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## WORKERS MUST PREPARE STRUGGLE AGAINST WAR

### Midwest Militants In Victory

By CARL O'SHEA

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Once again the militant Minnesota labor movement, by defending itself against boss violence with militant mass counter-action, has strengthened the hand of the progressive union movement throughout the country. Albert Lea, an industrial community in southern Minnesota about one hundred miles from Minneapolis, is the locale of the present struggle.

Because southern Minnesota lies in the rich farming area, the section is the most reactionary, politically, of any in the state. When the present determined organization campaign got under way, the employers bluntly stated they were preparing for a show-down. Organization campaigns were answered by red-baiting editorials, the formation of an "Albert Lea Labor Employees' Association," and of Citizens Committees.

The strikes had been in progress for about two weeks when Sheriff Myre began deputizing two hundred men to "restore law and order to the strike-torn community." Early Friday morning his forces attacked the picket line outside the American Gas Machine Company plant. Clubs and tear-gas were brought into play.

The pickets defended themselves as best they could, armed only with bowling pins; being outnumbered they were driven from their posts. They retired in good order to the union headquarters. The deputies followed them to the union hall, raided the place and arrested 53 union men, including Joe Voorhees, strike leader.

#### Local 544 Mobilizes

Word of these vicious strike-breaking acts quickly got around. Fifteen cars loaded with 100 pickets, left Austin to aid their brothers in Albert Lea. Other workers began to arrive, from Winona, Rochester, and Mason City, Iowa.

In the meantime, the spearhead of unionization in the state, the powerful General Drivers Local 544 in Minneapolis, was closely watching developments. A special executive meeting of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council was called. Telegrams were dispatched to unions all over the state calling for a mass motor caravan to drive on Albert Lea Sunday, restore the picket lines and guarantee that a public mass meeting scheduled for 2:30 P. M. would be held.

Heartened by such support, the workers in Albert Lea reformed their lines. Late Friday afternoon they marched on the jail in which they were imprisoned their leaders, and staged a mass demonstration which effected the release of the

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### 'Cubs of the Roman Wolf'



"Cubs of the Roman Wolf" are the words on the radiator of this truck captured by Loyalist troops during the utter rout of Mussolini's Fascist squadrons by the Spanish people's army on the Guadalajara front.

## Strike Wave Rising Despite Legal Bans

By JACK FAHY

Labor's drive to close the gap between increased profits and lagging wage scales moved forward this week with the same unalterable determination it has shown for the past four months.

In an effort to halt the gains made by organized labor, congressmen in Washington attempted to attach an amendment to the Guffey Coal Bill declaring, "the so-called sit-down strike is illegal and contrary to sound public policy." The Senate voted 48 to 36 to leave the proposal out of the Guffey Bill. We may be wrong but we feel that legislators would serve the nation better if they agitated for an immediate decision by the Nine Old Men on the constitutionality of the Wagner Labor Relations Act instead of becoming hysterical about the legal aspects of the sitdown tactic.

#### Michigan

The Chrysler strike situation remained virtually unchanged as the conference between UAWA heads and company officials failed to produce any definite accord. Governor Murphy continued to report "a settlement is near." Rumors spread that announcement of an agreement was being held up because of Michigan elections but following the voting there was no

news for the 65,000 automobile workers.

Russell B. Porter, New York Times reporter, continued to send in dispatches intimating that the union has been forced to withdraw practically all its demands. The very fact that the conferences have been so prolonged should be ample proof that wholesale concessions have not been made by the representatives of the automobile workers.

#### Ford

Reactionaries throughout the country held their breaths last week as headlines told of a strike in one of the Ford Motor Company's units. Would the strike spread to all Ford plants? At Kansas City workers protested against discrimination aimed at union members in a layoff of 300 men. After a one day sitdown strike an agreement was reached and by Monday of this week the assembly lines were again rolling forward.

For the first time in twenty-

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## Socialists Restate Position Against War Taken 20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago the United States Government went to war. Twenty years ago the Socialist Party meeting in convention at St. Louis adopted an anti-war resolution, hurling defiance against the war makers and the war making government.

Today, twenty years later, the world totters on the edge of a new war. Our New Deal president, Roosevelt, just like our New Freedom president, Wilson, talks peace and prepares for war.

Meeting in convention at Chicago last week, the Socialist Party of the United States once more takes its firm stand against all capitalist war.

In unmistakable terms, the Socialist Party of the United States calls upon the working class of America to stand ready to fight the war machine.

Not a penny, not a man for war!

Turn the war into an occasion for social revolution!

These are the aims of the Socialist Party. These shall become the aims of the workers of the whole world.

The following is the text of the resolution on War adopted by the national convention of the Socialist Party held last week in Chicago:

### A NEW IMPERIALIST WAR IS IMMINENT

Aware of war's proximity, the capitalist powers are arming at war-time speed.

The world struggle among the capitalist powers is only superficially a conflict between democratic and Fascist powers. The struggle does not arise from the form of government in the capitalist state, nor from the special guilt of any nation or group of capitalist nations. A new world war will merely be the continuation by military methods of an incessant imperialist rivalry among all the capitalist powers.

The root of a new war will be the capitalist system, not its Fascist form. And the motive behind the capitalist governments entering the war will be imperialist.

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS THE INSTRUMENT OF IMPERIALISM

It has proved itself as powerless to prevent war as is the capitalist system itself.

The League of Nations has displayed itself as the conference table of the capitalist powers, over which they make their deals for the maintenance of the imperialist system.

### THE SOVIET UNION IS IN DANGER

The entrance of the Soviet Union into the League of Nations and the conclusion of a military pact with France have not guaranteed peace in Europe. The expected isolation of Hitler by a move for encirclement started by the Soviet Union has not been consummated, and has, as was to be anticipated, merely hastened a counter-formation of alliances against the Soviet Union.

### AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS PREPARING FOR WAR

In spite of the superficial concessions made under the "good neighbor" policy to anti-imperialist opinion, the effect of that policy is still to make Latin-America the imperialist domain of the

United States. The "good neighbor" policy has aided Cuban Fascism, allied to economic interests in the U.S.A., to subjugate the Cuban masses under a brutally repressive regime; it has encouraged and stabilized numerous Fascist governments whose existence is inimical to freedom and peace.

The most attractive slogans cannot disguise the attempts to tighten control of finance imperialism in the United States over the nations to the south. Even the outward appearance of international cooperation is often secured by agreements with reactionary dictators which rest upon the suppression and exploitation of the Latin American peoples.

### NEUTRALITY LEGISLATION PASSED UNDER CAPITALISM CANNOT KEEP THE NATION OUT OF WAR

So long as there is no peace time neutrality—since economic competition and imperialist penetration continue—there can be no lasting war-time neutrality. So soon as an international war begins to shake the American economic empire, the United States government will move its armies into the field for defense of the imperialist structure.

Neutrality legislation tends to

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# The Socialist Convention Lays Basis For Rooting Party In Mass Struggles

By GUS TYLER

The Socialist Party National Convention in Chicago worked seriously four long days to hammer out of the material at hand a party which would be able to operate through new social crises and organize for workers' power in the face of war and Fascism.

A party of struggle—capable of conducting revolutionary actions in line with its Socialist principles—was the central objective of the convention.

Reporters—representing clearly delineated points of view—were chosen before the convention. They drafted their resolutions beforehand. They prepared their reports beforehand. When the convention opened, the delegates were ready to hear and judge sharp points of view. The committee work was primarily draft work. The debate was not on detail but on basic principles.

The serious tone of the convention, the high level of political debate, the decisiveness with which the delegates expressed opinions, showed even better than the actual decisions that this convention was tensely aware of its objective: to lay the first foundation of a party of struggle.

No flippant debate, to show off superiority of wording or abstract theory. No splitting of hairs over a phrase. But a sober consideration of political principles, a somewhat impatient desire for a clear line, a demand for determined direction.

## Wanted Decisions

These delegates came to the National Convention to get DECISIONS, so that they might go back home with the feeling that they knew where they were going, where the party was going, and in what direction they should call upon the workers and farmers of America to move with them.

The first day's debate, on the war resolution, clearly indicated the direction of the convention and the party. There was no longer the usual discussion of war in the abstract—plus a general rejection of the notion of war. There was a live recognition of war's proximity and a wholesome consideration of the concrete problems before the American Socialist Party in the present world scene.

The party's attitude on war is a sensitive compass indicating its direction. A new war will separate the patriots from the revolutionists. A new war will test the strength of the party and the sincerity of its every last member. A new war will unleash forces of revolution in America. A new war will pose the problem of workers' power—to take or to surrender. Our perspective toward the coming war—surely within our immediate period—is a basic attitude for our party.

## Reaffirmed Stand

The present resolution reaffirmed the basic concept of the Cleveland anti-war resolution, in no unmistakable terms—and then went beyond it.

The central idea behind the resolution is the object of turning the forces unleashed by the war—mass struggles for higher wages, lower prices, civil rights, peace—against the capitalist class, to turn war into an occasion for social revolution.

The addition to the resolution is the recognition of the positive value of wars of liberation. The Socialist Party takes its stand in support of such wars as that of the Soviet Union against an aggressor of the workers against

capitalists, of the colonies against the imperialist.

The resolution calls for concrete support to such wars by the means of independent working class action, "by refusing support to any capitalist country, by undermining the war machine, by incessantly preparing the working class by uninterrupted class struggle to overthrow capitalism, by opposing any blockade against the exploited, by striking all shipments to the armies of the exploiters, and by direct aid in the form of men, money and munitions."

## Realistic Attitude

The delegates at the Chicago convention were not merely registering their abhorrence of bloodshed and their revulsion against the inhumanity of war. They were taking a much more realistic attitude. They were posing the question of what's to be done about it. They were making an objective estimate of the social forces surrounding a war. Hence no idle talk, but serious preparation to organize the forces set in motion by a war to carry through a revolutionary offensive.

Proof that the convention knew what it meant when it rejected all notions of patriotism and pseudo-patriotism, was its reaffirmation of the class struggle line in face of the problem of Fascism. Every suggestion of a People's Front was thumpingly defeated. In the face of reaction, the Socialist Party called upon the workers to launch an attack—as its best defense.

## Against People's Front

In opposition to the idea of a People's Front, the Socialist Party proposed a class front and a united front of action. The workers cannot fight reaction—which springs from capitalism—by surrendering the fight upon capitalism. The working class can hope to undermine the mass basis of Fascism only by holding out to the discontented middle classes an alternative to the present rotten system. Should the working class leadership fail to point toward a hopeful future, the ranks of the workers will be demoralized, the middle class will turn

to the Fascists for leadership, the Fascist ranks will swell.

The class struggle—on the national and international front—is the answer to the threat of war and Fascism. That is the unmistakable decision of the convention.

But the class struggle IN LIFE—that, too, is the convention decision. The convention does not want a party which is just correct; but a party which takes its decisions seriously enough to carry them with understanding vigor before the masses.

## Heard Mass Workers

For the first time in many years, the party had a chance to hear reports from its mass workers, based upon experience in the fields, interpreted in Socialist language.

The very fact that this is so marks an advance in the building of a revolutionary party in America. These comrades and delegates who reported did not do so as fraternal greeters. They did so as Socialists, who were operating as Socialists, who were in mass organizations because there was Socialist work to do there, who were reporting to their convention because they wanted to know how to go ahead.

The enemies of the Socialist Party, who speak of it as isolated from the masses, would have wept copious tears had they been present at this convention. From every field of vital struggle there came Socialists, giving their Socialist estimate of events and of the tasks before our party.

Probably the richest discussion was that on the Workers' Alliance. Delegates after delegate told of the constructive work Socialists had done in making the Alliance the giant mass organization it is today. But they did not stop with a consideration of its size. They went ahead, ahead to the duties of Socialists in the Workers' Alliance who would make of it a fit instrument for advancing the interests of the unemployed workers.

## Dangerous Trends

From their experiences the delegates told of the new bureaucratic and class collaborationist tendencies developing inside the Workers' Alliance, because of the attempted

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## U. S. Socialists Hails The Heroic Struggle Of Spanish Masses

VALENCIA, Spain (By cable).—"This banner will go with us to battle. It will return covered by blood and glory from the common front where the fate of us all is being decided."

These were the concluding words of Alvarez del Vayo, foreign minister of the Spanish government, in accepting the red banner presented to the Spanish people by the Socialist Party of the U. S. A. through Sam Baron during an impressive ceremony in this city on March 27.

Baron, in presenting the banner, stated:

"I speak a language of which the majority of the audience is ignorant, but they will follow me all the same. And even if this silence continues, they will understand the mission perfectly which brings me to Spain. For we both speak the language of the International Proletariat.

"Its message, its hopes, its desires, no matter in what language they are expressed, will be understood by the world that understands that in Spain is the temple of its hopes. Here the last adventure of the international criminals, the German and Italian Fascists, is being played out.

"After the enslavement of the workers in Germany and Italy, the heroic workers of Austria too were smashed by the clerical and by the marionettes of Stahremberg, aided by Mussolini. We have seen Fascism conquer Ethiopia and in so doing mock the hypocritical presumption of so-called democratic countries.

"Fascism in its arrogance defies the entire world. But it was left for poor exploited Spain to take up the gauntlet of defiance and wage a life and death battle against Fascism.

"The famous Austrian Socialist, Wallisch, said just before his execution by Fascists: 'The sword falls from my hand but it will be raised and brandished by others.'

"This is true. Now in spite of German Nazis, Italian Fascists, Moroccans, hateful and egomaniac generals, landholding clericals, great industrialists and bankers, who have united to crush the government elected by the people; in spite of the fact that your government was unarmed and little able to defend itself against the revolt so carefully planned by these birds of prey; in spite of all the suffering and sacrifice of your people; in spite of the organized murder of women and children by these foreign gangsters; in spite of millions left homeless and the destructive bombardment of the civil population; in spite of all this—perhaps because of it!—the Spanish working class has armed itself to fight for liberty!

"And now this liberalizing army has ceased to play a defensive role and has become an army of offense with which to make Spain the tomb of Fascism. Spain will no longer tolerate either political or economic tyranny.

"The international working class regards you with admiration. We salute you. The international working class send you food, clothing, ambulances, nurses, medicines. And in this same spirit the Socialist Party of the United States sends you this banner as a symbol of its solidarity with you and the government of Spain.

"Long live the Republic! Long live political and economic democracy!"

## SO THERE

CLEVELAND — (FP)—The sitdown strike hit John P. Frey's union when 75 members of the Molders Union called a sitdown strike at the Superior Foundry, Co. Frey has denounced sitdowns.

## 75,000 Throng Akron Strike Demonstration

By B. J. WIDICK

AKRON, Ohio—Over 75,000 men and women participated here last Sunday in a gigantic demonstration of solidarity with the Firestone strikers entering their fifth week of struggle for sole collective bargaining rights for the United Rubber Workers of America.

A perfect spring day made ideal weather for the workers who poured into the downtown streets like an irresistible flood. Even the conservative Cleveland Plain Dealer estimated 75,000 either in the parade or among the thousands of cheering spectators. The size of the parade amazed everyone, including many labor leaders.

Wilmer Tate, president of the Central Labor Union, was the grand marshal. Behind him marched over 100 CIO and AFL Locals, a not insignificant symbol of rank and file unity in the common struggle against the capitalist class.

New life was given the 8,000 Firestone strikers when they saw the thousands of workers rally to their struggle. The demonstration was a heart-breaking sight to the company which has been trying to starve the unionist, into submission, but it provided an excellent background for negotiations which were to begin again this week.

## S.P. In Newark Election

NEWARK, N. J.—The Socialist Party of Newark is entering the election for City Commissioners with a full ticket of five candidates. Elections will be held May 11.

Socialist candidates are: Agnes Martin, Alonzo Odam, Irving Rosenberg, William Cruse, George Breitman.

## Italian Fascist Prisoners in Spain



First picture of 41 Italian Fascist soldiers captured by the Loyalists on the Guadalajara front. Thousands of Italian Fascist prisoners have been captured in the route of the Fascists on the Guadalajara and Cordoba fronts. It is estimated that there are at least 70,000 troops of Mussolini fighting against the Spanish workers and peasants on Spanish soil.



# Flint Auto Men Guard Civil Rights

By HY FISH

FLINT, Mich. — Militancy and unity are still the watchwords of the Flint auto workers.

When the workers of Chevrolet plant No. 2 staged a sit-down a week ago Wednesday to force the management to recognize the steward system and negotiate with their bargaining committee on higher wages, every Chevrolet plant in Flint, involving 15,000 workers, was shut down.

The Fisher Body workers were planning to join the sit-downs in a sympathy move when the union bargaining committee received assurance that the management would meet with the union. With this assurance, the men evacuated plant No. 4 where they had concentrated.

Plant No. 4 where motors are assembled was the concentration plant because it is the key in the Chevrolet set-up. Under the leadership of Kermit Johnson and Gilbert Rose, elected by the men, committees were elected and machinery set up for any eventuality. Johnson was strike chairman during the sit-down in February.

That the men felt strongly about their demands was evident when it took only eight minutes to shut all nine Chevrolet plants and five hours to convince them to evacuate.

Being loyal union men they left the plant at the request of the international organizers but in every plant there is still distrust of the motives and plans of the management.

### Full Cooperation

The company had underestimated the strength of the union and the determination of its members when it refused to meet and negotiate with the bargaining committee. The successful sit-down proved them wrong and now they're singing a different tune. The men are ready to show their strength again, if necessary.

"We expect the full cooperation of our international in our fight for recognition of our bargaining and grievance set-up," Kermit Johnson said. "At the conference in Detroit several weeks ago where the GM agreement was explained to the delegates from all over the country our international officers assured us that we would be supported in our fight for the union steward system if the men wanted it. The men do want it."

### Hit Arrest Of Vic Reuther

FLINT—Three union organizers, Robert Travis, Henry Krause and Roy Reuther, were arrested on framed charges of malicious destruction of property as a result of the General Motors strike. The charges were dismissed. Examination of Victor Reuther on the same charges was held up.

Local 156 of the United Auto Workers adopted the following resolution on the arrest of Reuther:

"WHEREAS Brother Victor Reuther worked ardently with our local in the organization of the

## Stop Scabbing



A scene in Wilmington, Delaware, as a striker—in support of the 20 day walkout of truck drivers—demonstrates a scab.

union and performed outstanding and commendable services during the recent strike through his courageous stand in the battle against Fisher No. 2 which won him the respect and love of the Flint union men and women, and the hatred of the corporations and reactionaries;

"WHEREAS there has since been a steady campaign to discredit and slander him by the usual foul means which the enemies of unionism employ including all kinds of slanderous red baiting;

"WHEREAS it has been decided by the court this past Friday (April 2) to hold Victor Reuther for trial on trumped up charges of rioting with the danger that he may be framed by false testimony and railroaded to jail;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this meeting of our local union that we condemn the campaign of slander against him and condemn this effort to railroad him to jail and we further go on record demanding all charges against him be dropped and pledge him fullest support in the fight to retain his freedom."

### Two Organizations Send Food to Spain

Fourteen hundred bags of flour, weighing 196,000 pounds, were shipped to Spain this week by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. At the same time 48,000 cans of evaporated milk were sent from Holland to Valencia by the United Youth Committee, which is affiliated with the North American Committee.

This was the fourth shipment of food-stuffs sent to Spain by the committee. Previous food shipments have totalled over 500,000 pounds. Since its inception in October, 1936, the committee received contributions for Spain from individuals and organizations amounting to \$90,260.

### "Nation" Ship

The first consignment of food for Spanish non-combatants was shipped last week by the Nation, weekly magazine. It consisted of: 98,000 pounds of flour; 48,000 cans of condensed milk; 5,

## TWOC Wins In Louisville; Socialists Aid

By JACK KWALLEK

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—This city, paradise of open-shoppers, is at last becoming unionized. The first strike in the drive of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee occurred here.

The strike at the Louisville Textile plant was a spontaneous sitdown of about 200 workers in the night shift. They had made no union contacts. Paul Rasmussen and a group of other Socialists went out to the plant to see how they were getting on. When they discovered that the workers had no leadership within the plant, Rasmussen, Pat Ansbury, Slim Boggs and Jack Kwallek climbed the ten-foot fence surrounding the plant, entered through a window, and organized the workers into the TWOC.

Rasmussen then contacted the TWOC offices by long distance. The Socialist local advanced \$50 to feed the strikers until the dred Jeffries were sent in by the TWOC and immediately held a mass meeting at which 400 workers of the plant signed with the union.

### Complete Victory

The strikers were evicted by the police with tear gas and vomit gas. Paul Rasmussen was arrested. Six hundred union members picketed the plant for ten days. The result was a complete victory for the union, including increased pay, a 40-hour week and recognition of the union.

Local Socialists are also giving valuable aid to strikers of the Louisville Refining Co. and of the Brades and Gheens Candy Co. Francis Kwallek, state organizer of the party, has been working with a group of truckers who wish to organize.

000 tins of sardines; 1,100 pounds of spaghetti.

This is the first of a series of weekly food shipments. Helen Woodward is chairman of the committee.

## British Labor to Give Thomas Rousing Reception on Arrival

Special to the CALL

LONDON, England.—The organized British labor movement will give Norman Thomas a rousing reception when he arrives here April 9 for a five-day stay in this country.

On his first day in England he will address a mass meeting with Sir Stafford Cripps, leader of the Socialist League, in Bristol, arranged by the Labor Party of that city. The following day, April 10, he will speak to the students of Cambridge and Oxford.

England's foremost writers and publishers will have an opportunity to meet Thomas the next day. In the afternoon he will be guest of honor at a reception tendered by Victor Gollway, English publisher, for writers and publishers. In the evening D. N. Pritt, labor member of Parliament, will be host at a gathering of leftwing writers to meet America's foremost Socialist.

On April 12 he will appear in Parliament, where he will address all Labor M. P.'s and British labor leaders. Major Attlee, leader of the Labor Parliamentary Party, will preside. On the same day he will speak before British labor leaders and officials at the Trade Union Club in London.

On April 13, his final day in England, he will be featured speaker at a monster mass meeting at Kingsway Hall, London, sponsored by the British Labor Party. Speaking with him will be George Lansbury, Major Attlee, and Sir Stafford Cripps.

## Union To Organize Million Oil Workers

By GEORGE J. PAPCUN

HOUSTON, Texas.—With the meeting of the International Executive Board of the Oil Workers Union which took place April 5, the drive to organize one million workers in the United States

opened. Even before the meeting of the board, the workers began to pour into the union. At a mass meeting in Corpus Christi last Wednesday over 400 oil workers were present, and despite the stool plegions and bosses who attended the meeting, the oil workers openly joined the union enthusiastically.

The meeting of the Executive Board of the union has caused the oil companies and other barons of industry to get the jitters. One of the most vicious and the most contemptible campaigns is now taking place against the sitdown strike. This campaign is being waged by the leaders of the American Federation of Labor, at the head appears to be John Frey, president of the AFL Metal Trades Department, who will appear in Houston at a mass meeting at the City Auditorium April 15. It is evident that he is working together with Governor James V. Allred who last week released a vicious attack against the CIO and sitdown strikes. In his statement he warned the workers that he would not tolerate sitdown strikes in Texas.

### Papers Attack Union

The vicious attack which has been going on in the newspapers for the last several weeks is part of the strategy of the oil corporations and the governor of the state of Texas, who with the old-line AFL officialdom are trying to pre-

vent inroads in the organization of the oil workers in the center of the oil industry in Texas.

The Oil Workers Union opens its drive with a mass meeting on April 9 where thousands of oil workers are expected to be present. Adolph Germer, representing the CIO, will be the main speaker.

While the organizing has been going on, the Humble Oil and Refining Co. has been issuing statements through a stooge organization called the "Employees of the Humble Oil and Refining Company." They have issued a newspaper called the "Voice" which makes its principal attack against John L. Lewis, the CIO and Robert Oliver of Goose Creek, Texas. Oliver has long been a thorn in the side of the Humble Oil Company as he has been able to maintain a local of the Oil Workers there under sometimes very adverse conditions. The workers in that territory have the utmost confidence in Oliver's integrity, sincerity and ability.

The oil union campaign is also having an effect on office workers of the oil companies. Several of them have made inquiries and application to join the union. The executive board will make a formal decision as to what shall be done with these workers.

### Governor Backs Oil Bosses

DALLAS, Texas.—At a meeting of the officials of the oil industries held here last week under the auspices of the American Petroleum Institute plans were made to meet the drive of the Oil Workers Union to organize the million men in the industry.

They are certain of the support of Governor Allred—"Jimmy" as he is fondly called by the oil bosses—in their attempt to halt the drive. Allred has been in the forefront of the slanderous attacks on the CIO and the Oil Workers Union. He aspires to run for the U. S. Senate and to succeed in this state he needs the backing of the oil magnates.

Texas is completely dominated by the Democratic Party, which, according to backer of Roosevelt, was to give labor a new deal. It is also the state of Vice-President Garner. Allred was a vigorous supporter of Roosevelt. Labor is already getting a taste of what the New Deal really means through

### Newspaper Guild In Biggest Strike

JAMAICA, N. Y. — The largest strike of editorial workers ever called in this country is being waged by the Newspaper Guild against the Long Island Daily Press. Sixty-six of its 68 employees walked out Monday.

The Long Island Press was the first paper against which the newly organized Guild called a strike four years ago. At that time a compromise settlement was reached, the provisions of which have been ignored by the publisher.

Two hundred pickets, which included local ministers and rabbis, surrounded the building the day the strike was called, and a constant mass picket line is being maintained. The men and women are demanding a minimum of \$25 for a 40-hour week and recognition of the union.

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## THE ST. LOUIS RESOLUTION

In the city of St. Louis, the Socialist Party is running a startlingly effective municipal campaign. The ticket, headed by George A. Duemler for Mayor, and by Paul W. Preisler for School Board, is keeping the banner of Socialism before the workers of the city.

But amidst it all, these stern old fighters for the cause of the workers have not forgotten the great international tasks before the Socialist Party of the United States. They have not forgotten that St. Louis was the scene of a great historic action twenty years ago.

The St. Louis Resolution! Those words have great meaning for all Socialists. Those words will have great meaning in the future.

The St. Louis Resolution contained the uncompromising words of defiance flung by the Socialist Party in 1917 into the teeth of the Wilson Government. The St. Louis Resolution meant tar and feathers, meant jail and torture, meant suppression and outlawry for thousands of Socialists in America. The St. Louis Resolution sent one of the noblest souls in America to the dungeons of Atlanta, threw our Gene Debs into the jails of capitalism.

The St. Louis Resolution cost us much. But we regret nothing. We would not cancel a word of it. We would not soften a phrase of it. In the face of a new war—we repeat it and sharpen it.

And we do it with great certainty today because the history of the twenty years that have intervened has proven us to be correct.

We refused support to America in the World War. We refused support because we knew that its pious phrases were fakes; because we knew its ideals to be mere phrases; because we knew profit to be its only ideal.

Has it been so?

Is the world today more safe for democracy? Is it?

Look at Germany, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Poland. Look at those countries where Fascism is on the march—at France, at Belgium, at Spain. And then look at those democratic countries, like our own, which have drawn up their careful plans for a war time dictatorship in the not too distant future.

Democracy has less safety today than in 1917. Democracy is in decay. Democracy is rotting because capitalism is rotting. And while democracy is entombed in the rotting body of capitalism, it must grow diseased with the sickness of capitalism.

Democracy can only live in a healthy society, in a Socialist society. The only war to make the world safe for democracy is the war for workers' power and Socialism.

Did the last war really end all wars? Did it?

Look at the world today, at its arms, at its furious manifestoes, at its struggle for empires.

The only question now is: When the war?

The last war did not end wars. It did not end wars because it was a war to preserve and extend the capitalist-imperialist system that breeds war.

The St. Louis Declaration stated with prophetic clarity and noble courage that the only war in which the working class would be justified in taking up arms is the grand war of the working class for its liberation.

Only such a war will make the world safe for democracy.

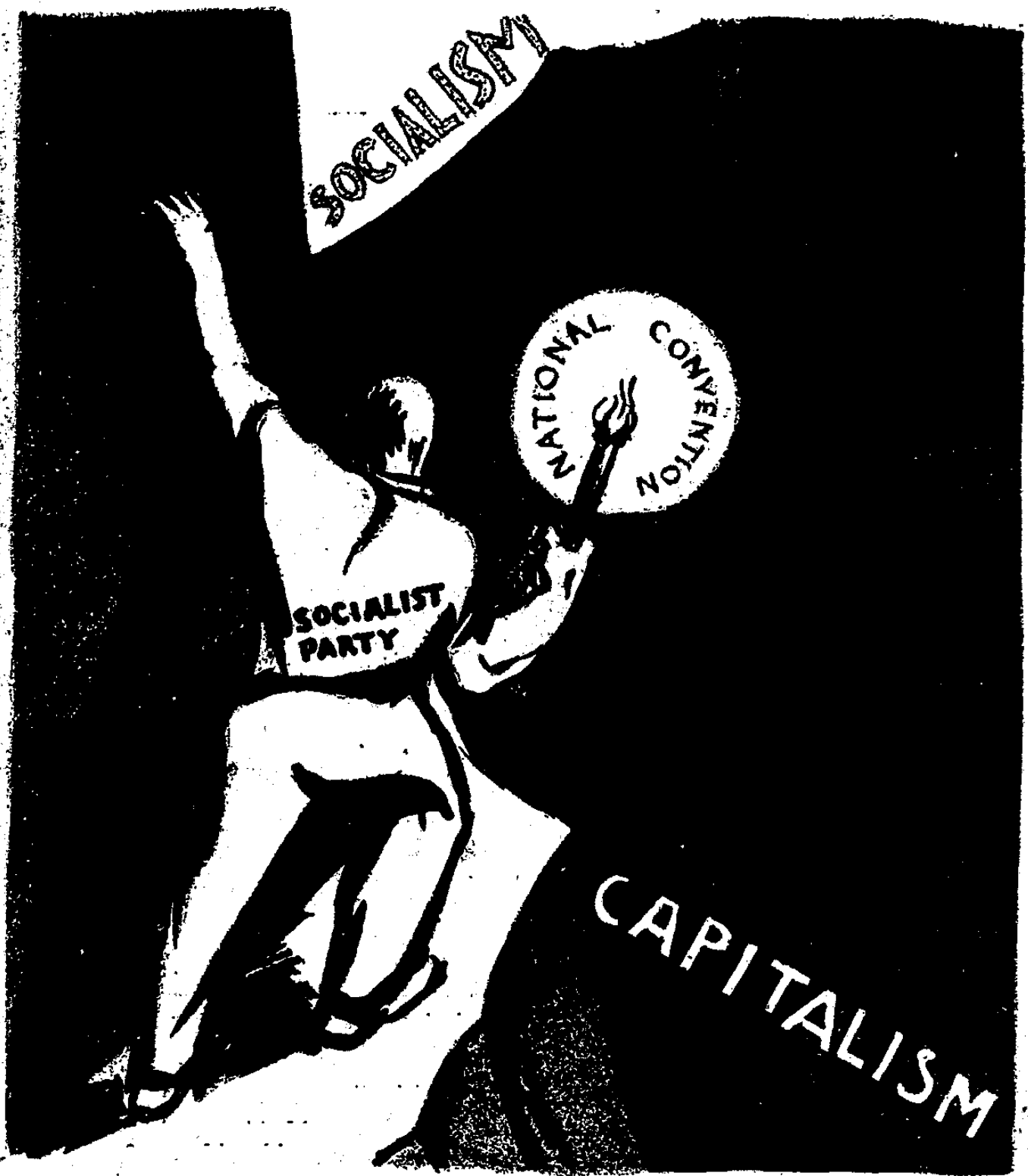
Only such a war could end all war.

When on April 13, in the Municipal Auditorium of St. Louis, Socialist speakers rise to claim their great anti-war heritage of the past—they should not stand alone. With them should stand those multitudes who from their bitter experience know the bitter lies of the war makers. With them should stand all those who knew of an earlier New Deal Democrat, Woodrow Wilson. With them should stand all those who hate Fascism, who hate war, who want to see a world wherein war and Fascism will be impossible.

The Socialist Party, at its recent Chicago Convention, renewed its pledge to fight all capitalist wars. But the call it has issued is not one addressed to fair weather friends alone. It is a call for solidarity in foul weather as well. It is a resolve to conduct the war against war not merely in the comparatively easy days before the war, but also in the hard days of war itself. It is a call to oppose the war, and while opposing it to harness the wild forces unleashed by the war time horrors, and to turn them against the capitalist system.

As one capitalist paper put it: *Socialists Call for Revolt in Event of War.*

## The Road Ahead



## Women Socialist Leaders Needed

To the Editor:

It is time for women in the Socialist Party to take stock. Out of 22 persons just chosen for the National Executive Committee and alternates, not one woman is included. Throughout the country, not one woman who had attained national influence, was considered of National Executive Committee stature, or was willing to accept the position if offered.

It is easy to understand the small proportion of women leaders in the party when one notes that all up the pyramid, women refuse responsible positions on executive committees, important sub-committees and delegate bodies. I believe that in no positions of consequence are women represented in proportion to their numbers in the party.

To combat the inbred humility and lack of aggressive desire for domination which on the whole characterize women in the sphere of politics, is no small task. But it must be done because it will be necessary to have large numbers of women executives, speakers, and organizers in the Party in order to get other capable women into our ranks.

There should be some serious discussion upon the validity of representation on the basis of sex, as well as race and location, on national committees—some conscious efforts made to persuade women to accept increased responsibility in leadership positions. A little more realistic approach to the problem and less male snickers over the topic would be helpful.

New York

PEGGY GILLAN

the opportunity to congratulate it on its leading editorial. In opposing American government participation in collective action with other capitalist countries against Fascism, you are not only on sound Socialist grounds, but you are proclaiming a Socialist tenet that will make the greatest appeal to American workers.

They do not want to get involved in another imperialist war. The Stalinists know this full well. Therefore, as illustrated in Louis Fischer's article in the current Nation, they resort to a campaign of duplicity.

"Collective action does not mean war." What assurance can he or any other Stalinist give that it will not lead to war? "If you say A you must say B," runs an old German proverb.

Anti-Fascism was used by Stalinists in the last campaign to screen their betrayal of Marxist duty to oppose both capitalist parties. The Republican Party had to be represented as Fascist to permit them with an easy conscience to support a capitalist party.

While I am writing, I should like to say something about the Socialist position on sitdown strikers. Capitalist attack labor on two fronts, physical and moral. The distinct contribution that Socialists can make is in defense of the latter. Only the belief

that tools of production belong to workers in common can give moral sanction to these acts.

FRANK D. SLOCUM

## Laundry Workers Gains Continue

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The strike of the laundry workers in Brownsville and East New York has entered the fourth week with the bosses admitting that their business is paralyzed.

A number of fruitless conferences have been held by the Mayor's recently appointed mediation board. The real work of the strike has been carried on through mass picket lines which have frustrated attempts by the bosses to bring in scabs.

A number of laundries, such as the Cooperative, Dumora, Prospect, Belmont, Powell, Vermont have signed up with the union. The Union Label and Socialist Consumers of Brownsville are maintaining a commissary for the strikers.

A victory dance for the strikers will be held this Saturday at the Brownsville Labor Lyceum.

## Join The Socialist Party

For information fill out the blank and send it to the Socialist Party, 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

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## Hits Collective Security

To the Editor:

I have criticized the CALL so often that I am really glad of



# SQUIBS

By Loren Norman

## BARGAIN

Cheery little little-dress  
Design and cut quite late  
(Pieced and stitched at midnight  
In toil and sweat and hate)  
Mildady has a choice of them—  
\$1.98  
—Kempton Smith

## SALUD

Again we bring you SQUIBS, this time at the request of our public—both of them!

A successful columnist, some wisecrackers once remarked, is a guy who can get other folks to do his work for him. Therefore, we are opening this column to contributions. The more the merrier. Jokes, wisecracks, anecdotes, satiric sketches and verse are welcome. We like a light touch. No pay—it's for the good of the cause. No returns—that costs money. Address SQUIBS. And let the quips fall where they may.

Pity the plight of the poor Communist Party sympathizer who was recently plumped into a new job in a bookstore. His first assignment was pushing the sale of "The Revolution Betrayed" by Leon Trotsky.

One of our advisors is afraid SQUIBS will become too anti-CP. No need for us to talk against the best interest of the CP—the Communists do enough of that.

## FASCIST AGENT

Which brings us the story of the New York SP-er who was put in his place by a Union Square revolutionist not so long ago. Strutting a light gray top-coat just back from the cleaners, the SP-er halted when he heard a haranguer lambasting the POUM as an enemy of the Spanish Loyalists. The SP-er, being that kind of a guy, interposed the suggestion that maybe the POUM wasn't kosher because they believed in carrying the revolution through.

"Are you a worker," the gossip asked, poking a stubby finger at the SP-er.

"Sure, I'm a member of the working class," the victim replied.

The speaker twisted his forefinger in the lapel of the victim's coat.

"You never bought that coat on a worker's salary," he charged.

Then, turning to his audience, he beamed:

"See, fellow workers. What did I tell you? He's in the pay of the Fascists."

Gem regarding Spain from the London correspondent of the United Press: "Impartial observers are convinced that Hitler in the last two months has actually kept his help to the insurgents to a minimum."

What's one man's minimum is another man's Maxim-gun.

## RINGING THE BELL

Out in Detroit they tell the story of Ford's general production manager, one of these hard-bitten guys who parades through the plant letting everybody know who's boss, cussing out the help for being slow or killing an odd minute now and then.

One time when he came down from his tower and stalked through the plant in a particular belligerent mood, his eyes came to rest on a workman sitting on a box in a corner, very plainly idling.

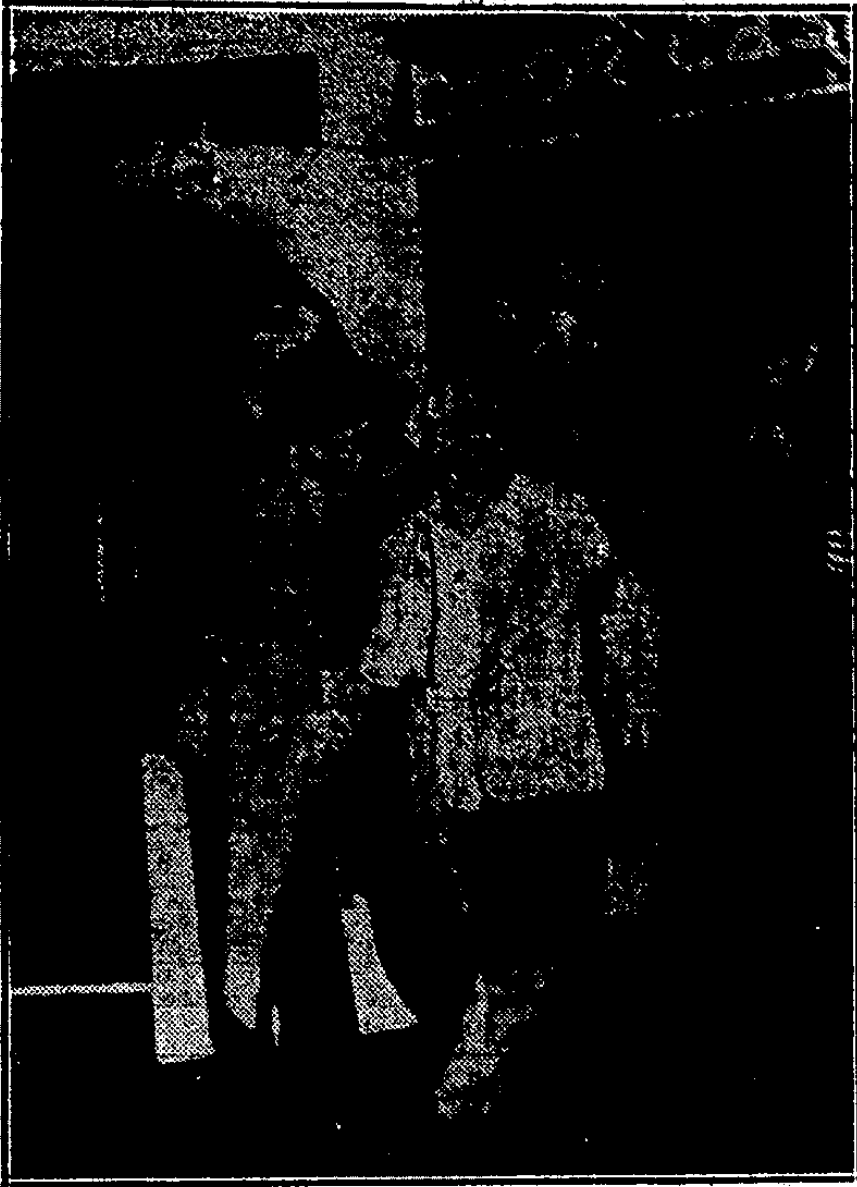
He walked up, kicked the box out from under the workman, snarled:

"What the hell you think we're paying you for, you lazy so-and-so?"

Bum! The man's fist caught the manager right on the chin.

"Don't call me a lazy so-and-so,"

## Cops Oust Sit-Downers



When workers in Detroit hotels staged a sit-down strike, the police announced that if the strikers didn't come out voluntarily they would come in "and throw you out." The workers didn't come out, and here is one of the strikers in the Book-Cadillac Hotel being forcibly ejected.

## MADRID RADIO HEARD IN U. S. EVERY NIGHT

By JOHN ROGERS

"Hello, hello, America! This is Spain calling! Station EAQ Number 2 in MADRID!"

Thus the program addressed to English-speaking workers starts every evening at 7:30, Eastern Standard time. The signal, hurled across the Atlantic by 20 kilowatts of power on 31.65 meters is one of the most powerful ever heard in this country.

Certainly it is much louder and more steady than the stations in London, Paris or Berlin. On nights with good conditions it comes over as loud and clear as any local American station is ever heard on any ordinary broadcast receiver. Outside of a slight surging or wave-like sound at times one would never guess that it comes from so great a distance.

It is hard for me to convey

I work for Bell Telephone."

*Peddling of fish in the South has developed into an art, according to a study made by two Columbia professors.*

*There are plenty of artists among politicians up North, too, but all they peddle is baloney.*

Nicholas (Miraculous) Butler, the child labor cluckster from Columbia U., allows as how the Republican Party has been going downhill for thirty years. How long Doc Butler has been going downhill we will leave to your imagination—he was 75 this week.

## THAT WINNING SMILE

Bretrand Russell told an English audience the other day that "If Hitler marched his troops into this country . . . we should welcome them like tourists, greeting them in a friendly way. That would take the starch out of them."

Turn the other cheek—if it hasn't been shot off.

Financial item: Worthington Pump Plans New Bond Issue.

What! Another plan to pump the public?

just how thrilling it is when you first hear the radio voices of our Comrades in Madrid.

Speeches in Spanish and Portuguese are also transmitted for South and Central American listeners. All this is part of the Loyalist Government's plan to supply the truth to Americans about the invasion of Spain by the Fascists.

Among the many things that impress me about the Madrid broadcasts is the absence of martial music. Unlike the programs from Fascist Germany, the Spanish comrades send classic and operatic selections. Lively music which makes it additionally hard for us to realize that what we are hearing is coming all the way from war-torn Spain. Hard to realize that, at the very moment that we are listening, the Fascist bombing planes may be flying over the city on one of their murderous raids.

## Culture Preserved

Having to depend to a great extent on the news dispatches in the daily papers for news of the conflict, it is a welcome change to be able to hear inside stories of what is going on from the mouths of comrades who are right on the scene. The listener hears stories such as these, which were broadcast the other evening by a young woman.

She said: "War is raging today in Spain. Every available male in the country is wearing a uniform and carrying a gun. Even while the bloody conflict goes on, Spain is trying to preserve its rich heritage of culture. Let me tell you of one such bit of work that is going on."

"The palace of the Duke of Alba is in Madrid. It stands very close to University City and has been bombed many times by the Fascists. Even while it has been under fire the loyalists have been making trips into the building to

## Dewey Heads Commission To Try Trotsky in Mexico

John Dewey, America's outstanding philosopher, will preside at hearings in Mexico City, opening this week-end, at which Leon Trotsky's testimony on the Moscow Trials will be taken and subjected to severe cross-examination.

Sitting with Dr. Dewey as a preliminary commission of inquiry will be Dr. Otto Ruhle, biographer of Marx and a leading German Socialist, now a refugee from Hitlerism; Benjamin Stolberg, author and labor journalist; Carleton Beals, author and defender of Latin-American people against American imperialism; Suzanne LaFollette, author and editor of the New Freeman; and Carlo Tresca, editor of IL Martello and a leader of the Italian anti-Fascist movement in this country.

The commissioners have retained as counsel John Finerty, famous Irish Republican, associated with the defense of Tom Mooney, Sacco and Vanzetti and active in other great labor cases. In a written stipulation, Mr. Finerty is guaranteed the right to cross-examine Trotsky as if he were a hostile witness.

## Ask Investigation

Millions of workers throughout the world support the proposal for an impartial investigation of the Moscow trials. As soon as the Zinoviev-Kamenev trials were announced last August, the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions telegraphed Moscow, demanding legal guarantees for the defendants and the presence of defending counsel completely independent of the government. The Russian government never even replied to this communication from the world's largest labor organization.

Virtually every labor organization outside of the Communists have condemned the trials. The most outstanding liberals throughout the world have refused to accept the verdicts. The demand for an impartial commission of inquiry has been raised everywhere as the best means of coming to a clear and acceptable decision on the issues raised by the Moscow trials. At its meeting last November, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party voted to support this

save paintings, furniture etc. In the greenhouses the broken glass has been covered by straw matting to protect the flowers. They are still tended and watched. The people know how to take care of what is theirs.

"Although the war rages in trenches very near and the palace seems a complete ruin from the outside, inside is a hive of activity. Workmen are busy removing the great heaps of broken masonry from the interior. Several rooms have been cleared. The walls are being rebuilt with a great degree of care from the back to prevent collapse. What can be saved is being saved.

## For A New Spain

"The Palace has been a museum and will be a museum again, but it will be more than a museum which bears witness to the sheltered life of a few. It will bear testimony to the heroic struggle of the workers of Spain against the ruthlessness of fascism. The Spanish people are rebuilding their country in spite of invaders. They are building a new and more glorious Spain."

Before 10 o'clock, the main part of the English language program is over and Madrid signs off to resume its Spanish portion.

Tomorrow night and other nights EAQ Madrid will be calling, and sending its message to an ever-increasing American listening

demand and to endorse the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky.

The international Socialist and labor movement, as well as the members of the commission, have made it clear that they are not concerned with the political philosophy of Leon Trotsky. They maintain that it is the duty of the international working class and of all other friends of the Soviet Union to get to the truth of the charges against Trotsky, and others accused by Stalin of plotting against the Soviet Union.

## Invite Communists

In the interest of leaving no stone unturned to obtain the true facts, invitations to send attorneys to cross-examine Trotsky were despatched to Ambassador Troyanovsky and to the Communist Party here, to participate with the full right to cross-examine.

If the representatives have the damning evidence against Trotsky which they claim to have, they could publicly confront him with it before the commission and the press of the world and forever still any doubt as to his guilt. Ambassador Troyanovsky and the Communist Party rejected this opportunity.

The Russian government made no effort to secure his presence at the trials, although it could easily have done so by extradition proceedings in the Norwegian courts and can do so now by taking similar steps in Mexico. Trotsky has repeatedly challenged his accusers to ask his extradition, for this would enable him to face his accusers in a neutral court which would have to pass on the merits of the case before surrendering him.

The preliminary commission headed by Dr. Dewey is limited to the task of holding the hearing and bringing back a stenographic record. This and the record of similar hearings in Europe, together with the official proceedings of the Moscow trials and other Soviet documents, will be submitted to a broad Commission of Inquiry, constituted by eminent American attorneys and thinkers sitting together with representatives of European organizations.

The delegation to Mexico was constituted by those who were able to depart, out of a group of thirty prominent Americans invited to serve either on this delegation or on the full Commission of Inquiry.

## Cooperative Camp Three Arrows Is Open for Season

Opening its main house for the first time, amid beautiful Spring weather, Camp Three Arrows last week showed its members and guests the inspiring possibilities of the recently acquired 125 acre estate and its 50 acre lake.

Camp Three Arrows is organized as a cooperative colony maintaining fraternal relations with the Socialist Party. The Camp has already put into effect a policy of contributing a fixed portion of its income to the Socialist movement.

Persons desiring to build summer bungalows at very modest cost may do so by buying shares in the cooperative. The camp is being conducted as a truly communal enterprise which will serve the week-end and vacation needs of working people, without asking them to pay extortionate rates or to keep up with the Joneses in an atmosphere of noisy vulgarity.

All those interested in becoming members of the colony or in visiting the Camp as guests should write immediately to Camp Three Arrows, 112 East 19 Street, New York. Telephone, ALgonquin 4-2638.

# Socialists To Root Party Among Masses

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domination on the part of Communist forces. They told of moves toward expulsion, toward suppression of democracy, toward catering before Roosevelt on the part of the C.P. And they, almost unanimously, called for a stubborn and unrelenting battle against these reactionary tendencies inside the Workers' Alliance.

Our unemployed comrades did not discuss the nature and structure of Socialist fractions in the Workers' Alliance. They took it for granted. From their experience they knew that such fractions are the very lifeblood of mass work. They knew that without disciplined operation there could be no real worthwhile fruitful work.

In the reports on trade unionism, however, the convention still had to debate the matter of Socialist discipline. But the debate showed the complexion of the convention and the party. They wanted Socialist fraction work in trade unions—and they wanted it along militant lines.

### Genora Cheered

The charming Genora Johnson's speech on the militant struggle of the Flint auto workers was cheered to the rafters. Here was a militant young worker's wife, a Socialist, who had learned from the struggle the need and value of disciplined work. It was to the Socialist Party and its National Labor Secretary that she looked for revolutionary guidance. The party to her, as to other delegates, as to the militant workers, was identified with the class struggle itself.

The decision of the delegates to strengthen and build the Socialist Party as an independent instrument for revolutionary change, capable of giving organized guidance to the workers in the class struggle, was reemphasized in the resolution on the Labor Party. The Socialist Party clearly decided to support a movement for a Labor Party.

The convention established as basic the maintenance of the Socialist Party organization. Whether or not a Labor Party appeared, the Socialist Party must preserve its political identity. It shall not be just an educational league inside a Labor Party, should it develop, but must be

a party capable of independent political work.

### For Real Labor Party

The party rejected the idea of a People's Front Labor Party. It spurned pseudo-Labor Parties in support of liberal capitalist politicians. It turned its back upon the idea of classless labor parties. It refused to accept a labor party without a working class federated basis.

The Socialist Party works for and accepts only a working class, independent Labor Party.

The slogan of an Independent Labor Party is a means of saving advanced workers from being swept along into the channels of an American People's Front as well as a means to separate the bulk of the organized workers from the capitalist parties. This idea of independent working class action, as opposed to a People's Front or to outright support of capitalist candidates, is a means of rallying workers around the Socialist activists in the trade unions.

### Build Structure

The Chicago convention gave organizational flesh and blood to the theoretical skeleton of revolutionary theory which had been developing within the Socialist Party ever since the Detroit convention in 1934.

One day was spent in a serious discussion of war and the people's front. And the remaining time was given over to a consideration of trade union, unemployed work and to party structure and functioning.

A uniform constitution was drafted for all the states in the Socialist Party, subject to addition in the form of by-laws passed by the states. With this action the once loose strands of the separate states in the Socialist Party were tied neatly together and placed in the hands of the National Organization Committee.

The new constitution is merely the legal basis for a new kind of Socialist Party, a centralized, disciplined party, capable of acting as a coordinated unit in well directed campaigns.

Through a four-year evolution, the Socialist Party has been converted from a collection of inspired free lancers into a well geared machine for disciplined action.

### To Give Directives

The National Executive Committee is charged with giving a

line, giving direction and planning action for the party. Since such action will not be just general, broad and vague proposals but will be concrete directives advising Socialist locals and Socialist Leagues in mass organizations what is to be done in specific matters under constantly changing circumstances, the National Action Committee has been set up to guide the party between N.E.C. meetings. The National Action Committee is a resident committee, which can gather quickly and decide readily for the party as a whole.

### Call Is Party Organ

The NEC and the NAC have been armed with a means for public expression that will present the party slogans, the party analysis, the party proposals both to the workers and farmers of America and to the Socialist Party members—namely, the SOCIALIST CALL. The CALL is now the official organ of the Socialist Party of the United States, whose editors are directly responsible to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party.

To maintain regular channels for inner party discussion, the National Convention established a special publication for debate of party problems and policy.

# And Now It's Henry Ford



A scene at the sit-down strike at the firm of the once so unyielding Mr. Henry Ford. He, too, must talk terms when workers stay-in.

Inasmuch as it was agreed that all tendencies in the Socialist Party shall be guaranteed representation on this publication, which would come out regularly and offer abundant opportunity for controversy, spokesmen for previously existing group publications volunteered to liquidate their separate journals into this general party organ.

(This is the first article summarizing the results of the recent historic convention of the Socialist Party. Other articles dealing at greater length with other angles of the conference will appear in subsequent issues of the CALL.)

## Strike Wave Rising Despite Legal Bans

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five years workers appeared at the plant wearing their union buttons. Late reports stated that over 2,000 of the 2,350 workers at the Kansas City plant had joined the UAWA.

William J. Cameron of the Ford Motor Company in a radio broadcast over a national hookup last Sunday night attempted to point out that all the Ford "dividends" in the history of the Company, if distributed to the workers, would have amounted to only six cents an hour per worker. Arbitrary statistics such as these obviously prove nothing but it is nice to know that Ford considers that he is not one of the world's successful capitalists.

### Akron

Following the mass demonstration of labor in Detroit, union members in Akron, Ohio, staged a similar meeting. Nearly 50,000 workers listened while CIO organizer Haywood described the Firestone strike situation. "The union in the Firestone strike," he said, "is asking that the company make no agreements with anybody else covering general plant policies." Firestone had denied 11,500 rubber workers the right of bargaining on plant policies.

### Typos

At a conference of representatives of 40,000 members of the International Typographical Union held in New York City this week a four point program was drawn up. The recommendations aimed at stabilization of wages and working conditions and the eliminating of unfair competition in the commercial branch of the printing industry.

### Texas

Governor James Allred of Texas, joined the ranks of reac-

tionary state officials by declaring that he would use all the forces of law including State Rangers if sit-down strikes were called in his state. The statement came after CIO announced that an intensive drive would be made to organize oil workers in every branch of the petroleum industry.

CIO organizer Fremming, arriving in Houston to take charge of the drive, replied to the Governor by stating, "We want to stage an intensive campaign. We are not looking for any fight. Instead, we intend to drive home the philosophy of collective bargaining. That doesn't mean sit-down strikes, either."

### South

At Atlanta, Georgia, fifty organizers of the textile division of the CIO spread out over eight states to carry unionism into the deep South. Predictions were that 350,000 southern textile workers would sign up.

### Delaware

Threat of a general strike in Wilmington, Delaware, brought the employers of striking truckmen around to a new attitude toward conciliation. The Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council representing thirty-nine unions called a truce after their general strike order pending the outcome of a hastily arranged conference between the truckmen and owners. An effort was made to split the ranks of the strikers by proposing to negotiate separately with long haul drivers and local drivers. Truckmen voted down the suggestion. Their demands call for a forty-eight hour week and a \$34 weekly minimum wage.

Smaller strikes continued from coast to coast. Pressure from threatened walkouts has brought pay raises to hundreds of thousands. Yet increased wages are not enough; labor today is fighting for the future. Strikes are not fun. The battles won today must be permanent victories. The ground gained must be held. Only collective bargaining can accomplish that aim.

### TEXTILE

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Textile workers suffer from lower labor standards than any other group of industrial workers, according to a report of the International Labor Office.

### FREE MOONEY

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—(FP)—A resolution asking the governor to pardon Tom Mooney was passed by the California assembly, 42 to 27, and sent to the senate.

## Hit By Fascist Bombs



This tragic picture, taken in Barcelona, Spain, shows an elderly woman undergoing an operation in the street after Fascist bombing raiders had loosed their rain of death over the city. Chief among the victims were women and children.



# Wis. Socialists Hit Capitalist Press Lies

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Under the headline, "Capitalist Press Lie Mill Set Record on Socialist Convention," the Milwaukee Leader of April 1 printed the following story.

"Milwaukee Socialists, making an inventory of the party's special national convention in Chicago, found today that capitalist newspapers published an all-time record number of lies and distortions in reporting the convention.

"Not a day of the convention went by without one or two new lies getting into the pages of the press. Milwaukee newspapers outdid the nation in the volume of falsities put into print, local Socialists declared.

"There were stories that Wisconsin Socialists were to be 'kicked out' and others that they were to 'walk out.' The Socialist party was to split on the one hand, and enter into unified fronts on the other.

### Ouster Reports Run Wild

"Trotskyists" were to be ousted and "Communists" were to be ousted—in fact, "judging from the newspaper tales, everyone in the party was either to be expelled, or forced to resign.

"The Socialist party was to 'fold up' and be swallowed by the farmer-labor party, some stories said. Others offered the opposite information—that the party was to denounce the Socialists in Wisconsin and Minnesota for having any traffic with a farmer-labor line-up.

"First of the major fabrications to make the headlines was the tale in the Milwaukee morning newspaper to the effect that 'Hoan Bolt From Party Hinted as Socialists Meet.'

"That newspaper, not satisfied with merely reporting the mayor's absence at the first day's session, went into the field of mythology by 'reading' Hoan out of the party—in print.

### It Was "Long Planned"

"Instead of correcting this story the next day, as a fair-minded publication would, the morning daily doubled its dose of lying the next day by saying that 'Hoan Bolt From Party Long Planned.'

"Another yarn in this paper and in others reported that 'Wisconsin Socialists found themselves beneath a steamroller.' Actually, Wisconsin delegates were chosen as chairmen of the convention on three successive days. Hardly a steamroller.

"A myth that got a wide circulation over the wire service was a supposed quotation from Carl Minkley, Wisconsin state secretary of the Socialist party, the Badger Socialists would 'pull out of the party, if the convention backed the CIO in any manner.

"I never said anything of the kind, explained Minkley. 'It's all buncombe.'

### Speculate on United Front

"Favorite stories in the Milwaukee newspapers, and in dailies elsewhere, was that 'convention planners' had prepared the stage for a united front with the Communists.

"Actually, this convention was more antagonistic to such a united front than most previous conventions. In fact, some of the left-wing delegates attacked the Communists, new 'people's front' as 'reactionary' and opposed dealing with them.

"One popular 'prediction' in the Milwaukee newspapers was that 'it is a certainty a movement will be launched to throw out of the party those who have been termed Trotskyists.' In reality no one talked of throwing out anyone, either from the right or left.

"Now, that the convention is over, the local dailies are indulging in new forecasts of a 'secession' of Wisconsin Socialists, of wholesale resignations from the party, and of other dire consequences.

"Socialists decried this as the wish being father to the thought."

### Terms Secession Reports as Bunk

Both the Milwaukee Labor of March 31 and the Sheboygan Times, a Wisconsin labor paper, of April 1, carried the story which is in part reprinted below:

"Capitalist press reports that Wisconsin Socialists may secede from the party nationally because of differences over the CIO question were denounced today as 'humbug' by Glenn P. Turner, state chairman of the Socialist party.

"Socialists in Wisconsin have no intention of seceding," Turner said.

"We will go ahead, as we have always, with our big job—that of getting people to understand Socialism and accept it.

"There has never been a time when the program of the Socialist party is as badly needed as it is now."

"Turner made it clear that, 'as in the past, the Socialist party of Wisconsin has no intention of interfering in the internal affairs of the labor movement.

### Merely Restates Stand

"What the Socialist party did at its special national convention in Chicago, was simply to restate its traditional stand in favor of industrial unionism.

"It indorsed the objective of the CIO toward the building of industrial unionism, but at the same time instructed all members to work loyally for unity of union men within the American Federation of Labor.

"It is the hope of the Socialist party that labor will be able to harmonize its own differences in such a manner that all factions may get together under a single banner of labor."

## Auto Workers Demand Shop Steward Plan

By FRANK MARQUART

Because foremen refused to recognize the union's shop steward system and also because three men were fired for union activities, 3,000 workers at the Fisher Body Plant at Pontiac sat down on Thursday.

This was followed by sitdowns in the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. No. 2 Plant at Flint, the final assembly division of the Chevrolet factory, where more than 1,200 workers were involved.

5,500 workers in the GM-controlled Yellow Truck and Coach Manufacturing Co. also struck. A sit-down at the Fisher Body Corp. plant in Cleveland, employing 6,200, was settled after a few hours and production was resumed.

The Corporation's refusal to recognize the shop steward system is a serious matter for the workers. It is only through such a system that the workers stand any chance of having job conditions adjusted in their favor. If the speed-up is too severe, it is through the chief shop steward that the matter is taken up with the foreman.

General Motors' record of chiseling in this respect explains the need for sole collective bargaining, for which Chrysler workers are now fighting. Only through sole collective bargaining can the workers set up and perfect the shop steward system without which they are at a great disadvantage.

## Fischer Named To Party NEC

CHICAGO.—Ben Fischer, national executive secretary of the Young People's Socialist League, has been named by the YPSL as its member of the national executive committee of the Socialist Party.

In the past a YPSL representative was permitted a voice but no vote on the party NEC. The new constitution which was adopted at the national convention in Chicago changed this to empower the YPSL to elect one regular member who will have a voice and a vote on the party NEC.

## Minneapolis Progressives Win Again

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53 arrested unionists. They then wheeled toward the American Gas Machine Company plant, which was being guarded by the deputies. Driving the deputies before them in a furious attack, they invaded the building and conquered the position, re-establishing their picket line. Police cars sent against them were overturned and burned.

### Employers Back Down

The employers, who had been elated by the success of their actions in the morning, experienced a sudden change in morale. Their answer of tear gas and clubs to the demands of the workers for union recognition was being smashed back down their own throats. The union they thought they had smashed ten hours before was threatening a minor civil war. Hurriedly, Sheriff Myre demobilized his 200 clubbers, and announced he had no plans for any

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further action, "because if they are going to send the whole state down here there is nothing I can do."

In the meantime, Farmer-Labor Governor Benson has arrived and established a truce. He issued a good statement in defense of the struggle of the strikers for their rights, saying "the tear gas attacks on union headquarters had no justification whatever and constituted a highhanded assault upon the meeting place of the workers. The brutal assault upon peaceful pickets led by the sheriff was an outrage."

With the Minneapolis Teamsters organizing to lead thousands of pickets on to Albert Lea, Benson was quickly able to convince the employers that they should settle.

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A united front of farmers, unemployed, and lumber workers took possession of the state house in Minnesota to make their demands and to remain sitting-down until their demands were met.

The delegation was headed by members of the Farmers Holiday Association and by the Workers Alliance.

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By JOHN NEWTON THURBER  
Business Manager

The decisions which were taken by the recent special national convention of the Socialist Party were of the utmost significance to the party, to its membership, and to the entire working class. Elsewhere in this and other current issues of the CALL you will be reading about these decisions.

Not only will you read of the texts of resolutions and the changes of party structure. These are not really the important thing about the decisions taken at Chicago anyhow.

Putting these decisions into action is what counts. The resolutions which were passed and the constitutional changes which were made contemplate making the Socialist Party the party of struggle for the American workers. The Socialist Party will be a real and

vital force in the struggles of American workers as rapidly as these important decisions are put into effect.

### CALL Party Paper

One of the most important decisions made at Chicago was that made on the party press. The new constitution which was adopted makes the party press an organic part of the party structure. The official central organ and the official theoretical organ will be owned and controlled by the party. They become the voice of the party. Each project undertaken, each decision made, each position taken, will find its expression in the party press.

The national executive committee has made the CALL the Official Central Organ of the party. A committee is now established which will move as rapidly as possible toward establishing a correct and effective tie between the party's political headquarters, the National Office, and the party press. It will take a little time to effect this change.

The CALL becomes the collective organizer for the party. It will carry the message, the instructions, the views of the party to its members and sympathizers from week to week.

### Party Decisions

The living effect of the decisions made by the convention will find expression in the CALL. We are not interested in just printing the texts of the various resolutions. We are also concerned with telling how they are put into effect in the trade unions, in strike situations, in the struggle of the unemployed, in the fight against war, and all up and down the class struggle front in America.

As members of the Socialist Party and as sympathizers of it, as many of our readers are, you are a vital part of this. You cannot be content just to read these issues as they appear from week to week. You cannot just be a CALL reader. To give the convention decisions effect, you must see to it that the decisions and the putting into action of these decisions, are carried to an ever increasing circle of workers throughout America. Every CALL reader, every party member, must become a CALL booster.

The message of the special convention, the message of the Socialist party as the party of struggle for American workers, the class struggle position of the Socialist Party on all the important issues which are arising from day to day, can be carried to American workers most effectively through the CALL.

You are the person who can best see that the influence of the party, as expressed in its press, is extended to a larger and larger circle.

### Here's the Answer

The answer? You must start immediately to gather new subscribers. You must see that your branch takes a larger bundle of CALLS each week. You must see that something is done toward mobilizing support for the CALL Drive for \$10,000 in your neighborhood. You must become a booster for the official organ of the Socialist Party.

The CALL Drive did a bit better this week than last, but that is no accomplishment. Now that the convention is over, delegates who were there must show that they meant the position which they took there by getting behind this drive immediately. The total which was reported up to last week was

Leslie Richards, one of the foremost Socialists of Massachusetts, died in Fall River after a lifetime of active work for the labor and Socialist movement of the state. He contracted pneumonia after working day and night in the Ladies' Garment Workers strike of last winter. Before he was fully recovered, he was back organizing in Fall River, and he worked on the textile drive until ten days before his death.

1,887.06. This week, \$104.85 has come in. The total for the drive thus far is \$1,992.91. \$10,000 must be raised in this drive!

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| North Carolina | 20.     | .75      | 3.75  |
| Arkansas       | 30.     | 1.00     | 3.33  |
| Reading        | 300.    | 8.55     | 2.85  |
| Oklahoma       | 40.     | 1.00     | 2.5   |
| Montana        | 50.     | 1.25     | 2.5   |
| Michigan       | 150.    | 3.75     | 2.5   |
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## Party Training School Starts

The Socialist Party training School started this week in New York City. The following are the lectures:

1. Survey Course in Elements of Socialism and Related Socialist Problems, to be given jointly by Gus Tyler and Hal Siegel. Compulsory for new party members. Fridays, 7 P.M. Eight sessions.

2. Contemporary Socialist Problems, to be given jointly by Phil Heller and Joel Seidman. Tuesdays, 7 P.M. Eight sessions.

3. Training Course in Organization, for a picked group of organizers, branch officers, Socialist League officers, and others interested in organizational problems. Mondays, 7 P.M. Eight sessions.  
a. Political Perspective of U.S. and Role of Socialist Party. John Newton Thurber, instructor. Two sessions.

b. Organizational structure of the Party. Lou Mann, instructor. Two sessions.

c. Fraction Work in Mass Organizations. Jack Altman, instructor. Two sessions.

d. Specific New York Organization Problems. Sam Verne, instructor. Two sessions.

All classes will be held at 21 East 17 Street.

### STOOL PIGEONS

DETROIT—(FP)—Three more of General Motors nest of spies have been smoked out. The United Automobile Workers of America has obtained signed confessions from Gerald Corkum, former president of the Plymouth local, Glenn Walker and Joseph F. Schutock. The Plymouth local had 50 members when Corkum was dismissed as president. Now it has 10,000.

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# Consumers' Cooperation

By BENJAMIN WOLF

The following is in part the resolution on Consumers Cooperatives adopted by the national convention of the Socialist Party as the basis for discussion among Socialists. It was submitted by the Committee on Cooperation, consisting of Butler, Budny, Burnett, Laidler and Rust.

One of the great working class movements in the world at the present day is the consumers cooperative movement, which seeks to organize the workers and others as consumers for their mutual advantage. In many countries abroad, a large minority or a majority of working class families are members of cooperative societies. Such societies usually work in close cooperation with the trade union, the educational and political working class movements in their respective countries, and have the active cooperation of the labor and Socialist movement.

In the United States, the consumers cooperative movement has lagged behind that in many other parts of the world. The main reason for this is the fact that most of the people of the United States have been more concerned with questions of production and the development of new sections of the country than with the question of distribution.

### Coops Gained

Many of these obstacles are gradually being surmounted, and, during the last few years, the cooperative movement has been growing rapidly in many sections of the United States.

Abroad bona fide consumers cooperatives have been built upon Rochdale principles. Under the Rochdale plan, every member of a cooperative store is entitled to one vote and no more than one vote in the determination of the policies of the cooperative. Goods are sold on a cash basis.

In the coming years in the United States, the movement faces genuine possibilities of growth and social influence. It also faces a number of dangers. It is in danger of being controlled by those who regard cooperation as merely another means of reducing the cost of living, and who fail to realize the great social possibilities of the movement. On the other hand, it is in danger of being controlled by those who regard consumers cooperation as the one sure and painless path to Utopia and who would separate the cooperative movement from other working class organizations.

Socialists should study the cooperative movement and become an active part within it. In doing so, they should assist the movement, whose value when properly directed, cannot be estimated in

terms of dollars and cents. At the same time, this movement, no matter how valuable, cannot be looked upon as a substitute for the political and industrial movements of labor dedicated to the abolition of capitalism and the attainment of a cooperative commonwealth.

Nor can the cooperative movement in and of itself be looked to as a means for the abolition of war and Fascism. It must be regarded as one of several movements of the workers of value to them in their fight for better conditions today and for far flung social change. Labor should organize as consumers. But it must also organize as citizens in powerful political organizations; as producers in trade and industrial unions and as students in its own educational movements.

Before initiating cooperative ventures, Socialists should become well acquainted with the best literature on the movement and the experiences of others in organizing and developing successful cooperative undertakings. They should start cooperatives in fields where the prices of commodities sold, the competitive situation and the general social and economic environment are such as to promise, under ordinary circumstances a successful outcome. The Socialist cooperator should bring together an initial group that promises to be good cooperative material.

Within a cooperative, the Socialist should use his influence to keep the enterprise loyal to Rochdale principles; to obtain the selection of men and women of efficiency and social vision; to see that genuine collective bargaining and good labor conditions are guaranteed among cooperative employees; to induce the cooperative to engage in broad educational work; bring about a close relationship between cooperatives and the movements of labor, organized labor on the economic and political fields, and to introduce the cooperative members to the Socialist movement.

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shall organize Socialist Leagues for the purpose of strengthening the cooperative movement and of presenting most effectively the Socialist viewpoint. In organizing these Leagues, the aim of the Socialist Party must not be misunderstood. The Socialist Party does not seek to make the cooperative movement subordinate to the political movement, nor does it seek to make the political movement subordinate either to the cooperative or trade union movement. The Socialist Party does seek to develop a sound perspective in and sound relationships between these three movements.

The policies and perspectives to be advanced by Socialists in the cooperative movement must be determined by democratic consultation and action of Socialists who are working in the cooperative movement. The Party should call conferences of Socialist co-operators to discuss how best they may advance the movement and the Socialist cause within that movement.

### Praise CALL Support

The Convention wishes to congratulate the Socialist Call for its excellent columns on cooperation edited by Benjamin Wolf and to urge the Socialist press to continue to give publicity to the cooperative movement. It likewise urges the appointment of a Committee on Cooperation and the issuance of pamphlet literature and instructions to party membership giving the Socialist point of view. It calls attention to the newer developments in cooperative buying organizations, to the literature published by the educational center of the consumers cooperative movement in the United States, the Cooperative League of America, 167 W. 12th St., New York, N. Y.

It believes that the time has arrived to bring the ideals and practices of the cooperative movement before the trade and industrial union movement through well organized labor cooperative leagues. It urges the Socialist Party Committee on Consumers' Cooperation to assist as vigorously as possible in the development of such leagues.

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# With The Party

### CONNECTICUT

State Secretary Victor Harris had an attack of appendicitis at the national convention in Chicago. An emergency operation was performed, with peritonitis setting in, but he fought through and is well on the way to recovery.

### ILLINOIS

PEORIA, Ill.—The Illinois Executive Committee of the Socialist Party meeting here on April 3-4 acted to summon a state convention of Illinois Socialists for Waukegan, Illinois, scene of the now famous Fansteel strike war, for the week-end of May 29 and 30. The Convention will apply and provide for the carrying out of the decisions of the National Convention in Illinois.

The Committee heard reports of active participation in the CIO organizations drives of the Socialist Party forces in the state particularly in Waukegan, Chicago and Gillespie as well as Peoria where the once incorrigible and anti-union caterpillar tractor works is yielding to the demands of the CIO on behalf of the steel workers union and the smaller fry of steel employers in this once completely open-shop town are falling in line. State Organizer and Committee member John Malone who has been working for the Party in the Peoria district was released from a portion of his work in order to enable him to carry out work as organizer for the Textile Workers' Organization Committee.

### MISSOURI

Local St. Louis will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the famous St. Louis Resolution against war with a mass meeting at Municipal Auditorium on April 13 at 8 P. M.

On April 11 at 7 P. M. there will be an "Old Timers Party" at party headquarters, 1603a S. Jefferson Ave., to pay tribute to veterans in the local Socialist movement.

George A. Deumler is Socialist candidate for mayor and Paul W. Preisler for member of the school board.

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Anita Block will speak on "The Drama as a Social Force" at the Village Forum, 107 MacDougal St., at 8:30 P. M., Sun., April 11.

Circle 6 Sr., Manhattan, of the YPSL is holding a hike to Tibbet's Brook Sun., April 11. Meet at Woodlawn Station at 10 A. M.

A farewell party to Arthur, Edna and Rosalind Selgman who are moving to Knoxville, Tenn., given by the Brighton Beach Branch netted \$11 for the Spanish government.

The North Queens chapter of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy will hold a mass meeting April 9 at the Woodside Labor Temple, 41-32 58 St., Woodside. Speakers will be Jack Altman, Congressman Dewey W. Johnson, Farmer-Laborite from Minnesota, and Mme. Ernestine Gonzales Fleischman.

La Monterito will dance at the social for Spain Fri., April 9, at 107 MacDougal St., under auspices of Italian-American Committee to Aid the Spanish People.

### OHIO

State Convention will be held at Akron Sat. and Sun., April 24 and 25.

### PENNSYLVANIA

The Erie Italian branch has raised funds for several cartons of canned goods for the Spanish workers, as well as clothing, all of which has been sent to the North American Committee.

Labor poets will speak in support of Spain Sun., April 11 at Labor's Non-Partisan League Hall, 211 Smithfield, Pittsburgh. The poets are: Arthur Giovannitti, Angelica Balabanoff, David Alonzo, and chairman, Richard H. Lawry.



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have fallen on the socialist call . . . it needs money to keep the paper going . . . and there isn't any . . . so to keep the wolf from the door the astoria branch is coming to the rescue . . . another gala party and the proceeds go to keep the call going . . . saturday evening april tenth at 33-04 30th avenue . . . from 8:30 until the neighbors complain and the riot squad is turned out to turn us out . . . entertainment, games, refreshments and a good time assured to all . . . come ya. only 25c.

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By BRUNO FISCHER

*THE CRISIS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, by James Casey. Published by the Three Arrows Press, 21 East 17 Street, New York City. Price: Ten cents.*

Recently I have had a number of arguments concerning the effect of the people's front line on the organization and growth of the Communist Party in this country. I have maintained that the Communist Party will grow—not, certainly, as a party of Communists fighting for Communism, but that it will attract to its ranks that amorphous fringe of non-revolutionists and liberals toward which its propaganda is directed.

As a Communist Party, of course, it has ceased to exist. Those who have been acquainted in the past with the Communist Party are amazed at the difference in the quality of membership. We might never have agreed with the policies and tactics of Communist Party, but we had always been forced to concede that its membership was sincerely revolutionary and knew what it wanted.

Today we are watching the old Communists drift away from the party. Some trickle in increasingly larger numbers into the Socialist Party. Some stay on, bound by ties of the past, bewildered at the overthrow by the Party leadership of all they had at one time believed and fought for. Most of them simply drop out of the radical movement.

**Counter-Drift**

At the same time, I believed, that there would be a counter-drift into the Communist Party of those who are as yet non-revolutionary and non-Marxian; and as the overwhelming proportion of those in this country who consider themselves radical are unfortunately still that, I looked for a corresponding increasing in C.P. membership.

Thus I argued with friends who had until recently belonged to the Communist Party and are now members of the Socialist Party. Of late, however, I have had doubts.

What was behind the repeated scoldings of Earl Browder in his addresses to Communist Party members that "some comrades do not understand" the new line? What was behind the frantic appeals in the Communist press exhorting party members to re-register in the party? What was behind the fact that in section after

section in the last national election the Communist vote was below the claimed Communist Party membership?

And now, after reading the "Crisis in the Communist Party," by James Casey, who last November resigned as managing editor of the Daily Worker because of the CP's support of Roosevelt and joined the Socialist Party, I must concede that I had been wrong. The Communist Party isn't growing on the basis of its new line.

**Two Facts**

Two simple and irrefutable facts bring this out.

Since November, 1936, the circulation of the Communist Party daily, the Daily Worker, has lost nearly half its circulation—dropping from 38,000 circulation to 17,000, a loss of about 17,000!

The membership of the Communist Party—well, nobody knows what the membership is or was, for the figures given out are not accurate. When Browder stated in August of last year that the C.P. membership was 40,000, that figure, Casey says, "was made purely for public consumption." It was really 28,000. Which is pretty good.

But what has happened since then? Casey quotes from the Central Committee report which was prepared by J. Peters of the organization department.

"The New York District registered only about 70 per cent of the membership in the three weeks of the registration period. The New York District, for obvious reasons has the best apparatus for handling membership and when the New York District with adequate machinery for a thorough preparation,

in three unit meetings registered only 70 per cent of the members on record—we feel rather uneasy in waiting for results in other districts . . .

"In New York, when the registration resulted in exchanging the membership books of about 50-55 per cent of the members on record, and the district apparatus checked with the units about the remaining numbers, the unit bureaus were unable to give an explanation of the remaining 40-45 per cent. They did not have their addresses, they did not know who they were or how to get in touch with them . . .

"There are only a few districts and sections that are functioning properly. The units have no records of members; they do not know who is transferred in, who is transferred out; who is recruited, who is dropped out . . . Arguments are going on between units and the districts on the figures; the lower bodies always deny they have so many members in the party. They have no record and only guess."

And so on. Even conceding Browder's claim that 5,000 new members have joined the CP since the summer of 1936 and that the re-registration figure of 70 per cent in its best district obtains for the entire country, which it certainly does not, the steep decline in membership of the Communist Party is obvious.

**C. P. Demoralization**

Needless to say, the pamphlet does not concern itself wholly with figures. Casey deals at length with the demoralization in the C.P., the breakdown of discipline, the lack of democracy, and other factors which go to make up the present crisis in the C.P.

He holds the people's front line to be chiefly responsible. Doubtless. But the Moscow Trials, the support by Communists of labor racketeers, as in the New York restaurant union, the hysterical and vicious attacks in their press on all militants in the labor unions, their slanderous campaign against all revolutionists, their attitude on

## He Left Mussolini



The soldier on the left is one of the many Italian men sent to Spain by Mussolini who determined to fight against Fascism and not for Fascism. He went over to the people's army with his machine gun and gas mask, and he certainly looks happy about it.

war which is bringing the Communist Party to a pro-war position—all this has contributed to the crisis.

Incidentally, Casey has put into print in this pamphlet a matter which has been an open scandal among newspaper men for some time. That is that the Daily Worker, while containing laudable appeals to boycott Hearst, had all along had a working agreement

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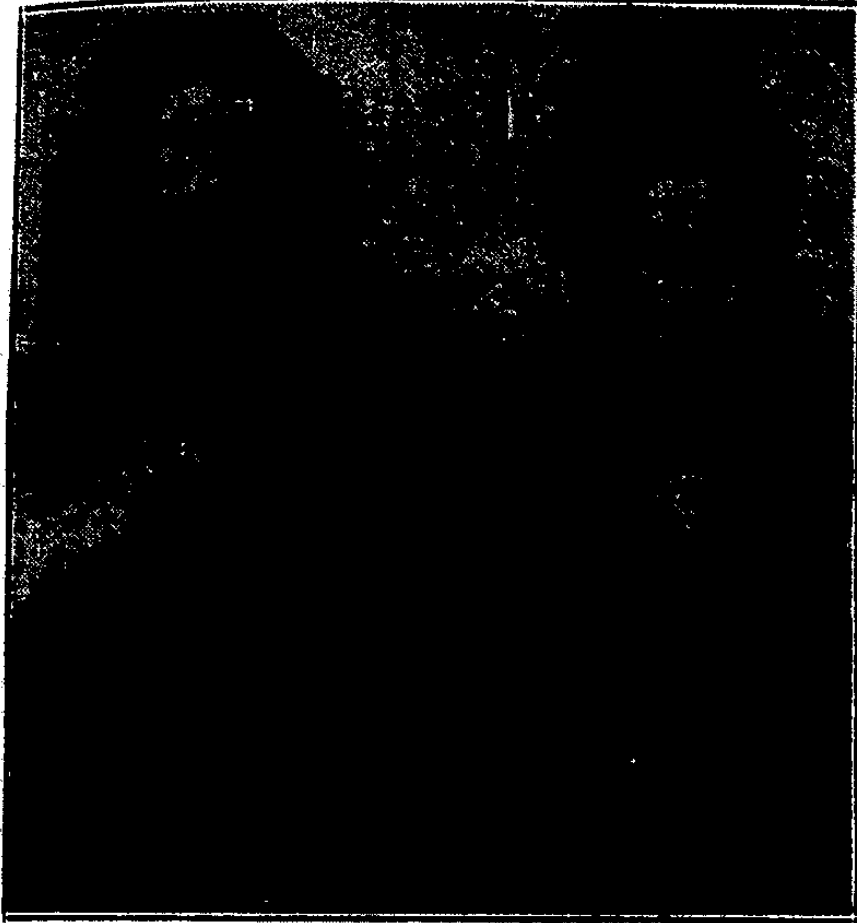
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## Noted Artists in Carnegie Series For Next Season

Recognizing a definite trend among the musical public towards subscribing in advance for an entire schedule of stellar concert artists, a new subscription series has been announced for the season of 1937-38 to be called the Hurok Carnegie Hall Series. It will mark the first time in ten years since a similar series has been launched at Carnegie Hall. Eight leading artists and groups will comprise the series, the first event of which will take place next October 26th.

Feodor Chaliapin, Kirsten Flagstad, Marian Anderson, John Charles Thomas, Arthur Schnabel, Shan-Kar and his Hindu Ballet, Efrem Zimbalist and the Vienna Choir Boys will appear on the series, and four of these will be giving their only New York recital of the season, S. Hurok, sponsor, announced.

According to the plans announced, popular prices will prevail on a subscription basis, the range being from \$6.60 to \$17.60, tax inclusive, per seat, for the eight evening events. The Hurok Carnegie Hall Series will mark Mr. Hurok's first venture into seasonal schedules since his popular Sunday night series at the Hippodrome fifteen years ago. "A wave of musical interest, the first since the beginning of the depression, is sweeping the country," declared Mr. Hurok.

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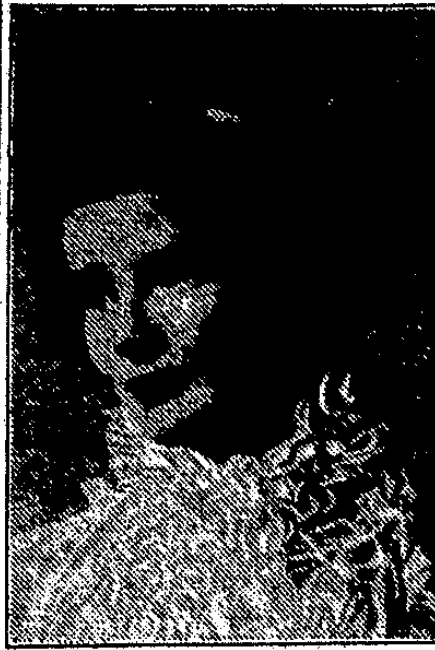
## 'Quality Street' at Radio City April 8

RKO Radio's film transcription of J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street" with Katharine Hepburn and Franchot Tone in the starring roles, will open on the screen of the Radio City Music Hall, Thursday, April 8th.

The famous romantic comedy, considered by many the play most expressive of the renowned Barrie "charm," will mark the first appearance of Miss Hepburn and Tone together. The pair will be supported by a cast that includes Fay Bainter, Eric Blore, Cora Witherspoon, Estell Winwood, Florence Lake, Helena Grant, Bonita Granville, Clifford Severn, Sherwood Bailey, Roland Varno, Joan Fontaine, and William Bakewell.

Miss Hepburn, of course will appear in the role of Phoebe Throssel, long identified on the stage with Maude Adams, who considered it her greatest part. It will mark Miss Hepburn's second appearance in a film version of a Barrie play, having won success with her portrayal in "The Little Minister."

## Hepburn



Katharine Hepburn, who with Franchot Tone is appearing in "Quality Street" at the Radio City Music Hall.

## Premiere of Wolf Drama in City Set for April 13

"Professor Mamlock," Friedrich Wolf's drama of contemporary German life, will have its American premiere and first English production at Daly's Theatre on Tuesday (April 13) under the aegis of the WPA Federal Theatre Project.

Written by the author of "Sailors of Cattaro" after his exile from Germany in 1934, "Professor Mamlock" in Zurich, Switzerland, eleven different languages in twelve countries. The play was staged recently in Tokyo.

The premiere of "Professor Mamlock" in Zurich, Switzerland, aroused considerable attention when certain Swiss elements attempted to interfere with the production.

The Federal Jewish Theatre's production, translated into English by Anne Bromberger, will be directed by Harold Bolton. The cast includes Morris Strassberg, Wayne Arey, Herbert Breakstone, Mary George, Edit Angold, Joseph Anthony and Frances Beck.

## Three Winners Of CCC Contest Arrive in City

The three youthful winners of the WPA Federal Theatre Project's CCC playwriting contest arrived in New York City today (Friday) to work with the local project in preparing their respective plays for a Broadway production.

The young playwrights, P. Washington Porter, Bernard Winstock and George Gill, were greeted by WPA Federal Theatre and U. S. Army officials when they reached Battery Park this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Chosen from more than 400 entries, the winning plays are "Return to Death," by P. Washington Porter, and "CCC," by George Gill and Bernard Winstock.

Mr. Porter, 26-year-old native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Mr. Gill, Valley Stream, L. I. resident, were transferred by the War Department from their respective CCC camp in Columbia, S. C. and Cohocton, N. Y., to Governor's Island at the suggestion of WPA officials. They will be quartered there while their plays receive the usual pre-production polishing.

Bernard Winstock, collaborator on the "CCC" script, was recently discharged from the Civilian Conservation Corps and is now employed as a runner for a Wall Street brokerage house. He was on hand when his former comrades arrived.

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## Hippodrome Opera In Its 5th New York Season

Presenting four Verdi operas for the first week-end performances, the Hippodrome Opera Company inaugurates its fifth consecutive season of popular-price grand opera next Friday night (April 16) at the New York Hippodrome. The opening night bill is "Il Trovatore," followed by a Saturday matinee "La Traviata" and evening "Rigoletto." The Sunday night bill will be "Aida."

Alfredo Salmaggi, artistic director, announces seven important debuts during the first fortnight. Six of those will occur at next week's performances, namely: Ercolina Ercole, dramatic soprano, and Estella Lenzi, mezzo-soprano, both from La Scala, Milan, appear Friday night in the roles, respectively, of Leonora and Azucena in "Il Trovatore." Others in the cast, of established Hippodrome prominence, are Pasquale Ferrara, in the tenor role of Manrico, Angelo Pilotto, baritone, as Count di Luna, and Arthur Anderson, basso, as Ferrando.

William Hargrave, who sings the role of Germont the elder in "La Traviata" on Saturday afternoon, was discovered and prepared for grand opera by Maestro Salmaggi personally. Originally a basso of the Chesterfield and Philip Morris radio hours, Mr. Hargrave's voice has been developed for the leading baritone roles. The cast also features Annunziata Garrotto as Violetta and Arturo Cheltri as Alfredo. Alberto Canaruto conducts this performance.

Two Hippodrome Opera debuts of outstanding interest will be those of Jesus de Gaviria, tenor, and Mario Cozzi, baritone, as Rhadames and Amonasro in next Sunday night's "Aida." De Gaviria achieved a notable triumph at the recent special "Aida" performance presented by Maestro Salmaggi at Madison Square Garden (April 2). Mario Cozzi, former private secretary to Giulio Gatti-Casazza at the Metropolitan Opera House, has during recent seasons been a nation-wide radio favorite. This will be his first New York grand opera appearance.

## 'Beethoven Concerto' Starts Third Week

"Beethoven Concerto" began its third week at the Cameo to-day where it continues to play to capacity houses. The film was produced by Beigoskino in Lenin-grad. The musical score is by I. Dunayevsky who wrote the songs for the Soviet film, "Moscow Laughs." He is to-day the most popular composer in USSR.

Spoken in Russian, "Beethoven Concerto" has complete dialogue titles in English.

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# New York Prepares Greatest May Day In City's History

By HAL SIEGEL

NEW YORK.—More than 700 delegates representing 110 local and international trade unions and about 200 fraternal, Negro and language organizations met to plan the greatest May Day demonstration in the history of the city. The conference was held Saturday, April 3.

The keynote of the conference was the unity of the working class, support for the Spanish workers in their fight against Fascism, and hailing the victories of the Committee for Industrial Organization. Many unions will march for the first time, such as the International Seamens Union, the American Newspaper Guild, the Department Stores Employees Union, and many others.

## Baron Chairman

Murray Baron, vice-chairman of the North New Jersey CIO was elected permanent chairman of the conference. Alexander Hoffman, secretary of Local 1 of the Journeymen Tailors, was named conference secretary, and Brendan Sexton and Paul White in charge of arrangements.

Jack Altman, representing the Socialist Party, pointed out that the most significant fact at the meeting was "the matter of fact way in which the delegates present accepted the unity of the Communist and Socialist parties in this conference." This brought tremendous and prolonged applause.

Speaker after speaker recounted the victories of labor since May first, 1936, in the auto industry, rubber, coal, steel, and the Woolworth stores in New York into a collective bargaining contract.

Charles Zimmerman, Local 22, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, pointed out that "while old men are debating whether or not to enlarge the Supreme Court and thereby change the constitution, the girls in the five and ten cent stores, through their sit-down strikes were actually changing the constitution." Louis Weinstock, secretary District Number Nine Painters Union, made a plea for the unity of the working class and the organization of the unorganized.

## For Farmer-Labor Party

One of the chief slogans of the demonstration will be, "For a National Farmer-Labor Party." Every reference to the need for a national farmer-labor party, and especially a statement by Jack Altman of the decision of the national convention of the Socialist Party to cooperate with such a party, drew prolonged applause.

Delegates spoke enthusiastically of the prospect of bringing a half million workers into the streets of New York on May Day.

## United May Day In Chicago

Chicago.—A United May Day Conference to arrange a single great May Day demonstration in Chicago will be held Sunday morning, April 11, at the Capitol Building 159 N. State Street in downtown Chicago. A call to send delegates to this conference has gone to all Chicago trade unions, political parties and fraternal organizations, in the name of the Socialist and Communist Parties of Cook County and a number of prominent trade unionists.

The conference call on a united basis is a real victory for Socialist forces which had for some weeks been working to carry on the tradition of last year when on the initiative of the Socialist Party, a united demonstration was arranged and carried out under

the joint leadership of the Socialist and Communist parties for the first time in history.

Every section of the Socialist Party and the labor movement sympathetic to it is being mobilized for a powerful demonstration in this cradle of International Labor Day. A real increase in trade union representation is expected over all previous years. Although not prepared to participate in May Day the Chicago Federation of Labor has endorsed a projected mass memorial meeting for the Haymarket martyrs on the Fiftieth Anniversary of their execution this November 11th and the onward sweep of organization of steel, rubber, electric and miscellaneous industries under the CIO is fast creating a new temper in all Chicago labor to which May Day this year should give some expression.

## Trager Lauds Miners' Aid In Class Struggle

GILLESPIE, Ill.—Miners' Day, in commemoration of the beginning of the struggle for the Eight-Hour Day in 1898, was celebrated here by Progressive Miners of America, Local 1, at a huge mass meeting addressed by Homer Martin, President of the United Auto Workers' of America, and by Frank Trager, National Secretary of the Socialist Party. John Fisher, President of the Local 1, (recently elected to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party—Ed.) presided as chairman.

Homer Martin thanked the PMA for its active aid to the St. Louis auto strikers. He termed the present strike movement as something "bigger than any one man—a movement for collective bargaining and the democratic rights of labor." In reply to a question, he declared that trade union democracy was necessary for the building of a worthwhile movement of labor.

In his message he announced the importance of the sit-down strike as a method of meeting the terror of the bosses.

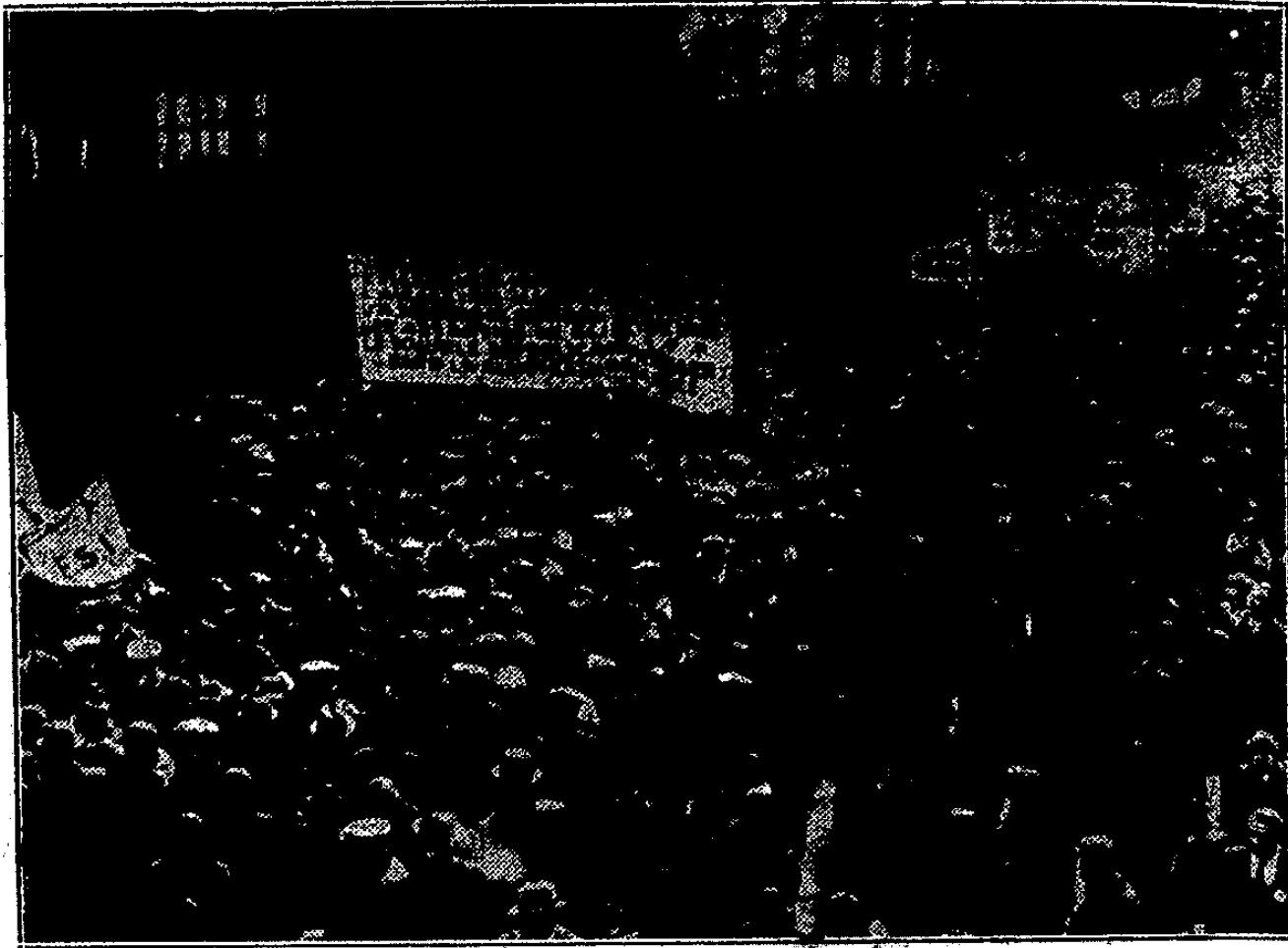
## Praises Miners

Frank Trager traced the valiant history of America's class-conscious miners from their first organizational attempts in 1849 up to the present. The now dead heroine of the fighting miners, Mother Jones, was the symbol of the long struggle of the men who work in the coal areas of the United States. All these struggles meant a clash with the state, the police, the militia, the organized forces of capitalist slavery.

These struggles, Trager said, point in one direction: to the overthrow of the system that perpetuates the slavery and poverty that mark America's mines.

The miners must always keep before them the ideal of a united working class, with its face set against the capitalist foe, with complete democracy within its own ranks. He looked forward to the day when there might be one union of all miners and workers in coal, iron, lead, zinc, gas and steel, to include the present Mine, Mill and Smelter Union, the United Mine Workers' of America, and the Progressive Miners of America.

## Funeral of French Workers



Red flags and flowers dominated miles of Clichy, working class suburb of Paris, during the funeral of the five young workers killed during the recent street fight between the workers of Clichy and French Fascists.

## Socialists Restate Anti-War Stand Taken 20 Years Ago

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shift the faith of the people to the government's peace plans. The best that neutrality legislation can do is to halt war-time trade with belligerents and to prevent naval incidents. To the extent that this is accomplished, neutrality legislation deserves the support of all those who would delay the outbreak of war.

Socialists, while not opposing such neutrality legislation as will hamper the early movements of the war machine, cannot place faith in the force of neutrality legislation to keep America out of war. Certain neutrality legislation, however, Socialists will oppose as injurious to the cause of the workers of the world, and, in the long run, to the cause of lasting peace.

Any embargo is reactionary and an aid to war, which makes it impossible for the workers of any country to procure supplies with which to struggle against oppression. Embargo legislation in the United States Congress against aid for the Spanish Loyalists clearly illustrates the one-sided nature of neutrality laws under a capitalist government.

Likewise, an embargo directed against the Soviet Union in a war against capitalist aggressors would be equally injurious to the cause of world progress and ultimate peace.

**COLLECTIVE SECURITY AS A CAPITALIST ALTERNATIVE TO NEUTRALITY, IS A MODERN VERSION OF THE OLD MILITARY ALLIANCES AND SIGNIFIES A STEP TOWARD WAR**

In our present divided world, "collective security" means that nations band together in one group to oppose other nations. Whether collective security starts as a system of economic sanctions or as military sanctions immediately, it is in effect nothing but a military alliance, a renewal of the pacts of military assistance which were so plentiful and so deadly before the World War.

When the working class of a capitalist country supports its government in a policy of collective security it is virtually handing it a blank check for war, payable whenever the ruling class decides that another nation or group of nations is violating, or can be charged with violating, the rules of collective security.

As a workers' state, the Soviet Union has no colonies or imperialist aims. In this, as in its offer of mutual disarmament to the other nations, it has shown how a working-class government can be a basis for a world of peace. Yet within the ranks of the workers, in the name of "defending democracy," "defense of small countries," "defense of colonial peoples," and "defense of the Soviet Union,"—all worthy slogans when their implications are not fully examined—the Communist Party is operating among Socialist and class-conscious elements in a way which demoralizes the struggle against war. With war so close, Socialists are compelled to criticize this policy and point out its danger to the working class.

**THE DEMOCRATIC CAPITALIST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD ARE PREPARING A DICTATORIAL MILITARY RULE IN THE EVENT OF WAR.**

If the coming of war to democratic countries does not directly result in Fascism, it will at least weaken the structure of labor, break down civil liberties, and smooth the way for the proponents of Fascism.

## CONCLUSIONS

The Socialist Party of the United States calls upon the working class, progressive and revolutionary forces, to refuse support of all wars conducted by capitalist governments, whether they be democratic or Fascist. The object of the Socialist party, in the event of such war, is to persuade the mass organizations of labor to adopt our program of turning the war into an occasion for social revolution.

Although the Socialist Party recognizes the positive contribution made by pacifists in resistance to capitalist wars and the non-military aid rendered by some pacifists to workers in a civil war, the Socialist Party does not maintain a pacifist attitude toward all wars.

In the event of a war of the Soviet Union against capitalists, of workers in a civil war for freedom, of colonial people in a fight against imperialists, the Socialist party calls upon the working class to give all possible support against the capitalists and imperialists.

The Socialist Party calls upon the working class to come to the

support of the Soviet Union. This can be done only by refusing support to any war of any capitalist country, by undermining the war machine, by incessantly preparing the working class, by uninterrupted class struggle to overthrow the rule of capitalism. Direct support should be given the Soviet Union by opposing any blockade against it, by striking against all shipments of supplies to the enemies of the Soviet Union, and by direct aid in the form of men, money and munitions to the U. S. S. R.

The Socialist Party of the United States pledges its aid to the workers of the world in every struggle against their rulers and to colonial peoples in the fight against imperialist domination.

The following steps are proposed as a programmatic guide to the workers of the country.

## BEFORE WAR BREAKS OUT

1. Exposure to the masses of the false peace proposals of capitalist governments, and of the League of Nations, and of the root cause of war in capitalist imperialism. The intensification of the struggle against capitalism in all spheres.

2. Opposition to all war preparations, including refusal to vote the budgets of the armed forces.

3. The development of united action by all sections of the working class and its allies against war preparations.

4. The creation of a mass demand for the withdrawal of the armed forces of the United States from colonial territories, and the refusal to handle munitions for imperialist purposes.

5. Carrying into the mass organizations of labor, propaganda for the Socialist program of fighting war by means of the general strike.

## WHEN WAR BREAKS OUT

Support must be given to agitation against the capitalist system and the capitalist class in the form of wage demands, struggles against rising prices or rationing of food, and public opposition to military dictatorship and conscription.

Such agitation together with the development of international working-class solidarity across military lines must be carried on as preparatory steps toward the overthrow of the government and the establishment of a workers' state that will end the capitalist system.