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Non-Partisan League Flays War Program

DETROIT, Mich.—Two hundred and twenty six delegates from CIO and AFL local unions, assembled in Lansing, Sunday, January 30, launched a state branch of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Plans were laid for the consolidation of all labor forces in preparation for an active 1938 state campaign. A state executive committee of 32 was elected by the conference and empowered to set up county and congressional district organizations of Labor's Non-Partisan League. A method for obtaining immediate funds for the launching of a state campaign was adopted. A number of resolutions covering major labor problems were passed by the conference. The resolution covering the Roosevelt armament program and the Ludlow Amendment aroused the greatest discussion.

The conference emphatically supported the Ludlow Amendment and registered strong disapproval of the Roosevelt war preparations, demanding that all funds be diverted from the war budget and expended for relief and low-cost housing projects.

Independent Action

Declaring the need for independent working class political action in Michigan, a resolution on principles was unanimously adopted. Plans for a long range political program were discussed. It was decided to call a State convention in June for the purpose of adopting a state constitution, perfecting the organization of the League, adopting a legislative program and endorsing candidates. The officers elected Sunday were to serve until the June convention.

Anti-War Resolution

Resisting an attempt of Communists and Democrats supporting the Roosevelt war preparations, the assembly clearly showed its desire for peace. One Communist declared:

"The strengthening of governmental armed forces is like a man taking out life insurance. If you carry a big pistol no one will jump on you." These and similar remarks were attacked by other delegates who stated that increased armaments would not only enhance the likelihood of repeating such incidents as the Panay episode, but would

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20 Years After

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—In 1917 Professor Wm. A. Schaner opposed America's entrance into the world war. Because of his firm convictions he was dismissed from the University of Minnesota.

The board of regents of the Minnesota University voted Jan. 29 to expunge from the records the stigma against the innocent man—a victim of war hysteria.

Besides the board of regents bestowed him with a consideration of \$5,000 and the title of professor emeritus.

THE HIGH COST OF DYING

WHAT THE WAR MONEY WOULD DO

The World War Cost
\$400,000,000,000

Four Hundred Billion Dollars

ENOUGH TO FURNISH EVERY FAMILY IN THE COUNTRIES SHOWN BLACK ON THE ACCOMPANYING MAPS WITH A \$2500 HOUSE ON \$500 FIVE ACRE LOT FURNISHED WITH \$1000 WORTH OF FURNITURE

AND A \$5,000,000 LIBRARY FOR EVERY COMMUNITY OF 20,000 OR MORE IN THESE COUNTRIES

AND A \$10,000,000 UNIVERSITY FOR EVERY SUCH COMMUNITY

AND THATS ONLY PART OF IT!

ANOTHER PART SET ASIDE AT 5% INTEREST WOULD YIELD ENOUGH TO PAY FOR ALL TIME EVERY YEAR \$1000 EACH TO AN ARMY OF 125,000 TEACHERS, AN ARMY OF 125,000 NURSES

AND THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH LEFT TO BUY EVERY SINGLE BIT OF PROPERTY AND WEALTH IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM INCLUDING every Cathedral and Church every factory every railroad every farm and home

From Scholastic's The National Inequality (No. 100, p. 4) The figures are by Nicholas Murray Butler and are quoted from the Congressional Record of Jan. 15, 1928, p. 1446.

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Unemployed Will March In New York

NEW YORK—Unemployed workers and trade unionists will stage a huge demonstration on Wall Street, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 19, as an expression of working class resentment to the program of mass lay-offs which have resulted from the deepening of the current depression.

Thousands of workers have been thrown off their jobs in the past two months, and appropriations to care for the unemployed have not been increased.

In New York City, where relief standards are comparatively high, relief allocations are entirely inadequate to meet the increased cost of living. Relief bureaus, whose stock in trade it is to purposely humiliate workers with delays and red tape, are responsible for a number of suicides, which have occurred here during the past few weeks.

S. F. Position

Criticisms of the methods used by the leadership of the New York section of the Workers' Alliance were made by Rhoda Pearson, secretary of the unemployment committee of the New York local of the Socialist Party.

She said the slogans, "Tax the 60 families" and "Put America Back to Work," as proposed by the W. A. leaders tended to divert the attention of the unemployed from real problems.

She also pointed out that the demonstration should be held at the City Hall where it will command greater pressure on the immediate political agencies which are responsible for relief.

The leadership of the W. A.

consciously or not, is laying the base for the unemployed to be attracted by fascist propaganda," she declared. "By directing their struggle entirely against big business groups, they indirectly lead the workers to believe that liberal capitalists, such as La Guardia and Roosevelt, will help the unemployed.

"They are following the tactics of the fascist," she declared.

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The War Of The Classes

BETHLEHEM, Pa. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation made a net profit of \$31,819,595 in 1937, Eugene C. Grace, president of the company announced Jan. 30.

This is the last largest earning since 1929, when net profit was \$42,242,980. With that exception, the 1937 income was the highest in the company's history.

DETROIT, Mich.—Total profits for the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. amounted to \$88,031,943 in 1937, according to a preliminary report made public Jan. 31.

This tremendous profit includes \$36,672,635 from its investment in General Motors Corporation.

Miners Try Green For Treason

Washington, D. C.—This city and Miami were the centers of a long distance verbal tiff between the United Mine Workers' convention, which is meeting here, and William Green, who is presiding over a session of the A. F. of L. executive council in the Florida city.

The miners summoned Green to appear before the convention to answer treason charges which have been filed against him by the rank and file of the union. Green is charged with specific violation of the U. M. W. A. constitution for issuing a federal charter to the Progressive Miners of America, a split-off from the parent body and considered a dual union. Green said he would not appear for trial.

Although this phase of the miners' important convention attracted wide publicity it was by no means the most significant achievement of the miners' deliberations.

Autonomy Restored

Among a number of progressive declarations made by the convention, the decision which will restore modified autonomy to 18 of the union's powerful 31 district was joyful news to the rank and file coal diggers.

By this action the union administration removed the greatest single point of controversy within the miners union and it will solidify the miners' ranks as never before.

The right of autonomy restores to the miners in various districts the right to elect their own officials, hold district conventions and briefly, enables the subordinate units to conduct the affairs of their union on a more democratic basis.

Resolution on Relief

The convention adopted a resolution calling upon Congress to immediately appropriate a billion dollars for immediate relief needs, and an additional two billion dollar allocation for needs in the next fiscal year.

Secretary-treasurer Thomas



PHIL MURRAY

Kennedy's financial report showed the union was in a better financial condition than the 1936 convention despite the expenditure of nearly two million dollars for C. I. O., political and other purposes. The net balance in the union treasury on Dec. 1, 1937, was \$2,534,688.03.

Lewis Speaks

On the financial status of the union, President John L. Lewis said:

"Contrary to the hopes of many, the report will show the soundness of our financial condition, notwithstanding that you men, our membership, have contributed of your strength, given of their leadership and their support to the upbuilding of a great modern labor movement, to greater participation in political action and for the purchase of your magnificent permanent home in Washington."

Vice-President Philip Murray, director of the C. I. O. steel campaign, reported on the progress of the C. I. O. His reports was given a tremendous ovation by the delegates.

Legislative Program

The convention adopted the following legislative program:

1. A five billion dollar housing program to be financed with social security reserve funds.
2. Broadening the Social Security Act to increase both scope and benefits.
3. Wage and hour legislation.
4. Fuel oil regulation.
5. An improved anti-strike breaking act.

There were 2172 resolutions filed with the convention committee on resolutions. Several called for action against Roosevelt's military program and the endorsement of the Ludlow war referendum. Other resolutions asked for the freedom of Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro boys, a boycott of Japanese goods and formation of a Farmer-Labor party. The committee on resolutions was expected to report on these resolutions before Friday.

Green's Provocations

Neither the A. F. of L. executive council or the Mine Workers' showed signs that peace between the warring factions was imminent. Green has been issuing daily releases from Miami phrased in such word that it

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Five thousand people angrily demonstrated January 27 against a two cent sales tax which was passed by the city council.

The masses, who booed the councilmen, flayed the "soak-the-poor tax" as a means to transfer the burden of taxation from high incomes of the rich to the beans and bread of the poor.

DETROIT, Mich.—United Automobile Workers Union leaders announced that a huge mass demonstration would be held in Cadillac Square February 4 to protest wholesale layoffs of automobile workers.

The union asserted that 150,000 persons would take part. More than 200,000 of the union's 250,000 membership in this area are now without jobs.

LEFT SOCIALIST PAPER BARRED BY FACTIONALISTS

By Labor Research Front
NEW YORK—The irregularity with which the *Correspondencia de Valencia*, organ of the Caballero UGT, (General Workers Union), arrived during the last few weeks led us to suspect that the delays were not accidental. This suspicion deepened when the syndicalist paper, *Fragua Social*, began to be received under the seal of the UGT. Final confirmation of the suppression of the last Left-Socialist organ has just come to hand.

The following notice was printed in the Spanish press: "Yesterday about noon (November 28), several representatives of the Provincial Executive Committee of the UGT (Pena group), accompanied by a notary public, came to the editorial offices of the *Correspondencia de Valencia* and effected the seizure of the newspaper in the name of this Executive Committee."

Caballero Away
 It should be noted that this was accomplished at a time when Caballero was in Paris to attempt to bring about peace in the UGT by appearing before the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Trade Unions. This tactical procedure recalls the convening of the dissident National Committee of the UGT on the very day that the Cortes was to convene in Valencia for the first time during the Negrin premiership, thus preventing Caballero from appearing in the Cortes.

New Director
 The director of the new *Correspondencia* in Eduardo Boil, who had been editor-in-chief of *Adeante*, the Socialist paper of Valencia, forcibly taken from the Left-Socialists on July 27 last and now the most vicious of all Spanish papers in its attacks on the left groups. The new editor-in-chief is Salvador Chadin, director of *Verdad*, Valencia organ of the Communist Party.

In the first edition of the paper after the seizure, the following note was inserted: "Only discipline is effective and fertile: in discipline there is no place for 'personalism', but only for complete and unconditional aid to the Government which is fighting against treason within and foreign invasion without."

Others Suppressed
 It is significant that today in Spain there are Union Republican papers, Left Republican papers, Right-Wing Socialist papers, Communist papers, and completely emasculated papers of the Syndicalist Party and the Anarcho-Syndicalists. Only the Revolutionary Socialists are without a legal organ. The POUM still publishes *La Batalla* illegally, but it is reduced to four small pages. The suppression of the *Correspondencia* explains the arrival of *Pragua Social* enclosed in UGT jackets. If the attacks on the Left-Socialists as "anarcho-socialists" are at all justifiable, the relationship is not one of choice but of compulsion.

Socialists Honor Pablos Iglesias

MADRID, Spain—On the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the death of Pablos Iglesias, the founder of the Spanish Socialist Party, the Socialist Party organized an impressive memorial celebration.

In Madrid, where Iglesias did his main work, this assumed the character of Memorial Week. In the midst of the war and in the city around which the fight rages, this solemn tribute to the great teacher of Socialism and the educator of the Spanish working class took on special significance.

Millions For Arms Misery For Masses

LONDON (NNS)—The cost of armaments is felt not only in increased taxation, but also in the higher cost of living. Great Britain is at present engaged in a huge production of armaments. How this has affected the retail prices of essential foodstuffs may be seen from the following table:

	Sept.'36	Dec.'37
Milk (qt.)	12½c	15c
Bread (qtn.)	13c	19c
Butter (lb.)	30c	36c
Eggs (doz.)	36c	67c
Bacon (lb.)	40c	49c
Beef (lb.)	27½	30c

Misery For Masses
 What these increases mean may be gauged by the study made by Sir John Boyd Orr in March, 1936, which showed that "some 4,500,000 people have only 4 shillings (97c) a week to spend on food, and 9,000,000 more spend only 6 shillings (\$1.46)."

Meanwhile there is no attempt to curb the profits of the arms industry. Hawker-Siddeley Aircraft Company, for example, declared a 32½ per cent dividend plus a cash bonus of 10 per cent on its last year's business. Its net profit, after payment of all taxes and special contributions, amounted to \$2,866,000. Short Brothers, another aircraft company a dividend of 30 per cent plus a cash bonus of 10 per cent.

Hooligans Attack Socialist Workers

CHICAGO, Ill.—Communist hooligans are at it again. On January 19, after a meeting of local 26 of the Illinois Workers Alliance, C. P. members, inspired by their leader, "Comrade" Shields, savagely attacked Socialist comrades who were selling copies of the **SOCIALIST CALL**.

Several members of the Revolutionary Workers League were pounced upon by the Comisars and one of them was seriously injured.

Arthur G. McDowell, Labor Secretary of the Socialist Party, who had spoken at the meeting, registered a sharp rebuke to the Communist Party.

"There are no words, strong enough to indicate the disgust of myself and the Socialist Party with such reactionary tactics. Hooliganism and gangsterism have no place in the labor movement."

"It is to be hoped that the members of local 26 will properly censure the individuals responsible for this expression of gansterism."

A bit of irony is added to the incident when it is remembered that at Danville, Ill., members of the Communist Party were recently beaten in a similar fashion by vigilantes.

The **SOCIALIST CALL** urges comrades and fellow workers to report all incidents where Communists seek to use terroristic methods.

Immigration Falls

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States admitted only 53,610 new immigrants out of a legally possible quota of 153,774 during the fiscal year ending last June 30, according to an announcement made by the State Department.

Chinese Aid Their War-Torn Country

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Chinese observed their New Year's Day on Jan. 31 with fasting instead of the usual fireworks. The money they usually spend for feasts and fire-crackers will be sent to China for food, clothing and medical supplies.



Fascism Comes to Rumania
 —In the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Rumanian Fascist State Makes War Against Workers

BUCHAREST, Rumania.—King Carol and Octavian Goga's fascist administration continued its drive against the working class of this country of 18,000,000 people by intensifying its campaign against Jews.

Replying to hundreds of protests which have bombarded his office since he announced his program, the highly emotional dictator showed that he was irritated by world opinion.

Waving a handful of cablegrams received from American organizations under the nose of U. S. Minister Gunther, he shouted: "These are merely impudent!"

Edicts Galore
 The vicious attack against the Jews, who constitute three percent of the population, was marked by a series of dictatorial edicts.

The public works ministry instructed health insurance companies to dismiss all Jewish doctors.

Jewish liquor licenses were cancelled and all Jews were forbidden from selling gasoline or salt.

Jewish newspapers were suppressed.

All industrial enterprises were ordered to submit a list of their Jewish workers in a preliminary move to discharge Jewish workers.

An order that the bar association disbar all Jewish lawyers was bitterly denounced and rejected by the association.

Workers Hit
 An edict that non-Aryan domestic workers be dismissed from all homes was later recalled because of the tremendous number of jobless it would add to the already large army of workers without jobs.

In order to incite the people to hate the Jews and probably to invoke pogroms, the government's propaganda bureau intensified its anti-Semitic program thru theatres, newspapers and radio stations.

Meanwhile the League of Nations under the leadership of the Britain and France grappled with the Rumanian situation which has been avowedly provoked by the Hitler government of Germany.

Gain Suffrage In 1919
 On May 26, 1919, the Jewish people were given the right to vote by a Royal decree. In the elections of that year they directly participated in political affairs for the first time in their history.

Now the spirit of Wotan prevails in Rumania. The Jewish population, being the most vulnerable section of the working class, is bearing the brunt of the beginning of open fascism.

Communists To Observe Joan Of Arc Festivities

PARIS, France.—In about a year big patriotic celebrations will take place in France in commemoration of Joan of Arc. Heretofore, all such celebrations were observed by ultra-reactionary groups, women's clubs and fascist military organizations.

The Communist Party, which has all but relinquished the red flag of proletarian revolution and adopted the French tricolors, has announced that it will take part in future commemorations.

A girl's Communist youth organization, bearing the name: "Union of Young French Girls," will take an active part.

Cotton Sales To Japanese Show Decline

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Japan purchased considerably less cotton during the months of August thru November 1937 than she had during many previous years, according to figures issued this week by the United States Department of Agriculture. This reflects a decrease in the country's purchasing power that is probably due to the world working class boycott of Japanese goods.

Purchases of cotton by Japan from the United States dropped to almost one-tenth of what they were during the same period last year. Purchases from British India dropped approximately forty percent. From Egypt only one-third as much was purchased during these months as during the comparable period of 1936.

CZECH STATE SUPPRESSES LABOR PAPER

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—Not very long ago the Socialist world was astonished by the action of the Czechoslovakian government in suppressing the central organ of Austrian Socialists: "The Arbeiter Zeitung" (Workers' Journal).

The Socialist newspaper had been published in Czechoslovakia since the fascist coup d'etat in Austria.

Now the central organ of the German Social-Democrats, "Neuer Vorwaerts" (New Forward) which has been published in this country since Hitler's rise to power has also been suppressed.

According to the "London Herald," the English and French governments were instrumental in this anti-democratic action. The action was a capitulation to Hitler's demand.

Both newspapers are now published in Paris.

6,000 Italians Killed

LONDON, Eng.—A report that almost 6,000 Italian soldiers have been killed within the last two months of fighting in Ethiopia was recently issued by the Ethiopian legation. The report also claims that three battalions of native Italian troops had deserted.

European Labor Leaders Balk At Russ Unions

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands.—The idea of accepting the Russian unions in the International Federation of Trade Unions, also called the Amsterdam International, has met strong opposition in many countries.

Trade union leaders of the Scandinavian countries and Belgium have registered opposition.

Their main objection is that the Russian unions are absolutely dependant upon the government and the Communist Party. The Russian labor organizations are not "free unions," the trade union leaders charged.

These objections are rather flimsy ones when it is remembered that in most countries the trade unions are closely linked with working class political parties.

Austro Government Jails Socialists

VIENNA, Austria.—While the Austrian government spread reports abroad that it has amnestied a number of political prisoners at Christmas—those freed are by the way, mostly Nazis—the truth is that the police terror against Socialists has become increasingly severe.

Mass arrests took place throughout the month of December, 1937. Among those arrested were two former Socialist members of the Vienna Municipal Council, Karl Maisel and Wilhelmine Moik.

In addition, the former secretary of the Shop Assistants Union, Manfred Ackermann; the former editors Hans Pay and Joseph Podlipnig, and Otto Bauer, former president of the Religious Socialists' Association, are among those arrested.

These mass arrests of Socialists are a refutation of Schuschnigg's often repeated lying assurance to other countries that he is fighting not against workers but Nazis.

14 Killed in Paris

PARIS, France.—Five soldiers, three laborers, three chemists and three police officers were killed last week while handling a truckload of hand grenades.

The death bombs had been confiscated from the Cagouards (The Hooded Ones)—a terrorist, fascist organization which has been surreptitiously engaged in sabotage and murder during the past several months.

Not Too Many Machines; But Too Many Saps

Representative Sumners of Texas has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which would stop the Patent Office from granting licenses for labor-saving devices.

Amazing as it may sound several Congressmen are supporting the bill.

Said Mr. Sumners: "I do not know; it may be foolish, but I am doing it."

This is a classic for the present and future generations to scoff at as we now scoff at the stupidity of our forbears.

The Skeptic

The story of the skeptic who upon viewing the first contraption known as an automobile glumly remarked:

"She'll never run."

When the gas engine began chugging down the dirt road nary a wrinkle on the skeptic's face wavered. The skeptic still was unconvinced and with similar pessimism, remarked:

"She'll never stop."

Mr. Sumners and his capitalist cohorts still have their minds fettered in the swamps of the skeptic. Our ills are not due to machines but due to capitalism in a stream-lined age.

Underconsumption

Millions of American workmen are without the essentials of life. But there are no profits for do-nothings if the masses are given the benefits of mass production. Therefore, capitalist politicians are beginning to be quite frank about economic problems.

Hence we hear suggestions on the one hand of war armaments to spend sums for unsocial purposes and on the other hand the cock-eyed suggestion that we declare a moratorium on increased productivity.

What this country really suffers from is an archaic system and an overproduction of scatter-brained Congressmen.

Dallas Socialists Organize Jobless

DALLAS, Tex. — Socialists here are assisting in the organization of the unemployed into what may prove to be a branch of the Workers Alliance of America. Thousands of men, women and children are absolutely without food. Mexican non-citizens are cut off entirely by a Federal ruling of last summer against aliens. W. P. A. workers are only getting two or three days a week because of unusual wet weather and lack of projects. Social workers declare that \$50,000 a month is needed for the barest minimum as against the \$20,000 which the city and county say they can spend. Thus far in conferences the authorities have given the unemployed the run around. But the spirit of organization among the unemployed is strong and growing. Negroes, Mexicans and whites are standing solidly together for the right to live.

Three years ago Dallas unemployed had an organization which conducted a sitdown demonstration in the City Hall for nine days and nights. Newspaper reports indicate that the authorities fear some sort of repetition of this form of protest. This is certain, the Dallas unemployed will not crawl off into their holes and starve quietly.

What Price War?

SHANGHAI, China — Disease, starvation and exposure have taken the lives of more than 50,000 Chinese refugees here since the beginning of hostilities last August. Over 40,000 of these were children.

DEFY BOSS HAGUE



Members of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee are picketing the Crucible Steel's plant in Jersey City in defiance of Mayor (I am the Law) Hague. Five hundred steel workers struck when the company abrogated their contract.

Farmers Oppose Wisconsin Army Man For Senate

By EUGENE G. JOHNSON

MADISON, Wis. — A heated two-day state conference of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation came to a dramatic close with united opposition of the participating factions to the anticipated candidacy of Adj. General Ralph M. Immell for the Progressive nomination for the U. S. Senate.

Immell, prominent in Progressive politics, holds considerable power in the state administration. It is not known definitely how Gov. LaFollette feels about Immell's ambitions, but there is strong opposition to Immell in Progressive ranks, especially from those active in the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation.

Speakers at the conference termed Immell a Republican and pointed to his reactionary and militarist contacts. Kenneth Hones, president of the Farmer's Equity Union, said "the farmers have not forgotten the tin soldiers and their baseball bats during the milk strike a few years ago."

Strikebreaker

(Immell, state commander of the national guard, led the state militia against the farmers in the milk strike under the Democratic administration of former Gov. Schmedeman).

Probable candidates for the U. S. Senate mentioned at the conference include Mayor D. W. Hoan, Socialist, Congressman T. R. Amlie, Cong. Gerald P. Boyleau and Assemblyman Paul Alfonsi, who is speaker of the assembly in the legislature.

Hoan Undecided

Socialist Mayor Hoan has the support of many individuals and groups outside the Socialist Party. William E. Evjue, editor of the powerful Capitol Times at Madison, has come out openly in support of Hoan. So have editorials in the Kenosha Labor and Sheboygan Times, labor weeklies. Hoan however intimates that he is not a candidate.

300 WORKERS ARRESTED

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Three hundred workers were arrested in various parts of Bulgaria Jan. 27, as the government increased its desperate efforts to suppress the labor movement.

FARMERS ACT FOR BETTER RELIEF GRANT

WILLISTON, N. D. — Farmers in western North Dakota and eastern Montana are living another winter almost entirely on federal grant checks and wondering whether the long hoped for break in drouth will come.

Winter struck with little moisture in the soil, but heavy snows have blocked the roads and farmers are hopeful that sufficient spring rains follow to prepare the ground for planting. Despite a half dozen no-crop seasons farmers last year seeded their fields—only to harvest nothing. Much of the seed did not even sprout.

Food Scarce

After a series of protests, farmers are now receiving their federal grant checks regularly on the 21st of each month. A few commodities—eggs, a few oranges, potatoes, dried milk—are also furnished. A good deal of sickness is reported, however. While there is no actual starvation, food is not available in sufficient proportions, and of the right kind, for building resistance.

Main dissatisfaction is with the government feed loan policy. The only feed farmers were able to harvest last year was a little Russian thistle which they raked into stacks and allowed to cure. But supplementary feed is necessary if stock is to thrive, and farmers complain of great difficulty in securing feed loans or of getting permission to move stock to less drouth-stricken areas.

Sallitto Freed

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Dominic Sallitto, Italian anti-fascist, was freed recently when the Department of Labor cancelled his deportation warrant, proceedings and bond. Sallitto was arrested at Oakland, Calif., April 1934, charged with being an anarchist. Vincent Ferrero, a co-defendant, is now at liberty under \$1,000 bail.

California Labor Licks Dictators On Four Fronts

BY JOHN NEWTON THURBER
State Organizer, S. P. of California

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — The high handed tactics of the Stalinist Communists in the California trade union movement, where they have had an unparalleled control in the CIO, is producing a heavy crop of resentment.

In former days the Communists have specialized in "rank and file" committees, leagues, and tactics. Since the CIO turned west coast control over to Harry Bridges, and the C. P. machine moved in, Communist tactics have been of a different variety. Top negotiations have been the order of the day.

Most of the new locals of the San Francisco and Los Angeles CIO have been under their control. A large number of these have remained in the paper state, being charters only. Beyond the CIO the C. P. has carried its drive for complete domination, extending its influence in A. F. of L. circles wherever possible, and by whatever means possible.

Resent C. P.

The resentment against this policy has been slow in developing. It is taking organized form in local after local and in central bodies. Four significant victories have been recorded in recent weeks in San Francisco by progressive unionists who resent one party dictatorship in the union movement.

The feeling has been generally expressed that the Communists have turned the unions and central bodies they control into rubber stamps, forums for the introduction of their pet ideas. Resolutions on China, Spain, the Peoples Front, Labors Non-Partisan League, peace and democracy, war and fascism, have occupied the time of unions, to the elimination of legitimate union business.

Office Workers

The first union to throw out the Communist administration, as a result of this resentment, was the San Francisco Office and Professional Workers. A progressive slate, headed by Ernest Norback, active Socialist and union organizer, opposed a slate dominated by the Stalinists.

After a sharp campaign, the progressive slate swept to victory, despite the fact that the C. P. trade union machine brought heavy pressure on many members to support the C. P. slate.

Norback, in taking office, is pledging a redoubling of effort in the drive which has thus far won contracts and union recognition from ten commercial firms in San Francisco already.

Sailors

In the Sailors Union of the Pacific, where Bridges had assured John Brophy, CIO Director, that he would oust Harry Lundberg, militant union secretary, and Bridge's rival on the waterfront, the Bridges slate went down to a drastic 6 to 1 defeat before the progressive slate headed by Lundberg.

It was the unpopularity of Bridges (called Banana Harry at the waterfront) which caused the SUP referendum on affiliation to go so strongly independent. The sailors don't want to jeopardize their union and the gains it has won by placing it under "the commissars".

Marine Firemen

Another progressive victory over the Communist machine was announced by the Marine Firemen this week. In their annual election the MPOW and W, which has joined in the CIO Maritime Council set-up, defeated the Communist slate for international officers all the way down the line. The progressive slate headed by V. J. Malone and J. J.

Quinn, was elected to office in this union.

These drastic set-backs to the C. P. waterfront machine threw a wrench in the plans to set up one big CIO Maritime union in San Francisco this week. Even Joe Curran, who has been surrounded by the C. P. for some time showed considerable restiveness.

John L. Lewis and John Brophy were very ill advised when they turned the Maritime Union organization over to Bridges and the Communist Party. This observation was made in the CALL at the time of the appointment and subsequent events are showing the correctness of this analysis.

Waiters Union

In the San Francisco area, Hugo Ernst has long been known as a progressive figure in the Culinary unions. Since he would not capitulate to the Communists during this whole period, he was marked down as one who was to be gotten, years ago.

The Communists planned to close in on him this year, and oust him from his post as secretary of the Waiters Union. Here again the progressive rank and file triumphed and this fine progressive unionist remains at his post, despite the efforts of the Communists to oust him.

Los Angeles Council

In Los Angeles the Communists have made CIO and Communist synonymous. They have dominated the CIO Council through top appointment and control of a flock of paper locals, despite the fact that the real mass production industrial unions—ILGWU, ACWA, Auto, Rubber, Steel (in part) Shoe Workers, and others, had no use for their tactics.

The Communists have gone so far in Los Angeles that at the last meeting of the Council it voted to assist the Anti-Picketing Protest Petition of the American League (For Peace and Democracy), although rank and file delegates from the floor declared that the CIO Council should be taking the lead on this and the ALPD should assist. The C. P. stooges forgot which was the tail and which was the dog!

Protest To Lewis

So bad has the situation become here that no non-Communist delegate (with the exception of a Lovestoneite) would accept nomination in the elections which are being held currently. It was felt that this boycott of the CIO Council election would force the seriousness of the local situation to the attention of John L. Lewis with whom protests have already been lodged through at least two international offices. The farce of domination of an important CIO Council through a lot of "Newsboys Unions" and delegates from non-existent "Mine, Mill and Smelters Workers" locals must be eliminated.

Co-op Organizes Traveling School

SUPERIOR, Wis. — Central Co-operative Wholesale, located here, found many of its managers too busy to come to its annual co-op school, so it arranged to take the school to them.

The result was a traveling university which stopped at 18 points in Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan. It started out early in January.

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Fascism And War

With the Communist Party advocating "collective security" and backing the war plans of President Roosevelt, the Socialist Party is now the only political party (not sect) in the United States adhering to the Marxist position on War.

At the last National Convention, Party sentiment on the war question was virtually unanimous. Today the SP stands committed to the same basic policy as that laid down at St. Louis in 1917 at the beginning of the World War, the policy for which Debs went to prison.

The National Convention resolution states: "The Socialist Party of the United States calls upon the working class, progressive and revolutionary forces, to refuse support of all wars conducted by capitalist governments, whether they be democratic or fascist."

In 1917 we were asked to go to war "to make the world safe for democracy" by defeating Prussian militarism. Though the true Socialists of that day hated Prussian militarism with the same intense bitterness that we now have for Fascism, they correctly analyzed the Wilsonian slogan. In his Canton speech, Debs declared:

"I hate, I loathe, I despise junkers and junkerdom.
I have no earthly use for the junkers of Germany, and
not one particle more use for the junkers in the
United States."

Debs knew, and the Socialists of his day knew, that the allied imperialist nations were not fighting for an ideal. (How much interest did they show in democracy when they tried to impose their will upon the Russian masses with their armies and starve them into submission, with their blockade?) Socialists of 1917 knew that both the Allies and the Central Powers were fighting to advance their economic interests. "Democracy" was a smoke-screen behind which one set of imperialist robbers lay concealed while the working class of the Allied and Central Powers butchered each other merely to determine which band of robbers would emerge on top.

Today the self-same forces that plunged us into the World War are feverishly at work preparing the workers for a new blood-bath. Even their slogan is unchanged. We are again to go to war "to make the world safe for democracy." The only change is that "Fascism" is to be substituted for "Prussianism." And for that a party which pretends to speak for the working class, the Communist Party, joins the militaristic chorus and comes out for bigger and better armaments, military training in the colleges, "security" pacts, and all the rest of the war-mongers' program and devices.

The Socialist Party fights Fascism. It fights it in the only way possible to fight it—by organizing the working class for Socialism and against Capitalism, the system which breeds Fascism. It will not attempt to fight it insanely by supporting capitalist wars which can have but one object and one object alone—the defense of the very system in which Fascism has its roots.

Made In America

Japan has purchased hundreds of airplane motors and several million tons of scrap iron from American business men. It purchased a secret powder formula from an American concern and it is the Standard Oil Company's biggest customer in the Far East.

The Universal Film Distributors is now selling films of the Panay incident in drug stores all over the country at a dollar six bits, so Americans may poison themselves and their children with a one-sided story.

What the film fails to show is that the bomb shrapnel which killed American sailors was probably fired by American invented powder which exploded American made iron transported by American made plane motors fueled by Standard's oil.

So what? So we have two sets of international murderers. Before the tribunal of the international working class—both American and Japanese imperialists are condemned. Under Socialism this kind of people would not exist. If they did, we would have them committed to an insane asylum for a long observation.

"People's Press Again"

The Illinois Labor Party elected a committee to air a specific grievance with "People's Press" this week. It was pointed out that "People's Press" had learned some bad tricks from its capitalist rivals. The sheet asked for an official story of the Labor Party's Cook county convention but when they were given the yarn they struck out all mention of the endorsement of the LUDLOW AMENDMENT, although this question was the only issue on which the convention took a record vote.

"People's Press" follows the Communist line of opposition to the Ludlow amendment and apparently subordinates its news-reporting standards to this policy or prejudice within the labor movement as the capitalist press does outside of it.



SOUTHERN SITDOWN

Fitzpatrick in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Workers' Forum

STOLBERG'S ARTICLES

By Gerry Allard

Benjamin Stolberg's series of articles published in the Scripps-Howard newspapers entitled "Inside the C. I. O." provoked the ire of various elements within the labor movement last week. Loud and vociferous were the Communists who called Stolberg a fascist and stoolpigeon, something all sensible people know he is not.

When one remembers Stolberg's militancy in defending Trotsky's right of asylum the chest-beating and hair-pulling of the "Daily Worker" and its litter of "People's" newspapers is easily understood.

Stolberg does not spare us Socialists. He said among other things that our comrades in Detroit were a party to Communist machinations that went in the auto union. He made much of the fact that Comrade Norman Thomas does not "control" individual members of the Party, etc.

Socialists Still Leaders

When the titanic struggle broke loose in the auto industry a little over a year ago the Socialists distinguished themselves with heroic service in the field of action. That they are still leaders of the rank and file, as testified by Stolberg, speaks well of their determination and loyalty to the cause of labor. Corporations could not break that splendid spirit. Stolberg's personal opinions will not detract from the record of the glorious union which progressives and left wingers helped establish in the auto industry.

Stolberg's grievance against Comrade Thomas is a distinct compliment. It is true that Thomas does not "control" individual Socialists. He is not a dictator or an all powerful bureaucrat. Comrade Thomas would not be if he could, and could not if he wanted to be.

No Happy Medium

Stolberg pans the Communists for their dictatorial arrogance. But he is irritated at Thomas' lack of "control" over the Socialist party and its members! Somewhere, somehow, Stolberg should have made his conclusions. There must be a measure of consistency. If one is for democracy within workers' organization he cannot be for dictatorship. There is no happy medium. An organization is either directed from the top without responsibility to the rank and file or it is run according to orders directed by its members.

The latter is the policy of the Socialist Party and if the Socialist Party is to continue to serve the working class it must remain that kind of an organization.

Thomas A. Fighter

As Socialists and workers we

are proud of Comrade Thomas, but we do not make him a god a la Stalin. He inspires Socialists and workers to action because he himself enters the hottest struggles of the labor movement. The fact that he is today the best known radical in America was not attained by making revolutions behind a glass of claret—it was acquired by active participation in the class struggle in locations where the fight was hot and furious.

Stolberg, the individualist, whom no one "controls," has told his story. He has protected his friends and blasted hell of people he does not like. His stories contain errors as to fact that can be easily substantiated. But to call him an enemy of the workers is pure tommy-rot.

It remains a proletarian virtue for men and women to express their views freely and vigorously. Men and women should enjoy the basic right to differ with others. Stolberg has merely expressed his opinion. We have expressed ours. The workers' society which we and Stolberg want will increase and cultivate the liberty of free expression, the Communists notwithstanding.

Negroes and Socialism

CHICAGO, Ill. — Personally I feel Socialism is the road to Negro liberty. By now Negroes should know that both the Democratic and Republican parties represent the bosses and are opposed to equal rights for both white and Negro workers.

These parties have condoned lynching since the first lynching began. They represent the class in our world which breeds lynching. On the other hand the Negroes must learn that the program of the Socialist Party calls for the abolition of lynching, not only by law, but by deeds.

At the last Republican convention Roscoe Simons begged a day and a night to get the Negro delegates seated. At the Democratic convention Senator Smith walked out of the auditorium because a Negro minister delivered the invocation.

The Communist Party now supports the Democratic party and that party is fighting the anti-lynching bill in Congress. Tell me, please, how is it possible for Negroes to support such fakery.

The Socialist Party is a working class party. It believes in strong unions. Therefore, it is important for all Negroes to support the party that truly represents the working class.

Right now thousands are out of work. It is important that we support, join and build the Workers Alliance. With the Workers Alliance, the unions and the Socialist party we can go down the line fighting for this program:

SQUIBS
BY GENE LOMAN

BALD BUT UNBOWED

THE absence of hair on the heads of a lot of our comrades does not necessarily bespeak a Union Square background of hair-tearing speeches.

Neither does it designate excessive use of the cranium.

Rather it signifies that they have carried the torch of Socialism so long, all their hair has been singed.

—Tad Tekla

THAT'S a load off our mind. We were afraid it might be due to theoretical hair-splitting or the practice of talking the other guy's scalp on the slightest pretext.

PUSHING UP DAISIES

THE Mikado has dashed off a dither of doggerel to show his subjects how much he loves them—even the ones he sent to early graves. It goes like this:

"Peaceful is morning in the shrine garden;
World conditions, it is hoped, will also be peaceful."

Won Lung Ho, our China boy friend, hearing of this, sat up in his hospital cot and with his good hand penned this little piece:
"Spring flowers, it is hoped, will be pushing through the sod, oh,
Very, very soon, like bomb-burst, above the Mikado."

CRIMINALS run rife in Washington, Attorney General Cummings says.

Never mind, Homer, one of these days we voters will learn to quit sending them there.

YELLOW PERIL

The United States is more likely to suffer Japanese aggression than Russia. Who says so? Why, Earl Browder, in his Feb. 2 New Republic article extolling President Roosevelt's "peace program."

Three thousand miles of ocean have nothing to do with it!

The fates must be toying with Browder. No sooner had the Kansas katydid chirped that "only the courageous implementing of the policy laid down by President Roosevelt in Chicago can save our country, and all the capitalist world, from unparalleled reaction and catastrophe" and "the whole country must be rallied to support it (President Roosevelt's foreign policy), and to demand its energetic application in life" than Roosevelt asked Congress to spend \$800,000,000 more on the army and navy! That's implementing it, all right!

CALIFORNIA VS. FLORIDA

"Scab!" shouted a redhot fellow worker who was eating a California orange.

"Why?" came the startled reply.

"Remember Tom Mooney," was the sour answer.

"Sure, I remember, but what about the Shoemaker case?"

Labor dramatics, take heart! Even the sophisticated New Yorker magazine calls Labor Stage's "Pins and Needles" the only "proletarian revue in town—and the only hit revue."

And don't forget to send us that pun, jest, joke, jibe, verse, anecdote or choice bit of satire. Address Squibs, care of the CALL.

1. Increase and expand the W. P. A.
2. Increase wages, lower hours.
3. More funds for relief.
4. Adequate relief budget: full rent, plenty food and clothing.
5. Abolish the sales tax.
6. Passage of an income tax law in Illinois on incomes of \$5,000 or more.

Monroe Parker,
State Board Member Illinois
Workers Alliance.



AT THE FRONT

with Norman Thomas

WORKERS MUST PROTEST!

Let every Socialist, labor man, lover of peace who wants to stop a conscious or unconscious drift of the United States government into war at once telegraph the Representative from his district and the Senators from his state in opposition to the President's proposed enormous increase in the billion dollar budget for the army and navy. Get all the support you can. This bigger armament proposal is not a step toward legitimate defense but psychologically and practically toward aggression in the name, of course, of high ideals but aggression nevertheless, which will bring us conscription and virtual fascism at home.

QUESTIONS TO PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt has now taken another and dangerous step in his role as successor to Woodrow Wilson. He asks a 20 per cent increase in the navy and more money for the army in the name of "defense". Mark you, not in the name of "collective security". There is more than one cloak for war. The president explains: "Adequate defense means that for the protection not only of our coasts but also of our communities far removed from the coast. We must keep any potential enemies many hundred miles away from our continental limits."

What communities, Mr. President? American communities in Shanghai stolen by the imperialist powers from the Chinese? American communities in the Philippines which long ago ought to have been given their complete independence? And how, Mr. President, do you expect to be able surely to defend these remote communities, and both of our shores against any imaginable combination of enemies? Do you know that no militarist yet has ever been satisfied with what he had as adequate? You, yourself, should remember, Mr. President, that in speech and in writing before you were Governor of New York, on the basis of your experience as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, you said that there were no plans made or could be made by which the United States navy could hold the Philippines against a first attack. The most that could be done was to recover them after a long and terrible war with Japan. Have you forgotten what you said then?

And why, Mr. President, do you try to lead the American people to believe that any so-called aggressor nation, or combination of them, is either strong enough or anxious enough to attack the United States in utterly unprovoked war. I do not say that Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese militarists are virtuous. Far from it. I say they have troubles enough nearer home not deliberately to attack the United States. What, therefore, is this defense you are talking about except the usual defense of America's right to do what she wants, when she wants to do it, no matter at what cost to democracy at home and to the American people?

GROWING LOVE FOR MILITARY

This request of the President as Commander in Chief, be it noted, of the army and navy, for a bigger military budget and a bigger military establishment is one more indication of his growing love for the role of a kind of military St. George killing all imaginable dragons at infinite cost to the American people; yes, and to democracy and peace the world around.

I do not know the President's mind. I do not know that he is deliberately planning for war. But I do know that he is acting like a man who is cleverly planning to bring an unwilling people by degrees into war. No longer do we have the prosperity he once boasted that he had planned. He has no adequate solution for this sudden and alarming depression. From many sides—from Earl Browder and from Alf Landon; from the church militants and from American business interests goes up the cry: "Make yourself a world figure. Defeat the aggressor nations."

OPPOSES DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Therefore he opposes the democratic right of the people to vote on a declaration of war except in the event of invasion. He opposes even the discussion of it. He keeps American Marines in Chinese territory and American gunboats hundreds of miles up the Yangtze River. He gives great publicity to the fact that an American diplomatic representative got slapped on the very day that he sends his big navy message. He coolly disregards the Neutrality law which he signed except in the case of Spain where he enforces it to the hurt of Loyalist Spain and ignores the fact that Italy and Germany are fighting against Spain.

His navy department has begun unofficial talks with the English about an Anglo-American alliance. Doubtless the first step in war will not be a full declaration of war. It will be some kind of naval action. But the chances are a hundred to one that out of that sort of naval action war of indefinite duration, horror and brutalization will come. Now is the time to stop the war. Now is the time to oppose any increase in the army and navy, to demand the abandonment of the plans for industrial mobilization

and universal conscription of M-Day. Now is the time to take our ships and Marines out of belligerent waters. Now is the time to demand from the President and Congress the right of the people to pass on the declaration of war. On this minimum program let us seek united action of farmers, workers, lovers of peace.

COMMUNIST HOCUS-POCUS

Two things about the official Communist attitude towards Roosevelt and toward war are causes of amazement and almost of despair. The first is the conviction, wholly opposed to everything that Lenin taught, that by some hocus-pocus a handful of Communists can make out of a capitalist war, won by a capitalist American government, a Communist victory. Until one stops to think it sounds plausible to say: "Let the nations get together as decent individuals would and subdue the bullies." The point is nations aren't individuals. They are institutions governed in most cases primarily in the interest of capitalism and nationalism. The reason that there are bullies is the nature of the system and if you put one down two other will spring up unless you are willing to go on and change the system. And that will never be the intention of the capitalist government of the United States.

The second amazing thing is that Communists should want a militarist United States trying to police the Far East. Have they not read that stirring and remarkable book, "Red Star Over China" by Edgar Snow (Random House), describing the amazing way in which the peasant masses of China are responding to a Communist message? Do they not think that the kind of thing that the Chinese Communists have done is far more likely to defeat imperialism and militarism than anything that a coalition of victorious capitalist powers might do in a war? Have they completely forgotten the first World War? The nations that nominally stood for democracy won it. But not only in the lands of the supposed enemies of democracy in that war but in the countries of its supposed friends—Rumania being one of the latest and most disgusting examples—has fascism or black reaction triumphed, partly as a result of the method of war and the kind of peace that naturally followed that kind of war. Do the Communists want to prove to the hilt the old saying, that the only lesson history teaches is that man learn nothing from history?

FAILURE OF CAPITALISM

I make no apology, especially in view of the President's most recent message, for devoting this column almost exclusively to the war issue. Other things are happening. At long last in New York Mayor LaGuardia has suggested what seems to be a sound and ingenious program to do something about housing. Governor Earle in Pennsylvania proposes national ownership of anthracite mines, but private operation—a most unsatisfactory compromise. The government in Wisconsin wins the suit against the oil distributors for doing precisely what they were encouraged to do under N.R.A. This kind of trust busting will do no good at all to wage workers or to consumers. It simply diverts the people's mind from their troubles. President preaches virtue to big corporations which virtue with few exceptions, corporations, big or little, cannot and will not practice under capitalism. A mocking capitalist system goes in for wild patchwork when what we want is intelligent socialization. And one reason for the drift to war is because the President is unwilling and perhaps unable under capitalism to attack poverty by attacking bad housing with the vigor with which he presses for a big navy.

FRED BEAL CASE

Socialists and labor men owe it to themselves, their cause and ordinary justice to support the Non-Partisan Committee which has undertaken the defense of Fred Beals, leader of the great Gastonia strike and now re-arrested in Massachusetts. Not that Fred Beals is labor's ideal hero—far from it.

He did great harm to labor's cause by jumping bail, but for that the Communist Party was at least as much responsible as Beals. Very recently he issued a most reprehensible and hurtful attack upon the C.I.O. and John L. Lewis in connection with a Labor Board election in the textile industry in Lawrence, Mass. Fortunately the workers disregarded his advice. As yet I have been unable to learn anything to prove that Beals was acting as a stool-pigeon in this advice. More probably, his own great disillusionment in Russia and his hatred of the Communists were primarily responsible.

In any case, whatever our opinion of Beals' subsequent career, he was convicted for a fight in behalf of labor and whatever proceedings may now be carried on in his behalf in Massachusetts or North Carolina will be concerned with the Gastonia trial. And that is labor's business. Beals must be supported in his case by labor unless it can be clearly proved that he is being supported now by the bosses against labor. It is for this reason that I as an individual have joined the Non-Partisan Defense Committee for Beals.

War Preparation Is Forerunner For Dictatorship

By GUS TYLER

A capitalist nation at war can not long remain democratic. During the last World War, the President often outlawed strikes by decree; the Espionage Act destroyed all semblances of civil liberty. "Wilson proceeded by his Trading with the Enemy Act to make war on the American people," said Hiram Johnson.

Every word of protest uttered by a Debs, every movement of wage earners to fight for higher wages to meet increased living costs, all resistance to the illegal and unconstitutional draft, all criticism of the government for its rapacious objectives in the mass slaughter were considered and treated as open rebellion against "law and order."

The war-time fever, the control of government by the war department, the need for "national unity"—all these compose the hothouse atmosphere for the growth of Fascist methods in war-time.

But, if all this was true in 1917 in America, it is far more true and dangerous today.

In 1917 the capitalist class of the world did not think in terms of fastening its rule upon the masses by Fascist methods. Fascism was unknown. The capitalist class had confidence in the goodness of its own system, in its ability to meet the minimum demands of the masses. There was no threat of world revolution.

FASCISM WORLD WIDE

All this has changed. Today the idea of fascism is international.

Add to this the fact that capitalist democracy can not be as "good" to its people during a war as formerly, because future wars will be more expensive and exhausting than wars of the past and will therefore, of necessity, levy a heavier toll upon the masses. The people will groan under the burdens of war; and the more readily will the capitalists clamp down on them.

The war department of the United States quite unabashedly announces that it will not wait until the last moment to improvise means to establish its war-time dictatorship. The blueprints of fascism are ready. These are known as the M-Day plans.

These are plans to end freedom of speech, press and government criticism; these are plans for compulsory arbitration, to outlaw strikes and to make the trade union movement part of the military controlled war machine.

THE WAR TRUST

The details are ready: right down to the personnel. The tentative names for the men who will be in control of the Industrial Mobilization Board is a matter of public information. Here they are: read 'em and weep—

- B. L. Winchell, chairman of Remington-Rand;
- Irene du Pont, of the du Pont, British-German munitions cartel;
- Eugene Grace, of Bethlehem Steel;
- Patrick Crowley, president of New York Central;
- John I. Downey, vice-president of Bankers Trust;
- W. L. Mellon, of the famous Mellons;
- Ernest T. Weir, of the Weirton Steel.

The plans of the administration are to get legal sanctions and a popular blessing for this war-time dictatorship. The Sheppard-Hill Bill, now pending in Congress, is the formal statement of sanctification for the imposition of an American Fascism.

The bill goes under the fancy title of an act "to prevent profiteering in the time of war and equalize the burden of war." To fit the title, the bill does limit profiteering—without at all ending profiteering. Simultaneously it imposes what it chooses to call an "equal" burden upon labor by depriving it of the right to strike and placing the determination of its conditions in the hands of the gang of anti-labor cut-throats mentioned above.

ROOSEVELT SUPPORTS BILL

The drive to pass the Sheppard-Hill bill has been renewed with the most recent speech by President Roosevelt for a big navy. And indeed it is no accident that both should come at once: both are measures for the defense of America's Pacific Empire at the expense of the American workers.

The round-about phrasing of the bill gives the president the right to set "rent, price, commission, compensation, or reward." Put plainly, the president through his board, can fix wages—and make you like it.

Is it any wonder that A. E. Whitney, head of the Railway Trainmen's Union called it a bill that threatens America "with the odious principles of Fascism under an excuse of war emergencies."

It is in the face of this bill, in the face of the more secret and complete plans of the war department to establish a dictatorship in the event of war, in the face of the experiences of the last war which have become greatly intensified during the intervening generation, that American workers have the right to declare that the slogan of a "war for democracy against fascism" is empty twaddle, is hypocritical phrasemongering, is an attempt to exploit the American workers, to deprive them of their freedom in the interests of capitalist imperialism.

The greatest danger of fascism coming to America in the near future arises from the danger of America's going to war. To fight fascism fight war!

Roosevelt Girds For War Action In Plea To U. S. Congress

An increase of 20% in present naval building plans was proposed by President Roosevelt in his message to Congress on "national defense." Coming on top of the unprecedented billion dollar military and naval budget for the coming fiscal year, this proposal leaves little doubt as to the war like trend of the present administration.

The most important item of the proposed program is that, in addition to the two battleships now under construction and the two others authorized in the regular budget, two more battleships and two cruisers are to be started at once. This means definite preparations for war in the near future. The usual procedure in naval building is to outwait other powers and try to improve on their designs.

Hypocrisy
A note of blatant hypocrisy was introduced in the message when Roosevelt spoke of the increases being necessary for our "national security." Repeated testimony by military and naval experts has established the fact that our present armed forces are more than ample to protect the United States from attack by any single power or any conceivable group of powers.

Furthermore, the additional armaments are not of a type that can be called defensive. Battleships and heavy cruisers are designed for offensive action and are useful almost solely for that purpose.

War Imminent
The tone of high moralizing with which Roosevelt seeks to cloak his actions can deceive no one who remembers the reasons Wilson gave for our last "defensive" war. Roosevelt is definitely preparing for war.

Already the ground is being laid for another Panay incident. This time because an American diplomatic official was slapped by a Japanese Sentry. Within the near future we can expect to have leading industrialists, publishers and labor leaders called in by Roosevelt to be lined up behind a "firm" foreign policy. The rank and file of the unions must make it clear that organized labor is not going to support such a policy for involving the United States in any war.

Imperialist Dicker
Recently, following a series of conference between British naval officials and our own Navy Department, it was decided that the American Navy would make a strong demonstration at the naval celebration in Singapore. Undoubtedly these conferences have been continued. What are they deciding as to joint action in case Japan seizes Canton or blockades Hong Kong? Will the American navy join with the British navy in taking punitive action without recourse to a formal declaration of war?

If this were done, the president would not have to appeal to Congress until after the act was done. In view of his disregard of the Neutrality Act, it is not inconceivable that Roosevelt would take some such action.

Last week the Japanese War Minister, General Sugiyama, warned the Diet that Japan must be prepared to fight a country other than China. Most commentators immediately assumed that this meant Russia. It could equally well mean Britain. The Soviet Union seems determined not to attack Japan and is not in position to give any considerable aid to China in terms of supplies or munitions.

The main source of military supplies for China is thru Canton and Hong Kong. It is highly probable that the Japanese army

is planning to stop this flow by seizing Canton or blockading both Hong Kong and Canton. This would certainly involve Great Britain and, unless our administration changes its policy, the United States.

War Aims Clear
Bit by bit and line by line the picture is becoming clearer. It is a picture of war. And it won't be a war for democracy or to free the Chinese people or any other high and noble aim. It will be to advance and protect the imperialist interests of Great Britain and the United States in China and also, in the case of the United States, to distract attention from our economic problems. Every Socialist, every worker, every peace loving individual must take action to publicize this picture and show how all these actions fit in. The danger is very real. We must mobilize all our forces to block the war policy of President Roosevelt and the present administration.

"Labor's Friend" Orders Workers' Home Searched

CICERO, Ill.—Police officers entered and searched the homes of four members of the United Automobile Workers Union here last week after they had applied for relief.

The township supervisor of relief ordered the search to ascertain if the jobless workers had an extra can of beans, a bunch of carrots or a bag of flour in their pantries.

Workers have suffered many coercive acts but the spectacle of entering a workers' home as if he and his family were convicts struck a new low in relief administration.

It aroused the dander of local union 453, U. A. W. A., Cicero, and pronto a hot letter was dispatched to "friends of labor" Gov. Horner and President Roosevelt, calling upon them to halt the disgraceful procedure of the local relief setup.

The relief supervisor is also reported to be a "friend of labor" whose heart bleeds for the "common people"—on election day.

Nelson Reports Great Gains For Farmers' Union

MINNEAPOLIS. — George A. Nelson, national organizer for the Farmers Union, reported upon his return here after a swing around the north and western sections of Minnesota that farmers are ready to organize.

"I have never seen a better response in a great many years of organizational work," Nelson said.

1500 New Members
Fifteen hundred new members were added during his two-weeks' trip, he reported, with large crowds greeting him at every point.

Nelson, whose home is in Milltown, Wis., was directed by the national board of his organization to spend a minimum of six months in Minnesota ironing out differences in Farmers Union groups and directing a statewide organizational drive.

PICKS LEWIS OVER GABLE



Marian Hepbrun, sister of Katherine, screen and stage star, is more interested in labor than movie Romeos. She recently volunteered her services as an organizer for the United Federal Workers' Union.

COMMUNISTS ADMIT DISRUPTIVE WORK WITHIN ALLIANCE

CHICAGO—Following a series of articles in the SOCIALIST CALL last November and December blasting the disruptive drive of the Communist Party for mechanical control of the Workers Alliance and persecution of political opponents in the Alliance, the Communist Party on December 28 issued a secret circular to all its district organizers admitting all the charges made and cautioning its representatives to alter the face of their policy.

The circular a four page affair signed by the Central committee admits:

1. That "expulsions (from the Workers Alliance) have frequently been carried out without regard for proper democratic procedure, which must govern such action in mass organizations."

2. That, "In Illinois our comrades . . . eliminated all Socialist Party members from leading posts in the local organizations."

3. That, "In New York our comrades in the leadership of the Workers Alliance induced the organization to endorse Party (Communist) candidates during the recent elections instead of all labor candidates. The paper published by the N. Y. Alliance carried an editorial urging support for the Daily Worker exclusively."

4. That "In Oregon a Party member was voted into the place of the non-Party state president who is a member of the NEB of the Alliance and its former first vice-president."

5. That "In California comrades in the leadership of the organization were allowed to conduct their work in such a loose and irresponsible fashion that they eventually aroused an opposition which developed into a disruptive group until they as well as other Party and non-Party members had to be expelled."

Alarmed by the opposition to their policies and reckless tactics the Communist Party has changed its policy to the better but as usual is passing off a mistaken policy as a misunderstanding of the long suffering rank and filers and understrappers who followed the definite CP policy of the moment "not wisely but too well." Socialists and other progressives in the Alliance will welcome the change and the chance to build the Alliance, but will put no permanent trust in the new Communist turn, relying instead on democratic structure and an educated rank and file.

Alarming Farm Tenant Problem in Rural Texas

HOUSTON, Texas.—Farming tenancy in Texas is growing at an alarming rate, it was reported at a meeting here of the Texas Agricultural Workers' Association, comprising field employees and county agents of the Federal and state services.

C. H. Hamilton, rural economist from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, stated that there are now 286,000 tenants in Texas. He added that "large numbers of tenants are being displaced by machinery and others are unable to make a living because of deplorable economic conditions."

Hamilton also said that Negro tenants are being displaced by white tenants.

ILGWU Pushes Union Drive Throughout Texas

HOUSTON, Texas.—Plans for speeding the organization drive among ladies' garment workers of Dallas and San Antonio were discussed at a conference here of locals of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. The conference, first get-together of the ILGWU unions of the state, was presided over by Meyer Perlstein southwestern regional director for the ILGWU.

Steps were also taken to organize a co-operative credit union among members of the Houston Local.

Farm Workers to Ask Wage Increase

OAKLAND, Cal.—The National Council of Agricultural Workers, northern and central California districts (A. F. L.), meeting in Oakland, announced that in February it will ask a 20 per cent raise over the present scale of 50 cents an hour for men and 40 cents for women. It will ask also for an eight-hour day with time-and-a-half for overtime up to ten hours and double-time afterwards.

ELECT DELEGATES

NEW YORK—Referendum for members of the new City Executive Committee is taking place now, as well as elections of delegates to the City Central Committee and all other branch officers. These will be finished January 29, and the new committees will be announced through the press.

YOUTH FIGHTS WAR

By AL HAMILTON

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Methodist Youth meeting in Chicago, Jan. 27-28, took three significant steps in building the anti-war forces among the youth. The first was endorsement of the work of the Youth Committee for the Oxford Pledge, and pledging cooperation with the work of the Committee.

The second was a letter to the United Student Peace Committee stating that in view of the fact that many organizations such as the American Student Union had deserted support for the Oxford Pledge, the National Council renewed its pledge to conduct the coming student strike against war on the basis of the Oxford Pledge.

The letter stated further that the Council would cooperate with all groups who would cooperate in making the coming student strike a real strike against the threat of war between the United States and Japan in the Far East.

Open Letter

The third and most significant step taken by the Committee was an Open Letter to President Roosevelt. Among the more striking statements in the letter were the following:

"We protest with all the power at our command, the manner in which you have allowed American troops and warships to be used for the protection of American financial and business interests in the Far East. Likewise, Mr. President, we protest the manner . . . you defeated the Ludlow War referendum measure . . . You placed the power of Mr. Farley's patronage . . . into an effort to defeat the proposition."

Men Need Homes

"Men need homes; they get warships. Students need education; they get military training. People need food; the government answers with a program of increased expenditures for war. That, Mr. President, is a criminal sacrifice of the needs of the mass of our people . . . to the network of business financial and munitions interests who alone profit from war and war preparations."

We say, Mr. President, if you lead us into war in the Far East, we will not support your administration in that war. It will not be our war. We cannot fight it."

Among the recommendations in the report to the 4th Provincial Convention of the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement, Ontario Section, is a resolution on Rearmament and War. Its reads in part:

"Be it resolved that:
(1) In the opinion of this convention the cause of war lies in the drive for profit inherent in the capitalist system and that only a fundamental social change can eradicate the cause of war.
(2) This convention records itself as opposed to the increased expenditure for arms made at the expense of social services.
(3) In the event of war members of the C. C. Y. M. will—
refuse to enlist;
refuse to be conscripted;
carry on an aggressive campaign against war amongst the youth of Canada,
and we will refuse to aid in any degree the war activities of the Canadian Government."

Two Miners Killed

BECKEMEYER, Ill.—Two local miners died, January 26, in burns suffered in an explosion at the Beckemeyer Coal Company mine. This is the second blast at the same mine within six weeks.

Historic Events Which Preceded Far East Crisis

BY LEONARD WOODCOCK

Japan, in the diplomatic language of international piracy, is seeking merely to bring peace and order to Eastern Asia. In plain speech, the Japanese imperialist robbers are bent upon forcing tribute from Chinese masses.

In terrorizing and pillaging China, Japan is treading a path worn smooth for a hundred years by the Western bearers of civilization.

In 1842 when Japan was deepening in the decay of a centuries old feudalism, Britain, in the so-called Opium War, forced the rotten and corrupt Manchu dynasty to grant her privileges of trade and robbery. An outcome of that first successful war is recorded in a letter of Secretary Hull to the U. S. Senate (1/8/38): "With regard to the U. S. naval vessels in Chinese waters, the Government of the U. S. has—as have other similarly interested governments—maintained gunboats in Chinese waters since the 1840's . . ."

China a Victim

From 1842 to the present day, the record of China is studded with treaties wrung from her by the dominant capitalist imperialism of the world.

Thus, again in the words of Cordell Hull: "The authority for stationing naval vessels in Chinese waters is found in the Sino-American Treaty of 1858 and in the provisions of somewhat similar treaties between China and other foreign powers which provisions inure to the benefit of the U. S. through most-favored-nation treatment."

Boxer Protocol

In 1901, China committed the heinous offense of trying to rid herself of foreign domination. The Boxer Rebellion, as the intruders chose to call it, was crushed by a united imperialist front of autocracy and democracy. As a punishment, the Chinese government was forced to concede, among their things in Boxer protocol of 1901, the right of the imperialist governments to maintain troops at Peiping and Tientsin.

(It is treaties such as these that are in the minds of the bourgeois statesmen and publicists when they weep tears about "the sanctity of treaties.")

Birth of Jap Capitalism

As the Far East was opened up to trade and empire, Japan was roused from their her lethargy of feudalism, and, with the overthrow of the Shogunate, capitalism grew. In accordance with the law of combined development, by the end of 19th century, Japan had a highly-developed industry in a semi-feudal framework.

Thus it was that by 1894, Japan was able to defeat impotent China and annex the island of Formosa. Further progress on the path of empire was made in the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05; defeat of Czarist Russia added South Sakhalin to the Japanese Empire. In 1910, independent Korea was seized.

With the outbreak of the First world war in 1914, Japan quickly sided with the Allies. Germany's lack of naval strength enabled her to take that part of the Germany empire which lay in the Eastern Pacific. German concessions on the mainland and the Caroline and Marianne Islands were added to the now important Japanese Empire.

At various times between 1914 and 1922, Japan attempted the seizure of the Province of Shantung. But the rest of the robber band, now growing fearful of Japan's increasing power, prevented it.

In 1918, eager to preserve civilization, Japan joined with the other Allied Governments in a war upon revolutionary Russia. Japan's contribution to law and

order was to steal Eastern Siberia. But in 1922 the victorious Red Army drove the Japanese back to their islands.

American Bank Crash

After the holocaust of the First War international trade proceeded for more than a decade mixed with somewhat less than its usual quota of murder. But the inevitable crisis, following a period of capitalist accumulation, broke out in 1929. The failure of the Credit Anstalt in Vienna in 1931 caused the British financial crisis of the same year and instituted a chain of failures which culminated in the American banking crash of February, 1933.

The resulting political and social unrest gave Japan the opportunity for which she had been waiting and preparing. In 1931, she invaded Manchuria in "self-defense" and by 1932 had added Manchukuo, for all practical purposes, to her empire.

Japan's earlier efforts at empire-building had the benevolent neutrality of the Western powers, especially England. This robber alliance was known as the traditional friendship of England and Japan.

But in a capitalism hard-pressed for places of expansion, old friendships began to cool. First sign of this was in the refusal to let Japan occupy Shantung.

During the Manchurian invasion, United States imperialism, under the leadership of then Secretary of State Stimson, assumed a threatening attitude towards Japan. But British and French imperialism, as well as their puppet League of Nations, refused to back up the American program and left the United States government holding the bag.

Today, agents of British imperialism, desirous of defending the British Empire to the last American, are finding it difficult to invent an explanation for the British conduct of 1931. The truth would never do, but it has since become very obvious. There was undoubtedly in 1931 a secret agreement between Japan, Britain and France, whereby the first would have a free hand in North China, the second in Central and Southern China, and the third in Southwestern China.

Dishonorable Thieves

But, contrary to the proverb, there is no honor among thieves. With a newly-armed Germany to trouble France and England, Japan feels competent to exercise dominion over the whole of China. Thus betrayed by her one-time friend, England joins the American chorus of the sanctity of treaties and the necessity to protect China's territorial integrity! France is more discreet and is hopeful that her possessions, for the most part remote from the present scene of conflict, remain untouched. It is even possible an agreement that the French Settlement at Shanghai has received from the Japanese aggressor points to such a possibility.

The lightning flashes from the storm over Asia illumine the increasing strains of world-wide imperialist rivalry. What is happening in China today will happen on a world front tomorrow. The only possibility of averting the blood-bath is to change national finance capital into international social capital. The only hope of a tortured world is the international revolutionary proletariat.

AUTO UNION MAKES PROGRESS IN CONFERENCE

By BEN FISCHER

DETROIT—An important tendency towards realignment of the forces within the United Automobile Workers of America is apparent from a careful examination of the results of the recent General Executive Board meeting here. As yet this is a tendency and not an accomplished fact.

Such a realignment would take place on the basis of cooperation between the politically progressive forces in the union and the honest trade union elements.

A more reasonable attitude toward the unity group by Homer Martin, International president, is already in evidence. In addition, a cleavage between Martin and the reactionaries offers considerable hope since no cooperation would be possible with the reactionaries.

Peiper Dismissed

The dismissal of Fred Peiper as a powerful force operating from the International Office of the union is an important defeat for the reactionaries.

The question of the dictatorships is nearing a settlement. In a statement issued here last week, Martin said, "The administrators were appointed to correct conditions harmful to the locals and the international. Those conditions have now been corrected and the locals accordingly will be returned to normal independent status under local leadership." Regardless of whether or not one agrees that these administrators were justified in the first place, this statement pointing toward their rapid liquidation is significant.

Great Step Forward

This action taken by Martin in connection with the meeting of the board is a blow to the ambitions of reactionaries to build up a bureaucratic machine and a great step toward democracy in the organization.

Resolutions on war and unemployment which embody an essentially progressive philosophy cannot be taken lightly. With the war crisis so keen and depression growing deeper and deeper, these are not side issues. Activity along the lines of these resolutions promises to become an important part of the life of the auto workers.

A giant demonstration in Cadillac Square here is already scheduled for February 4 to protest against Mayor Reading's treatment of the relief problem. Plans are being made now for an intense anti-war campaign.

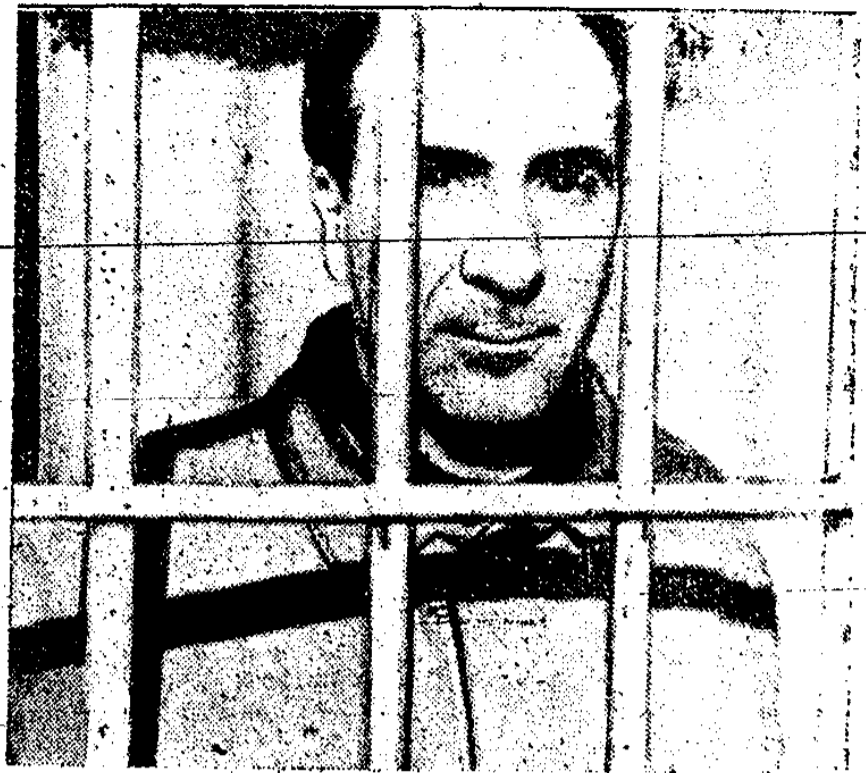
Union Fights War

With a union opposing war and engaging in a militant fight for relief, the natural pressure for progressive forces to increase cooperation is very great. When in addition, objective factors lead non-political trade unionists toward opposition to war and more militant measures for relief, the growth of unity in the ranks is heightened still more. When this is topped off by the development of a growing division between reactionaries and the administration, then it can be justifiably hoped that the tendency towards realignment of forces in this much discussed union is very strong indeed.

Economic Forces

Depression has aided this process. Advocates of a militant policy in dealing with the employers adjust their policy to new conditions. During depression days, militancy takes on new forms. On the other hand, those who have followed a cringing attitude toward the employers during industrial productivity are forced to prepare for militant resistance to wage cuts in order to hold together the union or-

SPANISH ARTIST



Luis Quintanilla, leading Spanish painter, now visiting the U. S. to exhibit Spanish war drawings. An anti-fascist fighter, he led 15,000 Loyalist soldiers who defeated Franco's army in Madrid when the civil war broke out in July, 1936. The above picture was taken in 1934 while he was in jail for his strike activities against fascist trends within the Spanish government.

Farmers Holiday Assn. To Go On

NEW ROCKFORD, N. D.—Despite merger of several units of the Farmers Holiday Association with state Farmers Union organizations, the North Dakota Holiday will continue independently, Oliver Rosenberg state president, announced here.

Minnesota and South Dakota Holiday organizations decided last fall to merge with the respective Farmers Union organizations of their states.

North Dakota farmers feel that a stronger brand of militancy than can be handled inside the Farmers Union is necessary for their state, Rosenberg said. However, a large portion of the Holiday farmers are in the Farmers Union, and close fraternal relations are maintained.

The national organization's paper, the Farm Holiday News, was discontinued last month. It had been published almost since the movement's inception in 1933.

organization. An important source of conflict over union program is therefore minimized during an economic slump.

Unless the fight which has been carried on by the unity group for democracy and for a militant program is continued persistently (though possibly on a new level), the reactionaries are apt to stage a comeback. Any idea that the reactionaries have been defeated for once and for all is erroneous. The internal situation, though healthier, cannot be completely solved with a few swift strokes. The price of progressive unionism is eternal vigilance. The continuation of a fighting force with its roots in the membership and with its feet on the ground is the real solution to the internal difficulties of the UAWA.

Illinois Labor Party To Hold Convention

ELGIN, Ill.—The Illinois Labor Party, by decision of its executive board meeting in the Labor Temple here last Sunday, will hold a state nominating and organization convention in Chicago the last week of April or the first week of May. The board asked its affiliates among unions and labor fraternal bodies to assess themselves a penny per member a month, March 1st onward, to finance necessary organization and campaign work. Affiliated membership is estimated at 100,000.

Hearing Results

HOUSTON, Tex.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Lone Star Bag and Bagging Company to reinstate, with back pay, 27 workers who had been discharged for union activity, according to the board's findings.

The NLRB also ordered the firm to stop threatening dismissal for joining the Textile Workers' Organization Committee, and to cease giving aid to efforts to organize a so-called "independent" union.

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POPULAR FRONT DESERTS FRENCH WORKING CLASS

(Continued from last week)

The right to strike must always remain one of the cardinal principles of a working class movement. Especially must this right to strike be protected in a capitalist society where the control of industry and the decisive forces of the state are in the hands of the capitalist class.

The working class movement of the world has therefore—no matter how conservative—religiously avoided “compulsory arbitration.” Interference by the state into the affairs of trade unions, especially in the form of compulsory arbitration, has always been correctly viewed as the beginning of capitalist dictatorship.

For years the French labor movement has turned its back upon governmental intervention in the unions. So ugly have been the experiences of the French working class with its state that the tendency toward syndicalism—no trust in parliamentary politics—is strong in the unions.

Not until the capitalist state of France was lacquered over with the name of Blum and the Popular Front was it possible to yoke the French trade unions with the idea of compulsory arbitration.

Enrage Masses

The repeated threats of Blum and Salengro to break the strikes of the workers, and their increasing use of the police and the army to scab on workers, did not squash the militancy of the French workers. Such open clashes merely served to enrage the masses.

On November 22nd, the Associated Press continued to record the strike-breaking activities of the Blum government: “Mobile Guards awaited emergency duty tonight as 20,000 strikers paralyzed industrial plants and a strike call threatened to effect 17,000 others. Under orders of Premier Leon Blum, the police prefects heavily reinforced guards in the strike area.

“30 policemen boarded the freighter Ange at Rouen, at the request of the French line officials and ousted members of the striking crew who were attempting to prevent the unloading of ships.”

By December 20th, the clash between the workers and the state was beginning to take on violent aspects. “Municipal employees, including the transport, gas, electric and hospital services, fought the police before the City Hall today and threatened to invade the hall where the Municipal Council was meeting.”

Class Peace Fails

The Popular Front Government had to find a way to head off such clashes. It had to halt this struggle of classes.

“Compulsory arbitration,” the beginnings of a dictatorship over the trade union movement, was the easiest way to place the government in the position of the neutral peacemaker in the class struggle.

On December 21st, one day after the Paris incident, the government pushed through a law for compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes. Article 22 of this law declares highhandedly: “All disputes of a nature that would retard the immediate resumption of work will be submitted directly to arbitration without preliminary attempts at conciliation. The decision of arbitration, whether provisional or final, is not subject to appeal.”

From May to December the Popular Front Government acted like a wet blanket on the enthusiasm of the French masses. In May they were full of hope, on the march against the old, looking up for leadership to the new. By December they were disgusted. The new government had broken strikes; had forced them out of the factories; had

fortified the capitalists against change. The trade union leaders were falling into line.

When the trade unionists demanded a half-day demonstration in the form of a strike to express solidarity with the masses in the Clichy riots, Leon Jouhaux (head of the unions) “actually offered his resignation rather than support a strike which might be interpreted as directed against Premier Blum’s Government.” (Times, 3/28/37)

Workers Restless

One year after the Popular Front election, P. J. Philip shrewdly commented in the New York Times:

“What is clear, however, is that the fever has gone out of the workers’ movement. During the past two months, there has not only been a cooler attitude on the part of the workers toward their labor unions and leaders but there is a considerable number of resignations. One hears among workers criticism of the labor federation because in their opinion it has become too rich on their subscriptions.”

In the year from May 1936 to May 1937 the French Popular Front had completed its service—for French capitalism. It had acted as shock absorber for the ruling class in a crucial period. It absorbed the great wave of militancy in June; it turned the mass desire for a political change into the channels of the bourgeois state; it preached peace and harmony when the masses were crying for change.

Masses Lost Faith

What other governments never would have dared to do in order to save capitalism, the Popular Front Government did do—because the masses had faith that this government, with Socialists and Communists the main force in it, would not betray the people.

This was the government of inflation. This was the government that passed compulsory arbitration. This was the government that rallied the workers to vote a military budget. This was the government that popularized the notion of “non-intervention” in Spain among the masses. This was the government that, by decree, limited the right of the Communists to hold mass demonstrations. This was the government that made the Franco-Soviet Pact a dead-letter, that placed the French foreign office in the hands of London.

The Popular Front Government did its work well—for capitalism. And having done so, the bourgeoisie hastened to get rid of it, until it needed it again some other day.

(Next week, we will consider the removal of the proletarian parties from the government.)

Miners Try Green For Treason

(Continued from Page 1) can only provoke the miners to rule him of their union. His refusal to attend the Convention, does not get very well with the miners either.

On the other hand John L. Lewis made the offer that the C. I. O. unions “march into the AFL by Feb. 1st”. If that was not satisfactory, “the AFL could march into the CIO.”

Lewis’ only conditions were that the AFL issue charters to the new unions and call a special convention to settle specific differences. Green’s reply was negative. Whatever prestige Green has enjoyed with the rank and file of some AFL unions suffered immensely by this action. Lewis continues to outmaneuver his

Miners’ Leader



Van A. Bittner, Miners’ and Steel Workers’ official who is active in the Miners’ Convention in Washington.

Non-Partisan League Flays War Program

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also lead to the increased use of armed forces against labor organizations in time of strike.

Communists bitterly attacked the proposal to support the Ludlow Amendment asserting that the nation would go to war regardless of whether this bill passed or not. They did say, however, that an enforcement of economic sanctions against an aggressor nation was a “guarantee of peace.” The conference adopted the attitude that as insufficient and weak as the Ludlow Amendment is, it nevertheless affords some opportunity for the workers of the nation to express their true anti-war sentiments in the face of frenzied militaristic preparations.

State Committee

Homer Martin, International President of the UAWA, was elected state chairman of the League. Alan Strachan, who directed the “vote labor” campaign in Detroit last fall, was unanimously elected state secretary-treasurer. Leading Communists advocated the election of Frank X. Martel, who tried to lead labor behind the reactionary Mayor Reading of Detroit, as state chairman. Only an insignificant handful of delegates voted for Martel’s nomination.

Unemployed Will March In New York

(Continued from Page 1) ties of Hitler who shouted against big business abuses and promised the workers and the middle class everything and got them nothing.

“The parade on Wall Street and ‘Tax the 60 Families’ campaign not only creates an atmosphere of fascist demagoguery dangerous to the future, it defeats the present needs of the unemployed by preventing them from winning their demands for increased relief and more W. P. A. jobs.

“Since the capitalist element will not be on Wall Street Saturday afternoon to feel the pressure of the parade, the demonstration’s mass power will not be as effective as it would be by staging it at the City Hall at a time when masses of people could witness it.”

foes despite the heavy blows of the depression which are causing havoc among the great mass of unskilled workers—the CIO’s stronghold.

Lewis’ parting shot was: “We all want peace but peace with honor!”

Working Class Philosophy Workers’ Homes

By Joseph M. Coldwell

Howdy, comrades! Have you started getting your first million dollars yet? Well, let’s see how capitalists get their millions. First, you should understand that there are three ways of getting money—work, beg or steal. I hope you understand by this time that you cannot accumulate wealth by working for someone for wages. Just take paper and pencil and start figuring how long it will take you to get a million dollars by saving your wages, say, at the rate of ten dollars a day. I know I am generous in allowing you ten dollars a day, but start figuring.

There are approximately three hundred working days in a year. Multiply three hundred by ten and you have three thousand dollars. And of course you cannot afford to be sick if you are to become a millionaire by working for wages and saving.

In ten years you have saved thirty thousand dollars. In twenty years you have sixty thousand, in thirty years you have ninety thousand dollars, if you have saved every cent you earned. But by this time you have become old, too old to be carried on the payroll, for remember you were no youngster when you got ten dollars a day. You were very lucky if you got two dollars a day when you started working. (I got a dollar and a half a week when I started to work).

Work, Beg Or Steal

By now you should be satisfied that you cannot become a millionaire by working for wages. And of course you do not want to steal, not because you think it is wrong or immoral, but because you are too cowardly. You might be shot, or caught and sent to prison, so I don’t blame you for being afraid to steal. But there are other ways of begging and stealing than by asking or holding people up with a gun.

Probably you were as unfortunate as I in choosing your parents. My dad thought that the only way to earn a living was to do some useful work. That is the way I was brought up, and I have been regretting it ever since.

Social Value

We have a wrong sense of values when we think that the person who renders the greatest service to society gets the greatest reward. For instance, who renders the greatest service to society, the miner who mines the most number of tons of coal in a year, or the ball player who hits the greatest number of home runs in a year? In the business life it is the same, a successful stock broker gets more money than does the man who

owns and operates a small factory. A successful banker makes more than does a successful farmer.

Contrasts

So according to our present American way of determining values it is not the person who renders the greatest service who receives the greatest reward. A publisher of a yellow journal receives more than does a garbage collector. They both deal in filth, but the garbage collector is a benefactor to society, while the yellow journalist is an intellectual prostitute.

Try to imagine the life of a Gloucester fisherman and the meager reward he gets for furnishing us with fresh fish, and the reward the corporation lawyer gets for organizing a corporation; and you will have some idea of what I mean.

What Do You Choose?

Which would you rather be, a champion coal miner or a champion ball player? A garbage collector, or a yellow journalist? A Gloucester fisherman, or a corporation lawyer? The capitalists always talk about the risk of capital. How about the workers? All they risk is their lives. That is all.

I hope you have started thinking, and I do hope you do not get a headache, because you ain’t seen anything yet. Next week you better have a supply of aspirin, because you are going to deal in figures, real figures, in dollars. By the way these articles in the SOCIALIST CALL give you an opportunity to get into an argument with your shop mate. Read them, study them, then pass the CALL to your shop mate and wait for his comment. So long, I’ll be with you next week.

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Current Recession Product Of The Capitalist System

By ALFRED BAKER LEWIS

Of course Socialists understand that the employing class could, if they wanted to, deliberately bring about a depression ("recession" they call it!) or greatly intensify one that had already started. For they have the legal right to close down their factories or restrict credit because of their ownership of industry and banking, if they do not like any tax legislation passed by a government under labor influence, or any labor regulations that the government or the unions may be able to impose on them.

It is important for Socialists to emphasize the tremendous power that the ownership of industry gives to the capitalist class, and that this power might be used in a capitalist strike against tax or labor legislation that bankers or manufacturers did not like.

Product of Capitalism
But this particular depression, contrary to the idea spread by the Communists and the New Dealers, is not the result of any such strike, but was the usual and expectable consequence of the ordinary workings of capitalism.

Always the owners of industry want to cut down their labor costs, for other things equal they make more profits if they reduce their costs. The simplest and most direct way to do this is by reducing wages and speeding up their employees. These things tend to bring on depressions, because they mean a reduction in the purchasing power of the working class.

Machines
But the most spectacular way to cut down labor costs is by the introduction of new labor displacing machinery. Between 1919 and 1929 the government's figures show that manufacturing industries turned out 42% more actual physical goods on an average in the latter year than in the former. This was accomplished by 6% fewer workers. The population had gone up by about 15% during those years.

If manufacturing were to pull its oar in our national economy and do its share in providing jobs it should have been giving employment to 15% more people. Actually, it was giving work to 6% fewer. Yet the 6% fewer workers turned out 42% more physical goods.

Socialism's Solution
Of course, in any sensible Socialist society this would be regarded as a blessing. We would raise wages on an average by 42%, so that as workers produced more they would buy more. Or, we would cut down the hours of labor by 2.5 without a reduction in wages, so that as workers produced more per hour they would work fewer hours. Either of these sensible methods would prevent any unemployment resulting from the increased output. A sensible Socialist society of course would do both, raising wages some and reducing the hours of labor some as well.

But the owners of industry did not do that. They do not introduce labor displacing machinery for the purpose of raising the standard of living or increasing leisure. If any such results occur, they are incidental and accidental so far as the owners of industry are concerned. They put in new labor displacing devices to cut down their labor costs. Therefore, they did not raise wages by 42% or anything like it. Certain economic conditions did compel them to increase their payroll by 11% between 1919 and 1929.

"Overproduction"
You cannot in the long run sell 42% more goods to workers, with only 11% more pay on any

price basis that is satisfactory to the owners of industry. So we had "over-production" and depression.

Exactly the same situation of a gap between a big increase in output and a small increase in pay and employment was taking place before the slump in the autumn of 1937. The figures show that the total industrial output by December 1936 had gone up to 121% of the output before the depression, taking the average of the years 1923, 1924, and 1925 as the base. But payrolls were only up to 95.2% as much as the total payroll in those years, and factory employment was only up to 98.2% as much.

The Same Result
Exactly the same forces were at work under capitalism in 1936 as were at work in 1929 and with the same result, namely depression. In both cases—and always under capitalism—labor was an item of expense in production, and every effort was made by the owners of industry to reduce labor costs in order to increase profits. This in turn meant reducing the purchasing power of the workers compared with the output of industry, and a slump.

The layoffs which began in the fall of 1937 might have come earlier except for two factors. One was the increased activity of the unions, especially but not exclusively the C. I. O. unions. Their efforts resulted in raising wages and somewhat reducing the lag between increase in payroll and employment on the one hand, and the larger increase in output on the other.

The other factor was that the armament race in Europe, led by Hitler and Mussolini but followed up eagerly by England and France, caused an increased demand for the products of certain American industries.

Raised Prices
The capitalist class generally took advantage of this increased demand by boosting prices all along the line. They also made the increases in wages which the unions obtained an excuse for increasing prices by a proportionately even larger amount. Increasing prices is, of course, an indirect form of wage cutting. Consequently when the depression hit in the fall of 1937 it proved sharper, and the decline in employment was even more precipitous than in 1929.

Thus did capitalism, not just particular wicked capitalists, produce the depression in 1937 as it did in 1929, and for the same reason. Labor is still an item of expense in production to be kept low. Old deal or New Deal, capitalism is capitalism and will produce depressions. Though a strike of the capitalist class is possible, it needs no such strike to cause depressions. The usual working of the capitalist "system" will do that!

Wax funds for unemployment relief!

SPANISH SITUATION

A Discussion of Comrade Baron's Reports.
By FILIPPUS MOSECO.

Of all the money I ever spent in my life, I consider the 50c which admitted me to have a front seat at the Central hotel, January 7, to hear Comrade Sam Baron on his experiences in Spain, the very best investment. I could easily and gladly supplement and confirm all that he said.

Baron was willing to imperil his very life to arrive at an approximation of the truth. He seems to be willing to be insulted and abused here and brutalized abroad because he seems to have one determined desire—the search for truth! On the other hand, the Communists in their Fascists, Jesuitical fanaticism will rape truth, assassinate character and murder generally without discriminating innocent from guilty to gain their end. Be that end war or riot or belonging to the D. A. R. or selling oil to Italy to slaughter Ethiopians.

Was in Spain
Two years ago I came back after being in France and Spain for over five years, the greater part of which time I was in Spain. I went to Europe to study in the Universities and in the practical field the social, political and economic conditions.

I speak Spanish, French, German, English and Yiddish. I understand Portuguese, Catalan, Italian and Rumanian fairly well. I am well acquainted with many of the leaders mentioned in the news the last seven years—statesmen, writers, union leaders and professors. I had been in Europe several times before.

Horrible Tactics
This article does not permit the space it would take to describe in detail the reasons why I was horrified by the Communist tactics in the above named countries. In principle and to a great degree they were as brutally ferocious, inhuman and dastardly, although claiming a different objective, as the various brands of Fascism.

It was in Spain particularly that I was able to study the infiltrating of the Communists via the Trojan Horse. Then their immediate objective was to capture Socialist, Anarchist and union groups by boring from within. If that meant sabotage, riot, treason to the working class, so be it.

With the outbreak of the civil war, the hysteria was such that I was variously termed a Trotskyite and Fascist by the Stalinists and a Stalinist and Fascist by the Trotskyites, who then were a disease within our party. The Socialists were a bit dubious as to where I stood. Perhaps I was a monarchist or R. Catholic! At the worst I was a Pacifist.

Stalin's Roman Holiday
Thousands of Anarchists, Socialists, decent people outside of those economic or political groups, including innocent children have been massacred in Spain to make a Roman holiday for Stalin as a libation to Hitler's god Thor.

All power to Comrade Baron! May the eyes of the Socialists and all other decent people be opened to the threat of the working class and humanity in general—the threat of the Siamese twins—Stalinism and Fascism!

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CLASS ANGLE

Tortilla Flat vs. Tortilla Flat

By MICHAEL C. ARCONE

When John Steinbeck's "Tortilla Flat" was first published in 1935, most of the library critics who reviewed the book saw only an amusing sketch of life among the California paisanos, those amiable rouges, amusing and semi-civilized vagabonds of mixed Spanish, Indian, Mexican and assorted Caucasian bloods whose ancestors settled in California one hundred or two or three years ago—and who ask nothing but to be permitted to lead their own lives of drinking, loving, thieving and sleeping.

A few of the critics saw beyond this bare surface picture and found a valid satire and a certain natural logic in this story of penniless comrades whose community of interest is almost destroyed by a piece of property. It is a valid picture of the workings of human nature. . . . Danny's inheritance of two old shacks brings out the possessive instinct in him, and other and less noble instincts in his fellow beachcombers. With all the evil consequences thereof.

But only the most discerning readers recognized the underlying philosophical precept in the lives of these men (they have been called tramps, hoboes, bums. . . but it is incorrect to do so. For according to the old Wobbly definitions, the first is a migratory non-worker, the second is a migratory worker, and a bum is a stationary non-worker).

Philosophy of Laziness
For while it is true that the book reveals no evidence that any of the characters had ever read or even heard of Paul Lafargue, they, as a community, practiced his philosophy—the right to be enslaved to an economic system, a system under which the best that man can hope for is continual exploitation and wage-slavery.

And with such a philosophy, these paisanos ask nothing of society but that they be permitted to live their own lives, a social life perhaps—but uncompromising lives nonetheless. They live by their wits, reckoning the world owes them a living, but they injure no one seriously in taking what they consider their just due. As long as there is stolen wine to drink and women to love, the sun to warm them and the ocean to swim in—what matters it if they sleep on the beach or in some comfortable ditch, or under a pier in rainy eather. They enjoy life, and they look with compassion upon the less courageous who are content to eke out a dull existence, dependent upon some capitalist whim for a bare livelihood.

Not that your reviewer is sufficiently a romanticist to accept such a philosophy as a valid solution to our economic ills. It has its points, one must admit. . . but as a social philosophy it is not applicable to the great masses of workers. However, as one who has been among a few of these colonies of paisanos all the way from Points Lobos down to San Pedro, I can vouch for the validity of John Steinbeck's characters and their viewpoint.

A Disappointing Play
Which is perhaps the main reason why Jack Kirkland's adaptation of "Tortilla Flat" for the stage proved to be such a horrible disappointment to this department and left such a bad taste in its mouth. For as presented on the stage, "Tortilla Flat" possesses none of the qualities which made it such an enjoyable book. It is vulgar and lewd without being funny, pointless and lacking the fine flavor of the book, the stage characters projecting nothing of the laughter and kindness, of the honest lusts and directness, of the courtesy beyond politeness of the originals. The book was and remains a valid piece of social writing. . . . the stage adaptation strips the book of all that is genuine in it, and with dialogue that blasts the ears of the audience, astounds and shocks the observer.

Which is no more than any one had any right to expect from the man who was chosen to dramatize the book. Jack Kirkland was already notorious for one inexcusable achievement, the very bad stage version of a very fine book, Erskine Caldwell's "Tobacco Road." In this play his writing and craftsmanship were incompetent to handle the word-photography of the original story of Southern tenant-farmers. Kirkland designed the stage version to attract an audience more by the boldness and sensationalism of its language and action rather than by the validity of the play as a social document, but even such inexcusably bad playwrighting as Kirkland gave the Caldwell novel was not sufficient to kill the value of "Tobacco Road" as a piece of social history.

But, unfortunately, the picaresque "Tortilla Flat," authentic as it is, in no sense is as valid a social document as is "Tobacco Road." And because of this, its adaptation to the stage demanded the pen of a dramatist as fully skilled in his craft as Steinbeck is in his—a dramatist as fully sympathetic to the spirit of the characters portrayed, as fully fluent and lyric as the original author.

Butchered "Tobacco Road"
The failure of "Tortilla Flat" as a play must be laid directly to the failure of Kirkland to competently handle the novel. . . but the fault is as much Steinbeck's as it is Kirkland's. It is difficult to understand why Steinbeck should have permitted Kirkland to do the play version. . . surely Steinbeck must have been familiar with "Tobacco Road." And with Kirkland's butchery of it.

But the sorriest part of the entire thing is that Steinbeck himself, one cannot help feeling, could have done a much better job with the dramatization of his own book. In my opinion his "Of Mice and Men" presented a more difficult problem. . . and Steinbeck handled the dramatization of this book so skillfully and so honestly that as a play it lost no whit of its humanity and essential tragedy. Steinbeck's dramatization has been acclaimed, and rightfully so, by all who have both read the book and witnessed the play. . . then why did he have to choose Kirkland to do the stage adaptation of his earlier book?

That, I fear, will have to remain one of the drama's inexplicable mysteries. There is certainly valid theatre in "Tortilla Flat," but I can see no excuse for the mayhem that has been committed upon it. The stage version has committed barbaric violence upon the book. . . but in spite of everything a certain attractiveness manages to creep through Mr. Kirkland's very bad dramatization. But not enough for us to forgive Mr. Kirkland's sins of both omission and commission. All we can say is. . . take it away and bury it deep in the limbo of forgotten plays. . . requiescat in pace.

Vladeck Says American Labor Party Will Back Capitalist Politicians

By a Special Correspondent

NEW YORK—A declaration that the American Labor Party would continue its policy of backing capitalist party candidates for major offices was made this week by B. Charney Vladeck, leader of the ALP forces in the New York City Council and spokesman for the Social-Democratic Federation.

Vladeck considered it inadvisable to run a working class presidential candidate in 1940. By that time, the threat of fascism must be met by a "democratic front."

"It will be foolish for the American Labor Party to split the democratic front," he stated. "It can only be part of the general democratic movement in 1940."

Balance of Power

Vladeck indicated that the ALP would not strive for power but would limit itself to holding the "balance of power." "We shall insist," he went on, "that the men for whom we are going to vote be real friends of democracy."

The objective of the ALP, he said, was to create "a strong nucleus around which the democratic forces of the country can rally."

Socialists and the Socialist Party in New York and throughout the nation cannot but disagree with their eminent former Party Comrade Vladeck. Sad as is the record of the French Popular Front in its "defense" of democracy in France its few small contributions would have been fewer still did there not exist in France two powerful national independent parties of labor.

Socialist Program

Socialists believe that what little democracy there is left in the capitalist countries with democratic forms of government can only be defended and advanced under the leadership of a party of the workers and a program of socialism to replace decaying capitalism. In Illinois Socialists help their most progressive fellow unionists build a Labor Party and give the slower moving unions in Labor's Non-Partisan League something to shoot at.

In Wisconsin Socialists who aided principally in founding of the Farmer Labor Progressive Federation today fight the combined effort of Governor La Follette and the Communists to liquidate the Farmer Labor Federation into a liberal capitalist progressive party supporting Roosevelt.

Back-Sliding

The American Labor Party, with the possible exception of the New Jersey Labor party movement, is one best contribution of Labor's Non-Partisan League to the advancement of the political interests of American labor. If Vladeck's line is followed out it will represent back-sliding for the A. L. P. and for the League.

Many leaders of Labor's Non-Partisan League at Washington are not so certain about devoting their efforts to linking Roosevelt and a democratic front. They are highly perturbed lest Roosevelt is being sorely tempted to forget both democracy and labor and social reform in favor of an imperialist war adventure in the far east accompanied by reaction at home.

War funds for unemployment relief!

Iowa Farmer Labor Party Pushes Drive

DES MOINES, Ia.—The Iowa Farmer Labor Party will put up candidates for state, county and township offices, Minnie DuVall, state secretary, said following a state convention held in Cedar Rapids.

She said that new people are constantly being drawn into the movement. Organizational work has been carried on regularly since first candidates were put up in 1934 with a rapid increase in interest.

Farmers Union and Holiday Group Merge

SIoux FALLS, S. D. — The South Dakota Farmers Holiday Association and the Farmers Union agreed to allow last year's Holiday members to enter the Union without payment of an initiation fee, according to an announcement by President Emil Loriks of the Farmers Union and Oscar Brekke of the Holiday.

Arrested For Holding Two Negroes As Slaves

CLARKSDALE, Miss. — Joe Decker, Tallahatchie landlord, was arraigned in Federal court, Jan. 26, on charges he had held two Negro sharecroppers as slaves.

Ethel Davis, one of the victims, testified that Decker had kept her in chains on his plantation. The landlord argued that the Negroes owed him money.

Fillbuster Deferred

Washington, D. C.—The fillbuster in the Senate was temporarily ended early this week when the Southern Democratic members of the house-permitted the Senate to move on to a discussion of other business.

The Democratic Bourbons have succeeded thus far in preventing action on the anti-lynching bill.

BRITISH ARM CIVILIANS



British officers are seen giving instructions to civilians at Hong Kong for the defense of imperialist interests in the Far East. Fortifications were recently constructed on several islands as the war mongers increase their mad rush towards mobilization day. The British imperialist military staff call the program preparedness."

Eugene Debs On War

The following are brief excerpts from a speech made by Eugene Victor Debs to the jury which sentenced him to ten years' imprisonment for his anti-war talk at Canton, Ohio, June 16, 1918. In view of the war situation in Europe and Asia, and the immediate danger of its becoming more widespread, Debs' remarks are indeed again timely and prophetic.

I have read some history. I know that it is ruling classes that make war upon one another, and not the people. In all of the history of the world the people have never yet declared war. Not one. I do not believe that really civilized nations would murder one another. I would refuse to kill a human on my own account. Why should I at the command of any one else or at the command of any power on earth?

Internationalism

I believe, however, in a wider patriotism. Thomas Paine said, "My country is the world. To do good is my religion." Garrison said, "My country is the world and all mankind are my countrymen."

That is the essence of internationalism. I believe in it with all of my heart. I believe that nations have been long enough in hatred, in strife, in warfare. I believe there ought to be a bond of unity between all of these nations. I believe that the human race consists of one great family.

I love the people of this country, but I don't hate the people

of any country on earth—not even the Germans. I refuse to hate a human being because he happens to be born in some other country. Why should I? To me it does not make any difference where he was born or what the color of his skin may be.

What Causes War?

War does not come by chance. War is not the result of accident. There is a definite cause for war, especially a modern war. The war that began in Europe can readily be accounted for. For the last forty years, under this international capitalist system, this exploiting system, these various nations of Europe have been preparing for the inevitable. And why?

In all these nations the great industries are owned by a relatively small class. They are operated for the profit of that class. And great abundance is produced by the workers; but their wages will only buy back a small part of their product. What is the result? They have a vast surplus on hand; they have got to export it; they have got to find a foreign market for it. As a result of this these nations are pitted against each other.

War of Trade

They are industrial rivals—competitors. They begin to arm themselves to open, to maintain the market and quickly dispose of their surplus. There is but one market. All these nations are competitors for it, and sooner or later every war of trade becomes a war of blood.

Men talk about holy wars. There are none. Let me remind you that it was Benjamin Franklin who said, "There never was a good war or a bad peace."

Spokane Local Active

SPOKANE, Wash.—The largest local of the Workers' Alliance in the city endorsed the Ludlow amendment on my motion this week. Although the Alliance here is under the domination of the Communists, my resolution passed without debate.

Only a few C. P. members, who were up on the party line, opposed it. When they cornered me for an argument after the meeting, I asked them why they declined to debate the issue on the floor. They replied that they didn't want to "stir up trouble." (!) I believe it is beginning to dawn on some of them that their argument is far too flimsy to combat the tremendous logical appeal that this measure seems to have for the workers.

The new CALL is without doubt a better newspaper. Nevertheless, I hope you will be able to continue to run analytical articles on the Socialist position. McDowell's and Trager's articles on the labor unions and a labor party, Tyler's and Zam's articles on international affairs

Socialist Labor Notes

Spanish Aid

The National Action Committee of the Socialist Party voted approval of a campaign of the Labor Committee for support of the Trade Union Relief for Spain, David Dubinsky Treasurer and Charles Zimmerman Secretary, 3 West 16th Street, New York. Unions can affiliate and Trade Union Relief is continuing a quiet campaign for a quarter of a million dollars to be transmitted thru the International Federation of Trade Unions to the Spanish Workers. The Trade Union Relief has an enviable record having raised its first \$125,000 in the U. S. at a total overhead cost of \$92.

Conferences

The Labor department of the Socialist Party will sponsor regional trade union and unemployed conferences in Detroit February 13, New York February 19 and 20, Pittsburgh February 26 and 27.

Dates of Chicago (Mid-west), southeastern states and Pacific coast conferences will be announced later. Arthur G. McDowell, National Labor Secretary, will be available for meetings in northern Pennsylvania and western New York February 14-18, in New Jersey and Pennsylvania February 21 to 25 and Ohio and Indiana February 28 to March 4.

State Secretary Raps Stolberg

Ben Fischer, secretary of the Socialist Party in Michigan, rapped the recent series of articles by Ben Stolberg in the Scripps-Howard papers as a "careless piece of journalism" of which the Scripps chain was the victim. Fischer categorically denied that Socialists in the auto union were at variance with their Party as indicated by Stolberg and stated that "the Socialist Party is extremely proud of the union work done in the U. A. W. A. by Socialists." The charge that the Socialists have "abjectly" or in any other manner followed the line of the Communist Party, Fischer pointed out, could only have been written by someone who like Stolberg has not been in the auto centers since five months ago and then spent exactly a week. Errors of fact with which Stolberg's articles bristle are natural enough under the circumstances.

Committee of a Million for Unity

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Petitions to the number of 200 were launched by Socialist and progressive unionists in California according to a report from John Newton Thurber, Organizer and Labor Secretary for the Socialist Party in California.

CHICAGO—The United Jewish Socialist Labor Party (Poale Zion) last week endorsed the petition of the "Committee of a Million for Unity" to end civil war in labor's ranks and started 300 copies of the petition among their sympathizers in the unions, both A. F. of L. and C. I. O.

as well as others have been excellent from an interpretive standpoint and are essential, I think, to sound Socialist education.

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By a Member of the National Action Committee

We Socialists want Socialism, not only in the United States but the world over. The working class needs it. It is the only salvation for our bleeding humanity; the only guaranty for the onward march of civilization to a higher plane of freedom, justice and true democracy.

We also know that Socialism will be brought about only by a powerful socialist movement; by a strong labor movement permeated by the great principles taught by Karl Marx, Eugene V. Debs and other immortal leaders of the working class and social revolution. Only a labor movement steeped in their teachings will be capable of wresting the power of state from the exploiting class and using it for the benefit and freedom of the toiling masses.

Build The Call

Above all, we must build the SOCIALIST CALL, the main organ for reaching the masses with our Socialist message. No comrade should be remiss in this primary, and the easiest, duty. Our first objective is 10,000 new subscribers by the end of the year. We must flood the National Office on average by at least 300 annual subscriptions per week if the CALL is to become self-sustained on the present financial basis.

This is not too large an order. If every branch and local would get one subscription per week, we could double this quota. Is it too much to ask this much of every branch? If it is, set your own minimum quota and get it! Besides this, every branch and local should order regularly, each week, a bundle for the promotion and mass distribution of the CALL.

Organize Work

Organize yourselves, then, for this work. Get subscribers to the CALL and recruits for the Party. Any branch or local that does not do this does not take Socialism seriously and could hardly justify its existence. If each branch, as well as each comrade, does its duty, we shall soon reach our immediate goal—10,000 new subscribers to the CALL—strengthen our Party and be proud of our accomplishments.

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CHICAGO WEST SIDE YPSL Circle: Tuesday at 8:30, 3108 Douglas Blvd. Marxism classes same place Sundays at 11:30 a. m.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco Local SP meets every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. at 1057 Baker street.

turn, the Party—you comrades—must build the paper.

CALL Anniversary

In this connection, the CALL will celebrate its third anniversary in the early part of April. Plan your branch or local activity around this anniversary with a money making affair—a meeting, social or card party. Make money for your branch or local to finance your propaganda activity and send a part of the net proceeds to the CALL. Nothing is accomplished without trying.

Must Raise Quota

Finally, the primary need at present is to see that the CALL comes out regularly—to pay the printer's bill and see that the editor and other CALL workers do not literally starve—I mean it, comrades! Hence the absolute necessity to raise at least \$2,000 by the end of next month through contributions.

All states have their respective quota. See that it is raised at the earliest possible moment; still better, go "over the top" and be proud of it. No hedging or excuses. Everyone must do his or her duty. Only thus shall we rebuild the Socialist movement which is charged by history with the overthrow of capitalism and with building a class society of peace and freedom, of plenty for all and of true democracy—a workers' world!

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Socialist Who Taught In Japan To Speak

CHICAGO, Ill.—Teresina Powell, a member of the Socialist Party who recently returned from teaching in Japan, will speak on "A Socialist Looks at Japan," February 8, 8 p. m., at 549 Randolph street, 4th floor. Admittance free.

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Attention Chicago!

Norman Thomas, national chairman of the Socialist Party, U. S. A., will debate Professor Paul Douglas in the Medical and Dental Arts Building, 185 North Wabash avenue, February 24, 8 p. m.

Subject: "Should America Follow A Policy of Collective Security?" Affirmative: Douglas. Negative: Thomas.

The committee on arrangement reports that the chairman will be named next week. Watch this newspaper for further announcements.

Socialists To Observe CALL Anniversary

Chicago Socialist will observe the fourth anniversary of the SOCIALIST CALL with a dinner and dance program, Saturday, March 5.

The program will be held at the Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Boulevard. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Dancing from 9 to 1. Tickets are now on sale at all offices and meetings of the Socialist Party

POST-DISPATCH WRITER DISCHARGED

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Paul Y. Anderson, crack newspaper correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was discharged last week by O. K. Bovard, managing editor.

Anderson is known for his expose of the Teapot Dome oil scandal, his fight against Negro lynchings in East St. Louis in 1917, his campaign against Federal Judge English, and his more recent national scoop on the Chicago Memorial-Day massacre.

Charges Company Unionism

HOUSTON, Tex.—Charges by International Longshoremen Association unions that the Southern Pacific Steamship Company Morgan Lines is violating the National Labor Relations Act are being heard by Karl H. Mueller, trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board. The corporation is charged with sponsoring a company union and discharging 23 members of the ILA.

Labor Weekly To Broadcast

KENOSHA, Wisc.—"Kenosha Labor," a militant trade union weekly, will open a local broadcast studio, February 4. It will hook up with station WRJN, Racine, Wisc. There will be newscasts twice daily and also entertainment programs.

New York YPSL Party Date Is Changed

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Comrade Bloom, Bronx section organizer of the YPSL, informs the CALL that the YPSL theatre party scheduled for March 18, has been postponed until April 1. It will be held Friday evening at the Adelphi theatre, 54th street, East of 7th avenue. Tickets may now be obtained from members of the Bronx Section Council.

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Bay City

As a result of a meeting in Bay City addressed by the State Secretary, the local reports more inquiries and applications for members in the Party than at any meeting in recent times.

The comrades are hard at work and the outlook for Party growth and activity is excellent.

WASHINGTON

Local Spokane had completed arrangements for a public debate with the Communist Party on the question of "Collective Security." At the last minute the C. P. withdrew being unwilling to defend their war position before the workers.

Local Spokane is going ahead with a vigorous Anti-War Campaign.

OHIO

Under the direction of the state office the executive sec-

ary will spend the week of February 6 to 12 in Ohio.

Among the places where meetings are being planned: Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland, Akron, Kent, Massillon, Columbus, Yellow Springs, Wilberforce, and Dayton.

Throughout the state the Party is carrying out an aggressive Anti-War Campaign.

PENNSYLVANIA

At the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, the State Quota for the SOCIALIST CALL was distributed as follows:

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New York Citizens Call Anti-War Mass Meeting at the Hippodrome, March 6, 2:30 P. M.

COMMITTEE FOR THE MARCH 6TH ANTI-WAR MEETING

242 EAST 14TH ST., NEW YORK CITY

January 29, 1938.

Dear Friend:

The undersigned, acting in behalf of a somewhat larger group who informally got together to consider lines of co-operative activity against America's entry into war, earnestly request your signature to the proposed call for a mass meeting on March 6th and permission to make public that signature. It is our plan to put this meeting under the sponsorship of as many hundred prominent and representative citizens of New York as can be enlisted in this cause. The speakers invited include: **Homer Martin, Professor Charles A. Beard, Senator Robert F. LaFollette, Aldous Huxley, David Dubinsky, Norman Thomas, Ernest L. Meyer and John T. Flynn.**

Since we must act very rapidly we cannot, of course, consult all prospective signers in detail about the wording of the call, but we should be glad to get prompt suggestions if you think any important changes advisable. What we seek is a minimum basis of cooperation among groups and individuals, hence the omission of certain proposals dear to the hearts of us.

We should also like to know if we can have your interest and possible collaboration in further plans for joint action against war along the lines of this call.

Finally, may we say quite frankly that this enterprise in cooperation and all the preliminary work for this non-partisan mass meeting must be financed by those who care. We are therefore asking sponsors who can do so themselves to make or obtain contributions for the preliminary organization work for the success of the meeting. Checks may be made out to Ernest L. Meyer.

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The United States of America drifts rapidly toward war.

Already, the familiar din of the preliminary propaganda beats upon our ears.

The President himself has declared no clear program of war and peace but demands for himself all power to control our destiny.

He used his enormous prestige and all the Presidential powers of patronage to prevent even the discussion of a democratic constitutional amendment to permit the people to vote on the issue of a declaration of war.

He seeks an enormous expansion of our billion dollar military budget and his military establishment, well knowing that we do not need a bigger navy or army to protect our shores.

He has signed without protest a neutrality law open to criticism from many different angles. He has not sought in democratic fashion to have this law amended. He has enforced it arbitrarily against Loyalist Spain but not against Italy and Germany who are waging undeclared war against her. He has ignored the law altogether in the Far East.

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He keeps American Marines in Shanghai and uses American gunboats to escort Standard Oil tankers hundreds of miles up the Yangtze, thus inviting a whole series of Panay incidents.

His Administration, according to reliable reports, has already encouraged unofficial talks looking to a virtual Anglo-American alliance in the Far East and join naval action.

His Administration has prepared elaborate Mobilization Day plans to control industry and conscript all able-bodied men for the trench or the work-bench.

The Menace of War

New war, no matter what its alleged purpose, means incalculable misery, loss and brutalization for the American people. It means sure fascism at home for which no conceivable good that a crusading American militarism can or will accomplish abroad will even partially compensate.

Today the American people do not want war. But a new Panay incident, the propaganda of profit seekers and militarists, the well meant but mistaken idealism of certain advocates of "collective security", and the calculated intention of others to use it to cloak a war alliance, will yet, unless we are on our guard, sweep us into war.

New depression, unemployment, the low price of certain farm products lessen resistance to war because war automatically will bring a temporary boom, an immense solution of the economic problems of President and people, who in the war intoxication may forget the awful price that we and our children and our children's children will be compelled to pay. The whole world is still paying for the First World War.

Now is the time to act! Therefore the undersigned men and women of many opinions in respect to their complete program for meeting the urgent problems of the hour, unite in summoning the citizens of New York to a mass meeting to keep America out of war and to that end to urge the following minimum program:

Program

1. The immediate removal of American ships and Marines from Chinese territory and evacuation of American nationals who, if they stay, stay at their own risk.
2. No increase in the army and navy.
3. The amendment of the Constitution along the lines of the original Ludlow amendment so as to give to American citizens the democratic right to vote on a declaration of war.
4. Abandonment of all existing plans for Industrial Mobilization and defeat of new plans for universal conscription, thus warning our militarists that the American people will not tolerate war abroad and war dictatorship at home.
5. American cooperation for international peace but no alliance with any nation or group of nations for war, declared or undeclared, under any name or any pretext.
6. Concentration on the struggle against injustice, unemployment, bad housing and poverty at home and a determination in that struggle to seek our prosperity rather than in war trade.

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