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## Mexico Disarms 10,000 Fascists in Preparation for Land Distribution

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

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

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

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

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## Flogging Cases Face White-Wash

By ARON GILMARTIN

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

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

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

## Maritime Contracts Bar Quick Strikes

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

## LUMBER WORKERS BULLETIN

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Lumber Workers Bulletin will go to press November 1. All news from camps and mills should be at the office not later than October 15. This is your bulletin. Write for it!—Bulletin Committee, P. O. Box 365, Seattle, Wash.

## Big Three Gain Control In AFL Building Trades

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

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

## Idaho Loggers Respond To Appeal for Gentry

## Rich American To Lose Huge Estate

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

## Narwegian Sailors Win Sitdown Strike

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

## Civil Liberties



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

## Three Hungry Gangs Court Nat'l. Labor Board For Recognition As Ford Dues Collecting Agency

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

By A FORD EMPLOYEE

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

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

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

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

New a Three-Ringed Circus

What was formerly a two-ringed circus (Ford unions vs. Lewis) has now become three-ringed, with the entry of the A. F. of L.

Visions of huge funds stimulate the leaders to battle each other in the courts for permission to mule John Workox of money. John has no decisive voice in the matter and he wonders what happens to the many millions that are collected yearly at dues and assessments.

## Frisco Germans Won't Back Nazis

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—Thirty-five hundred members of German-American Societies, including the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, the Nature Friends Tourist Assn., the Workmen's Education Assn., the German Free Thinkers of San Francisco, the Workmen's Fire Insurance Society, the Workmen's Singing Society, and Unity, refused to participate in the German Day celebration in San Francisco October 2-3. In memory of the first settlement of Germans under *Barstovius* in Pennsylvania in 1683, the celebration was in all effects a Nazi demonstration under control of the notorious German consul here, Gen. Manfred von Killinger.

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

### Remember Class War Prisoner at Wobbly Wedding

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

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

### Refuse to be Bribed To Transport War Supplies!

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

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

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

## Insurgents Split Oakland Teamsters

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

## FUNNY UNIONS CLAIM CREDIT FOR DECLINE IN LUMBER PRODUCTION

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

## Railroad Men Get 44 Cent Increase

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ABOLITION OF THE WAGES SYSTEM

EDITORIAL

ONE BIG UNION OF ALL THE WORKERS

Industrial Worker Dictator Wants Limousines, He Fires Ex-Wobbly

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It should be understood by members and those who read the paper, that it is the policy of the I.W.W. to adhere to the official position. Anything not so designated is not the official expression of the individuals or individuals writing or editing the same.

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Peace Treaties

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

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

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

"Respectable" Unionism

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

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

Time to Call a Halt

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

Dictator Wants Limousines, He Fires Ex-Wobbly

Stjepan Semenovitch Djybeta was another of the old probables, who were being enthused over the great events of the Russian Revolution in 1917, went over there to help build the new order of things. He wasn't just a philosopher or politician looking for pie and a chance to lord it over his fellow man, but a practical workman. They gave him a job.

57-Day Mexican Oil Strike Ends With Labor Gains

MEXICO CITY.—(MLN).—After fighting for fifty-seven days during which time the regular supply of Mexico City was slowly drying up, the oil strike in the Poza Rica field of the Aguililla Petroleum Company came to an end on September 15th.

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

Biggest Mexican Union Talks War Against Low Pay

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

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

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

With approximately 125,000 members, the Miners and Metal Workers Union is the most powerful single body in the industry. The union should the strike come to a head, it will create a situation similar to that which obtained during the recent general oil strike, although its immediate effects on the public will be less severe, naturally, than in the oil industry, and is a virtual monopoly. It is impossible to bring order into the present chaotic labor conditions in mining without obtaining a general contract with the "Asarco" as an indispensable first step.

The official figures of the Second Industrial Census, carried out in 1936, indicate gross profits of more than \$20 million per year in the mining industry. The average wage, however, is only 750 a year, or slightly more than half that prevailing in the oil industry, although the cost of living in the mining centers has been kept up by the study made by the expert committee which investigated the oil industry, is only slightly lower than that of the petroleum centers.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

I. U. No. 440 Members Notice

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

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

W. H. Westman, Secretary/Treasurer.

C.R.U. BULLETIN

The General Recruiting Union Bulletin will appear November 1. Members intending to send in articles are requested to get them in early so there will be time enough to prepare them for publication.

LOS ANGELES

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

MINNEAPOLIS

Fellow Workers take notice: Send all communications for the Minneapolis branch to the new secretary, John Hoyer, 2924 35th Ave. So.

SACRAMENTO

A general membership meeting is called for October 31 at 208 1/2 Eye St., Sacramento, Calif. All footloose members are urged to attend.

MANHATTAN BRANCH

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

I. U. 510 NOMINEES

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

G.O.C. Nominees

John J. Bagley, C. P. Chase, J. J. Wojnarowski, George King, Joe Dunn, Frank Natanson, E. P. Newton, William Patton, Max Korenblatt, B. Coderick, J. B. Childs, Philip Lanzone, Fred Hansen, Slim Johnson, C. B. Houghton, A. Martin, Beart. Beams.

G.E.B. Nominees and Alternates

Stanley Walker, Walter Dempsey, E. Perry, Max Korenblatt, E. F. Newton, William Fox, Williams Patton, Beart. Beams, Frank Russell, A. Caporale, Fred Hansen.

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

I. U. 110 NOMINATIONS

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

CLEVELAND NEWS STAND

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

Where Never Was

By T. J. PONS

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

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

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

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

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

W W

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

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

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

W W

The class struggle did not get so grievous until the masters of men started in to civilize the craftsmen, the trade unionists—it has been a losing fight all along for the past fifty years and, by a strange coincidence, the same leadership has strutted its stuff during that period.

At first blush it would seem a class struggle is hard to win—the reverse is true, however, it is easy of accomplishment; but it cannot be done under leadership. Leadership starts to go too far, as the girls say and is a terrific skitish about wounding the feelings of our overlords and masters. Fifty years of economic war is a long time and many of us are under sold—leaving behind us, of course, suitable replacements, boys and girls to take up where we left off.

Prolonged wars are peculiar in the sense that armies grow bigger despite the most modern and brainless instruments of extermination, making for a fifth, and disease. A matter of 6,000 Finlanders went to the 30 years' war in Germany and when they returned to Finland it was discovered that their number was greatly increased. Some of the wise heads figured out that in the

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DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE

The Chicago, Racine and Milwaukee districts are invited to the conference to be held Saturday, October 16, 1 P.M. at the I.W.W. Hall, 2419 Lincoln Avenue.

Frisco Chinese Shops Organize

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

THE ORDER GRUS

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The Politician

The statesman throws his shoulders back, And straightens out his tie, And says: "My friends, unless it rains the weather will be dry."

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THE PREAMBLE

THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

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

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

We find that the centering of management of the industry into fewer and fewer hands making the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employer allows one set of trade unions to foster a state of affairs which in another set of necessary, cease work against strikes or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury on a wage worker in all departments.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in all industries, or all departments, or all departments, or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury on a wage worker in all departments.

It is the historic mission of the working class to go away with capital. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on the struggle when the capitalists have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.



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

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REFLECTIONS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

SPOKANE, Wash. — It's no more than right that someone should take a little space in the Industrial Worker to assure the thousands of stiffs who traveled (reluctantly) millions of miles...

The World As It Is

Anti-War Talk Is Not Enough BY ART HOPKINS War! War! America is for peace—no declared President Roosevelt in his address in Chicago...

Minimum Wage Act Makes Exceptions

EDMONTON, Alta.—Among this year's jokes on that part of labor that takes legislation for workers seriously is the minimum wage law...

Farmers Line Up With CIO Union

Farm Political Associations and get the Price for Cotton Picking. MEMPHIS, Tenn. (FP)—The Southern Tenant Farmers Union...

May Prevent Sale Of Oil To Nazis

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

Go To Court To Stop Anti-Picketing Law

SAN FRANCISCO, (FP)—In an attempt to keep the drastic anti-picketing ordinance off the November 2 ballot, the Honest Government League has filed suit to restrain the city and county officials from enforcing it on the ground that it is unconstitutional, violates the 14th amendment, and denies the rights of free speech, press and assembly.

KILLING WITH KINDNESS

"We are really in the company in the role of a redeemer."—Lieut. Col. Takahashi, member of the Japanese cabinet, said in a speech in Tokyo.

LOOKING THE WORLD OVER

By JOHN LIND

British Isles

England and France gave Mussolini 24 hours in which to join a tripartite pact in Spain. The 24-hour ultimatum had not even been explained and Franco and England did nothing.

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

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

Germany

Germany must again go to market for a good share of her next year's bread crops. During the election the Communist Party reported about one million tons of wheat alone. The shortage for next year will be about three million tons, on the basis of 1936 consumption figures.

France

The finance minister in presenting his new budget warned both labor week and farmers. I see no non-cooperation between them. Production must be kept up and labor is to do its share by giving up the 40-hour week and working 45 hours. Sitdown strikers must be carried by trucks, and foreigners kept out under a strict surveillance and foreign agitators ejected from the country.

Russia

Russian OGPU agents have arrested at least 50 Trotskyites in Barcelona, Spain. This news is so incredible that it has not been impeached.

Shortage of Corn Husking Machines, Manufacturers Say

CHICAGO, Ill.—In spite of cheap labor the mechanization of farm production goes forward. This year there is a shortage of mechanical corn pickers, manufacturers say and plans are swamped with orders.

Minn. Injunction Case Appealed To Supreme Court

ST. PAUL.—The U. S. Supreme Court may get a case involving labor progress and that since injunctions may not be issued during such times as the state labor dispute act.

Poland

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

Spain

About 70,000 teachers struck, giving a holiday to about 3,200,000 grade school students. The government ousted officials of the teachers union because the U. S. government is a member of the National Pact of Poland.

Elsewhere in Europe

The Cortes (parliament) of Spain backed up the present government, but a special committee was set up to the opportunity to castigate groups that would "liquidate" others, just because of different social views, taking a crack at the Communists. What are they doing their damndest to fight the Trotskyites, Anarchists and Syndicalists.

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

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

Mexico

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

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

According to government figures from Madrid the Spanish civil war has cost 1,300,000 lives to date. The compilation showed the following toll in this bloodiest war in Spanish history as the fighting continued through the embargo.

Calif. Parole Board Threatens Union Secy.

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

Other American Countries

Honduras has repatriated about 600 Nicaraguans still continuing its quarrel with that country. El Salvador is one of the few countries which has openly recognized General Franco's government in Spain by receiving a fully accredited envoy from him.

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

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

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MEXICO CITY.—The Factory Testers, a small textile concern, has passed into the hands of the speculators. The owners of the concern are leaving the country and the factory is being sold.

The workers had appealed to the labor board for 16,000 pesos in back wages which the company owned and was unable to pay. Under these circumstances, the factory was handed over to the workers.

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

Famous German Anti-Fascist to Lecture Here

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

Renn, now a Spanish citizen and commander of the 11th Battalion of the Intl. Brigades, was for more than 10 years an officer in the German army and fought throughout the World War on the western front. Because of his record as an army officer and because of his family name, which is Baron Arnold Friedrich Vieth von Golsenau, the Hitler regime released Renn after 2 1/2 years in concentration camps in the hope that he might sell out to the Nazis. Renn, however, escaped to Switzerland, where he remained until September, 1936, when he offered his services as a military specialist to the Spanish government.

In Spain, where he is known for books like War, After War and Death Without Battle, an indictment of Fascist Germany which was published in this country.

SHABBY NOBILITY

By LEO E. SMITH The hounds are baying and the trumpets blare As people gather in the old town Square

T. w. with the fox-hunters going by Hurdling fences six feet high. Stand aside and clear the street Or be trampled near the horse's feet.

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

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

Let's organize and demand our rights! And fight against the parasites.

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On this occasion his fellow workers, the Broken Hill Miners, came to his rescue. They paid his fine, \$400. He was released from prison. Tom die-fighting. All honor to his memory as a fellow worker and a soldier in the Class War.—A. Wash-brook.



DUPONT AND OTHER PROMINENT PATRIOTS REVEALED AS AIDING EASTERN VIGILANTE MOVEMENT

Purchase Tear Gas Guns Says Crook Promoter

PHILADELPHIA—Pierre S. DuPont and other prominent Philadelphia and eastern industrialists are supplying money for the purchase and use of tear gas against union organizers and union members.

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

Blanchard, his wife and four members were arrested after Nicholas Wozwat, union organizer, had been newly blinded by tear gas while urging workers of the Apex Hosiery Co. to join the union.

Blanchard, who is said to be a Spring-Field 416-shotgun with tear gas shells, a .94-inch tear gas gun and several smaller tear gas weapons.

Super-Patriots Drop Out DuPont, the Record says, admitted to a reporter that he had contributed to the organization, but could not recall how much.

"The money was to be used for tear gas," DuPont said, "and it was to uphold the constitution."

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

"Vice-president general" Walter Godley, who is also secretary of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, a super-patriotic organization, resigned from the Minute Men, stating that he had been "duped" by Blanchard.

He denied that the Descendants sponsored the organization, a claim made by the Minute Men stationery. He admitted that individually several members of the organization had contributed to the M. M. fund.

Little Creek Investigated Blanchard's police record revealed his arrest in Decatur, Ill., in 1925 as a confidence man. Two years later he was arrested in Chicago for a charge of operating a confidence game.

Later the same year he was picked up in Wheeling, W. Va., on charges of aiding a bank clerk to appropriate \$2,200. On these charges and several others he seems to have escaped punishment.

Literature found on Blanchard urged purchase of M. M. badges priced at \$3. Extravagant estimates placed their retail value at 50c. The literature also urged members to "be prepared."

AFL Absorbs Apex Company Union

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

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

Rathborne Charges AFL With Tamping CIO Marine Workers

Mervyn Rathborne, chairman of the C. I. O. Maritime Council and president of the American Communication Assn., charged that more than 25 men with membership in the I. W. of O. have been sent to the front lines during the last month, October, is 9,300 for the state. These mass lay-offs are part of the administration's economy program at the expense of labor.

O.B.U. Monthly Gets Donations

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

CLEVELAND 440 NOTES

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The boys at the Corcoran Brass felt pretty good at their Job Brans Meeting last Monday because of the five per cent raise that showed up in their pay envelopes. This is the fourth pay raise that has been granted to the I. W. of O. Shop Committee at the Corcoran Brass since the plant was organized in 1934.

As usual, the founders, which alone form the executive department of the I. W. of O., was left out in the cold. The molders did not participate in the raise. Some day we hope they will clear away and they will see fit to join the I. W. of O.

The next time our local members drop into the office they will have a chance to see a marvellously ingenious wood-union calendar made by Fellow Worker Mike Lindway at the Columbus Pen. The calendar will last a lifetime, the dates and month registering by tumblers. A lot of fun. Talking about a lifetime! Men are going to let framed Mike Lindway spend his in the suffocation of a pen cell.

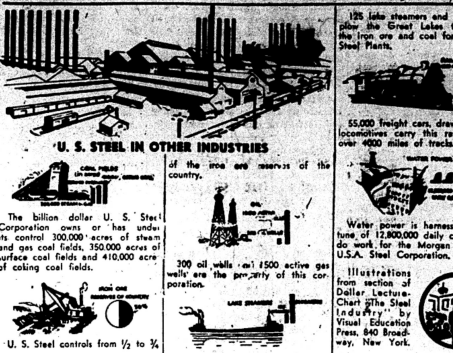
Every Cleveland member should positively attend the Dance given by the Draper boys, the proceeds to go to Mrs. Lindway and little Mary Sue. This won't get much out of jail, but it will make a darn to the easier for him to know that his fellow workers are not forgetting his beloved ones on the outside.

Incidentally, the local office wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$52.02 from Detroit to be turned over to the I. W. of O. This money was collected at the Zuzes-Schloer wedding party October 9.

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

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Seeing Things — — TRUSTIFICATION IN STEEL



U. S. STEEL IN OTHER INDUSTRIES

The billion dollar U. S. Steel Corporation owns or has under its control 302,000 acres of steel and gas coal fields, 350,000 acres of surface coal fields and 410,000 acres of oil and gas fields.

Oregon WPA Jobs Cut as Private Industry Lags

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

On September 28, 1936, there were 13,448 persons employed on WPA projects in Oregon. This figure had been reduced to 9,028 September 15, 1937. The quota allowed for this month, October, is 9,300 for the state. These mass lay-offs are part of the administration's economy program at the expense of labor.

WPA politicians did not hesitate to stir up race hatred in order to expedite these mass lay-offs. Those unfortunate enough to have been born in a foreign country and found without citizen papers were ordered discharged first. Imagine the effect of the moron type upon learning that they were actually slaves on the WPA who had not seen fit to pay special tribute to Uncle Sam for the privilege of being exploited here.

There is small chance for the discharged WPA workers to enter private industry. The lumber industry has slacked up considerably on account of the high insurance rate on oriental shipping and a few more natural causes. It shows every sign of slowing up still more.

Mexico Disarms Fascists

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lay-Offs for Rail Road Men Promised

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

Sleep Under Tree On Chelan Power Line Job

IN BRIEF

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Cowell Cement Co. plant at Concord has reopened with A. F. of L. workers. C.I.O. pickets, who claimed 95 cents an hour, have been withdrawn pending a labor board hearing on the lockout labor practice charges.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—One thousand employees of the Elk Lumber Co. struck for recognition of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal.—Garage machinist in Marion county, who had scheduled a strike, settled on a compromise agreement giving a 10-hour, 5-day week except during the summer season, and 90 cents an hour pending complete unionization of the industry in the county.

Highway and Mine Workers' union has the contract for the mill and miles of highway. The highway is about completed, also the mill, but there will be work all winter on the powerline and mine. The mine is 12 miles out of Lucerne. There are about 1,600 men working in it. Wages for miners are \$5.50, for muckers \$4.50. Some of the miners are contract workers. Chances of going to work are good.

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

HOUSTON, Tex.—Officials of the Natl. Maritime Union protested against the pistol-packing guards and special police in the strike against tug-boat companies here. The union also warned city officials that unless officers ceased stopping union men outside the union hall and searching their cars, trouble would result.

OAKLAND, Cal. (FP)—The California Peace Officers Assn., whose business it is to enforce the law, is being taken for an excursion by its subversive activities committee, who think that its business is to make the law.

The committee's report says the C. I. O. is Communist and that John L. Lewis is "the American puppet of the Communist Party."

"This is the heyday of Communism," the report continues. "No laws are passed to hinder the jaunty progress of their work... We recommend greater use of the state's criminal syndicalism law, enactment of national legislation to the same purpose and deportation of alien agitators."

Chairman of the committee is the notorious Capt. William F. (Red) Hynes of the Los Angeles red squad.

FUNNY UNIONS CLAIM CREDIT

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

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

PORT COLBORNE, Ont., Canada.—Union recognition is the main issue in the strike at the Maple Leaf Mill by 100 members of the Grain Processors Union of Canada. Ask higher wages and allotment of work.

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

NEW ORLEANS.—For the first time in local history, the Standard Fruit and Steamship Co. has signed a contract with the Intl. Longshoremen according to Press. Paul H. Homan of Local 719. Men get 80c an hour between 4 a. m. and 4 p. m. and \$1.20 for overtime.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Hospital and Institutional Workers Union, 196 to 64, to accept a counter-offer to the new large private hospitals providing professional hiring, an 8-hour day and minimum for miscellaneous employees of \$90, as against the former \$79.50, thus averting a threatened strike.

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

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

Labor Demands Too Little There is a lessened demand for lumber. But it isn't because organized labor is demanding too much. It is because labor, organized and unorganized, demands too little. If labor would demand more of the things they need to make for a fuller life there would be an outlet for all things that could be produced. And if labor would demand and organize to get all those things that make for a fuller life that make for all the industries then the winning of better conditions, leisure and the means to a fuller life that are made possible by the highly organized industry of production would end the recurrent depressions of the present economic system.

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

Jailed for Refusal To Take Jap Cargo

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 8.—Seventeen seamen of the Norwegian motorship Alving were put to jail because they refused to work and man with a cargo of scrap iron loaded here.

T. A. Provére, Norwegian vice consul, said the seamen would be held until he receives further orders from Norway. The seamen range in age from 18 to 20 years.

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