

fuel across without stopping. Landing and rising from the sea under normal conditions with a heavily loaded machine would be very difficult."

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### MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

A strong appeal for municipal ownership of all public utilities was made yesterday in a speech before the Women's Party of Cook County by Esther Falkenstein.

"All public utilities should be owned by the city and managed by the people," said Mrs. Falkenstein. "The present situation is undoubtedly due to poor management on the part of the voters.

"If women were in the city council they would immediately clean up the present telephone service. They would purchase the automatic telephone system and run it for the benefit of the masses and not for the classes.

"With a few women as aldermen there would be cause for the grafting corporations to sit up and take notice. Then the common people would get justice."

Charles H. Mitchell, attorney for election board, declared that election frauds were made possible by the failure of officials to enforce the laws. Ald. L. D. Sitts also spoke.

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### VOTERS' LEAGUE REPLY

Branding Mayor Harrison as a trickster, the Municipal Voters' League have replied to the hot statement emitted by the mayor last week.

The reply, for the most part, is merely a denial of the charges made by the mayor.

The old charges of being in collusion with "grey wolves" is made against the mayor.

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### PLAN "JOBLESS DAY"

At a meeting of the International Brotherhood Welfare Ass'n, held in Hull House, a resolution was adopted

indorsing a national "Jobless Day," similar to the annual Labor Day celebration.

The resolution was forwarded to Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, requesting him to make the project known throughout the country.

April 1 was selected as the day of protest, when the unemployed will march in procession in the most prosperous sections of each community.

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### HOP-PICKERS ARE RAILROADED INTO LIFE TERMS

By Jack Jungmeyer.

Marysville, Cal., Feb. 9.—Richard Ford and Herman Suhr, leaders of the hop-pickers in their strike a year ago, must spend the remainder of their lives in prison.

A community wanted vengeance and, because these men had been leaders and "agitators," they were seized by hatred, masquerading as law, and railroaded to life sentences on charges of planning the murder of Dis't Att'y Manwell.

So biased and prejudiced was the manner in which the men were treated during their trial that, in addition to a legal appeal, a protest will be presented to Gov. Johnson, signed by hundreds of workers.

The evidence against Ford and Suhr was circumstantial and meager, beyond the proof that they were leaders of the strike preceding the tragedy.

That the trials were tragical farces and the sentences imposed upon them examples of grave injustice is the assertion of thousands who followed the trial. I sat and listened to the flimsy testimony. I saw the power of the special prosecutor over the judge and jury, a special prosecutor who in private practice is a lawyer for the rich hop barons. And to each charge of injustice and prejudice I agree. These men are sent to prison for life, not for murder, but because they were agitators and leaders.