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## Open Shop Policy Peaceful Picketing Of Steel Industry Cracked By C.I.O.

United States Steel's Huge Subsidiary Agrees To Recognize CIO For Bargaining

PITTSBURGH, Penn. - The bloody half century of steel's ruthless dictatorship over the lives of its workers is at last drawing to an end. Following the recognition of the Committee for Industrial Organization by Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, largest subsidiary of U.S. Steel, other companies began signing up in rapid succession.

Allegheny Steel Corporation, fire-eating independent. agreed to confer with the CIO Steel

**DEEPENS SPLIT** 

Orders Local Bodies 'Purge'

Themselves of C. I. O.

**Affiliates** 

SACRAMENTO-Aid to William

Green's splitting campaign against

he C.I.O. was pledged by the execu-

tive committee of the California

State Federation of Labor in session

Green's moves against the C.I.O.

tion, stated, "We felt we must take

The split in the American Fed-

Frightened by the tremendous

here Sunday.

be organized.

Workers Organizing Committee and Blaw Knox Steel signed the U. S. Steel basic contract for five subsidiary plants. Spang Steel is completing negotiations with the SW-OC. Apollo Steel said it would sign and Braeburn Steel settled a twoweeks strike.

The break in the solid front of steel came when Carnegie-Illinois recognized the SWOC as bargaining agency for employes belonging to the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. The company agreed to a wage increase of 10 cents an hour for common labor, establishment of \$5 as the daily wage, and equitable adjustment of other classifications effec-

INDUSTRIAL UNION VICTORY

Union leaders predicted that the entire steel industry with its 525, on a national scale forced the 000 workers would be organized showdown and Edward Vandeleur, without resorting to strike action. Secretary-Treasurer of the Federa-The contract with Carnegie-Il-

linois came after a two-day con- a position and our position is to ference in which representatives of support the American Federation of the company met with John L. Labor." Lewis, chairman of the CIO, and Phillip Murray, chairman of the eration of Labor continued to SWOC. Lewis revealed that he had broaden as the reactionary craft been in secret conferences with bureaucracy opened a campaign Myron C. Taylor, chairman of the combatting the forceful drive of the board of U.S. Steel upon a num-Committee for Industrial Organizaber of occasions recently in New tion. York and Washington.

SPURTS UNION ORGANIZATION gains of industrial unionism, Wil-Following the auto victory, the liam Green, president of the A. F. liam Green, president of the Ameri-

### AFL Advice

Desperate officials of steel company unions telegraphed urgently to the American Federation of Labor for help in their fight against the C.I.O. Bill Green thought it over,

decided it wise to decline. John P. Frey, head of the Metal Trades Department, leaped at this opportunity to advise the steel workers and rushed from his padded swivel chair in Washington to the Carnegie-Illinois plant at Pittsburgh.

The company union officials held a war council. Frey sagely advised them, "Split yourselves up into crafts, then the A. F. of L. can save you from the C.I.O."

The officials shook their heads in disappointment. "Even loyal workers know you can't organize steel on craft

Frey returned hastily to his padded swivel chair in Washington.

can Federation of Labor, was remitting that the establishment of ence for Ed Parker, downstate or- ruary 26 calling him "an undeniable the 40-hour week in steel is mak- ganizer for the Illinois Workers' ing "very decided progress."

with the stipulation that time and erately started by the Communist that paper where they had learned one-half will be paid for overtime, Party, that's news. represents definite social and economic progress," he said.

"It will be accepted with hearty address a meeting of an unemployed Communist Party leader! approval by working men and wo- "company union," the "WPA Work- Now he has found out that the men employed in all lines of in-

ration of the 40-hour week with in- met by two deputy sheriffs, who we all live and learn. creases in wages for those employed in steel manufacturing plants was publicly announced by the officials of 13 steel companies simultaneously. The 40-hour work week in steel will enable the steel companies to comply with the standard requirements of the

Walsh-Healy act. ward without interruption, and in- already passed the bill without one way to carry the fight against the less as a toy popgun. creased employment for thousands dissenting vote. The Senate con- fink book to a successful concluof workers in naval construction curred and sent the compromise sion is by continued refusal to acand in shipbuilding yards."

sued an official statement that and inter-coastal sailors can legal- fighting front against the book clarified its position in relation to iy refuse the Fink Book. Sailors which through its optional features the contract. Emphasis was placed in the coast-wise trade are not im- still hangs over their heads. on the privilege of the company to mediately affected since the Copedeal with other "employe groups" land Act does not become active in from Congress has not ended the fakers to clamp the book upon that he cannot fight the fink book inites in conjunction with the Ryan the fink book itself. than those belonging to the CIO their instance until June 25, 1937. fight against the fink book despite

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## **Fascists Murder Six French** Workers; New Clashes Begin steel settlement gives a tremond of L, ordered all state and city ous impetus to the nationwide advance of union organization, and forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in GLO. At the carried struggles are forces a heavy shift of balance in the field. It is estimate when the campaign gets in the field. It is estimate when the campaign gets in the field. It is estimate when the campaign gets in swing there will be several sand volunteer organizers as forces a heavy shift of balance in the field. It is estimate when the campaign gets in swing there will be several sand volunteer organizers as forces a heavy shift of balance in the field. It is estimate when the campaign gets in swing there will be several sand volunteer organizers as selves of units affiliated to the classes between fascist and work-

Stormy debate, and in many 150 were wounded, 6 killed.

order to split the central bodies. ment in this new crisis was typical C.I.O. unions were suspended from ment for action against fascists, dent action to wipe out the alarm- struggle to its next stage. the Cleveland Federation, after bit the trade unions in Paris declared a ing growth of fascist forces. In the ter opposition from a strong minor- 4-hour general strike in protest recent combat the workers found rising revolutionary actions of the ity. In San Francisco the Central against the fascist murder of six that they had to deal not only with masses, is making feverish at-Labor Council moved to file the workers. More than 2,000,000 the armed fascists but with the po-tempts to suck the workers' moveletter, thus ignoring the command workers participated in the protest lice apparatus of Blum, which was ment into their grandiose war pre-

places, open rebellion, followed the The action of the Blum govern. growth of the fascist movement.

dustrial and commercial activity. the struggle to "quell the riot."

the A. F. of L. CIO struggle toward C.I.O. At the same time a conferers' forces in France, a new stage character. The impotence of the er intensification of the conflict the groups favoring the industrial ence was called in Washington of is opened in the class-struggle in Blum regime becomes clearer with between the two basic forces in Sidney Hillman, chairman; Thomas rupters' cannot have any other afunion form of organization. Wil- 50 organizers to devise means of France. The main outbreak came each new event. Inevitably the France today, fascism and the Kennery, United Mine Workers, fect but to cause (real) disrupprotecting craft jurisdictional in Clichy where the workers pro- working class must break through workers' movement. In the coming secretary-treasurer; Francis Gor- tion." rights in industries demanding to tested government tolerance of the straight jacket of the People's months each new clash, each street man, United Textile Workers; Emil fascist demonstrations. More than Front, which ties them to the capi- fight, each fascist encroachment on Rieve, hosiery workers; Charles ing on the National Executive talist class and nourishes the workers' organizations, will pose Weinstein, Amalgamated Clothing Board to take "vigorous action" the question of workers' power as Workers; and T. F. Burns, United against these splitting efforts of Douglas Plane Co. In spite of the myth that fascism the burning necessity of the day. Rubber Workers. A representative the C.P. in Columbus, Ohio, Francis J. Dillof its whole policy. Too closely has been definitely defeated in With the workers' gains of the of the International Ladies' Garlon, representative of Green and bound up with the capitalist class France, the workers see the fascist July strike wave almost completely ment Workers is to be added later. once foisted upon the auto work to destroy fascism, it deals all its movement growing and arming it wiped out by the rising cost of livers' union as their "leader," re- blows against the rising workers' self under the very nose of the ing in the new capitalist offensive, voked the charter of the local Fed- movement that seeks to put an end People's Front government. With the workers will not stop at endless eration of Labor for indorsing the to the fascist danger. Under the the bitter lesson of Spain before compromise with their class enemy, strike against General Motors. Five pressure and the rising mass sentithem, they seek to take independent will necessarily carry the

> French imperialism, fearing the strike, completely paralyzing all in-sent immediately to the scene of parations. The shadow of the war

## By Carlo TEXTILE MILLS LISTED AS NEXT DRIVE OF C. I. O.

Workers Revolting Against Vicious Speed Up; Low Wages

WASHINGTON .- Organization of the million and a quarter workers in the textile industry is the next major goal of the Committee for Industrial Organization, according to plans drafted at a meeting of heads of the Committee and leaders of the United Textile Workers

The establishment of a Textile Vorkers' Organizing Committee, similar in purpose to the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee functioning in the steel industry, has been completed through agreement with the United Textile Work ers, and an intensive campaign throughout the far-flung mills and shops of the industry is to be start ed immediately.

CONDITIONS WORSE Since the fiasco of the great tex-

tile strike during the days of NRA, when Roosevelt perpetrated his first sell-out on organized labor, conditions in the textile mills have grown steadily worse with the speedup and improved machinery cutting into the wages of labor. Revolt against the intolerable conditions s growing among the workers, largely unorganized, and TWOC leaders are hard put to restrain workers from taking action until for the I.W.A. who was singled out a more propitious moment.

The textile drive is assuming first rank in the plans of the CIO, and is considered the key to fur organizer, Paul Rasmussen, and ther success for the Committee on a national scale. The organiza- a two-and-a-half-hour discussion, tional setup is being considered the state executive board upheld carefully, with leaders drawing on the fine work of Ed Parker, and, experience derived from the steel and auto drives. The country is icy is absolutely essential to the to be divided into eight to 12 sec- welfare and progress of the Worktors with a chief organizer in each ers' Alliance movement," resolved section. Each section will be di- to "condemn the vicious assault vided into sub-districts with paid made by the Daily Worker on the and volunteer organizers working Illinois Workers' Alliance and its in the field. It is estimated that recognized officers and state or when the compaign gets into full swing there will be several thou-These recent armed struggles are sand volunteer organizers assisting

Appointed to the TWOC were

### MAY DAY

All working class organizations, economic, political and fraternal are invited by the Socialist Party to celebrate a United May Day. The first meeting of the Provisional Committee will be held Thursday, April 1, 8 p. m., at International Hall, 236 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

## General Strike! Detroit Reply To Police Raids

Drive Against Sitdown Strikes Brings Swift Defensive Action From 29 Unions

DETROIT, Mich.—A possible general strike threatens here as Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, answered the raids of city and county authorities on sit-down strikers with orders to 29 Detroit unions to prepare for united defense action.

HIITS ROLE OF

Disruptive Tactics Scored in

Strongly Worded

Statement

By MELOS MOST

sow dissension in the ranks of the

militant Illinois Workers' Alliance

was given by the I.W.A. state exe-

6, and Ed Parker, state organizer

In an indignant resolution, intro-

duced by national Workers Alliance

adopted by a vote of 8 to 1 after

declaring that "a non-partisan pol

ganizer in its issue of March 5."

It declared further that "such

campaign as the Communist Party

is now carrying on within the Work

ers' Alliance against so-called 'dis

The resolution concluded by call-

EVADE UNITY PLEA

The board's action was occasion-

ed by an article appearing in the

the Chicago Socialist Party for a

tion, by libelling the work of Illi-

Under the heading of "Dissen-

that Socialist I.W.A. organizers are

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nois Socialists.

for attack by the Daily Worker.

CHICAGO.-A smashing answer

The strike strategy committee of hte UAWA organized a "minute men's brigade" to defend the union against the flying squadrons of police who he-

gan moving in on Chrysler sit-down strikers with a preliminary mopping up of smaller strike situations not directly affecting the Chrysler situation.

TEN THOUSAND INSIDE Nine Chrysler plants remained closed down as a result of the cor poration's refusal to recognize the UAWA as sole bargaining agency for its employes. 10,000 workers remained in plants with 55,000 picketing on the outside. Negotia-

tions continued. Police violence meanwhile had resulted in injuries to six people and riots at many small plants where to Communist Party attempts to workers were utilizing the sit-down technique to enforce their demands for higher wages and collective barcutive board, meeting here March

gaining rights. Martin declared that unless police violence stops 175,000 organized automobile workers of Detroit will mass Tuesday night in Cadillac Square to protest these actions. The UAWA is "determined that" strikers in these similar plants shall not be the victims of police

RECOGNITION REFUSED The sit-down strike at Chrysler began when the giant cor poration refused to recognize the union despite its representing 90 per cent of Chrysler employes The Union offered to submit to a poll although the company Union epresentatives had joined the UAWA, clearly establishing its ight to represent all employes, Chrysler refused and obtained an

against the 60,000 strikers unless they evacuate the plants. Strikers responded with signs upon their picket lines: "Refuse to move: We'll Die Before We Do!"

njunction which threatens force.

ploodshed, and a \$10,000,000 fine

## Gives In To Union

SANTA MONICA, Calif.-After a Daily Worker of the day before, at- mighty demonstration of 5,000 striktempting to evade a request from ers and sympathizers before the 3block length of the struck Douglas united front May Day demonstra- aircraft plant, and it became apparent that strike sentiment was swelling rather than diminishing, the company reached a quick setsion in Workers' Alliance" the ar- tlement, agreeing to recognize the ticle attacks the whole state or United Automobile Workers of ganization of the I.W.A., charges America as bargaining agent for its employes.

Hourly strike bulletins evolved nto a 4-page daily paper with a circulation of 10,000. The women's auxiliary started a nursery for children and fed the pickets.

An attempt to continue operaagement realized the truth of a

### Charter Excludes Cannery Workers

SACRAMENTO. - Refusing the proposal for a state-wide industrial union embracing all agricultural and cannery workers, the executive committee of the California State Federation of Labor agreed to petition the American Federation of Labor for a state charter covering agricultural workers, but excluding cannery workers.

An organization drive on a statewide basis is scheduled to start The strike was the most impor- railway companies during the past immediately with Walter Cowan, vice-president of the federation, in charge as temporary chairman. Proponents of a union including

cannery workers and a variety of allied workers charged sabotage, and George Woolf stated, "Something will be done whether we operate under the C.I.O. or form an independent group.

Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary. reasurer of the Federation, stated that the proposal of the group headed by Woolf removed any direction by the committee in the use of funds supplied by the State

Existing cannery and packers' or ganizations under federal charters will be continued, he said.

ST. PAUL.—The threat of strike Scharrenbergs, Hunters, and other The seaman knows only too well fink book! Nevertheless, the Stal- blacklisting measure on a par with action by 200 machinists at Brant ien-Kluge's plant here won the 5 day week, wage increases over

## C. P. Starts "Red Scare" Against Alliance Organizer Opens Large Turns Down Closed Shop In Minneapolis

of Town on C. P.

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to remove C.I.O. unions.

By MELOS MOST

CHICAGO .- Being "run out of Alliance. But when this is done on "The 40-hour work week in steel, the crest of a "red scare" delib-

> Parker came into Benson, Illinois, ers Union," after receiving a letter Benson state's attorney's office was

and forced him to do so. This was nothing new for Ed.

News," a reactionary paper controlled by local mine owners, began 'Red' organizer." This set Parker thinking.

He finally asked a reporter from about his politics. When he heard the source, he was astonished. The on the evening of February 23, to name mentioned was that of a local

## Oakland S. P. Cal. Senate Police Run Union Man Out told him to "clear out of town," Headquarters

The Oakland Branch of the So-Immediately the "Benton Evening cialist Party has moved to new a running attack on Parker, cul- Oakland and as a part of its genported at Coshocton, Ohio, as ad- town" by cops is not a new experi- minating in an editorial on Feb- eral educational program announces the holding of Open Forums to be held each Friday.

> nin and the lessons to be learned struggle of the working-class.

> Comrades and friends are urged to attend and bring their friends. Street in Oakland.

# One More Company Grants

SACRAMENTO, Cal.-Once again the brutal power of the owners of headquarters at 432-10th Street in California was demonstrated when Mooney by legislative action.

F. Cleary.

signed by three rank and file mem- also told he was a "red" by a mem. Do not forget the time and place. eral investigation into reasons for and a half for overtime. "It is significant that the inaugu- bers asking him to appear. He was ber of that Party. Well, says Ed, Every Friday evening at 432-10th refusing pardons to Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

# Tom Mooney Significant Strike Victory Brings Complete Union- Strike industry in the state. The unplane that came out of the plant

ization Closer

the state senate by a vote of 34 to strike which affected some 700 is a drive on by the Stenographers 5 killed the proposal to pardon Tom workers of the Northern States Union to unionize the office work Power Company, the Electrical ers which is showing good results. Although the Assembly had ap- Workers' Union, Local 292, emerged The contract between the company proved the pardon, the senate re-victorious, with a signed agree and the union is a model one, giv-The teachings of Marx and Le. fused to so much as invite Tom ment with the company which pro- ing the union the opportunity to Mooney in to hear him tell his own vides wage increases amounting in organize the employers of the comstory or to hear his attorney, some cases to 40 per cent, the pany in ten rural areas of Minnefrom historical events will be dis- George T. Davis, present his case average being from 5 to 10 per cent. sota and the northwest. The union cussed by speakers trained in the as against Asst. Atty. Gen. William Also included are seniority rights, plans to organize these rural areas vacations with pay for workers with immediately. Meanwhile in Washington, D. C., two years standing, and the closed Rep. Wm. J. Fitzgerald circulated shop. Hours remain at eight per a petition in Congress urging a Fed- day, or 40 hours weekly, with time

tant and significant since the truck year.

ion will take all workers employed now." by the company with the exception MINNEAPOLIS.—In an eight-day of the office help, and already there Track Abandoned

NEW YORK.—1,523 miles

track were abandoned by U. S.

gress of a bill to make acceptance date. by seamen of a Certificate of Idenbill to the President for are ap- cept it and by drawing all the that the fink book fight is now hold in the tough fight against the the seamen to accept the book. The Carnegie-Illinois Company is proval. This means that deep sea maritime workers into a militani

Approval by both houses of Con-tificate of Identification until that is shown not only by the optional, will gradually try to move the book wary of the treacherous splitting intransigently opposing the book-

That this important concession

ended.

Copeland Fink Book and the Cer- COPELAND FINK BOOK BEATEN as a base, these union smashers Especially must the seamen be ity of all the waterfront unions in

feature which leaves an opening for in upon the Pacific Coast men. owners.

book, the seaman must immediately The fink book is optional—but throw himself into the struggle to these self-styled "revolutionists" the shipowners and their govern- get his brothers on the Gulf and the Pacific Coast seamen have not ment hope with the aid of the Atlantic to refuse to take the book. accepted and will not accept the ficiency certificate" as a vicious most of the workers on the East forever if the great majority of his Hunter-Scharrenberg gang succeed-

This belated concession by Con-shipowners and fakers to put over The book is optional but there sults from their policy of kow-still dangerously hovering over the "That will mean that the Gov- tification optional to the vicious gress comes as a direct result of the book but by preparation of new are plenty of ways of "putting the towing to the Roosevelt administra- head of every maritime worker. ernment's very large naval con- Copeland Fink Book has been as | tre splendid militancy of the sea- legislation which in its labor-smash- heat" upon seamen where unions tion. While they hypocritically Moreover the question of the equalstruction program, which was tem- sured, according to latest reports. faring unions in refusing to take ing viciousness will make the fink are not strong and are under the pay lip service to the "I refuse the ly serious "certificate of efficiency" porarily halted, can now go for The House of Representatives has the book. It is proof that the only book seem by comparison as harm- control of faker agents of the ship- fink book" movement, the Stal- has not yet been settled. inites have at the same time work-Seamen must not let themselves | While he rejoices over this con- ed to weaken and divert its mili- rest as long as their unions remain Federation of Labor.

be lulled by poisonous propaganda cession which gives him a fresh toe- tancy until they have all but told in danger are visualizing the fol-Despite this kind of advice from

tactics of the Stalinites which re- with the result that the book is Militant workers not content to

> lowing program of intensive struggle for the immediate future: (1) A fight to resist the "ef

(2) A drive to unite all seamen They can legally refuse both the such misleading headlines as and Gulf Coasts. Then with this brother seamen are subjected to it. ed in wrecking the united solidar on all coasts on a program of exertime, seniority and union recognized **POUM Demands Inquiry** 

THE POUM BEFORE THE WORKERS

the official Soviet organs "Pravda" and "Isvestia,"

and has brought very grave accusations against the

"We are accused of being agents provocateurs in

the pay of the Gestapo and the "Fifth Column." In

several organs of the Communist International it has

been stated that the POUM in collaboration with the

Fascists, organized a plot aiming at the assassination

of Azana, Largo Caballero, Dolores Ibarruti (Pas-

sionaria) and Jose Diaz. These are concrete accusa-

Batalla,' suggests, among other measures, the con-

stitution of an International Commission of Enquiry,

composed of well-known persons in the working-class

movement. The Executive Committee of the POUM

has decided to follow the suggestion of Victor Serge.

In order that it may command the greatest possible

measure of authority, the International Commission

of Enquiry should include a representative of each of

the following organizations: the Communist Interna-

tional, the Labour and Socialist International, the

Fourth International, the International Workingmen's

Association and the International Bureau of Revolu-

tionary Socialist Unity. This Commission should in-

vestigate independently and freely the concrete accu-

sations levelled against the POUM. It should begin,

in our opinion, by demanding the evidence for these

and of the world will understand and support the

POUM's demand, a demand which no one can legiti-

mately oppose." THE SPANISH REVOLUTION Bulle-

tin of the Workers' Party of Marxist Unification.

POUM Barcelona, February 8, 1937. Vol. II, No. 2.

Socialists Hold Special

"We are convinced that the working-class of Spain

"Comrade Victor Serge, in an article sent to 'La

tions and appeared in the Communist press.

POUM.

accusations.

"The official Communist press of Spain and elsewhere has been carrying on the campaign begun by

## Another 'Neutrality' Measure Is Passed

## But Wars Are Not Prevented By Legislation

ican capital accepts the yoke. Will

No. Assuming a rigorous and

its own terms it demonstrates how

it can be legally circumvented

Putting aside all the loopholes

which the lawyers could find in

invest in the industry, banks, rail-

Bourse or the London Stock Ex-

We may safely affirm that bellig-

erent governments will vie with

profit with a very fair rate of in-

it be effective?

By FRANK NEWTON

With all the necessary flourishes Congress has passed able to pay us back. There are also and the President has affixed his signature to another other ways of adapting capital to "neutrality" measure.

By this enactment, the work of the 74th Congress is

touched up where it was beginning to fade. Previous neutrality laws ready too late in 1917 because we conveys the interesting information were no longer adequate to the had become too involved econom to whom it may concern that war constantly changing international ically with the Allies. Well, we with the U.S. will be inevitable shipment of arms to loyalist Spain with them and other countries as revealed that it was perfectly legal the years went by. Many billions freedom to exploit the Western to help Spain defeat Hitler-Musso of dollars more involved. We are Hemisphere. lini-Franco. Grimly determined to not more self-sustaining, just the demonstrate its "neutrality," the reverse. Our economy is more de- pects. First, it helps create the Government did all in its power to pendent on our foreign trade than sentiment that an adequate step stop the shipment, passed an embefore. Our system, the capitalist has been taken to assure peace, ergency measure directed at Spain system, cannot survive a period of and second, it establishes a set of and now includes all civil wars un- contraction, an era of self-denial. principles to defend — with the It must either expand, secure new

Previous laws had received a cer. markets—at whose expense?—or it history. tain amount of criticism because must give way to more aggressive they did not take into account ship- producing forces. ments of commodities other than Even during the Napoleonic neutrality, so has the ground been the obvious implements of war to Wars, the Embargo Act, which was laid for the marching of men in nations engaged in war. Such a the neutrality provision of those defense of our cherished neutrality, measure was sponsored by the lib- days, failed to stop the shipment 1937 style. Remembering how the eral Nye and the not so liberal of arms and materials to the war fever was whippd up in 1917 sum total of the wisdom gathered thousands of miles of frontiers for ciples" are we wrong to dread its by them from the Senate Munitions American capital to exploit. investigation. The view was read- Law Easily ily adopted by the Administration Circumvented with one significant reservation. Exports to belligerents are to be on a cash and carry basis. Nye wished to set up zones around belligerent areas thus preventing belligerents from securing aid through bordering countries. This was considered impracticable by the Foreign Affairs Committee and Nye did not object

#### **Economic Stakes** Of War

It is no longer believed that the the Bill, the latter fails to prohibit U. S. entered the Great War solely exports of capital to warring counon account of an unselfish affectiries. The American public still tion for democracy. Even our free retains the right, that section of and untrammelled press has said the public which has the cash, to

We have examined our hearts roads of the belligerent by buying and our consciences in the commit- stocks and bonds on the Berlin tee rooms of the Capitol and we frankly confess, while vowing never change. to let it happen again, that the U. S. entered the War because it tory of the Allies. Socialists paying handsome dividends to pointed that out before so we sure- American capital. The Reichsbank nation under the new maritime ly have the right and the duty of guarantees the principal of the indiscussing the efficacy of the new vestment. The Bank of England neutrality laws. We had them in goes further. It will guarantee a But, we will be told, it was all terest thereon. Who will give the

better terms, he will get the busiportant to make sure that he is neutrality legislation

Moreover, the Bill exempts "American republic or republics' from its terms. This reservation The announcement of a have become even more involved under certain circumstances, name ly, interference with America's

The law has other positive as heaviest armament program of our

Just as the U.S. entered the last war to avenge violations of our Vandenberg and it represented the belligerents although there were by the call to defend "sacred princonsequences for the future?

We, who will lose everything when war comes except the possibility of struggling against it have But suppose, for the sake of nothing to gain from the Neutrality argument, that the Government de Bill. Those who entertain hopes termines to restrict trade with for will be bitterly disappointed. That eign powers at war and that Amer- is a tragic aspect of the catastrophe which can be averted only by o ganizing for Socialism.

### will not be effective because by Concession Gained in Copeland Fight

(Continued from Page 1) cising their rights to refuse the

fink books. (3) Eternal vigilance over the new certificate of identification (which will be substituted for the Listed on the agenda are such vital fink book in cases where the sailor come a blacklisting device under

new guise. had an economic stake in the vic- one another for the privilege of every worker who may in any manner become the victim of discrimilegislation.

(5) Immediate action in exposing and combatting the newly pro- the Electric Boat Co. shipyard in posed Guffey bill which has for its Groton, Conn., after sit-downers, strikes in maritime industry.

issues American labor will have to

FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM:

whether I was able to accept. I

said I was and asked that the res-

ATTACK Y.P.S.L. DELEGATE

I was seated at the table with

ervation be made.

CHICAGO, Ill .- A special con- Front, Anti-War and Anti-Fascist vention of the Socialist Party of U. Activity, and Party Structure and S. A. is scheduled here from March Constitution.

Delegates from California who 26 to 29 inclusive at the Exhibition will be present are: Millie Gold-Hall of the LaSalle Hotel. Important problems facing the berg, Clarence Rust, Ward Rodgers, working class are to be considered. Crary Trimble and Glen Trimble. Alternate delegates from Califorissues as the proposed Labor Party, nia are Joseph Plecarpo, Gardner refuses to take the book) to see Farmers' organization, Unemployed Wells, E. D. Patterson, Paul Manisthat this certificate will not be problems, Labor Unions, United calco and Seldon Osborne.

## (4) Preparedness to take up the fight unitedly behind each and Shipbuilders' Union Picket Shipyards On Wide Front

Mass picketing continued outside, The Guffey "mediation" bill will Workers, an affiliate of the C.I.O., receive more extended considera- were ejected by police. The com-

Raid progress in organizing the 3,500 workers of the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. in real purpose the outlawing of all members of the militant Industrial Kearny, N. J., was reported by John Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Green, head of the I.U.M.S.W.A., at in San Francisco secured a revision an enthusiastic union rally.

tion in the next issue of Labor Ac pany, engaged in building subma- San Pedro won a long strike imum wage of 75 cents per hour for such a reign of terror and ran tion. It is one of the most critical rines for the Navy, fired several against the Craig Shipbuilding Co., its members doing ship repair work things so bureaucratically that the recognition and preferential union shop. Local 7 is retroactive to March 1.

## WILLIAM GREEN DEEPENS SPLIT WITHIN A.F. OF L.

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Officially, the leaders of the quick steps were taken to extend ternational, state, regional, city and central bodies and local groups last summer. 'whenever it is deemed such action advisable." These councils are as central bodies for those unions supporting the C.I.O.

FIGHT MOVES INTO PLANTS shops and plants of America's industry as the craft bureaucrats prepared to send their agents into the field to combat the organizational work of the C.I.O. Efforts of leather workers into one big union

diction of workers in fabrication plants for the International Union of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers, regardless of the fact that this union has never torious leadership of John P. Frey, will again attempt to keep the Convention At Chicago antiquated craft set-up in the ship-building industry in opposition to the more effective organization bethe more effective organization being done by the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers.

the open splitting moves of the Green machine seemed to be pushing progressive craft unions toward the C.I.O. San Francisco welders are reported seeking affiliation to Workers, a C.I.O. affiliate.

placed its funds in the custody of dent: the C.I.O. They are asking for a union to cover the whole industry.

of their agreement with Matson On the West Coast Local 9 in Navigation Co., establishing a minon the Matson dock Th

ments from educators, rabbis, min-

isters of the gospel, high school

teachers, and others, all without po-

me was anything but deeply moved

to sympathy for the victims of the

Spanish fascist uprising and stirred

to give financial support for the

CONSUL BACKED SPEECH

## Alliance Board Hits Role of C.P. in Illinois

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political minorities. "The Daily Worker article is an rapidly growing." the formation of local councils of insult added to the countless in-

Parker took up the Daily Working the unorganized, and will serve statements that "dues payments in to have to still the voice of any opthe I.W.A. have dropped by 40 per position by bureaucratic reprisals. cent" and "there is no functioning state organization of the I.W.A. FASCIST MURDER with a staff of organizers, offices, The fight moved directly into the and a recognized leadership," he

tant working class organization is patriotic activities of the Communthe most scurrilous of all the ist Party and the People's Front the C.I.O. to merge all shoe and charges. Far from decreasing 'by to drive the workers' movement 40 per cent; records of the state into an alliance with French imwill meet the resistance of the office, which are open to inspec-Massachusetts State Federation of tion, show a decided increase in Labor if they follow the dictates of membership. That the Communist Green, who called on them to fight Party does not 'recognize' the leadfor the craft rights of the A. F. ership of the I.W.A. is something we have long suspected, but it happens to have been elected by an In steel, the A. F. of L. will at enthusiastic state convention, has tempt to hamstring the work of offices, employs a full-time state the C.I.O.'s Steel Workers' Organiz- organizer, and was able to buy an ing Committee by claiming juris- automobile for his use only two weeks ago.'

BUILDS MEMBERSHIP 1200% Asked about a charge in the article that "Trotskyist agents travel from town to town as I.W.A. orrection of steel plants. The Metal ganizers sowing dissension and dis-Trades Department, under the no- unity," Parker said, "I am the only one in the state traveling as an I.W.A. organizer, and if any one doubts my credentials I refer him to the state executive board which duly elected me. As to my work, have been in Franklin County for the last five weeks, during which time the membership there has increased twelve times from a group Meanwhile, reprecussions from of barely over a hundred. I have tion with the bourgeoisic and take also had occasion to defend the Communist Party there, when it against their oppressors. was attacked by reactionary P.M.A. members at county meetings."

The Daily Worker also declared the C.I.O., and the Oakland Ma- that support was obtained from chinists' local, whose charter was "discredited renegades" and that revoked last fall, have applied for the organization and chartering of a charter from the Amalgamated a dual local was "tried" in Deca-Association of Iron, Steel and Tin tur. The "renegades," Parker clarified, were workers, now unaffili-Aluminum Workers' Union Local ated, which the Communist Party Number 18356, largest in the in- expelled for militancy and immedidustry, voted to stop paying per ately demanded that the I.W.A. do capita dues to the A. F. of L. and likewise. As to the Decatur inci

> C.P. "REGION OF TERROR" "The Daily Worker's brazenness n bringing this up is apalling. An .W.A. local in Decatur was cap tured by Communist Party members, who immediately organized agreement membership declined from 200 to 50. Members were driven out, denied the floor, and several workers without political affiliation, such

as John Hedgepath, were beaten cting as disrupters, and finally at- up at meetings for demanding their tacks the Socialists for not seek- rights. After unsuccessful attempts ing the expulsion of working class to deal with these people, we chartered a new local, which has over C.I.O. ignored Green's move, but REFUTES LIBELLOUS CHARGES a hundred members today and is

A final charge, that the Socialist the committee throughout the na- juries the Communist Party has al- Party was not trying to have the tion. Executive officers of the C.I.O. ready done to the I.W.A.," said Ed insignificant Weisbord and Oehler Parker, butt of the C.P. attack, who groups in the I.W.A. "driven from were authorized to issue certifi- has led innumerable struggles of the ranks of the unemployed" was cates of affiliation to national, in- the unemployed and was victim of declared to be "perfectly true" by the famous Peoria police frameup Arthur G. MacDowell, state sec-

retary of the Socialist Party, who added, "Socialists have enough coner's charges one by one. To its fidence in their own principles not

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"This attempt to discredit a mili- every French worker, and the ultraperialism is being met with increasing hostility

The great movement of the French working class to give direct aid to Spain and the treachery of the Blum regime in obstructing such aid has contributed largely to training the French workers for the inevitable civil war in France.

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## **Burt Greets Heroic Stand** Of Strikers At Waukegan sissues American labor will face in the coming months.

"Congratulations on your heroic stand for labor. Every weapon of brutality has been used against you but the determined spirit of united workers cannot be crushed! I pledge you every possible aid per-4

sonally and for the Socialist party," stated the telegram sent to steel workers in Waukegan in the Fansteel strike by Roy E. Burt executive secretary of the Socialist Fansteel workers in Waukegan. TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE not do so without a statement on mand the same from the Young confidential report to my organization. Party, U.S.A. At the same time Mr. Burt sent workers while the company prea telegram to Governor Henry tended to be considering your pro-Horner of Illinois protesting the posals for settlement of the disbrutal action of police authorities pute deserves the condemnation of mick Y.W.C.A. last night in honor

tlement were under way.

Said Mr. Burt, "We protest most vigorously the action of police au thorities in their action against The night attack upon unarmed in Waukegan in ousting the "sit- every decent person. The Fan- of the Spanish Youth Delegation, downers" from the Fansteel plant steel Company has btrayed you there was enacted a scene which, by the use of nauseous gas and and the State of Illinois. Drastic in my opinion, requires action by force and violence, late at night action on your part is necessary all supporters of unity in the fight when workers were under the im- to curb the viciousness of local against fascism. pression that negotiations for set- authorities and the company to prevent violence and bloodshed'

## Socialists Inspire Workers In St. Louis Labor Struggles

dred girls striking against the Na- week for 44-48 hour week! tional Underwear Company created by their efforts a militant local union of the ILGWU. Led by courageous organizer, Artie Price and assisted by Comrades Eliza- have a union. And in St. Louisbeth Barker and Doris Preisler, in the whole area of St. Louis, East several other people when the delethese girls have withstood the St. Louis, Granite City, Venice, gation entered, accompanied by usual, vicious strikebreaking tac-ties of the bosses and the police Brooklyn, National City, labor is their translator and Mr. Luis Perez,

Unbearable conditions prompted rumbling. these workers (many of them are At a party meeting preceding the

from \$1.46 to \$8.00 per week with- beginning to carry out the line of tially the following: out the above regular deductions, the party are in no small way plus such other deductions in full making it rumble.

week of picket duty two hun-social security records is \$5.84 per attention of being phoned by the dom."

threatened a 40 per cent cut!

girls between the ages of sixteen excellent dinner and second anniand eighteen) to stage a spontane- versary celebration of the Socialist Call comrades reported: Car- ed. They had to buy their own uni- penter Saunders—his local defeatforms, price \$1.35; a badge for 25c; ed the referendum; Auto Workers month, contribute to the commun. the militant sit-down after the G. ity fund and flood relief in order M. settlement in order to fight Spain. It was translated to the to preserve the firm's reputation. against discrimination; SWOC or-The factory operated its heating ganizer, Joe Morris, and steel my ability to remember): worked at piece-rates, e.g., 3c per ever before; Lechner the most table with this person. dozen shirts for pressing and but popular organizer in the Workers' The delegation, with their trans ment of Labor. toning (2c per doz. for boys' Alliance—yes, labor is rumbling in lator and the consul, then left the

FRANK N. TRAGER.

And on top of this the boss The girls walked out. They now

Spanish consul in Chicago. The delegation stood behind their chairs and I, with others, arose out of courtesy to the speakers to remain standing until they were seat-Instead of being seated, Mr. Sapay regular insurance of 60c a Kerne and Von Romer described marro began speaking in the name

equipment about two full days per lodge president, Wamack, reported "There sits at this table an eneweek; girls worked in coats, muf- the growth in membership; Labor my of the Spanish government in flers and where possible with Attorney Demmler still performing the person of Mr. Erber. He has gloves. They reported for work the best work in Missouri for Tiff toured the country attacking the half-hour earlier (without pay) in miners as well as other strikers; Spanish government and aiding the order to provide some general Teacher Preisler who is getting fascists by spreading confusing tion to the place. Their pay? They his non-partisan candidacy than it impossible to eat at the same stage," according to reports from

shirts)! Their earnings ranged St. Louis and socialists who are hall. I arose and said substan-

MAKES REPLY

behalf of myself and my organiza- Communist League which is affili- tion, to the scrutiny of such a comspeakers' table by the committee ternational to which Mr. Samarro's mittee. I am able to produce state-At a banquet held at the McCorin charge, both by mail and by organization, the Unified Socialist phone. I am sure that Mr. Sam- Youth of Spain, are also affiliated. marro has never seen me before in I demand of the national commithis life and since he does not read tee, under whose auspices the ban-English, has never read anything quet was held, that they support I have written. He has obviously my demand for an apology or writacted upon statements that a group ten proof from Mr. Samarro, for I received a mailed invitation, who desire to exploit this occasion whom they must assume responsidated March 2nd, asking me to sit for political purposes have seen fit bility. I demand an apology from at the speakers' table as a guest to tell him. My organization is the Chicago Committee for the of the committee (United Youth part of this committee. We have statement of the chairman of the Committee to Aid Spanish Democ- participated in its work. This in- banquet to the effect that "the comracy: Youth section of the North cident will in no way deter our ef- mittee apologizes for having in-American Committee to Aid Span- forts in behalf of the joint com- vited Mr. Erber, since it was un-

quet committee. About five days will continue to assist the Spanish League was." office of the committee to ask I then left the hall. INTERRUPTED BY YCLers

the delegation or Mr. Erber."

ish Democracy) signed by Adele mittee and the Debs Column which aware of what sort of an organi-Du Plessis as chairman of the ban- the Socialist party is aiding. We zation the Young People's Socialist me on the Spanish situation before gaining agency for all employes. a Young Circle League forum on ST. LOUIS.—Entering the fourth average for 28 girls taken from the later I was treated to the special people in their struggle for free DEMANDS WRITTEN CHARGES the afternoon of December 27th. He the employe representation plan is I ask all fair-minded people who followed me on the program and I likewise unchanged. It will conare on the national and Chicago can produce more than a dozen wit- tinue as the spokesman for those committees of the North American nesses who will testify that he be- of the employes who prefer that While I spoke I was interrupted Committee to Aid Spanish Democ- gan by saying that he had little to method of collective bargaining by two members of the Young Com- racy and on the national and Chi- add to what I had stated and con- which has proved so mutually satismunist League, one of whom, Mr. cago committees of its youth affili- tinued to laud my remarks and sub- factory throughout its existence." John Marks, district organizer, was ate, the United Youth Committee to stantiate the content of my speech DEEPER INTO INDUSTRIES seated at the speakers' table also. Aid Spanish Democracy, to support by citing additional proofs of the The YCLer whose name I do not my demand that written charges statements I had made. The speech CIO drive into the basic industries. know shouted that the young So- and proof be produced by Mr. Sa- I made on this occasion was identi- In its nine-months campaign the cialists had not done anything for marro and the Young Communist cal, almost word for word, with all CIO had recruited 200,000 men in am willing to appear before an unity and a high standard of ethics of U. S. Steel.

the Spanish people. Mr. Marks League to substantiate the accusa- my other speeches on this subject. the steel industry of whom about shouted, "The audience must tions made against me or that there choose, whom do you want to hear, be a retraction and an apology. I no anti-fascist who believes that Carnegie-Illinois' largest subsidiary I am demanding of Mr. Samarro impartial committee to defend my- and integrity is necessary in our John L. Lewis announced that an apology for his statement or self against such charges. I am fight against fascism, can afford to the CIO had doubled its memberwritten proof of the charges he has willing to submit everything I have seen fit to make in public. I de- written on Spain, including the

## Government Now Preparing Wage and Hour Regulations

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Measures designed to regulate wages and hours for industrial workers much in the temper under the trying circum- United Mine Workers and the coal cleanliness and necessary sanital more progressive labor support for slogans. I and my comrades find manner of the extinct N.R.A. are now in the "conference

shaped without regard to legal or the "study stage." constitutional restrictions but only Tentative drafts of bills have according to what the executive de-been discussed with government of-"I am prepared to leave both this partment of the government con- ficials and labor leaders, it was retable and the banquet hall but can-siders necessary for proper control vealed.

made against me. I have already ing 2,000,000 as compared with apbeen promised all possible assist- proximately 2,750,000 listed in the ance in securing a hearing before A. F. of L. the Chicago Y.W.C.A., who sat next fields it was thought that the reccomplimented me upon keeping my fect upon the conflict between the very fight against the lies and cor-

against Fascism. ERNEST ERBER,

stances. The effectiveness of our companies. ruption of fascism depend upon the day for a 6 hour day and a 5-day the White House and the Depart of hours and wages. The legal maintenance of a high ethical week together with a guaranteed angle will be considered after the standard of truthful and honest re-minimum of 200 working days a The new legislation is being proposed measures have passed lations among anti-fascists. Yours year. The operators so far have re-

People's Socialist League, anteed minimum to be worked.

# Stalinists Slander Erber

(Continued from Page 1) "The policy of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation with regard to collective bargaining with its employes remains unchanged. litical affiliation but sympathetic As previously stated on many occato the Spanish anti-fascists, to the sions, the company recognizes the effect that no audience that heard right of its employes to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choos-

"The company will recognize any collections that were taken for the individual, group or organization as spokesmen for those employes whom they represent, but it will Mr. Perez, the consul in Chicago, not recognize any single organizaspoke on the same program with tion or group as the exclusive bar-

> "Under this policy the status of Fresh impetus was given to the

No friend of the Spanish people, 40,000 were believed employes of ignore my plea for a public exon-ship in the half year since the A.

eration of the untruthful charges F. of L. split it away, now numbera competent body by Miss Annette | Inasmuch as the steel barons are Dieckmann, Industrial Secretary of the largest owners of the coal to me at the speakers' table and ognition would have a favorable ef-

The mine workers demand a \$6 for Unity and Truth in the Fight fused to back down from their proposal that wages remain the same and that the week be increased National Chairman, Young from 35 to 40 hours with no guar-

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## STALIN LISTS BUKHARIN FOR TRIAL

## A. Rykoff Also Up In New Trial

Trotsky Defense Committee Demands Right to Send Observers

The American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky today asked the Soviet government for the pending trial of Nikolai Bukharin and Alexis Rykoff in Moscow. The request was embodied in a communication to Alexander Troyanovsky, Soviet Ambassador in Wash-

The date of the new trial has not yet been publicly announced. An Associated Press dispatch of March 5, however, stated that "there were authoritative indications" that Bukharin, former editor of Izvestia, and Council of People's Commissars, "would go on trial soon."

SOVIET SET PRECEDENT

The Committee declared that a precedent for its request had been set in the Moscow trials of Augsufficient awareness of public opinion abroad to invite foreign observers of the government's own choos-

"Moreover," the Committee's letter to Mr. Troyanovsky stated, "the Soviet Government, as evidenced by the timely presence of these gentlemen in Moscow, appraised them of the impending trials in

The Committee therefore asked that it be notified in advance of against him. the date of the trial, and that the Soviet Government guarantee the safety of the observers and grant by stenographers, to use telephonic and telegraphic communications ers privately.

FAIR TRIAL ASKED

The letter declared that the Committee, "seriously concerned with civilized world of the rights of political asylum, the right to a fair trial without public prejudgment, being as a result of widespread doubt among pro-Soviet circles in America as to the validity and adequacy of the procedure and calls for." verdict" in last August's trials.

tion added, "were moreover inthe next case tried before the GEORGE NOVACK, Military Collegium in January."

this Committee that it is composed of staunch friends of the Soviet Union. In the interests of the U.S.S.R. itself, the Committee seeks to clarify an issue thickly befogged by polemics. The rights re- DAVID P. BERENBERG quested by us are normal in po- FRANZ BOAS litical cases in democratic courts."

### Corset Workers Utilize Sit-Down

second week of their sit-down ELEANOR CLARK strike, 40 workers determinedly SARAH N. CLEGHORN held the plant of the Spirella Co., NED H. DEARBORN corset manufacturers, refusing to MARGARET DE SILVER leave until their demands are met. JOHN DEWEY

Negotiations between Interna- EMMETT E. DORSEY tional Ladies' Garment Workers' JOHN DOS PASSOS Union, a C.I.O. affiliate, and the VINCENT R. DUNNE plant management were broken off MAX EASTMAN

mands are met."

Emeryville plant.

## Right of Asylum

The following Declaration of Principles has been adopted by the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky:

"The American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky holds that social advance, the very possibility of human progress, is inseparable from the establishment and dissemination of social truths; to let the truth be known is all the more essential when it is obscure and contested. We hold, also, despite our diverse political opinions, that the immemorial right of asylum for political refugees of all shades of opinion should be universally maintained. We right to send observers to the im- hold, also, that no man accused of crime shall be condemned as a pariah on the face of the earth who has not been given a full and fair opportunity to present his answer to his accusers and to argue his innocence.

"We, who today affirm these principles, have in the past actively defended them more than once, aiding the fight on behalf of the politically persecuted of many viewpoints. The charge that we were the tools of political movements with which we disagreed, the charge that we were obstructing merited punishment, did not stop us from Rykoff, former president of the defending Sacco and Vanzetti, do not stop us now from calling for the freedom of Tom Mooney or the political prisoners of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

"This Committee as such is indifferent to the political program of Trotsky; the overwhelming majority of our who have helped make our work out in a manner which was, in your members are not Trotskyites. But that tradition which we ust, 1936, and of last January, when have in the past made our own would, even if Trotsky the Soviet Government "showed were not known to us as one who for four decades has opposed the very tendencies whose agent he is now charged with being, require today that we intervene between him and all who would, in advance of any clear verdict against him, convict him, punish him, and abandon him to the contempt of history.

"This Committee does not affirm Trotsky's innocence or by members of the Committee and guilt. It does affirm that he has not been convicted or even tried, and that, moreover, wide sections of the liberal and labor world are increasingly skeptical of the charges made | far as I know, the Committee has | ed external formalities have been

"In view of these considerations, we shall do all in our power to safeguard, maintain and extend the right of vious one that the Committee be juridically unobjectionable, and them the right to be accompanied asylum for Trotsky. Moreover, in view of the fact that he has voluntarily offered to submit his honor and his life to freely, and to interview the prison- the judgment of an Impartial Commission of Inquiry into the charges made against him, and in view of the fact that such a Commission is a practical way of settling a controversy which threatens the unity of the forces opposed to threatening political and social reaction, we shall do the maintenance throughout the all in our power to bring such a Commission into being.

"We now call upon all liberal and labor organizations to give expression to the views of their members on this and other civil liberties, came into question, and to cooperate with us in crystallizing existing opinion so that a Commission may shortly come into being and complete the great historic task which the situation

Among prominent liberals who belong to the American "These doubts," the communication Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky and who supcreased and deepened as a result of port the above Declaration of Principles are the following: an understanding of the situation cured secretly. During the exami-

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by T. J. Meek, general manager, JUSTUS EBERT when he refused to discuss an DOROTHY EISNER agreement until the plant was MAURICE ENGLISH Miss Jennie Matyas, I.L.G.W.U. S. FEINSTONE organizer, declared,"We will stay HARVEY FERGUSSON right in the plant until our de- ALEXANDER GOLDENWEISER ALBERT GOLDMAN The 35 women and five men who WILLIAM GRUEN have been in the shop since March MARTHA GRUENING 16 are asking union recognition, LOUIS M. HACKER closed shop, shorter hours and ABRAM L. HARRIS higher wages. The company, CHARLES YALE HARRISON which operates plants in several SIDNEY HOOK countries, has been paying an av- ROY TEMPLE HOUSE erage wage of \$14 a week in its SIDNEY HOWARD INEZ HAYES IRWIN <del>{\*\*\*\*</del>\* "The First Two

### "Historic" **Dewey Says** World Famous Philosopher Lion Feuchtwanger Defense Speaks in Defense of Trotsky

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. - Ex-Sacco and Vanzetti, John Dewey, eight writers are the same who Defense of Leon Trotsky on March accomplish his liberation. committee. His full speech fol- in the "service of the Gestapo."

"As one of the Committee memers who has not been active, I o successful.

"I heartily agree with Mr. Novack in thinking that the issues involved in the present case will take rank with the historic issues in the cases of Dreyfuss and Sacco and Vanzetti.

have been issued from time to time the following open letter.

"One of them Mr. Novack has already referred to-the camthat has been waged against members of the Committee; but as that comes from sources that are pre-committed, it is unfortunate, but not very serious. Their misrepresentations are the sort of thing to be expected from them. They could not do anything else, because of what they are officially committed to.

"A more serious matter, was the considerable number of people who, feel, were not committed to any party, and who raised some queshouses.'

reason will appear in what Mr. Solow will bring before you. If the Committee means anything positive, its activities must reach their goal in the effort to form a Commission of Inquiry, Preparatory to that formation, it is certainly not only important, but necessary, that we first get the support of public opinion in behalf of the Commission and convince the type of person who should be mempers of that Commission of our sincerity of purpose and of the honesty and integrity of the plans of procedure suggested to the Commission, so that it may effective-

ly accomplish its task. "For all these reasons, it seems to me that some Declaration of Purposes is important."

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## Chicago Taxi Drivers Fight

CHICAGO. - Fighting militantly | paid for by the companies. dozens of cabbies have already union. been arrested, the union has organized solidly 75 per cent of the

drivers in Chicago. The demand as the basis of a settlement union recognition and collective bargaining, specifically company. an increase in wages which are now about \$15 a week and often paring for a siege and intends to basis do you believe you can de SON, AXEL SANDEMOSE, NILS sink as low as \$6 or \$8 also de- continue the fight until their de- fend a manner of trial which pro- COLLET VOGT, ARNULF OVER-

The Checker Company has issued a statement saying that they will clear regarding the significance of continue to meet with strikers and non-strikers and they intend to analyze and attempt settlement at a and justice, we ask you now to an-

## Trial Issue ANTI-HITLER **NORWEGIANS BLAST TRIAL**

of Stalinist View Is Condemned

The best-known radical, and sopressing his admiration for the cialist writers of Norway have adreat work being carried on in de dressed an open letter to the Ger fense of Leon Trotsky and point man writer, Lion Feuchtwanger, ing out that the issues involved who now lives in Moscow and who would achieve the historic signifi- appeared in the last trial as a decance of such cases as Dreyfuss and fender of the official policy. The world-famous liberal professor, ad- were fighting for the awarding of dressed the membership meeting of the Nobel prize to Ossietsky and the American Committee for the are still active in the struggle to and pointd out the need for a fact protects them sufficiently Declaration of Purposes for the from the suspicion that they are

TO THE WRITER, LION FEUCHTWANGER

The press communicates want to express my respect and you were present at the trial admiration to the members of our against Radek, Sokolnikov, Piata-Executive Committee who are car- kov, and others, and that you de rying out this great work, and to clared in the "Deutsche Zentralthe many anonymous volunteers zeitung" that the trial was carried opinion, satisfactory.

writers, have great respect for your attitude toward National Socialism, and we see in you an important representative of German culture and literature. Precisely for this "I do not need to say much about reason we permit ourselves to adhe background of this Declaration dress to you on this occasion and of Purposes. Various statements in our capacities as your colleagues,

If you say that the trial has been some of them have received the carried out in a satisfactory manendorsement of the Committee be- ner, we suppose that you affirm fore they were sent out. But so thereby, not only that the prescribnever made an official statement, observed, but also that the trial as There are two reasons for making a whole has been carried out in such a statement, besides the ob- a manner which you consider to be on record before the that this manner offers the best possible guarantees for the complete clarification of the real facts of the case and for a just sentence, In this connection we should like to indicate the following:

At the time when the court

proceedings in this as in the former Moscow trials became accessible to the public, all the material of the preliminary investigation which was carried out secretly and without any control, is still closed. The strikingly conformist confessions were a matter of really proven and incontestible facts. The subsequent tions about our objectives. I feel public court-proceeding appears many of them certainly ought to be only as a kind of confirmation of with us, and would be, if they had the evidence which has been proand of what the Committee actual- nation of the defendants no at-Some kind of of tempt is made to clarify the real ficial Declaration of Purposes, I motives either for their affirmed think, ought to help us very much crimes or for the confessions of with this element, and with that these crimes-no attempt to clariother, much larger, element of re. fy the internal, individual or social sponsible people who are confused, coherence of what has occurred. who want to make up their minds The demonstration of proof is limand some of whom are inclined to ited to the repetition of confessions say: "A plague on both your and is accompanied by the prosecutor's vigorous insults, which are "Another and more important strengthened rather than enfeebled by the efforts of the defendants. And on such a basis are the death sentences pronounced.

> COUNTER-PROOFS ESTABLISHED

In our minds such a proceeding abolishes all the guarantees for the security of law and justice. This opinion is confirmed by the fact that in many cases irrefutable proofs have been established that the events on which the confessions of the defendants are based and on which the accusation stands or falls never took place. But when the counter-proofs are established the capital sentences are still exe cuted.

We wish to cite an example whose convincing character we, as Norwegians can establish:

One of the principal points in the self-accusations of the executed Piatakov was the affirmation that he flew in Dec. 1935 from Germany to an airport near Oslo and visited Trotsky. The Norwegian authorities have examined the case and officially communicate that neither in December 1935 nor in the preany such airplane land at any air- hold a joint meeting for raising cessful conclusion the struggle by action that creates dissension. port near Oslo. It is also confirm- money to be divided equally be- against Franco, which we believe is ed by other proofs that Piatakov tween the Debs Column and the a struggle against the Capitalist never had any conversation with Technical Aid, Jack Green, organ- system. Trotsky in Norway.

MANNER OF TRIAL

Our point of departure, Mr. red scare, the taxi drivers who strike activities, their morale is ex- carried out in a satisfactory man- the Debs Column' in Lynn, which struck spontaneously have organ- cellent. Joe Jacobs, attorney for ner. Therefore we do not wish purports to send men to Spain to talists and Landowners must be ized the Midwest Taxi Drivers' Un- the union, has telegraphed Gov. to enter in this collegial letter into help fight Franco, so long as mem- expropriated as a condition of ion, under the leadership of Doug- Horner and Harry Hopkins, nation- the content and significance of the bers of this organization openly las Anderson and cleared the al relief administrator, asking as-trial. We content ourselves with declare that the present Spanish only organization that approaches streets of cabs by militant strike surance of relief for the strikers expressing our consternation pre- Government is not the one that action. The offices of the union and protested by wire to Senator cisely in regard to the manner in can carry through the struggle were raided by the police last week, La Follette asking for an immedi- which the trial took place, a man- against Spanish Fascism." the strikers frisked for guns and ate investigation by the civil lib- ner in which the accuser shifts the weapons and the files ransacked erties committee of the sluggers entire burden of proof to the deweapons and the lines ransacked and strike-breakers who have been the workers of Spain, representatives of the socialist Party branch imprisonment to support this burden until their execution.

Precisely since we are completely

## Professor Calls

gas masks are being prepared by the million and special in structions are issued as to how to equip gas-proof rooms. Yet Professor Marrack of the London Hospital has condemned the entire campaign as a "bluff."

It is well known that children the aged, the asthmatics, and many others cannot wear a gas mask, the professor pointed out. In the case of London, it would be necessary to evacuate 1,250,000 people, for which hardly any plans are in existence. Even the "gas-proof" rooms described in the Air Raids Precautions Handbook offer little pro

government launched its huge armaments campaign, the propaganda for building gas-proof rooms and equipping populations with gas masks came as part of a well designed effort to terrorize the population into supporting the war preparations

## Farmer - Laborites We, the undersigned Norwegian Hold Convention;

charges of packing the convention with alien forces, the Minneapolis members of the Farmer-Labor endum vote on the acts of the is to them in their work of building Party held their city nominating convention at the Eagles' downtown delegates.

Delegates from the Minneapolis Sportsman's Club, the Macedonian People's Club, the Finnish Toilers in fact nearly all organizations ever heard of (or never heard of) with the exception of the Swiss Bell Ringers, were allowed representation by the Credentials Committee of the Convention, which, also, (with good reason) with being packed. Only one or ganization—the Progressive Litera ture Discussion Club, was denied representation-and this was be cause of the packed Credentials Committee, who only took care of

After hearing a long (and dull) peech by Chairman Dewey Johnson, Farmer-Labor Congressman for a Minneapolis district, the convention tried to get down to cases into the accusations, and the indictment is based on them as if it
were a matter of reciliary the sixth convention, that of naming the I.L.P. mayoralty candidate in the coming election, was not reached until late at night when all the delegates were exhausted. Therefore it was decided to hold a reconvened session of the convention wo weeks later, when the mayoralty candidate will be nominated.

The leading candidates at pres- party, answered that proposal by a ent are Mayor Latimer and A. H. unanimous refusal. Urtubees, president of the Central | At the national executive comabor Union of Minneapolis, the mittee meeting in New York in latter being backed by the Com- November, a communication was munist Party and all their stooge again received from them in which organizations. Neither candidate's they presumed to give direction to strength is sufficient to secure two- Socialists as to how they were to thirds of the delegates' votes which run the party. This communicaare required for nomination. It is tion was acknowledged and filed. quite possible that these two will Then the national executive com- do we seek outside advice or direceliminate each other, with the nom- mittee issued a statement to the ination going to some dark horse membership of the Socialist party party is competent to say who will as was the case in 1935 when Lati- last month. mer got the nomination instead of Now again the Communist party the then leading contenders, An- presents a communication, not pre-

convention which is very good, es- and public distribution pamphlet pecially as a vote-catcher, since the entitled, "An Appeal to Socialcity administration will not have ists." the power to perform many of the Again it presumes to give direcpromises, as for example, lower tion to the Socialist party as to is also included, and also that per appeal is characterized by an in-ly implies that if the American ennial subject, which like the sincerity and hypocricy of tremend- Communist party cannot dictate to weather, everyone talks about but ous proportion. does nothing, the South Minne-

## Gas Mask Bluff

LONDON.-In many countries

At the same time the British

# Will Meet Again

Amid charges and counter-

'their own people."

drew Cooper, now Latimer's Secre- sented this time to the official Sotary, and Fred Ossanna.

## Woodworkers Close Mills; 84,000 Vote

The explanation is a simple one.

The Action Army

By FRANK STERN

Why hasn't Labor Action appeared for the past three

The printer demands money for his services. So does the postoffice, the engraver, the stationer and numerous oth-

SEATTLE .- Sawmills in the Puget Sound area closed down and strike action threatened to spread to other points, as a referendum involving 84,000 lumber workers in fices and efforts of a few comrades the Pacific Northwest began last week. No industry-wide strike has been called and negotiations with operators are proceeding on a number of fronts.

The wage demand calls for a flat 10 cents an hour increase, one of and raised fifty dollars. Comrade the basic demands set down by a Schwind of Berkeiey gave a conconference of lumber workers held tribution of \$25.00 and promised recently in Longview, Wash. Other more. demands considered basic by the Federation of Woodworkers are union hiring halls, the 6-hour day and \$40 and the other \$25.00. the 30-hour week.

Over 800 delegates representing subscribers. All that is asked from timber and sawmill workers each of them is that they send us throughout the Northwest and Pa- fifty cents for the two enclosed cific Coast states met at the Long- prepaid subscription cards. If view conference. Plans for the for- enough subscribers reply it will mation of a National Federation of give us an opportunity to lay a Woodworkers were discussed and solid financial foundation

organizational steps devised. A constitution, providing for district council autonomy and refer- us how indispensable Labor Action Federation, was formulated by the

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## **Attack Disrupters**

By ROY E. BURT

ate friction and produce confusion Last May the American Comamong Socialists. If there is needmunist party presented a proposal ed any evidence to show the into the regular convention of the sincerity of the whole affair it is Socialist party. This convention, found in the fact that all this is done in the name of unity. the highest body of the Socialist

cialist party, but addressed to the A platform was adopted at the membership through a wide spread

street car fares. An increase in how we are to conduct our own reverts to the old discredited therelief allotments of 33 1-3 per cent affairs. The presumption of this

While using words and phrases gram is to be, then the Socialist apolis-Milwaukee railroad tracks that pretend concern for the future party is to be classed as a force of the Socialist party it deliber- of reaction.

"We believe that in order to pre-

winning the present conflict. The

our views on the above matters is

"Nevertheless, we believe in the

Leninist United Front, which per-

mits organizations of the working

class who differ in matters of

C. P. Refuses United Front

This appeal seeks to inject into the party a false issue apparently with the hope that the energies of the party will be diverted to a discussion of false issues which may lead to dissension and splits. Let it be made clear that the So-

ately seeks to spread discord, cre-

cialist party is competent to pass judgment on who shall or shall not be members. We do not need nor tion on this issue. The Socialist emain members. It has never been the practice of the Socialist party to conduct purges or heresy unts. And that which the Socialist party has never found necessary to do from its own experience it will not undertake now at the insistence of forces outside the So cialist party.

This appeal is utterly unworthy of any working class movement. It ory of social fascism and definitethe Socialist party what its pro-

Members of the Socialist party refuse to be confused by this pretense of an interest in unity. We seek a unity of all workers in the common struggle against capital-LYNN, Mass. - Approached by ernment of Spain headed by Largo ism. We will not be diverted from ceeding or following months did the Socialist Party branch here to Caballero cannot carry to a suc- that attack. Unity is not achieved

ROY E. BURT. Executive Secretary Socialist Party, U.S.A.

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Nevertheless the union is premanding storage and gas to be mands are won.

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Affirming their solidarity with answered the Stalinist organizer with a signed statement: "We believe that the present gov

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the P.O.U.M.

strategy and tactics to criticise other organizations within the united front and proclaiming published front and proclaiming p cannot successfully lead the work-"We are 'Friends of the Debs

"Long live the World Revolution! "(Signed) JOSEPH STEELE,

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#### Off the Fence

The toppling of the Executive Committee of the California State Federation of Labor from their uncomfortable straddling of the barbed fence of neutrality into the camp of Wm. Green and his gang of union splitters did not come without reason.

Vandeleur expressed the reason with that great insight which has long characterized his ability to hold down a labor faker's job: "We felt we must take a positoin and our position is to support the American Federation of Labor.'

What herculean blows it took to make Vandeleur and his ilk feel that they should take a position were not mentioned. Doubtless there was much suffering in deciding on which side the bread was buttered.

As to the repercussions which this definite alignment with the A. F. of L. bureaucracy will have upon the workers of California, only the workers themselves can decide.

The great flood of applications into CIO affiliated unions indicates that the final reply will not prove reassuring to those who support splitters in the labor move-

#### War On The "Sitdown"

The barrage of propaganda fiercely directed against the "sitdown" as a strike tactic reminds one of the catalog bombardment annually launched by mail order houses against the farmer's pocket book.

The elegant pictures of clean-cut Americans wearing mail order underwear are exceeded in artistic craftsmanship by only those feverish cartoons slick magazines are now lambasting against the sitdown.

Every edition of the press carries smoking articles against the "lawlessness and violence" of sitdown strikes (without once mentioning that in every instance violence has been initiated by police, deputy sheriffs, and thugs.) All this moldy hash against strikes in general that has been served since the dawn of capitalism is now heaped in one great plate against the sitdown in particular.

Once it was a crime to picket outside a plant, for this destroyed the "freedom of competition." And for this crime, police, thugs, and deputy sheriffs fired their volleys indiscriminately into picket lines. The armed guards of capitalism justified this bloody procedure because they were preserving "law and order."

Now the worm eaten laws against "trespass," have been disinterred, wrapped in fresh linen, given the dignified crown of "law and order" and placed on a pedestal beside the statue of Liberty. Because the sitdown strike has proved highly effective against employers who have spent untold sums for efficient methods of fighting conventional methods of striking, the sitdown has been suddenly discovered to be a menace to liberty, to the constitution, to law, to the unions themselves, and to the entire future of the labor movement! It is strange that the furious polemics launched against the sitdown strike completely overlook its disadvantage to the employers!

As for outlawing the sitdown strike, all the restrictions which the Supreme Court itself might conceive, with six additional lawyers nimble of brain and seeped in cap- | Forward!

italist legality, would prove less than cobwebs in a tunnel before the onrushing locomotive of union organization.

Effective strike tactics can not more be eliminated by decree than can the approaching destruction of the entire capitalist system.

### **Grooming a Candidate**

Bill Green's cautious refusal to advise a steel company's private union in the tactics and strategy of combatting industrial unionism may indicate that he has a long eye on a Supreme Court post when that body is enlarged.

Bill's checkered career could end no more fittingly than on the bench of the Supreme Court. This master craftsman started his life work in the darkness of the drifts and stopes of a coal mine, skillfully maneuvered into the best paying job of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, and climaxed his artistic accomplishments with a public announcement from the Musician's Union that he is a wizard on the piano. Coal miner, labor politician, musical genius—where could President Roosevelt find better material with which to liberalize the Supreme Court?

Bill Green on the highest bench in the land would act as a liberalizing leaven among the proposed 14 corporation lawyers whose brows have been branded with the dollar sign of big business. Bill's sellout record as a strike leader should make it easy for him to fraternize with the other judges on the job. As an agitator for liberalism it should not take him long to organize them into a new craft — perhaps Watchdogs of Property and Privilege, and affiliate them to the Defenders of Democracy Department in the A. F. of L.

From such a strategic post, Bill Green might even organize the Senate and House of Representatives on a craft basis by boring from within, affiliate them to the Lobby Department of the A. F. of L. and so counteract the growing prestige of the industrial unions with a victory for the craft form that would create sensational headlines. "Senate, House, and Supreme Court choose A. F. of L. as collective bargaining agency."

Bill should look handsome in mortar and

### **Cheap Insurance**

The torrent of applications for membership now pouring into the unions affiliated with the C.I.O. is but the first and immediate repercussion of basic industry's for- have been involved in strikes and mal recognition that labor organizations other forms of organized protest

That the great impetus given the indus- piled by the Labor Research Astrial type of unionism through its first suc- sociation. The protests have taken cesses will more sharply define the cleav- the form of strikes (sit-downs and age between the workers and the owners picket lines, demonstrations, is inevitable. Every class-conscious worker marches, parades, organized peti cannot do less than strive unceasingly to tions, mass meetings, as well as assist this process and to carry the union delegations to and conferences with drive beyond the meager goal set by the various government officials.

Most impressive is the cold calculation reports, shows that between Noof the owners of basic industry to buy for a miserable pittance insurance against labor troubles in the opening period of war prosperity. Quite obviously they hope to protests covered a wide list, in ling has been caused by this W.P.A. safeguard bloated profits with union recog-

In autos, steel, rubber — profits have soared as much as 405 per cent above the A.F. of L. locals, project workers' ployees on arts projects, and the and wire rods. Export prices have 1935 level. Steel production is 10 per cent above the 1929 level, a shade under the professionals and white collar work- Wage cuts ranged from \$2 to \$100 wire nails \$8, and plain wire \$4 per highest tonnage attained at any time. In a strenuous effort to keep pace with demands for armaments, 85 steel companies in 1935 and 1936 expanded plant construc-

Yet all the wage increases gained by the C.I.O. will not raise the cost side of the ledger in basic industry by more than 11/2 per cent. This small increase can be wiped out by the slightest rise in living costs. Ed- Postal Telegraph established ward F. McGrady, assistant Secretary of Labor, in a recent press release stated that and demanded recognition of this increase in living costs is now largely

The battles have just begun. The crucial

## nition and a slight wage increase.

tion by \$506,000,000.

responsible for the present "labor unrest."

struggle against capitalism is ahead of us.

## PEARLS FROM THE PRESS

Van Zandt, Legion-air: "We vetpleasant surprise yesterday aftererans are ready to fight, if necesnoon. During their daily stroll they sary, to convince other nations encountered eight Sanitation De- eral hundred thousand workers are that our demands for peace must partment inspectors busily directbe respected."

This pearl drops from the lips of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler: "Religious faith is once more re- be no change in our policy of strict turning as the ruling basis of life." adherence to the principle of non--That's the best explanation yet menace and non-aggression." -

Alfred Sloan, the Workingman's Friend, says: "Our duty is plain. Berlin Medical Society outlines a ers said, We have a responsibility ther decrees from Der Fuehrer. ' a bank."

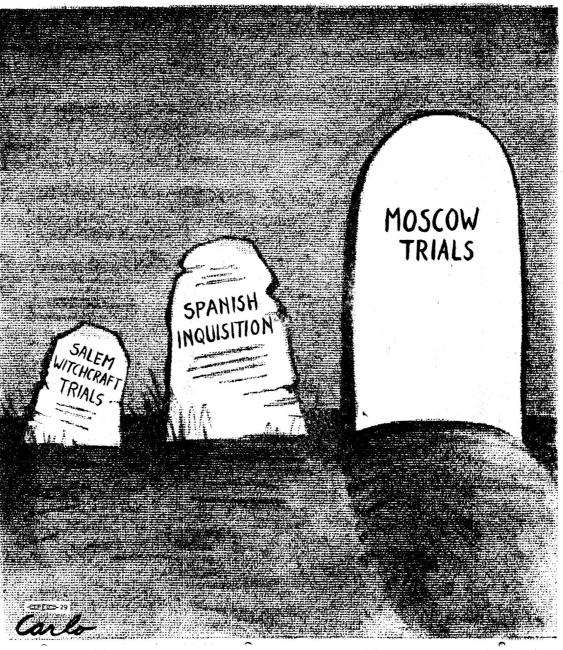
income. We must use enough and so there are only 10,000,000 force to gouge a settlement out of

Professor Helmut Dennig of the We have a responsibility to our new method for increasing army efemployes. Our duty to them is to ficiency through including a high them from further loss of income in the diet.—The Nazi's now have ion has no more right to take pos-

unemployed. We are a great force for PEACE, so the military budget Society Note: "Park Avenue's next year will be only \$1,000,000,-The road to peace, by James E. pedigreed pooches received a 000. Now that industrial democstriking for union recognitionagainst the "economic royalists" who took the ten-count last November. We will never have an other 1929, and when it comes it'll be a wow. Hearst and Reaction have been kept out of the White House, so it is now illegal to ship for the wars in China, Ethiopia, That's from Premier Hayashi of supplies to the Spanish anti-fascists. Farm income is almost back Under Water to normal, and with the help of federal relief the rural population almost get enough to eat.

professional diver, at Port Arthur, Ontario. He refused to come out of the waters of Lake Su-Comparison by Governor Hoffperior until the city department do everything possible to save proportion of bicarbonate of soda man of New Jersey: "A labor unagreed to pay him higher wages. and from being thrown on relief." a sandwich spread which should re-session of a factory than a band of lence against the one man sitter -Supposing the United Auto Work- place anti-nazi butter without fur- gangsters has to take possession of was attempted.

## " - - But They Confessed" - - By Carlo



### **WPA Slashes** Bring Nation- For Children Wide Strikes

Tens of Thousands Joining In Mass Protests **Against Cuts** 

Tens of thousands of workers and farmers throughout the country against curtailment of W.P.A. projects, according to statistics com-An incomplete tabulation by

vember 15, 1936, and January 15, this year, there were over 200 such actions in 31 states.

Organizations involved in these cluding state and local branches of curtailment and insufficiency. the Workers' Alliance, farmers'

Completely paralyzing Toledo

telegraph service, messenger boys

exploited by Western Union and

picket posts throughout the city

their union, a week's vacation

with pay after a year's service,

seniority rights, 40 cents an hour,

the 40-hour week, and time-and-

Western Union immediately

granted a 25 per cent wage in-

crease and the messenger boys

returned to work when the com-

pany agreed to arbitrate on the

Postal Telegraph boys remain-

Employes of the Conklin Pen

Company at Toledo won a two-

week sitdown strike when the

owners granted them a 40-hour

week, time-and-a-half for over-

time, seniority, union recogni-

tion, and 5c and 6c hourly in-

The pen workers were organ-

ized by the United Automobile

Workers at the American

Trouser Company, at Pittsburgh,

won a 15 per cent wage increase

when their strike was settled by

The first sitdown strike under

No attempt to use police vio-

water was won by Tony Dimo,

the United Garment Workers.

Workers of America.

Trouser Makers

Messenger Boys

a-half for overtime.

rest of the demands.

ed on strike.

Pen Workers

# || 'Falcon Call'

Spring issue of the FALCON

CALL, Socialist children's magazine, has just come off the press. It contains interesting stories by Jack London, Fred Warren, Guy H. Lockwood, and a host of other well-known writers of working class children's literature. It is also chock-full of pictures, poems, puzzles, and other features of great interest to all

Individual copies may be secured in the national office of the RED FALCONS OF AMER-ICA, 721 Moxley Building, Chicago, Illinois, for 10c. Subscriptions are 50c per year.

These protests are clearly a refrom W.P.A., leaving only 2,162,-552 employed. Widespread suffer-

## **Steel Booms As Countries**

Preparations Drain Reserves

All "factors" excepting the unrest of labor point to greatly increased activity in the steel industry, according to the magazine Steel, just out on the newsstands. Mills are falling behind on their orders. some of them being twelve to fifteen weeks late. With many consumers delivery is far more important than price. "World shortage of iron and steel

These protests are clearly a result of the Roosevelt policy of seed steel from the continent, is pungent observations on labor that it intended to unionize Ford's lopping off 600,000 W.P.A. workers unable to obtain as much as she unions. R. A., based solely on newspaper by the end of June. Between De- needs. Her imports fell off 11,716 cember 5, 1936, and February 20, tons in January. British product hind the labor unions," he divines, alone, some 221,650 were dropped tion is sold to the middle of the In New York City orders came 45,000 tons placed several weeks holiday associations, central labor through on February 24 for dis- ago. Export inquiries include also unions, building trades councils, missal of 3,200 "non-relief" em- scrap, tin plate, reinforcing bars unions, and various associations of cutting of wages of 16,660 others, been advanced on barbed wire \$5,

## Place, Orders Profits Increase As War

Steel. "Great Britain, for some received in this country. Japan is reliably reported to have bought 35.000 tons of iron in addition to

## STRIKES IN BRIEF

Sandhoggers

Winning an increase of \$1.50 a day, bringing their wages to \$6.50, sandhoggers at Montreal, Canada, ended their strike against the Angus Robertson Co., Ltd. They are being employed on a government project.

Nine Months

A mass demonstration of strikers who have been picketing the Remington-Rand plant at Syracuse bore placards reading, "On Strike Nine Months."

This was the first mass picket line since a temporary injunction was granted to the company last July restricting pickets to four. Of the 1,500 in the plant at the time of the strike, 1,300 have stayed out, lowering production

far below the pre-strike level. Jamestown Worsted 650 woolen workers returned

to work at the National Worsted Mill. Jamestown, N. Y., when the company granted their demands for union recognition, collective bargaining, an average 25 per cent wage increase, six legal holidays yearly, and reduction of the speedup. Runaway Company

A leather goods concern which attempted to remove its factory from Bridgeport, Conn., faced strike action from the International Ladies Handbag, Pocket-

Workers at the Stylecraft, Beacon, and Cameo leather goods companies were called out by the union.

## FINANCIAL CRISIS

Some of the dollars that have about "Utopian illusions" and from out of its present financial crisis contemptuous coin into the hat. represent sacrifices that are hard

so that every possible cent might help toward its publication.

One contribution came from a worker who had been employed only three days in the last three Union men, pressed into debt by

the terrible drain of the shipowners' lockout, turned part of their first pay in months to Labor Ac-

ploodshed of competition in a glutted labor market, are giving quarerations might have wasted at the Action might appear.

Strikers hounded by police on the than that it appreciates in the picket line, beaten by thugs, thrown deepest sense these sacrifices. into jails and hospitals, are sending their small donations to help soon have a strong enough finanthe paper which is helping them. It is easy enough for someone drawing a high salary to forego those who in the not distant fua few picture shows so that he can ture will rise and utterly destroy contribute. It is easy enough for the economic system which has so the cynical bystander to prattle bitterly exploited them.

peen coming to help Labor Action the tombstone of his spirit flip a But the real sacrifices come from

to look upon without deep emo- those to whom the class struggle is more than a worn out sentence Comrades have moved into cold in a book. The real sacrifices come and barren rooms and gone hungry from those to whom Socialism is more than a ragged banner of dusty dreams. The real sacrifices are made by those who see in the truths of Socialism the truths of cool reason and implacable reality. Poverty-stricken comrades have given with a generosity that should slap stingingly the faces of those who may have lost faith in the working class.

Workers unendurably driven by the boss, workers facing eviction Youths, facing the violence and from their homes—these have been the ones to close their eyes to empty kitchen shelves. They have ters and dimes which earlier gen- given their utmost so that Labor

Labor Action can say no more

Labor Action hopes that it will cial base to justify with regular weekly appearance the faith of

## FROM PUP TO WOLF

## "Mystery Man" Reaps Millions

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The sordid chapters of the manipulations through which a small manufacturer maneuvered to leadership among the wolf pack engaged in high finance were recounted last

here as the Securities and Ex- Through the holding companies change Commission resumed its inquiry of investment trusts. Starting as an Elyria, Ohio, man- ing to his pocket the original inafacturer of "bicycles, velocipedes, vestment of \$2,000,000. When the

and all kinds of rubber goods," Har- crash of 1929 occurred, Williams rison Williams with a \$2,000,000 in- pulled out with his pocket book vestment sucked \$612,000,000 with-comfortably enfolding \$40,000,000. in four years from the public utilities industry for corporations he cording to the SEC investigators,

of communication with his office, During the process Williams gainspending most of his time idling in ed notoriety as the "Mystery Man foreign countries. The manipula of Wall Street. He is the husband tions of stock were carried on by of Mrs. Harrison Williams, credited

ed in various public utilities and world."

week before a government agency holding companies were pyramided. Williams was able to influence payment of dividends, quickly return-The earnings of Williams, ac-

were based on market manipula-In July of 1924, Williams made tion rather than earnings of utilihis first outlay and during the sub- ties and the public was led to buy sequent time was completely out stocks at grossly inflated prices. by Parisian dressmakers as being Controlling shares were purchas- the "best dressed woman in the

## HENRY FORD SPEAKS

## Wisdom From Detroit's Sage

Henry Ford, the sage of Detroit, | Henry Ford's sudden interest in having once announced that "his- labor unions might seem as great is becoming more apparent," says tory is bunk" and that to him a mystery as history and money "money is the greatest mystery of if it were not for the United Auto-

"International financiers are be-

"A man loses his independence when he joins a labor group of openly and we have made very any kind, and he suffers as a re-

"Competition in industry will guarantee workers a fair wage, but his vicious speed-up system, his labor unions destroy this competi- low wages in all plants except the

that lead up to war."

plants.

"Ford employes are coming into the union so fast that we can't "because they want to control in | take care of them," states Homer year. An inquiry for 50,000 tons dustry and kill competition. They Martin, president of the Auto of pig iron for England has been are the cause of all these strikes. Workers' Union. "Our people in Ford factories are wearing buttons

> "We certainly expect Ford to bargain collectively with us." Ford has long been notorious for

ones he publicizes, and his organ-"It is organizations of this type | ized campaigns against any form of unionism.

## Meat Kings Report Profits; Slip South Of Union Control

Although the consumption of meat has decreased 7 per cent for 1936 over the average of the five year depression period preceding 1935, profits for meat packers have soared with the general recovery moded machinery are at the same of corporate income.

Swift in 1936 earned \$2.05 a share for nearly 6,000,000 shares. and the increasing belligerence of Armour during the same period earned 74 cents a share for more south. Swift is now building a than 4,000,000 shares. Wilson, Cud- plant at Lake Charles, La. Cudahy ahy, and Morrell reflect the same is building one at Albany, Ga., and revival in profits.

time insuring against labor troubles Middle West meat raisers by constructing factories in the deep plans to import herds of livestock Meat barons now replacing out- into the region.

## Unrest Due To Rising Cost Of Rent, Food, and Clothing

WASHINGTON D. C .- "An increase in the cost of what the workers eat and wear as well as an increase in rents is responsible in a large measure for the present unrest, in addition to the demand for

recognition of unions," according on the increase stimulates workto Edward F. McGrady, assistant ers to ask for more wages and better working conditions." secretary of Labor.

He warned that "Elaborate spy systems, gas, or guns should have no place in modern society," holding that dissatisfaction over starvation conditions could be allayed in more "constructive and intelli-

McGrady held that there is nothpression. "When business starts and Radio Workers. on the upswing once more labor book, and Novelty Workers Union.

SIT-DOWN WINS WAGE INCREASE

STAMFORD, Conn.-A four-hour sit-down won reinstatement of 20 ing abnormal in the present strike men and recognition of the week wave which is following the de- old local of the United Electrical

Officials of the United Wire and naturally looks for a restoration Die Co. hastily agreed to grant of wage cuts and even where wage seniority rights and to negotiate reductions did not take place or wages and hours when workers in were not very important, the fact the plant sat down in protest of that the earnings of industry are the discharge of 20 union men.

## By CARL O'SHEA

New York headline: "HOG1to Mr. Sloan. Our duty at present | The Present State of the Nation: CALLER PERFORMS FOR ELITE is to save him from further loss of Prosperity has at last come back, OF GOTHAM."—No doubt such an audience COULD inspire a hog- him immediately.

ing dog owners to a 'canine rest room' in the form of a small tree.'

God's in His Heaven: "There will Japan.

### Fullfashioned Hosiery

Sitdown strikes in 17 mills in the Berks County, Penn., district affected more than 5,000 fullfashioned hosiery workers in this second largest market in the industry at the end of the first week of the drive for union agreements.

Strikers at the Berksire Mills in Reading were still out in addition to the other unionists.

W.P.A. Strikers

The nation's biggest W.P.A. strike ended at Seattle when projects were reopened and strik ers were unconditionally reinstated. They won all their basic

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HISTORY OF THE THREE NTERNATIONALS. Instructor, B. Mayes

based on authentic documents, will be studied and discussed in the light of economic develop ments during different periods. Sufficient time will be spent on the First and Second Interna tionals, with main emphasis be ing placed on the proceedings of the Seven Congresses of the Third International.

All those interested in a se

### Cement Finishers

Houston's union cement finishers obtained wage increases of 25 cents an hour over the old scale. The old rate was \$1 for finishers and 0.121/2 for foremen.

demands.

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ond and Third Internationals,

rious study of the Internationals may register for the class in the next two weeks. The class which meets every Thursday from 8-10 p.m. at 236 Van Ness Ave. is