valley Days, NBC Red; Watch the Fun Go, NBC Columbia; WPA Concert, KGGC.
9:15—Concert Hall of the Air, KGO; 9:30—Good Morning Tonight, NBC Red.
9:45—The University Explorer, NBC Red.
10:00—Music as You Desire It, KGO; Richfield Reporter, NBC Red.
11:00—Mardi Gras Luce Ball, Columbia.

DANCE TO THESE
8:00—Bert Block—NBC Blue.
9:15—Red Norvo—KFRC.
9:45—Ray Kiser—Mutual.
10:00—Gee Hamilton, NBC Blue.
10:30—Joe Reichman, Mutual.
11:00—Joe Reichman, Mutual.
11:45—John Weisman—KFRC.

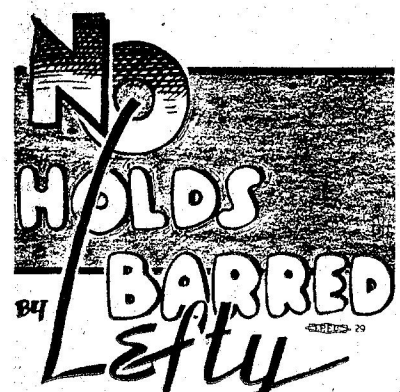
STATION FINDER

Network	Stations	Cities	Kilocycles
COLUMBIA (Col.)	KSTO	San Francisco	560
"	KOL	Portland	540
"	KIRO	Seattle	630
"	KXK	Los Angeles	1050
"	KSL	Salt Lake City	1150
NBC RED (Red)	KFO	San Francisco	680
"	KFW	Portland	640
"	KOMO	Seattle	920
"	KFI	Los Angeles	840
"	KDYL	Salt Lake City	1290
NBC BLUE (Blue)	KYO	San Francisco	790
"	KEX	Portland	1190
"	KJW	Seattle	970
"	KECA	Los Angeles	1430
MUTUAL-DON LEE (Mutual)	KFRC	San Francisco	610
"	KABL	Portland	1300
"	KOL	Seattle	1470
"	KMO	Los Angeles	900
INDEPENDENT	KGO	San Francisco	1420
"	KFVD	Los Angeles	1000
"	KLS	Oakland	1250

Nelson Leads Golf Tourney

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Feb. 27 (TP)—Byron Nelson of Reading, Pa., clung to a narrow lead today through the third round of the three thousand dollar Thomasville Golf Tournament. Nelson shot a 71 on the first 18 holes today for a three round total of 210. Dick Metz was second with 212.

Lighthorse Harry Cooper of Chicago, was two under par with a 70 for a 213 score.



ABE NEWMAN, fightcaster for the NEW YORK DAILY WORKER, gets this week's bowl of planter's punch for the funniest bit of ringside advice.

Just prior to Nathan Mann's sleep-walking exhibition against Joe Louis Wednesday night, sports-writer Newman serves up this fancy bouillabasse of information: "Nathan's only hope lies in sending home the finisher early in the going. . . . If Nathan throws caution to the winds and comes out swinging from the sound of the starting bell the fight offers a swell chance for the faithful to be in on a knock-down, drag out skirmish."

Now Shirley Temple could tell you that this is just the way NOT to fight Jolting Joseph. No fighter alive can afford to stand up and slug it out with Louis. The Negro boy has never lost a slugging match yet, and it seems highly unlikely that he will for some time.

Natie, who may have had his ear to the floor of the Daily Worker office, followed Senator Newman's advice. He did come out swinging—not in the first, but in the second, which is close enough—and by LEFTY's latest dispatches they are still picking pieces of his fur out of the canvas.

It was another fighter, certainly no more adept at his Queensbury than Natie, who made Louis look like a mug last year. That was Bob Pastor, who got up on his tandem the moment the fight commenced and did a Fred Astaire around the ring while Joe chased him.

At the end of the dancing lesson Pastor was still on his feet and conscious, which is far more than can be said about Natie Mann of Connecticut.

MORE ON EVICTION

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among the best students. They like to go to school."

"What's wrong? Why aren't they going to school?"

The woman, Mrs. Rose Van Duren of 535 1/2 16th St., stepped into the corridor and called down the stairs.

A blonde girl about 11 years old and a dark 6-year-old boy walked in.

"Look at their feet," said Mrs. Van Duren.

The girl Violet, dressed in an old white sweater and corduroy pants, was barefooted. The boy Morris wore an old torn pair of shoes much too narrow for his feet.

"I'm not going to let them go to school until they get shoes from the relief. I went down and told them that. So they wanted to give me an order for some old shoes. Who knows who were them, who knows what diseases?"

Who Her Friends Are

More and more neighbors were gathering in the little rooms. A baby started to cry.

Then the marshal came. He was a tall, quiet, grumpy-headed man. "Are you ready to move?" he asked.

"What do you mean ready to move? I've got no place to move to," said the woman a little hysterically while a crying child pulled at her dress.

"Gotta Change Laws"

"Well, you go to court and see if you can get a continuance for a few days. Go this afternoon. We'll give you a break. We'll let you stay until morning."

Outside in his car the marshal said to me: "My men were all busy, had four other evictions today. This is a tough job. These people don't understand that it's just a job to me. They gotta change the laws. No use getting fresh with us."

So the Wien family will have another day to fight for their home.

MORE ON NEBLETT

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with Senator McAdoo to obtain for Glenn Arbogast an appointment as WPA Administrator.

Mayor Frank Shaw is referred to in the Federal Building deal. "—some time during October, 1936, I gave a private luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, with the following persons present: E. Pugh (vice-president of the Fuller Construction Company), Glenn

'BISCUIT' LOSES

SANTA ANITA, Feb. 27.—Seabiscuit, co-favorite with Pom-pom to take the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap next week, was nosed out in his first appearance at Santa Anita yesterday.

Seabiscuit lost the San Antonio stakes to Aneroid, a horse which Seabiscuit had defeated last spring in the Brooklyn Stakes at Aqueduct.

With Jockey Sonny Workman up, Seabiscuit ran a fast, clear race, but was unable to catch up.

Aneroid led the whole distance. The veteran Indian Broom came up fast on the stretch to take third place. Time Supply, another veteran of many meets, took fourth.

Seabiscuit's defeat somewhat disconcerted betters who had forced Seabiscuit to 2-5 odds by their heavy wagers on the horse to win.

HOMELESS HOLLYWOOD CLUB MAY FIND 'ANGELS' AMONG SPORTS-MINDED MOVIE STARS

By Lou Seligson

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—The "homeless Hollywood" Baseball club who have no ball park of their own were adopted today by the Pacific Coast League.

At a meeting of the league directors at Wrigley Field Saturday, it was formally voted to bring the "wandering nine" into the fold, despite the fact that the club has no field of their own that they can call home.

To make things even look more "kosher," Don Francisco, president of the Hollywoodians has been elected a director of the league.

MOVIE STARS IN?

There is a remote possibility that some of the sport-loving movie stars may decide to take over the ball club as a good investment. The club is owned

lock stock and barrel by Herbert Fleischacker, but an announcement has leaked out that there are two burning deals under the fire to hand the club over to several stars. At any rate it makes a good publicity blurb.

Joe E. Brown is one of the rabid athletes in the movie colony who may be in the market for another share in some good club—preferably the Hollywood baseball team, it has been rumored.

Joe is an official of the Kansas City Blues at present, but although he may have his hands full with them, there is nothing like having a club right in your back alley.

BASEBALL FOR BING

Bing Crosby is another of those sport lovers who might be in the market. His Crosby Syndicate, which owns and finances a couple of fighters, racing stables, etc., may try a little expansion into baseball.

HAS JOLSON HAD ENOUGH?

Al Jolson, the third of the sport-loving tribe in the colony, may have tasted a bit too much of sports to gamble any further. His little affair with Eddie Meade, manager of Larruping Hank Armstrong, may have convinced Al that sport flowers are a bit too rough. They don't like to fork over the dividends.

There is a remote possibility that several of the movie stars will group together to pitch in and take over the club.

FIND A FIELD

But the first thing that will face the new owners will be the problem of a permanent baseball field. Right now, the Hollywoodians are known as the "wandering nomads." Officially they have no field of their own.

There is one hope for the present season, however. At the meeting of the directors of the league, Dave Fleming, president of the Los

Angeles Angels, declared that he would allow the Hollywoodians to use Wrigley Field this year.

"Hollywood should have a home of its own," he maintained. "We'll allow them to use the field this year, but they better get established by 1939 because we won't have them sporting around our ball field then."

In the meantime officials of the club have declared that they are considering at least two sites for the new field.

Jurich - Dado At Oakland Wednesday

OAKLAND, Feb. 27.—The long-deferred flyweight bout between the American title-holder, Jackie Jurich of San Jose, and Little Dado of the Philippines, will occupy the spotlight this Wednesday night at Oakland Auditorium.

Side by side with the midweight bout will be an exhibition by two heavyweights, Phil Brubaker, who is still on the comeback trail, and Hank Hankinson.

The Oakland card has still another 10-rounder, Domingo Valin, fresh from victories in Los Angeles, will take on Jack Thompson of Texas. Valin will be a strong favorite.

The Jurich-Dado bout has been twice postponed. The San Jose boy has been suffering a severe cold which has kept him on the ring-side.

Brubaker has won his last four fights in a comeback attempt. He was once considered one of the nation's leading heavyweight prospects.

"If Neblett dismisses the suit," said Rudolph, "I'll sue him for malicious persecution."

"This is just another of Neblett's groundless law suits which he will dismiss as usual. But this time Neblett has stuck his neck out too far."

Meantime attorneys for Neblett have notified defendants of intention to file a motion to strike the answering complaint and the 118 page document on the ground that it is "scandalous, scurrilous and untruthful."

MORE ON ASSAULT

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or me. I covered up to protect my face, and Ehlers hit me with what must have been a gun-butt, right on top of the head.

"Then both of them ran off together."

A passing teamster took Schoemaker to the hospital.

The longshore official said the anonymous assailant must have been brought down for that purpose, "because he acted like he didn't know who I was when he came over, and as if I was a stranger to him and he was trying to find out who I was."

The longshore official said Harbor Emergency Hospital, Schoemaker signed a complaint charging H. Ehlers and a John Doe with assault to do great bodily harm, a felony.

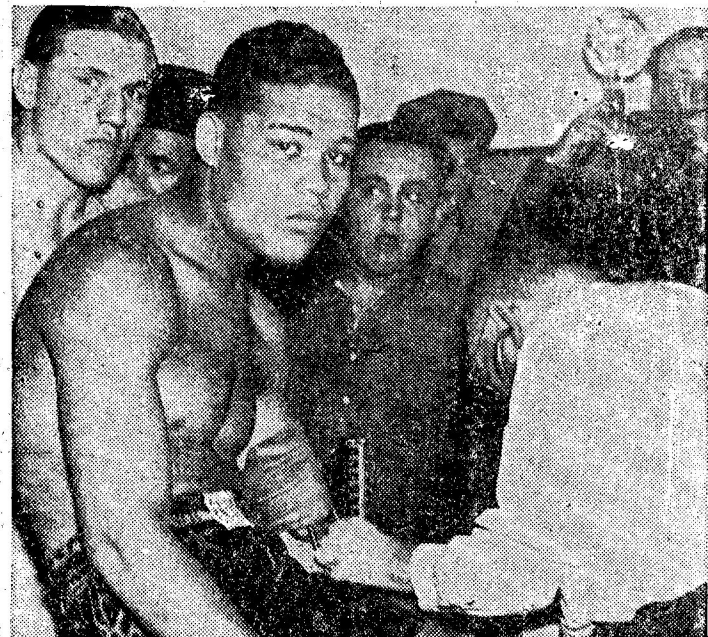
Today it was reported that the identity of John Doe was being checked.

PEOPLE'S WORLD SPORTS

MONDAY, FEB. 28, 1938

4 Points Between Hank And All-Time Record

THERE'S LEAD IN THAT GLOVE



TRAINERS taped Joe Louis' gloves on tightly before the Nathan Mann fight last week, but Joe almost jarred them loose as he landed blow after blow on poor Natie's jaw. Joe knocked the Connecticut Italian out in the third round.

IWO TAKES SAN PEDRO

Pearlman Stars as Boyle Heights Five Romps to 51-31 Victory

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—The Boyle Heights International Workers Order quintet gained a sweet revenge here Friday night.

Cunningham Cracks World Distance Mark

Bright Loses to Don Lash

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Glenn Cunningham of Kansas shattered the world's indoor 1500 meter record here last night in the national A.A.U. indoor track and field championships at Madison Square Garden.

Cunningham ran the distance in 3:48.4, which clipped a second and a half off the mark set by Gene Venzke in 1936.

Venzke was second in last night's race.

The world's outdoor record is held by Jack Lovelock of New Zealand, with a time of 3:47.8.

LASH WINS

Don Lash broke the A.A.U. mark in the 5000 meter race as he defeated Norman Bright, San Franciscoan and defending champion. Lash's time was clocked at 16:14.8.

Another record went by the board when Jimmy Herbert of New York University won the 600 meter run in 1:20.3. It was a world's record. Ray Mallott of Stanford placed fourth.

Columbia's Negro sprinter, Ben Johnson, took the 60-meter dash handily in .06.6, a time that equaled the world's record set by Jesse Owens and previously equalled by Johnson.

George Varoff of the University of Oregon was second in the pole vault at 13 feet 6 inches.

Spartans Out-Slug Dons, 6-3

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The San Jose State baseball team romped up a 6-3 victory over U. S. F. yesterday in Seals Stadium here.

Summary:
San Jose State..... R. H. E.
U. S. F..... 3 9 3
Batteries: Zimmerman and Morati; Dunnigan and Yimutan.

COUGARS RALLY TO BEAT IDAHO

PULLMAN, Feb. 27.—Washington State's Cougars rallied after a bad first half to defeat the Idaho Vandals, 43-34, last night. The tall train their slim lead in the northern division Pacific Coast basketball conference.

EUGENE, Feb. 27.—Second place Oregon remained in the running for the loop title by defeating Oregon State, 40-22, last night. The tall Oregon team is a fraction of a point behind the leading Washington State Cougars.

Less Tooting, By Heck, Sez Hec

SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (TP)—Coach Hec Edmundson of the University of Washington campaigned today for less whistle-blowing in collegiate basketball. Edmundson recently drew up a chart which shows that foul calls by Northern Division umpires of the Pacific Coast Conference has increased 250 per cent since 1920.

ILWU Wins CIO Crown In East Bay

Trim Auto Workers

By Fred Twain

OAKLAND, Feb. 27.—Once again the ILWU "Blues" basketballers displayed a tremendous second half drive to soundly spank the United Auto Workers (Chevrolet) "A's," 60-44 and thereby win the championship of the CIO in the East Bay.

The first half was a nip-and-tuck affair, featuring spectacular shooting by Larson and Campbell of the UAW and Bill Scheide of the warehousemen.

The half ended with the Auto workers on the long end of a 16-14 score.

HARBUSTAN HOT

In the second half Harbustan of the ILWU found his shooting eye and started to tank them from all angles. Alcala and Johnson also got hot at the same time, the former with several cross-over shots and the latter by following through for tips.

The auto workers were hopelessly outclassed in this half, as the "Blues" put on as pretty a guarding exhibition as I have ever seen, forcing them to take long shots.

Especially outstanding were Harbustan and Scheide, who seemed to be all over the court.

SHEIDE HIGH

Scheide captured high point honors with 20 points, although Campbell of the Auto Workers ran him a close second with 18.

The Blues next game is against the Crockett warehousemen on Wednesday, March 2 at Crockett. The two teams have met previously on two occasions, and in both games the "Blues" finished on top.

Coach Bill Peterson of the warehousemen remarked: "We expect a real do-fight this game, because the Crockett team is improving rapidly. In the first game we beat them by a large score but in the last one it was much closer. Those boys will be gunning for us, and it's going to be a real scrap."

In the after-match, the ILWU "Whites" were whipped, 25-18 by the Auto workers' "B" team. Brennan was the only player who could hit the bucket with any degree of accuracy for the warehousemen, scoring 10 points.

Larson captured high point honors for the Auto Workers with 12 points.

Scoring:
ILWU "Blues"..... (60)
UAWA "A's"..... (44)

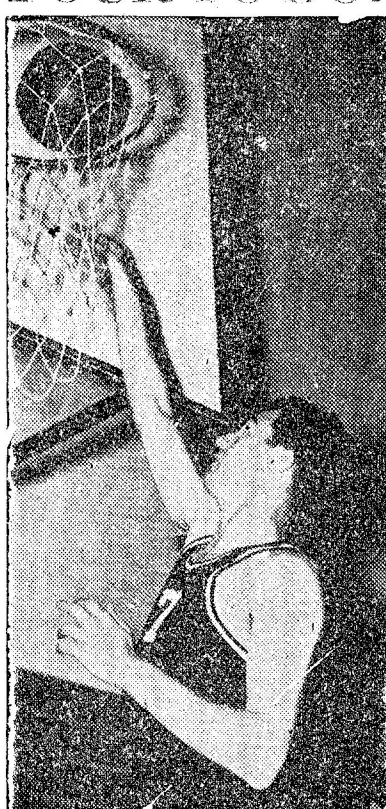
Johnson, 7..... Larson, 14
Alcala, 10..... Campbell, 18
Scheide, 20..... DeVine, 5
Vukobratovic, 6..... Kinn, 3
Harbustan, 11..... MacDowell, 3
Brown, 6..... Haskell, 2 (C)
Peterson, (G).....
Gutteridge.....

UAWA "B"..... ILWU "Whites"
Moore, 6..... Robinson, 3
Larson, 12..... Brennan, 10
Proffy, 6..... Verard, 6
Rodriguez, 2..... D. Robinson, 0
Chandler, 4..... F. Verard, 1
Madsen, 1 (G)..... Christian, 5 (C)
Cooper (G)..... L. Verard (P)

Sonia Henie, the Norwegian ice skater, is today drawing larger gates than any other sports figure in history.

Al Hostak, the Seattle middleweight, is currently considered one of the comers in the division.

FOUR TO GO!



HANK LUISETTI, basketball's greatest star, is only four points from an all-time inter-collegiate scoring record. How many points does he have? See the adjoining column.

Indian Nine Beats Santa Clara, 10-4

PALO ALTO, Feb. 27.—The Stanford baseball team defeated Santa Clara here yesterday by a score of 10-4.

Erratic pitching by Selenger in the eighth inning allowed the Indians to bunch three hits to score seven runs in the inn'g.

Norm June's double with the bases loaded started the parade for Stanford.

after taking a 49-40 beating from California Friday night and can back to swamp the Bears with a sided score of 60-27.

Luisetti Got 38 Tallies During the Week-end

Cards Take Over Lead

By Martin Taylor

Angelo "Hank" Luisetti, the country's greatest basketball player, broke one record and took a long look at another last night as Stanford took over the throne in the Southern Division Pacific Coast basketball conference by taking two games from the helpless Bruins while California was breaking even in a pair with U.S.C.

Luisetti, ringing up 38 counters in the two games, broke his own single-season conference scoring record of 208, but failed to get the extra four points needed to better the national four-year record of 1531.

CARDS RUN WILD

The Indians, feeling their oats in the two games with U.C.L.A., put all of their trick shots out of their bag and ran the Bruins ragged to win by large scores of 53-31, Friday and 50-33, Saturday.

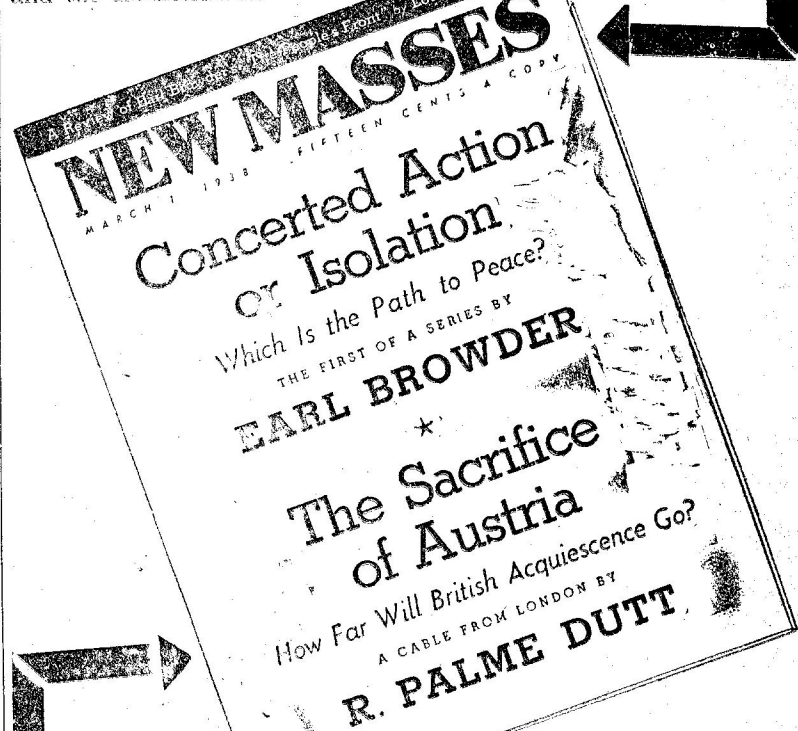
Down in Los Angeles, the Trojans of U. S. C. got their dander up

CONFERENCE STANDINGS				
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California . . .	8	3	727	410 416
U.S.C.	5	6	655	462 437
U.C.L.A.	0	11	000	327 514

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