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Fascism Threatens California!

Party And Youth Back Demand For Security!

Only System Of Profit And Poverty Blocks Road to Economic Plenty For Aged, Youth — For All America!

"We are with you, not with them." With these words the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples' Socialist League takes its stand on the burning issue of the Pension Movement.

Only bankers and their henchmen can "scoff" at this great cry for economic relief expressed by over a million poverty stricken people. This demand of the dispossessed is clearly the source of the discomfort and hysteria of "Rich Men, Incorporated" who sense the revolutionary threat in a movement demanding genuine social security.

Plain Truth!

We do not believe that the plan proposed by "Ham and Eggs" can achieve what the movement is striving for. In this we have nothing in common with the Capitalists who fear only for their profits. The plan will not accomplish what the aged and the youth of the working class want and need because it does not strike at the fundamental evil of the present economic system of chaos, poverty, unemployment, old age dependence, war, fascism and the whole host of scourges. Any plan to cure these evils by manipulating currency and thus satisfying both capitalist and workers, bankers and toilers, exploiters and exploited is an illusion which will be shattered by the course of events.

This is the BLUNT truth! But—

Tax the Millionaire

Experience will drive its lesson home. Does this mean, however, that the struggle for pensions is futile. Far from it! The struggle for pensions has only begun. It will be reinforced by the struggles of all sections of the oppressed. The youth who are economically disfranchised, and the aged who are pauperized will join hands and win their demands. How? From where will the money come? From the plutocrats of course! There is where the demand must be placed; at the door of every member of America's Sixty Multi-Millionaire families. Why tax each other in a system of revolving misery? Tax the non-productive parasites who live like leeches on the body of society.

We are engaged in a struggle that has laid bare the vicious conditions in present day society. Aligned against us are powerful enemies. Ready to use every trick from slander to machine guns to defeat the people. Against this the course of struggle, militant and courageous, is the only fitting answer.

Fed on Lies!

They lie who say that the demand of \$30 a week for the aged is impractical! They lie who say that it is necessary for the youth to starve and the aged to perish! They lie and lie deliberately who say that the great mass of producers must eke out a miserable existence while a few parasitical "economic barons" live in unheard of luxury!

The truth should now be known to all! American industry is more than capable of producing the ne-

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JOIN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY.

Fight Proposition One By Mass Labor Protest!

Militant Answer Given By Sailors Union Is Model For All Unions In Fighting Bosses' Labor Lynching Bee!

"The class struggle is a political struggle!" Karl Marx established this maxim many years ago. Today it is being brought forcefully to the attention of the working class on the Pacific Coast, especially in the State of California, through the medium of Proposition No. One, probably the crassest piece of class legislation ever advanced in a state notorious for its persecution of workers.

In this law, predatory Capital, which has for a long time plagued the California labor movement with its organized extra-legal vigilantism, now seeks a "legal" covering for a labor lynching bee on a grand scale.

The political campaign, so far, has been almost entirely confined to channels selected by the master class. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being poured into a billboard, newspaper and radio campaign by the exploiters of California labor. The workers are courting disaster by permitting the employers to limit the campaign to a field in which the machinery of Capitalist politics is weighted against them. Suffice it to state, that literally thousands of workers, particularly in the vast agricultural areas of the state, will be denied the right to cast a ballot in the coming election.

BOSSSES' GAME

The working class must smash through the fatal restriction imposed by the straight jacket of Capitalist Class politics. By playing the other fellow's game we have two strikes called on us before we go to bat. The militant Sailors' Union of the Pacific has indicated the true road of working class political action by the adoption of a resolution which calls for the workers in both the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. to forge a militant front of solidarity against Proposition No. One.

DOWN TOOLS

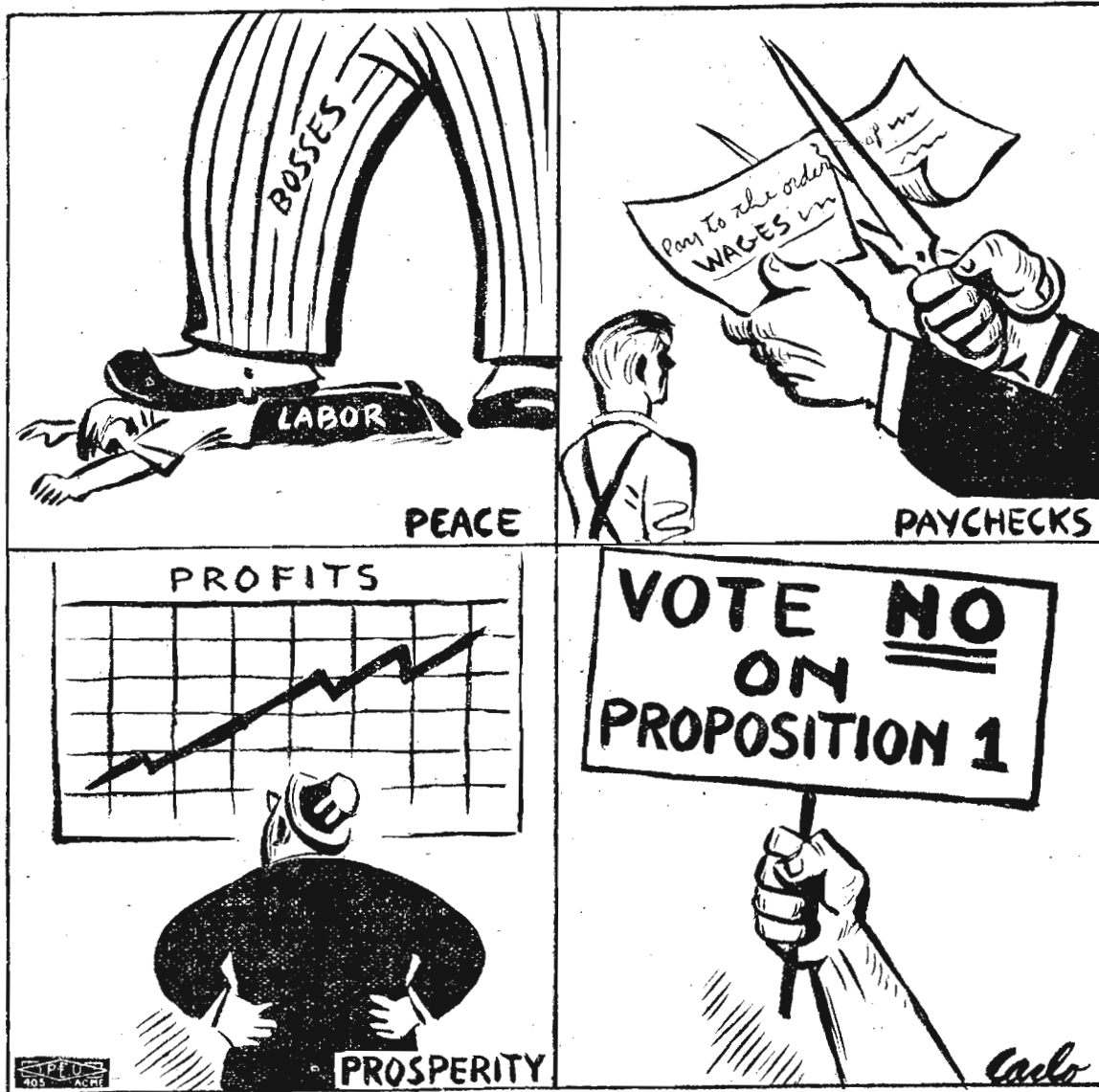
The resolution calls for ALL workers to "lay down their tools," for a period during which monster demonstrations and parades of labor's marching columns will dramatize the determination of labor to fight for its right to live. This political struggle is a class struggle! Urge your union to follow the example set by the Sailors Union.

FOR MILITANT WORKING CLASS POLITICAL ACTION!

DEMONSTRATE! PARADE! DRAMATIZE OUR STRUGGLE!

DOWN TOOLS! FLING OUR CHALLENGE INTO THE TEETH OF THE EXPLOITERS!

THE BOSSSES' PROPOSITION!



The War Is On--Let's Win It!

THE CLASS WAR IS GROWING IN CALIFORNIA!

The real significance of the 1938 state elections is that they present the opposing forces of CLASS WAR in clearer and sharper form than ever before. Through the superficial "tumult and shouting" of petty capitalist politicians, there rises the deep, insistent roar and clash of two mighty forces met in life or death struggle. One is the well-equipped, carefully drilled, hireling army of PROFIT, POWER and PRIVILEGE; the other is the ragged, disorganized, but million-headed host of workers of hand and brain, in field and factory. Those who have waxed fat from the fruits of an unjust and decaying social system stand arrayed in defense of their plunder against the swelling anger of the robbed.

"Preserve Capitalism!"

Clear as is the class conflict revealed, even clearer is the contrast between the military strategies of the opposing forces. The bosses know exactly what they want and how they propose to get it. They maintain a close cooperation and exchange of information throughout the entire world, because they understand that the REAL ISSUE for them is not confined to national or state boundaries. Petty rivalries and national

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Revolutionary Tasks And The Trade Unions

Veteran Of Trade Union Battles Analyzes The Present Industrial Scene And Presents SWP Fighting Program

By V. R. DUNNE
(Minneapolis Teamster)

A Marxist understanding of the state and of the role of the revolutionary party as the vanguard of the class, without which that class cannot raise itself to power, results in our having a different attitude towards work in the trade unions than that held by any other organization claiming to represent the American workers.

Alone of all parties in the United States, the Socialist Workers Party advocates that only a Workers and Farmers government, basing itself upon nation-wide councils of elected representatives of the workers and farmers, can solve the economic and social problems facing the masses. It flows from this concept that our party must extend its influence to all sections of the economic organizations of the workers and farmers—particularly of the workers, because it is the working class that will lead all the oppressed in the onslaught on capitalism and the fight for a socialist America and a socialist world.

Other Groups

Because the Socialist Labor Party and the IWW answered "no" to the question: shall revolutionists work in reactionary trade unions? they doomed themselves to sterility.

Because the Socialist Party and the Lovestone group have degraded socialist policies to the level of trade union politics, their work in the mass movement has not resulted in diverting the labor movement from subservience to the capitalists.

The movement for the Fourth International took shape in America and throughout the world, not only in the fight against the theories of "socialism in one country," of "social fascism," etc., but in the struggle against the theory of dual "red" unionism fostered by the Communist International until 1935. Lenin in 1920 had demonstrated theoretically, in his "Left Communism," that for communists to turn their backs on reactionary unions and invent new "revolutionary" unions was to render "the greatest service to the bourgeoisie."

The Reactionary Stalinists

But the Communist Parties throughout the world had long since turned their backs on Leninism. When the "Communists" re-entered the trade unions following 1934 they continued to wear the leading strings of the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy in Russia. With the drift to the right of Soviet policy, the trade union work of Browder's party has developed to the point where today this group is the most reactionary force in the labor movement. Whereas the fortunes of the Greens and the Hillmans are, after all, bound up with the fortunes of the movements which they head, the fortunes of the Stalinist unions derive from Satlin and his clique.

Unlike the Communist Party which up until the spring of 1937 favored the AFL over the CIO only to swing overnight to the other extreme, the Socialist Workers Party has no fetishism for either set of initials.

Mistakes of the CIO

The CIO has accomplished a great historic task in organizing the heavy industries, a task that the craft unions could never have accomplished. The new CIO unions succeeded, not only because they were industrial in form but because they utilized militant and revolutionary tactics (sit-down strikes etc.) to gain their goal. Had the CIO continued its original policy of organizing the unorganized, of concentrating on the basic industries, of avoiding raids on established AFL unions, there is little doubt but that, despite the

blows of the depression, it would today be in a far better position in the American labor movement.

Desperate for organizers, Lewis committed a tragic error in opening wide the doors to the Stalinists in return for their unconditional support.

Poison!

Weakened by the defeat of "Little Steel" and the hammer-blows of the new depression, the CIO organism could not shake off the Stalinist poison. On the West Coast and elsewhere the Communist-controlled CIO has followed a brutal and callous antiworking class policy of raiding the AFL, of violating the picket lines of unions under the control of the progressives. In Minneapolis, the Stalinized section of the CIO has not hesitated to connive with the bosses against the AFL, even to appeal to the courts for an injunction against the latter.

On November 14 in Pittsburgh the CIO will hold its first national convention, at which will be decided the question of who is to control that body: the workers or the Stalinists in a bloc with Lewis or other CIO leaders. It can be said bluntly that only to the extent to which the CIO rids itself of Stalinism can it recover its lost ground and develop.

The Strength of the AFL

A phenomenon not sufficiently appreciated by the students of the labor movement—the manner in which the AFL has not only withstood the effects of the depression and the competition of the CIO, but has even managed to gain a million new members. The AFL, having an experienced organizing staff and great sums of money at its disposal, was better able than the CIO to take advantage of the ground-swell of organization which swept across the country, and to stabilize itself when the newly organized unions faced the ravages of the depression.

Despite the Greens, the Wolls and Tracys and Freys—incurably narrow-minded, selfish, jealous, divorced from the ranks—the AFL finds itself, after three years of the CIO, with a membership approaching the all-time peak figures of 1919. To be sure, the AFL, in the struggle to maintain itself, has used the organizational forms and even, at times, the militant tactics, which it officially condemned in the CIO. This has a special meaning for us.

Toward Unity

The AFL convention recently ended in Houston was marked by the fight which Tobin led against the executive council for unification of the AFL and CIO. Tobin today finds himself and his International Union in a commanding position in the American labor movement. The Brotherhood of Teamsters is the largest national body in the Federation and has an almost unlimited field for expansion. With the strategic position of the drivers in American industry, the IBT can play an important role in unifying the movement.

It is evident that unless labor succeeds in itself unifying its armies, Roosevelt, acting for American capitalism, will intercede to bring about unity from outside and above, in a way that can only have disastrous consequences for the independence of the trade unions.

THE UNEMPLOYED

Of the 35,000,000 workers, almost half are today unemployed. Any trade union policy that does not provide for these unemployed will bring disaster to the working class.

The A. F. L. nationally has disregarded the problem.

The C. I. O. under the pressure of the depression, which hit the mass industries harder than the skilled trades, has after too much delay tackled the problem in many

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cessities and luxuries of life for every person young and old. What stands in the way? Why can't the machines be put to work to provide for human needs? What monstrous power condemns the producers to live in poverty; to the indignity of subsisting on crumbs that fall from the tables of the rich? Even a child knows that the owner of the means of production who has only one motive—profit—is that power.

The annual national income is 60 billion dollars—this is not enough to feed and clothe everyone adequately. But if everyone worked who wanted to work the national income would be much higher and more people would get the necessities of life. And if "over" produced food were not destroyed there would be still more! In the bosses' hands is the wealth we have produced.

Our Solution

The Socialist Workers Party proposes: Expropriate the wealth of the exploiters! Take over the means of production and put it to use for all! To the millions in the Pension movement we say: We march with you! We act with you! They are strike-breakers who preach sermons at the workers and then break the ranks in action. We will vote for Proposition No. 25 because it voices the demand for security in a world of plenty. We are confident that the experience of the hopelessness of "reform" will teach every worker that the road of struggle against capitalism is the only one.

The road of the Pension Plan is futile. It is sidetracking the main struggle. But without hesitation we march with you on this side road with the hope and conviction that we will, in time, and in union step forward on the main highway of the battle for a world of freedom and emancipation, for a Socialist World!

localities On the initiative of progressives, many C. I. O. unions have unemployed sections, thereby binding the jobless to their working brothers. In areas like Detroit, these unemployed sections have achieved tremendous proportions and have been a major factor in maintaining the union's hold on the workers.

Both bodies or the new united movement will have to intervene much more vigorously on behalf of the unemployed if the jobless millions are to be saved from fascism.

POLITICAL ACTION

No sooner had the C. I. O. organized the great basic industries when the new economic crisis posed problems which the unions could not solve. The C. I. O. was forced to take steps toward independent political action of the working class. These first moves have been timid and bureaucratic. Nevertheless, they represent an advance over the Gompers tradition, and it is the duty of progressives to encourage this process and to give to the growing movement a bold program.

HISTORIC ROLE OF S. W. P.

No one claims that our party has said the last word on the problem of the relationships between the revolutionary party and the trade unions, or that we have achieved the final pat formulas which will guide us in all the twists and turns of an American union movement that is becoming increasingly complex. But our policies are Bolshevik policies and represent the accumulated experience of decades in the world union movement.

Armed with these policies, our cadres can attract all that is healthy in the movement, can expand into proletarian armies that will lead behind them the American masses in the revolutionary onslaught against the cruel system which is preparing only greater misery, and against the insanities of imperialist war.

CAN THE UNITED STATES AFFORD SOCIAL SECURITY!

"Is the demand for \$30 a week a reasonable demand? This is an oft heard question these days, as the campaign around the Pension Plan reaches its close. We present here figures indicating the answer!

In the last several years so great has been the concern over the inability of our economic system to provide the needs of life to all people that several studies have been made of our country's resources and the distribution of its income. The most authentic and widely accepted report is that issued by Brookings Institute. In a pamphlet summarizing the results of an investigation on "America's capacity to Produce and Consume" a glimmer of the truth is exposed to view.

Even Then!

In 1929, year of "prosperity", six million families (21% of the total number of 27½ million families in this country) received incomes of less than \$1,000 per year.

Twelve (12) million or more than 42% obtained less than \$1500 per year. Two (2) million or 8% had an excess of \$5000. 600,000 or 2.3% received over \$10,000 per year.

Top and Bottom

The vast difference in the distribution of wealth is glaringly exposed by the following figures: In the upper brackets, only 36,000 families or 0.1% of the total obtained a total income of 9.8 billion dollars; 11,653,000 families or 42% of the total, receiving less than \$1500 a year, obtained a total of 10 billion dollars.

The study informs us that while \$2000 a year is the minimum re-

quired to furnish a family with the basic necessities of life, 60% of the total families in the country received less than that sum!

It Can Be Done!

Compare the above figures with the following:

If American industry were operating at full capacity of the 1929 level—operating for PUBLIC USE not PRIVATE EXPLOITATION—all incomes below \$3500 could be raised 42% and these 16.4 million families earning under \$2000 could have an income of at least \$2000 per year.

These figures mean that in 1929 the year of our "great prosperity" the majority of our people could not satisfy their basic necessities under capitalism while living in a country with sufficient material resources to furnish enough goods for all—if those goods were available to their makers!

We Have Earned Them!

It must be remembered that a worker on reaching the age of 50 has spent the most fruitful period of his life helping to create by his labor all the great wealth in this country. The worker alone has created these riches, for wealth and commodities are the product of labor.

Is it any wonder that now, after nine years of promises and alibis, that the people knowing that our resources are adequate to supply the needs of ALL, state frankly, "Give us economic security, grant us a fair return on what we produce! We have a right to live; we shall defend and secure that right!"

OUR IMMEDIATE PROGRAM

(See Editorial)

In the struggle to prevent the capitalists from saddling the cost of the economic crisis on the backs of the working class the Socialist Workers Party advocates:

1. Re-opening of all idle factories under workers' control. The necessary capital for this enterprise to be supplied by the government from a steeply graduated tax on incomes.

2. Huge slum clearance and housing program to be financed by allocating the enormous Roosevelt war chest, which is now being used to prepare for the next war. Wages on these projects to be at least union standard.

3. A sliding scale of hours. This means a reduction of hours in every industry, without reduction of wages, sufficient to absorb the remainder of unemployed.

To prevent the bosses from successfully organizing armed bands of fascist mercenaries and destroying the workers' organizations as they did in Italy and Germany, the S. W. P. proposes the immediate formation of WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS in every union. This precautionary measure is already being taken by workers in Minneapolis and Akron.

In the struggle against Imperialist war the S. W. P. fights for:

1. A referendum vote of the people on war. While such a referendum would not prevent war it would make it much clearer to all just who was for and who against plunging the world into another blood bath.

2. The transfer of all war funds for the relief of the unemployed.

3. Immediate withdrawal of all armed forces of the United States from territory outside our boundaries, particularly those now in the Far East.

4. Immediate freedom for all colonial possessions and "protectorates" of United States Imperialism (Phillipines, Haitai, etc.)

These transitional demands are not "cure alls," they are simply point out immediate battle lines in the march to the goal.

A SOCIALIST UNITED STATES IN A FEDERATED UNITED WORKER'S STATES OF THE WORLD.

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competition are vastly less important than their common determination to maintain the world system of exploitation against any threat of revolt by the exploited—witness the union of "democratic" capitalist Britain and fascist capitalist Germany to destroy democracy and PRESERVE CAPITALISM in Central Europe and in Spain.

Here in California, as everywhere else, the boss-class realizes that ever-deepening financial crisis, for which their system is directly responsible, will lead inevitably to more and more intolerable burdens on the masses, protest, counter-organization and revolt. In short, they recognize the fundamental REALITY of the class struggle and all their tactics are calculated to bring victory to their class, regardless of the consequences to the mass of the people. Their "answers" to the problems of the people of California are not in doubt, they are already written into history.

Sham Battle

One of these "answers" is an old one for American finance-capital. It is cheaper and safer to fool the people into submitting to robbery than to club them into it. That is the function of election "contests" between Republican and Democratic candidates. Both parties are organized, financed, led and OWNED by big business. Both are unequivocally committed to the system of profit for the few and exploitation for the many which breeds recurring crisis, unemployment, insecurity, fascism and war. Their only difference is on HOW to preserve capitalism. One (and its title varies in different sections of the country) openly advocates blaming the crisis on its innocent victims and letting them starve as punishment, the other believes in "relieving" the victims by patchwork charity while still maintaining the system which is a mass producer of wrecked lives as well as shiny Fords. Actually the wise capitalist contributes to BOTH parties because one acts as a shock absorber for the other—protest is "cushioned" into harmless channels while the system rides smoothly on—for the riders not the human road.

Whether Merriam or Olson wins, capitalism will win, and the workers will be FARTHER FROM, not nearer, to a solution of THEIR problems. For while we are wasting energy in a boss-staged sham battle, they are concentrating their forces in preparation for the day when we no longer consent to be fooled.

Fascism at a Stroke!

The spearhead of employer strategy in California is not Merriam—nor Olson—but Proposition Number One. Capitalizing on general reaction to internal "labor warfare," they propose to bind and shackle all workers and then wage ruthless capitalist warfare to smash and completely destroy every independent or semi-independent organization in the state. There is nothing gradual nor half-hearted about their program—nor is there anything original. NOT ONLY THE ENTIRE SPIRIT, BUT WHOLE SECTIONS WORD FOR WORD OF PROPOSITION ONE ARE TAKEN FROM HITLER'S NUREMBERG DECREES IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE SEIZED POWER! Drugs, sham battles, bread and circuses are to give way to the naked club. Obey or face the penitentiary! Like Hitler's law the "labor initiative" applies and would in time be applied not only to labor organizations but to churches, clubs, political parties—to any and all who now or ever dare to question the divine right of exploiters to exploit.

Again, the employers recognize the reality of Class Warfare and they intend to HOLD THEIR POWER at OUR cost!

Workers Lag Behind!

The workers, unfortunately, present no such clear-cut class front. One army is aggressively on the march. The other is scattered, confused, groping and misled. In the field of candidates the capitalist class has a virtually complete monopoly and the workers have only a handful of hopeless illusions due for rude and sudden shattering even if—rather, especially if—the "people's champions" win the election. The swamp of old party politics is not to be made firm ground simply by sprinkling a little "labor" and "liberal" sand on its surface. That only makes it more treacherous!

Again the chief evidence of the fundamental class struggle lies in the initiative propositions, but again, also, the workers' program—if it can be called that—falls woefully short of that of their enemies. Proposition 25 expresses a deep-felt, wide-spread resentment and revolt against poverty and insecurity in the midst of a nation of plenty. The demand for "Ham and Eggs," for "thirty dollars every Thursday" is a reasonable, even a modest, demand in view of the gigantic productive capacities of modern America. This slight degree of social security could be provided not only for those over fifty, as partial repayment for their contribution to the general social wealth, but to the entire working population in return for hours and conditions of labor far lighter than those which now prevail.

Cure — Not Quack Medicine!

On the other hand, the means proposed for securing this three-justified demand illustrates almost all the internal weaknesses of the army of the oppressed. It is

YOUTH LEADER WILL SPEAK

LOS ANGELES — Nathan Gould, national secretary of the Young Peoples Socialist League, will speak here on "The War Crisis in Europe and the Tasks of the American Youth" at Music Arts Hall, 233 Broadway, 8 p. m., November 8.

Gould has just returned from Switzerland where he attended the founding conference of the Fourth International (World Party for the Socialist Revolution).

The internationally famous film "Tsar to Lenin," assembled by Max Eastman, will be shown during the evening. This picture is a compilation of news shots made during the Russian revolution of 1917

World Congress Launches Fourth International!

Over Thirty Nations Join In Raising Banner Of Revolutionary Internationalism—Move- ment's History Reviewed

Meeting under the severe repressions exercised by the police and the G. P. U. agents of Stalin, betrayer of the Russian Revolution, thirty delegates from eleven countries met recently in Switzerland and founded the new World Party of the Socialist Revolution (Fourth International).

This event, coming at a time when the whole world teeters on the brink of a new world war which promises to be ten times more bloody and destructive than the last, has profound significance for the poverty-stricken and oppressed masses in every land. It proclaims to the rulers of

the earth that despite their bloody repression, their prisons, their secret police, their lies and calumny directed against the leaders of the revolutionary working class, that this class has been able to gather together in an international conference the general staff of the revolution which will sweep capitalism into oblivion.

FOR SOCIALISM

The new International reaffirms its adherence to the program of intransigent working class struggle against capitalism and its twin children, war and fascism. It calls on the workers of the world to unite against these twin evils by striving for political power which will make it possible to establish Socialism and a classless society.

This program, which the Second (Socialist) International betrayed by supporting the war in 1917, and which the Third (Stalinist) International gave up for a policy of sabotaging the revolutions in Germany, Austria, China and Spain since 1923, was once again proclaimed the only way out of the blind alley in which the nations of the world find themselves today.

LENIN AND TROTSKY

Nicolas Lenin and a handful of comrades found it necessary to re-establish this program by building the Third International after the betrayal in 1914. Leon Trotsky and another handful of co-thinkers faced the same task after the death of Lenin when Stalin seized control of the Communist Party and proceeded to liquidate not only the gains of the revolution but the very men who had led the revolution to victory.

In the face of the most severe repressions ever exercised against a political group in history, Trotsky and his friends have succeeded in re-establishing an international organization of revolutionary workers pledged to fight for Socialism. Sections of this International have been formed in more than thirty countries. These sections, through their press, in the trade unions, and from the platform are rallying the most honest, courageous men and women of the working class and its allies for the showdown struggle with capitalism which looms in the offing.

YOUTH SECTION FORMED

At the same time this conference was taking place youth representatives from nine countries established the Youth Section of the Fourth International and issued a call to the youth of the world to unite in a struggle against the coming war.

Under the slogans of Liebknecht and Lenin: "The enemy is in your own country" and "Turn the Imperialist War into Civil War"; the Youth Section was launched at the very moment the bandit rulers of England, Germany, France and Italy were meeting in Munich to re-divide the spoils of the last war.

Representatives of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League in the United States were present and played an important part in the deliberations and decisions of the conference.

AGAINST WAR

They have recently returned to this country where they will continue the work of uniting the youth and the working class of this country with their brothers of other lands, against the war-making capitalist rulers in all countries, and for the defense of the still remaining achievements of the Russian Revolution against the destructive hand of Stalin and the ruling bureaucracy in the Soviet Union.

California, too, has its contingent of the world army of workers who are fighting for Socialism. These men and women are working to unite the labor movement around a militant class struggle program against the bosses on the political and economic field.

proposed to gain security without changing in the slightest any of the sources of insecurity. By a "money-making" trick we will thwart and outwit the class to whom money and a monopoly of its control is the symbol of their class power and class-rule over the real producers of wealth! This has been tried many times, it has always failed and always will. We have a belly full of quack remedies already, and we are still sick and getting sicker! What is needed is a real CURE. That CURE does not lie in catering to short-sighted ignorance, nor in desperate search for panaceas. All these boil down to useless and increasingly dangerous efforts to dodge the Class Struggle. THE TRUTH is that unless we face and WIN the Class Struggle against the ruthless class offensive of the bosses and their hirelings, they will win it and we will pay in terms of endless poverty, war and fascism for our cowardice.

There are ONLY TWO sides and only ONE way out. It is a plain choice between more and more ruthless, because more and more incompetent, boss rule and a clean break with the past and united ORGANIZATION, EDUCATION, FIGHT for a WORKERS' WORLD. There is no short-cut, no third road. The Class Struggle is as real and inevitable on the farms as in the cities. The farmer, the dwindling "little business" men, the "professional" wage slaves, the intellectuals offer neither class power nor independent program. They choose between clinging to the decaying past or joining the ranks of the future that belongs to the productive workers of the world. Ours alone is the program, the power, and the leadership that can GUARANTEE plenty, peace and freedom to the people of the world. IT IS UP TO US!

But we have a long way to go and a short time limit before civilization is plunged back into DARK AGES by capitalist misrule, war and destruction. Our road is clear, we have only to take it QUICKLY!

Wipe Out The Lying Past

FIRST, all the illusions, the lies and the false prejudices that are spewed out by the kept press, the capitalist "mis-educational system" and all the other organs and agents of worker DIVISION to perpetuate boss RULE must be swept out and discarded on the ashheap of history.

SECOND, we must replace lies with truth, prejudices with knowledge, slave-habits with the courage and determination that rise out of realization of the tremendous historical role of liberation that belongs alone to the workers of the world.

THEN, and only then, can we declare and ENFORCE our complete INDEPENDENCE of capitalism in all its forms and expressions.

ECONOMICALLY capitalism has failed to supply the goods and services required by society and seeks to drag us down in its own decay. But we, and we alone, can reopen the idle factories, speed up the idling and idle machine now shackled down to boss profit. Their failure simply sets the stage for our victory which will release the endless resources of the machine production which can and MUST BE MADE to supply PLENTY FOR ALL.

PHYSICALLY capitalism uses men as beasts of burden and as cannon fodder in other men's wars. The only war worth fighting is the one for ourselves and for the coming generations. Our strength must be organized independently, AGAINST all the enemies of everything that is and should be ours.

MENTALLY capitalism in its last stages, as in Germany, discards all "intellectual" pretence and strips to its essence of GREED and FORCE. The army of the Socialist Revolution invites only those who can and will think and learn for themselves from the records of history and the experience of today's world. Such men and women are the only hope of a world where ALL can THINK and LIVE more fully than ever before because the problem of "bread alone" is forever solved.

POLITICALLY we must declare our independence of all the parties, the "good men," the crackpot "saviors" and the quack-doctors of capitalism. Labor must build its OWN party, choose its OWN leaders, write its OWN program and travel its OWN road—the road to WORKER'S POWER in California, the United States and the World!

DEFEAT FASCIST "NUMBER ONE"!

Union Smashing Gag Law Most Vicious In History!

Slave Bill Provisions Put Whole State In Penitentiary; Duplicates First Hitler "Labor Code"

In PROPOSITION NO. ONE labor in California is confronted with a proposed law which will lay the legal basis for turning this state into a virtual concentration camp. Only the Fascist decrees of Mussolini and Hitler can compare in viciousness with this attack on the trade unions and civil rights.

One has only to read this violently anti-labor proposal to see the vicious gag-law that it is. Not only are there measures in the proposal that will make collective organizing impossible, but ANYONE WHO DARES TO TELL AN INDIVIDUAL, TO TELL HIS MERCHANT THAT HE DOESN'T CARE TO BUY SCAB GOODS, IS LIABLE TO TWO YEARS IN SAN QUENTIN AND A \$500 FINE.

The act attempts to reduce labor in California to a pulverized passive lot of slaves who dare not utter a peep for better conditions.

No on Number One

Here is why every voter in California should vote NO on NUMBER ONE, November 8th:

1. It prohibits freedom of assembly, by denying the right to picket in labor disputes, excepting "primary strikes." It would thus prevent stronger unions from helping the weaker.

2. It prevents picketing in cases arising from discharge of working men for union activity. Thus an employer could fire everyone of his workers in an attempt to break the Union.

3. Pickets are limited to ONE for every twenty-five feet of the struck plant with a minimum of two, thus a plant with ten feet of front coverage (as often happens in the case of upstairs garment shops) permits two pickets while employing anywhere from 100 to a 1000 strike-breakers. Imagine the power of this "picket-line."

Ghost Pickets

4. It would prevent even the "ghost picket line" described above from even "talking to anyone!" Destroying freedom of speech in its most elementary form.

5. Under paragraph (M) of Section II: Should a person not directly concerned in an industrial dispute, express himself against the employers position to another person or persons, he would be guilty of intimidation!

6. Section 12 of Proposition No. ONE makes it unlawful for a labor organization or any officer or member thereof to recommend to the members of the union that it is to their interest to go on strike.

No Boycott

7. It is a conspiracy for two or more persons to request another person to refrain from purchasing goods from an employer when an industrial dispute exists whether or not either of them is involved in such a dispute.

8. It is unlawful to advocate a strike on the ground that a failure to strike would involve a loss to the workers.

9. It would take away the right of a newspaper to take a stand on industrial disputes. Thus it would muzzle the right of free speech and free expression of opinion.

10. It is sponsored by the reactionary Associated Farmers of California and the big bankers.

From even this SMALL sampling taken from the over 5,500 words of the proposal that contains every loosely-drawn state-

ment conceivable, you can see the vicious intent of California capitalism.

No Union Support

Why has no union come forth in its support if this proposal is designed to "help labor" as the Chamber of Commerce claims?

Because as every union man and woman will tell you, "This proposal is the proposal of Big Business." It is meant to throttle labor, to rob labor of its gains, to send the workers of hand and brain back into industrial barbarism.

If the proposal passes, and the will of the industrialists is upheld, then California will be transformed into an enlarged concentration camp.

Rest assured that the California Bankers Association and its cohorts are not relying solely upon Proposition No. ONE for their vigilante Fascist groups whose purpose it is to physically destroy labor's organizations.

Remember how Fascism came into power in Italy and Germany. In Italy the workers were well-organized, they had unions that cut deep into the profits of the Italian millionaires.

Bosses Arm

The Italian millionaires organized armed bands that went from town to town physically annihilating unions and union leaders.

In Germany Hitler came to power by unleashing his Nazi bands, to butcher the labor movement.

Workers of California on Guard! Don't let the fate of the Italian and German workers become yours.

Remember how in Westwood, California, the bosses tried the tactic of vigilante attack and terror. Remember the vigilantes of Imperial Valley and Salinas!

Labor's Answer

To this challenge labor must give its own answer—a smashing defeat of Proposition No. One. But more—labor must organize its own defense groups that will be able to cope with the vigilante gangs of the bosses. Each union must prepare now whether or not Proposition No. One passes, to organize systematically for its own defense, as many unions are doing throughout the country. In Akron the deputies and thugs tear gassed and shot "Rubber" strikers a few months back. The AFL and CIO sprang into the breach, organized a united defense committee and swept the thugs from the streets. This news was hardly mentioned in the boss owned newspapers.

This is the pattern that organized labor must follow in California if it is to preserve its organizations. Proposition No. ONE is the first statewide coordinated attack of the bosses on labor. The same type of legislation is on the November Ballot in Oregon and Washington. Labor must not be caught napping. Get out the vote against Proposition No. ONE. Begin now to organize workers defense guards!

IT'S UP TO US TO FREE MOONEY!

Tom Mooney will die in San Quentin unless the workers unite in a mighty wave of mass action which will sweep the money lords of California, who keep him incarcerated, into the dust bin of history.

This is the lesson that has been driven home to thousands of workers by the recent refusal of the Supreme Court to even consider the evidence which proves this famous labor martyr the innocent victim of a vicious union smashing frame-up.

That Mooney himself realizes this was indicated by his announcement following the decision. He would wait, he said, until after the elections in the hope that Culbert L. Olson—if elected—would free him. That failing, he would appeal to the CIO, the AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods to take national "economic and political" action in his behalf.

OLSON SILENT

But Olson is a capitalist politician and has carefully avoided any commitments on what he will do about Mooney if elected. Like all such politicians he must take his orders from the moneyed interests who control his party and who are the very ones that keep Mooney imprisoned. Only candidates put forward by labor and directly responsible to labor can be counted on to act in the interests of labor.

Even if Olson is elected it is very doubtful that he will be allowed to free Mooney. No matter what his personal desires may be the great corporations such as the Pacific Gas and Electric Company which control both the Democratic and Republican Parties would never permit such an action except in the rare case that it was necessary to give Olson a liberal front in order to use him for another more important attack on labor.

It follows that labor can only depend on its own independent strength either in politics or on the economic field. A national movement of all the organizations of the working class that would indicate its determination through great mass demonstrations for Mooney's freedom is the only guarantee that this man who has sacrificed his life to our cause will ever walk the earth again as a free man.

This movement could and should start in California. The Socialist Workers Party calls on all unions and labor organizations in the state to raise this issue by organizing:

A ONE DAY STOPPAGE OF WORK TO DEMAND MOONEY'S FREEDOM.

Will Hitler Rule?

Today, Hitler holds the center of the world's stage. Around this bizarre figure revolve the questions of war and peace; questions of social philosophy, democracy, fascism, socialism.

WILL HITLER RULE THE WORLD? The Socialist Workers Party of San Francisco will answer this question at a meeting to be held on Armistice Day, Nov. 11 at Albion Hall, 141 Albion St., San Francisco.

Speakers dealing with this subject will be: Glen Trimble, State Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party; Jack Cope, Labor Editor and Harry Becker, Young Peoples Socialist League. Date: Nov. 11. Place: 141 Albion St. Time: 8:00 p. m.

Two Pictures

"At a dinner eaten on horseback the favorite steed was fed flowers and champagne; to a small black and tan dog wearing a diamond collar worth \$15,000 a lavish banquet was tendered; at one function the cigarettes were wrapped in hundred dollar bills; at another, fine black pearls were given to the diners in their oysters. When weary of such limited diversions, the plutocracy contrived more freakish occasions—with monkeys seated between guests, human goldfish swimming about in pools, or chorus girls hopping out of pies . . ." From "America's Sixty Families," by Ferdinand Lundberg.

Los Angeles, August 14, 1938.—Answering call of worried neighbors police broke into room of Arthur Jackson, 60, and wife only to find them dead as suicides. Search of the poorly furnished housekeeping room revealed note which read, "Where we are going we will not hunger." Neighbors recalled that Jackson, a former bookkeeper, had last worked as a night watchman four months ago, and then after being fired had applied for relief but because of some technicality could not qualify.—Item in Los Angeles newspaper.

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The Dies Committee Gas Attack Is No Accident!

The "smearing" of Governor Murphy of Michigan, a political protegee of F. D. Roosevelt, elicited a scorching denunciation by "our" president of the activity of the notorious Dies Committee. That the Dies Committee has been used as a political weapon by the most reactionary section of the American capitalist class has been apparent to every intelligent person. As long as they directed fulminations against the labor movement, Roosevelt found it possible to maintain a "discrete silence"! Now that Dies and Co. have over-stepped the bounds by injecting the "red herring" into the Michigan political campaign, to the possible detriment of the Roosevelt choice for governor, F. D. R. waxes indignant and rushes into print with a denunciation of the committee.

Significantly enough, while the Dies Committee was rendering yeoman service to the proponents of Proposition One, by smearing the California labor movement, Roosevelt uttered not one word of protest. The secretary of the reactionary "Associated Farmers" of California, Harper Knowles, is provided with an open forum by the Dies Committee. Speaking in the name of his employers Knowles wouldn't rate a half dozen lines in the press; but, speaking as a "witness" before the Dies Committee his ill-conceived propaganda is given screaming headlines in every Capitalist paper in California.

It was not just mere coincidence that the Associated Farmers in collaboration with the Dies Committee selected the pre-election period to broadcast their hymn of hate. As long as the boss-class minority controls the government, their agents will use the power of the state against the working mass majority. The Dies Committee is just one flagrant example of this truth. Only a Workers and Farmers government can serve the interests, social and economic, of the majority, of the people!

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