

POOR FARMERS BARELY EXIST IN CALIFORNIA

Cotton Mortgaged Before Harvest

(By a Worker Correspondent)

RIPLEY, Calif., (By Mail).—Enclosed find fifty cents for the "Save The DAILY WORKER Fund." May The DAILY WORKER maintain itself until the rotten capitalist social system has tumbled in a mass of ruins.

The poor farmers, share croppers, tenants and workers out there are having a terrible time trying to survive. The cotton is already mortgaged for all that it will stand even before it is harvested.

The workers, Mexicans, Negroes and whites, are averaging less than ten days work each month at \$3 per day. Many families are enjoying incomes of from \$10 to 20 each month. They are the lucky ones. The majority are living on the tender mercies of the local grocer.

The American Legion is sponsoring a plan for separate schools in the Palo Verde Valley. A colored teacher is to be used to instruct the Mexicans, Negroes and the more backward white children. A mass meeting of protest is being held Sunday, June 8, with myself as the principle speaker at Blythe. We are hoping to develop a stiff opposition.

—JOHN H. OWENS.