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LABOR PUTS TEETH INTO WAGNER ACT

Socialist Party Defines Stand In Trade Unions

The criss-cross of currents in the American trade union movement today presents to the class conscious worker the problem of furthering industrial unionism and of pointing at the same time toward the ultimate unification of the American working class.

As a guide to Socialists in the trade union movement and to all progressive workers, the Socialist Party in National Convention at Chicago last month passed the following resolution:

The crash of 1929 and ensuing years of crisis changed the outlook of the American working class. The entire burden of the depression was put on the backs of the workers. The American Federation of Labor with its policies of craft unions and class collaboration could not stop the offensive of the capitalists against the workers which continued until 1933.

The years 1933 and 1934 marked a new trend. Because of signs of an upward swing in the country, workers began to organize to make up for the losses growing out of the depression. Rubber, auto and textile workers were among the first to launch organization campaigns and conduct strikes. Where there was a lack of industrial organization and aggressive strike policy the AFL leadership was largely responsible for the large scale failure of these efforts.

The lessons of 1934 convinced large sections of the AFL that the old policies were no longer sufficient.

This led to the organization of the Committee for Industrial Organization which marked one of the most significant developments in the American labor movement. In the short time of its existence it has made unprecedented inroads in the steel, auto, rubber and electrical appliance industries. It has started a campaign in the textile and clothing industries. Overnight the CIO fired the imagination of millions of unorganized workers.

The Socialist Party endorses the CIO and urges unanimous support from its party members.

Relationship: CIO and AFL

Jettisoning of their interests, the Executive Council of the AFL took organizational steps in order to destroy this progressive tendency.

The suspension of the CIO unions by the executive council of the AFL before the 1936 convention created the danger of a split in the American labor movement, and the convention action made the situation worse by changing the structure of the AFL in Central Labor Unions and Federation of Labor locals. The recent letter of William Green to central labor bodies recommending the suspension of CIO union locals has increased this danger. The Socialist Party was opposed to their suspension nationally and is opposed to their suspension from local and state bodies. In the important struggles of the auto and steel workers, the executive council of the AFL played a disruptive role by fighting the recognition of the auto and steel workers unions as the sole bargaining agencies for the workers.

On the other hand, there are many active workers inspired by the recent victories of the CIO who are ready to abandon the AFL. These workers should guard against hasty action which may endanger the well being of their organization within the AFL. This applies particularly to members in locals of unions and delegates to Central Labor bodies.

It must be recognized that while the CIO will be responsible for setting in motion millions of unorganized workers, the AFL will still maintain its hold on a substantial section of organized workers, as the railroad brotherhoods and other AFL affiliated labor organizations.

It is therefore the duty of progressive forces in the labor movement—both in the CIO and the AFL—to strive to preserve the unity of the labor movement in such a manner that it will be possible to organize

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Paul Niepold



Heroic American Socialist who was killed in Spain. Niepold died in a volunteer attempt to rescue a wounded comrade.

Socialists Mobilize Forces for May Day

The New York Socialist Party machinery went into action last week in preparation for the great May Day demonstration. Under the direction of the Party executive committee,

plans were completed for a mass Socialist contingent in the parade that will mirror the Party's influence and force in the labor life of the great metropolitan city. More than 110 labor unions, with an aggregate membership of 240,000, are in the United May Day Committee with the Socialist Party, as well as many labor cultural and fraternal organizations and the Communist Party.

Brendan Sexton, chairman of the N. Y. Workers' Alliance and a leading Socialist, is acting as co-director of the United May Day Committee, while A. Phillip Randolph, militant Socialist president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is serving as chairman of the Committee itself.

In a statement urging a tremendous outpouring of Socialist Party members and sympathizers for the parade, Jack Altman, executive secretary of the local Party, declared that "Socialists must de-

monstrate in effective fashion that the Party is a vital, living force in the life of this city."

"Every Socialist branch," he declared, "every Party member must make May Day its chief activity for the next two weeks with the aim of mobilizing thousands upon thousands in the support of this great parade. We must call for the broadest possible mass action on May Day to demonstrate the independence of the working-class on labor's own holiday. The Party plans have been set. Let's go."

Socialist Section

According to present plans, each of the 58 branches of the Socialist Party in the metropolitan area will march as units in the Socialist section, with their own banners and slogans, proclaiming their Socialist solidarity with the international labor movement

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Need Law To Check The Court

The militant action of the American working class is the only guarantee that the Wagner Labor Act will be something more than just a dead letter, according to Roy E. Burt, National Secretary of the Socialist Party of the United States.

The Wagner Act does not in itself organize labor. It makes easier the realization of collective bargaining once labor has organized a majority of workers in a plant or industry.

The workers can only be organized by themselves. It is up to labor to put teeth into the act.

By ROY E. BURT

The Socialist Party is of course gratified that the uncertainty and confusion caused by the "sitdown" by the Supreme Court in connection with the Wagner National Labor Relations Act have at last been terminated by a decision upholding the Act. While we can but speculate as to the real reasons for the decision, we think it clear that the militancy of the labor movement in the past few months was undoubtedly a major reason for the action of the Supreme Court.

We do not regard this decision as justifying the continuation of the power of the Court to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation, or as affecting in any way the controversy now raging over the tribunal. The Socialist Party has always contended that the fate of the nation cannot be entrusted to any number of judges not subject to control by the people. We deem our contention proved by the fact that the Court, by its failure to render a decision, has plunged our industrial life into uncertainty and confusion for many weeks.

Labor Militancy Needed

But of more vital importance is it, to point out that the decision of the Supreme Court does not automatically make the Wagner Act of great value to labor. The experience of the National Labor Relations Board in attempting to enforce the Act has during the past year demonstrated that labor can achieve benefits from the provisions of the Act only by virtue of its own organized strength and militant action.

It must be also pointed out that

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Party Drive to Aid Spain Is Intensified By Niepold's Death

By JACK ALTMAN

Spurred on by the heroic death of Paul Niepold, New York Socialist who died "in action" on the Madrid front, the Socialist Party of New York intensified efforts last week to give concrete aid to the Spanish workers enrolled in the Loyalist armies. The Party activity will be concentrated on carrying out money-raising plans for the Debs Column and the North American Committee.

The reports of Paul Niepold's death came as a shock to many Party members who knew him as a loyal friend and comrade; but it brought home to them in vivid fashion the necessity for aid to Spain TODAY! None of us can serve the great cause for which Paul Niepold gave his life in a better fashion than by carrying through immediate action to help both the Debs Column and the North American Committee.

Service For Niepold

A Socialist memorial service will be held for Paul Niepold Thursday afternoon, April 22, 5:30 P.M. at the Labor Temple on 14 Street near Second Avenue. Reinhold Neibuhr will officiate at the ceremonies and speakers representing the Party and its Italian, Spanish and German sections, will be there as well as a member of Brookwood Labor College. Monday evening, April 26, a mass meeting at the Hippodrome, Sixth Avenue at 43rd Street, will be a memorial to both Niepold and Ben Lieder, New York newspaperman who died flying for the Loyalists. Tucker Smith, director of Brookwood Labor College, will speak at the Hippodrome meeting.

While awaiting completion of Party plans for the establishment of a suitable permanent memorial to Niepold, the Spanish section of the Socialist Party began the ball rolling with a \$500 donation to the Spanish Anti-Fascist Committee in memory of the Socialist hero, the money to be used for the outfitting of two ambulances to be used by the Labor Red Cross. The permanent Niepold Memorial has been established as an annual scholarship for a Socialist at Brookwood. Contributions toward the memorial fund are now being received by S. John Block, treasurer, 21 East 17 Street, New York.

Aid NAC

All Party branches and YPSL circles were given directive last week to intensify activity in the North American Committee, in line with the decision of the Party national executive committee, printed elsewhere in the CALL. All branches were specifically instructed to support the borough conference being called by the North American Committee and to join in the establishment of neighborhood branches. If no branch exists, they were instructed to take the initiative in forming such a group, drawing in with them the broad mass organizations in the vicinity.

One of the immediate tasks before the Party is mobilizing support for the monster mass meeting Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2:30 P.M. at the Hippodrome, sponsored by the North American

Party Directed On Spanish Aid

On motion by Devere Allen, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party adopted the following statement of allegiance with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy:

"The Socialist Party, affiliated nationally with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, directs its membership and its local organizations throughout the United States to engage in the work of the local branches of the North American Committee, devoted to raising funds for food, clothing and medical care for Spanish workers struggling against the forces of international Fascism."

Committee, and the Italian, Spanish and Irish-American Committee. The speakers will include Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Socialist leader and now Spain's ambassador to the U. S., Dr. Walter B. Cannon, noted educator of Harvard University, Pietro Alegra of the Italian Anti-Fascist Committee and Chet La More, prominent Baltimore artist. Bishop Francis J. McConnell will act as chairman.

The meeting, which will celebrate the recent victories of the Loyalist forces, is called upon the anniversary of the abdication of Alfonso.

Activity in the North American Committee should not in any way stop the continued activity to raise funds for the Friends of the Debs Column, the supporting organization of the Eugene Victor Debs Column of Socialist volunteers for the International Brigade. On the contrary, all Party groups should increase their activity for both groups at all costs; Spain must be supported!

De los Rios Speaks In N. Y. C. Sunday

Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to United States, will be featured speaker at a mass meeting to protest the German and Italian invasion of Spain and to celebrate the recent decisive victories of the Loyalists. The meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, April 18, at the New York Hippodrome.

The meeting, which will be attended by representatives of social, liberal, radical, labor, and professional groups, is being ar-

Driving Back Fascists



The Anti-Fascist forces in Spain have been driving back the Franco armies of Germany and Italy step by step.

Paul Niepold

He Died—As He Lived— Fighting for His Class

By HELEN NORTON STARR

Paul Niepold of Brookwood Labor College, who was shot by a Fascist marksman in Spain as he ran from a Government trench to rescue a comrade wounded at a suburban barricade near Madrid on April 8, was known to many in the Socialist and labor movement.

He was born in Germany 31 years ago and with his wife,

Martha, was active in the Socialist Youth Movement there before coming to this country in 1927. They were both students at Brookwood in 1930-31. He worked on the New Yorker Volkszeitung for several years and was active in the Krankenkasse and the Nature Friends and in his Socialist Party branch.

Returning to Germany in the summer of 1932, he wrote a number of articles for the American

ranged by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, and its fifteen affiliated organizations, including the Medical Bureau, and the American Friends of Spanish Democracy.

Bishop Francis J. McConnell, chairman of the North American Committee, will preside, and speakers other than de los Rios, will include Dr. Walter B. Cannon of Harvard University and Pietro Alegra of the Italian Anti-Fascist Committee.

labor press on affairs there which were then shaping toward the Hitler regime. From the spring of 1933 until January of this year when he went to Spain to join the International Brigade, he was employed at Brookwood as grounds manager.

Went to Spain

Paul Niepold was a keen student of foreign affairs and when the struggle against Fascism developed in Spain, he grew more and more convinced that it was his duty to throw himself into the fight there against the dark tide of reaction that had already engulfed his own country. After some preliminary aviation training here, he went to Spain and, according to letters received from him, had been transferred from a training camp to the front only a few weeks ago.

"It was entirely characteristic of Paul," said one of his Brookwood teachers, "that he should have dashed out from the shelter of the trench, heedless of his own danger, to rescue a wounded comrade who needed help.

"One cannot—or ought not—grieve for Paul himself; he died as he would have chosen to die, fighting for his own class. And yet those who knew his energy and steadfastness, his humor and kindness, cannot help but feel deeply grieved over the loss of their young comrade and friend."

A Paul Niepold Memorial Scholarship at Brookwood is planned by the Brookwood graduates and the ILGWU Student Fellowship, it was announced on Saturday at a luncheon of the latter organization where there were many union members who had come to know him at Brookwood summer institutes.

Union Battle Lines in Oil Field Drawn

By GEORGE J. PAPCUN

HOUSTON, Texas—Reactionary officials of the AFL have started a Red scare in Texas in their campaign of opposition to the drive of the CIO and the Oil Workers Union to organize the million oil workers in the country. Ross Hart, an organizer of the AFL, has been going through the state attacking the CIO and praising reactionary Governor Allred's attack against the union organizational campaign.

The result of this is that two bills aimed against labor have been approved by the state legislature committee. These bills not only prohibit sitdown strikes, but also all kinds of strikes, picketing and even negotiations between employers and employees. They carry a maximum penalty of two to five years in the penitentiary and a five hundred dollar fine.

Labor Protests

Texas labor unions are putting up a vigorous fight against these bills.

The Socialist Party of Houston sent in its protest and is taking steps to further carry on the fight against this anti-labor legislation. It is planned to send a delegation to Austin to appear before the legislative committees considering these bills.

The International Association of Oil Field Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America has started its drive with two huge mass meetings. Both meetings were very enthusiastic. The result of these mass meetings has been an encouraging response on the part of the oil workers to join the union and on the part of other workers who want to organize into trade unions.

The newspaper men are attempting successfully to organize the newspaper workers of this city into the American Newspaper Guild. All of the AFL unions are being flooded with applications for membership. This all can be traced directly to the organization campaign of the oil workers.

Reactionaries Prepare

On the other hand, all of the reactionary forces are mobilizing against the oil workers and the CIO and for vicious legislation against the unions of this state. For instance, the following type of statements is being released for publicity: "If that fellow Lewis tries such a thing, (referring to sitdown strikes) I hope that you will not forget to call me into service" from Major George B. Black of Comanche, head of the Texas Ex-Rangers Association.

In Port Arthur the Catholic priest spoke at the Memorial Armory actually calling for violence to be done to CIO and Oil Workers Union organizers. Other speakers of the same type as Father James M. Kirwin called on their audiences to drive out the oil workers union and its representatives. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Texas Oil Company Employees League, a company union of the Texas Oil Company.

The Humble Oil Company, employing over 13,000 workers, announced an increase in wages throughout Texas, Southeastern New Mexico and Southern Louisiana. This announcement of wage increases of nearly ten per cent came as the board of the Oil Workers Union was closing its session and is the direct result of the threat to organize the oil workers.

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IN MEMORIAM

Paul Niepold

Died in Action April 7
On The Madrid Front

Memorial Meeting—

Thursday, April 22, 5:30 P.M.

Labor Temple 14th St. near Second Ave.

How Militant Union Action Won Peoria Caterpillar Strike

By FRANK N. TRAGER
National Labor and Organization Secretary

PEORIA, Ill.—In this open shop town dominating the industrial life of central Illinois the Steel Workers Organization Committee came to do battle. Led by miner Joe Dernoncourt, organizers and workers in the giant plant of the Caterpillar Tractor Company began signing up eager and willing members.

In the face of threats, spies and stool pigeons, discrimination, layoffs they signed up a clear majority of the 12,000 employees of the company. Then came the show-down by which the union won a contract!

To appreciate the significance of a union contract with "Cat" in Peoria requires imagination and renews confidence in workers everywhere. For this company, the largest of its kind in the world, covering 150 acres, has dominated not only the lives of workers in Peoria but has contributed to the open shop, anti-union practice of the whole central Illinois area. Excluding the organized miners and a few AFL crafts, this territory has been a "happy hunting ground" for the Illinois Merchants and Manufacturers Association and Chamber of Commerce.

How Militants Work

The SWOC attempted to negotiate an agreement with Caterpillar during March and up to April 6. There was little doubt that they had a majority of the employees but the company rejected any peaceful settlement. When negotiations bogged down the afternoon of the 6 a determined strike committee swung into action.

Ed Lobb, former secretary of the Bloomington Socialist Party local, discharged for union activity, gave the signal to Ken Gordon in Plant X, the assembly line plant. Gordon and Lobb successfully stopped the line just before the change in shift at 4 P. M.

While they were operating in X, Howard Day, recording secretary of the Union, former member of the Illinois Socialist State Committee, Orville Meyer, Ira Izold, Lloyd and Jim Shipley (Jim's wife, a member of the auxiliary, is secretary of the Peoria Socialist local), and other members of the strike committee stopped operations in plants M and N, persuaded the evening shifts to walk out on strike and together with the boys from X completely controlled "Cat" by one of the best executed sitdowns in these parts.

The sitdowners blockaded the plant with Caterpillar tractors, set up inside strike committees, and prepared for a siege. A picket line was established, the woman's auxiliary began its job of relief work, a daily strike bulletin was issued.

Bosses Use Parolees

The plan of the progressives in the union had to be carefully guarded and swiftly executed because the boys knew of at least 500 parolees, half of whom worked for "Cat" who, it was reported, were paid by the local Chamber of Commerce as "stools." They came from Joliet prison, and were forced into such a position by the threat of losing their parole!

On the next day, Wednesday, by inspiration from the company a mass meeting was called for the following morning at the Peoria armory. Here the men were asked to vote on "to continue work" or "to return to work." At the same time one of the business agents of the AFL machinists stepped into the picture and tried to represent the strikers! These strike-breaking activities completely failed of their purpose.

Dernoncourt, using the Socialist sound truck which we had just brought back from Michigan auto strike duty, explained to the men what the real situation was. The picket lines held fast, the sitdowners hung out a sign "To do or die

with the CIO." Their militancy and determination to win mounted in proportion to the not too subtle attacks from "Cat." That afternoon, Thursday, the union strike committee went back into negotiations with the firm.

Win Strike

The men were quietly confident, added to their picket lines—"just to show boss Heacock when he comes out" and waited. At 6 P. M. first rumors came through: The union had won a signed agreement. At 6:30 it was confirmed when Clinton Beller and John Evans came over with the news that they had the contract signed, sealed and delivered.

The final touch was added when, using the sound truck as a guide, we marched from the plant site in East Peoria through the main part of Peoria, cheered at union headquarters and went down to the Women's Auxiliary strike benefit dance, converted now into a Victory celebration. As we went through the town we announced the basic union slogan: Make Peoria a Union Town—and we had every assurance that by putting "Cat" in the union bag the workers were on their way—on their way to build a democratically run, militant union in Caterpillar and among the other industries in Peoria.

'Foreigner'



Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn of Ontario who will not talk with auto union leaders because they are "foreigners." Thus in Canada, they call the sit-down an American importation; and the reactionaries in America call it a French importation; and the reactionaries in France call it Hungarian; and so on et ad infinitum. In short, the bosses don't like sit-downs; and workers everywhere are taking to sitting-down.

FLASH

Sam Baron, American Socialist in Spain, will speak over the air from Station EAQ, Madrid, on Sunday, April 18, at 7:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

The station broadcasts on 31.65 meters.

All interested in the civil war in Spain should tune in. Baron will speak in English.

Young Jobless Head Is Framed by Police

Special to the CALL

CAIRO, Ill.—This city became the scene of a bloody battle on April 9 when several hundred negro men attempted to secure assistance from the county relief offices of Alexander County.

Cairo was recently saved from flood disaster by the loyal work of these same WPA men who are now denied payment of fifty cents per hour for the time which they spent in strengthening the levees.

In addition to the demand for this pay, the Workers Alliance was demanding cash relief of three dollars a week and some provision for rent, clothing, fuel and medical care. Certainly these are not excessive demands but their meagerness shows something of the relief situation in southern Illinois.

As the result of the determination of the workers to remain in the relief station until they secured some satisfaction from George Piper, relief administrator, the State police were called to reinforce the 500 special local deputies. Alexander Wilson, administration assistant of Governor Horner and a National officer, rushed to the scene to confer with Mayor August Bode and Sheriff Holler on what action should be taken.

Negro Shot

During the demonstration several shots were fired and L. N. Dow, an aged colored preacher was shot in the leg. As usual, the police accused the Workers Alliance of doing the shooting but, as usual, no police were shot—only the members of the Alliance.

Ed Parker, militant leader of the demonstration, was dragged from the assembly by the state police and taken out of the county. For two days it was impos-

sible to determine his whereabouts. The Workers Defense League, official and legal representative of the Workers Alliance, began the search for the missing comrade. Sheriff Lloyd Holler of Cairo informed the WDL that Parker was not in Alexander County but could not tell where he was. Elmer Leidigh, state policeman of Cairo, could not be located over the weekend.

Parker Located

On Sunday, however, Parker was located in Union County jail, held incommunicado under \$6,500 bond, on charges of inciting to riot, attempt at murder, resisting an officer and several other charges. The WDL is sending a defense lawyer immediately and every attempt will be made to prevent reroading this comrade to a long sentence for the fine leadership which he has been giving the Workers' Alliance in Illinois.

TWOC Issues Charters As 58 Companies Sign

With 58 textile companies already brought under union contract since its drive began, the Textile Workers Organizing Committee of the Committee for Industrial Organization has begun issuing charters to newly organized locals.

Besides union recognition, the agreements won by the TWOC include wage increases and

Trial of Accused Shoemaker Slayers Postponed by Judge

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

TAMPA, Fla.—Fourteen months after their indictment for the fatal flogging of Joseph Shoemaker because of his political activities, the eleven defendants have been granted an indefinite postponement of the murder charges on grounds which include an allegation that they have not had sufficient time to "properly prepare" their defense.

The assailants, members of the Ku Klux Klan, include five Tampa policemen, all of whom have already been convicted on charges of kidnaping and flogging Eugene F. Poulnot at the same time. Their appeal is now pending in

the State Supreme Court and is cited as another reason for the continuance.

Following newspaper reports this week of the removal of the case from the trial calendar, word came from State's Attorney Rex Farrow that the postponement had been effected by Judge Robert Dewell at the request of the defense without the knowledge of the prosecution.

"I learned of the continuance when I read about it in the newspapers," said the State's Attorney. "I received no notice of the defense motion, and it seems to me I should have."

Refuse To Set Trial

Judge Dewell had originally refused to set the murder case down for trial, alleging as his reasons that \$531.00 in bills resulting from the Poulnot kidnap case had not been paid. Outraged citizens of Tampa promptly raise the money by public subscription, and the trial date was fixed for April 19. With the day drawing near, the court has now granted the indefinite postponement.

Among other reasons cited by Judge Dewell as a basis for the action is the pending appeal in the kidnap convictions, the decision of which has been long overdue. State's Attorney Farrow has denied that there is any connection between the two cases as a matter of law.

"Some may believe that the Supreme Court's decision on the kidnaping trial will have bearing on the murder trial," Mr. Farrow told newspapermen. "This is not true because different laws relate to kidnaping and murder."

Condemn Action

The Committee for the Defense of Civil Liberties in Tampa, the organization of Socialists, trade unionists, liberals and progressives, who have rallied public sentiment against the lawless elements responsible for the collapse of judicial machinery, condemned the action of the authorities in a statement issued through its chairman, Rev. Walter Metcalf.

Announcing that mass meetings would be held in protest, the statement declares:

"It is time that we put an end, once and for all, to the lawless marauding of vigilante groups whose activities make a shambles of the most sacred rights of Americans—freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right of peaceable assembly. Their crime is all the greater when their lawlessness is protected by officialdom."

The Committee has urged that letters of protest be sent to Governor Fred P. Cone at the State Capitol, Tallahassee, Fla.

3 Flogged, 1 Murdered

Joseph Shoemaker, the murder victim, was seized by police on the night of November 30, 1935, together with others, and held for questioning at police headquarters. They were then turned over to the floggers. Eugene Poulnot and Dr. Sam D. Rogers, though severely beaten, recovered from their injuries.

All three were attacked because of their connection with Socialist and unemployed activities. Nation-wide attention was focused on the case through the organization of a national Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa, headed by Norman Thomas.

Chi. Workers Plan Parade On May Day

Chicago—The United Labor May Day Conference at its first meeting to plan for the Chicago May First demonstration drew more than six hundred delegates from trade unions, and workers fraternal, political and cultural organizations with around 50,000 members. The Socialist and Communist Parties have united to organize the demonstration and preliminary conferences which promise the greatest demonstration of years.

This year with the May Day parade which is scheduled to start from Grant Park at 3 P. M. in the afternoon on Saturday, will see a marked increase in the participation of organized labor. Officers of the Chicago United Labor May Day demonstration are Harry M. Wicks, Typographical Union No. 16 Chairman; Arthur G. McDowell of the Socialist Party, secretary; and John Schmies of the International Workers Order, Treasurer.

Successful Conference

The large and enthusiastic May Day Conference which met in the Corinthian Hall of the Capitol Building in downtown Chicago summoned a second and final conference for Sunday morning April 25 at which a larger representation is expected, particularly from trade unions. Featured speakers of the Conference was Lucy Parsons, wife of the Haymarket martyr Albert Parsons.

For the first time since the founding of May Day through the eight hour day agitation of 1886 which was crowned in Chicago by the bloody Haymarket tragedy and the vindictive ruling class slaughter of the Chicago anarchists under excuse of that outrage, the powerful Typographical Union of which Parsons and Spies are members was officially represented at a May Day celebration conference.

The Socialist Party and YPSL which took an active part in the organization of the united front May Day are now bending their efforts to making the Socialist contingent the best ordered and most colorful section of the parade. It will form at Grant Park at the outer drive and Monroe Street at 3 P. M. Saturday and move north to Randolph street and then thru the Chicago loop to historic Union Park at Randolph and Ogden avenues.

other benefits. More than 20,000 workers are affected, in the carpet, holstery, cotton, hatband and other branches of the industry in New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

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THE FINGER MEN

The cheapest trick of the jingo patriot is to call every opponent of imperialist war the ally of "foreigners."

Gene Debs was, of course, a pro-German in the last war.

Lenin and Trotsky, when they cried "Down with the War of Russian Imperialism" were, of course, "German agents."

Karl Liebknecht, who opposed the Kaiser's war in Germany, was, of course, a "tool of the Czar."

This simple trick of identifying the principled opponents of capitalist war with the foreign foe permits the war-mad jingo to unleash against the anti-war elements the wild terror whipped up for the enemy in the other land.

As a new war descends upon the world, we can hear the jingoes crying:

"The Socialists are allies of Japan. The Socialists are allies of Germany. The Socialists are betraying their country. The Socialists are betraying the allies of our country."

We can see, because we have experienced, the Jingo pointing his vile accusing finger at us, siccing war-mad mobs upon us, because—we are allies of the Japanese and German foe.

Of the capitalist foe we expect this.

What makes every opponent of capitalist war in America tremble with unspeakable rage, however, is to see the Communist Party of America act as the finger men of America's jingoes.

What is the meaning of Earl Browder's statement, appearing in Pravda (The Truth) and reprinted in the American press:

Norman Thomas has "involved the Socialist Party in support of Trotsky's agreement with Japanese and German imperialists."

In good old chauvinist style, the Communist Party makes Thomas, and with Thomas the whole Socialist Party, an agent of Germany and Japan. The C.P. hopes, by linking Thomas to Trotsky, that it will prove its low charge. The result is quite the reverse. The C.P. proves how glibly it manufactures falsehood against political opponents, against enemies of all capitalist wars, whether they be Trotskyites or Socialists.

We can see our enemies when a new war breaks. We can see the jingo raids. We can see the new terror. And we can see the Communist Party naming the Socialists as "alien agitators," as "enemies of America," as "allies of Germany and Japan."

The sight is disgusting, but it will not halt us in our opposition to capitalist war. We owe a duty to the workers and to our Socialist principles to oppose every capitalist war, to undermine every government in the world conducting a capitalist war, to fight for workers' power, during and through a war, in every country in the world. And not even the unprincipled cunning of the Communist Party shall stop us.

ADVICE TO THE ALP

Herbert Morrison, Leader of the British Labor Party, was somewhat out of order when he told some leaders of the New York American Labor Party:

"We (in Britain) sought to fight every election, everywhere, every time. We were strictly independent of all other political parties. We did not back candidates of other parties. We stood on our own feet, found our own funds, framed our own policy and fought all comers."

He was "out of order" before a party which *did not* run its candidates against all comers, which *did* back candidates of other parties, which *did not* stand on its own feet.

He was "out of order," but his advice is welcome. Will the American Labor Party pay any attention to the advice?

THE TAMPA TRIAL

Once more the trial of the men who murdered Joseph Shoemaker by brute flogging has been postponed. This continual delay in the law, this special favoritism for lynchers, this currying to black reaction is one of the most cryingly shameful spectacles in America.

Joseph Shoemaker, a Socialist and a frank fighter for human rights was beaten to death. His clumsy murderers did not take the bother even to cover their tracks. They were more or less certain that the politicians would back them up.

The cry of indignation that went up across America has forced a trial. But with each lull in the cry, the public officials try to drop the case.

It is up to you to force the hand of Florida's courts. Send letters, telegrams and postcards to the Governor of Florida, demanding that the trial go on.



The Socialist Fighting Front

To the Editor:

If every true-hearted Socialist would place his or her tithe of every dollar earned on the Socialist Party fighting front, the CALL would not now need to beg for existence. All of you Socialists know, without me telling you, we need this fine paper among the working class. It takes action with clean money and level thoughts to beat down capitalism, which is today destroying decent human existence for the working masses of the entire world. Join us and put the CALL to the front.

May I suggest that you place "Join the Socialist Party" blank in each issue. Many will join us as the years will prove the failure of capitalism.

PAUL J. LINDAMAN
Douglas, Arizona

Reformist Party Will Grow

To the Editor:

In Bruno Fischer's review of Casey's "The Crisis in the Communist Party," in the last issue of The CALL, he puts forward his former belief that the change in the Communist Party line would not stand in the way of its numerical growth, and then presents data from Casey's pamphlet to prove the contrary. While Casey's evidence is indeed quite incontrovertible, and does reveal a falling off in that Party's membership as well as the circulation of its central organ, the Daily Worker, it doesn't give us any adequate reason for assuring ourselves that this is anything more than a temporary situation.

The same thing invariably happens whenever any party changes its political line, for a change in political line involves a shifting of political base, and the old following representing the abandoned line falls away faster than the new finds its way to the party. There is no mistaking the fact that the Socialist Party has had the same experience, and if there were not an excellent prospect of our recovering rapidly from it as soon as our new line of revolutionary Marxism can be made clear both to ourselves and to the outside world, then the outlook for the American proletariat would be pretty dismal.

I really think that Fischer's first position comes nearer to the truth. What the Communist Party is suffering from now is its

inability in its present middle-of-the-stream position to take either a consistently revolutionary position or a consistently and frankly reformist and social-patriotic position. Under the present circumstances it is not at all easy for them to convince their large prospective following that they have become completely harmless and respectable. At the same time, those old elements which are still at heart revolutionary are losing their enthusiasm and either dropping out of the movement or going over to other groups.

But Socialists must not fool themselves into believing that the danger of Stalinism in America is permanently diminishing. For as soon as the Communist Party turn is completed, it will find a large following awaiting it, among all the petty-bourgeois masses and the weaker elements of the proletariat. No, the fight against class-collaborationism and social-patriotism is going to be a hard one, which will require from us the highest degree of revolutionary clarity and the utmost self-sacrifice.

WARREN DAVIS

Victor Harris Thanks Comrades

To the Editor:

I wish to thank, through the columns of the CALL, my comrades of the recent national convention who sent me a cheering telegram shortly after my operation. I was feeling somewhat low those first few days, and the message was really a bright spot.

VICTOR HARRIS.

From a War Veteran

To the Editor:

Senator Shepperd says twenty years after the war, "Voting to declare war was the proudest act

of my life; I am prouder of it every year."

In my mind's eye I see a great building full of human souls. The building is burning. A certain man looks on and says, "I must persuade other human souls to enter this building, and instruct them to carry large quantities of oil to pour on the flames. If this is done the building will soon be consumed and the world will be free from fires."

Twenty years later he looks upon this building. It is still burning and the sparks threaten to consume the whole world; but the man says, "I am proud of this act of mine; I am prouder of it every year."

Oh weeping mothers, fathers, widows, and orphans of those young men who no longer walk this world! Oh mothers of the babes of today who some day may be killed in action! Why don't you ask this man, "Why are you proud?"

I wish the spirits of those who died in vain could come out of their graves and whisper in the ears of this man, "Why are you proud?" It is for me the living veteran, one who has lived with pain for twenty years to ask, "Why are you proud?"

CARL L. ELLIOT.

Veteran 1st Division, A.E.F.
Syracuse

CHILD SLAVERY

TAMPA, Fla.—(FP) Because callous legislators in New York and other states prevented ratification of the child labor amendment for the time-being, 5,000 Florida school children will again bend their little backs over the strawberry patches next winter.

There is no limit to their hours. There is no safeguard of any kind surrounding the conditions under which they work.

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World Socialism

By HERBERT ZAM

More and more the war question is becoming the central question for the international labor movement. In view of the imminent dangers of a war within the next few years, the solution of all other problems will tend to become subordinated to this one.

Two Socialist conventions recently held, have given two opposite solutions to this problem. As

is known, the convention of the Socialist Party of the United States adopted an uncompromising anti-war position; it declared its opposition to support of a "democratic" war against Fascism; it denounced the League of Nations as an imperialist agency; it warns against the myth of "collective security"; it declared that for Socialists a war must be an occasion for social revolution, and not for class peace.

In sharp contrast to this position, which is undoubtedly still a minority position in the international labor movement, is the policy adopted by the Dutch Social Democratic Labor Party at its convention February 27-March 1 at the Hague. The central question before the convention was the war, or "military" question, as it was referred to. This question had as its background a fifteen-year campaign for "national disarmament" conducted by the party beginning in 1921, and which gained tremendous influence for the party among the workers and other sections of the population.

TRADITIONAL POLICY OVERTURNED

The fact, therefore, that the convention was able to overturn a policy of such long standing, after a relatively brief discussion in the party ranks, is indicative of the extent to which the labor movement has slid back in recent years. The "military" question came before the convention in the form of a report by a special commission which had been set up in 1936. There were presented a majority and a minority report.

Both reports favored working energetically for strengthening the League of Nations as "an instrument of international law;" for fulfillment of the obligations of League membership to make collective security a reality; for revision of the Versailles treaties and for a "just" solution of world economic, colonial and territorial problems. Both advocated the "ideal" of international disarmament and the creation of an armed force under the auspices of the League for the safeguarding of international law. Both agreed that as long as this "ideal" was unrealized, the armed forces of the nation must be maintained.

But the majority went even further. It was in favor of the army being used to carry out the obligations of the League of Nations. It stated that the defence of the country and of the colonies jointly with other powers and within the framework of collective security was among these obligations towards the League. Envisaging the possibility of the League failing in its duties in the event of an attack on Holland or its colonies, it favored the army being used for national defence in collaboration with other powers. Thus the majority position may be summarized as: Unqualified support of the League of Nations; unqualified national defence. Abandonment of the fight for Socialism in war time.

MINORITY MORE CAUTIOUS

The minority was much more cautious on these questions. It favored collaboration only in carrying out League obligations, but it categorically rejected national defence. Therefore it proposed to limit the strength of the armed forces to a point at which they would suffice solely to bar the way to bands violating the frontier. It was not in favor of making the armed forces strong enough to give battle to regular troops. It was also definitely opposed to any collaboration for national defence without the help of the League of Nations. Thus the

minority position may be summarized as: Unqualified support of the League of Nations.

The majority resolution was overwhelmingly adopted, the vote being 1509 to 328.

The discussion was extremely sharp, and some members even feared that a split was imminent. However, after the decision, the minority declared that it would remain loyal to the party, but reserved the right to continue to advocate its own point of view in the party.

PLAYS BALL WITH JINGOES

Undoubtedly the minority viewpoint is stronger than the vote indicates. The approaching election greatly influenced the vote. The majority speakers kept on insisting that the rejection of the principle of national defence "would write finis" to the prospects of doing well at the elections, and that the party would lose for a long time to come any possibility of playing an important role in the political life of the country.

Thus, this very argument indicates the depth of opportunism into which the majority had sunk. In the face of a wave of jingoism and militarism which is sweeping the country and is being carefully promoted by the capitalist press and other means, the party, instead of standing up and fighting for its traditional principles, is capitulating, in fear of losing votes at the coming election.

Probably another reason for the poor showing of the minority is its inconsistency. It was quite ready to have the army of a capitalist country used in a war which had the blessing of the League, but not if it had the blessing only of the Dutch capitalists. What is there about capitalists which makes them bad in their own country and good when they are together with the capitalists of other countries? And why should any one have such blind faith in the "justness" of the capitalist League of Nations and refuse it to a single section of the same League?

REVOLUTIONARIES MUST BE ON GUARD

Revolutionary Socialists everywhere must be prepared. The decision of the Dutch Party will not be an isolated event. The Dutch Party has merely put into programmatic form the policy which most other parties pursue in practice. Whereas before the world war, most Socialist Parties were militantly anti-war, and capitulated only at the last minute, with the results only too well known, today we have the spectacle of Socialist parties preparing support of a new world war well in advance of its actual outbreak.

This makes it all the more necessary for revolutionaries to redouble genuine anti-war work, and the American Party convention has set a good example in this.

CORRECTION

In the story on the victory of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee in Louisville, Kentucky, in the strike against the Louisville Textile plant, a sentence read: "The strikers were evicted by the police with tear gas and vomit gas."

This was an error. The sentence should have read: "The strikers were evicted by police armed with tear gas and vomit gas."

The gas was not used, but the police were prepared to use it. The strikers left the plant in an orderly manner. Several days later the strike was won.

Demand Relief



The offices of Governor Martin L. Davey of Ohio were occupied by sit-down strikers demanding a necessary \$50,000,000 relief appropriation. One of the strikers is here shown being brutally dragged off to jail.

Trotsky Commission Wants The Truth, Says John Dewey

By JOHN DEWEY

The Preliminary Commission to inquire into the charges made against Leon Trotsky in the Moscow trials of August, 1936, and January, 1937, is here in Mexico neither as court nor as jury. We

are here neither to defend nor to prosecute Leon Trotsky. We are not here to pronounce a verdict either of guilt or innocence. We are here as an investigating body.

Our function is to hear whatever testimony Trotsky may present to us, to cross-examine him, and to give the results of our investigation to the full Commission of which we are a part, so that the results obtained here in connection with those secured by other investigating bodies, may bring to light the objective facts upon which judgment in the case of Leon Trotsky must rest. Our sole function is to ascertain the truth as far as is humanly possible.

American Custom

In the United States, it has long been customary for public spirited citizens to organize committees for the purpose of securing fair trials in cases where there was suspicion concerning the impartiality of the Court. Such committees are traditionally known as "Defense Committees" and include in their title the name of the defendant. I cite just two instances in this connection: the Tom Mooney Defense Committee and the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee, with which many members of the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky cooperated. Membership on such committees does not, of course, imply anything more than the belief that the accused is entitled to a fair trial.

The present case differs from those I have cited in one important point. In this case there exists no legally constituted court before which the accused may plead his case. Twice, in their absence, both Leon Trotsky and his son, Leon Sedov, whose guilt or innocence hangs upon that of his father, have been declared guilty by the highest tribunal of the Soviet Union. And Trotsky's repeated demands that the Soviet Government ask for his extradition, which would automatically have brought him before either a Norwegian or a Mexican Court, have been ignored. Therefore, it became part of the function of his defense committee to initiate the formation of an impartial

body before which his side of the case could be heard.

The right to a hearing before condemnation is such an elementary right in every civilized country that it would be absurd for us to reassert it were not for the efforts which have been made to prevent Mr. Trotsky from being heard, and the efforts that now are being made to discredit the work of this Commission of Inquiry.

The facts from which any inquiry must start are found in the official records published by the Government of the USSR. According to these records, Leon Trotsky was charged with a series of counter-revolutionary crimes committed over a number of years.

It was charged that the object of these counter-revolutionary criminal acts was to restore capitalism in the USSR and to bring to political power in that country, the leaders of Opposition factions, including Trotsky himself.

If Leon Trotsky is guilty of the acts with which he is charged no condemnation can be too severe. The extreme seriousness of these charges is, however, an added reason for securing to the accused the full right to present whatever evidence is in his possession in rebuttal of them.

Should Be Heard

The fact that Trotsky has personally denied these charges is not of itself a matter of concern to the Commission. That he has been condemned without the opportunity to be heard is a matter of utmost concern to the conscience of the world.

Speaking finally not for the Commission but for myself, I had hoped that a Chairman might be found for these preliminary investigations whose experience better fitted him for the difficult and delicate task to be performed. But I have given my life to the work of education which I have conceived to be that of public enlightenment in the interests of society.

If I finally accepted the responsible post I now occupy, it was because I realized that to act otherwise would be to be false to my life work.

SQUIBS

By Loren Norman

UP-TO-DATE

Modern kids demand modern games. Cops and robbers is tame stuff. Cowboy and Indian is a relic of the barbarous past. Something new, something different has been devised by the 7- and 8-year olds who frolic outside my window down in the depths of the Village. I don't know what they call it but they play it with the zest of a tabloid reader immersed in the mystery of the murdered model.

Yesterday, for example, four youngsters were rollicking on the cobblestones of Jane St., where burly longshoreman shamble up from the Hudson for a beer at the corner saloon. Three lined up and marched, heads held high, chanting: "We want union. We want union. Better wages and shorter hours."

As they surged past the fourth urchin, crouched on my doorstep, he hissed: "Down with the union. We're satisfied. Keep out the agitators."

The three marchers fixed hard eyes on this malcontent. Slowly their line of march shifted, brought them up to the non-union supporter. After a brief huddle, they rolled him out onto the sidewalk. Then all three sat down on his outstretched form. Raising their hands above their heads, they chanted in unison: "Sitdown. Sitdown."

Educator tells convention schools should teach pupils how to spend money.—News item.

After that maybe they'll get around to showing them how to make some.

SPRING

Once more the breath of spring is on the air,
Once more the April showers bring to birth
The grass and ferns to cover up the bare
Long reaches of the earth.

Once more the miracle of change is wrought
For all to see who have the eyes to see,
The maybuds blushing on each tender stalk,
The green leaves on a tree.

Ah boding season, pregnant with the new
And harbinger of sunshine and of play,
We of the Revolution, we have too
Our April and our May!
—H. G. Weiss

Major Texas oil companies have announced pay raises for 25,000 workers.

Just trying to grease the skids for the CIO drive.

George A. Ball, the fruit-jar king, has just given \$10,000,000 in Midamerica Corp. stock to set up a religious, charitable and educational foundation.

Now wouldn't that jar you!

But to cap it off, the Morgan's get back the Van Sweringen railroads, Ball gets out of paying the government several million dollars in taxes, while the charitable institution sells the stock and pockets the profits.

Can you picture a Charity Ball for the aid of Morgan?

Down in Hershey, Pa., it seems, they are now making bitter chocolate.

On the eve of a trek to Chicago, your columnist has been busy-ed up by the news item that New York is a windier city than Chi. At least that's what the Chicagoans say. After listening to all the coffee klatches and arm-chair revolutionists in New York we're inclined to agree. Anyway, I'm off to Chi—blow me down!

Socialists In Trade Unions

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the workers in mass production industries along industrial lines while preventing wasteful and exhausting conflicts where craft unions are solidly entrenched.

Should the progressives fail in their efforts to preserve organic unity, then it is the duty of the progressive forces to see to it that no rival organization be set up in each and every industry arbitrarily developing dual unionism throughout the length and breadth of the United States. Affiliation must be subject to the aim of keeping the largest possible section of already organized workers intact from split and internal civil war.

The progressive forces, supporters of industrial unionism, who constitute a minority in the internationals affiliated with the AFL, shall continue to work to win over their internationals to progressive unionism and for eventual reunification of the labor movement.

In rendering support to the CIO in its drive to organize the unorganized, the Socialist party recognizes the shortcomings of the CIO. Just as the AFL leadership has its tie-up with the old parties, so the main leadership of the CIO is depending upon a political alliance with the Democratic party. In this alliance appears the danger of acceptance by the labor movement of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, and the further danger of capitulation by the CIO to the war machine of the capitalist state. As in the AFL some CIO unions suffer from a lack of democracy. We declare that only to the extent that the CIO unions effectively organize and function along democratic lines and pursue a militant policy will they become a model for the entire labor movement.

Support Workers Alliance

Despite the belief that the increased interest of the workers in unionization is due to the "liberal" policy of the Roosevelt administration, we, as Socialists, must recognize that the basic reasons for the present organization drive is to be found in the temporary economic recovery of capitalism, rising prices, and the recognition by workers of the need for protecting their jobs, fighting against a speed-up, displacement and other oppressive measures.

This improved economic situation is only partial and temporary. The large part in present recovery played by war preparations and armaments is a particularly treacherous factor with obvious limitations on possible length of recovery. Unemployment will continue to be a problem and the unemployed will continue to be a threat to union standards unless there be established a close bond between the employed and the unemployed.

The best way of accomplishing this is for the organized labor movement to support the organization of the unemployed into the Workers Alliance and to support their struggles for the right to work and social security. It shall be the duty of Socialist trade unionists not only to carry out the above policy but also to work for a closer program of relationship between the trade unions and the Workers Alliance.

POLICY OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN THE TRADE UNIONS

1. The Socialist party of the United States reaffirms that in the trade union movement is the broadest organizational base for the workers struggle for their most elementary economic and political demands.

2. Our party therefore identifies itself with the trade union movement in these struggles. It indicates to the workers that through the struggle for their demands against the capitalist class will the workers forge a mighty weapon for their liberation.

3. In supporting the trade union movement we are forever mindful of its short-comings and limitations. The trade unions, because of their elementary character, are interested primarily in obtaining immediate economic gains. As a consequence of this primary interest the role of the trade union movement is necessarily limited. With its emphasis on immediate gains, the trade union movement cannot alone be the instrument for the emancipation of the working class from capitalism. The Socialist party urges and represents the interests of the entire working class prepared to serve its ultimate as well as its immediate aims.

Should Form Socialist Leagues

5. The Socialists in each trade union body—local, national, central labor or state—shall combine in a Socialist League for the purpose of carrying out Socialist work among the workers in an intelligent, organized manner.

6. For the purpose of advancing progressive organizational policies and the economic interests of the workers, the Socialists in the trade unions shall aim to unite with progressive workers who agree with such policies but are as yet not ready to accept the full Socialist program. The Socialists should, through their activity, devotion and intelligent leadership, strive to win leadership in these groups. They should at all times be careful to conduct themselves so as to draw those progressive workers closer to the Socialist point of view. By this work the trade union section of the party becomes a recruiting center for the party. The Socialist League has as one of its necessary functions the bringing into the party of these progressive workers. In their relationship with broader forces even of an avowedly progressive character Socialists shall not submerge or sacrifice the independent role which they, of necessity, must play.

7. The Socialists in trade unions, while entering alliances on specific issues which they feel will aid in moving the labor movement forward, must not allow themselves to aid any group whose program is opposed to the best interest of the workers or fundamental policies of the Socialist Party.

Communist Disruption Tactics

In this connection it is important to recognize that the Communist Party is once again reverting to its former disruptive tactics. It abandoned dual unionism and re-entered the main stream of the American labor movement.

It was expected—and in many instances carried out—that their reentry into the labor movement would mean that the Socialist Party and all class conscious forces would be strengthened. But today, and ever since the last congress of the Communist International, the trade union role of the C.P. has become not only confused and opportunist but in important instances reactionary and disruptive. It has openly campaigned against any Socialist with whom it disagrees or whom it charges with "Trotskyism." It has tried to secure the removal of Socialists who are trade union organizers. It has carried on a campaign of slander and vilification against the party at the same time as it has raised a new version of the theory of Social Fascism, i. e., "Trotsky-Fascism."

8. The Socialist party must maintain a functioning trade union department with a full-time paid secretary. The duty of this department shall be to direct the carrying out of the trade union policy of the Party. Under its general supervision, state and city sub-divisions shall be set up which shall co-ordinate this work. Under the supervision of the national trade union department, national committees shall be formed in the various international unions and industries for the purpose of co-ordinating the work of

Socialist Leagues and the development of a co-ordinated policy for each industry. The national committees shall from time to time call conferences for the purpose of formulating and clarifying the Socialist policy in particular fields.

PROGRAM FOR SOCIALISTS IN THE TRADE UNIONS

The following shall be the program of the Socialist party in the trade union movement. The application of this program and emphasis it will receive may of course vary from union to union. In addition to this general program there will of course arise many specific issues in various organizations which will necessitate the working out of a program for each industry.

1. For trade union unity in the American Labor movement. The establishment of one union in each industry. Discouragement of the division of workers in any given industry between the existing trade union centers.

Support shall be given to the CIO in its efforts to organize the millions of unorganized workers. In those industries and trades where there are functioning unions of the AFL which are carrying on a real campaign to organize the unorganized, we should assist in such efforts.

2. Vigorous support for the industrial union policy of the CIO in the organization of the unorganized workers. The advocacy of the amalgamation of the craft unions within any given industry dominated by the AFL or the CIO.

3. Our comrades shall support a vigorous class struggle policy. We urge primarily for the trade union movement to rely on its organized strength to strike for its demands. We support direct negotiations in preference to arbitration and reliance on government agencies. We support national action in preference to local or regional action. We advocate reliance on militant action of the workers rather than negotiations as a primary weapon. At all times hold before the workers the objectives of winning 100 per cent union shop in the industry. We oppose all forms of class collaboration which devitalize the fighting capacities of the working class.

For Union Democracy

4. We support trade union democracy. Union affairs must be controlled by the membership. The workers must determine the policies of the union and must democratically elect officers to carry out this policy. Machinery for democratic control must include the following:

- a. Regular conventions of international unions not less than once in two years.
- b. Regular and frequent elections of local and international officers.
- c. Participation of the workers in every day union activity through formation of organization committees, shop committees, shop chairman, and shop delegates, and shop delegate councils. Participation of workers in the actual determination and control of strike policy and settlement especially through vote of the entire membership.
- d. Socialists shall advocate the establishment of functioning educational departments for workers education in all international and local unions.
- 5. Socialists shall fight against race discrimination in the unions and in the shops.
- 6. Socialists shall insist on equal pay for equal work regardless of sex or age.
- 7. Socialists shall campaign for independent working class political action, as determined by national policy of the Party.

Socialists Map Mobilization For May Day

(Continued from Page One) They will be preceded by the colorful Women's Guard of the Party who, flying a myriad of red flags, will greet the millions of spectators. Behind them, in order, disciplined formation will march the men and women, working-class fighters who make up the Socialist Party—each of them with fist raised high as, singing the glorious hymn of the working-class, The Internationale, they pass the reviewing stands. Spectacular floats, red flags, banners, and skiffs will mark the Socialist

section as one of the most spectacular of the entire parade. A special band and several five-and-drum corps will blare forth the music of labor songs all along the route of march.

Included in the Party section will be special units of Spanish, German and Italian Socialists, who will march with banners proclaiming their "opposition to the death" of the butchers that rule their homelands. The Spanish unit will march with measured step as they proclaim their loyalty to their brothers now in the trenches in Spain, fighting against the "black front" of Mussolini, Hitler and Franco. The Jewish Socialists will march with the Workmen's Circle branches.

Picture of Nipold

Among the plans for special Socialist floats will be a large pic-

ture of Paul Nipold, the Socialist hero who gave his life in Spain last week while serving in the International Volunteer Brigade there.

Behind the Party will march the Young People's Socialist League with its 52 circles. A special color guard of Yipsels will escort the organization banner of the League, a huge red flag on which is inscribed "Jung Sozialisten Gruppe, Charlottenberg." This banner, once the property of the German Young Socialists, was given to the New York YPSL as a token of international solidarity before the usurpation of state power by Hitler. The same determined air that will mark the Party section will be evident throughout the YPSL ranks.

Following the YPSL ranks will

be the flights of the Red Falcons, Socialist children's organization, as well as a contingent representing the Eugene Victor Dubs high school.

United May Day In North Jersey

May Day in North Hudson County, New Jersey, will be celebrated this year by a large demonstration at the Italian Co-operative Hall, on Summit Avenue and 24 Street, Union City. The celebration is being held under the auspices of the United Front May Day committee, which is made up of representatives of over thirty organizations labor, fraternal and political. A genuine effort has been made to have a wide variety of organ-

izations represented on the committee following the example set last year, when a successful May Day demonstration was held in West New York. The Socialist and Communist local organizations, as well as many other progressive groups, are again cooperating this year to celebrate a day of international workers' solidarity and brotherhood.

Bridgeport Plans May Day Celebration

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. A May Day celebration will be held in this city under the joint auspices of the Socialist Party, the Workmen's Circle, United Spanish Aid, Polish Alliance, Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, and a number of other fraternal and labor organizations.

Socialists Demand Social Equality For All Negroes

The following resolution on Negro Work, which was drawn up by Jeffrey Campbell, with counsel of Howard Kester, was adopted by the National Convention of the Socialist Party at its recent meeting in Chicago:

The role of strike breaking, which has been forced upon the American Negro by circumstances over which he has had no control, has been one which has immeasurably hindered the development of a class-conscious labor movement in America. By creating and fostering prejudice, mass hatred and suspicion on the basis of skin-color, American capitalism has supplied its white workers with a cheap solace of an imagined race supremacy as a substitute for effective organization and subsequently improved standards of living. At the same time this system has maintained an ever-ready supply of cheap labor and potential strike breakers from the Negro group which has deepened the cleft in the ranks of labor.

This situation the Socialist Party can no longer tolerantly observe. The obvious task of breaking down the barriers which divide labor is one which will require special handling.

For Complete Equality

The so-called Negro problem is not one of physical inheritance, but of social environment. It is not a problem which can be solved on anything other than a non-segregated base of complete equality.

The Socialist Party has correctly sensed that race equality does not mean race patronage anymore than it means race suppression, but at this point it has for all practical purposes stopped. The Party must now plan very definite programs of work in the Negro field.

Absolute freedom of opportunity for all workers to join and function in trade unions regardless of race or color must be a cornerstone of Socialist Party trade union policy. This program must be actively pushed as an educational tactic for white and Negro workers alike.

The fight for Negro civil liberties must be aggressively launched. The Socialist Party must realize that the basis of race prejudice is economic. As such, it is as potential in the north as in the south and must be dealt with accordingly.

In matters of equality before the law, at the polls, before relief boards, not to mention the field of educational and cultural opportunities, employment and professional discrimination, this work can offer activity to any number of Socialist locals anywhere in the country.

Socialist Education

With the slavish and emotional loyalty in which the Negro masses have revered the Republican party as the tool of liberation breaking up at last, steps must be taken to prevent this loyalty from being swung by race politicians to the New Deal bandwagon. This can only be accomplished by an active program of Socialist education, rooted in the heart of Negro struggle for a genuine emancipation.

The splendid work already launched by Comrades Howard Kester, Sam Franklin, and Claude Williams in the Southern Tenant Farmers Union and share-cropper regions must be built into the consciousness of north and south alike. The non-racial emphasis of this work which strikes at the economic oppression of both groups must be particularly emphasized.

Such projects as the Negro trade union center which the efforts of Comrades Frank Crosswaith and Alfred Baker Lewis have made possible in New York City must become an even more completely recognized organ of the party's work.

Mass Activity

It is important that where there is capability Negro comrades should be quietly and unobtrusively placed in positions of responsibility. As much precaution against the danger of "black chauvinism" as white chauvinism should be kept in mind.

Such mass organizations as the National Negro Congress, youth and adult, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the like are fields for disciplined Socialist work. Their weaknesses are obvious but no effective attempt in this work can overlook the opportunity for hand-to-hand conflict with the problem of the American Negro and his similarly exploited white brother which they present.

Student Workers Strike, Are Jailed

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Four members of the Student Workers Federation, a reporter from the University of Michigan Daily, and two townspeople were arrested during a strike of student workers in the University of Michigan.

The strike had been called after the manager of a bowling alley refused to consider the demands of his pin boys for a raise in pay. They were being paid four cents a line which amounts to a maximum of sixteen cents an hour. The Student Workers Federation of which they

were members called the strike and formed a picket line after the boys were fired and replaced with scabs.

The Student Workers Federation at the University of Michigan was organized two years ago to unionize those students who work their way through school. It is believed to be the first student labor union in the country. It has carried on negotiations with several restaurants, but this is the first major strike which the Federation has called.

Campus leaders oversubscribed the \$700 bail asked and support has come from faculty members and students. The Ann Arbor Labor Council has invited the Federation to send a delegate to the

Labor Action Will Put Teeth In Wagner Act

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while the Act contains many provisions of value to labor, it makes poor provision for the enforcement thereof. The experience of the Board shows that it has been the largest and wealthiest employers who have fought the Act most bitterly, and who have been able to hamstring enforcement of the Act by resort to prolonged legal actions.

While the 44 injunctions against decisions of the Board during the first year of its existence involved only 4.1 per cent of the cases before it, they did involve 10 per cent of the workers involved in cases before the Board. And of the 56 "cease-and-desist" orders rendered by the Board in its first year of operation, only one was complied with.

In view of the nature of our economic system, there is no reason to believe that this attitude will be materially changed by the decision of the Court.

Courts Endanger Act

In addition, it is still possible for the courts to hamstring the enforcement of the Act, as they have done hitherto. Not only the Supreme Court, but the lower courts have been guilty of unjustifiable delays in rendering decisions on the cases under the Act which have come before them. While it may be that the question of constitutionality is no longer open, it is still possible for the courts to curtail or emasculate the effectiveness of the Act, since the interpretation thereof still lies with them.

All this points clearly to the fact that it is up to the labor movement itself to translate the Wagner Act from an interesting document into an instrument of real value to workers. No reliance can be had upon any other

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agency. The history of the NRA demonstrates in clear fashion what labor can expect from paper legislation, the enforcement of which is left to employer-dominated agencies.

Only through independent economic and political action of the unions themselves can labor's rights and liberties be guaranteed.

This, too, points clearly to the necessity for the passage of the Workers' Rights Amendment to the Constitution, which specifically grants to Congress the power to legislate on social and economic problems. But all this must be backed up by the organization of a powerful, independent Farmer-Labor Party.

Only by action on both the economic and political fronts at once can labor secure for itself the heritage it has earned.

UNION DRIVE

(CHICAGO—(FP))—Some of the nation's most notorious open shop employers will be dealing with unions before summer, union organizers in the Chicago area predict. Organization drives are being carried on secretly.

A CORRECTION

Due to a printer's error, the advertisement for Kaplan, Blumberg & Collins, Inc., in the April 10 CALL stated that the price of suits, topcoats and overcoats formerly \$46.50, now sold for \$12.80. The correct figure should have been \$21.80, as in the advertisement below.

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By the BUSINESS MANAGER

The decision of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee to make the CALL the official organ of the Socialist Party has had a most healthy effect on the support which the party is giving to the CALL.

Already we are noting an increase in willingness of comrades to sell subscriptions. Party members know that the best way that they can build the influence and organization of the party is through getting workers to read the CALL every week. Rochester, N. Y. has lead off with a mass order to send the CALL to 12 public libraries. Comrades are checking up on their renewals and are seeing to it that they don't miss a single issue.

There has been a healthy recovery in the support which com-

rades over the country are giving to the CALL Drive for \$10,000. This Drive must be given continuous and immediate attention. Readers will have noted already by the barometer that we have not only passed \$2,000, but went right on past \$2,100 and still know of more that is coming in.

May Day Issue

Branches and active comrades and friendly union groups over the country are making plans to insert greetings in the May Day CALL. There is a blank in this week's CALL for your use. To get out the sort of a CALL which the day deserves on Labor's own holiday, many more than have thus sent in reservations must do so. We are counting contributions made by branches and by individual comrades for May Day advertising on the CALL Drive.

Astoria branch in New York had a party on last Saturday where \$25 was raised. Maplewood, Mo., near St. Louis, raised \$20 at a party last week. There are hundreds of branches over the country which should start plans immediately to follow these examples.

What Are You Doing?

What are you doing for May Day? Every branch and every active comrade should order extra copies of the May Day CALL. We are going to have some special features which you will want to have spread among the workers throughout the country. Rates are: 2 1/4 cents a copy up to 50 copies; 2 cents a copy from 50 to 300 copies; and 1 1/2 cents for bundles above 300.

Get your orders in to us on or before April 28 to insure that you will get your copies.

Build The CALL

That is the basic thing for every Socialist to remember today: If the recent convention decisions are to mean anything, the party members and friends of Socialism must build the CALL mailing list and give renewed support to party institutions. Get out and work!

The week's statistics for the CALL Drive: Previously reported, \$192.91; sent in this week, \$145.10; total for the Drive to date, \$2,138.01; must be raised \$10,000.

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but no use asking dad . . .

he wouldn't know the fun you're going to

ballyhoo for a mendicant

mendicant: a beggar—(Webster's Dictionary)

we hate to say it . . . but if the call got the
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With The Party

CONNECTICUT

Abraham Perlestein, state executive committee man and vice-president of the Hartford Cooperative Consumers, will speak on cooperatives Thurs., April 15 in Bridgeport in Socialist Hall, 117 Wall St. The meeting will start at 8 P.M. It is being held under the joint auspices of the Socialist Party and the Bridgeport Consumers Club.

NEW YORK (upstate)

A regional convention of the YPSL was held in Syracuse, April 3 and 4. Leagues and Circles from Rochester, Cornell, Hornell, Albany and Syracuse were represented. There were two days of intense, enthusiastic, constructive organizational sessions. A complete regional organization was set up, including an executive committee, a constitution, and a regional dues system. An inestimably valuable bond of comradeship was established between all the upstate circles.

The State Office has undertaken an extensive drive against the Kleinfeld-Dooling bill, the provisions of which would mean a death-blow to all minority political parties. Under this bill at least 5 per cent of the total votes cast for Governor must be secured in order to remain on the ballot. Public opinion must be mobilized to defeat this. Protests in the form of letters, night letters, and postcards from individuals to the Governor and Assemblymen are important additions to the group action that is being projected.

NEW YORK (City)

Amicus Most will speak on "Sit-Down Strikes in America," Thurs., Apr. 15 at 8:30 P.M., at a mass meeting sponsored by the 12 A.D., Manhattan branch, at 615 Second Ave., near 34 St.

Special meeting of the Falcon Guides Council April 15 at 8 P.M., at 21 E. 17 St. The Spring issue of the Falcon Call is out.

Masquerade and dance at 237 S. 4 St., Brooklyn, April 17.

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'Democracy' In The Furriers Union

The Fur Workers Union of New York is electing delegates to its National Convention. In view of the vote of the Fur Workers delegates at the AFL convention for the suspension of the CIO, this convention assumes extraordinary importance.

Nevertheless, the elections are being conducted in a manner which can only be characterized as disgraceful. Nominations were made at hastily called "local" meetings on April 6 and 7, with no discussion.

An election-objections committee was elected consisting exclusively of administration supporters. This election objections committee met April 9 and 10, and the final elections took place April 13 and 14. Until the election objections committee finished its work, the membership could not even know who the eligible candidates were. Only two days, therefore, were given for all pre-election activity.

Even reactionary unions do not dare try this sort of manipulation. The Fur Workers Union is supposed to be a leading progressive union. It behooves it to set a better example of inner union democracy than it did in this election.

Chicago WDL Benefit For Sharecroppers

The Chicago Chapter of the Workers Defense League is following up its marked success in fighting the extradition of Sam Bennett from Illinois for the benefit of an Arkansas planters mob last year with a Southern style banquet Saturday, April 17 at 6

P.M. at the South Side YMCA, at 39 and Wabash, at which the general cause of the sharecropper and his Southern Tenant Farmers Union will be presented.

The Workers Defense League is receiving the whole hearted cooperation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League in the arrangement of the affair which will introduce to a large labor and liberal audience the work of the STFU the most successful union of Negro and White workers in the South yet achieved.

RHODE ISLAND

A state wide membership convention was held in Providence on Sunday, April 11. Joseph M. Coldwell reported on the national convention. John Newton Thurber, business manager of the CALL discussed the place of the CALL in the new party structure. Bernard Seltzer, state organizer, reported on the condition of the various locals in the state. Dr. Eric Stone, state secretary, presided.

Defense of Spanish Democracy, of which the Brighton Beach branch is a part.

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N.Y. Dem-Reps Try to Outlaw Minor Parties

ALBANY, N. Y.—The New York State organization of the Socialist Party has launched a vigorous campaign against a joint attempt by the Democratic and Republican parties to outlaw all minority parties in the state. Two Tammany legislators, Senator Kleinfeld and Assemblyman Dooling, have introduced identical bills which would require any political organization from 1937 on to get at least 5 per cent of the total votes cast for governor in order to rank as a recognized political party.

On the basis of the 1936 vote, this would require about 185,000 votes. The Democratic and the Republican legislators are supporting these bills.

This is but one in a campaign against minority parties which has been carried on by the old parties during the past few years. Before 1936, only 25,000 votes were necessary to constitute a political party. In 1936, a bill supported by both the old parties went into effect, which raised the requirement to 50,000 votes. The Socialist Party successfully met that requirement, but the Communist Party failed and so lost

Kester To Speak At N.Y. Red Card Meeting

Howard Kester, leading Southern Socialist and a member of the executive council of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, will be the chief speaker at a city-wide membership meeting Monday evening, April 19, 8:30 p.m., at the Stuyvesant Casino at Second Avenue and ninth Street. Comrade Kester will speak on the work of the STFU and the role of the Party in connection with the organization of sharecroppers and tenant farmers.

its position as a recognized political party.

The present drive has apparently been caused by the fear of the capitalist parties of the growth of sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party. It indicates the extent to which the old-time politicians are prepared to go to prevent the formation of an independent Farmer-Labor party.

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Consumers' Cooperation

By BENJAMIN WOLF

The widespread success enjoyed by the CIO in organizing hundreds of thousands of hitherto unorganized workers poses a problem which should be constantly borne in mind by union officials. When the present wave of

sitdowns, demonstrations and organizing campaigns settles down into less inspiring day by day routine of established, efficiently run trade-unionism, how shall the loyalty and morale of the union's rank and file membership be maintained at a high level?

Intelligent trade union leaders have long been aware of the need to consolidate the gains of a feverish strike period during the inevitable let down which follows. Generally they have found it profitable to create a new class-conscious social life for their members by providing athletic, cultural and educational activities under union auspices. Indeed, such activity has become almost indispensable. No person fortunate enough to have witnessed the recent production of "Steel" at the Labor Stage by the ILGWU players, will lightly dismiss the value of such projects not only to the union but to the working class as a whole.

CIO Should Sponsor Coops

I propose that in addition to the accepted "extra curricula" activity, CIO officials give serious thought to sponsoring consumers cooperatives on a wide scale. It will not be an easy task, free from difficulties and certain of success. It will require careful planning and competent guidance. It will require hard work that may prove fruitless. But, all things considered, the advantages to be gained far outweigh the disadvantages and

the time is particularly propitious.

It would not be the first time the trade union movement essayed a venture in cooperation. The Knights of Labor, the Grange, and the AFL tried their hands at it with varying shortlived success.

At no time, however, has there been such rapid expansion nor such enthusiasm simultaneously in both the cooperative and the labor movements as there is now. The combination is particularly auspicious. The CIO will not have the burden of sustaining the cooperative movement.

Coop Roots Planted

Cooperation in America has reached the stage where its roots are well planted. It is no longer a new movement struggling to get started. It claims the allegiance of a substantial portion of the population. Most important, it has its own momentum to carry it forward. The CIO could accelerate it without danger of hurting the upsurge of cooperation. From the meager reports I have from CIO centers where the subject has been brought up, there is every reason to believe that such a step will prove popular with the rank and file.

In the cooperative movement, the effect may be profound. The CIO can give it the working class base it now lacks and destroy the spineless, utopian, middle class psychology which pervades it and which stifles all efforts at class conscious action.

BOOKS

A Liberal Writes About Leon Blum

LEON BLUM, *From poet to Premier*, by Richard L. Stokes, Coward-McCann, \$3.00.

By ROBERT TYLER

We Socialists and Mr. Stokes have different interests. He is an American journalist, for many years a music and dramatic critic, and a dramatic poet in his own right. He stands to the right of Mr. Roosevelt. So he emphasizes most what we would emphasize least.

He devotes half the book to Blum's career as poet, author, and dramatic critic. Penetrate below the ornate journalistic style in which the book is written and you'll find the literary discussion really intelligent, though Mr. Stokes approaches the matter with a view to building up a case for his hero's greatness. The literary discussion is valuable in its place and even of some political significance, for a movement can frequently be judged by the moral and intellectual stature of its leaders.

We feel our differences with Mr. Stokes most keenly when he enters political discussion. Precisely what we would be very interested in, the activities of Comrade Blum in rebuilding the Socialist Party from 1924 to 1936, involve what the author considers "dreary, interminable wrangles" and so he skips it all. He draws exultant reassurance

from the unshakeable adherence of the Radical-Socialists (liberals), and therefore of the Popular Front, to private property.

Blum A Nice Man

Since he thinks M. Blum is a nice man, he ends with the comforting thought that maybe the Socialists will become liberals, and the Communists will take the Socialists' place, etc., for the ultimate safeguarding of the author's peace of mind. And the book has too many references to the Celtic or Slavic "spirit" and such like attempts at profundity. In referring to Blum's ability to quote poetry by the quart in parliamentary debate, the author comments: "Being Celtic, the Chamber rejoices in such asides of erudition." Now really!

If you don't object to reading a book that refers to the Communists as "the Marxists," you'll be attracted to this little volume by its timeliness and ready readability.

ATTENTION . . . AL LEVY FANS

Esther Hoffman is compiling a collection of all songs and parodies written by Al Levy during the past four or five years. Particularly desired are the words to the song written about the raiding of the old Y.P.S.L. office at 7 East 17th Street in March, 1935, to the tune of Barnacle Bill the Sailor, beginning "Who's that knocking at my door, said the fair young Yipsel." Comrades having copies of any Levy songs are requested to send same to Esther Hoffman at the Socialist Call, 21 East 17th St.

Rebel Arts Set For Production Of One-Act-ers

As a result of the two recent successful performances of "The Brave and the Blind," Rebel Arts is preparing a series of new one-act plays for late spring and summer and at least two long plays for fall presentation. A call is now being sent out for men interested in working with Rebel Arts in acting or staging.

Two more performances of "The Brave and the Blind" may be announced next week. Several replacements are needed in the cast—men only—and casting will take place on Tuesday evening, April 20, at 8:30. Men with acting experience are asked to meet Emanuel Raices, director of the Rebel Arts theatre group, at 35 East 19 Street, New York, Rebel Arts headquarters.

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Harry Baur in Czech Version Of 'The Golem'

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Before Karloff first tested his "Frankenstein" makeup on a hapless film audience — even before the late Lon Chaney fooled around with facial and bodily contortions, "The Golem" was the household boogey man. I particularly remember that my mother, after witnessing Morris Gest's Yiddish production of the play, threatened to fetch the monster if I didn't up and swallow my spinach. Embellished with a description of the gent and a brief flight into histrionics, this ultimate generally brought results — distasteful as they might have been.

Now the ancient legend of the clay monster, comes to the screen, the production of a Czech film company, to whose credit is the social and artistic vision of this fascinating picture. The legend of the "Golem" is long and intricate, its background rooted deep in the age of the Kabala and black magic.

Golem Reincarnated

Created to protect the people of the ghetto by Rabbi Loew, the Golem's was returned to dust after it became uncontrollable. Its eventual reincarnation and ultimate return to a place of eternal glory is the subject of the current version.

Emperor Rudolph II of Prague drew to his court all the fakirs and alchemists on the continent. Between them and the opposing connivery of Lang, his chancellor, and Countess Strada, his mistress, the half-mad Emperor is torn by indecision and vacillation. Lang tells him the tale of the Golem, which at that time was in a state of inanimate disuse. Rudolph, frightened by the prospect, pogroms against the Jews, seeking to destroy the Golem and its power.

But the Golem is brought to life and to revenge by Rachel, wife of Rabbi Jacob, to whom the secret was entrusted by Rabbi Loew. He stalks magnificently through the palace, dispersing the court parasites, a powerful physical symbol of revolt against oppression.

Harry Baur, the great French film star, surpasses his previous performances, and he has some very memorable ones to his credit. Roger Karl, Germaine Aussey, Charles Dorat and Ferdinand Hart are perfect in supporting roles. Julien Duvivier's direction, matches his unforgettable "Poil de Carotte."

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In 'The Golem'



Harry Baur as Emperor Rudolph II of Prague in a scene from "The Golem" now in its fourth week at the 55th Street Playhouse.

Shortage of Class A Films Seen As Cause of Revivals

A natural consequence of the current (read chronic) shortage of so-called Class A films is the increasing practise of featuring revival bills by the neighborhood houses.

Discussing the subject with the manager of a local theatre recently, he told me that his patrons voiced a decided preference for first rate pictures of a slightly older vintage to the flock of mediocrities and outright atrocities that usually constitutes the regular double feature program. Any picture on a previous year's "Best Ten" list, he claimed, guaranteed a packed house, while the showing of two so-so "Class B" pictures left his theatre high, wide and empty.

When asked for an explanation for this phenomenon, he attributed it to two principal factors. One, the depression; movie fans are intent on getting the most and best in entertainment for their hard-earned shekels.

Two Conceptions

Number two, foreign films; a comparison of foreign films (particularly Russian) with the inane claptrap turned out by the Hollywood movie mills emphasizes the disparity, artistic, thematic and otherwise, between two conceptions of the motion picture as a popular medium of entertainment.

In our opinion, the first reason is the more valid of the two. My friend forgot to mention that his theatre was located in the heart of a working class district where both the Socialist and Communist parties had considerable influence. However, the fact that increasing numbers of people expressed approval of Russian pictures indicates that the masses are appreciative of fine films, no

matter what language they are spoken in.

The opportunities for viewing the better, or "culture" pictures are exceedingly slim. The manager of a movie house on 10 Avenue, for instance, might be a bit reluctant to show a Soviet or a French film. Where they have been shown, cat-calling and wisecracking by the neighborhood drug store cowboys have significantly subsided. Respectful attention has taken the place of demonstrations and interruptions.

For Revivals

We're for revivals on principle. Movies, like books, should be put to the test of reshowing. Let the chaff fall into oblivion. The great pictures will stand up to revival. Our personal experience has shown the Russian silents to be the hardest of the lot, with our own Marx Brothers close behind.

Speaking of revivals, you can catch a nifty double bill at the Belmont, which is showing Rene Clair's satirical "A Nous La Liberte" and the thrilling "Yellow Cruise." Wallach's on 42nd Street is another house playing revivals. —Hick Flynn.

Crowds Attend Shows Of Federal Theatre

The Federal Theatre going habit has caught on.

According to figures released by the publicity department of the project, exactly 355,103 persons attended 532 performances staged by the Federal Theatre during the month of March.

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Brookwood Players Star In Their Productions

Another year's season for the Brookwood Players was inaugurated in the Young Circle League Auditorium, with the annual New York opening of the plays which will shortly be carried to some 75 cities throughout the country, from Boston to Minnesota.

A new departure was inaugurated by the Brookwood Players, who have just completed their terms training in labor organization and related subjects at Katonah, by the inclusion of a group of sympathetic artists who lend their talents to making the usual product much more polished than it has been in past years. In past years the Brookwood Players have been entirely composed of the worker-students of the current term at Brookwood Labor College.

Three Plays

Three plays featured the New York opening. "Lift the Head" shows the living conditions in an average working class home which is just being touched by the desire to join the ranks of organized labor. It portrays the awakening which came when the strike movement began, with one member of the family seeking release by running away to sea.

A popular number which has been used by previous Brookwood Players on the road was "Tilly The Toller, or Virtue Rewarded," a hilarious "mellerdrammer" of the best gilded-age style, with heroine, hero, villain, and all portrayed with broad burlesque. In the end, Tilly, the working girl, marries Trade Union, having repulsed Company Union, and in the last scene, the happy couple (bearing baby CIO in their arms) return to lift the mortgage from the humble home of the Toller family.

Meaty Play

The meatiest and in every respect the most competent play of the evening was "Sit-Down," a crisp, fast-moving delineation of the General Motors strike done in "Living Newspaper" technique.

Written by William Titus, who also acted in the performance, "Sit-Down," crystallizes in a series of black-outs linked by an off-stage announcer, the speed-

ups, the attempts at union suppression, the grim determination of the auto workers to organize and force the company to terms, the superb work done by the women's auxiliary led by Genora Johnson.

"Sit-Down" is compact, exciting, vigorous. While it suffers from lack of climax, it makes clear to an audience the speech, activities, and handicaps surmounted by the auto workers. Little characterization is allowed by the play, but in its place we get fine group action and a sense of reality. Congratulations to the cast, the author, and the director to a notable addition to labor drama. And a special cum laude for the stage crew who with a few lights and four platforms created assembly line, office, shop corners, and barricades with exciting speed.

Has Repertoire

In addition to the repertoire presented here, the Brookwood group have other plays and mass recitations which are varied from place to place as they proceed on their travels. Their importance lies in their experimentation in giving the labor side of current problems, showing the drama which is inherent in the everyday life of workers, and in the use of the simplest stage equipment in giving their performances. Their example has served to inspire trade union and Socialist groups over the country, many of which bring them back year after year, to form their own dramatic groups.

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ONE MILLION STUDENTS TO STRIKE AGAINST WAR

ASU Aids Spanish Fighters

By JOSEPH P. LASH
National Secretary, A. S. U.

The most impressive student strike in the history of the peace movement is taking shape on the campuses of the United States. It is sponsored this year by United Student Peace Committee, which embraces every significant national student organization, including the student divisions of the YMCA and YWCA, the National Student Federation of America, the National Council of Methodist Youth, the Emergency Peace Campaign and the American Student Union. At least one million students are expected to participate.

Unprecedented preparatory activity is taking place on the campuses in connection with the anti-war strike. The American Student Union has issued two slogans to guide its stalwarts in strike preparations—"Unity through the strike," (not "unity or the strike") and "We fast that Spain may eat." Hitler gave us the idea of using a fast as a form of demonstration. Nazi Germany has its meatless Sundays and the money saved is used for war preparations. American students will fast on April 22 and the money saved will be used for peace. The American Student Union is collecting money for the support of Loyalist Spain, independently of the United Student Peace Committee.

Wide-Flung Preparations
Strike preparations are going on in so many colleges that it is impossible to give any adequate description of them. Very significant developments are taking place in the states of Minnesota and Washington. In the former, Governor Benson has issued a proclamation at the request of the American Student Union calling upon all school superintendents to support the youth of our nation who are in the dangers of another war have designated April 22 as "Peace Day." Governor Benson himself will speak at the strike at the University of Minnesota.

In the state of Washington, the State Superintendent of Schools has sent a letter to all local superintendents expressing similar sentiments. In both these states as well as in Wisconsin, the spread strike activity with the cooperation of state officials reflects the power for peace of labor and the common people when organized for independent political action.

Students Follow Labor
Indeed, the tremendous advance in strike activity throughout the country is a campus reflection of the stir and upsurge in the ranks of labor. Even the South is cooperating on an unprecedented scale. There will be peace demonstrations in at least two hundred colleges in the South where no such activity has ever occurred before.

The strike this year in its magnitude and scope marks the complete routing of outspoken jingoism on the campus. Few dare to speak out against the student peace movement. But the extent of recognition of Spain in the strike will be the barometer of the reality of this year's demonstration.

OXFORD PLEDGE MUST BE UPHELD

A Socialist Views
The 1937 Strike

By ANNE KRACIK
New York Student Director, Young People's Socialist League

The American campus is once more on the march—preparing for its fourth annual Strike Against War on April 22. More than a million students are expected to walk out of their classrooms at 11 A.M. in a national demonstration against the war being prepared by the U.S. government. The growing awareness of students to the war danger is reflected both in the rapidly increasing strike participants and in the increase of signatures to the National Strike Call.

The first strike in 1934 called by the Socialist and Communist student organizations brought out 25,000 students; 1935 saw 175,000 strikers; 1936 called out 500,000—the latter sponsored by broader Strike Committees. As a result of the pressure and significance of the strike figures, the United Student Peace Committee was established to issue the 1937 strike. For the first time the National Intercollegiate Christian Council, National Council of Methodist Youth, Foreign Policy Association and the National Student Federation, have signed the Call along with the A. S. U.

Strike Call Weakened
Unfortunately the Strike Call issued is not one to insure the militancy and independence of the Strike. It represents a definite retreat from the Calls of previous years which came out solidly for the Oxford Pledge—"we refuse to support any war conducted by the U. S. government"—featured militant slogans and urged "no substitutes for the strike." This year's call, along with some necessary student demands, urges "that the government define the phrase 'adequate national defense,' advocates 'stringent neutrality legislation' while recognizing it may be inadequate and contains dangerous formulations such as may lead to collective security proposals.

The signers of the call "recognize the validity of the Oxford Pledge in the light of American war preparations" and thus attach qualifications which vitiate its real significance. In the past the Pledge has been considered the key statement of the ASU anti-war stand and the minimum basis for effective anti-war activity.

The High Schools
The implication of this trend are best evidenced in the high schools. Here a national call for "Peace Action" has been issued calling for indoor student-controlled peace assemblies with student speakers, student resolutions and a linking with the national strike. The results of last year's Peace Action Call are already indicated: faculty-controlled committees, censored speeches, jingo speeches by the principals, no resolutions, no independent ASU speakers, and the ultimate singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the saluting of the American flag—a real dress rehearsal of student resistance when war is declared!

Chief among those weakening the militancy of the ASU and the Strike is the Young Communist League. Crediting their own lack of aggressiveness and independence to the much maligned "liberals" they furnish a leadership from the rear. Their real opposition to the Oxford Pledge results in a double book-keeping which disorients the student anti-war movement. By raising the slogan of collective security they help tie students to America's war chariot. By their false characterization of the ASU as a form of "People's Front" they have sought to gain support for their coalition—People's Front line. Often more liberal than liberals, they make serious inroads on progressive and effective activity with the cry "Don't antagonize the liberals!" and their sacrifice of programmatic clarity for respectability and numbers. To take a definite stand is to antagonize those who disagree with it—one of the overhead costs of taking a position. Hence this must be avoided wherever possible.

Young Socialists have been in the forefront fighting these tendencies by strengthening both the programmatic and organizational basis of the Strike and pointing out the reciprocal relations of the two. Socialist forces have argued against strike substitutes and pointed out that passivity and "cautiousness" are brakes and not motive forces in the task of creating a serious anti-war movement.

Socialist Convention Inspires The Leader Of Women's Brigade

By GENORA JOHNSON

Our special National Convention meant so much to me. Tired and worn from the necessary battles in the auto union I was refreshed and heartened again to hear my comrades from the whole country making the same reports—that they, too, had encountered the same difficulties and hardships, but were forging ever on and on toward the goal of a powerful organization of an enlightened working class.

I heard them tell of the growing sentiment for an increased army and navy, and murderous weapons with which to slaughter workers of other countries—or our own country, if we should some day rebel against the tyranny of the capitalists.

I heard them discuss popular frontism pro and con, and the crying need for an independent party of workers and farmers.

I was absorbed in reports telling of the education of the unemployed. And happy to meet again and feel the warm handclasp of my comrades who are prominent leaders in the march of labor.

A Revolutionary Party

And then, the formation and presentation of those vigorous resolutions, that could only emerge from revolutionary, class-conscious comrades, alive and active in their special fields, and awake to the ever present dangers of wars, fascism, and popular frontism, no matter how disguised!

I came home feeling that my duty was a light one; and that every day, every hour I was fighting shoulder to shoulder with my comrades in all parts of the country. If I shirked my duty it would

only mean that their burden would be heavier. It would only take them that much longer to organize and educate the workers.

No, I knew that it was not only my duty to go home and go to work with renewed vigor, in organizing and educating the wives of auto workers, but it was also my duty to imbue all my comrades in Flint with the same spirit.

A Task Ahead

There is no time to waste, comrades! We must mobilize the workers for independent action—not later—but NOW! Look around you. In Detroit I saw large additions being built on to the church of that reactionary preacher of the Gospel of General Motors, the Rev. J. Frank Norris. With whose money? In Flint, Pontiac, and Detroit the heart of the auto industry, the workers, for the first time, receive, regularly, beautifully printed literature from General Motors. Reports are the same from all over the country. These represent only the chains to bind the working class.

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