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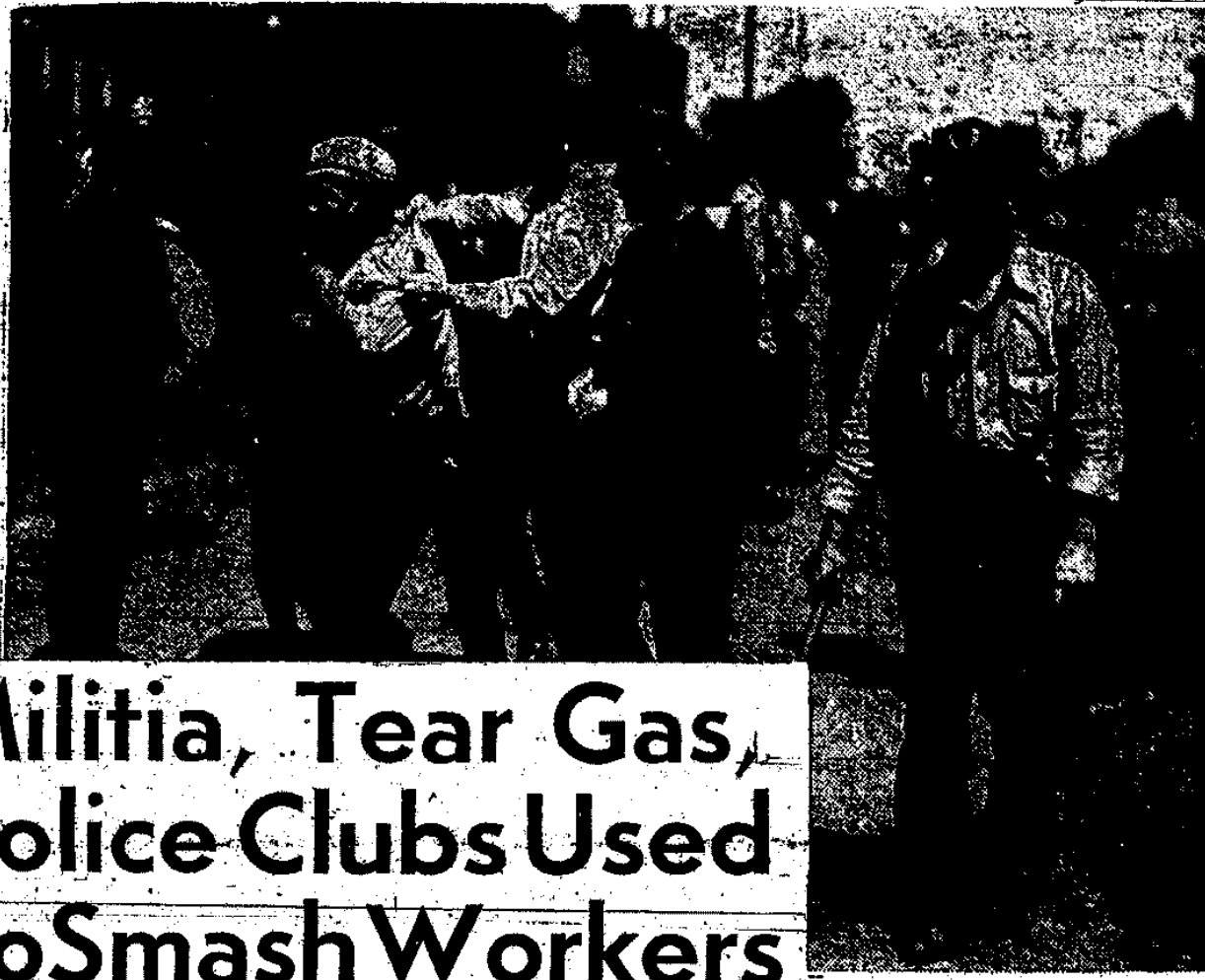
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SOCIALISTS GEAR FORCES FOR LOYALIST FOOD SHIP

BLOODY CHICAGO ATTACK



Militia, Tear Gas, Police Clubs Used To Smash Workers

Workers who struck against wage cuts in factories in the middle west were given a taste last week of how nasty the bosses government can be. Strikers at Newton, Iowa, employes of the Maytag Corporation, found themselves first bound and gagged by judge-made law, an injunction and then under martial law as the National Guard was used to "maintain order". At Waukegan, Ill., suburb of Chicago, striking employes of the Chicago Hardware Foundry, who had been successful in keeping the plant closed for over a month and a half, were gassed and clubbed, and the plant opened for operation by strikebreakers after the way had been opened by a labor injunction (supposedly outlawed.)

At Newton, the martial law clamped down when attempts to prevent the entrance of scabs into the struck plant precipitated a free for all fight outside the plant. The troops promptly intervened and drove all strikers away from the plant, altho they then closed the plant temporarily. The bringing in of the troops followed the refusal of the Maytag corporation to accept the decision of a board of arbitration appointed by the Governor of the state.

FANSTEEL CASE

The attack at Waukegan, scene of the bitter Fansteel strike of 18 months ago, came on the heels of drastic sentences imposed by the local court upon 10 of the strikers. The sentences, for contempt, ranged from 20 to 120 days. The police and deputies advanced upon the strikers and their families who were lined up as usual before the plant to prevent the entrance of scabs. They threw tear gas and sickening gas bombs at the strik-

ers and then clubbed those who did not flee before them.

Some of the strikers retaliated by throwing stones at the deputies, but their weapons were useless before the armed power of the capitalist police. One brave picket repeatedly threw gas shells back into the ranks of the police, but he was finally arrested and held upon charges of assault! Another, whose bravery was of a more practical sort, was guarding a little used entrance wearing a wartime gas mask as protection against the tear gas. He too was arrested. We presume that he was charged with resisting official tear gas.

The Maytag strike, which has been going on since May 9, is in protest against a proposed 10% wage cut, as was the Chicago Hardware Foundry strike. The former is being conducted by the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. The latter strike was under the auspices of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee. Both are CIO unions.

HARRY SCHECK

Faced by the overwhelming force of the judges, sheriffs, deputies, police and the daily poisoning of the minds of the community against the strikers by the lying Chicago daily newspapers and the even more inaccurate and reactionary Waukegan "News-Sun" the Chicago Hardware Foundry workers last week sullenly retreated and accepted an immediate 5% cut. Another 5% cut is to follow limited to a period of six months, in return for a non-discrimination agreement and immediate return to work negotiated by state and national labor department conciliators.

U. S. labor conciliator Harry Schreck claimed to have inspect-

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500 Young Workers Revolt Against Peonage Conditions

Special to the Socialist Call

TRENTON, N. J. — Refusing to submit any longer to the starvation wages and intolerable working conditions, 500 militant young farm workers, many of them girls from 15 to 20 years-old, struck last week on the Kings Farm Company, near Morrisville, Pa.

The strike followed the action of the company in reducing the girls pay from 20c to 17c an hour and men from 25c to 23c an hour.

Almost unbelievable are some of the miserable conditions the young workers endured prior to the strike. Frequently both boys and girls had been compelled to work almost knee deep in mud and water doing back-breaking tasks.

Ten to twelve hours was the normal work day, work week seven day long. Some who took Sunday off to go to church were penalized with a loss of five days wages.

NO PROTECTION

Federal and state labor laws do not protect them. Neither do workmen compensation laws apply to these agricultural workers. When injured they only get meagre first aid and no compensation for lost time or disability.

Minimum wage laws do not apply to them. They cannot collect unemployment insurance and for six months of the year these seasonal workers are ex-

pected to subsist on charity or what they can "save" from the other six months when they earn from 23 to 17 cents an hour.

"We would be better off if we were one of the horses or a hog," one of the young strikers exclaimed with indignation.

Since the strike began the United Cannery, Packing and Agricultural Workers has been in charge of the strike. Lief Dahl, district union president and federal and state mediators have conferred with the management several times to no avail.

Assistance to these young people's fight has been given by nearby Bristol, Pa., and Trenton, N. J. unions as well as the Workers Defense League.

Rhode Island S. P.

Name State Ticket

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — The following is the state ticket which has been named by the Socialist Party of Rhode Island for the coming elections:

Joseph M. Coldwell, Providence, for governor; Guilford Liard, Woonsocket, lieutenant governor; Grace Howarth, Providence, secretary of state; David S. Goldman, Providence, state treasurer, and Francis G. Merewether, Providence, attorney general.

Appeal For Solidarity Of American Masses To Aid Embattled Workers

Anchors aweigh!

The Socialist Party of the United States has begun as its major drive in the summer months a campaign to help fill the American Relief Ship for Spain with milk, food, clothing, medicine and other essentials.

In announcing the drive, Roy Burt, national secretary of the party, declared: "Socialists consider that among their main tasks at the moment is the sending of all possible aid to the Spanish workers now engaged in a most heroic struggle against the forces of fascism."

The relief ship, scheduled to sail some time in September, will carry a 5,000-ton cargo of materials for the Spanish people. The Socialist Party, together with other organizations, is rallying all possible forces for the purpose of making the shipment an outstanding event in the history of aid to Spain. Initiated by the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, the idea of a relief ship from the United

States has met with tremendous enthusiasm.

Every American and every economic organization is in a position to contribute. Retail tradesmen and wholesale merchants, trade union organizations and workers in the various industries, members of producers and consumers co-operatives have the opportunity to participate in the new move for assistance to the embattled Spanish workers.

All of the resources of the Socialist Party have been placed at the disposal of the Relief Ship. Members of the party are in a strategic position to help load the ship to the gunwales by reason of the posts they occupy in important industries and in the co-operative movement of the country.

Under the supervision of the National Action Committee of the Party, a special subcommittee on Spanish relief has mapped out plans that will reach into every one of the essential industrial and economic enterprises of the United States for the purpose of giving Spain the food, clothing and medicinal products sorely needed by the victims of fascist barbarity.

Readers of the Socialist Call are urged to join in the Socialist drive to fill the Relief Ship. Notify the Socialist Subcommittee on Spanish Relief, 549 Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill., of all persons who are in a position to make contributions of large stocks of material. In addition to goods, funds are vital to make wholesale purchases of items that are particularly needed. Send your contributions immediately.

Food for Spain means food for the builders of the future! Relief for Spain means relief from fascism!

New York Convention Kills Yellow Measures

NEW YORK.—The New York Constitutional Convention in session at Albany killed the proposals made by Rep. Hamilton Fish and others for denial of the right of suffrage to persons found to believe in the overthrow of government by violence.

The Evian Conference

By HEINRICH ERLICH

Editor's Note: This article was written on the eve of the Evian Conference. We believe it is an important presentation of a working class point of view and therefore merits publication in our press. Comrade Erlich is the internationally known theoretician of the Socialist movement and heads the Jewish Socialist Party of Poland (The Bund).

WARSAW, Poland.—A conference of 27 Governments on refugees convened on the invitation of President Roosevelt is to open at Evian on July 6. Thousands of refugees, thousands of people condemned to exile and carrying on a legal or semi-legal existence in different countries of Europe, thousands of others for whom the life in Germany and Austria has turned to hell, all place their hopes in the Evian Conference.

Most of them are Jews and this is the reason why the Evian Conference has aroused a peculiar interest in all Jewish classes and incited to an action the Jewish relief organizations both in Europe and oversea.

Not less than seven Jewish memorials will be submitted to the Conference, according to the information of the press which quotes the contents of some of them. We learn for instance that Central Jewish Relief Organizations prepared for the Conference a plan of a four-year Jewish emigration, covering 400,000 Jews, half of them from Germany and Austria and half from other countries. One half of them would go to Palestine and the other half to other countries.

A FANTASTIC PLAN

No arguments are necessary to prove that the above plan is more fantasy. Should, however, the idea of such or of a similar plan gain victory at Evian, the Conference while offering perhaps salvation to thousands of Jewish refugees would at the same time mean the greatest danger for millions of other Jews.

What should be the task of the Conference? It we did not know who will participate therein, we could say: a spirit of protest against persecution of Jews should dominate at Evian, a spirit of resolutions accepted first by the Socialist International and then by the English Labour Party. In accordance with the motion presented to the British Parliament by Mac-Govern, member of I. L. P., a financial and economic boycott of the Third Reich should be suggested to last as long as will not cease the ruthless campaign conducted for the purpose of exterminating the Jews.

However, since we know who will attend the Evian Conference it would be more than naive on our part to expect this. For five years and more does the "civilised world" watch indifferently the barbarous persecution of Jews and non-Jews

in Germany. It is nearly two years already that general Franco murders Spanish women, children and the old people with the help of German and Italian aeroplanes; the cruel war against China lasts for more than one year. . . Nevertheless the "civilised world" persists in its silence. Is it possible to expect that its conscience will awake at Evian?

MYRON TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor, Chairman of the American delegation to the Conference at Evian, declared to the representatives of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that in compliance with instructions obtained from Mr. Roosevelt, the American delegation will endeavour to "make the Conference concentrate on practical matters, avoiding all superfluous discussion." There is no doubt as to the attitude of Mr. Roosevelt and his Government towards the persecutions of Jews in Germany. But even Americans care only for a "practical solution" and a fight against barbarous methods is not "practical" enough for the capitalistic Governments.

It would be aimless to try to fore see now what will be the practical result of the Evian Conference. It is impossible to consider without the feeling of deepest sorrow the sufferings of thousands of people driven from one country to another, wandering under most cruel conditions along the frontier zones awaiting the possibility for leaving Austria.

POLITICAL ASPECTS

Should the Evian Conference succeed to help these people to create for them an issue out of this difficult situation, a great thing would, of course, have been accomplished. We can do more than wish for such practical results of the Conference to be obtained as soon as possible.

It must be understood, however, that the political significance of the Conference will be annulled if, alongside with practical resolutions, there will not be proclaimed a protest against causes which called to life this Conference against the regime responsible for the mass production of refugees and if the principle that all citizens, regardless of nationality and religion, must in every state enjoy full citizenship rights will not be proclaimed in a clear and straightforward way at the Conference.

The significance of the Conference would still fall below zero should it be dominated by the spirit of the motion presented by the headquarters of Jewish organizations or any other motion of similar kind.

Assuming that the Conference will accept such a motion what will be the political significance of such a resolution? It would mean that 27 countries including the greatest world

powers, would rest on the basis of one more "fait accompli" which Hitler wants to place before the world, it would mean their readiness to facilitate Hitler's destructive campaign against "his" Jews.

NOT ONLY NAZIS

It must be remembered that the "Nazi" are not the only ones who try to prevent their fellow-citizens from seeing the world by means of the Jewish problem and that they are not the only ones for whom the solution of the Jewish problem means the deprivation and abandoning, as if they were bastards, at the mercy of the outside world.

The wide Jewish masses, supported by non-Jewish Socialists, defend themselves desperately against such a spirit. They share equally with other citizens state duties and charges and have no intention to resign their share thereof. But, on the other hand, they protest with the most frantic energy against the attempt to place them in the category of "superfluous" and "alien" elements and require from the State the rights and the care which are enjoyed by, or at least to which are entitled, the remaining citizens of the State.

For, could it be proved that it is sufficient in any country to turn to hell the life of its Jewish community for the purpose of compelling the world to organize, a mass evacuation of Jews from that country, there would arise the question: why would other countries not follow this example?

As we said above the plan of the Jewish Central Relief Organizations is fantastic. And the most fantastic in it is perhaps the idea that under the present political and economic situation of Palestine, 200,000 Jews could find shelter there within the course of the next four years. On the other hand the harm that can be done by the very bringing of such plans to the attention of the international opinion is quite real and feasible.

Bar Chief Raps Hague

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Hagueism was denounced here July 25 by Arthur T. Vanderbilt, president of the American Bar Association, in an address before the 61st meeting of the association.

"We have reached the point where suggestions for concentrating one's opponents in Alaska are seriously advocated in open court by men claiming to carry the banner of democracy," he said.

"Intolerance stalks the globe. The entire world seems to be divided into two classes, one believing that whatever is, is right, the other that whatever is, is wrong."

French Socialists Mobilize Aid For Loyalist Spain

By JAMES LOEB

Special to the Socialist Call

PARIS, France. (Air Mail)—With a complete absence of unnecessary fanfare and with the highest degree of Socialist efficiency, the Socialist Party of France has, for the past two years, been organizing material aid for Republican Spain, this correspondent was informed today at the central office of the Secours Socialiste a l'Espagne Republicaine. All of the organization work has been accomplished with the aid of volunteer help of Socialists throughout the country and overhead has thus been kept to a minimum.

Over 1,300 local committees of the Secours Socialiste have already been established in France. These committees have the responsibility for the sale of "solidarity stamps" for which Socialists and sympathisers make monthly pledges.

In addition, the local committees organize meetings, demonstrations, concerts, dances, etc., all for the purpose of collecting food, clothing, medical supplies and other necessities for the Spanish people. At the present moment, the famous Coblá Catalunya, workers' orchestra of Barcelona, is making a tour of France under the auspices of the Secours Socialiste.

DIRECT AID

Over 1,500,000 francs worth of material has already been sent to Loyalist Spain by the Socialist committees, including five ambulances and tons of flour, soap, milk and supplies of all kinds. Four huge trucks, driven by comrades, are in constant use taking foodstuffs over the border to Barcelona. In early June an additional ambulance and twenty tons of flour were sent directly to the heroic 43rd or "Lost" Division of the

Republican Army.

In an effort to meet the tremendous problem of the child refugees, the Secours Socialiste has, in addition, established three homes for Spanish children in France. The largest is in the suburbs of Paris and takes care of 103 young victims of Fascist "civilization." There the children of Spanish workers live under the most healthful and modern conditions and receive all educational advantages, under the tutelage of trained Spanish teachers.

Your correspondent was also informed that the Socialist Parties of Belgium and the Scandinavian countries have been equally active in aiding their Spanish comrades. Only the lack of an international Socialist information service has been responsible for the false impression that all aid to Spain has come from other political organizations. The example set by European Socialists may well be a matter of pride and inspiration to Socialists in America.

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A cut of a fund-raising stamp which is being widely sold by the French Socialist Party to aid Loyalist Spain. "Milk! Bread! Covers! For Republican Spain!" reads the one-franc stamp.

20,000 Cheer Call For Loyalist Aid

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

Special to the Socialist Call

NEW YORK CITY—Twenty thousands New Yorkers packed the Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, July 19th, to pay homage to the gallant fight waged by the Spanish workers in defense of freedom, begun two years before when Franco launched his fascist-inspired war.

Ambassador Fernando de los Rios, representative of the Spanish government to Washington, denounced the so-called democratic nations in an address that brought his audience of thousands to their feet with cheering.

"The nations that recognize us as a legitimate government, deny us the means with which to defend our legitimacy," he said, "but permit indirect sales to our enemy—rebels against the law. They tolerate the cynical and boastful armed intervention of those with whom they sit on the Non-Intervention Committee, that perfect symbol of all the moral and political dishonesty of this unchivalrous age."

With Ambassador de los Rios on the platform was Father Michael O'Flanagan, Irish Catholic priest, famed for his fight against English tyranny. Placing himself squarely on the side of the Spanish people, he denounced the efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to swing their coreligionists to Franco's fascist cause.

"I say to the bishops of the Catholic Church," the white-haired priest told his audience, "you are not bound to follow the political leadership of the Pope.

You have no right to use your ecclesiastical authority as a means of imposing your views upon those who are subject to you. They are bound to resist you as a tyrant should you stretch the limits of your authority beyond its legitimate sphere."

VILAPLANA

A description of the horrors perpetrated in Franco territory was presented by Dr. Antonio Ruiz Vilaplana, author of "Burgos Justice" and former dean of the commissioners of justice in Burgos. Describing Franco's administration of his territory as "the most horrible reign of terror that we know in history," he explained the civil war as "a revolt of the well-to-do, it was a rebellion of the privileged."

Powers Hapgood of the United Shoe Workers sent a telegram of greetings to the meeting, being unable to attend as scheduled because of union duties. Another message came from Roy Burt, national secretary of the Socialist Party. Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union pledged the support of American seamen.

Conducted under the joint auspices of the Confederated Spanish Societies, the Medical Bureau and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, the meeting was marked by a collection for the American Relief Shop, scheduled to sail in September. It amounted to a total of \$9,581, of which more than \$7,000 was in cash, in addition to pledges of goods as part of the cargo.

United Automobile Union Takes Over Milwaukee Local

(Special to Socialist Call)
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Plans to split the United Automobile Workers were freely discussed by ousted Vice Presidents Richard T. Frankenstein and Edward Hall, who spoke Saturday morning at a mass meeting of less than 700 of Milwaukee's 8,000 U. A. W. members.

Anticipating a huge crowd, anti-Martin forces called the meeting for the main arena of the Milwaukee auditorium. The attendance, too small to cover one-third of the hall, showed an obvious turnout far below expectation of the sponsors.

Hall and Frankenstein in their speeches said that plans for a rump convention were progressing and that the convention would probably be held as soon as the trials of the suspended officers were over. They charged that Martin was assuming the role of a "dictator" in the union.

This meeting followed closely the recent lifting of the charter of Allis-Chalmers Local 248.

Special to the Socialist Call
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—George Kiebler, president of District Council No. 1 of the United Automobile Workers, took complete charge of Allis-Chalmers Local 248 Saturday morning by virtue of an order from Homer Martin, international president of the union.

The order proclaimed Kiebler administrator of the local until President Martin or the International Executive Board lifts his guardianship.

Early in the morning Kiebler, assisted by 20 men, 15 of whom he said were dissatisfied members of the local, loaded union records and files on a truck for an unnamed destination. Police, who were called by a union steward soon after Kiebler's arrival, came under instructions to "not interfere in a civil controversy unless violence took place."

Harold Christoffel, president of Local 248, called the removal of union records an "illegal seizure" and threatened immediate court action.

6,000 MEMBERS

The Allis-Chalmers local has over 6,000 members. It is the largest UAW affiliate in the state. Action against it was prompted by the local sending its per capita dues to George Addes, suspended secretary-treasurer of the international.

Christoffel claims that his union unanimously approved the action on June 28. Anti-Christoffel members claim that not more than 85 members attended the meeting at which the action was taken.

A further reason for lifting the charter, it was reliably reported, was that officers planned to incorporate the local under the state's laws. An attempt to incorporate Local 75, Seaman Body Corp. workers, failed last week when the membership voted 2 to 1 for a substitute motion to send the June per capita tax to the acting secretary-treasurer.

CHRISTOFFEL EXPELLED

Allis-Chalmers union has met with considerable trouble since its inception. The present local was the outgrowth of a secession from the AFL which has tied up over \$3,000 in litigation still unsettled.

Christoffel has been continually confronted with opposition. On July 4th he resigned from the Socialist party. Two days later he was to face trial on charges of being a Communist agent. His evasion of the trial has not, however, enabled him to escape the fundamental charge against him.

Unidentified members of the union listed some of the complaints against the CP machine in the union to this correspondent. Among them are the fol-

lowing:

1. That any member of the union who opposes the CP machine is booted until he takes his seat if he makes any attempt to talk at meetings.

2. That known Communists are appointed to all positions of importance in the union and its unemployed group.

3. That elections are held undemocratically. Ballots are placed in envelopes that must be signed with name, department number and clock number on the outside.

4. That on more than one occasion Christoffel has complained to a foreman of the plant that anti-administration men were loafing at work.

5. That lengthy speeches on "Twentieth Century Americanism" has driven hundreds of members away from union meetings.

Kiebler has promised that in a short time a meeting of the rank and file of the union will be called to acquaint them with the situation.

Support for Former Strike Leader Grows

Increasing support for Fred E. Beal, former Gastonia (N. C.) strike leader, is evident, the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E. Beal reports.

The Ohio Federation of Teachers has adopted a formal resolution "demanding the immediate pardon of Fred E. Beal and giving endorsement to his fight for freedom."

Individual labor leaders who have joined the fight for Beal's release include William Green, President of the A. F. of L.; Homer Martin and David Dubinsky of the C. I. O.

The New Republic, liberal weekly, published an editorial calling for support of Beal. "If he is forced to serve out his sentence, a miscarriage of justice will be seen that entirely parallels the cases of Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney and Billings."

For more than forty years organized labor, the trade union movement in the United States, has had its success and its very life menaced by the destruction of the advantage it had won in legislative acts by special law made to the owner and employer's measure by judges in issuing injunctions. A judge who could not find the law to stop a strike from being successful crossed his fingers, said now "I sit in equity or chancery" or something of the sort, and proceeded to make the law to the order of the big property owners in society, to whom they were bound by business, personal, financial and political class ties.

For nearly forty years, first the American Federation of Labor, and now the A.F.L. and the newer C.I.O. movement together sought to meet this menace to their right to organize, strike and picket by a policy of working within the two capitalist parties and competing with the capitalist bosses for friends in those parties. From these "friends" they asked and after long and painful supplication received from time to time anti-labor injunction laws which were always greeted as the "Magna Charta of Labor." In a few years the judges being employer-minded in the overwhelming majority (and therefore sacred and above politics) found their way around those laws or wore them smooth with interpretation.

WAGNER ACT

Federal and state laws have been won and crowned with the best measure which any American capitalist legislature ever gave labor, the Wagner National Labor Relations Act, which inevitably was greeted as another "Magna Charta." Now comes a return of the inevitable capitalist depression, called a recession because it had a rear-end collision with the previous 1929 depression, which never quite got out of the way. Wage cuts are demanded by employers to make workers pay the whole cost of the depression. More workers are organized than ever before. Bigger and better labor laws like the Wagner act are on state and national statute books.

Injunction judges front and center! Cotillo in New York, Berry in New Jersey, Dady in Illinois, someone else in Newton Iowa etc. etc. Picketing, communicating, striking in any successful way against wage cut is against what? The laws? No! The injunction judges elected by the same labor votes in the

old parties which elected many a pro-labor legislator to enact good labor laws say it is contempt of their court.

As if labor could be contemptuous enough of the court of a Chancellor Berry who in New Jersey dares proclaim the unlimited rule of the owning class. Who declares that free speech, free assembly, free press and communication the right of the great mass, are conditional limited rights "granted" by the constitution but that property right the rights of the privileged few, the right of a furniture manufacturer to make profits out of sweated wages is something which precedes the constitution and the laws made under it.

ENGLISH LAW

What is the answer? Organized labor in England over thirty years ago faced with the same menace said the issue is power in the hands of labor's own men not favors from the hands of friends of labor, with power in their hands. The British labor movement organized a Labor Party independent of both old parties containing the employers and built its own political organization upon the foundation of its trade union organization. Today no English judge can issue a labor injunction. Labor settled that score. But American judges issue labor injunction in spite of laws and trace their right to do so back to English law and the arbitrary power of dead British kings.

The answer to the labor injunction is the Labor Party. The independent political power of labor in a state and a national Farmer-Labor political alliance organized to seek power for the masses under their own leaders will abolish the labor injunction. There is no need for the new C.I.O. movement to repeat the convincing thirty years demonstration of the A. F. of L. experience that working within either the Republican or the Democratic parties or both gives you all the Magna Chartas you want but leaves them to become "scraps of paper" when class lines are drawn on the picket line.

Catholic reactionaries are doing their darndest to stop the showing of a pro-loyalist film entitled "Blockade" because of tacit disapproval of the baby butcher, Franco. Socialists should make it their business to see that this film is supported and wherever possible campaigns to aid Spain should be held around the theatres showing this film . . .

Auto Workers Union Trial for Deposed Officers Convenes

Special to the Socialist Call

DETROIT—The trial of four former United Automobile Workers Union officers attained front-page prominence in the nation's press early this week as a showdown neared in the crucial inner-union struggle.

Homer Martin, president of the UAWA, disclosed that union wrecking would be a major issue in the trial. "I want to make it clear that we are accusing these people of a conspiracy with Communists to wreck the union, and not charging them on the basis of being Communists," he said.

Counter Communist charges were flung by the four deposed officers—Richard Frankenstein, Wyndham Mortimer, Ed Hall and Walter Wells—who charged that Martin was under the influence of Lovestone "Communists."

DUES STRIKE

The deposed officers said they assumed full responsibility for the acts of George Addes, former secretary-treasurer of the union, who was expelled two weeks ago for instigating a dues strike against the International Union.

In advance of the trials the

deposed officers also predicted that their removal would be sustained and intimidated that the fight would be carried to the rank and file members of the union.

A meeting of local union officers of the Detroit area met last week and voted to ask John L. Lewis to keep hands off the dispute at the present time. The meeting also rejected resolutions proposing that a C. I. O. committee and a committee of local officers sit in at the trial.

Martin forces claimed the meeting a victory for their side. Anti-Martinites charged that the meeting was packed with "paper locals."

LECTURES

Six discussion forums on labor problems will be conducted by the United Millinery Shipping Clerks' Union at 31 West 37th street, New York City, on Monday nights at 7 p. m., starting July 11th through August 15th. The program follows:

Aug. 1—"Labor and Politics in New York"; speaker: Mr. August Claessens, labor editor.

Aug. 8—"How to Build a Shipping Clerks' Union"; speaker: Mr. Murray Gurtman, president U. M. S. C. U., and others.

Aug. 15—"How to Build an Education and Recreation Program"; speaker: Mr. Jack Barbash, teacher and labor instructor.

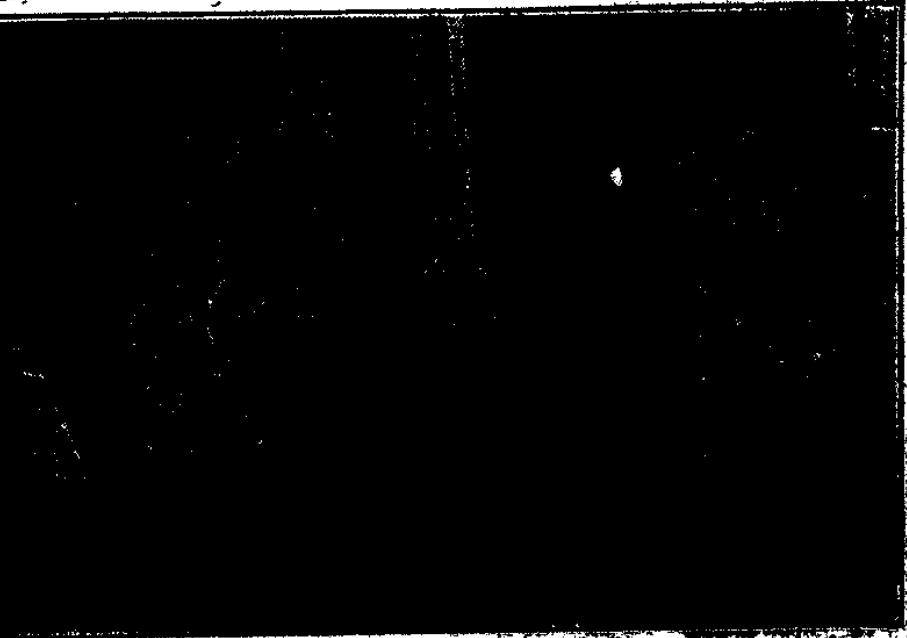
WORKERS LINE TO COLLECT \$51,000



FRANCIS HEISLER

Chicago Workers' Defense League Attorney

It was a sunny day for 147 employees of the National Tea Co., Chicago, July 16, when they lined up at the Chicago regional office of the National Labor Relations Board to collect initial payment on a \$51,000 award which the company paid to its striking employees as back wages.



From left to right in the group picture can be seen John Kozgill, strike committeeman; Tom Ruth, treasurer for the union; H. W. Buller, secretary, United Grocery Workers' Union (CIO); Francis Heisler, Workers' Defense League attorney; and Mr. Hays of the labor board.

Most of the victimized strikers have been reinstated in their former jobs. When asked what they thought of the award, several of them said: "We didn't just want a check, we wanted our jobs back."

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For a United Socialist Front

The Socialist Party of the United States for more than a year has urged unity of the Committee for Industrial Organization and the American Federation of Labor. In scores of struggles Socialists and their fellow workers have witnessed the heartbreaking spectacle of union men fighting union men. The bitterness and prejudices which were whipped up in a number of conflicts very often played into the hands of the employers and resulted in several disastrous retreats.

New Orleans is the latest example of the tragedy of labor's internal feud. Reactionary forces exploited the division within labor's ranks to smash the heroic strike of members of the United Automobile Workers. The union men were routed with tear gas, police clubs, imprisonment and wholesale terror. The factional war within the auto union and the viciousness of the A. F. of L. crowd in New Orleans contributed to this defeat. Embittered workers in a strategic Southern city now are disillusioned. Unionism there has suffered a setback which will take months to overcome. The impact of that terrible experience has had its repercussions in the whole labor movement and the lessons we derive therefrom demonstrates with compelling force that unity of the two trade union centers is an immediate historical necessity.

Labor's division is not restricted to unionism. In our own family—the family of Socialism—we have been divided for reasons that are best known to Socialists themselves. The dynamic forces of change and its counterpart, the elements enhanced by the forces of capitalist decay, have affected Socialist ranks. Like the general labor movement, Socialists have had their feuds, and oftentimes these feuds were as unpleasant as the acrimony of the CIO and AFL struggle.

If Socialists who devote their lives not only to action but to study and theoretical evaluations, consider themselves a vanguard force and by reason of their thorough class-consciousness claim for themselves the right to teach workers the road to their emancipation, then it goes with the need of special emphasis that we ought to be able to demonstrate our capabilities in deeds.

An opportunity to demonstrate our ability to unite our family ranks has been opened by a public invitation of the Social Democratic Federation, a group of comrades who severed their relations with the S. P. about two years ago. Naturally, we welcome any opportunity to discuss the question of Socialist unity.

We were equally delighted to get the report that the Social Democratic Federation of Reading, Pa., had joined with us in the Keep America Out of War Congress. In several local struggles, especially in unions, Social Democrats and Socialist workers have fought shoulder to shoulder for the progressive interests of labor with much success. We rejoice in this fact.

The National Action Committee, in response to the publicity which attended the move of the Social Democratic Federation, and without further waiting for an official communication, this week addressed a letter to them expressing their readiness to name a committee which would immediately begin conversations looking forward to unity of Socialist action and ultimate organic unity.

We believe that such a move is consistent with the best interest of Socialism and therefore the best interest of the working class.

If Socialists can demonstrate to the labor movement that they have the capacity to unite their own family, then their fight for a united trade union movement, for a workers' front against capitalism and reaction generally will gain attention and the effective proportions that are needed to consummate the immediate task of the American working class.

For Socialist Unity in Action!

For a United Socialist Front!

Hamilton Fish Removed From Anti-war Roll

U. S. Representative Hamilton Fish has been removed from the list of sponsors of the Keep America Out of War Congress, the "Congress Record," organ of the anti-war congress, reports in its first issue which was released this week.

Fish was removed from the rolls of the congress because of a recent public statement which urged the government of the United States to interfere in Mexican affairs.

"His stand conflicts with points one and six of the KAOWC," states the "Congress Record."

The "Congress Record" is a lively multigraphed job which briefly but interestingly reports the activities of the anti-war movement. It can be secured from the national headquarters of the Keep America Out of War Congress, 1707 H. Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. Subscription price is listed at \$1 a year.

New Socialist Party Branch Formed In NJ

CAMDEN, N. J. — Socialist Party building is being vigorously pushed in New Jersey. As a result of hard and consistent plugging a new party branch is being organized at Westfield Acres, federal government housing project. The branch will receive its charter from the State Committee, July 28, just a few days before Norman Thomas' appearance at a Keep America Out of War Congress to be held in Camden, August 2.

Thomas will speak in the Moose Hall, 804 Market street, Camden.

The anti-war congress has gained wide labor support. A large number of fraternal, trade union, church and progressive organizations are rallying to the support of the meeting; a big attendance is expected. Thomas will also speak on "Fugueism and the relation of that menace to the war danger."

Others to speak at the meeting are John Edelman, regional director of the CIO, Mrs. Hiram Elfenbein, state president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Rev. James E. Bristol, militant pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, and Miss Geraldine Lowden, leader of the Young People's Baptist Union. Mark Killocoyne, a vice-president of local 103, United Electrical and Radio Workers, will preside.

WORLD NOTES

The Palestine Imbroglia

By JOHN MILL

An endless succession of terroristic acts, hundreds murdered and wounded, bombing of private and public institutions, springing of bridges, wrecking of trains, incendiary outbreaks, cutting of telephone and telegraph wires, boycott of Jewish enterprises, political strikes—this is the news from Palestine we have been reading day in and day out for the last couple of years. It is not a sporadic pogrom here and there caused by anti-Semitic feelings of the Arabians, or instigated by Italian fascists and German nazis, but a national revolt against English imperialism and against Zionism, as a tool or an advanced post of this imperialism.

Since the world war the Arabian population has gradually gone through a radical social transformation. The half-primitive, half-feudal social relations almost disappeared. An Arabian bourgeoisie and middle class, a layer of Arabian intellectuals were born. The small landowners, the peasants, often tempted by the good prices the Zionists paid, got rid of their land, and, attracted by the fast-growing cities, flocked into them en masse.

CITIES GROW

In a short period of time the population of the Arabian cities grew 33 per cent, of the larger cities even much more—from 65 to 90 per cent. The young, aggressive Arabian bourgeoisie had from the very start to compete with no less active and aggressive Jewish capital. A number of industries are totally in Jewish hands.

In three years the Jews invested over 150 million dollars in building trade, transport, public utilities, cement and oil industry, commerce, etc. The Zionists' open confession that their intention is to increase this economic monopoly and widen the territorial sphere of their aspirations has been oil on the fire of Arabian nationalism.

The growing Jewish population, the steady influx of Jewish immigrants from Europe as a result of spreading of fascism and anti-Semitism—in 1919 there were 55,000 Jews in Palestine, now there are over 400,000—constitutes in the opinion of the Arabs a serious menace to their national independence and aims.

It is important to mention here that in this struggle of two nationalisms, the Arabian workers have fallen under the influence of the ideology of their ruling class. A great deal of guilt for this development bears undoubtedly Jewish organized labor in Palestine. Their nationalist slogan that 100 per cent of labor in Palestine must be Jewish, pushed the Arabian workers in the arms of the Arabian extreme nationalist demagogues.

BEN GURION

The same consequences had Ben Gurion's assertion that fate united the Jews with the English, empire and that they would follow only England... Ben Gurion is the leader of the Palestine Jewish Labor Party, affiliated with the Labor and Socialist International.

But the English policy in Palestine has also changed. The two promises made in war time—an Arabian state to the Arabians in order to have their help against the Turks, and a "national home" to the Jews, proclaimed by the Balfour declaration in 1917, in order to win the influential Jewish high finance on the side of English imperialism—both promises have been betrayed and forgotten.

The "mandat" over Palestine given to England by the "allies"

evolutionized into an "act of possession" and now she sits in Palestine tight and forever. Though the situation is very complicated, England, for whom Palestine is of enormous, incalculable political, economic and military importance, especially on account of Italy's aggressive imperialism in the Mediterranean, finds it to her interest to play the Arabs against the Jews and vice-versa. Therefore, the zigzag course in her relations to both.

A HELL

Not a "national home," a land of hope, peace and unhampered work, void of pogroms and anti-Jewish hatred, but a hell is present-day Palestine. The Zionists' work of a half a century is a total failure, a fiasco. Their castles were built on sand. Their ideology false in its foundation. Their assertion that Zionism would solve the Jewish question turned out to be a dream, far from reality.

It has been foreseen and predicted by the Jewish Socialists in Europe. No wonder that in the history of the Jewish revolutionary Socialist movement the struggle against the Zionist ideology occupies one of the most manifest places.

When the class differentiation in the Jewish nation—about 50 years ago—started to bring to the surface political and party formations, the middle class went over to Zionism, the workers—to Socialism. They immediately placed themselves on the opposite sides of the barricade and the fight has been going on up to the present day. Already the fourth convention of the Jewish Socialist Party in Russia, Poland and Lithuania ("Bund"), in 1900, declared the Zionist activities nationalistic, harmful to the class interest of the Jewish proletariat and closed the doors of all Jewish labor organizations to their followers.

CATERED TO DESPOTS

While the Jewish workers were bleeding in their struggle against czarism and capitalism and were thrown into prisons and exiled to remote Siberian villages—the Zionists catered to despots, tried to "soften" their hearts and win Kaiser Wilhelm II and the czar's hangman, Von Plehve, on their side, or buy a "charter" from the bloody Turkish sultan, as if emancipation of a nation could be bought for money or granted by benevolence or mercy. And still today the Zionists play the most reactionary role in the social and political life in Poland and the struggle of the Jewish Socialist Bund against them is as uncompromising as ever.

For the Jewish Socialists, Zionism has never been and could not be a solution of the Jewish problems and could not be considered not only as the aim, but even not as a means for the emancipation of the Jewish workers. Only in close contact, in political and organizational unity with the workers of other nationalities, races, religions and in common struggle against their class enemies—Jewish as well as Gentile—they have sought their salvation.

The Jewish Socialists will never get off this track! Palestine is no exception. Not by claiming "historical rights," not by alienating the Arabian workers, but by friendship and solidarity with them, in common struggle not for a Jewish and not for an Arabian Palestine, but for a Palestine of workers and peasants, no matter to which nationality they belong, can the present "Hell" be turned into an "Eden."

BLACK WATCH IN JERUSALEM



Soldiers of the famous Scottish regiment, with fixed bayonets, clear the area around Jaffa gate after a bus had been bombed, killing three Jews and a 12-year-old school-girl, in one of the many outbursts of violence between Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

Review of the 75th Congress

AT THE — FRONT

with Norman Thomas



Two Wars

The first anniversary of the wanton Japanese attack on China and the second anniversary of Franco's rebellion fell close together. The papers say that one year's war has cost the lives of 1,000,000 Chinese soldiers and civilians. It is straining Japanese power to the limit and the ultimate victory of China seems assured. But at how terrible price and how unnecessary except for the loyalties and institutions of capitalism and absolute nationalism which rule the earth! The one compensation for the suffering of the gallant Chinese will be if the victory is a victory of the workers with hand and brain in which event the Japanese may join.

The Spanish picture is at the moment darker. But by no means is all hope gone. The gallant resistance of the Loyalists minimizes the advantages in equipment and foreign mercenaries which Franco possesses. To those advantages not only the dictators but Great Britain and the Roosevelt administration following Britain's lead have directly or indirectly contributed.

That Hitler should ask for power arbitration of the problem of the Sudeten Germans is the first tiny ray of hope that Central Europe may escape general war. Of course, the proposal itself was bad because the four powers included Germany, an interested party, along with England and France, but excluded Czechoslovakia. But anything that smacks of reason and desire for peace in our crazy world brings some relief.

Civil Liberties

The recent report of the American Civil Liberties Union gave a rather more optimistic picture of civil liberties in America than the facts warranted. This has been shown by the most recent events. Let us run over them: Brutal Hitlerism in New Orleans; the amazing Berry anti-labor injunction in New Jersey; the Cotillo injunction in New York; the handling of strikes in North Chicago and Newton, Iowa; the unsettled Hague problem; the Government's failure to act adequately in peonage cases, and the continued confinement of Fred Beal in North Carolina, Mooney and Billings in California, and the Scottsboro boys in Alabama. Yes, and a letter just received reminds me that I should add the new attempt, first to jail and then deport the anarchist, Marcus Graham, in Los Angeles. Not a handsome record for liberty!

Fortunately there is beginning to arise in Alabama itself a demand for the release of all the Scottsboro prisoners. By no means was justice satisfied by the commutation of the death sentence of Clarence Norris to life imprisonment. The state itself impeached its only witness, the degenerate Virginia Price, when it released four boys whom it said could not possibly be guilty. But, if she had lied about the others, for she said that they were all equally guilty of a crime which Judge Horton's analysis of the medical testimony shows was never committed. The boys are in jail as victims to racial and regional pride and prejudice. The awakening sense of justice in Alabama is on trial.

The Unholy Whitewash

An Essex County Grand Jury in Newark has decided that, while the Newark riot at Military park, June 4th, was all wrong and that free speech was right, and while the Police Department may have been lax in sending no more po-

lice to the park, nevertheless, the police in the park did their full duty and the riot itself was spontaneous.

This is ridiculous nonsense. It is contrary to evidence and common sense, but it bears out what we had anticipated from the attitude of certain grand jurors and the prosecuting attorney, and what we knew of Hague's control of the judicial system. Hooligans, most of them with police court records, do not spontaneously get themselves flags, signs from Jersey City and money to hire an expensive band.

There was a conference in the office of Deputy Attorney General Egan, a Hague man, at which this whole protest against free speech was discussed. Of this the Grand Jury was told. The attitude of the police in the park was one of extreme incompetence or extreme friendship with the mob. The Grand Jury's whitewash simply shows the extent to which Hagueism has control in New Jersey. The fight must go on and it must be a political battle as well as a fight in the courts. Above all, it must arouse labor to the fact that it is cutting its own throat when certain sections of it support Frank Hague.

Hagueism

It is Hagueism and not imported Nazism from which American fascism will arise.

Even Hague had too much sense to allow the Bund to march in his parade and a Suffolk County (New York) Grand Jury very properly found certain Bund leaders guilty of violating a state law requiring the registration of the members of a society which imposes an oath such as the Bund oath. Such a law does not violate civil liberty and neither does a law violate civil liberty which prevents private organizations from drilling with guns.

It is always possible to argue that any organization, the fundamental purpose of which is to deny liberty to others, has no right to plead liberty in its own behalf. The argument is weak. If liberty and democracy are as strong as we think, they are strong enough to protect themselves. To deny liberty to the Bund in the ordinary sense of the word liberty would set a precedent that would almost certainly be used more drastically against labor organizations and radical parties. Again I repeat that the great danger in America is not from Fritz Kuhn's Bund, it is from the so-called "Americanism" of Frank Hague, the New Orleans oligarchy and certain veterans' organizations.

As a postscript to this paragraph, let me again insist that Socialists and only Socialists in the last campaign in New York City tried to make a real issue of a proper Bill of Rights in the new state constitution. That matter is now being made a political football at Albany and it looks as if the Republican majority would whittle down guarantees of labor's rights and fasten a new and undemocratic redistricting upon the state.

Socialist Unity

We Socialists stand for peace between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. We have worked for the proper sort of peace in the United Automobile Workers. We have always sought the maximum harmony where there is agreement, as for instance, in the Keep America Out of War Congress. We would be hypocrites then if we did not believe in the maximum possible Socialist unity.

We want as inclusive a Socialist Party as is consistent with an adequate and effective pro-

by FRANK NEWTON

(Continued from last week)

1. The Jones A. A. A. of 1938:

Wallace's second Farm Act has the same essential features of crop reduction and subsidy for growing less as did the previous Supreme Court invalidated Act. The constitutional objections are hurdled, but under the guise of soil conservation the program of the largest government agency in the United States is still based on an economy of scarcity with benefits to producers on a scale that imposes all the liabilities on the elements most in need: sharecroppers and tenant farmers, agricultural field and processing workers.

2. Defense: A combined naval and military budget almost one and a half billions for arms expansion. Under the guise of peace and good neighborliness and international morals, F. D. R. led, with Congress jumping over its heels to follow, in the largest peace-time war budget ever passed. These authorized expenditures—the last authorizations under the earlier Vinson Act have not yet been spent—provide the United States with a navy that clearly recognizes its job not only in the Western Hemisphere but also in the far Pacific. A program—together with a state policy which in the words of Hubert Herring's excellent little book: "And So to War!"

TRUST BUSTING

3. Investigations: \$400,000 to tell us how monopolies control American industrial life. F. D. R.'s trust busting so far has been like his namesake predecessor's, mostly hot air. As Lundberg quietly pointed out in "America's Sixty Families": T. R. did less trust busting than paunchy Taft, candidate of big business. And F. D. R. so far has allowed Bob Jackson and Thurman Arnold merely to inveigh against the folklore of Bigness. Shades of Brandeis!

A second investigation grew out of the alleged scandals connected with T. V. A. There is friction between the Morgan-Lilienthal faction vs. the other Morgan faction. Probably it is true, as Arthur E. charges, that his opponents winked at certain deals which would benefit New Deal partisans; and probably it is also true as Harcourt M. and Lilienthal charge that Arthur E. was much too willing to keep alive the private utilities which were and are muleting the Southern utility consumers. The Dies anti-ism investigation, god-fathered by Congressman Dickstein and supposedly directed directly against Nazi activity in America, may well turn out to be a red-baiting junket. Of course, no real investigation of Hague and Hagueism. He is only a vice-president of the President's party.

4. Recovery and Relief: 3½ billions for W. P. A., P. W. A., Housing, Rural Electrification, and additional farm parity payments. The fake concern of Congress for budget balancing is clearly seen in the politics of this act. Congress increased the appropriations over the amounts asked for by the President. The amount to W. P. A., 1½ billions is still far short of requirements. Witness the plight of relief and

gram on war, and on domestic policies. I am glad, therefore, to read in the papers—I have seen no official letter—that the Social Democratic Federation is interested in harmony and has appointed a committee on the subject. I am glad that the Reading Social Democrats have come into the Keep America Out of War Congress. In these days of insincere Communist opportunism, and of New Deal failure to solve the problems of a dis-integrating capitalism, we Socialists want all the joint action we can get and as large an organic unity as is consistent with an effective and harmonious program.

W. P. A. clients throughout the country; witness the curtailments in rates of pay for project workers.

Housing came in for additional bond-issuing powers from 500 millions to 800 millions, but the U. S. Housing Administration, though a continuing concern in one form or another since 1933, can show precious little accomplishment to date. Nathan Straus, new administrator at the beginning of the year, promised action—it is still promised action! In this connection, the Steagall Act increased the revolving fund of the other housing administration (F. H. A.) from 2 billions to 3 billions—but this is designed exclusively to eliminate the risk of banking and insurance companies in financing new construction—the risk is now carried by the U. S. government up to 90% but without any labor requirements for the borrowing builders! The amendment which would have required government and private users of government monies to abide by collective bargaining agreements was defeated!

WAGES AND HOURS

5. Fair Labor Standards Act: This misnomer that was pulled out at the last was "the floor to wages and the ceiling to hours" promise of the President. Here again Congress, facing elections willingly doffed its "independence" and budget-balancing propensities in order to exhibit a more "sympathetic" face to the laboring masses. The Act suffered half-hearted support by the A. F. of L. because the Building Trades were against any wages and hours act. Lewis reputedly was indifferent to it in its present form—and permitted Sidney Hillman who had recovered from his recent serious illness to serve as the C. I. O. sponsor for one of Hillman's pet ideas.

The Act is a travesty on fair labor standards—more on this in another article. It excludes as does the A. A. A. all agricultural field and processing workers—thus "exempting" the lowest paid workers in America. Domestic fail to come in under the interstate commerce provision and are therefore likewise excluded. Government experts estimate it will cover a bare two hundred thousand workers. It provides for a 25c per hour, 44-hour week the first year or \$11 a week, \$572 a year. The lowest estimate for adequate care is at least three times as much. If it goes to a second year, the gross will be increased \$1.60 a week and \$83 a year. Not much better! The Industrial Boards, of course, may actually "find" that 40c per hour 40 hours per week, \$16 is required. But this finding can be delayed through court procedures for the usual stalling periods.

In short, in the Agriculture and Fair Labor Standards Act, the one third of a nation who are ill-clothed, ill-housed, ill-fed, remain in status quo ante!

As Cicero said to Catiline: "How long, pray, will you continue to abuse our patience?"

OTHER DEEDS

Other deeds of this Congress might be mentioned in passing: The Chandler Bankruptcy Act (Ch. XIII) has a section which might help workers escape the toils of loan sharks.

The new Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is another Copeland victory for the trade as against the consumer. The attempt at cooperative farm foresting, costing \$1,300,000 was defeated in the last minutes but \$500,000 was authorized for the beginning of a new navy dirigible! The last dirigible catastrophies were overlooked.

Perhaps these last two items best symbolize the 75th Congress! Or, if you prefer the defeat of the War-Referendum (Ludlow) Amendment and of the Anti-Lynching Bill may serve

equally well to characterize the sham of the recent Congress.

CONCLUSION

And so some 500 odd legislators speed homeward, seeking reelection. Some are Tories, some liberals and progressives. It would be folly to deny it. But to regard this Congress as mainly a battle between Toryism and Progressivism, between "savers" and "spenders" is sheer nonsense.

This Congress by overwhelming votes of both Democrats, Republicans, Progressives and Farmer-Laborites united on the Acts I have briefly described. Professions of budget-balancing faith initiated by the President were sloughed off as rapidly as the President and Congress became aware of the seriousness of the current down-swing in the ninth year of the Depression. Congress—suffering from a cultural lag—was slightly slower in its reaction than the President.

The key to this Congress—as well as previous ones—has its foundation on the solid honesty of the President: He is out to save capitalism. To date his scheme of salvation in free use of the Treasury's credit. Pump-priming without taxation is useful for a while—but obviously pump-priming cannot go on forever. It consists of a series of "shots in the arm"—the effect of which wears off; requires larger doses. Actually, the patient needs either a thorough going operation which will really cure him—a planned, cooperative socialist society—or else he will die from drug addiction.

Pump-priming must of necessity be over and above actual income from taxation; otherwise, its extractions cancel its investments. Capital levies may be used—but this no bourgeois democratic capitalist government will apparently face. The alternatives today, tomorrow, as yesterday, are not conservatism vs. progressivism, but capitalism vs. socialism.

Militia, Tear Gas Used Against Organized Labor

(Continued from Page 1)
ed the company's books and found the wage cut "justified". Scheck who is by trade a good printing pressman but never known as an accountant has on unfortunate habit of always finding wage cuts justified as is the way of most so-called "conciliators" of labor and capital sent out by capitalist governments even capitalist governments as kind and labor sympathetic as Mr. Roosevelt's governments is—when workers are organized and a growing political power in the land.

The cases of the three union officials who were sentenced to 6 months imprisonment and \$500 fine for violation of the injunction issued against the Maytag strikers were continued last week to September when they will be heard in the Iowa State Supreme Court. The convicted officials are, James B. Carey, International President of the UERMWA William Sentner, CIO regional director, and Hollis Hall of the Maytag local.

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Will the Klondike Call Again?

I have been reading, (look, I have been reading!) several books of the many that are coming off the presses on the gorgeously vague subject of democracy and what is happening to it. They are the efforts of liberals, most of them associated in one way or another with The New Deal. They are, of course, well and frequently brilliantly written. They have a certain plausibility about them. They are as pleasantly well-mannered as their authors, good company and often good reading. But none of them follows through.

You get up from them as you do from a smoothly concocted cocktail, stimulated for the moment, but with the certainty that no more than mild indigestion will ensue. For of course, liberalism, 1938 brand, is never served straight. And if it were, it wouldn't be liberalism anyway. For blending is the essence of this liberalism. The trick is to blend unmixable parts into a palatable whole.

This is done by using the oblique manner of approach, which the intellectuals of my salad days learned from the late Thorstein Veblen. Veblen, however, used his peculiar understatement and sly obliquity for a weapon, not a fire-escape. He went to the heart of absentee ownership of the necessities of American life and lent an ear to its murmurous beatings and found the heart rotten and said so, with great shrewdness and wit. To be sure, he had his quarrels with the Marxists. But Veblen never suggested that the way to end the abuses of capitalism was to keep the flopping critter on its pins by providing government crutches. The Jerome Franks, the Thurman Arnolds and the Henry Wallaces are the boys to conceive this magnificent approach.

Reinhold Niebuhr lays hands on Jerome Frank's "Save America First" in a review of that book in the Nation of July 9 last and poses the question which always trips up these players of liberal word games. That question is, of course,

"Given the disproportion of economic power in modern capitalism, can this disproportion be prevented from resulting in such flagrant inequalities of privilege as to wreck the productive process itself?" Socialists say that "the basic disproportion of economic power must be destroyed before modern society can achieve health." And no fine writing or wishful thinking in print can weather that thunderous imperative.

There is no "inevitability" about our stand. We do not insist that inevitably things will turn out as we want them. We know, none better, that the economic disproportions of the capitalist system are not going to be wiped out for the asking. It's wasting printer's ink and wood pulp to tell us that, as Jerome Frank does in many pages. What we do insist is that the capitalism about which the liberals are writing is deadlier than a speech by Browder and that the sooner its corpse is interred the healthier the community will be. Standing around the bedside, hoping to keep life in the patient by injections of diluted Veblenism, seems to us another instance of the liberal's labor lost.

Of course, to the new-line Stalinists such writers as Arnold and Frank seem howling radicals. Ever since Christopher Columbus Browder discovered America a couple of years ago bourgeois democracy has become the kosher Communist leveller of our economic disproportions. Put your faith in F. D. R. and it follows as the night the day, that the stubborn capitalists will capitulate and that the Communist state will be inaugurated to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner and the intermittent bangings of the firing-squad pursuing revolutionaries off-stage. On that Great Day to be sure, the Communist Party will have made its final change and become the Democratic Party and Comrades Jim Farley and Frank Hague will be telling us all about majority rule, and the Klondike will ring once more to the tread of marching feet.

—McAlister Coleman.

FOR LOYALIST SPAIN



Jane Sterling, star of the Broadway hit "Bachelor Born," in a warehouse downtown in New York, sorting clothing and even making bales which will be sent on the America Relief Ship for Spain in September. The campaign to launch a relief ship, filled with 5,000 tons of milk, food, clothing and medical supplies, has received the support of many organizations, trade unions, church, peace and youth groups throughout the nation.

**Elizabeth S. P.
Wages Fight on
ROTC, Hagueism**

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Activating the Socialist Party's historic and unflinching anti-war and anti-military position, Elizabeth Socialist are carrying on a determined struggle against Hagueism and the introduction of military training at the local high school.

A proposal for military training through the R. O. T. C. at the Thomas Jefferson High School was made by American Legion. Lillian Geneslaw, local Socialist Party secretary in a letter to the Board of Education urged that the Board severely criticize the Legion proposal, because "military education is contrary to the spirit and purposes of democratic society."

She pointed out that military training will not bring about security, and that "boys in their teens, just beginning to notice social trends should be helped by their teachers to understand these trends and to prepare themselves to assume their share of responsibility for creating just and peaceful relations between individuals and nations."

A number of other organizations have also expressed protest to the proposed military training.

LEAFLET BAN

The Socialist Party and the Workers Defense League are also engaged in a fight against the anti-leaflet distributing ordinance recently adopted in Paterson (N. J.), silk mill center.

Stanley Moser, Socialist Party state committee member was arrested two weeks ago for handing out leaflets, in an effort by the Workers Defense League to prove the illegality of the ordinance.

Morris Milgram, state secretary of the WDL, charged that Mayor Bernard Stafford of Paterson is trying to dodge the test of the ordinance by shifting the charges against Moser.

The Mayor wrote to Carl Gelman, Passaic county counsel to the WDL, informing him that Moser would be charged with disorderly conduct for telling an officer to "go and lay an egg."

**MOBSTERS WHO RAIDED
NEWARK MASS MEETING
WHITEWASHED BY JURY**

by MARTIN BERNSTEIN
a Staff Correspondent

NEWARK, N. J.—The Essex County Grand Jury, after a four week investigation of the ugly hoodlum riot at the Norman Thomas meeting at Military Park on June 4, finally came out with a complete whitewash!

Recalling the mass resentment against the Hague inspired riot, seven week ago, workers here were indignant with this brazen presentment. After hearing the detailed testimony of over 50 people, including Norman Thomas, the grand jury arrived at the decision that—there was a Military Park, there was a riot, and that hoodlums were present, that a band marched in to disrupt the meeting, and that Thomas was egged. Not a word about the aid police gave to the hoodlums in opening the way for them to enter with the band, nothing about money sources which inspired the thugs and criminals, and no indictments against any of the "police court veterans" who did the dirty work.

All testimony presented by Socialists, Workers Defense League officials and many others, it became convincingly clear that the actions, or leak of it, on the part of the Newark police, were largely responsible for the disgraceful episode. The testimony given accused the police of openly aiding the gangsters and thugs. It charged them with responsibility for opening the way for the band, with the hoodlums behind them. Photographs also how police officials standing by grinning as the hooligans let loose with waving flags, eggs and overripe vegetables.

CLOSED DOORS

The grand jury hearings were held behind closed doors, and the press was not permitted to witness the lengthy testimonials. It was disclosed though, that there was a minority on the grand jury which insisted on indictments against the yeggs who egged. Many clashes took place before the final presentments in the form of a whitewash were drawn up. Walter L. Van Dune, advertising man, was reported to be the leader of the minority, who could not be reached for comment. The grand jury's claim of "lack of evidence" for indictments, and their establishment of the riot as a "spontaneous out-

break" were assailed by the Socialist Party and the Workers Defense League.

POLITICIANS

It is now a matter of public record that the instigators of the riot were a number of American Federation of Labor leaders and some democratic politicians. A meeting of the protest committee was held at the office of New Jersey's assistant attorney-general William J. Egan, who denied that he did more than draw up a resolution of protest against granting the permit (Continued on Page 7)

EDITOR'S CORNER

Dear Editor:

In reading over the "Editor's Corner" of last issue of the CALL I notice with motherly indignation the gross mistake in regard to the weight of our latest child (ahem!) You say six pounds. I say it was a good nine pounds, and now at the age of 3 months he tips the scale at 15½!

Comradely,
Mrs. C. H. Mayer,
Virden, Ill.

To the editor of the CALL a stiff reprimand for undervaluing Eugene Debs Mayer's poundage. To Comrade Mayer our apologies. To Eugene Debs our love, and sincere hope that we will have established Socialism before he becomes a man.

Dear Editor:

Your gag worked because I am enclosing a "Recovery" sub (which will renew my subscription so far in the future that I feel more the Socialist planner than ever). This is the best way I know to show my personal reaction to your compliments. I'm not going to wait for the

O. K. of Mrs. Tekla, because this item may be in excess of our Revolutionary Fund. However, as an activist in the Young Circle League of America and the TWOC No. 17 (CIO), Mrs. Tekla will understand. She has a file of the CALL since your July 10, 1937 issue (the beginning of our romance), and is your staunch supporter. Maybe it would interest you to know that I met Miss Nettie Reingold at a Socialist social, and I made it my business to develop our acquaintance because I wanted to recruit her for our Party. She still hasn't been recruited, but now she has recruited me into the ranks of husbands.

Sincerely for the CALL and married life,
Tad Tekla,
Cleveland, Ohio.

A washbucking Nazi accosted a Dutchman. "Hitler will be in Holland next!" warned the Nazi. "I wouldn't doubt it," came the Hollander's calm reply, "we already have the Kaiser."

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	290	1,581

We are indeed grateful for the fine response we have been receiving on our recent appeal for funds.

We appreciate these fine contributions and urge those of you who have not already returned your coin-cards, to do so at the earliest possible date.

May I especially acknowledge the generous contribution of \$25 which was contributed by the Germantown Branch, local Philadelphia. The comrades of this active branch, as well as all those who contributed to this fund, are to be congratulated on the fine comradely spirit they have displayed in lending support to the CALL at a time when it is faced with a serious crisis.

Subscriptions received during the past week totaled 280; of these 4 were "Recovery" subs, 145 "Recession" and 131 "Depression" subs. New bundle order circulation was increased by 10, or a sharp decline over last week's gain. Surely this, section of the drive must be given more support if the BUILD THE CALL DRIVE is to be a success.

During the past week we received our first new subscriptions from New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Montana and South Dakota. To be sure we are happy to welcome them into the fold of honorary states who are co-operating in BUILDING THE CALL!

Bouquets are in order for Comrades Eric Bjurman of Kenisha, Wis.; Samuel Slyman of New Kensington, Pa.; George Novick, the CALL'S New York representative; George Leppert of St. Louis, Mo.; M. Briggan of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ernest Serra of Westfield, N. J.; C. J. Rechstiener of Scranton, Pa.; Edgar Clemons of Oklahoma City, Okla.; W. W. Weyer of Gilmanston, N. H.; James D. Graham of Helena, Mont.; D. W. Dubin of Philadelphia, Pa.; George E. English of Flint, Mich.; J. M. Rathman of Ephrata, Pa.; Paul Cotton of Philadelphia, Pa.; L. Busker of Detroit, Mich.; Harry Stulman of Philadelphia, Pa., who have been hustling up new CALL subs—keep up the good work!

We had the pleasure of meeting Comrade R. V. Johns of Brookville, Pa., a few days ago when he was in Chicago. Comrade Johns was a delegate to the very important conference of railroad employees who were convening in protest to a proposed wage cut. We appreciate his sincere interest in the CALL for having taken time out to pay us a visit, renew his subscription and contribute to the coin-card appeal fund.

As we enter into the seventh week of the BUILD THE CALL DRIVE, let us resolve to intensify our efforts by securing many new subscriptions and increasing bundle order circulation. We have a goal of 10,000 new CALL readers to attain, and to succeed we must continue to carry out a concerted and enthusiastic program of CALL BUILDING!

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1—By each party member being a subscriber to the CALL (an action taken at the recent National Convention, it was decreed mandatory for every employed party member to be a subscriber to the CALL).

2—By each party member se-

curing at least one non-party subscription during the BUILD THE CALL DRIVE.

3—By an enthusiastic drive of all CALL Directors, CALL Boosters and party sympathizers, workers, farmers, union officers and shop stewards in an effort to secure from them subscriptions to the CALL.

4—By increasing bundle order copies by having the CALL widely distributed to newsstands, at party meetings and functions, labor and union gatherings, mass meetings, public picnics, etc.

5—By adopting the slogan: "BUILD THE CALL!"

It is imperative that you join with us in attaining 10,000 new CALL readers!

Call Boosters Active

NEW YORK—Offering as a prize a weeks vacation at the Socialist cooperative CAMP THREE ARROWS, a group of New York CALL boosters are holding a raffle for the benefit of the CALL.

Martin Bernstein, CALL correspondent, has undertaken the organization of a committee to support the official Socialist Party organ, and raise funds for it. The committee will put out attractive promotion material which will help publicize the CALL.

The New York District of the YPSL has taken half the raffle books to be sold, and they are engaged in a hot Socialist competition campaign, to get subs for the Call, with various prizes offered to the Circles coming out on top.

Packed Knitgoods Meeting Votes General Strike

NEW YORK—Over 3,500 members of the Knitgoods Workers' Union, at an overflow meeting held July 22 at Manhattan Opera House, authorized the union to call a general strike in the knitted outerwear industry. The meeting further empowered the executive board to set the date for the general strike and to continue with all the necessary preparations.

A telegram was received from David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, who could not attend the meeting because of illness pledging the full moral and financial support of the International Union to the knitgoods workers.

The telegram stated: "I am following the progress of the negotiations in your industry with the keenest interest as I know that upon the outcome depends the welfare of the thousands of workers in the knitgood industry. . . . I greet the members of Local 155. . . . The I.L.G.W.U. for its part, will throw its full support to the

Newark Mobsters Get Jury Whitewash

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which was presented to police Chief Harris.

Following the committee's appearance at the chief's office, gangs of hoodlums gathered in and around the park, and later marched in with the eggs and vegetables behind the band, which was paid \$175.00 by several unidentified men in service caps.

In a statement on the grand jury presentment, Clara Handelman, Essex County secretary of the Socialist Party, pointed out that the "grand jury action, instead of disproving the complicity of persons higher up, confirms the charge that persons entrusted with enforcing the law gave aid to lawbreakers."

POLICE INVOLVED

She further said that "actual photos were introduced showing police smiling while eggs were whizzing through the air, showing Police Chief Sebald engaged in upsetting the speakers' platform. Does this not show a conspiracy between police officials and the underworld to break up the meeting?"

POLICE WHITEWASH

In reviewing the riot the Grand Jury states that there was not sufficient police protection in the park when Thomas arrived, intimating that the Socialist Party is responsible for not having requested such protection. Basing their findings on such flimsy excuses they say that criticism of the police is "not justified." The fact of the matter is that the park was already flooded with police at the time of the band's and thugs' arrival.

Judge Daniel Brennann in charging the Grand Jury over a month ago, asked them to make a "most searching inquiry" and to determine the identity of all those guilty of the disturbance. The Grand Jury presentment alibi is that the riotous confusion prevented the identification of many of the thugs.

What are the facts? Your correspondent did disclose the identity with the criminal records of a number of thugs, and these were officially incorporated in the Norman Thomas testimony. A large number of other thugs who were present have since been disclosed. They are all well known characters to the Newark police. All they have to do is look up their records to find charges of assault and battery, breaking and entering, grand larceny, bastardy, white slavery, and other such police records.

CONTINUE QUIZZ

The police investigation of the riot still continues. When this writer asked Deputy Police Chief Brex who is in charge of the investigation, for some information on the progress of the quizz, or the expected date of its termination, the reply was "No comment to make." In light of the Grand Jury decision, this investigation is gaining prominence, and its findings are awaited with great interest.

Norman Thomas, while on a speaking tour in the middle West wired from Chicago that

Knitgood Workers Union in its fight for decent conditions."

Louis Nelson, Manager of the Union, reported that negotiations between the Union and the Passamenterie and Trimming Manufacturers Association had reached a successful conclusion. As a result of this agreement, the workers in the textile trimming section of the industry will receive a 10 to 20% increase in wages, a week's vacation with pay and other Union demands. The workers cheered Manager Nelson's statement that the Union is ready to come to an agreement with the knitted outerwear manufacturers if they, similarly, are ready to yield to the Union's justified demands.

he "had anticipated a whitewash, partly by the reason of the attitude of certain grand jurors, partly because of the enormous extent of Hague's control of Jersey courts."

"Indictments or no indictments," Thomas declared, "the facts remain that on June 4 there were serious breaches of order and denials of liberties; that it was luck more than anything else which prevented more serious injuries or loss of life; that the mob was planned probably by the Hague machine; that it used signs from Jersey City, and that from some source money was put up to pay the band and otherwise to finance the mob."

He said that it is a "shocking commentary on the law and its enforcement that faced with these facts a grand jury takes no action. It was precisely such failure to act in similar cases in Germany that encouraged the rise of Hitlerism."

A HAGUE STOOG

In assailing the grand jury decision Brendon Sexton, executive secretary of the Workers

League said that the "weak attempt of the jury to save its face by denouncing the incident itself and condemning 'persons unknown' who started the riot does not save their investigation from being a whitewash.

There is an irreconcilable contradiction between the condemnation of persons unknown and the decisions that there is no cause for returning an indictment, when there are newspaper photographs available in which instigators of the riot can be and have been identified and where there were witnesses, whose credibility cannot possibly be doubted, to testify to the complicity of the police."

Sexton declared that the Essex County Grand jury and Prosecutor Wachenfeld will have to answer for the disgraceful whitewash when the facts as presented are disclosed by a federal or La Follette investigation of the Hague civil liberties violations.

It seems that new anti-fascist, pro-peoples' front, Japanese hating magazine "Ken" which was exposed so nicely in the "Call" by Lillian Symes has forgotten that there is such a thing as unionism in the U. S. According to Local 24, United Office and Professional Workers five members of the local were discharged a few weeks after they had joined the union.

Organized Labor United in Fight for W.P.A. Funds

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Demonstrating the unity of the AFL, CIO, and the Worker's Alliance in the fight for relief, the All Philadelphia Labor Committee staged a huge mass meeting and open air demonstration last week to force City Council to appropriate funds for the WPA.

The Philadelphia City Council dominated by the Republican Party has repeatedly refused to appropriate \$2,000,000 for WPA which will bring \$20,000,000 from the Federal Government. The attitude of the Council has been that this money will provide political jobs for the Democratic politicians.

The All Philadelphia Labor Committee, composed of delegates from CIO and AFL unions, and from the Worker's Alliance has waged a battle to get this money. Unfortunately, this fight has been characterized by the Committee using political maneuvering instead of the strength of organized labor. The Committee has been working on the arrangement of a deal where the political appointments will be divided between the Democratic and Republican parties.

Workers and the unemployed have learned from experience that no sort of political deal will get them adequate relief. It is only by utilizing the power of their movement that it is possible to secure this much needed WPA fund. Progressive delegates in the All Philadelphia Labor Committee have fought for militant demonstrations and picket lines to show City Council that the unemployed must get these funds.

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Strike-Breaking Outfit Under Fire

Vigilantes Up To Old Tricks In California

WESTWOOD, Calif.—Armed vigilantes patrolled this town as close to 1,000 homeless CIO members and their families appealed for state aid against the mobs who had driven them from their community.

The mob action, the second in six months in California, grew out of attempts of the Red River Lumber Company to break a strike of International Woodworkers of America members who have been fighting a 17½% wage cut.

The town is owned by the lumber company, which has been sponsoring the Industrial Employees Union, a fake company outfit. Leaders of the IEU, aided by police and other public authorities, went through the streets of the town at night, passing before homes of CIO members.

KANGAROO COURTS

Strikers were "tried" before a kangaroo court set up by the mob and then ordered to leave town with their families.

Sheriff Olin Johnson, who toured the town with the vigilantes, made no effort to stop them. He charged that he was offering the IWA men "protection" by forcing them to evacuate their homes.

Leaders of the strike committee announced that they would fight to see that Westwood is re-established as United States territory.

In San Francisco, the Industrial Union Council announced it had sent a protest to Governor Merriam.

"Vigilantes go swaggering up and down the streets, armed with guns and engage in whatever violence they please," a CIO official said. "The lumber company controls the town and all the officials."

Many protests have been pouring into the offices of the "Brooklyn Tablet" because of a recent editorial signed by Patrick Scanlon urging the deportation of Albert Einstein because he had the "audacity" to sign a petition demanding the lifting of the embargo against Spain.

Workers Defense League Fights To Bar Finks From Legal Status

NEW YORK.—The Workers Defense League put the heat under at least one strikebreaking outfit's legal standing here last week when it petitioned A. S. Wechler, New York Director of Licenses of the Department of State, to reject an application of the Railway Audit and Inspection Company for renewal of its license. The company's license expired this month.

"We wish to object to the renewal of its license," Brendan Sexton, executive secretary of the League, wrote to Mr. Wechler, "on the grounds that the New York office of this company, as well as its many out of town offices, has served as a center from which agents have been sent to various parts of the state and nation to carry on labor espionage and strikebreaking activities as revealed in the investigation of and hearings before the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee.

"It is our contention that the activities of this company have been such as to result in the disturbance of the peace of the community and have been inimical to the general public welfare."

PUBLIC HEARING

Sexton also called for a public hearing on the application at which representatives of the Workers Defense League would submit evidence substantiating the charges.

The Railway Audit and Inspection Company has a notorious record of law breaking and competent observers believe that it will dominate the industrial espionage and strikebreaking industry, overshadowing Burns, Pinkerton and Bergoff. The stoolpigeon outfit arose out of a duplicate transfer corporation selling mainly to street railways.

When the railroad transfer system was changed, the company had to find other sources of income. Therefore, it took up the work of spotting street car conductors for the various lines.

In 1906 it changed its name from the Duplicating Transfer and Rebate Company to its present one. During the war, the

Industrial Labor Bureau was organized by R. A. & I. for the purpose of furnishing guards and strikebreakers. In 1925, W. W. Groves, a former employe of the R. A. & I. secured a controlling interest in that corporation. When Groves secured control of the R. A. & I. through the Illinois Central Industrial Service, the Labor Bureau was disbanded. W. W. Groves has directed the activities of the R. A. & I. and the Central Industrial Service since then.

Groves, through the Illinois Central Industrial Service, owned some shares and was on the Board of Federal Laboratories, an organization engaged in furnishing munitions to employers and public authorities in strike or potential strike situations. The exact relationship between R. A. & I. and Federal Laboratories

Strikebreaking

Firm's Clients

Among the known clients of the Railway Audit and Inspection Company, strikebreaking concern now under the fire of the Workers Defense League, are:

Alka Seltzer Co., Borden Milk, Carnegie Illinois, Cushman Sons, Jewish Hospital, City of Knoxville, Tenn., Pennsylvania Greyhound Bus Company, Remington Rand, Tasty Bread, Aluminum Company of America, Bus Terminal Company, Consolidated Gas, Frick Coal and Coke, Kelvinator Sales Corporation, National Dairy Products, Pennsylvania Railroad, City of Rome, Georgia and Western Union. It also serves many hosiery firms anxious to duck the organization activities of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

is not determinable from available evidence. It is denied by the president of the Federal Laboratories that the latter corporation is a subsidiary of R. A. & I.

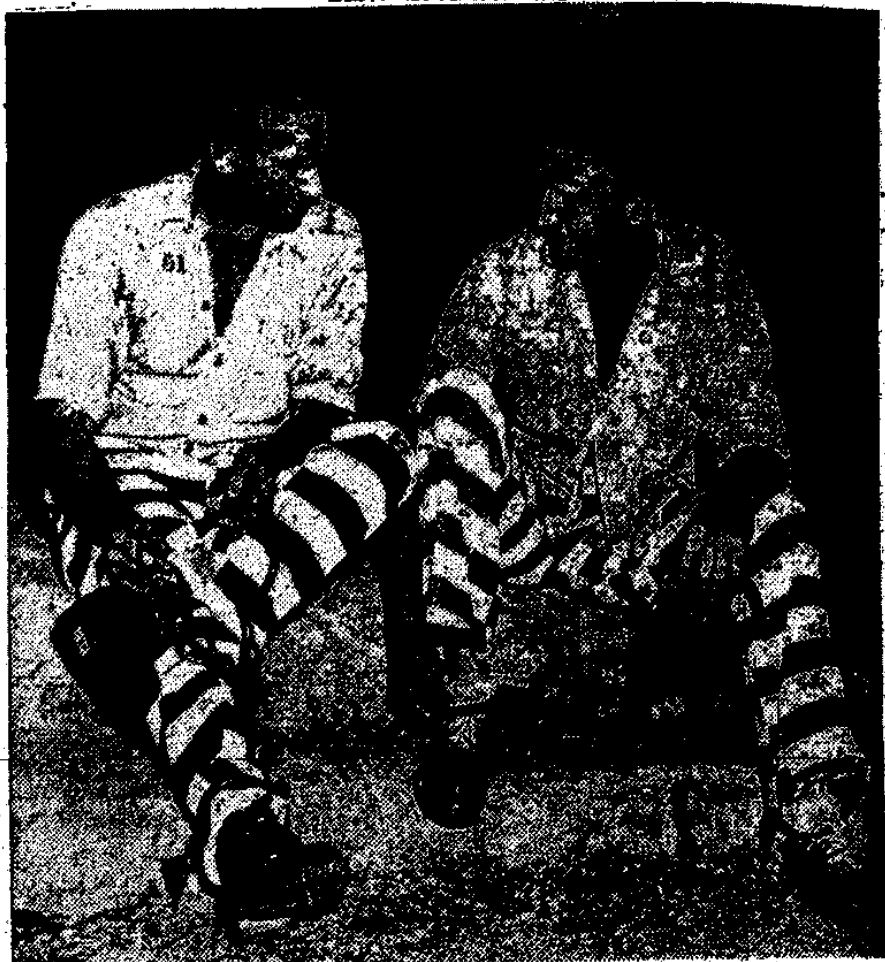
However, a felicitous arrangement had been consummated whereby R. A. & I. acted as an agent for Federal Laboratories. In the period between January 1 and December 31, 1935, approximately \$71,000 worth of sales were made in this fashion, and at least in one instance, both organizations used the same employes and offices.

Edward Levinson, author of "I Break Strikes," and an authority on labor espionage, suggests that the origin of the R. A. & I. is to be found in the Philadelphia banking firm of Brown Brothers, desiring to consolidate their spying on labor and strikebreaking activities among utilities in which they had a considerable financial interest.

PROFITS

In the period between 1933 and 1935 R. A. & I. showed a gross profit of \$780,000. Mr. W. W. Groves showed an aggregate income from salaries of \$60,547 between the years 1932 and 1935 inclusive. This does not include, of course, income accruing to Groves by virtue of his stock holding in R. A. & I., Central Industrial Service and Pennsylvania Industrial Service. Records of St. Louis police department show criminal records for one half of the men employed by R. A. & I. in a strike of General Material Company in St. Louis in 1932.

FEUDAL BARBARISM



Two prisoners in an Atlanta jail take off the chains which have been banned throughout the state as part of the new prison reform program which eliminates the old "ball and chain" of the prisons. In a number of Southern states the ball and chain is shackled to the ankles of white and black workers while they labor long hours under a blistering sun. Very often the workers' only crime is that they "stole" rides on freight trains or some other trivial infraction of what the boss-men call "law."

Lewis and Earle Make Peace, C. P. Jumps On Capitalist Band Wagon

Special to the Socialist Call

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—With the battle cry of "Unite the people to defeat the reactionary James ticket-at all costs. Unite around the Jones-Earle slate for Jobs, Security, Democracy, and Peace," the Communist Party continues in its march toward reaction. In a leaflet recently issued, the Eastern Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party came out openly for the organization approved candidates of the Democratic Party.

The slate, headed by Governor Earle, of not-too-pro-labor fame for Senator, and Charles Alvin Jones, millionaire Pittsburg attorney for Governor, was recently termed "reactionary" by the same Communist Party and by Labor's Non-Partisan League, when they supported Thomas Kennedy for Governor in the primary elections.

Now this same reactionary slate is the symbol of the progressive forces of Pennsylvania. This action means that the CP will withdraw their candidates in the coming election and choose Jones over Mother Bloor as their standard bearer.

NO LABORITES

The CP statement had an excellent analysis of the Republican Party but fails to apply this analysis to the similar reactionary leadership of the Democratic Party, headed by State Chairman Lawrence and Philadelphia Chairman John Kelly. There is no labor representa-

tion on the slate and labor will gain nothing by sending Jones to the Governor's chair except continual cuts in relief. The CP hopes that Kennedy's primary vote will hold the boys in line and are urging the supporters of Kennedy to follow them on the reactionary bandwagon.

But the workers in Pennsylvania who thought there might be some hope of independent political action by voting in the Democratic primaries will not necessarily see hope in the Earle-Jones machine which they bitterly attacked. Thousands will rally to the Socialist Party in the coming election. The state organization of the S. P. is testing its right to be on the ballot in a court case. With a favorable outcome of the case, the Socialist Party can rally workers of this industrial state behind a trade union slate headed by Dr. Jesse H. Holmes, honorary president, Philadelphia Local, American Federation of Teachers for Governor; Walter Pasnick, financial secretary, Aluminum Workers of America, Local No. 1 for Lt. Governor; and David H. H. Felix, prominent labor attorney, for U. S. Senator.

The issue will not be Jones versus James (the Republican candidate) as our friends the Communists desire. It will be a workers party against capitalist parties and a workers program against a capitalist program.

Socialist Candidate Cites Significance Of Loyalist War For Workers Freedom

Special to the Socialist Call

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Lillian Symes Clement, Los Gatos, Socialist nominee for U. S. Senator, declared at a meeting held under auspices of the Socialist Party of San Francisco recently that workers throughout the world have an even greater concern with the development of political and social forces in Spain during the past two years than they have in the military outcome of the civil war there. Comrade Clement made it clear that the Socialist Party is unreservedly on the side of those who are fighting against Franco and the fascists.

The meeting was an observation of the second anniversary of the outbreak of the war in Spain. Other speakers were Andrew Eggum of Oakland and Leonard Woodcock of Detroit, Michigan, member of the S. E. C. of the Michigan Socialist Party.

ROLE OF DEMOCRACIES

"The Spanish struggle is of greatest significance to people throughout the world today," Comrade Clement said. "It has

demonstrated that there is a solidarity between the fascists of Spain and those of Italy and Germany. Even more important, it has shown the workers of the world that the great democratic governments of France, England and the United States are throwing their influence to the fascists in order to curb the advance of the Spanish workers."

The "Neutrality Policy" of Mr. Roosevelt which in reality allows aid to go to Franco while it ties the hands of the loyalists who are bound by the Non-Intervention Agreement, was roundly denounced.

"In this period of world capitalism in crisis, close attention must be given to the development of social and political forces and tendencies throughout the world," Comrade Clement declared. "The rigorous press dictatorship which has been established by the commissars who have taken over control in Spain makes it doubly difficult for observers to understand developments there."