

**THIS WEEK
WITH WPA**

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The Rhode Island Legislature voted unanimously in favor of a resolution for the continuation and extension of the New Deal program. The resolution, introduced by Rep. Gignac, liberal Republican from Woonsocket, is now in the Senate Committee.

ST. LOUIS—Faced with starvation, a group of mothers staged a sitdown here in the City Hall to force State and City officials either to restore WPA jobs or grant them subsistence cash relief. Police later evicted them from the hall.

HARTFORD, CONN.—The 3rd Annual Conference on Labor and Social Legislation convening in Special session here, opposed any cuts in WPA appropriation. The conference urged. Pres Roosevelt to memorialize the Senate for the amount he originally recommended.

WASHINGTON—Mayor LaGuardia of New York City is in Washington this week to appear before the Senate sub-committee considering WPA relief appropriation. He will ask the Senators not to cut the WPA fund.

CHICAGO—WPA workers, from Arts and Manual projects will stage a mass demonstration and parade here in the Loop tomorrow in protest against WPA cuts and layoffs. Mayor Kelly has appealed to Washington not to cut relief appropriations.

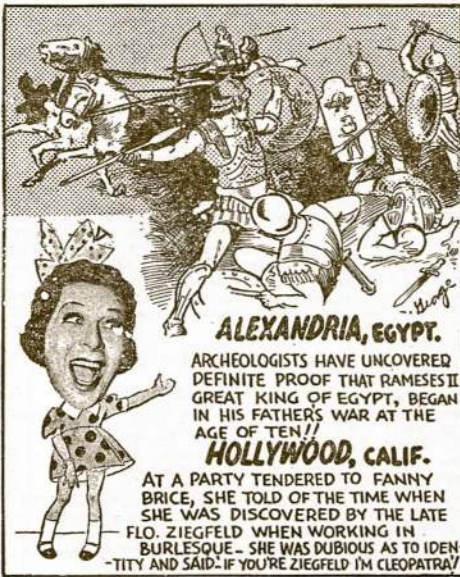
NEW YORK CITY—Dismissed workers of the WPA Arts and Project began two sitdowns this week, announcing that they will continue their protest and remain without food until the pink discharge slips of 1,526 workers are rescinded.

**JOHNSTONE, LABOR VET,
TO SPEAK AT LENIN MEETING**

One of Chicago's first fighters for the freedom of Tom Mooney—Jock Johnstone—will speak at the Civic Opera House Sunday night, Jan. 22, during the Lenin Memorial Meeting.

With Johnstone will appear another speaker, who also is a symbol of an achievement of American democracy: James W. Ford, Negro leader, who is a member, as is Johnstone, of the

NEWS FACTS by GEORGE



ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.

ARCHEOLOGISTS HAVE UNCOVERED DEFINITE PROOF THAT RAMESSES II GREAT KING OF EGYPT, BEGAN IN HIS FATHER'S WAR AT THE AGE OF TEN!!
HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

AT A PARTY TENDERED TO FANNY BRICE, SHE TOLD OF THE TIME WHEN SHE WAS DISCOVERED BY THE LATE FLO. ZIEGFELD WHEN WORKING IN BURLESQUE—SHE WAS DUBIOUS AS TO IDENTITY AND SAID: IF YOU'RE ZIEGFELD I'M CLEOPATRA!

**RELIGIOUS YOUTH TO UNITE
AGAINST RACE INTOLERANCE**

CHICAGO—Religious youth of this city are preparing to combine their forces this Sunday, January 22, for a united stand against the foes of humanity, fascist intolerance and persecution.

A conference called by the Inter-Faith Commission of the Chicago Council of the American Youth Congress, which is composed of all church and intra-church club groups, will be held Sunday, January 22, at the Sherman Hotel.

Assembled there will be the

broadest group of local religious organizations and personages ever to discuss their common aim of democracy and humanitarianism.

Among those scheduled to address the conference are Dr. Arthur Falls, prominent Catholic layman and president-elect of the Cook County Association of Physicians, Rabbi Joshua Liebman of the K.A.M. Temple, and Dean Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the Chicago University Chapel in a symposium, "How Can We Extend Democracy and Promote Religious Tolerance."

Jack Kicalen, well-known Catholic youth and secretary of the conference, will also speak.

The major session of the conference will discuss, "Building a Better Fellowship in Chicago." Other round table sessions will discuss the question of severing diplomatic relations with, and an embargo and boycott of Nazi Germany.

IN ITALY



—The resistance of the Ukraine is a provocation to the spaghetti factories...

**Youth of France to
Sacrifice for Spain**

PARIS—A National Day of Sacrifice for Republican Spain will be observed by the youth of France on February 5. Leaders of the country's Young Communist League, which organized the day of sacrifice, have urged: "Youth of France to think of those suffering and fighting in

Republican Spain."

**DEL VAYO TELLS
LEAGUE SPAIN
WILL FIGHT ON**

GENEVA—Julio Alvarez del Vayo, the Spanish Government's Foreign Minister, conferred this week with British Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet and later appeared before the League of Nations Council's 104th session to announce that the Loyalist resistance would continue "to the last man."

"We are now a 100 per cent Spanish Army fighting for Spanish Independence, as has been made clear here today," Del Vayo said.

He referred to a report by General J. A. Landers of Finland, head of an International Commission investigating withdrawal of foreign volunteers from the Spanish Loyalist armies.

Carries Out Pledge

Landers' report, adopted by the League Council, said that it had been ascertained that all foreigners had been removed from the Loyalist ranks, in accordance with a promise made to the League by Del Vayo last fall, although about 2,000 of those volunteers are in concentration points awaiting actual repatriation.

**Vest-Pocket
Device Makes
Liquid Air**

MOSCOW—A vest-pocket liquid air machine weighing only a half a pound but said to be capable of producing between 50 and 60 pounds of liquid air an hour has been demonstrated before the Soviet Academy of Sciences by Prof. Peter Kapitza.

It was revealed that the apparatus is a special cooling turbine which functions under a pressure of only five to six atmospheres instead of the customary 200 atmospheres for such processes.

It was asserted that elimination of the necessity of high pressures makes possible a simplified construction and less danger in operation.

Professor Kapitza was associated with the late Baron Rutherford, noted British natural scientist, in the development of an improved method for the production of helium. Returning to Moscow from England for a visit, he was requested to remain here and continue his researches.

WE'RE SORRY TO SAY

If there are any complaints about the make-up, or the omission of any material, or in this issue, please be informed that the editor, Matt Sholomskas, was suddenly stricken ill Tuesday night and was unable to see the paper through to publication. A volunteer staff took over at the last moment and this is the result.

In accordance with the appeal, the French youth sent a flood of New Year's gifts and collections over the frontier over the New Year's holiday.

A demand that the government give 50,000 cwt of France's surplus wheat as a gift to Madrid children, was made by the newspaper L'Humanite as it called for renewed aid to Spain. In the same account, the L'Humanite mentioned the fine response of many French organizations in rendering assistance to Spain.

The Association of Young Girls of France recently sent 20 tons of powdered milk to Barcelona while the Union of French Intellectuals sent a gift of 35,000 francs to buy milk for Spanish children.

At a recent conference in Paris, organized by the Club of Friends of the Popular Front, Mme Tabouis announced that the L'Oeuvre France now totals 250,000 francs. A 'corner' for 244 Spanish children will be financed with this money in the Montseny children's home.

"In this year of 1938," said the famous journalist, "had there been no Spain, the words courage, justice, honour, would have lost all their meaning in the world. It is thanks to Republican Spain, and to it alone, that all hope is not lost of one day putting an end to the tyranny of dictators. It is thanks to it and to its resistance in Catalonia that today Mussolini and Hitler fear for their victory."

**Hershey Profits
Mount as Machines
Cause Many Layoffs**

HERSHEY, Pa.—New machines recently installed by the Hershey Chocolate Corp. this week started a series of gradually increasing layoffs, which will precipitate a serious unemployment situation among the workers of the chocolate king, according to the CIO union here.

Claiming that the company made \$5,000,000 in profits during 1937, and more than that in 1938, the United Chocolate Workers, CIO local 2 is protesting the layoffs on the basis that the company can well afford to keep all its employees on the payrolls, and not make them bear the brunt of the technological changes made in the plant.

**Colgate Breaks
With Nazis**

HAMILTON, N. Y.—Colgate University has broken off its relations with Nazi universities.

No longer is there a German exchange student at Colgate as there has been for the four years the student plan has been in operation.

An announcement from the office of the university president said the suspension would last indefinitely.

IN ITALY



—Get dressed. There's to be a spontaneous demonstration from 4 till 6...

**Ship Lines
Offer Student
Rate Cut**

WASHINGTON—The Maritime Commission informed the State Department that four shipping companies operating passenger service to South America had agreed to grant a 50% discount fare to students and teachers traveling between North and South America. The discount became effective Jan. 1st.

Summer Welles, Acting Secretary of State, who made the announcement, described it as a "very gratifying development" which would insure a better understanding with Latin America.

EDITORIALS

CATHOLICS—HERE AND THERE

THE January 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or any issue of the daily press, prints blazing headlines of the Nazi persecutions of the Catholics. There is also much evidence compiled by foreign correspondents of the Fascist activities in Italy in driving exiles out and sending native Semites to the hell-holes of their African imperialist holdings.

Mussolini's treatment of Catholics has become so Hitlerized and brutal that Pope Pius himself spoke of the "bitter sadness" which Mussolini's persecutions stir within him. Mussolini's black-shirts "devastated" the buildings of the Catholic Action in Milan. This fact is now known to the world since the Pope spoke of it in his Christmas Day message.

In the face of these obvious facts, we seriously ask:

How can Catholics support the embargo which aids these Fascist persecutors of their fellow-Catholics abroad?

Hearst is enthusiastic about Fascism, and he has quickly perceived that the Save-the-Embargo groups are actually giving aid and comfort to the Hitler-Mussolini invaders of Spain.

It must be apparent that this is so. Hitler and Mussolini buy ammunition freely from the United States, and ship it to their troops in Spain. But the legally elected Spanish Loyalist Government, which is officially recognized by our own United States, is throttled, choked, and made to suffer from the cruelly unfair embargo.

If Hitler and Mussolini overrun Spain, as they now plan, will the Catholics in Spain have any more religious liberty than they are now giving them in Germany and Italy?

In the name of religious Liberty that American Catholics owe it to themselves to refuse to be pawns of a selfish minority working, deliberately or not, for a Hitler victory in Spain.

In the name of religious Liberty and the fight against Hitler, all Catholics should join the progressive camp for lifting the embargo against Spain which now helps Hitler.

DRESSED-UP JOURNALISM

THE New Year is only a few weeks old. We can still consider 1939 as the New Year and enter into the mood that such a turning point occasions. We have been conditioned to always reflect solemnly, yet with some element of joy and anticipation when old transfers to new. In our schoolbooks we read the poet's shout: "Ring out the old, ring in the new." This sounded nice to us, and we applied this philosophy to just about everything about us.

But we are growing a little fatter and wiser. We don't agree with the poet altogether anymore. It does not always follow that what is new is true. Now, don't misunderstand us; we are not cheering for the status quo. Our peeve is with the field of journalism.

We refer, for instance, to that state of mind induced in its followers by the Life and Time organization. We must confess that, so far as we are concerned, the Time style of writing and presentation covers a multitude of sins. We prefer a good straight "old-fashioned" news story written by an honest objective newspaperman. And that goes double for the March of Time, especially on the air. That ominous voice, pregnant with portent of things happening and about to happen, is not for us. We do not care for the staged and edited "news events." All we want is the news.

It is no doubt largely a question of taste, and we don't want to pose as laying down the law. But we feel that a lot of "bright ideas," dressed up in fancy packages, are being sold to the people. It's easy to explain, for everyone wants progress, wants to remedy the real evils of the world. And that's why it is so necessary for the anti-progressives to streamline their essentially reactionary wares. The greatest of these, of course, is Fascism. The Fascists have always sold their products as being a new, modern, streamlined political movement. "The world has outgrown clumsy Democracy, and come into the age of action at the behest of an efficient dictator." Trains on time, no strikes, and Berlin is as clean as a pin. Ring in the new! Or is it?

Yes, are the "new" newspapers better than the old? Are the "new" commercial magazines better than the old muckraking popular journals? On the contrary, the years have brought not progress, but decay.

The people, we cannot forget, is very old. Democracy is reaching a very respectable age, and as a dream in men's hearts it is ancient. It will outlast the "bright idea" of Fascism. We call for a New Year's Deal: Ring in man, ring out his enemies.

Road For America

WITH MUNICH a tombstone in history and with Lithuania counting its days of existence we can look ahead and know that a long and arduous struggle is ahead for us if peace and democracy are to survive the attacks of fascism.

The ruling classes of France and England have entered into a collective pact with Hitler and Mussolini. The democratic people of the world must also enter a collective pact to defend themselves against the attacks of reaction.

The democracies have in their hands a potential weapon—collective action—with which the march of reaction can be stopped. The united action which the people of America and those who seek a democratic and peaceful life must follow is ably expressed in the following declaration of principles and objectives concerning immediate issues which the American League for Peace and Democracy has set for itself as a program of activity for the opening months of 1939.

FOREIGN POLICY

Because of the threat to democracy and peace by the aggressive policies of the fascist powers, we demand a foreign policy based on:

A. The distinction between the aggressors and their victims.

B. The denial of our economic resources to the war-making, treaty-breaking aggressors.

C. The granting of our economic resources to victims of the aggressor nations under conditions designed to remove the risk of our being drawn into war.

D. The promotion of concerted action to withhold from invading aggressors the means to make war.

This program, if vigorously and consistently carried out will make war unnecessary.

We demand also a foreign policy which will continue and extend the program of Pan American cooperation adopted in Lima.

We demand also an increasing popular participation in the making of foreign policy, including frequent hearings before Congressional committees and greater responsiveness of the State Department and its representatives to the will of the people.

In the matter of the proposed constitutional amendment to provide for a referendum on war, we have stood consistently and will stand, for the right of those who will do the fighting to say in each case whether they want to or not. Because our primary and immediate concern is the prevention of war rather than with voting on whether we want war, we must devote our major energies to measures which will remove the threat of war and to apply the people's control to the making of foreign policy before it reaches the stage where war and our entry into it are practically inevitable. We cannot turn our attention from the plans and acts of the aggressor nations to proposals which offer no guarantee of avoiding the war they are making.

ARMAMENTS

We are opposed to any increase in armaments as a substitute for the development of a positive peace program.

The defense of this hemisphere against Fascist attack is the cooperative responsibility of all the nations concerned. The United States can successfully contribute to this mutual enterprise only to the degree that it continues and extends the policy of a real and democratic "Good Neighbor" policy. The best defense of this hemisphere is the mutual development of the genuinely democratic forces in each of its nations so that they can successfully resist the cultural, political and economic penetration of Fascism.

The refusal of the United States to be a party to the Fascist control of Spain, the motherland of Latin America, will achieve more in the present crisis for the defense of democracies in the Americas than the largest navy we can build.

We further recognize the ur-

gent need for a great democratic control of our armed forces.

In order to prevent the profit motive from increasing the armament race we advocate nationalization of the manufacture of arms, ammunition and other implements of war, forbidding export except to countries invaded by an aggressor.

FASCIST MOVEMENT

Fascism by nature seeks to destroy all democratic institutions. It proceeds inevitably to lawless and violent action against organized labor, racial minorities and religious groups. We will counteract Fascist propaganda by using our civil rights through mass meetings, demonstrations and picketing.

Whenever and wherever fascist groups undertake incitement or preparation for such action by drilling with or carrying arms, we demand suppression of such unlawful acts under existing laws or through strengthening laws.

RIGHTS OF LABOR

We endorse the Federal Government stand toward labor's rights as exemplified by the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Standards Act.

Our democracy can survive only if the guarantees of the Constitution are applied so as to fulfill in terms of continually rising living standards the promise of the Declaration of Independence that our people shall have equal rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

A sure way to stop Fascism is to oppose all attempts of reaction to lower the standard of living of the people. Democracy in any real sense must include as a minimum the employment of all persons able to work at adequate wages under proper working conditions and with ample protection against the economic insecurity caused by illness, unemployment and old age.

RIGHTS OF RACIAL GROUPS

We recognize that the American people is a composite of many races derived from all parts of the world and, as such, can best make its contribution to the human race through the fullest development of its tradition of racial equality. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to work unceasingly to make the idea a reality, by fighting racial discrimination wherever it arises whether in Jim Crowism, anti-Semitism, or any other manifestation of intolerance fomented to divide the people and defeat American democracy.

IRONWOOD, Mich. — George Leviska, former machine gunner in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, will speak tonight on the situation in Spain to the Roosevelt Democratic Club of Ironwood Township in North Star Hall.

More than 1,500 people in 14 Upper Michigan farming and mining communities have already heard Leviska speak at meetings arranged for him.

Straws in the Wind

FOR THE FIRST TIME in its career the Vilnius English Section presents sundry matters of little and much importance, a compilation designated to demonstrate that the year 1938 was one of infinite variety. For any obvious omissions—obvious to those who think so—for any imagined injuries to sensibilities, we are sorry. For the most part our list mentions Lithuanian-American individuals and organizations deserving honorable mention for their activities during the past twelve months.

THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN YOUTH, for their excellent efforts in repaving some of the streets that their mommas and poppas tore up in search of the gold they had heard, was in them.

TO ALL YOUNG LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN WRITERS, for their enterprise, for their growing demand for recognition, for their re-evaluation of values and for their unstinted efforts to stir up discussion.

THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL HEROES, for bringing a new and vital consciousness of sport to a national group.

NAUENHUS ENGLISH SECTION, for its remarkable aptitude in maintaining a weekly page of smooth mediocracy and constant lack of interest and color.

JAUNMAS, for striving hard to keep one step ahead of obscurity.

A PORTION OF THE CHICAGO LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN YOUTH, for their willingness to participate in the great humanitarian movement to stamp out syphilis.

THE LITHUANIAN UNIVERSEITY CLUB, for their growing progressive tendencies, gradual withdrawal from sectarianism, and production of an original show.

THE L.K.M. CHORUS, for their splendid showmanship in the presentation of the "Student Prince."

PIRMYN CHORUS, for being, it appears, the last subsidized organized group from Chicago to visit Lithuania.

BIRUTE CHORUS, for trying—anything.

THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS, who fought in Spain, for their clear understanding of the necessity of defending democracy.

THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE LINCOLN BRIGADE, in Brooklyn, for their untiring efforts in collecting money, clothes, cigarettes, etc., for their boys while they were in Spain. Salut!

WALTER J. KUBILIUS, editor of the Laisve Youth Section, for the difficult task of editing the Laisve Youth Section in face of apathetic contributors, and for his charming (yes, charming, you mugs) personalizations, little essays in an engaging style, in the now defunct "Editor Tries to Think" and the current "Past, Present, Future" columns.

JOE KOVINGAS, for his ideal club correspondence, his stimulating controversial articles in the Vilnius English Section and the Tiesa English News, and his smart allegory in one of the issues of VOICE.

TONY GUZAUSKAS, for his devotion to the idea that the LDS is the best Lithuanian fraternal organization and stepping out to convince quite a number of youth in it.

CHESTER KENT, for having been the influence in starting all the organized activity in photography among the LDS'ers.

JOHNNY ORMAN, for adding another milestone in the progress of the LDS youth movement by organizing and conducting a successful and enthusiastic LDS Youth Conference and Olympiad in Pittsburgh.

MATT SHOLOMSKAS, for his whirlwind LDS organizational tour around the country. (For testimonials asent Matt's efficiency, just ask any of the boys and girls he came in contact with.)

BERTH FULTON, for her adroit article, "Growing Pains," in the Laisve Youth Section, written with insight in spite of the fact that Miss Fulton has only recently returned to add her energies to the Eastern Seaboard Lithuanian youth movement.

THE "VOICE", for appearing.

THE "TIESA" POST L.D.S. CONVENTION ROTOGRAVURE ISSUE, for its peppy journalism. (We're saving our copy.)

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