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F.D.R. Tour to Gain More Control for War Plans

While President Roosevelt is touring the Western states, accusations spring from his opponents that he is conducting a purge of those who didn't vote straight New Deal in Congress. Governor Earle of Pennsylvania has been accused of corruption and graft; he thunders back that it is all a Republican plot to prevent his re-election. Senator Chandler of Kentucky opposes New Dealer Senator Barkley on the basis of charges that WPA is being used to get votes for the New Deal.

Why is all this heat generated? What national issues are at stake? On what basis is a worker to judge and vote (assuming he is not of the many millions who isn't permitted to vote)?

IGNORE REAL ISSUES

The war budget for 1938 was doubled. Plans to increase the effectiveness of the army and navy, to prepare industry for war, to mobilize the workers have been passed in Congress with little fuss. Layoffs, speed-up, the high cost of living continues. Wages go down. Where is the dispute and the heat over these issues?

The answer is, there isn't any. The Republicans, Democrats, "Progressives", etc., fundamentally stand on one program. When it's a question of who gets it in the neck their answer will always be the worker. They represent the boss class.

DIFFERENCES ARE ON OTHER MATTERS

Not that there are no differences in this election campaign. There are plenty. Government regulation of industry; "isolation" use of the NLRB or of stronger measures against labor, etc. But they all revolve around one thing — how best to maintain profits and the system, at the expense, it goes without saying, of the working class.

Soviet - Jap Border Clash

July 22 — Clashes between Japanese and Soviet Troops on the Siberian - Manchukuoan border seemed imminent, with the Japanese preparing a demonstration on one of the hills, which they claim the Soviet Union has taken from its puppet state.

In view of its present war (continued on page 3)



Negrete Defense Gets Under Way

Preparations for the defense of Rosalio Negrete, veteran American revolutionist held by the Loyalist government in Madrid on the charge of "no documentation", but in reality for his political views, are under way in a number of cities as we go to press.

A United Front meeting in Chicago, mapped out plans for a number of meetings, wide publicity of the case, and a demonstration at Newberry Square to protest the jailings and murders of anti-fascists in Spain.

UNITED FRONT MEETING

The Defense Committee held a mass protest meeting in Chicago on July 22. Speakers listed included Gerry Allard, editor of the Socialist Call, Reva Craine, of the Socialist Workers Party, Hugo Oehler, National Secretary of the Revolutionary Workers League, a co-worker of Negrete's who spent 43 days in solitary with the Loyalists last year, and a number of others.

A United Front campaign is

under way in Cleveland where the Trotskyites and the Revolutionary Workers League constituted themselves a Provisional Defense Committee to rally the rest of the left-wing labor movement in Cleveland for the defense, including the Carity Socialists and the Wobblies.

Similar activity has been begun in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities throughout the country.

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Class Action Brings Results

The intensive campaign by the Negrete Defense Committee and the RWL to enlist working class support and pressure has finally forced the State Department to take some action. We have received the following telegram from Cordell Hull:

Hugo Oehler
2159 W. Division Chicago
Telegram from Consul
Valencia reports Russell Negrete (continued on page 2)

Canadian, Mexican Workers Help Negrete

William Krehm of the League for a Revolutionary Workers Party of Canada writes that they are proceeding with immediate action in Canada: delegations to the Spanish consuls in Montreal and Toronto, letters and cables to Cordell Hull and the Spanish government, and postcards addressed to Negrin for broad circulation.

A protest to Negrin has been cabled by the local Provisional Committee for Anti-Fascist Action.

MEXICAN UNION SENDS PROTEST

The following cable has been sent in the name of the Federation de Sindicatos Obreros, affiliated with the CTM: "Energetically protest the unjustified imprisonment in Madrid Rosalio Negrete, American revolutionist. Demand his immediate liberation."

British Divide Jews and Arabs

Palestine continues to be convulsed by internal disorders, spurred on by British bayonets, which have already claimed the lives of at least 70 Arabs and about 30 Jews, with three times as many wounded since July 5th.

Several divisions of British troops, including a number of gunboats, tanks, and airplanes, are burning Arab towns and villages. Some of these troops demand certain sums of money from Arab villages, and if not received have been bombing them indiscriminately. English Insurance companies are protesting against the "unabated use of the torch by the Police."

This latest bloodshed between Jews and Arabs is a direct outgrowth of British Imperialist policy since its conquest of Palestine in 1917, when Britain, needing a buffer against the Arabs, invited the Jews to settle in Palestine.

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Antagonisms In Europe Increase

The imperialist rivalry in Europe, contrary to the reports of the so-called authorities has sharpened, as it also has on a world scale. The danger zones are: the Spanish Civil War, the crisis in central Europe, and the crisis in the Far East.

Of these danger spots Britain desires to "settle" the Spanish conflict at the earliest possible moment so she can give more attention to other places and to China before her whole house catches on fire. Before any of the European rivals can have a free hand in Asia they must settle the pressing problems in Europe.

KEEP POT BOILING

So long as Germany and Italy can keep the "pot boiling" in these many spots in Europe they gain needed time for war preparations and have a better chance of getting more out of the settlement in Spain. At the same time the difficulties of British Imperialism in Europe and Asia enables American imperialism to further her own ends in war preparations.

Britain's "agreement" with Italy in regard to Franco, in no way harms British interests (which have nothing to do, by the way, with the question of

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Blackwell held in Madrid by Secret Police under name of Rosalio Negrete as insufficiently documented. Consul believes return United States can be arranged if passport authorized. Telegram sent consul Valencia at expense Revolutionary Workers League authorizing passport valid return United States. You will be informed of further report. Please inform Streeter and Okun. Cordell Hull Secretary of State. The telegram states a FACT, that Negrete is held by the Secret Police on the usual flimsy charges; and second that the State Department BELIEVES comrade Negrete's return to the United States can be arranged.

American imperialism would not weep too bitterly if, before releasing this revolutionist, the Spanish government would shoot him "while trying to escape." No matter what promises the State Department makes, the only way Negrete will be freed and brought back to this country will be by more and more class pressure against Loyalist Spain and on the American government as well.

Antagonisms In Europe Increase

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"democracy"). England's objective is to smash all remnants of the proletarian revolution and rebuild the country on the basis of the Pound, to which both Germany and Italy must come for aid, and which thereby will enable England to have financial control and the protection of her Spanish interests in the Mediterranean.

MUST SMASH WORKERS FIRST

The weak internal position of France with a maturing social crisis has enabled England to take advantage and give France the worst end of the deals, just as the weak position of Italy in the other bloc has enabled Hitler to smash out and gain objectives not only at the expense of the Anglo-French but also at the expense of Italian imperialism.

In this mad race of these four imperialists against each other and against the United States and Japan, the Soviet Union under Stalinism has played a most miserable role as the tail to the Anglo-French bloc. The fact that the Soviet Union still remains a power the imperialists fear is no credit to Stalinism.

On the contrary the fears of the imperialists in relation to the Soviet Union are due to factors beyond the control of Stalinism and in spite of Stalinism, to conditions which Stalinism has not YET been able to undermine.

While Franco, with the support of the German and Italian bloc, smashes the proletariat at the front, the Peoples Front and the Anglo-French bloc and Soviet Union, are smashing the proletariat in the rear, taking away all of its gains obtained by independent action right after the July

Help Negrete Defense

The printed protests and requests for intervention sent to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington and the Secretary of State, respectively, by workers who sympathize with the efforts to defend class war prisoners, are reproduced below. All comrades are urged to purchase these cards. Cost is one half penny a piece, from the Provisional Negrete Defense Committee, 2159 W. Division, Chicago, or to write their own letters to the parties involved.

The following protests are being mailed to the Spanish Ambassador:

Sir: I wish to protest in no uncertain terms the detention in Madrid of Rosalio Negrete, American worker and revolutionist, by your government.

I demand his immediate release and safe return to the U. S., and an end to the persecution of working class revolutionists by your government.

The following postcard is being mailed to the Secretary of State:

Sir:

News of the arrest on trumped up political charges of Rosalio Negrete, active figure in the American Labor move- has just reached me.

As an American worker I call upon you to immediately investigate this case and work to release and bring him back safely to the U. S.

RUSH FUNDS Save Spanish Revolutionists

Enclosed please find \$....., my contribution to the defense of Rosalio Negrete and other class-war prisoners held by the Loyalist Government in Spain.

Address all funds to:

Negrete Defense Committee

2159 W. Division Str.

Chicago, Illinois.

Workers Protest Toronto Frame-Up

Another step toward the defense of the Canadian workers fighting against Fascism was taken, when the New York Provisional Defense Committee for Canadian Anti-Fascist fighters held its first public meeting to protest the arrest of four Canadian workers early in July for participating in a demonstration of 4,000 workers which smothered and dispersed a smaller group of Fascists trying to spread from Quebec to Toronto.

The speakers, including Aubrey Lyon of Canada, a witness of the events, pointed out the brutality of the Toronto police who tried to break up the demonstration by trampling down with their horses women and children.

Among the speakers were Jules Lorenz of the Revolutionary Workers League, who dealt with symptoms of fascism in the United States, B. J. Field of the League for a Revolutionary Workers Party, Wendelyn Thomas and a number of others.

ST. LOUIS TROTSKYITES SABOTAGE NEGRETE DE- FENSE

St. Louis — A resolution introduced by a member of the Revolutionary Workers League at a Trotskyist meeting, where Walter Hoops, a Trotskyist spoke on aid for German victims was ruled out of order by the SWP chairman. The resolution called for the defense of Negrete and all class war prisoners in Loyalist Spain. Significantly, the speakers in calling for help for German fascist victims did not mention the class struggle once; never even spoke of the need for overthrowing capitalism.

uprising. To crush the working class is the precondition needed by the imperialists to come to terms over Spain. But the workers of Spain must reorganize their forces for independent class action, must build a Marxist Party and smash capitalism in Spain.

WORKERS VOTE CAMPAIGN

The differences within the ruling class take on a sharp form at elections. In spite of themselves, the graft, corruption, of the boss state is revealed. When thieves fall out, the dirt begins to fly.

WORKERS VOTE

The Revolutionary Workers League is conducting a Workers Vote against capitalism. Its purpose is not only to expose this sham of boss democracy but to demonstrate the inability to reform capitalism and the necessity for a Workers State.

The Workers Vote combines the vote of those workers who can vote at the ballot box, with a canvas of the whole class, regardless of race, color, nationality, sex, age, or any of the other divisions by which the bosses try to divide and rule. All Workers so canvassed are requested to vote for Revolutionary candidates who are pledged for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a Workers Council Government in the United States.

In the next issue of the FIGHTING WORKER we will deal further with the Workers Vote

Y.W.L. Wins Wilkman, Jensen Case

Chicago, July 16 — The case of comrades Wilkman and Jensen, members of the Young Workers League arrested on a charge of pasting up stickers, was dismissed Friday, July 15. The comrades had been arrested in an area heavily plastered with posters from the bosses' primary campaign, for boss newspapers, ice cream shops — everything and anything. The Young Workers League fought the case militantly, exposing in its press and on its platform the fact that this was an attempt of the bosses to take away further rights of expression from

STAMM GROUP CONTINUE CLASS COLLABO- RATION

Representatives of the Stamm Revolt group attended the Chicago United Front conference in an attempt to break it up, and sent letters before the conference to participating organizations urging them not to conduct the class struggle activity planned by the Negrete Defense Committee.

At the meeting the Stammites claimed that it was necessary to "exhaust all legal methods first" before going to the working class. They asked that the Committee confine itself to merely raising money, and leave the rest to Stamm and "legal channels". It is now more than three months that the Stammites are "exhausting all legal methods" — in other words making their requests to the State Department and nothing else. They propose to suppress from the working class what the State Department and Loyalists GPU already know, and to plead in a respectable and gentlemanly way, with the State Department to intervene.

militant workers. A Provisional Defense Committee was formed, which publicized the case widely among Chicago labor organizations. The pressure and exposure forced the courts to drop the case, as too hot to handle.

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LAND OF THE FREE

R. I. Governor Quinn banned the Communist Party from holding meetings, and had his police break up and arrest 3 CPers at a meeting they held. Quinn claims he is "protecting free speech and assembly," but his democracy doesn't include even such patriots as the Communist Party members...

Plymouth, Mass.: Plymouth Rock — symbol of American freedom — was painted red by a gang of work men in high spirits. The foreman is now serving a 9 month jail sentence for feeling so free...

London, Ky: Harlan County Coal Operators Ass'n issued a bulletin warning all mine owners to be on the lookout for union organizers and urged them to keep continuous guard around the camps lest the union make a "desperate" attempt to organize the miners to a higher standard of living...

N. Y.: A federal grand jury recommends to Roosevelt that all aliens on relief, who have lived in the U. S. A. 3 years, and have not taken out their first citizen papers, be deported back where they came from...

Law And Order... NY: Civil Liberties Committee prove police brutality to prisoners. They blame Police Dept heads who refuse to take action against patrolmen for torturing prisoners, forcing confessions, and mistreating those with out a "pull"... California — Los Angeles Police Intelligence (?) head Kynette, was afraid a private investigator would reveal they had been receiving generous campaign contributions from the underworld, so Kynette put a stop to this testimony by placing a bomb in the investigators car and blowing him up.

Pursuit of Life, Liberty, and Happiness... Westwood, California is owned by the Red River Lumber Co. The sheriff's officers, 800 new deputies, and the state cops, all armed with rifles and clubs are "protecting" the town against some of the workers who went on strike to protest a 17 1/2% wage cut. 750 men, women and children were driven from their homes and out of the city by these faithful company stooges. The authorities are permitting, one family at a time to enter the city and take their household belongings, then are "escorted" out again. 1 Worker was shot, 30 badly beaten, because they dared protest...

Equality... of the tremendous number of hospitals in Chicago, only 12 will admit Negroes, even barring those who can afford to pay. Is it strange that Negro residential districts have the greatest percentage of sickness and death? The new "public" beach, located at Chicago's South Side, the heart of the Negro and Mexican districts, is open only to whites...

NEW UNIT IN K. C.

A new Unit of the Revolutionary Workers League was organized last month in Kansas City. The membership of the unit is composed of comrades working in the big industries and unions of the area. A meeting of comrade Oehler in Kansas City during his trip there a few weeks ago was well attended, even though organized with only two days notice. Many of the city's active left wingers were there.

DEMONSTRATE TO FREE NEGRETE - Sun. Aug. 7 - 4 p.m.

NEWBERRY SQUARE, CLARKE AND WALTON THE NEGRETE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Capitalist Decay and Unemployment

In the richest and most powerful country in the world fifteen million workers are thrown out of industry. While millions of men, women and youth pound the pavements and stand despondently before the factory gates desperately anxious to sell their labor power, steel, auto, building, transportation, coal — the industries of the nation — operate at 20 to 60% of capacity. The masses of the people exist in semi-starvation; yet crops are plowed under and the ware houses are stocked to overflowing.

The "new" depression, developing suddenly last fall, has shattered like a cyclone the optimistic utterances of the bourgeois prophets of an end to the crisis.

Millions are being thrown out of industry more rapidly than ever before in history. They are greeted with the closing of relief stations, cuts in the relief budgets, cuts in Federal appropriations — from 4 billions a few years ago to less than 1½ billion today. They are being welded into an army of unemployed that will never again find work or security under capitalism.

"SITDOWN" OF CAPITAL

About as realistic and convincing as the famous theory that business cycles are related to the spots on the sun, is the new theory that the present depression is due to a "sit-down" of Big Capital against the Roosevelt Administration. According to this brilliant idea, the bosses are cutting their own throats in order to beat down — Roosevelt! Actually, some of the biggest capitalists in the country are behind Roosevelt (Rockefeller, etc.) Roosevelt, far from fighting the bourgeoisie, has given them billions of dollars in subsidies and loans, has strengthened their monopolies, and has prepared the country to an unheard of extent for a WAR OF AGGRESSION. He has shown himself to be one of the most able and cleverest men that American Imperialism has found to guide its ship of state.

Even in its "best" times, capitalism with its ever increasing mechanization of industry and its ever decreasing need for labor power, ran continuously into an over-

production of capital and the means of production. The workers produce more than they can buy back. This process, inherent in the profit system, repeatedly glutted the market and brought on the crises. When capitalism was young and growing, expansion into new markets and industries permitted the increase of capital production as a whole.

CAPITALISM IN DECAY

But capitalism has outlived its progressive possibilities. The world war ushered in a new epoch — a period of wars and revolutions. Its decadence and rottenness has encompassed the whole of capitalist society. Even the mighty imperialism of Uncle Sam, with all of its strength and resources, in the hey-day of its power, was overcome and sucked down into the general maelstrom of world decay.

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Four Slogans: Stalinist Vs Working Class

JOBS—Not mere jobs, but jobs with union conditions.
FOR WORK WITH UNION PAY

SECURITY—There can be no Security for the workers under Capitalism.
FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION—ELECT FACTORY COMMITTEES.

PEACE—Peace under capitalism can mean only one thing—class peace. Imperialist wars are inevitable under capitalism, only the class war against imperialist war is effective.
FOR THE CLASS WAR

DEMOCRACY—There can be no political democracy for the workers without economic democracy. This is possible only under Socialism.
FOR A WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT

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Soviet - Jap Border Clash

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against the Chinese masses and its continued pillage of Manchukuo, it is a farce indeed for Japanese Imperialism to come to the "aid" of this Colonial State. The Manchukuoan masses have been murdered by the thousands, driven from their homes and exploited by the Japanese brigands. Defense of a small strip of land, about 4 miles square, which the Japs claim is not Soviet Territory is really a farce; it is in truth one of the preparations by Japan — and the other imperialists — for war against the Soviet Union. The

oppressed colonials of Asia, as well as the workers in Siberia and the Soviet Union, must unite to drive imperialism — Japanese, American, British, German, and French — out of Asia, and establish a Federation of Free East Soviet Republics.

Browder On War

"If it came to a war between the United States and Russia, who would you bear arms for"? Senator McNaboe asked of Earl Browder, leader of the Communist Party, before a Legislative Committee investigation.

The answer of this so-called communist was: "I refuse to admit the possibility of such a war". But when McNaboe pressed the point, he added, "under all conceivable conditions indicated at the present time I would bear arms for the United States."

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

As part of the drive to free Negrete the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL is featuring an article on "The Negrin Government Drives Against Revolutionists." The problem of the Latin American semi-colonies of the U. S. is dealt with in an article on "Roosevelt's 'Good Neighbor' Policy."

"The Railroad Situation and the Workingclass Answer" discusses capitalism's notoriously "sick" industry and the general strategy for the workers.

A restatement of the Marxist position on the Road to the Fourth International and an analysis of the Trotskyite pre-conference draft on perspective is the fourth big article.

Also included is the series on Dialectical Materialism; a short document on the Lovestone convention; plus a new feature — THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT.

British Divide Jews and Arabs

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Never intending to live up to its promise, England blandly promised—through the famous Balfour declaration — "the setting up in Palestine of a Jewish Homeland." At the same time it cynically promised the Arabs "aid in establishing a Pan-Arab State."

BRITISH IMPERIALIST POLICY

Since then British policy has been based on the assiduous provocation of ill feeling between Jews and Arabs, in order to avoid a united Jewish-Arab struggle against its imperialist exploitation.

In the early days of its conquest Britain pumped in millions of British Pounds in order to exploit Palestine's natural resources. Now, as a result of the general economic breakdown, England is compelled to squeeze every ounce of blood out of the masses in order to make a profit out of that investment.

JEW VS. ARAB

Thus the class struggle in the colonies has sharpened. The Arabs rose up in revolt against British rule in 1929, again in 1933, 1936, and still continue today.

However, the growing Arab bourgeoisie and feudal landowners, fearing a revolt that may go beyond the limits of national independence, purposely direct the anger of the Arab masses against the Jewish masses. The Jewish capitalists, fearing much the same thing from their side, likewise attempt to confine the struggle to

one between the Arab and Jewish masses.

Britain, in order to placate the Arab masses recently proposed the separation of tiny Palestine into two independent Jewish and Arab states, with the military strategic bases remaining directly under its own control.

PARTITION NO SOLUTION

The latest conflict is directly traceable to the partition plan. To show to the Arabs her readiness to withdraw the plan, Britain is now shifting her terror to include more the Jews. The execution of a 17 year old Jewish boy is an indication of that.

The various nationalistic Jewish organizations by trying to settle the problems of the Jewish masses at the expense of the equally exploited Arab masses, by intensifying the hostility between the two oppressed peoples, are playing a reactionary role and aiding only British imperialism against both peoples.

NEAR EAST SOVIET FEDERATION

The struggle between the Jewish and Arab masses, with the loss of innocent lives, will continue as long as the Jewish-Arab bourgeoisie and British imperialism continue to rule. The solution is: Drive British Imperialism out of the Near East! The Jewish and Arab masses, led by the working class, must unite against their own leaders who prevent their struggle. Unite with the Syrian, Lebanese and Egyptian masses under the slogan of a Near East Federation of Soviet Republics! Build the new Communist Party!

ROUND THE WORLD FOR U.S. WAR PLANS

The round the world flight of Howard Hughes and his four aides in less than four days, was a courageous exploit which, if properly utilized could aid mankind no little. The knowledge gained about the northern air routes, about the Siberian wilds, Alaska, about airplane transportation in general could be milestones in man's conquest of the elements, in the development of transportation and internationalism.

WAR OBJECTIVES

Unfortunately the flight had no such ideas in mind. From the very scanty information given out it is already evident that its main objectives were to chart the world for shorter flying routes to future enemy territory in war times by use of the air routes; to develop further certain air bases; and to help advance American sales of war planes, in the export of which she leads the world. The flight was a demonstration of American power and superiority.

In his statement afterwards, Hughes said that the flight was no stunt, that it was well prepared. Associated Press reports state that no one was permitted to inspect the Hughes plane because it was using equipment which is on the army "secret list."

Furthermore, the Lockheed plane that Hughes used is exactly the same model that was recently ordered by Great Britain from that corporation. The only difference between Hughes' plane and that of the British is that the latter will have all the armament attached.

Hughes stated that if his trip "should possibly increase the sale of American planes abroad... I shall feel well repaid for my time and effort."

In the preparation of the flight the U. S. Army played no small role, keeping its air bases and fields constantly open to Hughes, communicating with him by the two way radio set Hughes had in his plane, and undoubtedly doing a lot more behind the scenes.

LAND ROUTES TO ASIA

In the coordination of the work of the pilot in the plane and the men in the various air bases throughout the world, the U. S. Army made one of the most significant experiments and successes through the Hughes' Flight.

In the preliminary work for charting the great wilds of Siberia, Hughes accomplished for American Imperialism new possibilities for routing American planes and men into Asia, via Alaska, mostly by land. This work if developed will enormously aid the American plans for imperialist penetration into Asia.

Defend J. Zack

Against a frame-up and the State's attempt to deport an American citizen and a revolutionist.

FREE FRED BEAL

FREE TOM MOONEY.

AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR, FOR CLASS WAR

24 Years After: Preparation For War is U.S. Major Activity!

Organize The Unorganized

Deport Workers From Many Cities

In the "golden twenties", when General Motors was piling up profits running into hundreds of millions of dollars, thousands and thousands of workers were brought up from the South to man the new GM plants. Cities like Flint sprang up over night.

DEPORTING CITIES

Today the 44,000 workers of Flint, scores of thousands in Detroit and many other cities, are only a burden to Messrs. Knudsen and his cohorts, Chrysler, Ford, et al. So — a giant movement, initiated by the government in Flint and a dozen other cities, and aided by the federal government, has begun the process of deporting these worker families back "where they came from."

There's no more use for these workers, so why should the government — and General Motors — keep them on relief. The plan is simple. Finance the trip of these families back home. When they get there they won't have their Union to fall back on to fight for relief, as they yet have in Flint despite the split in the Auto Union. Furthermore you can't get relief any place in the U. S. unless you've been living there for at least a year. What these deported workers are supposed to do then, is just go back home and starve! It's a great national game! Sixteen million are unemployed.

Chicago Strikers Fight Tear Gas and Pay Cut

After seven weeks of heroic struggles by 400 workers of the Chicago Hardware Foundry Company, who refused to take a 10% wage cut, the plant was finally reopened to let in a stream of yellow scabs. The Lake County sheriff deputized hundreds of men and fought his way into the plant with tear gas, billys, and some of the worst brutality — especially against the women and children in the picket line — this area has seen since the sit-down struggle of the Fansteel workers and the Memorial Day massacre in the same area last year.

Boss Is Judge and Mayor Too

How is this for "democracy"? In Bridgeport, Alabama, stands the Jacobs Manufacturing company, makers of stoves and ranges, where the members of the International Molders Union are on strike.

The management of this concern entered into an agreement with the IMU in 1937 but finding that profits were more desirable than promises to union men, violated the agreement — not once but twice. The result was a strike.

Mr. Jacobs, the owner of the struck plant, is also mayor of the town and judge of its court. As mayor he orders his police to arrest the strikers; and as judge he seeks them with \$5 and \$10 fines. If they don't like it, this is a free

A few million workers last year got much better wages by organizing. So the big plant-owners immediately began moving their plants to places where they can get cheaper labor.

BOSSSES MOVE PLANTS

Akron Rubber Companies are threatening to decentralize and thus put on the starvation list almost a whole city. A Lock Company in Long Island clears out to Pasaic, a few miles away, leaving its workers holding the bag. General Motors builds plants in Linden, New Jersey and other places in order to get away from the Detroit militant atmosphere — and high wages.

And the workers thrown out of work? — the government merely comes around and helps deport them, so they can starve for a year or two until they've lived around home long enough to be eligible for relief.

Hundreds of American workers are beginning to take things into their own hands. Some, like the lock company workers referred to, take over the plant and refuse to permit its being moved.

The solution lies in bigger and better national organization based on a real fighting policy; put up a constant fight everywhere for better living standards. In the coming period the working class, in order to survive the new deportation and decentralization schemes, will more and more realize the necessity of seizing the factories and industries and running them for their own use — under a Workers Council Government.

As a preliminary to the brutality many of the Union heads were arrested, and some sentenced to jail. The workers had refused to recognize an injunction by the boss courts, prohibiting "intimidation". They continued to stop trucks, railroad cars, and scabs.

The strike — authorized by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee — must be spread to other plants in the same area, most of which are or shortly will be experiencing similar wage cuts, especially if this strike is defeated. Above all the workers must guard against any "advice" by the their leaders, or anyone else, to give up the struggle and let the NLRB handle the strike for them.

country, and they can go to hell. "EQUALITY" BEFORE THE LAW

Needless to say the strikers are arrested on the most flimsy excuses since there is no danger that the "court" will not sustain the "plaintiff." Equally futile to remark that no company thugs will be cited on complaint of strikers.

Furthermore let us not forget that all this takes place in the state from whence hails the "liberal" saviour of the New Deal — Justice Black! And the Speaker of the House of Representatives! But hell! Ain't it the birthplace of Scottsboro "Justice," too?

Boss class justice is obvious to all in this case. But you may rest assured that the net results would be the same if the boss, the mayor, and the judge were three instead of one. Bosses have a habit of uniting as one when danger threatens from the "enemy," and their greatest enemy is the workers.

U.A.W. Workers Must Remove Both Factions

Detroit — The "trial" and expulsion of George Addes, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Auto Workers has sharpened the split in the auto workers ranks.

President Martin, in good old John L. Lewis style, is appointing administrators in one local after another where he does not have control to take things over. In Milwaukee, Martin's man just walked in and took the books of the Local in a raid.

The trial of the four vice-presidents, suspended by Martin, comes up at the end of July. The Frankenstein-Stalinist bloc is making a desperate attempt to get John L. Lewis to intervene, but Martin and Lewis have never been on exceptionally good terms and the great John L. is having a hard time keeping his little autocratic family together.

N.Y. Militants Win W.P.A. Battle

New York — Under the slogans "Liberal" La Guardia Starves the Unemployed," for a 40% increase in relief, all war funds to the unemployed, a group of handicapped workers, employed by the WPA as recreation teachers won their demands in a brief one-day militant action that should serve as a lesson for other workers in their struggles.

Determined to obtain relief and clothing for one of its members — all of who are physically handicapped in one way or another — the United Handicapped Workers of America, led by its President Hyman Abramowitz and its vice-president Harry Friedman threw a large picket-line around the office of the Department of Welfare when the guard refused to permit them into the building.

CLASS STRUGGLE POLICIES

WIN DEMANDS

Fearing the increasing militant picket line — constantly augmented by sympathizers from the outside, and no doubt sensitive to the adverse criticism that might result from the maltreatment of handicapped workers, Mr. H and, Deputy Commissioner, suddenly

Settlement for National Tea Workers

Workers of the National Tea warehouse in Chicago, who conducted a strike against the company one year ago, have been awarded \$51,000 about 25% or less of their pay, and the reinstatement of some of the strikers at their old jobs, by the National Labor Relations Board.

The reinstatement scattered the workers in various shifts in order to separate them. It cuts out the vacation period this year. A third provision sets a vote to be taken within three months to decide whether the men shall be represented by the A. F. of L. or the

RED BAITING CAMPAIGN

Martin is plastering a red-baiting campaign from coast to coast in the Union, even giving long speeches on the radio on this subject. His Lovestoneite supporters, one of whom is editor of the Auto Worker, go right along with the "progressive" Homer on this and all other points. The new recruits to the bandwagon of Homer Martin, the Trotskyites in Detroit, are finding it a little difficult to show just how Martin is progressive.

The fight between the two cliques — one as reactionary as the other — has given the bosses a much awaited opportunity. Rumors of wage slashes are so thick you can bet your last dollar they are coming. And while the bureaucrats fight, the unemployed are left unorganized; or when the CIO does finally step in to organize the hundreds of thousands recently thrown out of work in this area, the workers are just told to come across with a half a buck, consider themselves members, forget about meetings. That's about the size of it.

made an about face, invited a delegation of the pickets inside and granted the demands.

The U. H. W. A. is the outgrowth of an organization originally dominated by the Stalinists and bureaucrats of the Workers Alliance. The more militant elements — the hub of the previous handicapped workers union have broken with the cap-in-hand policy of the WAA leadership and formed this organization, based on class struggle policies.

Labor Party and LaGuardia - Strike Breakers

New York, July 12—Mayor LaGuardia today passed the picket line of the electrical workers, who are striking at the N. Y. World Fair grounds.

The Strike involves some 6,000 members of the Electrical Workers Union, Local No. 3, against the N. Y. Telephone Company over the question of the right to do all the electrical work by the Union.

The company refuses to concede this right on the ground that it "would set a precedent for all workers."

LA GUARDIA STRIKE BREAKER

Not content with passing the picket line LaGuardia declared a "police emergency" and ordered the police to complete the installation of a cooling system, lighting and a "buzzer for the mayor."

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The union must take advantage of this three month period, which it has thus far failed to do, to launch an intensive organization drive.

The strike of 600 workers will be remembered as one of the most militant battles on the labor scene in 1937, with many scenes of vicious police brutality and arrests and frame-ups. Members of the Young Workers League, youth organization of the RWL, played a leading role in the strike and were among the original organizers of the union.

Martial Law Against Iowa Strike

Fourteen hundred workers of the Maytag Washing Machine Company in Newton, Iowa, have had martial law clamped down on them after a strike since May 9th in which the plant has been unable to open. The workers have been fighting against a proposed 10 1/2% wage cut introduced by the company.

Armored cars, machine guns, and other National Guard and Army equipment have been hustled down to the strike area with a large detachment of Guardsmen. The object of the martial law, according to Governor Nels Kraschel, is to "maintain order." The first step in maintaining order was to stop the workers from picketing. According to press reports "armored cars appeared and the militiamen trotted up with fixed bayonets." Machine guns were trained on the workers.

TRAINED BAYONETS

So far the plant remains closed, but this is an old trick of the boss politicians — used by Governor Earle of Pennsylvania against the Johnstown Republic Steel workers only last year. Once the militancy of the workers can be broken by the armored cars and militiamen with trained bayonets, Governor Kraschel will see to it that the plants are opened and scabs brought in.

Continue your fight, Maytag Workers!!! That's the answer to the governor and the boss!

The striking workers, enraged at this open strike breaking act, threw stronger picket lines around all gates, and threatened to invade the Fair Grounds and picket the City Hall.

Plans for mass picketing — forbidden by the police — are also under way.

Mayor LaGuardia will be remembered as having been a candidate on the American Labor Party ticket in the last N. Y. Mayoralty elections, and supported by both reformist parties, the Socialists and Stalinists. Now the electrical workers at any rate have occasion to see how much LaGuardia's pro-labor lip-service means.

The electrical workers can win their strike only if they base their struggle on class struggle policy, which automatically means a struggle against the "liberal" labor enemies of LaGuardia strike.

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