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## Socialist Vote Increase Tallied in Wisconsin Primary Election

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Glen P. Turner, Socialist endorsed candidate for the Progressive nomination for governor, increased the Socialist vote by nearly 5,000 over 1934, according to the official tabulation just released by the secretary of state's office.

Turner received 33,631 votes compared to George A. Nelson's 28,877 in 1934.

Socialists gained in the state in spite of a loss of 11,000 votes in Milwaukee county, where inner party strife and the organization of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation functions in the Progressive column, confused voters.

### NELSON WINS

Nelson, Norman Thomas' running mate in 1936, was easily nominated Progressive candidate for Lt. Governor over three pro-LaFollette opponents. Nelson was endorsed by the Federation but Turner was not.

Cong. Thomas R. Amlie, recognized throughout the country as an outstanding liberal, was defeated by a Chicago attorney, Herman L. Ekern. Maneuvers by Gov. LaFollette led to Amlie's defeat. LaFollette knew that if Amlie won he would weaken the LaFollette dynasty.

### FOURTH TERM

LaFollette, nominated for a fourth term, is opposed by Julius Heil, wealthy Milwaukee industrialist, Republican, and State Senator Harry A. Bolens, 74 year old nominee of the state central committee of the Democratic party.

Robert K. Henry, former Democratic state treasurer, who won the Democratic nomination withdrew from the race to support Heil.

LaFollette has a tough road ahead. He has had to inject the National Progressives into the state campaign to keep it alive, and he faces a Democratic-Republican coalition.

All state-wide New Deal Democrats were defeated in the primary except "Coal-Tail" Senator F. Ryan Duffy who was unopposed. Henry and two fellow coalitionists, both Republicans, won Democratic nominations.

The Republicans withdrew—preferring to utilize the places they had won on the Republican ballot. Bolens has accepted the Democratic nomination for governor in order "to save the Party."

## St. Louis Socialists Fight Ban On Watchers

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Efforts of the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners to bar Socialist watchers and challengers from the polls was vigorously attacked by the Socialist Party here.

St. Louis Socialists have retained counsel and are taking the case to the Missouri Supreme Court.

## Sharecroppers Union Gains Wage Increase

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—After receiving reports from all sections of the South affected by the cotton pickers' strike inaugurated by the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union that gains of from 25c to 50c per hundred have been obtained in all of the strongly organized sections and that some gains have resulted even in territory where the Union is not organized, the officials of the Union issued a statement from its National Headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, declaring the strike at an end, and announcing that the results were gratifying.

"This is done in a spirit of compromise and with a desire to show that the Union is ready at all times to work smoothly when the employers agree to even a minimum living wage," President J. R. Butler said today.

### 20,000 BENEFIT

The strike committeeman in the northeast section of Arkansas reports that wages for picking have advanced generally to 85c and transportation or \$1.00 without. Southeast Missouri reports raises up to \$1.25 per hundred. Mississippi and Tennessee advances have been less because of less organization in those states. Oklahoma went to \$1.00 per hundred upon demand and strike action was unnecessary according to the report from the committee in that state.

According to officials of the Union at least 20,000 pickers in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri have benefited or will benefit by the increased wages that have been won. This means a gain of as much as \$1500.00 more money to the pickers for the rest of the season.

### RETURN TO WORK

Although the local strike committees in some communities have agreed to accept less than the \$1.00 per hundred originally demanded this is in no sense a loss, but is a decided increase in wages.

Many pickers were still out of the fields Friday, but it is thought that practically all will be back at work Monday. Local areas may continue to be affected with spontaneous strikes as is the case every fall unless the producers are willing to continue to pay decent wages, but it is not thought that another general strike will be necessary this year.

### FALSE ARRESTS

Unverified reports of the arrest of two men in Missouri had no relation to the strike, Union officials said, and if such arrests occurred they were probably phony and made for the purpose of attempting to intimidate those who were staying out of the fields.

The strike resulted in many cases of collective bargaining and as a result the Union feels that this method may take precedence over strikes, since those who have cotton to pick realize the necessity of getting it out while the weather is good when a better sample can be obtained thereby getting a better price for their cotton.

## Labor Movement Ferments With Discussions of Peace, Unity Within Ranks

### Garment Union to Consider C.I.O. National Confab

NEW YORK—A decision as to whether the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union will participate in any moves to change the set-up of the C.I.O. from that of a committee to that of a permanent national federation will be considered by the Union's General Executive Board in the very near future, it was announced at the offices of the Union today.

The regular General Executive Board meeting, scheduled for November 14, will be advanced to an earlier date in the light of press reports that the C.I.O. has fixed the November 14 date for a national convention, the announcement stated.

The Board will hear the report of the special ILGWU committee appointed at the Union's last convention to explore the possibilities of peace in the labor movement. The committee, consisting of Vice-President Luigi Antonini, Julius Hochman and Isidore Nagler, met with the leadership of the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. last month.

## 8,000 Ton Relief Ship for Spain to Leave N.Y. Oct. 30

CHICAGO, Illinois—The eight thousand ton Steamship Ericae Reed has just been chartered to send food, clothing and medical supplies to refugee men, women and children of Republican Spain.

This will culminate the drive of many peace organizations, Federations of Churches, Women's Clubs, Socialist Party, etc., to send the first American Relief Ship to Spain.

The ship will sail from New York October 30th. Its 8,000 ton cargo will comprise sixty-five thousand bushels of wheat, many tons of flour, rice, chocolate, canned milk, canned meats and fish, canned fruits and vegetables, clothing, shoes and medical supplies.

Two thousand tons additional cargo, it is expected, will be raised by various organizations. In Chicago alone, over \$5,000 in cash, foodstuffs, clothing and medicines has been raised for the Relief Ship.

The Socialist Party, one of the cooperating organizations in sending the relief ship to Spain,

Peace hopes flared brightly within the American labor movement this week following a series of developments and public statements by various trade union leaders which had their center at the American Federation of Labor convention in Houston, Texas.

Highlight of this week's labor news featured John L. Lewis' ringing challenge to William Green offering to resign as chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization providing Green resign from his post as president of the A. F. of L.

Lewis' challenge was prompted by a declaration by the A. F. of L. executive council which said that peace was impossible with Lewis heading the C.I.O.

### TOBIN'S SPEECH

Although Lewis blasted the executive council in caustic language and Green's answers were peppered with acrimonious remarks, there were cooler heads at work for peace.

Dan Tobin, head of the thriving and powerful Brotherhood of Teamsters, pleaded with the A. F. of L. executive council and convention to go beyond saying that "the door was open for peace." Tobin proposed concrete steps through conferences and an arbitrator to settle the differences between the warring groups.

### DUBINSKY

Meanwhile David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union,

announced that his union would consider the matter of attending the C.I.O.'s first national convention, scheduled to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 14. The ILGWU has been an outspoken advocate of unity and in recent months it has attained great prestige within the labor movement because of its peace policy.

President Roosevelt was also one of those who asked organized labor to close its ranks. Heywood Broun, columnist and president of the Newspaper Guild, proposed to President Roosevelt that he name a commission to study the inter-labor dispute.

### LABOR WEAKENS SELF

Tobin explained why a united labor movement was needed to fight the battles of future.

"Labor," he said, "is dissipating the energy and aggressiveness that might well be used in organizing the millions of workers still unorganized. Organization of another 2,500,000 workers would make 10,000,000 unionists. Together with their families they would constitute 25,000,000 persons."

The Socialist Party of the United States through Norman Thomas, Chairman, Roy E. Burt, Secretary and Arthur G. McDowell, Labor Secretary, lauded Tobin's effort to speed the drive for peace within the labor movement.

### SOCIALIST STATEMENT

Their joint statement said:

"We hail with thanksgiving and enthusiasm Daniel Tobin's demand at the A. F. of L. convention for peace talks with the C.I.O. A continuance of the present civil war in labor's ranks threatens the very existence of labor organizations and certainly their progress, as nothing that can be done by all the Tom Girdlers in the world.

"Heywood Broun acting on the President's recently expressed desire for peace has suggested to Mr. Roosevelt that a fact-finding commission be appointed. We favor such a commission but emphatically it ought to be labor's own committee.

### LABOR COMMISSION

"It should be created by labor organizations from among their members and friends. The C.I.O. found out to its cost in the little steel strike that governments do not win strikes for the workers. Neither do governments make the kind of peace that a free labor movement requires.

"This is said without any reflection upon President Roosevelt's interest in peace. It is simply a recognition that, as labor builds its own organizations, so it must use its own power to bring peace between them. It will be a sorry day for American labor if it has to depend upon any government for the great boon of peace.

### PEACE NECESSARY

"We do not say this in any sort of effort to make peace in the labor movement an issue in a political campaign. It should transcend this political campaign. We speak because circumstances

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# Europe Bows to Hitler

By HENRY HASKELL.

In 1914 the world became indignant when Germany tore up the "scrap of paper" on which she had promised not to invade Belgium. Today it seems that the world has become so used to regarding treaties as scraps of paper that they have regained their proper value.

The sole purpose of these scraps of paper is to show which way the wind is blowing. Even the most innocent realize that when a treaty comes in conflict with the interests of a state, only the interests matter. One of the few gains to be seen from the shattering events in Europe of the past few weeks is that the dreamers who believed in League Covenant, Peace Pacts, non-aggression treaties and what not, have been wrenched out of the clouds and brought to earth.

### NEW ALIGNMENTS

The week of September 30th to October 6th has been dramatic and critical. Out of the shuffle three things stand out; the Munich conference at which England and France threw Czechoslovakia to the dogs and then said thank-you, the attempts of Chamberlain and Daladier to sell their treachery to their people, and the wild scramble for new alignments throughout all Europe.

Of the first, little need be said. Hitler got practically everything he had asked for without striking a blow or spending a penny. In return, he promised that there was nothing more he wanted in Europe. To this promise, Marxists pay no attention. A Hitler promise is hot air, used to put the next victim off guard and to prepare it for the slaughter.

### LABOR PARTY

This promise hasn't taken, in anyone except Hitler's admirers, among whom Chamberlain, who spoke of Hitler's "significant contribution" to peace, has a front seat. Those among the English conservatives who attacked Chamberlain's policy made this clear. In spite of this, Chamberlain is assured of a majority in parliament in support of his betrayal.

The Labor Party by coming out with only lukewarm opposition to Chamberlain has shown him again that he can do as he pleases without paying any attention to it. The conservatives who oppose him are afraid to show the world a serious split in the rank of the exponents of British imperialism.

In France, Daladier seems to have won another victory over the demoralized and impotent working class leaders. Our Socialist comrades in France again bent to the whip of French capital, and by abstaining from voting against Daladier's submission to Hitler and Chamberlain, indicated that from them, also, there is nothing to fear.

### COMMUNIST VOTE

Our approval of the vote against Daladier by the Communists is tempered by the knowledge that it was their policy of the People's Front which so weakened and demoralized the workers that they have become a comparatively negligible factor in French politics, instead of the dominating force of two years ago.

The outlines of the new alignment that is to come in Europe are becoming clearer day by day. Before coming home to preach of Hitler's contributions to peace, Chamberlain had already signed a preliminary agreement with Germany that they would settle disputes between them without recourse to war. Reading between the lines this means that Hitler won't bother England about colonies, if England will permit Germany to get what she wants in eastern Europe; i. e., Hungary, Rumania, and ultimately the Ukraine.

### SPAIN NEXT

Hitler's promise to relinquish his claims on Alsace-Lorraine and the fact that France has

shown herself completely incapable of pursuing a foreign policy independently of Great Britain, tie her also to the infamous semi-alliance. It now remains to get Italy into this sorry combination. Already England is asking what Italy wants in Spain, in the hope that she can effect a second partition there, thus duplicating the partition of Czechoslovakia. And France, by sending an ambassador to Rome, indicates that as usual she will tag along.

Germany in the meantime is not idle. Having once tasted humiliation to its dregs, she is now engaged in the most brutally unnecessary humiliation of Czechoslovakia. Hitler's demand for "reparations" to the Sudeten Germans, who have just walked off with the richest sections of Czechoslovakia, is almost beyond belief. One wonders when the straw will break the camel's back.

### HITLER EUROPE'S BOSS

But while revelling in his brutality, Hitler is making the most of his opportunities. Without exaggeration he could call himself dictator of Europe except for Soviet Russia. He has just walked roughshod over England and France, torn Czechoslovakia to pieces, and is thereby in virtual control of Poland, Hungary and Rumania.

Italy is his friend and such states as Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, if not actually friendly, could never take an independent stand against his might. Small states are inevitably drawn into the orbit of the dominant power or combination of powers. When France and England were the big shots, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia were right with them. With Hitler holding the whip hand they can do nothing but fall in line.

### A DARK PICTURE

All in all the outlook is very discouraging. The only ray of hope is that the workers of Europe will arouse themselves and assume the leadership they relinquished. Only five years ago Germany was ruled by working class parties. Only two and a half years ago Spain was exclusively in the hands of the workers. Only two years ago France was riding high on the crest of an upsurge of the workers, which, if directed by revolutionaries, might well have resulted in a socialist France. In Russia the flame of revolution cannot be completely extinguished no matter how hard Stalin may try to put it out. And we cannot but hope that some day these forces will reassert themselves.

"But," it may be said, "this hope that the working class will bring order out of the present chaos is a forlorn one." Our answer is, it is the only hope. Everything else has been tried. Leagues of Nations, Peace Pacts, Disarmament Conferences — all these attempts at collective security have failed. United action between the workers and the middle class in People's Fronts has failed. Only the independent revolutionary action of the working class itself has not been tried. That is the one weapon left with which to fight fascism and the capitalist imperialism which gave it birth.

We repeat the old battlecry, "Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to win."

### Benefits to Jobless

#### Hit Peak in August

The extent to which unemployment insurance cushions the loss of jobs by workers was emphasized in figures released this week by the Social Security Board.

During August, it said, \$47,042,428 in benefits had been paid to more than a half million men and women. That is the top figure since the system became operative on January 1.

# Colorado Socialists Name Slate

DENVER, Colo.—Colorado Socialists have successfully nominated, by petition, national and state legislative candidates from the first and second congressional districts.

The ticket is headed by Carle Whitehead, candidate for U. S. Senator. Edgar Sherman is on the ballot for U. S. Congressman from the first district and Charles R. Axelson for the same position from the second district.

Fred D. Gaspard and Joe Harrison are named for state representatives from Arapahoe county, where only representatives are to be elected this year. Harry Anderson, G. K. Barnetson, I. W. Holland and Roy Watson are nominated for state senators from Denver. Representatives in the state legislature from Denver are Roy H. Black, Paine Brier, H. D. Hayes, Winifred Holland, Pearl Jones, F. S. Kinder and Marie Olds.

A vigorous campaign is being waged on a state platform calling for full socialization as the only means to insure employment and economic security.

# Auto Union Wins Evansville Strike

BY HERBERT LOCKYEAR

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The United Auto Workers completed a successful strike against the Chrysler Corp.

Matters concerning the speed-up and discrimination against active union members were adjusted to the satisfaction of the union.

Of the 700 to 800 workers out of 1800 at the peak of production only one-fourth were paid up members, and at the termination of the strike all but 4 of the total number had either paid up dues or stated their intention of doing so.

There was little or no violence. The Chrysler Corp. agreed to submit the matter of seniority to the union for its approval.

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have given us an intimate knowledge of America and the desperate need of the workers for peace between the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. We speak as a members of the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. who have been able at times to be of service all bona fide unions. We speak as members of the Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief which has functioned impartially as a Red Cross for labor wherever there has been need regardless of the auspices under which a struggle for workers rights has been carried on. Finally we speak as officers of a Party pledged to use all its efforts to bring about peace between two great labor organizations in both of which its members are active.

"Rarely have any set of leaders had any opportunity better to serve the masses than have the leaders of the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. at this moment. There is no obstacle to peace where there is a will to peace. A fact-finding commission can face all difficulties and explore the way to their solution but let that fact-finding commission be labor's own creation."

# Michigan Socialists Nominate Full Slate For Fall Elections

DETROIT—Rallying its forces for a determined and significant campaign to win the workers to independent political action, the Socialist Party of Michigan nominated a full slate of candidates for state office in the November election.

For Governor, the Socialist Party has nominated Nahum Burnett of Charlotte, a leader of the Farmers' Union. He has lived and worked on a farm in Michigan all his life. He was active in the 1937 strike wave in Eaton County, helping to organize road workers into the UAWA and sounding the call of unionism through the reactionary community of Eaton County. Burnett has been a member of the State Executive Committee of the party in Michigan for six years and was state chairman for two years.

Kermit Johnson, militant Flint auto worker who was formerly the chairman of the Chevrolet division of the UAWA and who was in the forefront of the struggle against General Motors, is the party's candidate for lieutenant governor.

### FRANK MURPHY

For secretary of state the party has chosen Jean Seidel, active Detroit Teachers Union member. The party candidate for state treasurer is Fredrick A. Halsted of Bay City; for auditor general, Edward Maskeiwicz of Detroit; and for attorney general, Emanuel Seidler of Detroit.

Large sections of organized labor in Michigan this year have gone over to Frank Murphy and much of the Democratic party slate. Murphy's past record includes some black spots, but his good fortune and his cleverness have combined to make it possible for him to earn a reputation as "labor's great friend." Unfortunately, some elements, led mainly by the Communists, are trying to rewrite the history of the auto union and now give credit to Murphy for the successful rise of the union instead of giving credit to the militancy and the spirit of the auto workers.

### REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Frank D. Fitzgerald, Republican candidate for governor, has virtually no support from organized labor. However, the farmers and the middle class are strong for him. In his term as governor immediately preceding Murphy, the Republican standard bearer did not use reactionary methods against labor in its first drives towards organization. However, Fitzgerald now represents the most reactionary, anti-labor elements in the state.

Murphy is essentially the candidate for Chrysler, a corporation in which he has a large portion of the shares. He was offered the presidency of the Chrysler corporation several years ago.

### FORD AGENT

Fitzgerald represents General Motor and Ford and thereby receives the active hatred of the working people who have learned to hate Ford. There is great fear that Fitzgerald's election will mean a new offensive against labor.

Socialists approach this cam-

paign from a basic labor point of view. Ben Fischer, state secretary of the party and campaign director, points this out in a statement announcing the Socialist slate:

### SOCIALIST PROGRAM

"The Socialist Party enters this campaign with a full slate confident that an increasing number of people recognize that the reactionary theories of the Republican Party cannot solve our economic difficulties and that the policies of the Democratic New Dealers have failed to keep us out of depression.

"We all remember when Wilson was elected because he kept us out of war; we were hurled into war. In like manner the New Deal Democrats were victorious two years ago because they had claimed credit for keeping us out of depression; we were hurled into a depression not

many months after that election. "We are fully conscious of the hectic debates going on between Democrats and Republicans. We are also aware that some old line politicians are better than others. There are degrees in everything. An auto worker would rather work for Chrysler than Ford. But unions organize both and fight for better conditions just as hard against Chrysler as against Ford.

### OPPOSE PROFIT SYSTEM

"It is time for working people, farmers and all progressives to join in the fight for fundamental economic changes. The profit system cannot be patched up; it gives us unemployment, poverty, reaction and war. The Socialist Party in this campaign maintains that the voters should make clear their desire for scrapping the profit system in favor of a co-operative Socialist commonwealth.

"Socialists see the need for a party of farmers and workers, independent of the two old parties. We were proud to give support to the historic VOTE LABOR campaigns in Detroit last year and in Pontiac last spring. There is no independent party of the workers and farmers in this election except the Socialist Party. A vote for the Socialist candidates is a vote for a Farmer Labor Party in Michigan.

### SPECIAL CALL ISSUE

"Labor has gone a long way in this state in the past two years. It has learned to use economic power through the unions; now the time has come to go further. This is the first state election since the great rise of the labor movement in Michigan. Labor can use its power politically as well as economically and the farmers who are being squeezed by the bankers and industrialists must stand shoulder to shoulder with labor. These things can be demonstrated and accomplished by voting Socialist."

An energetic and vigorous campaign is being planned by the State Executive Committee. Thousands of leaflets and a special edition of the SOCIALIST CALL will be distributed at factory gates. Campaign meetings are being planned in various cities.

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# Illinois Democrats Bar Labor Party; Laborites Fight Back

CHICAGO, Ill.—The state executive board of the Illinois Labor Party, meeting in Chicago yesterday, unanimously voted to conduct a campaign to write in the name of Frank McCulloch of Evanston as Illinois Labor Party candidate for United States Senator this November. The campaign will be conducted as a protest against the action of the state officers electoral board, controlled by Governor Horner and the state Democratic machine, in throwing the full Labor Party ticket off the ballot. According to state secretary George Meade and campaign manager Arthur McDowell, technical charges against the Labor Party nominating petition were prepared and filed by s'oooges of the same Democratic political machine which then in mock seriousness sat in judgment on their own charges.

**RELIEF CUT**  
The Labor Party Executive Board in addition to its decision to call upon its members, affiliates and supporters to write in the name of the head of the original Labor Party ticket, also demanded that Governor Horner summon an immediate special session of the state legislature to appropriate funds from the

growing state treasury surplus to repair the drastic cut of 15% and more in Chicago unemployment relief standards. The cut was made last month on the excuse of a shortage of funds.

The state board also endorsed to its supporters the anti-war policy referendum which will appear on the November ballot.

**OPPRESSIVE LAWS**  
Mr. McCulloch stated that he consented to the use of his name for the write-in campaign because it offered the only possibility of protest against the oppressive state election laws relating to new parties and "the imperative necessity of preventing Labor Party votes from going by default to the support of Congressman Scott Lucas, protege of Governor Horner who inspired the attack on the Labor Party nominating petition."

"On the issue of unemployment relief, Governor Horner has proven himself one of the most callous and mendacious of state executives in the nation and today is sitting on top of a growing state treasury surplus, extorted from the poor and the unemployed by an indefensible sales tax, while denying to the needy the decencies of existence."

# TEXAS SOCIALISTS STRESS NEED OF PRODUCTION FOR USE IN ELECTION DRIVE

DALLAS, Texas—While the Communist Party goes before Texas voters with the slogan "Bring the New Deal to Texas," the Socialist Party presents a platform calling for "Production for Use to End Profiteering" and advances Socialism as the means to secure security, jobs and peace.

Immediate demands declare for the drilling by the state of oil and gas wells on its public highways with the revenues turned over to the old age pension and state school funds, a sharp increase in the tax and oil, sulphur and natural resources, abolition of the poll tax.

Referring to the landslide for W. Lee O'Daniel in the Democratic primary, the platform says:

**FOR SECURITY**  
"The people were disgusted with the usual type of public official. They wanted some promise of security from dire want in their old age. They hoped that the candidate's vague promise of building up Texas industry to give every man work would provide employment for the jobless. But the problem is deeper than grasping politicians, or old age pension or new factories. The problem is economic insecurity, poverty, unemployment and old age dependence, rooted in the control of our indus-

trial, financial and economic life by a small class of people who live by owning instead of working."

The platform goes on to charge both Democratic and Republican parties with support of this capitalist or monopoly system and presents its program for the abolition of the system by the public ownership of the banks, public utilities, natural resources and major agencies of production and distribution. A constitutional amendment to empower the state to engage in "production for use" is advocated.

**CANDIDATES**  
The candidates nominated for state office are as follows:

**Governor, Earl E. Miller (Dallas) Attorney, active in organizing work among the unemployed and the Workers Defense League.**

**Lieut. Gov.—H. D. Pouncey (Waco).**

**Attorney General—Geo. Clifton Edwards (Dallas).**

**Asso. Justice Supreme Court—F. N. Adams (Dallas).**

**Judge Court Crim. Appeals (Reg. term) J. C. Breeding (Dallas).**

**Judge Court Crim. Appeals (Unexp. term) C. T. Renshaw (Dallas).**

**Railroad Commissioner, J. W. Hambrée (Smithville).**

**Commissioner Gen'l. Land Office, O. M. Williams (Temple).**

**State Treasurer, J. M. Killough (Waco).**

**State Supt. Public Instruction, Carl Bramin (Dallas).**

**Commissioner of Agriculture—A. E. Gay (Canton).**

**State Comptroller of Public Accounts, J. M. Jewell (Waco).**

The district and county convention of the Party nominated H. J. Hensley (Dallas) to oppose Congressman Hattin W. Summers, Democrat and D. W. King and E. M. Lane for the State Legislature. For copies of the platform and other literature address Carl Brannin, State Secretary, Socialist Party of Texas, 5946 Richmond St., Dallas, Tex.

# New York Socialists Raise Workers' Issues In Election Campaign

**A Story of That Famous Cow**

This item was clipped from the New Rochelle (N. Y.) Standard Star:

"Leonard Bright, New Rochelle Socialist leader, answering the definition of socialism as 'If you have two cows you give one to your neighbor,' offers this definition of capitalism—

"You milk the cow and give capital the cream while you keep the skimmed milk; after a time capital can absorb no more and you lose your job—depression."

## What Is Your Local Or Branch Doing To Sponsor An Affair?

At the recent Kenosha Convention it was ruled that each local and branch during the course of each year hold at least one social event in behalf of THE SOCIALIST CALL.

With Halloween just around the corner, may we suggest that your local or branch begin making plans at once for an old-fashioned halloween get-together. Surely your comrades would enjoy an evening of genuine halloween merriment, which would not only do much to stimulate party activity but also assist THE CALL in its determined fight for existence.

Perhaps a Halloween party with ghost, witches, apple-ducking contests and all the bewitching trimmings isn't quite to your fancy, however, with the social season about to make its formal bow you will have every opportunity from now until the first of the year to plan and hold a social function of especial liking to your local comrades.

Thus, may we urge you, on the basis of the Kenosha Convention ruling and on your loyalty to THE CALL, to have your local or branch sponsor at least one social event before the turn of the new year with the proceeds derived being turned over to THE CALL!

It is imperative that this matter be given your immediate attention, for THE CALL needs and must have the united support of each and every local and branch if it is to continue publication!

## First Month of City Ownership Cuts Rates 40% To Consumers

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The citizens of Knoxville are beginning to appreciate the wisdom they displayed when they voted to buy out the private power interests, the Tennessee Public Service Company, and distribute electricity under municipal ownership with TVA power. The first month's bills under the new arrangement were 40 per cent lower than before.

Max Bartlett, acting general manager, estimated that consumption increased during the first month by about 20 per cent.

The city paid the Public Service Company \$5,500,000 for its distributing system and considers it an excellent investment.

Local electric appliance dealers are feeling the effect of the change also, as they are being kept busy supplying householders with appliances.

NEW YORK.—An audience of more than 1,000 rallied in the Center Hotel last Sunday to hear the message of the candidates on the Socialist state ticket nominated by the Socialist Party convention the day before. The ticket designated to carry the banner of Socialism throughout the state is headed by Norman Thomas, foremost champion of civil and industrial liberty in the United States.

The complete Socialist slate is as follows:

- NORMAN THOMAS**, Candidate for Governor;
- GEORGE W. HARTMAN**, Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor;
- MARION L. SEVERN**, Candidate for Attorney-General;
- COLEMAN B. CHENEY**, Candidate for Comptroller;
- HARRY W. LAIDLER**, Candidate for U. S. Senate (short term);
- HERMANN L. HAHN**, Candidate for U. S. Senate (long term);
- EDNA MITCHELL BLUE**, Candidate for Congress-At-Large;
- BRENDAN SEXTON**, Candidate for Congress-At-Large.

### BROADCAST

Acceptance speeches of the candidates were delivered before an enthusiastic audience which crowded the grand ballroom of the hotel and cheered their addresses as a state-wide NBC radio hook-up carried their words to countless other thousands.

From Norman Thomas the audience heard a stirring appeal to put an end to all threats of war. "What has happened," he said, referring to the European situation, "is the breakdown of the whole post-war attempt to impose upon rival capitalistic imperialism a peace not resting upon cooperation, but coercion. Events once more have proved our Socialist contention that there can be no effective collective security for democracy in a world where men and nations are divided into the House of Have and Have Not."

### SOCIALISM ONLY HOPE

Pointing to Socialism as the only hope in the workers' struggle against war and poverty, he reminded the crowd that "every Socialist vote helps to pile up a barrier on the road that leads to war; every Socialist vote is a measure of our collective understandings that war is not the mother of peace, but of new war. The supreme task of our time is to change the whole system which breeds war without plunging the whole world into the horror which even now grips so large a part of it."

He reviewed the records of the Democratic and Republican parties and placed squarely upon them the responsibility for maintaining "the wholly unnecessary poverty which in potentially rich America condemns one-third of our families to an average annual income of \$471."

### APPEALS TO A. F. L.

Then turning to the American Labor Party, the Socialist candidate appealed to the concept of a genuine independent party of workers and indicated that Socialists were demonstrating that support by endorsing the independent local candidates of the A. L. P. and running its own independent candidates.

"It is in the interest of a true Labor Party," he continued, "that we oppose vigorously the bewildering series of power-pol-

itics deals which the A. L. P. has carried on." Interrupted frequently by outbursts of applause from the audience, Thomas went on: "A vote for the Socialist ticket in this campaign will strengthen the movement inside and outside of the A. L. P. for genuine independent labor action inspired by purpose and expressive of the solidarity of the workers for the conquest of poverty."

### LAIDLER SPEAKS

Dr. Harry W. Laidler, in a speech accepting his nomination for short-term United States Senator, presented a ten point program on public works and relief, social insurance, taxation, public ownership, housing, education, hours and wages, constitutional changes, agriculture and peace.

"Today," Dr. Laidler said, "America, in the beginning of the tenth year of the most industrial depression in our history, has anywhere from 10 to 18 million men and women unable to obtain work in private enterprise. One-third of our working class families receive an average income of \$417 a year, according to our National Resources Board, at a time when an income of around \$2000 is necessary to support a family of five in health and decency."

"One-third of our population is ill housed, ill clothed, ill fed. Our economic machine is limping. Our national income is far below that of 1929. We are consuming increasing millions in war preparations. A few hundred giant corporations dominate our economic life."

### FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE

"This situation, in a land with material and human resources rich enough to provide a comfortable and secure life for the many, calls for some fundamental changes in our economic life."

George W. Hartman, candidate for lieutenant-governor, well-known educator and editor of "Social Frontier", appealed for a powerful Socialist vote as the only effective reply to the forces which would destroy democracy at this time. Coleman B. Cheney, candidate for Comptroller, Marion L. Severn, candidate for Attorney General, and McMaster Coleman, candidate for Congress in the 16th Congressional District, discussed various important state and national issues.

Jack Altman, chairman of the New York City Socialist Party, presided.

## ITU Delegates Still Not Seated At Close Of 2nd Day's Session

HOUSTON. — The I. T. U. delegates were seated, with the understanding the organization hold a referendum on payment of the 1c tax.

HOUSTON. — Though the six delegates from the International Typographical Union were still unseated at the close of the second day of the 58th annual convention of the A. F. of L., there was every indication to believe they would be. Delegates and observers all seemed to feel that a deal would be worked out which would allow the delegates to be seated.

The I. T. U., at its annual convention in Birmingham recently, refused President Green's personal request that it resubmit the question of the special 1c assessment to the membership.

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## Another Zig in the Zag

American Trotskyites have made another flip-flop. After denouncing Socialist and labor forces for advocating labor parties the "vanguard of the vanguard," better known as four-square or 16th internationalists, has not only decreed that henceforth labor parties are kosher but ordered their sheep to enter Labor's Non-Partisan League.

The Trotskyites are after bigger game and shotgun Cannon, taking true aim from the sage of Coyoacan, is out to lay low colossal stuff. Who can tell? Tobin today, maybe John L. Lewis tomorrow.

We would like to express some satisfaction with the Trotskyite change of heart on the Labor Party question but we find it rather difficult to do so.

While Socialists were advocating and building Labor Parties the Trotskyites were active spreading confusion and helping the Stalinists to prevent the development of real Labor Parties. In Illinois, for instance, where the Labor Party fought a fierce struggle to get on the ballot in the face of a wide opposition ranging from Stalinists to Republicans, the Trotskyites offered to assist only after making dead certain that the Labor Party would not get on the ballot.

While Socialists were energetically seeking to convince the workers and farmers of America to give greater support to the Ludlow war referendum proposal, the Trotskyites denounced us as "spreaders of illusions" and "pacifists." After making certain that the bill was defeated by a combined reactionary block of Stalinists, Democrats and Republicans, the Trotskyites now play up the need of a "people's referendum."

While Socialists threw their wholehearted support in building the powerful Keep America Out of War front, the Trotskyites, again along with their supposed to be enemies, the Stalinists, did their utmost to belittle the work of the Congress. The Trotskyites haven't changed face on this score but we note with disgust at the manner they have smuggled the Keep America Out of War Congress anti-war program into what is advertised as the "Minneapolis" anti-war resolution.

What kind of politics is this? It lacks what all Communist movements have always lacked—sincerity.

## The Legion Struts Its Stuff

The American Legion's national convention adjourned and we are told that since the one-time warriors left town it is once more relatively safe for the women and children of the City of the Angels to walk the streets.

Legionnaires had their fun, strutted their stuff at a slower pace, vociferously derided communism and pounded their chests in token of their fervent Americanism.

They demonstrate their Americanism in the streets. According to the Los Angeles "Open Forum" Legionnaires dropped gopher snakes down the backs of women, squirted red ink on delicate fabrics, tore hats from elderly women and then beat them because they objected, ripped asunder ladies' dresses, and let baby alligators nip unsuspecting passersby. One woman had to be treated at a hospital because she was bitten on the nose by an alligator.

Other exploits of the men of Americanism were: Causing a fire which blew up gas mains injuring six persons, knocking unconscious an innocent Negro boy (a Mississippi stalwart didn't like Negro spectators), provoking several riots, and other acts of destruction and general mischief.

This is the sordid record repeated at every Legion convention. It is a standard of behaviour produced by the World War craze. Shake the social fabric of America with another war and these are the people who will be progressively elevated to positions of power and influence by those who exploit the country in a war situation.

Such conduct was bound to reflect itself in the Legion's reactionary program which was highly seasoned with bombast and plenty of red baiting.

The only comforting thing connected with the Legion is the fact that seventy-five percent or more than three million World War soldiers do not hold membership in it. And within its ranks are tens of thousands of rank and filers who are getting fed up with the bankers, corporation lawyers and other capitalists who rule the Legion.

## Workers' March Song

(Tune: "March Song" in "Naughty Marietta")

Workers march in ranks united,  
Baring clenched fists to the sky.  
Brave our ranks and unafrighted—  
Ready to do or die!  
Tho the fascist horde is growing,  
The workers' army will not fly.  
We pledge our hearts and hands  
To build a workers' land or (to smite the fascist band)  
We will fight until we win—  
Yes, we'll fight until we win!  
—By HARRY FLEISCHMAN.

## Bah!— Boom! Swoosh!

Nor are all these appalling inroads on the status quo and the good old days being made only on our civilian life. Consider the panic that must have struck the War Department when it was decided that salutes to visiting dignitaries must now be fired with inferior powder.

Reason: the War Department last year spent \$124,000 on gunpowder for such salutes, \$96,000 over budget.

One unhappy War Department official was overheard one evening, while crying into his beer, to remark that the salutes will no longer be "boom" but "swoosh."

Egad! What are things coming to? No self-respecting dignitary coming to these shores but would turn around and go home when he heard himself saluted by a "swoosh" instead of a "boom."

## Evolution Backwards

(TRANSLATION)

Listen, my children, and I'll tell you a story;  
It may happen tomorrow or some future day:  
All the Jews in the world were sent to their glory—  
They were slaughtered and strangled with the Leader's O. K.

When this pogrom was ended and the Jews were all slain,  
The Nationalists demand further action:  
"We got rid of the Jews, but the Leftists remain";  
So they shot all the radical faction.

But in spite of this purge bad conditions existed,  
So to new they resorted devices:  
"The redheads are the cause of our plight," they insisted;  
But their death put no end to the crisis.

The redheads were few and they soon were all dead,  
But the Leader desired new laurels.  
"Woe to those that have freckles! We must go right ahead;  
With the freckle-faced we must settle our quarrels."

To the mob said the leader when excitement abated,  
"If your country's salvation you cherish,  
All the traitors among us must be extirpated—  
All the blonds in the world must perish."

The blonds were by no means the last to de cease;  
The beardless, the hairy, the maimed and the old,  
The baldheads, the hunchbacks and all the obese  
Were disposed of in order by the Leader bold.

The thousand survivors should be happy indeed,  
But struggle soon tore them asunder,  
For they differed in size and they differed in creed;  
That they fought it was really no wonder.

At the end of the struggle just the Leader remains  
Who had boldly his people defended.  
He was terribly bored so he blew out his brains—  
A brilliant career was thus ended.

## EPILOGUE

To the depths of the jungle the news came anon.  
Said Daddy Gorilla that day to his son:  
"If the fate of your cousins you wish to escape,  
Forget Evolution, sonny, better stay an ape."

—Leonard Klah,  
Pres. Local 238, U. A. W. A.,  
Detroit, Mich.

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# A Young Union Fights For Its Existence

By ERNEST CALLOWAY, Editor  
"Bags and Baggage"

Big guns will resound throughout the dignified Washington halls of the Interstate Commerce Commission building, July 14, when attorneys for the International Brotherhood of Red Caps meet, face to face, the high-salaried legal minds of the American railway industry.

The bone of contention will be the recent recommendations made by Commission Examiners Steer and Harris, who recommended to this august body, after a thorough investigation of the employee status of the red caps, that this class of railway workers be included within the term "employee" as used in the Railway Labor Act. Attorneys for the Brotherhood will defend this recommendation, while the legal corps of the railroads will attempt to have it set aside.

This latest development culminates a year of intensified legal and organization work by the scrappy young labor organization of red caps, station porters and ushers. The legal staff of the IBRC includes: Leon M. Despres, former trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board; George E. C. Hayes of the well-known Washington law firm, Howard, Cobb and Hayes, and Fred H. Mandel of Cleveland.

## A MAJOR STRUGGLE

The background of the historic legal fight for employee status of the red caps offers one of the great dramatic struggles going on within the ranks of the modern American labor movement.

Formed early last May by a number of dissatisfied A. F. of L. federal locals of red caps, station porters and ushers, the Brotherhood of Red Caps immediately sought ways and means of having this class of employment brought within the confines of the Railway Labor Act. Officials of the newly formed organization held a series of conferences with Dr. Paul H. Doug-

las, outstanding authority on social insurance and professor of economics at the University of Chicago.

After discussing the entire legal problem with Dr. Douglas and labor attorney Leon M. Despres, the Brotherhood outlined its first petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This petition was filed against the Chicago North Western and Western Indiana railroads, citing the relationship of the red cap to the railway industry and asking the inclusion of red caps within the Railway Labor Act. Later, the petition was withdrawn after an agreement had been reached between the Brotherhood and the two railroads. The result of this agreement gave the red caps a signed contract with wage increases, hour reduction and the setting up of grievance machinery. The first agreement of the new Brotherhood.

## CITE OTHER R. R.

To dispel any doubts that the organization was satisfied with this victory, supplementary petitions were filed against the powerful New York Central, Louisville and Nashville, Illinois Central and the Cleveland Terminal Company. In answer to these petitions the commission ordered a wholesale investigation of the relationship of the red cap to the railway industry. The order included every railroad in America.

Impetus and moral support was given to the legal campaign through the formation of a National Advisory Council which was composed of many prominent liberals and labor leaders. Among those serving in this capacity were: Dr. Douglas, Phillip Murray, Lester B. Granger, Homer Martin, Heywood Brown and many others.

## RANDOLPH AIDS

In early January of this year  
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By JOHN M. WORK

It is not mentally healthy for anyone to take it for granted that beliefs acquired in infancy are correct.

This is not to say that all beliefs acquired in infancy are erroneous. It is only to say that such a belief should be viewed with suspicion by an adult until he examines it in the light of reason. If it will stand examination, very good; he should then cherish it. But if it will not bear the scrutiny of the intellect, he should discard it.

Child minds are pliable and defenseless against error. They can be made to believe anything. Often, if not usually, they have been made to believe ridiculous things and have been filled with prejudice which damaged themselves and others. In sheer self-defense an adult should examine them, to find out whether or not he has been misled. It is also his duty to examine them in order that his own influence upon other people may be broad and wholesome.

Were it possible to get a majority of human beings to put their mental contents under the microscope in this manner, Socialism would have a walkaway.

A certain small percentage of the people are against Socialism because they are exploiters. They think Socialism is against their financial interest.

But it is the financial interest of about ninety-nine per cent of the people to espouse Socialism. They would do so if it were not for their prejudices. This is the reason why we have to keep working on them continually. It takes a vast amount of educational work to wear away the prejudices. The progress of the human race is a process of getting rid of old notions and acquiring new ideas.

# News from Washington

BY OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

## War On the N. L. R. B.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The clamor against the National Labor Relations Act, which was sidetracked temporarily in favor of the European crisis, has started up again. The first blast, after several weeks of comparative silence, issued from Houston, Texas, where the old guard of the A. F. of L. let the world know that it was still standing pat in its opposition to the Wagner Act.

The hysteria against the act, converging from different sources, and focused to white heat by the press, leaves no doubt that labor's enemies, in the camps of both the employers and the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, are preparing a fight to the finish against the N. L. R. B. when Congress convenes. The lines upon which the battle will be fought and the arguments and pseudo-arguments which will be utilized have, by now, been made fairly clear.

### REPUBLICAN-DIGEST

Shortly before the situation in Europe reached the boiling point, the Republican National Committee released a digest of an article which appeared in the "Republican Reporter." The article charged that "practical applications of the N. L. R. A. in 1937 more than doubled the number of industrial strikes for the preceding year." The article also rehashed the allegation that the N. L. R. B. "favors the C. I. O. in determining upon appropriate bargaining units."

### STRIKE WAVES

Now, Socialists, of course, do not lament a strike wave when it comes as a sign of increased working class militancy, and brings victories and increased strength to the workers. But solely in the interests of accuracy, it should be pointed out that the Labor Relations Act had little, if anything, to do with the strike wave.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics in its Monthly Labor Review for May, 1938, points out that "the trend of strikes since 1881 indicates a general tendency to follow the business cycle. . . . Strikes tended to diminish when business activity declined. . . . Business recovery was generally accompanied by revival of trade-union activity and industrial disputes."

This explains both the large number of strikes during the summer of 1937 and the subsequent decrease.

### A GRAPHIC STUDY

A graphic study entitled "Labor Adopts a New Technique," published by J. T. Trenholm and Co., of New York, industrial consultants, further indicates that, far from fomenting strikes, the Labor Board, during the period in question, actually helped substitute peaceful solution of industrial disputes for strike action.

In charging the N.L.R.B. with showing favoritism to the C. I. O., the Republican National Committee cited Labor Board statis-

tics (without indicating their source) showing that of the 966 elections conducted by the Board from October 1935 to December 1937, the C. I. O. won 47.1%, the A. F. of L. 26.3%, and independent unions 12.1%. Of the 208 direct contests between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., the C. I. O. won 76.9%.

### CONSENT ELECTIONS

The Republican Committee further charged that "where the Board feels that the group it favors will not carry an election at a given time, it will not order an election."

Had the Republicans taken the trouble to examine the Board's statistics a little more closely, they would have found out that in most cases the Board did not choose which elections should be held. For the fact is that over 80% of the elections were not ordered, but were consent election, voluntarily agreed by all parties involved.

One of the reasons for the greater success of the C. I. O. in Labor Board elections was that of the 966 elections analysed, the C. I. O. appeared on the ballot in 557 cases, while the A. F. of L. appeared on the ballot in only 453.

It should be remembered that the C. I. O. was conducting a vigorous organizing campaign during 1937, which took it into hitherto unorganized territory. 384 or over 40% of the 966 elections were in shoe manufacturing, shipping, textiles, and steel, where the C.I.O.'s activities were far more extensive than those of the A. F. of L.

### AN OLD CANARD

The effect of the Republican National Committee's statement was to give publicity once again to two of the most frequently heard charges which have been leveled against the N. L. R. B. Neither of these charges bear close scrutiny, yet the Tories keep repeating them, on the theory, perhaps, that if you repeat something often enough, eventually someone will believe you.

A third charge which is in this category, but which the Republicans somehow forgot to include in the "Republican Reporter" article, is the old canard that the Wagner Act gives the unions rights but no obligations, whereas it places the employers under obligations, but gives them no rights.

### TIMES EDITORIAL

This viewpoint was expressed in a recent pontifical editorial in the "New York Times" commenting on a decision of the Federal Court of Appeals at Portland, Oregon, which denied a petition of the N. L. R. B. for enforcement of an order against the Union Pacific Railroad Co. Said the Times:

"It is plainly absurd and in violation of constitutional rights of free speech, for a mere expression of opinion against unionism on the part of an employer to be forbidden as 'coer-

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# Dictatorship & War

By NORMAN THOMAS

There is no one simple and single road by which a country is led to dictatorship. Broadly speaking, dictatorship of the fascist type is a product of the disintegration of the present capitalist order. Dictatorship of the Communist type is born of the mistaken notion that a monolithic party, intoxicated with power, can establish through dictatorship and the authority of the totalitarian state the true co-operative commonwealth of Socialism.

The United States has to thank history and geography for certain advantages over Europe in the struggle for democracy, but there is no magic to protect us forever against the perils of the totalitarian state, or its alternative, a chaotic dissolution of organized society. The drift is to one of these hells. To avert the totalitarian state and make democracy real requires planning and struggle.

## The Hague Example

Specifically, the road to dictatorship is three-fold:

(1) Docile acquiescence in such denial of civil liberty and ordinary justice as are illustrated under a little dictator like Frank Hague in New Jersey, who is still vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee and has apparently made a very satisfactory deal with the Roosevelt administration for the election of his man Ely to the United States Senate.

(2) The failure of the profit system or capitalism to provide the plenty which is technologically possible—a failure which the ambitious demagogue exploits on the road to power.

(3) War and militarism, themselves springing from the imperial rivalries of absolute nations, greedy for a larger share of profit and power in a world of unnecessary scarcity.

It is because of the critical weeks through which the world has been passing and the partial and precarious peace which was established by four great powers at Czechoslovakia's cost, that I concentrate upon this third road to dictatorship.

## Workers Can Bring Peace

A world which cannot rid itself of war and militarism can never expect true democracy. It must accept the horror of recurring war between rival states which in their internal organization must be totalitarian, because only the totalitarian state can wage modern war, or, indeed, long support the burdens of modern militarism.

Whatever else the momentous events of recent weeks have proved, they ought once and for all to have established the fallacy of the idea that leagues of capitalist nations, by the uncertain and dreadfully costly method of war, can and will preserve democracy. That is impossible by the very nature of the modern state and the institution of war. Our hope must lie in a collective security of peoples, the principal root of which is co-operation in a common war against poverty and not a coercive league to preserve the status quo.

It is primarily to workers, in the largest and most inclusive sense of that word, that we must look for the collective security, born of new loyalties and institutions, which will bring us peace.

## The Munich Pact

"The injustice and danger of the peace made at Munich is painfully obvious. It lies not so much in the fact that boundaries were readjusted, as in the method by which it was done: the increase in the prestige of the dictator; the glorification of force, and the lack of protection for the new minorities under Hitler's brutal power.

Nevertheless, the world would have been made worse, not better, by new war. Whoever and whatever finally won, Czechoslovakia would first have been crushed by trampling armies. Aerial warfare would have brought panic and devastation to the great cities of Europe. Colonial peoples under French and British empires, the so-called democracies, in time would have revolted.

It is doubtful if the social order in any existing nation would have stood the shock and strain. And out of the madness and suffering would not have come a genuine and democratic social revolution, but a new series of totalitarian states which by their nature would have defeated the socialist ideals which some of them might have professed.

It is a violation of the fundamental principles of cause and effect to expect true socialism to be the child of the madness and devastation of modern international war.

## Imperialist Patchwork

The blame for the present truce does not lie principally upon the particular failure of individual statesmen or parties. It lies on the whole course of events since the World War. The one hope of Central Europe lay in a genuine socialist revolution and a federation of her peoples in a league of co-operative commonwealths. That hope temporarily failed. For a time the British and French were able to set up in Central Europe a crazy patchwork of disintegrated states, economically impoverished and unable

to achieve the good life. French military power and British naval power could then dominate the European scene.

But the French people had turned from the old Napoleonic dreams. The French birthrate continued to fall; the British navy could not climb the Bavarian Alps. Inevitably some sort of attempt at greater integration was bound to come under these circumstances from one of two sources; Germany or Russia.

Russia was absorbed in her own problems, and her eyes were turned more and more to Asia.

The appeal of Stalinist Communism to the workers of Central Europe was weakened by the evidence of the tragic resemblances in respect to denials of liberty and justice between the fascist and the communist totalitarian states.

## Stalin's Military Alliances

Stalin himself put his main trust not in the passion of the workers for justice and peace, but in military alliances, with an alliance within which there could not be mutual confidence, as recent events have proved. Hence the field was left to Germany.

The immediate outlook is dark for justice and for an enduring peace, but the future is less certainly Hitler's than some of us are tempted to believe. The evidence is clear that the German people shared the universal reluctance to war which was so powerful a factor towards truce. The evidence is equally clear that Hitler cannot rely upon Mussolini's support. These international gangsters are as ready to double-cross each other as any of our city racketeers. Russia may not be ready for warfare outside her boundaries but her power within them is very great.

## German Masses Awaken

The German people cannot forever be satisfied by glory as the price of food and liberty. Against the underground force of the workers, the class interest, the fear of revolt as well as of war, which led to the Four Power Pact is by no means invincible. The Four Powers are very far from a real united front. Imperialism is not monolithic. It is more possible under this uneasy peace for new ideals and new forces among the workers to come to power than under conditions of war.

Indeed, the one hope of peace is the realization that there must be larger unity than race or nation and a general co-operation to win the one holy war against poverty.

To aid the growth of this larger unity and loyalty must be the deepest purpose of Socialists and all lovers of plenty, peace, and freedom.

## Keep America Out

In America our first duty is to keep our own Government out of war. That is not a task which will be the automatic consequence of the truce in Europe. There is still plenty of war in the world and plenty of tinder for greater conflagrations. Under no circumstances must the struggles in China and Spain lead this Government into war; but by all means lovers of justice and peace should bring to China and Loyalist Spain whatever help they can against starvation and triumph of despotism.

The iniquitous and indefensible conduct of the Administration in putting the embargo on Loyalist Spain while it permits military supplies to go to Germany and Italy should be stopped. The President's disregard for the Neutrality Law in the Far East has resulted only in making America Japan's partner through supplying her with war materials. This must be changed.

## War A Business

It is now more obvious than ever that the road to peace cannot lie through a collective security of imperialistic powers. A willingness to co-operate for peace is entirely consistent with isolation from open or tacit alliances with other powers, nominally for peace, but in reality for national interest.

It is as true as ever that if the United States would keep out of war it should make its general rule abatement from the profits of war trade and that logically means that there should be an embargo on the peace time sale of arms. The United States must find its prosperity in peace trade: in building houses, not battleships and armaments for itself and others. Peace trade requires planning but not dictatorship.

The President's well-nigh dictatorial power over foreign relations, that is over peace and war, must be curbed by a more explicit and drastic Neutrality Act, and by giving the people right to vote on the declaration of war.

Our own imperialism must be stopped. The Administration's policy which threatens to make Mexico an American Spain must be immediately altered.

Swollen armaments are practically and psychologically a temptation to war, not a guarantee of peace. They must be fought.

Such, briefly, is the Socialist program against war and against the fascist dictatorship which war inevitably would bring to America. I challenge the leaders of other parties to discuss this program with equal frankness."

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**New Jersey Under Terror**

No sooner do you set foot in New Jersey than you are up to your neck in some sort of free speech case or other. The latest at this writing is the case of Herman Matson, young and militant leader of the Workers Defense League in Hoboken. Matson knows all about the tragic relief situation in this benighted town across the way from Mayor Hague's helot.

The other night he started to speak at a meeting to discuss the relief situation. He was knocked off the stand by a bunch of hoodlums, among whom were members of an A. F. of L. longshoremen's union. Then he was dragged to the local bastille, and locked up charged with having used loud and obscene language in addressing the cops who had collared him instead of his assailants.

He was held in the ridiculously high bail of \$5,000. His wife, who was pregnant, was so badly beaten in coming to Matson's aid that she suffered from a miscarriage. The trial has been postponed until Mrs. Matson has recovered sufficiently to testify.

Arthur Fairfield Hays was brought into the case, in spite of the objections of the magistrate who said that there was nothing unusual in the matter. Ironically enough the judge was right. There is nothing unusual about beating up speakers in Jersey. It has become routine, if the speakers are on the wrong side of the political or economic fence.

The courage of such leader of the Workers Defense as Matson and Morris Milgram and his wife in the face of the odds which confront them in darkest Jersey is a thrilling thing.

There is a real reign of terror over there, through which these men and women go daily about their jobs of helping the underdogs. Every Socialist can take his hat off to these intrepid souls.

At the same time that the Matson case was up, members of the United Rubber Workers of America in another part of Jersey, in Trenton, met to consider the work of their union in this past depression year and lay plans for the future.

The URW came into existence during the long and bitterly contested strike at the Goodyear plant in Akron in the winter of 1936. Starting from scratch, the union under CIO leadership now has 75,000 militant members, who have won constant pay raises for the rank and file, have

wrung good contracts from formerly hostile employers, have done a splendid job of real organizational and educational work.

The convention of the rubber workers at Trenton was the other side of labors' shield in Jersey. It was enheartening to hear of the union's progress, broadcast in a State where labor's freedom is daily menaced, where ordinary human rights are trampled on by as low a set of politicians as the country knows.

While we're on the subject of unionism, we have just received from the Educational Department of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union a handsomely printed and illustrated book called, "Growing Up" and telling the exciting story of twenty-one years of workers education in the union. Publicity of this sort is invaluable in showing the constructive phases of genuine unionism. The union's publicity has caught the attention of such nationally circulated media as "Life" and the "New York Times."

Millions of Americans know now that a union can be a lot more than an instrument for raising wages. They know that it offers a new way of life to its members, satisfying needs for knowledge, comradeship and a general expansion of living values.

This column has been a mixture of good news and bad, good from the union front, bad from the civil liberties standpoint. The struggle for the rights to speak and organize is of course, the struggle of an union worth its salt. A recent pamphlet by David Saposs called "Anti-Labor Activities in the United States" and published by the League for Industrial Democracy at 112 East Nineteenth Street, New York City, for 15 cents sums up the present status of the struggle.

"It is clear," writes Saposs, "that anti-union employers are operating through a well-organized mass offensive in their fight against organized labor. . . . The increasing skill with which these employers crystallize public opinion through their manipulation of 'independent unions,' back-to-work movements, citizens committees for 'law and order' and the vigilance groups places in grave jeopardy their employees' right to organize and bargain collectively."

—McALISTER COLEMAN.

**Pittsburgh Workers Education Meeting**

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A conference on labor education and recreation was held here Oct. 15 in the International Ladies Garment Workers House.

The purpose of the conference was "to coordinate existing labor education and recreation facilities in Western Pennsylvania; to provide an organization wherein trade union representatives may jointly, and with the cooperation of other interested organizations and individuals, work out an educational program best suited to their needs."

Speakers and sponsors were:

Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, Patrick T. Fagan, G. I. O. Regional chairman; Clinton Golden, Steel Workers Organizing Committee director; John J. Kane, A. F. of L. leader and chairman of county commissioners and Mark Starr, International Ladies Garment Workers educational director.

**British Spies**

LONDON (NNS)—Both Britain and the United States are rocked with sensational spy stories, the secret agents uncovered being mostly Nazis. No attention is being paid to the work of British and American spies.

Britain for example, employs 271 spies today for every 100 she had working in her behalf in 1929. This is the calculation made by Mr. Cecil H. Wilson, M. P., who asked in Parliament recently how much had been spent on the Secret Service for each of the last ten years.

Figures supplied by the Treasury showed the following amounts expended under this heading:

1929	\$166,031
1930	\$165,299
1931	\$168,068
1932	\$177,681
1933	\$178,609
1934	\$178,799
1935	\$178,592
1936	\$349,000
1937	\$350,000
1938	\$450,000

It was in 1935 that the first announcement of rearmament was made in a White Paper issued by the Government.

**Jobless Miners Make And Sell CIO Auto Seals**

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Coal miners in nearby Harmarville are spending their idle days in manufacturing a seal which can be attached to automobile license plates. The seal is an advertisement of the C.I.O. and its affiliated unions.

The idea and perfection of the project was originated by M. A. Gould, member of UMWA local 4426, who was assisted by several local members. Starting out on a small scale, the group now has a shop established in an unoccupied garage, where the seals are made in great quantities.

The seal carries the monogram of the C.I.O. in a circle about three inches in diameter, under which is a rectangle with the initials of the union. In the rectangle can be inserted the initials of any local under the C.I.O. Seals for the United Mine Workers and Steel Workers Organizing Committee have already been made and some 8,000 are now in use throughout Pennsylvania.

A committee of the Local recently visited the UMWA in Washington, and reported that John L. Lewis, C.I.O. Chairman, approved the venture and purchased one of the first seals made.

**PARTY NOTES**

**Attention All Party Members**

Last month all Party members received a special letter from the national office—on the matter of the financial emergency due to increased responsibilities and obligation.

Comrades that responded made a splendid showing but a very large number have made no response as yet.

For those who have not responded I urge you to read that letter again and send in your response at once.

If everyone will do his part we can meet this situation but we must have the help of every one and have that now.

Fraternally yours,

**ROY E. BURT,**  
Executive Secretary

**Flint Branch Maps Active Winter Program**

FLINT, Michigan.—The Flint Branch of the Socialist Party has declared vacations ended, and with the return to employment of Flint's auto workers for the new production season, is making careful but extensive plans for a Party building drive, open meeting, and an educational campaign.

Realizing that Socialism may be unpopular with the current craze for "labor's friend" Governor Murphy, Flint comrades have nevertheless determined that the cause of Socialism shall not suffer from lack of hard work in this important auto center.

Much needs to be done toward educating workers to Keep America Out of War, building a class-conscious youth movement among sons and daughters of auto workers, and teaching other workers that unions are but the first step towards emancipation of the working class.

New officers and committees have been elected and branch meetings will be held every other Friday, with alternate Fridays for educational sessions.

**Detroit Educational and Social Affairs**

DETROIT—The Wayne County Socialist Party has initiated its fall educational program with three classes at its headquarters, 1110 West Warren, Detroit. A class on "Class Struggles in American History" is led every Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. by Frank Marquart; one on "Problems of Revolutionary Socialism" is led every Monday evening at 8:30 p. m. by Ben Fischer; and a third on the "Communist Manifesto" is led every Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. by William Lamson.

A gala Halloween affair is being planned by the Entertainment Committee of the Wayne County Socialist Party. Big do-

ings are being planned with plenty of fun for all, so watch the "Party Notes" column in the CALL for all the details about this big affair.

Efforts are being made to bring the Detroit Socialist Library up to date. All those who can donate books and pamphlets on social questions are urged to bring them to the headquarters, 1110 West Warren, or phone Terrace 28238 and have their donations called for.

**Colorado Notes**

DENVER, Colo.—Comrade I. G. Miller, who came to Colorado a year or more ago from West Virginia for his health, and served the state organization faithfully as organizer and Local Denver as local secretary for some three months, left recently for Ohio and eventually hopes to return to West Virginia. His health was greatly improved by his stay in Colorado.

The October quarterly meeting of the Colorado S. E. C. has been called for Sunday, October 9, at state headquarters in Denver. Campaign matters will probably occupy the greater part of the time of the committee.

State Secretaries who are not receiving copies of The Colorado Socialist may have their names added to the mailing list by request to State Secretary, Room 205, 1026 17th St., Denver.

**N. Y. Youth Dance**

The New York office of the Youth Committee Against War is sponsoring an entertainment and dance to be held at the Young Circle League Center, 22 East 15 Street, on the evening of October 15. Continuous dance music will be provided by Toby Woods and his boys. As a special feature, Ezra Stone, star of Broadway hit, "What a Life" will make a personal appearance. Tickets, which sell for 49c may be secured at the Youth Committee office, 39 Union Square West.

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Our recruiting drive is not for men who will be expected to give their all for a fruitless armed encounter with its inevitable aftermath of ghastly consequences, but rather comrades are being sought who will wholeheartedly support the SOCIALIST CALL in its drive to secure 10,000 new readers!

The Army of CALL Boosters is open to all comrades who are determined to see that the SOCIALIST CALL continues to carry on its meritorious work of editing the true working-class character of American life, and are willing to carry on a fight to the last ditch in defending the CALL in its battle to survive the onslaught of a ruthless financial crisis—a crisis which is gaining alarming proportions!

Our sole means of attack is the united efforts of all comrades, members of the Army of CALL Boosters, to conduct a concerted and tireless campaign for CALL subscriptions and promotion!

The comrades who enlist in the Army of CALL Boosters are under no financial obligation, and those who have already joined in the crusade to save the CALL, are as follows:

- Walter E. Davis—Hamden, Conn.
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- Sam Bofinovich—Chicago, Ill.
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- Frank Baker—Elkhart, Ind.
- Vegia Hake—Hammond, Ind.
- E. Owen—Crown Point, Ind.
- James Kasdan—Louisville, Ky.
- Shelle Ledy—New Orleans, La.
- Frank Sawyer—Bangor, Maine
- Jerome Tucker—Baltimore, Md.
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- William Raymond—Cambridge, Mass.
- John Plachter—Dearborn, Mich.
- Wm. H. McCartney—Detroit, Mich.
- Maudie Goldsmith—Detroit, Mich.
- Lawrence Schmidt—Bay City, Mich.
- Leslie H. Kay—Pontiac, Mich.
- Anita Cohen—Passaic, N. J.
- Emmy Detlefsen—Rahway, N. J.
- R. M. W. Wilkinson—Haddonfield, N. J.
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- Andrew Sempa—Pittston, Pa.
- Charles E. Griggs—Pottston, Pa.
- Mengel Clayton—Reading, Pa.
- Enaley Tiffin—Memphis, Tenn.
- E. M. Lane—Dallas, Texas
- C. A. Bushnell—Ogden, Utah
- J. D. Pedigo—Roanoke, Va.
- Jack R. Hopkins—Spokane, Wash.
- Gene Mullen—Washington, D. C.
- Harry A. Driscoll—Kenosha, Wis.
- Frank Zeidler—Milwaukee, Wis.

## Special Anti-War Stamp

An attractive stamp, set in a background of deep red and bearing the slogan "War Crushes Democracy" has been issued by the Keep American Out of War Congress for educational purposes in furthering anti-war work.

Local organizations and friends and members of the Congress may secure books of 40 stamps for 40c enabling them to use these stamps to finance their local anti-war work.

Socialists and sympathizers are urged to cooperate with the Keep American Out of War Congress, 922 17th St. N. W., Washington, D. C., by purchasing stamps and contributing financially in order to broaden the important work of keeping America out of war.

## The Case of George Van Horn Moseley

When he was about 20 years old, George Van Horn Moseley was sent to the West Point Military Academy from Illinois. For 45 years, he has been the ward of the Federal government. It educated him, fed, clothed and housed him, and assured him a comfortable job at rather generous wages.

Last week, George Van Horn Moseley at 64, now a major general, retired from the regular army and hereafter he will draw a pension of \$6,000 a year.

Most of us will agree that George Van Horn Moseley has had a pretty "soft" time of it, and that in view of the generous treatment he has received from the government, he should be about the last to complain when that same government moves to relieve those of its citizens who are idle and hungry through no fault of their own.

Surely George Van Horn Moseley, pocketing a \$6,000 a year pension, should have been sympathetic for John Smith, who is endeavoring to support a family on the \$40 or \$50 a month he gets from a WPA project.

However, that is not the way George Van Horn Moseley views the situation. He celebrated his retirement by issuing a long statement to the press in which he denounced relief and the 30-hour week and predicted that unless something was done to head off reforms enacted and promised under the "New Deal," the republic would go the way of Rome and other once powerful nations.

In rebuking Moseley, Secretary of War Woodring suggested the general was "peevish" because he was not made Chief of Staff. Every progressive-minded citizen should thank God for that. Moseley insists he is a 100 per cent American. Maybe so, but he talks like a Fascist.

## THE DANGER SIGNAL!

COST OF THIS ISSUE, including printing, salaries, general expenses, etc.....\$270.00  
 Cash balance on hand..... 30.00  
 Necessary before the CALL can again go to press—\$240.00

## YOUNG UNION FIGHTS FOR ITS EXISTENCE

(Continued from Page 4) the organization drive among red caps gained impetus through the unification conference held in Chicago. The conference, ably assisted by the astute guidance of A. Philip Randolph, brought together the various amalgamated and local organizations of red caps throughout the country. At this meeting the red caps decided to establish a common front through the formation of the new International Brotherhood of Red Caps. Membership increased over 500 per cent and today local organizations have been established in every major terminal from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

# Call Building

## Build the CALL!

### SUBSCRIPTION BOX SCORE

	Received During the Past Week of Drive	Total Received Thus Far
"Recovery" Subs.....	3	31
"Recession" Subs.....	26	958
"Depression" Subs.....	56	1,398
New Bundle Orders.....	40	650
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>3,037</b>

As will be noted in the subscription box score, during the past week the CALL DRIVE lagged considerably. In fact, it was far off key compared to previous weeks. To be sure, some comrades are exerting themselves in securing CALL subs, but unless we receive the united support of all the comrades, the efforts of comparatively few will have been in vain. Thus, we earnestly hope all will sense the gravity of the crisis the CALL is facing and rally to the clarion call of Socialism by doing their utmost to BUILD THE CALL!

In the October race for Eugene V. Debs' deluxe edition of "Walls and Bars," which will be presented to the comrade securing the most subs during the present month, comrade Ben Horowitz of Brooklyn, N. Y. is leading the field with 21 subs. In a second place tie are comrades Lewi Tonks of Schenectady and George Papcum of New York City with 12 subs each to their credit. It is still, however, anybody's race and there is ample time for other comrades to enter into the contest and come thru with top honors and a copy of a superb leather-bound edition of "Walls and Bars."

We are happy about the fine response we are receiving as the result of our recent announcement of the rebirth of the CALL ASSOCIATION.

Comrade Anton Garden, of Chicago and a member of the National Action Committee, was the first to take up membership in the association. Earnestly believing all comrades should assume the obligation of assisting the CALL at a time when its continuation is so vital, not only to the party, but also to the American working-class as well, Comrade Garden's immediate response to the announcement of the formation of the CALL ASSOCIATION bears out this sincere conviction.

Other militant comrades who

have taken up membership in the CALL ASSOCIATION are Joe Duchkowitz of Racine, Wisconsin and Erma Arnstein of San Francisco, California. We welcome these comrades to an honorary place on the CALL ASSOCIATION'S membership charter, and along with assisting the CALL in representing the workers and farmers of America, we are sure that they will be delighted when, at the close of the year, they will receive a handsomely bound edition of the 1938 issue of the CALL.

The three-cornered tilt among Illinois, Michigan and New Jersey remains practically unchanged over the previous week, with Illinois having been credited with two subs, Michigan one, and nary a tally for the New Jersey comrades. The count on the subscription race is as follows:

	Ill.	Mich.	N. J.
"Recovery" subs.....	2	0	1
"Recession" subs.....	61	42	37
"Dep." subs.....	170	99	30
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>68</b>

Come on, you Michigan, Illinois and New Jersey comrades, let's see some real action—how's about no less than swamping us with a deluge of subs? It's a dare!

In bringing this column to a close, may I call your attention to our campaign to mobilize an army of CALL Boosters. It is our aim to enlist the services of at least 250 comrades who will wholeheartedly support the BUILD THE CALL DRIVE and who will pledge themselves to secure at least one yearly sub each week, for by receiving 250 yearly subs each week, the CALL would be able to weather the storm and again resume publishing on the weekly basis.

We appeal to you to join the CALL BOOSTERS ARMY at once—begin today to secure your quota of securing at least one yearly CALL sub each week!

## Call Inspiring; Offers Advice

DAYTON, Ohio.—All summer the SOCIALIST CALL has been helpful and inspiring. Its encouragement to cooperatives and C. I. O. have been most gratifying.

The opposition to Communists reflected in the CALL seems to me unnecessary and foolish. Our

opposition to Communism is as foolish as the A. F. L. opposition to C. I. O. The differences about collective security, Supreme Court, etc., do not seem great enough in relation to the ultimate common goals of the C. P. and S. P. to warrant Socialists' opposition to Communists as persons or as a group.

—Dwight M. Burkan.

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## C.I.O. Sends Out Convention Call

WASHINGTON.—A call for the first constitutional convention of the Committee for Industrial Organization was issued by Chairman John L. Lewis.

The call states the convention will be held at Pittsburgh, beginning on November 14, for the purpose of establishing a permanent organization.

Delegates are expected from 48 national and international unions and 180 State and local industrial councils.

In issuing the call, Lewis stated that the C. I. O. has a membership of 4,000,000.

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# W.P.A. Dictator Bans Strikes; WAA Gags Unemployed

By ARTHUR McDOWELL

CLEVELAND. — Aubrey Williams, national WPA administrator last week dared to revive the hoary doctrine that a strike of W.P.A. workers was a strike "against" the government and in a letter to Senator Bulkley of Ohio in regard to a threatened strike of truckers in Cleveland and Akron declared no strike against the government will be tolerated.

This can be declared to be a direct result of the surrender of militancy and direct struggle for improvement of WPA conditions by the national leadership of the Workers Alliance at the fourth convention of the Workers Alliance of America which adjourned in this city just two weeks before "Friend" Williams issued his ukase borrowed direct from the pages of Mussolini, Hitler and their American admirers.

### "OUR FRIENDS"

The Workers Alliance of America born some four years ago of the militant organization campaigns and strikes of relief workers in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and a dozen other states met in its fourth convention in a constant sickly sweet atmosphere of exaggerated praise for everything the administration, the boss of WPA, had done. There was careful suppression of grievances and complaints and mob red baiting of the small minority of workers who dared raise their voices in criticism of "our friends".

It was Aubrey Williams who a year ago and less told a Washington Conference of the Alliance that they should recognize and support their "friends", namely himself and the other bosses of WPA.

### COMMUNIST MACHINE

Under the joint national leadership of the totalitarian Communist machine represented by Herbert Benjamin, national Secretary-Treasurer and President David Lasser who differs from the Communist leaders in his absolutely sincere swallowing of what the CP leaders cynically know is bunk, the Workers Alliance of America was persuaded to have its claws clipped and be turned into a house tabby of the New Deal administration. The keynote of the Convention was "God Save the King," and attempting made to force unanimous approval of the resolution demanding a third term for Roosevelt and tying the organized unemployed and relief workers to the political chariot of the New Deal.

### WEAKEN DEMOCRACY

This class collaboration policy of the Alliance nationally exceeds in stupidity and short sightedness anything that any conservative trade union of the "business" type ever did. This runs so counter to the sound instinct of the organized worker that it was necessity and no accident that the convention also marked the final corruption of the essential internal democracy which from the first distinguished the Alliance as a progressive labor organization.

A totalitarian constitution was adopted and the history of the Communist Party forces in the Alliance since the fatal admission of their forces the unification with the discredited Unemployment Councils, is a guarantee that the constitution will be used

for the suppression of all political standpoints differing with the Communists in the Alliance.

### BRENDAN SEXTON

The convention gave proof of this. Brendan Sexton, a national vice-president was ironically denied his seat at the Convention for declaring in a letter to the "Nation" magazine in answer to a frothy article by Selden Rodman, that the Alliance nationally and in many localities was unfortunately no longer either non-partisan, militant or democratic.

The delegates from six New York locals were denied their seats also on the grounds of the suspicion of their Communist colleagues, which suspicion was not substantial enough to make charges. This simply deepened the split which Communist Party domination and poor leadership had already started in the New York City Alliance.

### JOBLESS UNIONS

The Alliance showed gains in new areas and in Minnesota and Ohio. In the old areas where policies have had a chance to work out their consequences the Alliance is in decline from a combination of Communist purge tactics and cold split of workers abandoning the Alliance as it abandons militant struggle.

There are still large and important local sections of the Alliance that are live, healthy and growing and if the blight of Communist domination and the national leadership can be spared them, they will continue, prosper and fight in spite of the Cleveland capitulation of the Alliance as a national organization.

The complete hegemony of the Alliance is gone. The Auto Workers have their own WPA auxiliary. Both A. F. of L. and C.I.O. local bodies are organizing the 3,000,000 WPA workers independently. Splits have forced local independent unemployed and relief organizations in Wisconsin, New York, Maryland and eastern Penna. The Workers Alliance no longer possesses the leadership to make it the single dominant organization. It will become simply one among others with most public prestige due to its over-close relationship with the Administration.

### Flint Socialists Injured In Auto Collision

FLINT, Mich.—Comrades Kermit and Genora Johnson, remembered for their leadership in the G. M. sit-down of last year, are recovering from injuries received in an auto accident on Sunday, October 2, just north of Flint.

The car was struck from behind as Kermit, the driver, tried to avoid hitting a car which had darted onto the highway directly in front of him.

Most seriously hurt in the 3-car crash which injured nine, were Genora and her mother, Mrs. Raymond Albro.

Mrs. Albro and Genora are at present in Hurley Hospital, Flint, where they were taken following the crash. They are both still in a serious condition.

### The Navy's Friend

It was just four months ago that Gen. Smedley Butler proved to the satisfaction of a congressional committee that he was a friend of the Navy's.—By showing the committee that he had an anchor tattooed on his chest,

# JURY FREES PAIR WHO TERRORIZED REUTHER'S HOME

DETROIT, Mich.—Two gunmen, who invaded the apartment of Walter Reuther last April and assaulted him and held the rest of a party of 12 at bay with pistols, were acquitted last week in a jury trial before Judge Murphy in Recorder's Court.

One gunman, Willard Holt, a former Ford service man and bootlegger, claimed that he had been hired by Walter Reuther to attack him as a publicity stunt. Testimony by the prosecution proved that Holt stated, when arrested, that he had never seen Walter Reuther. Yet during the trial he alleged that he and Reuther had known each other a long time and had met and connived at the attack.

Reuther stated that "I don't know who hired these thugs. But I think there is a very good chance that the Ford Motor Co. did. They hired people to do that during the battle at the Ford No. 4 gate in May, 1937. We were severely beaten then."

In summing up the case, Assistant Prosecutor Paulsmo declared to the jury that, "Labor organizers, too, should be guaranteed protection in their own homes." The jury's verdict disagreed with this thesis, and virtually declared "open season" on organizers.

**STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF MARCH 3, 1933, of the Socialist Call, published weekly at Chicago, Illinois, for October 3, 1938. State of Illinois, County of Cook—ss.**  
Before me, a Notary Public, in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Harold Magin, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the business manager of the Socialist Call and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, to-wit:

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HAROLD MAGIN, Business Manager.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October, 1938.  
ROSE KAMEN, Notary Public.  
(My commission expires April 30, 1940.)

# ACT NOW!

## Join The Call Association

The CALL ASSOCIATION, which was recently reborn, invites all former members of the association and those comrades who are keenly interested in The SOCIALIST CALL to become charter members.

As the result of the recent announcement of the re-establishment of the association, we have received many favorable reactions from comrades throughout the country who hailed the rebirth of The CALL ASSOCIATION and voiced their intentions of becoming members.

The honor of being the first to become a charter member of the new CALL ASSOCIATION goes to Comrade Anton Garden, of Chicago, Ill., a member of the National Action Committee.

It is urged that all comrades who wish to join this worthwhile organization do so immediately since the quota for membership is 200.

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# WASHINGTON NOTES

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cion, particularly when the Wagner Act takes no cognizance even of physical violence on the part of unions."

### THE BRITISH REPORT

The answer to this argument, of course, is that the act was not written to protect the employers. Employers have ample protection in the laws of capitalist society, and when they suffer damages, (as far instance "physical violence"), have recourse to the capitalist courts and police to correct them.

The worker's only protection, on the other hand, is his right to bargain collectively. And until the passage of the Wagner Act, this right was not even legally recognized, but had to be fought for in oftentimes desperate conflicts.

The only action which the clamor of the reactionaries and the A. F. of L. has elicited from the Roosevelt Administration has been the appointment of a Commission to investigate industrial relations in Great Britain and Sweden. The report on Great Britain was discussed in a previous issue of the CALL and shown to be quite innocuous. The report on Sweden released September 25, is equally innocuous.

### WORKERS' TASK

The appointment of the Commission, despite the interpretation of some of the opponents of the National Labor Relations Act, probably does not mean that any change in the act is contemplated. But workers will have to be alert to fight every attempt in such a direction.

The N.L.R.B. is preparing to defend itself in the next Congress. Under the supervision of David Saposs, former head of

Brookwood Labor College, and now chief economist for the Labor Board, the Board's Division of Economic Research is digging up the statistics with which to answer the charges which have been hurled against the Board. On another front, Charles Fahy, chief council for the N. L. R. B. and his assistants have rolled up a perfect score of 12 favorable Supreme Court decisions without a single adverse one. The N.L.R.B. is doing its share. It is up to the workers to do the rest.

### A. M. A. Labels Negro Doctors

NEW YORK.—The American Medical Association, despite numerous complaints registered by physicians all over the country, continues to place the word "Colored" beside the names of all Negro physicians appearing in the Medical Directory, a national publication put out by the Association for the use of salesmen, medical supply companies etc., it was revealed here this week.



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