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CIO Suspended By AFL With 10 Unions Absent At Tampa Convention

The convention of the AFL has voted to suspend the CIO unions by a vote of 21,679 to 2,043. This completes the present strategy of the craftists in the AFL, which the CALL predicted last week would be an "attempt to carry through a virtual expulsion without directly incurring the responsibility for it, by having the convention endorse the suspension decree of the Executive Council."

The large majority in favor of the Council report was due to the absence of the CIO unions from the convention, and also probably the feeling of some

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unions that the report was a compromise between outright expulsion and outright reinstatement of the industrial union bloc.

The International Unions which voted against the report were the Bakery Workers, Brewery Workers, Brick and Clay Workers, Elevator Constructors, Hatters, American Newspaper Guild, Paper Makers, Sleeping Car Porters, Pulp and Sulphite Workers, Roofers and Teachers.

Surprise

The big surprise of the day was the vote of Major Berry of the Printing Pressmen who voted for the report. It is believed that Berry's political commitments are responsible for his attempt to keep friends in all camps.

In their fight for control of the convention in the days, leading up to the final vote, the Executive Council struck two open blows below the belt, in direct violation of all trade union ethics.

In the midst of one of the most courageous strikes ever fought by the men who cover America's waterfronts, the Executive Council of the Federation took its stand against the valiant seamen. The strike was outlawed and deprived of the support of organized labor.

The second foul blow, more brutal than effective, was the decree to boycott the union label of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union. Should the members of the American Federation of Labor abide by this decision they must wear seab clothing or go about in an embarrassing state of undress.

Paid For Label

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union was paying the

United Garment Workers' Union a sum in the neighborhood of \$50,000. per annum for the use of the label. When the present break between the Amalgamated, a CIO affiliate, and the Executive Council took place, the clothing workers' union stopped its gratuitous payment to the label-peddling United Garment Workers' Union. This was the basis



CHARLES P. HOWARD

Printers' head and CIO member threatened an exodus of large unions from the AFL should it go through with plans infringing the rights of affiliated national and international unions.

for the AFL outlawry of the men's clothing label.

Charles P. Howard, representing the printers' union and himself a CIO member, struck back at the council. He charged that the usurpation by the council of the autonomy of the national and international unions affiliated with it was making adherence to the AFL intolerable. The proposal for negotiations, as issued by the council to the CIO unions, Howard declared, was just a spider's trap.

Howard's charge of super-centralization in the federation may be a reason or excuse for the printers and other unions to throw in their lot with the industrial union bloc.

Observers are of the opinion that the present moves of the Executive Council are just maneuvers for position. Should the CIO not fall into line it is anticipated that the Executive Council will take rather a long detour at some special convention in the near future.

Rose Stein to Write on 'Men of Steel' for Call

Rose Stein, popular author of "M-Day," will begin a stirring series of articles in the CALL on the life and struggles of America's steel workers.

The first article will appear in next week's CALL. Miss Stein has entitled her first installment, "Heritage." It is the tale of the steel workers' long heritage of defeat and inaction, which the men of steel now rise to change.

Do not miss the first chapter in "MEN OF STEEL." Subscribe to the CALL that you may have the full story.

Party Setup Tightened at NEC Confab

Resolutions Back Spanish Workers, the CIO, and Striking Seamen

NEW YORK—The Socialist Party will meet in a special national convention in Chicago, March 26, to determine its orientation to recent developments in the American scene and to unify the Party structure to allow for a greater flexibility and efficiency in Socialist action.

This decision was reached by the national executive committee of the Party after a 3-day session in New York which was attended by Socialist Party members and organizers from many parts of the country. The convention call was agreed to unanimously.

Other developments of the session were:

The election of Roy Burt, popular national organizer of the Party, to succeed Clarence Senior as national executive secretary;

The definite alignment of the Socialist Party with the CIO forces in the labor movement;

A decision to carry on an intensive campaign against the Roosevelt Social Security Act and for a drastic revision of the act to provide for some measure of adequate health, old-age and unemployment benefits;

A firm declaration of solidarity with the working-class forces of Spain and an attack upon the United States official attitude of "neutrality";

An attack on the Roosevelt administration for its announced plans to cut WPA rolls, and

Plans to mobilize public sentiment for a revision of unimpressive ballot legislation which has discriminated against minority public opinion.

Burt Appointed

Illness had caused the resignation of Clarence Senior as national executive secretary.

Democratic States Help Fascist Bloc

By GUS TYLER

Within six months, Hitler Germany has turned the tables of Europe. From an "encircled" nation Germany has become an "encircling" nation.

While the aim of the Soviet Union was to surround Germany with a new cordon sanitaire by a series of "collective security" pacts, Hitler Germany has so maneuvered as to throw a ring



SIR ANTHONY EDEN

Britain's Foreign Secretary, angered by Parliamentary heckling, spouted a white-wash for Germany and Italy and fired a shaft at the Soviet Union in discussing "non-intervention" in Spain.

about the Soviet Union, breaking the workers' state from its allies and threatening its life by a concerted attack from East and West.

ENGLAND BUILT UP GERMANY

Great Britain has taken the lead, among the democratic nations, in strengthening the hand of Hitler over Europe. In this, England was motivated by a desire to build Germany as a counter-force to France, so that England might hold the balance of power. An additional motive was to pry Germany away from Italy so that an Italo-British conflict would not automatically throw Germany against Britain.

Great Britain answered the Franco-Soviet Pact with a number of military agreements with Hitler. Great Britain shielded Germany against the wrath of France when Hitler time after time violated the Treaty of Versailles. "Democratic" England is

Japan, Italy Join Hitler War Moves

As Europe rushes toward a new World War, the Soviet Union finds itself the point of concentrated attack by the capitalist powers of two continents.

SPAIN

Italy and Germany have taken advantage of Franco's attack upon Madrid to rush recognition to him. The two Fascist powers have bluntly stated that they will now go to any length to crush the Spanish workers.

FAR EAST

Japan has begun the Eastern thrust against the Soviet Union by its now open attack upon Inner Mongolia. Its arrogance and fighting position have been strengthened by a military agreement with Nazi Germany.

ITALY

Meeting through the night of November 18-19, the Fascist grand council voted "more guns, more airplanes, more warships, and more men." As Italy rolled up its sleeves for the fight, it moved a chip on to its shoulder by threatening the Soviet Union with war should it move to aid the Spanish "Loyalist" forces.

GERMANY

Germany's plans for a Mittel Europa moved forward in conversations with the Austrian government. The old Franco-Italian domination of Austria, since the assassination of Dollfuss, has given way to an Italo-German domination of the Viennese nation. This new set-up symbolizes the elimination of the traditional quarrel between Germany and Italy, for the moment.

ENGLAND

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, showed that his sympathies were with Italy and Germany when it became a matter of siding with the Fascist powers or with the Soviet Union. In a parliament statement he declared: "As far as breaches (of neutrality) are concerned, I wish to say categorically that I think there are other governments more to blame than either Germany or Italy."

FRANCE

Despite demands from militant Spanish workers, Blum has been unable to act, because of pressure from Great Britain and the Radical Socialist Party (a capitalist party). The Radical Socialists threaten to break the People's Front should aid be rendered.

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Convention Call

The following resolution was passed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its recent session in New York City:

The Socialist Party has successfully carried on a campaign under the most trying conditions. In spite of the confusion and hysteria, the Party remained true to its principles. We have developed a more experienced and disciplined membership out of the testing fire of that campaign. Under the stress of the struggle the party has been purged of weaker and inactive groups. It is now in a favorable position to carry on an aggressive campaign for Socialism.

In the past four years, in spite of all set-backs, the party has made consistent progress. There are, however, important problems on which more definite organizational policy must be formulated. Resolutions were adopted at the last convention which could not be applied. Since that time there has been an election, and increased demand for a farmer-labor party and for effective Socialist action in all mass organizations.

Therefore, in order to consider the application of Socialist principles and program to the present time and to formulate plans for meeting conditions that will confront the party in the coming years, the NEC calls a special convention in Chicago for the last week-end in March, 1937, to act on only the following matters:

1. Work with other organizations.
 - A. The activities and tactics of the SP with respect to labor unions, cooperatives, and other economic organizations.
 - B. The relationship of the SP to Labor Parties.
 - C. The relationship of the SP to other organizations.
2. Reorganization of Party machinery to carry out new emphasis.
 - A. Creation of a Party Press, defining the relationship between the Party and the Socialist Call and the American Socialist Monthly.
 - B. Finances.
 - C. Revision of the constitution to make the Party more unified and efficient in its activities and fitted to new functions.
 - D. Consideration of machinery for making the Socialist anti-war, anti-fascist position more effective.

Bendix Stay-In Strike First Of Kind In U. S.



The stay-in strike seems to be coming to stay in America. The self-imprisoned Bendix auto workers of South Bend, Ind., are among the pioneer holders of struck factories.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Workers at the sprawling plant of the Bendix Products Corporation, makers of automotive and aeroplane accessories, emulated their French fellow-workers by staging a spectacular stay-in strike last week.

When works manager J. P. Mahoney announced over the communication system of the plant that the plant was closing and that all employees must take their tools and get out, some fifteen hundred men and women, the majority of them members of the fast-growing United Automobile Workers Union, decided to stick it out, right there in the plant, "until Hell freezes over."

And stick they did, sleeping in overcoats, sweaters and blankets brought by sympathizers, listening to accordion players, songsters and rank and file entertainers, shouting their determination to wipe out the Bendix company union.

In a downtown hotel, Homer

Martin, President of the auto union, backed by Adolph Germer and Leo Kryzcki, Committee for Industrial Organization representatives, put it up to the Bendix management to stop the favoritism shown company unionists, to allow free organization of the 4,300 Bendix workers. The company has fought such organization in the courts. A decision of the U. S. District Court on the taking of a canvass of the accessory employees to determine the status of the company union is due on December 10th.

Paul Vincent Bendix, Lake Shore Drive millionaire of Chicago, head of the plant, has been inquiring anxiously among his friends as to the chances for a "social revolution" in this country

NEC Confab Maps Course For Party In Period Ahead

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executive secretary of the Party since 1929. The resignation was accepted with regret and Burt chosen to succeed Senior. The new secretary is well-known to Socialists throughout the nation because of his frequent tours for the Party.

In a resolution prepared by the Party labor committee and accepted by the national committee, the CIO was commended for its organizing campaign. The AFL,



ROY BURT

New National Secretary of the Socialist Party of the U. S. A., to take the place of Clarence Senior, who resigned because of illness.

the resolution declared, "has not only failed to make serious efforts to organize the basic industries, but has even gone out of its way to block efforts and illegally attacked those unions which were trying to do the job." Responsibility for the split in the organized labor movement was squarely laid on the shoulders of the AFL.

A comprehensive program for drastic revision of the Roosevelt Social Security Act was outlined by the committee after it had heard the act attacked by Abraham Epstein of the American Association for Social Security as "inadequate and harmful." The resolution called for an entirely new unemployment insurance act, declaring that the present act could not be made workable by any amendments.

Solidarity

The resolution of solidarity with the Spanish working class repudiated "the conception of neutrality, whether adapted by capitalist or working-class governments, which denies support to a legitimate, democratically elected regime of the masses." It called for an extensive campaign to arouse public opinion to stop possible U. S. recognition of the bloody Franco "government" and urged transport workers to declare as "hot cargo" any goods shipped to the Fascists in Spain.

The sessions were attended by a full committee. Roy Burt and Ralph Bigony of Reading, Pa., were elected to the committee to fill two vacancies.

Bendix makes carburetors and brakes for most of the big auto companies. The South Bend situation is symptomatic of the general unrest among the automobile workers, who are looking to the CIO for practical aid in their organization. Sit-down strikes at the works of the General Motors at Atlanta and hastily granted wage raises in auto works in Detroit are repercussions of the CIO drive now getting under full steam wherever cars or their parts are made.

Joseph W. Jacobs, Socialist and labor attorney of Chicago and an attorney for the Workers' Defense League, is one of the men negotiating for the union

Resolution On CIO

The following resolution was passed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its recent session in New York City:

1. The Socialist Party of America has always stood for industrial unionism. This is not simply because industrial unionism is the logical and effective method for workers to use in organizing, but because industrial unionism will inevitably promote a higher degree of class consciousness both on the Industrial and Political field.

In industrial unions, no distinctions are made on the basis of craft, occupation, race or sex, and workers present a solid, united front to the exploitation and aggression of employers. Such a mass organization must inevitably concern itself with social action outside the immediate trade union field, and eventually move toward socialization of industry as the solution for the working class.

Illegal Attacks

2. In our opinion and in that of the progressive and enlightened leaders of labor, the AFL has been steadily drifting away from the position which it should occupy in American life. It has not only failed to make serious efforts to organize the basic industries, but has even gone out of its way to block the efforts and illegally attacked those unions which were trying to do the job.

The present convention at Tampa bears eloquent witness to the final deterioration of the AFL as the official association of American unions. The Convention has aligned itself with the vicious strikebreaking tactics of the International Officers of the International Seamen's Union and struck a foul blow at the thousands of American Seamen who are making a desperate fight for decent and safe conditions at sea. It has refused to hear the official spokesmen in this country of the Spanish workers who are laying down their lives in defense of the very existence of the labor

movement and the same democratic ideals which the AFL professes to stand for. It has officially boycotted the largest union in the men's clothing industry in this country, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, endorsing instead the insignificant organization which is represented solely in the overall industry and everywhere has maintained its existence by highly questionable methods, namely the United Garment Workers. The Convention has also threatened to similarly boycott the great International Typographical Union and the Millinery Workers, which are the only unions in their industries, for its supposed crime of promoting the organization of the unorganized in America.

3. On the other hand, the Socialist Party commends the efforts of the Committee for Industrial Organization to organize the workers of the basic industries on industrial union lines and to bring the great mass of unorganized workers into the labor movement.

Supports CIO

It now appears that this effort may result in a split in the American Federation of Labor and the progressive and industrial type unions are being driven out of the Federation. Unless the suspension of the CIO Unions rescinded at this convention and the AFL comes out for organization of the unorganized on an industrial basis, the American Federation of Labor will dispel any question that there can be harmony or unity between the two groups. Therefore the Socialist Party pledges its support to the CIO.

4. The Socialist Party does not condemn those international unions not yet affiliated with the CIO, but it does urge that they will align themselves with the forces of progress represented by the CIO

Roosevelt Relief Cut Hit By NEC

The following resolution was passed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its recent session in New York City:

The announced plans of the Roosevelt Administration to cut further the WPA rolls gives credence to the contention made by the Socialist Party during the past election campaign that one of the first acts of a re-elected Roosevelt would be to dismiss thousands of workers employed on relief projects.

One day after election, the Roosevelt administration, which was elected on a "liberal program," dismissed thousands of workers from the relief projects and announced its intention to get rid of many more.

A reading of the recent public statements of Harry Hopkins, Jim Farley, et al, makes it obvious that the orientation of the administration is toward the complete liquidation of an already wholly inadequate relief program. The Socialist Party calls upon the unemployed and relief workers of the nation to give their support to the Workers Alliance of America in its fight for continuation and expansion of WPA. It pledges itself to do everything in its power to support the Alliance in the drive for this program and also for an upward revision of the present low wage levels on WPA.

By the submission of HARRY

Hopkins there will be a permanent group of many millions unemployed in the nation, most of whom will not be affected by the so-called Social Security program. Nevertheless the administration makes no proposals to care for them. The evident intention is to turn them back to localities which in the past have demonstrated their inability to provide for them. The State of New Jersey is a case in point.

The Socialist Party proposes to fight alongside of the trade union and the Workers Alliance for:

1. A constructive public work program to provide jobs at trade union wages for all the unemployed.
2. The demand that surpluses as are appropriated for this purpose shall not be used for "boondoggling," but for construction of hospitals, schools, low-cost housing projects, and other useful public work.
3. For a genuine Social Security Program.

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Workers Troops Fight Fascists To A Standstill

Socialist, Communist and Anarchist militiamen fought the Fascist armies to a standstill as the third week of the siege of Madrid drew to a close. The net result of the week's fighting was the loss to the Fascists of one or two buildings in University City, which was more than made up for by driving them back along the Toledo road.

Hitler and Mussolini's recognition of Franco's "government" produced its first fruits when German or Italian submarines attacked the anti-Fascist fleet, but were beaten off.

Notable among the reinforcements arriving in Madrid were additional battalions of revolutionary workers from abroad. The Fascist superiority in heavy artillery was speedily being overcome by new guns arriving. Heavy weather, grounding all planes, obscured the crucial question as to the present relation of forces in the air.

Dispatches False

Earlier capitalist press dispatches, indicating the liquidation of the Defense Council, in which the worker's organizations have a

majority, and the assumption of all control by the military officials, appear to have been premature, for the latest dispatches report the Defense Council as still functioning.

Azana, Companys and the other bourgeois ministers have been attempting to turn complete control of the armed forces over to the remnants of the military caste under the pretext of thereby achieving the necessary centralization and efficiency.

One of the problems for the government forces is to find skilled generals who are not untrustworthy. Some groups propose to imitate the Red Army formula of Trotsky; skilled technical men under rank and file control. The arrival of Julius Deutsch, Socialist veteran of the fighting in Austria, will place an experienced artillery officer at the disposal of the working class forces

Deutsch



Veteran Socialist who led the fighting of the Vienna workers against the Austrian Clerico-Fascists. He has now gone to Spain to join his comrades-in-arms once more.

Union Uses Novel Tactics When Worker Is Jailed

MINNEAPOLIS. — Novel defense tactics have been used by the Independent Union of All Workers in Austin in the fight to free Joe Voorhees, business agent for the union and prominent Socialist Party member, who has been sentenced to four months in jail for violating an injunction forbidding the bannering of a beauty shop. Just before election day the union began a sticker campaign to elect Voorhees to the office of district judge in place of the man who sentenced him. The two towns of Austin and Albert Lea alone rolled up almost 3,000 votes for Voorhees.

Voorhees is being defended by the Workers Defense League.

Many Socialist Votes Stolen, Reports Show

Numerous reports from various parts of the country are coming into the national headquarters of the Socialist party, telling about the failure of election officials to count votes cast for the Socialist candidates. Evidence is being collected and proper action will be taken, according to Clarence Senior, Executive Secretary of the Socialist party.

Other reports which are being investigated involve several men who were fired from various government agencies for voting the Socialist ticket.

Our votes have never been counted accurately," Senior said, "but this year it seems worse than ever."

Maritime Strike Gains; Socialist Support Pledged

Quadrupled insurance rates on freighters in the American coastal trade was the tribute paid by capitalist minded Lloyd's to the maritime strikers.

Despite the stab taken at the strike by the hardened officials of the International Seamen's Union who used the AFL convention to "outlaw" the action of the "insurgent strikers," the ship tie-up has continued to gain ground. The sighs of relief uttered by the shipowners after the AFL disinheritance of the striking seamen were quickly stifled with the announcement of two new strikes called by the Masters, Mates and Pilots Association and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

Although the striking officers insist that theirs is not a sympathy strike but merely a strike to win a new agreement to replace one which has expired, the ship owners will nevertheless find that their worries have increased.

As we go to press, the American Radio Telegraphists Association is reported to be polling its members to join the officers'

strike. Unofficial support has been given to seamen by radio telegraphists in a number of instances.

Strike Spreads

The strike has been spreading horizontally as well as vertically. The ports of Boston and Philadelphia are lining up behind their sister maritime cities. The "official" strike of the officers is carrying the ship conflict into coast towns hitherto unstruck.

The "official" strike of the officers should also bring many longshoremen into the strike. In some ports there are such indications. In the important Port of New York, however, the bureaucratic hold and narrow policy of Joseph P. Ryan over his longshoremen is an obstacle in the way of real aid.

The Socialist Party by its National Executive Committee, officially threw its support behind the seamen's strike. The resolution follows

Socialists Back Seamen; Organize Local Support

The following resolution was passed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its recent session in New York City:

The Socialist Party of the United States heartily endorses the strike action of marine workers and will direct its branches in all ports to give every aid and encouragement to the local strike committees. Moreover, the Socialist Party most strongly urges the forces of organized labor to aid in every possible manner their brothers now fighting on the marine front.

The problems of the seamen alone cannot be considered apart from those of workers in other departments of the maritime industry. The forces of reaction will seek to profit by division in the ranks of the workers; and to meet this, the formation as soon as possible of a National Maritime Federation, embracing all workers in the marine industries, must be pressed with all possible vigor.

— Must Back Strike

While on the Pacific Coast the strike of the Maritime Federation

has been endorsed by all branches of organized labor, on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts the difficulties of the striking members of the International Seamen's Union are increased by the strike-breaking tactics of reactionary union officials. The question of who actually represents the 30,000 seamen can only be settled by the seamen themselves, and though it is generally recognized that a majority of the workers are behind the present strike leadership, it is evident that only an impartial referendum of the membership can provide a decisive answer to this disputed point.

The unyielding attitude of the shipowners, who join in crushing the very men who run their ships and produce their wealth, and who collaborate with criminal elements at the expense of safety at sea, can only be met by the organized power of the marine workers. The role played by the Secretaries of Labor and Commerce and General Hugh Johnson in the 1934 strike, and more recently the passage of the vicious Copeland Pink Book Bill indicate clearly that little if any reliance is to be expected from governmental agencies responsible not to the workers but to the very elements which are fighting the workers. The deep-seated problems of the marine industry, analogous to those of other forms of transportation, will only find their ultimate solution in the social ownership and control by the workers of America of the shiplines.

To this end the Socialist Party dedicates itself; and in expressing its solidarity with the workers now on strike urges them to look forward to, and to work actively for, the day when private ownership of their ships will no longer stand in the way of decent living for seamen and the building of a merchant marine for the use and service of the workers of the world.

NEXT WEEK

Rose Stein is one of the foremost authorities in this country on steel organization. Don't miss her series of articles beginning in next week's CALL.

S. P. Attacks 'Neutrality'; Fascist Goods 'Hot Cargo'

The following resolution was passed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its recent session in New York City:

To the workers and peasants of Spain, locked in a desperate struggle with Fascist reaction, the Socialist Party of the United States sends fraternal greetings and renewed assurance of support and solidarity. The struggle of the anti-fascist working class of Spain is the struggle of the workers everywhere.

We repudiate the conception of neutrality, whether adopted by capitalist or working class governments, which denies support to a legitimate democratically elected regime of the masses, and places on a par with a ruthless band of destructive adventurers, fighting to restore feudal institutions by bayonets and bomb, at the instigation and with the aid of Fascist despotisms in Italy, Germany and Portugal, and with the connivance of the British ruling class.

We cannot blind ourselves to the dangers and limitations of Popular Frontism as revealed in the present crisis.—But while we reserve the right eventually to discuss in detail the tactics employed by socialists and other working class elements in Spain, France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and elsewhere, our present duty is to give generous support to our comrades of all parties engaged in the Spanish Anti-Fascist conflict.

We decry the policy of the United States Government towards Spain's working class authorities, not only in this false view of neutrality, but even more for its insistence upon the right of American shipping interests to sell goods to the Fascist rebels through ports controlled by them, unless the loyalist forces can prove their ability to maintain an effective blockade. This virtually says to our exporters, "Fill Fascist orders if you can," and challenges the Spanish government to prevent such shipments by force if possible, regardless of international consequence.

We call on all transport workers to declare "hot cargo" any goods shipped to the Fascists in Spain. We urge all Socialist organizations and individuals to raise all possible contributions in cash for the assistance of the heroic Spanish workers in their heroic struggle, and to use, in their own movement and all

others with which they are connected, every available means of arousing public opinion—by mass meetings, demonstrations, official resolutions, pressure on Congress and State Departments, collection depots for food, clothing, medical supplies, etc., and cooperation with such organizations as the North American Committee in Aid of Spanish Democracy — to prevent any recognition of the Spanish Fascists by the government of the United States.

Nothing could strike so serious a blow from this country as recognition of Franco's so called government; it would tend to block even the inadequate support being rendered by friendly governments and organizations to the loyalists. A drive by American reactionaries for recognition of Spanish Fascism is certain. To defeat it will require all the intelligence, organization and energy which Socialists, labor, peace movements, churches and synagogues and all other humanitarian groups can generate.

Seamen Picketing



Pickets, passengers and police get tied up in the ship strike. Strikers are warning voyagers that they are risking their lives on improperly manned ships. This ship, the Washington, finally left port, six hours later.

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ONCE MORE—WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE

The capitalist class of the world is once more showing its determination to unite forces against the threat of any working class revolution.

German planes and Italian guns, bombing the cities of Spain, are one bit of testimony. The apparent readiness of "democratic" Britain to throw the Soviet Union to the Fascist wolves is another bit of testimony. Whether it be against the Spanish workers in a national quarrel or against the Russian workers in an international quarrel, international capitalism stands ready to combine forces—at the crucial moment.

The workers of the world were warned that this would be so. Right after the World War, revolutions broke out all over Europe. The workers in each country had to face not only their own rulers but also the rulers of other nations.

A Hungarian revolution was crushed by Romanian troops, with French and British money, headed by a Magyar admiral.

A Finnish revolution was smashed by the Baltic troops of Junker Germany.

A threat of revolution in Austria and Germany was met by a counter-threat of the Allies that they would be in Berlin within twenty-four hours.

A Russian revolution had to fight off the armies of the world, including those of "democratic" America.

The Russian revolution was saved not only by the Red Army. The action of the British, French and Belgian working class in throwing their forces behind the Soviet Union was of decisive importance.

General strike! This was the answer of the European working class to their imperialist governments who were aiding Polish and White Guard generals in their war against the workers' regime in Russia. The fear of revolution at home stayed the hand of the British, French and Belgian capitalists in their haste to crush the revolution abroad.

Just as in the post war years, so today! The only ally of the working class is to be found in the working class itself and those discontented sections of the population who will join with them in their program of social progress. The capitalist parties, no matter how liberal they claim to be and no matter how progressive they may have been, stand unitedly ready to sink a dagger into the back of the working class.

The task of saving the Spanish workers is placed in the hands of the workers. Money, men, munitions to the Spanish workers! A workers' blockade against the Spanish Fascists!

This is the task of the international working class, whether it be in America, France or the Soviet Union. Should the workers of the world fail in this job today they have only themselves to curse when tomorrow a stronger and more reactionary capitalism strikes its Fascist dirk into the heart of the workers still living in the "democratic" countries.

The Soviet Union, unquestionably, has been unable to give Spain the sort of support Hitler and Mussolini gave their colleagues, not because Russia would not probably like to do it, but because the Soviet Union has become so enmeshed in capitalist diplomacy that it is unable to move without the blessings of Great Britain.

The powerful French working class is, likewise, unable to render the aid it would like to through its organized machinery. Blum's desire to maintain a People's Front Government, "at all costs," must even involve the cost of the establishment of a Fascist state in Spain.

A new world war will be the acid test of international workers' solidarity.

War will bring dictatorship to the democratic countries of the world. War will make international capitalism one big block of dictatorial countries. They may, at the outset of the war, oppose one another. But once the excuse of war has been used to "incorporate" the working class movement into the capitalist war machine, it is inevitable that these combined capitalist powers turn against the Soviet Union and all other working class movements wherever they be.

Should the workers of the world stand united, however, a new capitalist war will mean the death of capitalism.

German bombs, for use against the Spanish workers, are being filled with sawdust by German workers. These German masses, especially if inspired by French and British and Belgium workers who will turn against their masters, can grind the entire German war machine to sawdust with their sabotage.

The horrors of war will drive millions into the camp of those revolutionary workers who will raise their banner against the war, the war-makers, and the war-making system. The continuance of the war will not weaken, but will strengthen the revolutionary movement.

Such a growing movement will represent a threat to the continuance of the world capitalist system. And the capitalist class of the world, in all countries, will be unable to resist the growing movement against the workers' state.

International workers' unity today means international workers' victory tomorrow!

AN INTERVIEW WITH ERNEST ERBER

"Socialism or Fascism! That is the meaning of the great human currents that sweep Europe!"

In these words, Ernest Erber, National Chairman of the Young People's Socialist League of America, summarized his impression of a European tour through Switzerland, Spain, France, Belgium and Great Britain.

The confusion in Europe was clearly mirrored in the World Youth Congress Erber attended. "It was tragic," he said, "to see how this junior League of Nations reflected all the impotence of the capitalist league in the fight against war. The congress was little more than a bloc of youth which was preparing to sanctify a war of their capitalist masters against the Fascist nations."

In Democratic Belgium, Erber had an opportunity to be present when the Rexist (Fascist) leader, Degrelle mobilized for his march on Brussels. "Van Zeeland, the Belgium premier, fancies himself to be the European Roosevelt. And the Belgium Labor Party, despite a tradition of political independence, has been the tail to Van Zeeland's kite, very much like our own Labor Non-Partisan League. Ever since the present Liberal-Laborite-Catholic coalition government devalued the money, the Fascists have grown by leaps and bounds. The middle class is being crushed. Degrelle poses as its champion."

The youth section of the Belgian movement, the Jeunes Gardes Socialistes, he said, is much more critical of the coalition policy than is the hardened adult movement. They asked their 22,000 members to stand ready, when Degrelle prepared his march, to go into the streets against the Fascist gangs.

France is but an exaggerated Belgium. The recent French laws, declaring the Fascist Croix de Feu illegal, did not injure it at all. The Fascists simply reorganized as a legal political party.

Although in America it is the "dandy" Colonel De La Rocque who captures the front page, in France it is the more solid Doriot who forms the backbone of the strong Fascist forces. The Colonel is looked upon as a political fop. Doriot, fresh from leadership in the Communist Party, with a working class background, with plebian language, with anti-capitalist talk, is a real force for Fascism among the poorer classes.

The French devaluation has greatly aided the Fascist demagogues. The rising cost of living stares one in the face. The menus in the restaurants with their printed prices scratched, with their numerous erasures, with their rising penciled prices tell a tale of hardship and middle class ruin. The People's Front Government is held responsible.

The Communists, who were the authors of the People's Front idea, Erber pointed out, are dodging responsibility for the acts of the People's Front Government and are using Blum's embarrassing position to advance their political fortunes.

"I was present at Luna Park," Erber said, "when the workers were heckling Blum with cries of: 'Planes for Spain!' Blum was helpless, bound hand and foot by the Radical-Socialist Party. Blum had to choose between an outright working class policy of aid or—the maintenance of an alliance with the 'liberal' capitalists in a People's Front. The Communists put Blum on the spot for following their People's Front policy to its logical conclusion."

France feels as if it were at war, said Erber. The government practices air drills. Sirens sound. The lights are dimmed. In a few minutes all is dark.

Ambulances tear down the street. Fake bomb anti-aircraft guns, are fired.

Although the workers' parties and junior operated in the war maneuvers, stated Erber Socialist Youth. (affiliated with the Socialist of France) organized a demonstration against Paris. In the midst of the air drill, the Socialists lit red flares, and shouted: "Down National Defense! The revolution first!"

Their demonstration was attacked. By agents of Young Communists!

Wherever one goes, said Erber, one finds believable courage and latent power for the ers' cause. "On the way to Spain, we pa regiment of French soldiers, south of Narbonne soldiers noticed our Spanish car license and scarfs. As they passed, within arm's length raised clenched fists and whispered: "Salute

"But nowhere is the working class will to so strong as in Spain where class feeling is sharpened by a half year of civil war."

The Spanish worker seems to be sure things: first, never to return to the wage again—alive; and, never to part with his g slogan in Barcelona is: "Those who take you today will take your bread tomorrow."

These working class fighters are glued weapons. In cafes, movies, streets, homes t with their guns. On a Sunday they may go seaside with their families, dressed in their best, but always—with their guns.

The Catalonian worker especially among the Anarchists, are bitter because the People's Front Government in power at the time the fighting broke out did not arm them. When the reaction struck in Saragossa, the Governor of the Province, although he ran on a People's Front ticket, refused to arm the workers.

The feeling of the workers that this fight is a fight for Socialism is so strong that they do not take seriously statements issued from political leaders that it is merely a fight for democracy. The workers think that these leaders do not really mean what they say, that it is some sort of necessary trick.

In Catalonia, where Erber stayed for three weeks, the reaction was defeated overnight. "One of the veterans of the fighting of the night of the 18th-19th took me through the city

"In those few days, the old capitalist state was shattered. Power passed completely into the hands of the Anti-Fascist committees. It is remarkable

to note the tenacity of the capitalist class of Catalonia, however. While the workers were fighting at the front, the capitalists have hoped step by step to rebuild their own ruling machinery, with a rebuilt civil guard.

"To weaken the independent fighting structure of the workers, they have attempted to coax workers' parties to place their forces under the discipline of the capitalist state. Anybody in contact with the workers' spirit, however, must realize how vain is their hope. Should the workers be victorious against the Fascists, they will never tolerate a re imposition of the old rule, and any figments of rebuilt capitalist rule or any leaders of theirs who may hope to rest content with the mere victory of the republic, will be swept aside.

"These workers are not fighting for abstraction or constitutions; they are fighting with such courage because, to them, victory, means bread and freedom. Hence their devotion to their goal!"



ERNEST ERBER

Chairman of the Young People's Socialist League, who returned from Europe with account of workers' struggles. The issue in Europe is "Socialism or Fascism," he says.

Boss Outfit Sees Violent Collapse

To The Editor:

"A comprehensive business service for the busy executive," published by a "research institute of industry and economics," issues the following "WARNING" to its capitalist clientele, in italics and caps too, as follows:

"We are now developing one of the greatest INFLATIONS OF PRODUCTION this country has ever seen. It will be almost impossible for anyone not to be swept along with it. . . . Periods of deflation of production inevitably follow periods of inflation of production. Inflation, growing apart, will accelerate so violently that it will collapse before the present production of 1936."

This warning to capitalists is worth taking seriously, especially by workers. Especially by workers, as a warning to Socialists

The next collapse is being accelerated by inflation. We Socialists must get busy, lest we find a dictatorship on the backs of the workers, as a result of this collapse.

BRUCE STALLINGS

New York.

Socialist Vote Stolen in Idaho

To The Editor:

It may be possible for me to account for the Socialist vote in Idaho. I was in Idaho in 1934 and saw the Socialist vote in Idaho. I saw the Socialist vote in Idaho. I saw the Socialist vote in Idaho. I saw the Socialist vote in Idaho.

were no Socialist votes recorded in the city. I went to the County Auditor and found that none was on his books.

Following it up, I looked up the precinct books and found that in the precinct in which I voted there were two Socialist votes recorded. The County Coroner's records had not turned them in to the Recorder.

I do not know whether Socialist votes were cast in any of the precincts in Idaho. I do not know whether Socialist votes were cast in any of the precincts in Idaho. I do not know whether Socialist votes were cast in any of the precincts in Idaho.

ELECTIONS IN NORWAY

By Herbert Zum

THE FINAL results of the recent Norwegian elections are now available. While the Labor Party made large gains both in absolute and in relative strength, its expectations of securing an absolute majority, so as to be able to govern without any alliances with non-Socialist Parties, were not fulfilled. To some extent the gains of the Labor Party were due to the support of the Communists, who did not put up a full ticket, but had a candidate in only one district, in which it suffered a slight loss over 1933.

The Norwegian election laws permits a combination of the lists of different parties without any formal electoral alliances. The Conservatives, the Farmers and the Liberals took advantage of this in the majority of the districts, with the result that while their joint vote declined from 53.3 per cent in 1933 to 47.9 per cent, they were able to secure the same number of seats—77. The Labor Party, on the other hand, whose vote increased from 40.1 per cent to 42.5 per cent was able to increase its representation by only 2 seats. Had the Conservatives, Liberals and Farmers not combined, but run independently as in the past, the Labor Party would have secured 77 seats, an absolute majority of the Storting.

Looked for Labor Majority

The result will be disappointing to many Socialists outside of Norway, who looked forward to a Labor majority in order to see whether the Party's program of peacefully instituting Socialism could be carried out. The Labor Party leaders had declared that as soon as they secured a majority, they would embark on such a policy, and would not make the mistake of the Socialists in other countries of merely trying to mend the capitalist system.

The election results follow:

	1933		1936	
	Votes	% Seats	Votes	% Seats
Labor Party	500,526	40.1	617,456	42.5
Communists	22,773	1.8	4,376	0.3
Conservatives	272,690	21.8	301,335	20.8
Liberals	220,011	17.6	236,030	16.3
Farmers	173,634	13.9	157,132	10.8
Nazis	27,850	2.2	26,406	1.8
Christian Peoples	10,272	0.8	19,454	1.3
Social Reform	18,786	1.5	44,797	3.1

LSI on Non-Intervention

Many requests have been received asking for information on the stand of the Labor and Socialist International and the International Federation of Trade Unions on the question of "Neutrality" in the Spanish civil war.

A joint meeting of the leading committees of these two organizations was held in Paris, October 26, at the request of the British Labor Party and the Trade Union Congress, both of which had reversed their original policies and had come out against the so-called "non-intervention" agreement. Twelve countries were represented by 33 delegates, in addition to the members of the two Executives. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The Bureau of the LSI and the Executive of the IFTU meeting in Paris on October 26, 1936, confirm their previous declaration that in accordance with the existing rules of international law the legal government of Spain should be permitted to obtain the necessary means for its own defence.

International Agreement

"In view of the fact that the non-intervention agreement has not produced the results expected in the international sphere, because of the determination of the Fascist powers to assist the rebels and of the impossibility of establishing really effective supervision, the two Internationals declare that it is the common duty of the working class of all countries organized politically and industrially, to secure by their influence upon public opinion and upon their respective Governments the conclusion of an international agreement—for which the French and British Governments should take the initiative—restoring complete commercial liberty to republican Spain.

"The defense of the Spanish Republic must be one of the main preoccupations of the workers of the world. The two Internationals call upon the Trade Unions and Socialist organizations to coordinate their own activities so as to prevent as far as possible the despatch of supplies to the Spanish rebels."

This resolution, while still full of illusions about the role of Britain, of diplomacy, about the possibility of securing results through machinations with capitalist governments, nevertheless definitely wants to disrupt the "non-intervention pact"

Militant Mexico



These militant Mexican strikers have won great concessions from their government. Their desire to have the government use the recent "confiscation" law against capital may lead to great struggles in Mexico.

MEXICO PASSES NEW EXPROPRIATION LAW

By E. FANNY SIMON

"Mexico to seize private property" said the headlines in the metropolitan papers recently.

That, undoubtedly, caused shivers to run down the spines of our substantial citizens. The basis of the reports was the bill passed by the Chamber of Deputies in which the principle of "eminent domain" is extended to include property other than land.

Last September, President Cardenas sent to Congress the draft of a bill giving the President of Mexico power to take private property other than land for the public good. In asking for such a law, he was not without precedent. The practice of dividing the large estates for the benefit of the landless was decreed during the revolution in 1915. It was incorporated later into the new constitution as Article 27.

Upon it are based the Agrarian laws adopted since then both by the state and federal governments in Mexico. Also a number of the states have adopted laws permitting them to expropriate property other than land, if such expropriation is for the benefit of the public.

States Follow Suit

Cardenas himself, as governor of Michoacan, had had a law to that effect passed in 1930. In 1931 the state of Veracruz followed suit. More significant than either of these two laws, is the one passed by the state of Yucatan in 1934 giving the state the power to appropriate part of the large henequen plantations and organize them with co-operatives. To the success of the co-operatives the government has ordered that the plantation from which the land was taken permit the use of its machines by the peasants and workers, members of the co-operatives. In case the plantation refuses to grant this, the machines are expropriated; the government proceeds to fix the price and the terms of payment for them.

The law just adopted by the Chamber of Deputies gives similar power to the federal government. In addition to the purposes for which the governments of the United States may take private property for public use, the Mexican law gives the president the power to denounce private property when it will (1) promote the profitable exploitation and development of natural resources, (2) conserve enterprises deemed of benefit to all the people, and

(3) prevent hoarding or monopolizing for the benefit of a few to the detriment of the masses, thus making for an unequitable distribution of wealth.

Broad Law

The law is, therefore, broad enough to include the taking over of any property which the President deems will promote the interests of the country. The government under this law may take over factories, stores, and mines and turn them over to the workers to run.

The owner, whose property has been denounced, has the right to appeal. At the time of the denunciation, the President must state the purpose for which the expropriation is made and if the property is not used in the way stated, the original owner can sue for its return. Moreover, when property is taken, the government must pay for it within a period of ten years. The price set is that given as its value for tax purposes. Changes in the value of the property after assessment are to be determined by an expert. In case the owners disagree with the value set, they can go to the courts and the courts, after calling in experts, will determine its value. There is no further appeal once the court decides.

The Cardenas government has had the support of the great majority of the workers and peasants and seems to be following a policy of supporting the demands of labor.

Nevertheless, the statement made by Sanchez Tapia, the secretary of the Department of National Economy, that industrialists having investments in Mexico or who contemplate making them have nothing to fear from the law is correct. The Cardenas government does not intend to engage upon wholesale expropriation. It will not turn Mexico overnight into a Socialist commonwealth.

It will, however, not permit too great an exploitation of the workers and peasants. At most, it believes in partial and gradual socialization of the land and other natural resources for the benefit of Mexicans and will prevent their expropriation for the benefit of foreign investors only.

EDUCATION AND ART

By McAlister Coleman

I HAVE been attempting to improve what the psychiatrists have left of my erstwhile mind by going to educational exhibits and the like, this past week. I went to the Book Show and the Museum of Science and Industry at the Rockefeller Center and to "Hedda Gabler" and "Hamlet" and a couple of art exhibits and I certainly got a carload of culture.

What impressed me even more than Leslie Howard's "Hamlet" or Nazimova's "Hedda" (the old, neurotic meeny) was The Transparent Woman at the Rockefeller Center. This a lady with her innards wrapped up in cellophane. With all due respect to our feminine acquaintances there have been many among them who have been transparent enough, but theirs has been a spiritual rather than a physical transparency and we have never come upon just such a specimen as looms gigantic in the lobby of the Rockefeller Museum.

To the accompaniment of shrill giggling from enthusiastic audiences of high school children, a young, unblushing lecturer presses buttons which illumine the exposed sections of the lady from top to toe and then proceeds to narrate in disarmingly frank detail the inside story of our girl friends.

Transparent People

Now, while this is undoubtedly most instructive and gives us all the low-down on the female lights and liver, the entire exhibit seems to me to be a bit disillusioning. I am one of those old fogeys who still stubbornly insists upon the charm of the mysterious as far as the fair sex is concerned. If the scientists are going to put us all in cellophane on the ground floors of prominent sky-scrapers, the fondest illusions now cherished by either sex about the other will be sadly shattered.

More to the point, so far as I am concerned, would be an exhibit of the Transparent Capitalist. They might even take old John D. himself and show him in a cellophane strip-act. It would be instructive to observe the amazingly small size of his brain-pan and the remarkable development of whatever organs feed his acquisitive instincts. The heart would of course be represented by a small sized rock and the seats of compassion by vacant spaces. In place of the blood stream would be a flow of crude oil and there would be flashing of lights in the hands to indicate itching.

Grand Art Young

This would be an exhibit to delight the wicked heart of Art Young, whose party we attended last week as relaxation from our educational enterprises. It was a grand party in honor of Art's grand book of collected drawings called, "The Best of Art Young," which you must hurry and buy from The Call Book Store at 21 East 17th Street, New York City (and don't accuse us, Charley, of not boosting your excellent emporium). Art's priceless works, the cool sewer picture, the bed-bug masterpiece and the pathetic drawing of the poor little feller who is being lugged off by tican cops for overthrowing the government are all in this new book. There wasn't time to include some of the stunning cartoons Art did for us in this last campaign, and that's a pity because in our estimation one of America's greatest satirists was never better than in 1936.

Another veteran radical who is still stepping very high indeed is Carl Sandburg. His new book of poems, "The People, Yes," is something to holler long and loud about. This is indigenous Americana, with the authentic speech of the rank and file as spoken in cafeterias, switchmen's shacks, coal-diggers' washrooms, the colorful continent over. The old Sandburg kick was never so potent as in "The People, Yes." It's a bit consoling to us old-timers to find that gray-heads like Sandburg and Art Young maintain such high levels of performance through those years supposedly devoted to the exaltation of youth. Maybe the idea that I was promoting some ten or fifteen years back that we all ought to retire from the movement at the age of forty-five isn't so hot after all.

Norman's Birthday

I hate to think what would have happened to our cause if Norman Thomas, for instance, had taken me seriously. Last week we got together to celebrate his fifty-second birthday. It was a tribute to such sturdily held integrity, such unshaken confidence in the rightness of his cause as few men in the Socialist movement have evinced. If you boys and girls who are coming up can produce such men as Young and Sandburg and Thomas, you won't need to worry about the future of radicalism in the United States.

Miners' Leader Framed Thru Dynamite Plot

The framing of Emerson Jennings, active champion of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. miners and of the local unemployed league was revealed this week in a brochure issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, entitled "You Be the Jury."

Jennings was convicted on October 18 of dynamiting an automobile belonging to County Judge W. Alfred Valentine, whose impeachment had been demanded by 6,000 persons led by Jennings following an injunction issued by the judge commanding the local miners to call off their strike in 1935.

Frame-Up

The evidence presented at the trial by Arthur Garfield Hays, who defended Jennings in behalf of the ACLU, included testimony at a preliminary hearing of a witness who subsequently admitted framing Jennings, two repudiated confessions by his co-defendant, who also admitted the case was a frame-up, and the testimony of a private detective who manifestly perjured himself.

Valentine's car was injured by dynamite on March 28, 1935, during the Glen Alden coal strike of the United Anthracite Union, after he had issued an injunction, resulting in the jailing of thirty miners. Jennings demanded the removal of Valentine in the July 18 issue of "Unemployed News." He was arrested on August 2.

Though he has been found guilty, Jennings has not yet been sentenced, but is at liberty on a \$30,000 bond raised by the workers of Wilkes-Barre.

Democratic States Help Fascist Bloc

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responsible for the strength of "Fascist" Germany today.

ITALY STRENGTHENED BY FRANCE

France played the same game with Italy that England played with Germany. France hoped thereby to neutralize Italy in the event of a Franco-German conflict. Italy used France as a shield against the wrath of Great Britain in the Ethiopian conflict.

ITALY AND GERMANY ALLIED

Italy and Germany, meanwhile, were quietly making their own agreements. In the CALL of March 14 we pointed to Italy's dubious position: "Italy is interested in realizing a revision of Versailles that will reward it more liberally, and hence it tends to join with Germany. On the other hand, Italy and Germany clash in Austria."

Austria, the point of friction, has now become a connecting link. The Schuschnigg regime represents an Italo-German puppet government in Austria just as the previous ministry was in the hand of a Franco-Italian combine.

This Italian-German combine has become more apparent in the course of the Spanish conflict.

GERMANY AND JAPAN JOIN HANDS

To encircle the Soviet Union, Germany has reached across the great spaces of Russia to conclude a military alliance with Japan. This agreement, probably arrived at long ago, was made public just at the time when Japanese militarism unleashed an attack upon Inner Mongolia.

Although the fighting in China today appears as a mortal combat between Japan and certain Chinese generals, it is not at a

Prosperity Is Here for Bosses, Depression Remains for Workers

BY JOEL SEIDMAN
Prepared for Labor Research Front

A return to prosperity levels for American business finds workers still struggling in the depths of depression.

Optimistic headlines glare at every newspaper reader. "Level of Business Highest Since 1930," they say: "Month's Dividends up to \$550,000,000."

These headlines tell a true story. Prosperity is indeed returning—for owners and bosses.

Industrial production has shot sky-high. For the third quarter of 1936 our factories turned out 8 per cent more goods than in the years 1923 to 1925. This was an increase of 20 per cent over 1935, and carried production to within two per cent of the 1929 figure.

Profits reflect the rapid expansion of business. The National City Bank reports that 245 leading manufacturing and trading corporations have combined net profits, less deficits, of \$265,000,000 for the third quarter of 1936.

Percentage gains in profits for these concerns over 1935 was 42 in the first quarter, 74 in the second, and 58 in the third. For the nine months combined, their total net profits were \$792,000,000, as compared with \$485,000,000 for the corresponding months of last year.

DIVIDENDS CLIMB

Even had the new tax on undistributed corporation earnings not been levied, dividends would have shown a large rise. The new law forces companies to pass on to stockholders, in the shape

of dividends, a larger share of the profits. Had the law not been passed, more of the funds would have been kept by the corporations—still owned by the stockholders, but not immediately available to them.

Due to large profits and the tax law, dividends have mounted rapidly. In the first nine months of this year, dividend declarations were 24 per cent above the same period of last year, reaching the huge total of \$2,522,000,000. For the third quarter the increase was 33 per cent over 1935.

October dividends aggregated \$242,000,000, the largest for that month since 1931. November dividends are soaring sky-high, and may surpass the previous record for dividends in a single month, made in 1930.

Stock prices, similarly, are being rapidly inflated, making billions of dollars in paper profits for owners and speculators. Stock prices have reached the highest level since the summer of 1931, and the end is not yet in sight.

For the single month of October, 1936, the total market value of all shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange increased \$3,402,000,000 in value. Wall Street is heading straight for another major crash.

SWEAT AND BLOOD

What about the workers, however, whose sweat and blood makes all this possible? There the picture is very different indeed.

The number of unemployed in the United States is still in the

neighborhood of 10,000,000 largely because of technological advance and speed-up. Nine per cent fewer factory workers were employed in September, 1936, than between 1923 and 1925, though industrial production was nine per cent higher. Manufacturing payrolls were 19 per cent under the 1923-25 average.

In part the failure to provide more jobs is due to a lengthening of working hours. In 1935, American workers on the average worked 38 hours per week. In 1936, however, this had increased to 40. A sane society would reduce hours, not lengthen them, when millions are unemployed.

The huge increase in profits has not made employers overly generous. The U. S. Department of Labor reports that average hourly earnings were 57½ cents in 1935, increasing only half a cent to 58 in 1936.

LIVING COST HIGHER

The average weekly wage of American workers is \$22.53 this year. Last year it was \$21.35, the increase being due primarily to longer hours. At the same time, however, the cost of living has risen over two per cent.

Were it not for the longer hours worked this year, American workers would today have a lower living standard than a year ago. As it is, they receive less in food, clothing, and housing for an hour's work than was true in 1935.

American workers have indeed a long way to go before they are out of the depression, however prosperous business may be.

Anti-Fascists Dig In



Anti-Fascist militia men dig in for a long war on the Aragon front. They are depending upon workers throughout the world to give them food, clothing and other supplies to carry them through the hard winter campaign on the Northern tier.

may, after winning his concessions from Japan, do an about face, join hands with Japan and turn against the Soviets.

BRITAIN ISOLATES THE SOVIET UNION

On March 21st we predicted in the CALL that Britain would in all likelihood work to break the Franco-Soviet Pact. "Recalling Britain's strong inclination toward Hitler's proposal, it is likely that a new Locarno will be written wherein Hitler promises twenty-five years of peace to his neighbors, wherein England gives definite commitments to add

France in enforcing the same. The loophole in the pact of such a nature is the necessary vagueness in defining the relations of the Soviet Union. Such a pact may very well be an excuse to give Hitler a free hand against the Soviet Union."

British policy, since this was written, has been altogether in line with this prediction. It has not denied Hitler's demands for expansion. Britain just wishes to see to it that Hitler expands Eastward and not in the direction of British colonies. Britain is anxious to see Germany and

Japan by throwing the Soviet Union to the wolves.

BRITAIN DICTATES TO BLUM

Writing in The Nation of October 31st, Robert Dell, keen foreign reporter, declares the validity of our prediction. He writes: "The Locarno conference is a trap laid for France by the British Foreign Office. When the conference meets, if it ever does meet, England, Germany and Italy will join in bringing pressure on France to abandon the Franco-Soviet Pact and give Hit-

Sharecroppers Make Demands Of President

In an open letter to President Roosevelt, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union has set forth its program for immediate aid to the sharecroppers, including a Federal guarantee of civil liberties, outlawing of dishonest contracts, abolition of commissary stores, low-interest Federal loans to individual tenant-farmers and cooperative groups.

Pointing out that The Rural Rehabilitation and Resettlement Administration would not be able to extend its benefits to any large percentage of sharecroppers for several years the union listed six immediate measures in its open letter, issued after a conference with Dr. Will Alexander, newly appointed RA head.

Civil Rights Denied

"The right of the people peacefully to assemble, granted them under the Constitution of the United States, has been consistently denied to officers and members of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, by a small but powerful minority in certain territories where locals have been organized," the letter stated. "Our members have been subjected to physical violence and scores have been forced to flee for their lives."

"We urge strong Federal support for our constitutional right to organize and to conduct our educational program free from interference or molestation from any group."

Minneapolis Socialists To Aid Spanish Workers

Minneapolis Socialists are making plans to set up an organization which will furnish aid to Spanish workers. It will limit itself to supporting the Spanish struggle but will fight against Fascism in every other Fascist or near-Fascist country.

This organization, tentatively called the Front of the Spanish Workers, will send aid to Spanish workers in the form of shipments of arms, money and other necessities, and agitate for mass support in this country for their brothers in Spain.

ler a free hand in Central and Eastern Europe . . ."

French foreign policy, which was fairly independent before the present People's Front Government, has lately become completely dependent upon British dictates. This is in part due to French dependence upon British good-will in maintaining the devaluation agreement. It is largely due to the fact that Delbos, French foreign minister, has become the glorified "stooge" of Britain's foreign office. And whenever Delbos wants something done, his Radical-Socialist colleagues bully Blum into doing it by threatening resignation.

Britain, meanwhile, is showing a strong anti-Soviet bias. Although Eden, irritated by questions asked him by a Communist member of parliament, diplomatically threatened to throw England's weight to the side of Germany and Italy in discussions of non-intervention, "Other countries" are more responsible than Germany and Italy for breaking the non-intervention agreement, Eden insists. The other country is meant to be the Soviet Union.

WORKERS ALONE CAN AID THE SOVIET UNION

The present situation in Spain proves once again that the Socialist country can depend upon to give real aid to the working class, whether the struggle be one between the Soviet Union and some capitalist power or between the workers and the bourgeoisie of Spain.

Chinese Masses Needed to Save The Soviet Union From Japan

By HAROLD R. ISAACS

China will be one of the crucial fronts in the impending war of the imperialist powers against the Soviet Union more isolated than at any time since the October Revolution.

The latest events in Europe prove with crushing force that only the victory of the proletarian revolution in Spain, France and Belgium can save the Soviet Union from catastrophe. Facts between the Soviet Union and capitalist states and class collaboration in these states under the guise of the People's Front have not availed.

Only the most resolute unleashing of the class struggle on all fronts can now avert disaster. In the Far East only the anti-imperialist struggle of the Chinese workers and peasants, supported by the Japanese masses, can cripple the anti-Soviet offensive in that sector.

Today signs are not lacking that the Chinese masses are ready to embark upon such a struggle. The strike of 13,000 workers in Japanese cotton mills in Shanghai has spread to Tsingtao, a stronghold of Japanese influence. With a Japanese-sponsored invasion of Suiyuan gathering strength on the northern frontier, there are unmistakable evidences of a popular desire to resist that invasion. What are the perspectives of an anti-imperialist struggle in China?

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

What, we must first ask, has the experience of the last fifteen years taught us about the anti-imperialist struggle in the colonial and semi-colonial countries?

In Syria, Iraq, Egypt, India, Africa, Indo-China, and China, it has taught us that the imperialists have learned how to forge alliances with the colonial bourgeoisie against the workers and peasants. It has taught us that an "anti-imperialist" struggle led by the native bourgeoisie invariably ends in a compromise between the bourgeoisie and the imperialists at the expense of the workers and peasants. It has taught us that real national liberation for the colonial and semi-colonial countries can be achieved only by the revolutionary struggle of the masses against the native and foreign exploiters alike.

In China this lesson was bought dearly. It is the lesson that has to be driven home hard today when we stand, as we hope, on the threshold of a new period of struggle against the imperialist yoke.

CHINESE "PEOPLE'S FRONT"

In 1925-27 the Communist International created and supported a "national anti-imperialist united front," otherwise known as the "bloc of four classes." It was the Chinese People's Front of a decade ago. It was based on the idea that the workers and peasants could unite with the bourgeoisie under a single banner, to fight against imperialism. The Kuomintang, which embodied this "united front," had a purely bourgeois nationalist program. The political and military leadership remained exclusively in the hands of the bourgeoisie and its representatives, notably the "revolutionary general," Chiang Kai-shek. The Communists watered down the workers' and peasants' program to meet the requirements of the bourgeoisie. When the masses moved beyond that program, they did their best to check them.

Space does not permit here to describe the gigantic proportions which that mass movement assumed, the general strikes that

War Practice



Chinese anti-aircraft guns are being made ready to shoot in all directions: today, against Japan; tomorrow, perhaps against the Soviet Union. To keep these guns from pointing at Soviet planes is the job of the Chinese masses, says Harold Isaacs, Far-East commentator.

paralyzed Hongkong and Shanghai, the surge of ten million organized peasants in Central China toward the open seizure of the land, the Shanghai insurrection. Despite the ships and men rushed by the great powers to the treaty ports, there seemed no force capable of checking the march of the revolution.

But at the most critical moment, in April, 1927, the bourgeoisie came to terms with the imperialists. Chiang Kai-shek, the "revolutionary general" who only yesterday had cried: "Long Live the World Revolution!" turned his soldiers and gangsters loose on the mass organizations. Unions were smashed. Union leaders were exterminated. Thousands were slaughtered.

REVOLUTION HALTED

Coming from the man they had been taught to follow, the blow found the masses completely unprepared. The revolution was halted in full stride. In a few short weeks the blackest reaction sat firmly in the saddle. The Kuomintang banner, yesterday the banner of the revolution, became the banner of the reaction. The product of the "anti-imperialist united front" was the Nanking government, which has now endured for nearly ten years by dint of an unremitting terror and and uninterrupted surrender to the imperialists.

Even the Comintern, which bore the heaviest responsibility for the disaster, recognized in a resolution dated August 9, 1927, that the bourgeoisie is not capable of solving the problems of national emancipation from the yoke of imperialism. . . . that it is not capable of conducting a consistent fight against foreign imperialism and is becoming more and more inclined . . . to a compromise which leaves the domination of

imperialism almost completely undisturbed."

SCATTERED UPRISINGS

Up to the end of 1930 the Chinese Communists tried to retrieve the situation by a policy of adventurism, of insurrections and scattered uprisings which, lacking mass support, resulted only in the further decimation of the revolutionary forces. They finally fell back to the remote hinterland, joining forces with insurgent bands of peasants and soldiers, and attempting in restricted areas to carry out the advanced program of the agrarian revolution which they had sought to check when the mass movement was in full flush two years earlier.

This was the genesis of the Red Armies and the "Chinese Soviets" of which so much was heard between 1930 and 1934. But this peasant movement, confined to small and separated areas in the deep interior, remained completely divorced from workers and the urban labor movement. Without the leadership of the city workers it was doomed, like any isolated peasant movement, to disaster.

After four years of truly heroic exploits in guerrilla warfare, the Red Armies were finally compelled to pay the price of their isolation. With American bombing planes and German and Italian military experts to guide him, Chiang Kai-shek finally defeated the Reds in Kiangsi and forced them to retreat to the distant Western and Northwestern provinces where they remain a small mobile force without a fixed base.

TACTICS REVERSED

The collapse of "Soviet China" coincided with the complete reversal of Comintern tactics in 1935. The development of the People's Front idea on a world scale meant for China a return

to the policy of the "anti-imperialist united front" which ended so catastrophically in 1927.

Reproduced in 1936, this policy takes on even grosser forms. It is not "anti-imperialist." It is exclusively "anti-Japanese." There are, it seems, "good" imperialists and "bad" imperialists. There is the readiness to emulate the bourgeoisie by resisting Japan on the basis of a deal with Great Britain or the United States. Because Chiang Kai-shek today sees a chance of driving a harder bargain with Japan by putting up a show of resistance, they hail him as a "pupil who is still in the elementary stages of development." They declare their readiness to abdicate the revolutionary struggle within China in return for a bloc with the same generals and politicians who ten years ago drowned the workers and peasants in their own blood.

SHAM RESISTANCE

This policy will only disarm and destroy the nascent anti-imperialist movement. It is entirely conceivable that sections of the Chinese bourgeoisie, and even Chiang Kai-shek, will for reasons of their own, offer some show of resistance to Japan, even at this late date.

But in such "resistance" neither the Soviet workers nor the Chinese workers can put one iota of reliance. They must be marshalled under their own banner, with their own program and their own

Relief to Be Cut, Say New Dealers

"I believe that we should immediately set about to retrench all along the line. I am not in favor of approving projects for States or communities to which a large measure of prosperity has already returned. I become impatient when I am pressed to approve the expenditure of more Federal money in sections that are as prosperous as they ever have been in the past or even more prosperous."

Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, Public Works Administrator, N. Y. Times, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1936.

"An expression of belief by Senator Harrison, Chairman of the Finance Committee and New Deal spokesman in the Senate on fiscal affairs, that the current increase in business would be followed by a rational decrease in governmental expenditures for certain activities, including assistance to the unemployed and that tax increases would be avoided at the coming session of Congress" N. Y. Times, Saturday, Nov. 21, 1936.

party. Only this will guarantee the successful development of a truly anti-imperialist movement. The Chinese workers will free themselves from imperialist oppression, but in doing so will have to throw off the yoke of their own exploiters who are and have been nothing but the agents of imperialism. To try and tie the workers once more to the shirt-tails of the bourgeoisie is to take the road to new catastrophes.

Committee Formed to Obtain Rights of Asylum for Trotsky

The American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky has been organized to help obtain for Trotsky his rights of asylum and to aid in the formation of an International Commission of Inquiry to examine all the available evidence in connection with the Moscow trials.

The following statement has been issued by the Committee, of which Norman Thomas, John Dewey, Freda Kirchwey, Suzanne La Follette, Devere Allen, Edmund Wilson, Louis Adamic, Prof. E. A. Ross of Wisconsin University, Joseph Wood Krutch, H. M. Kallen, James T. Farrell, Prof. Wm. H. Kilpatrick of Columbia U., Max Eastman, Sidney Hook, Inez Haynes Irwin, James Rorty, Prof. Paul F. Brissenden, Vincent R. Dunne, John Chamberlain, Benjamin Stolberg, Louis Hacker are among the membership:

"The Norwegian Government has forbidden Leon Trotsky to prosecute his libel suit against the Norwegian Communist and Fascist papers. This action is, only the severest of the many repressive measures against him. For the past two months Trotsky has been a virtual prisoner of the Norwegian police. Police guard him night and day; his mail is censored; he is deprived of all secretarial assistance. This latest order not only deprives him of the last remnants of his democratic rights of asylum but closes his last means of answering the grave accusations made against him in connection with the Moscow trial.

"The American Committee for the Defense of Trotsky protests against this outrageous violation of democratic rights by the Norwegian Government and demands that the full rights of asylum be restored to Trotsky. The most elementary notions of justice dictates that this world-famous revolutionist should be given the fullest and freest opportunity to state his case."

The committee will hold a mass meeting on Friday evening, December 18, the date on which Trotsky's term of asylum expires,

at Center Hotel (formerly Hotel Delano) 108 W. 43rd Street. Suzanne La Follette will be chairman and Norman Thomas one of the principal speakers.

Contributions for the work of the Committee can be sent to its office at Room 921, 22 E. 17th Street, N. Y. C.

NEC Endorses Committee

The following resolution was passed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its recent session in New York City:

The work of the Provisional American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky be endorsed by the NEC, and

That a sub-committee of the NEC be appointed to co-operate with the above committee in representations to the Norwegian government asking it (1) to extend to Trotsky the full rights of asylum; and (2) to co-operate with any responsible commission of inquiry which may be established to investigate the facts regarding the charges made against Trotsky and his answer thereto.

Socialists Banned From Ark. Jury

No Socialists were wanted on the trial jury in the Arkansas "slavery trial" by Defense Attorney Joe Barrett.

One Republican and 11 Democrats are on the jury. "We just wanted to be certain we didn't have a bunch of Socialists on it," said Mr. Barrett.

The trial is based upon charges made against Marshal Paul D. Preacher who forced Negroes, guilty of vagrancy, to clear timber on his lands. This is the first case to be tried under the anti-slavery statute of 1866.

Thomas Is Honored On 52nd Birthday At Gigantic Dinner

One thousand people paid honor to Norman Thomas at his fifty-second birthday dinner held last Friday in New York at the Hotel Edison. Socialists, liberals, Anarchists, I. W. W.'s and non-partisans rose to their feet when America's foremost revolutionist was introduced. Millions of people listened to the voice of Norman Thomas speaking from the banquet hall over a nation-wide hook-up.

Well over a thousand letters and telegrams of greetings poured in from every section of the world. Greetings from Franz Soukup, president of the Czechoslovakian Senate, lay next to a letter from three Harlan miners, jailed for life on a frame-up, which they had managed to smuggle out of prison. European Socialists and labor leaders who had risen to high places in the ranks of the workers sent messages. American Socialists and labor leaders and liberals, who were unable to attend, paid tribute to Norman Thomas by wire and letter. Nearly thirty delegates of the AFL convention meeting in Tampa sent a telegram of appreciation for Norman Thomas' activity in the interest of labor.

Prominent Speakers

Forty prominent persons delivered one minute talks in appreciation of the work of Norman Thomas. The speakers included: John Nevin Sayre, Mary Donovan, Frank D. Walsh, Henry Pratt Fairchild, Mary Fox, Girolomo Valenti, Paul Rasmussen, Walter White, Dan Hoan, Angelica Balabanoff, Herbert Mahler, Roger Baldwin, Clarence Senior, Tucker P. Smith, Carlo Tresca, Max Delsom, Ben Fischer, Joseph Schlossberg, Frank Crosswaith, McAllister Coleman, Howard Kester, and others.

The high spot of the evening was the address by the guest of honor, which was broadcast throughout the country. Although a prepared address had been distributed to the newspapermen, Thomas, rising to heights of eloquence such as even he has seldom achieved, departed from his written speech.

"The recent campaign convinced me more than ever before," he stated, "that the hope of the world is Socialism."

"Today," he said, "we are more concerned to fight against new and worse evils than to eradicate their roots in the evils we know. Tonight I can but reaffirm my own faith. This generation and the next will never save themselves by a defensive struggle. The scars of the world's sorrows are to be found in the loyalties and institution of the capitalist nationalism, which is so widely accepted. The gospel of hope is revolutionary."

He spoke of the heroic struggle in Spain against Fascism, of the Japanese invasion of China, and nearer home, vigorously condemned the AFL convention at Tampa for outlawing the maritime strike and suspending the CIO unions.

He concluded: "The hope of mankind lies not in defensive warfare but in an aggressive struggle to build that brave new world which can only be described as a fellowship of free men."

Kenosha Honors Thomas

KENOSHIA, Wis.—A Norman Thomas Testimonial Dinner was held in this city at the YMCA. More than one hundred liberals, Socialists and labor leaders attended. It was held under the auspices of the Kenosha Trades and Labor Council. Thomas Andie, Progressive congressman from Wisconsin, was the principal speaker.

Knit Union Hits Cops for Terror

NEW YORK.—Vigorous protests were voiced last week by local labor unions against the indictment of five union leaders and the actions of the Police Department in strikes conducted by the Joint Council, Knitgoods Workers, affiliate of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and the United Textile Workers.

The union characterized the action of District Attorney Dodge in securing the indictments on charges of "coercion" and "intimidation" as "a deliberate attempt to break strikes conducted by our union against certain manufacturers who employ workers under sixteen years of age for the miserable wage of \$5.00 for a 70-hour week."

"The Police Department permits thugs and private detectives from scab agencies to parade unmolested around the mills, while on the other hand they arrest our pickets by the score," the union declared, "The Police Department is actually serving as a strike-breaking agency for the employers in these strikes."

Forum on Co-ops At Debs School Friday Evening

Aware of the fact that the most important problem facing the cooperative movement is its need of support of organized labor, the Debs Labor School has arranged a symposium on "Labor and the Cooperatives" which will be held at the Young Circle League Auditorium, 22 East 15th Street, New York Friday evening, November 27, at 8:30.

Among the speakers will be persons eminently qualified by leadership and experience to present the attitude of those most concerned. James Rorty, author of "His Master's Voice" and numerous other books and articles will speak for the consumer. John Edelman, educational director of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and a prominent trade union cooperator will present the case for labor.

The Socialist point of view will be given by Dr. Harry W. Laidler, Executive Director of the League for Industrial Democracy and recent Socialist candidate for Governor of the state of New York. Wallace J. Campbell, assistant secretary of the Cooperative League of the U. S. A. will act as chairman of the meeting and will officially represent the attitude of the cooperative movement.

Admission will be 35 cents. Tickets may be secured either at the office of the Debs Labor School, 21 East 17th Street or at the door.

New York to Hold Red Card Meeting on Spain

A membership meeting on Spain will be held by Local New York Sunday, November 29, at 8 P. M., at Arlington Hall, 23 St. Marks Place. Admission will be by party card only. The City Executive Committee will appoint speakers and the presentation will be in line with the policy on Spain adopted by the National Executive Committee. Full freedom of expression of various points of view will be given to the membership.

Fla. Klan Uses WPA to Starve Star Witness

TAMPA, Fla. — The Florida WPA was linked with the Ku Klux Klan this week in a plot to "starve" Eugene Poulnot from Florida in a desperate, last-minute effort to prevent him from testifying at the impending Shoemaker murder trial. The charge was made by David Lasser, national president of the Workers' Alliance, who is in Tampa as a fraternal delegate to the AFL convention. Herbert Benjamin, Alliance secretary, and David M. Benson, Alliance Southern organizer, joined with Lasser in a signed statement.

Poulnot is the state's star witness in the trial of Tampa cops and prominent Ku Kluxers for the flogging and murder of Joseph Shoemaker, Tampa Socialist and Alliance organizer. The case has attracted nation-wide attention as the result of indictments obtained through efforts of the Workers' Defense League and labor and progressive groups. Five cops were convicted in June, charged with kidnapping and flogging Poulnot.

Despite personal threats against his safety, Poulnot has steadfastly refused to back down on his determination to testify.

Fired in August

Unable to scare Poulnot into silence by threats against his personal safety, the Ku Kluxers who dominate the WPA set-up in Florida have determined to "starve him out of the state" and thus stop him from testifying. In August, he was fired from his WPA job because he was running for office on the Socialist ticket. When, through pressure at Washington by the Alliance, he was ordered reinstated, Florida WPA officials refused to put him back on the job and have since used excuse after excuse to keep him off WPA rolls.

The Federal WPA authorities are indirectly "aiding in the dominance of WPA in Florida by the Klan" because they have refused to take decisive action to place him back on the job, the Alliance statement declared.

The latest excuse offered by Florida WPA officials was the amazing statement that Poulnot's life had been threatened if he returned to WPA and that he had not been re-instated because the WPA officials desired to "protect his life."

Poulnot has declared that he is perfectly willing to take his chances and wanted his job back.

Offer Scab Job

With the failure of that excuse, the inexhaustible imagination of the Ku Klux Klan and their friends in the Florida WPA has produced a new wonder. They have offered Poulnot a job with an anti-union contractor through the U. S. Employment Service at 25 cents an hour. Newspaper stories that he was offered a \$20 a week job, are untrue, unless it is assumed that by working 80 hours a week Poulnot can earn \$20 a week.

The Workers' Alliance of America is backing Poulnot in his refusal to take a job paying less than prevailing wages, which for Poulnot's work as truck driver was 50 cents an hour.

"We are demanding," the Alliance statement declared, "that the Federal WPA either conduct an open hearing in Tampa where its own Federal agents are now present or else immediately order the reinstatement of Poulnot on WPA. Unless Washington is willing to take action necessary to enforce its own regulations, the WPA in Florida will continue to be an agent of the Ku Klux Klan to enforce its will on the people of Florida."

Peonage In Florida Charge Made To U. S. Attorney General

Proof of peonage in Florida was submitted to Homer T. Cummings, U. S. Attorney General by the Workers' Defense League, through its secretary, Aaron Gilmartin.

The Workers' Defense League maintains that charges brought by two Negroes against Will and Earl Knabb, owners of a turpentine refinery near Jacksonville, Florida, to the effect that these workers were held in virtual slavery, have been substantiated by thorough investigations. A letter to Cummings from the Defense League states:

"The turpentine workers are forced to toil from daylight until they can no longer see at night. For their labors they receive pay ranging from 50 cents per day to \$1.00. A very few receive as much as \$1.25 per day. They are forced to purchase their supplies at the commissary owned by Knabb. Prices at this commissary are almost double regular retail prices. For example, white bacon, which can be bought in Tampa stores for 15 cents per lb., cost 25 cents per lb., in Knabb's commissary. Six pounds of plain flour cost 40 cents in the commissary and the same grade can be bought for 24 cents at the retail stores.

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"Any desire on the part of the inmates to escape is effectively thwarted by the realization of possible consequences. Men may suffer beatings, their very lives may be threatened if they attempt to leave. By a system of camps which surround the community they are able to head off any fleeing slave.

"If these charges are true, then slavery and peonage exist as surely in the state of Florida as in Arkansas.

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Illiteracy in high places or low conduct in literary circles should be the title for the story of Heywood Broun's recent typographical "errors," or "something" more serious, in the Nation. Broun claims he doesn't know yet whether Norman Thomas is in favor of industrial unionism!

When Nation readers complained in letters to the editor that every person interested in the labor movement knew that Thomas from the start had supported the CIO, the lame answer from Broun's vigorous pen was: "If Mr. Thomas is lending support, I think he ought to notify John L. Lewis, the chairman of the committee."

It would be strange, indeed, if Broun doesn't know about these

the CIO head didn't know about it, particularly in view of the fact that Lewis's own organ, The United Mine Workers Journal of September 1 reports: "BACKS THE CIO. Norman Thomas Takes Stand For Industrial Unions."

The article begins: "Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for President, has placed himself behind John L. Lewis and the industrial union forces ordered suspended by the American Federation of Labor." It continues with a report of one of Thomas' campaign speeches, revealing Thomas as the only presidential candidate who had endorsed the CIO.

It is hardly surprising that

DASZYNSKI MEMORIAL

The Polish Socialist Alliance will conduct a memorial meeting for Ignace Daszynski at Polish National Hall, St. Marks Place between Second and Third Avenue, New York, Sunday, November 29th at 3 p. m. Comrade Daszynski was former speaker in the Third Sejm (Parliament) in Poland.

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By McALISTER COLEMAN

Then was a good playwright fallen among neurologists. Nazimova's stunning performance of HEDDA GABLER at the Longacre Theatre on West Forty-eight Street has roused up the borderline boys all over again. They are writing pieces to prove that all that was wrong with the gun-toting daughter of the old General was her glands. If they had gone to work on her pituitary or her thyroid, or whatever it was that made her stubborn about shooting anyone who came around the place, she might have settled down and made a good little wife for the bespectacled George Tesman.

Perhaps the tough-minded old Scandinavian had been taking notes around mental clinics before he sat down to write Hedda Gabler. Or again he may merely have come across a naturally mean woman. Much as I hate to put it in *The CALL* there are such, you know. Time and again rumors have reached these incredulous ears that "Hell hath no fury like a woman bored." And Heaven known there was a full quota of bores roaming round the confines of the Tesman household. Dr. Tesman, with his prissy pedantry and his Nice Nelly neuroses, a part well taken in the present production by Harry Ellerbe, is enough to make any gal oil up her artillery. The rantingly impossible Eilert Lovborg, played by Edward Trevor. These and the sinister Brack, (McKay Morris) and the yappy Tesman Aunt (Leslie Bingham) constitute a menage where shooting becomes well-nigh a necessity.

Whether or not HEDDA is to be analyzed or plain abhorred, she is certainly worth pondering and Nazimova gives us just about all there is in the historic, hysteric part. She makes you quite forget that Ibsen is supposed to be "dated." You just sit there hoping that you won't have to tangle up with anyone like that and knowing well enough that there are plenty of HEDDAS still around in 1936.

It's certainly a tribute to the potent influence of *The CALL* to report that no sooner had we set up a Macedonian yell for playwrights to give us something we could put our teeth in, than along came two plays that deal with ideas. There's the Group Theatre's "Johnny Johnson" at Forty-fourth Street Theatre and "Two Hundred Were Chosen" E. P. Conkle's show about Alaska re-settlers, at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre. Our Thanksgiving Day dinner will taste the better for the arrival of both. Now is lightened the foreboding with which we contemplated a theatrical season of British murder

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plays, British Hamlets and "The White Horse Inn." We will tell you more about these welcome arrivals, next week.

In the meantime you can always go to that stunning picture "Carnival in Flanders" at the Filmarte on West Fifty-eighth Street for a film of beauty and a joy forever.

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ON THE SCREEN

By J. HERBERT GROSS

THE YELLOW CRUISE. A film record of the third Citroen-Haardt-Audouin-Dubreuil motor expedition from Beirut to Peking; directed by Andre Sauvage; at the 55th Street Playhouse.

Adverse to the inflammatory imperialistic propoganda of the usual travelogue, this column wishes to pay tribute to realistic historians who have undeniably produced an impressive recording of fact and truth. This column goes further in saying that we are grateful to those same combatants of unimaginable dangers, that they have not introduced into their theme that note of submission—"O Tempore, O Mores"—which we usually associate with other films of this type.

Those of us who have seen or are urged to see this duly attributed masterpiece, witness a novel method of relating history in a manner which is incredibly rich in the subtlety of its humor, the modest conquering of its obstacles and its humanitarian viewpoint towards those innocent victims of famine, pestilence, poverty, ignorance and the "White Man's Burden." Such simplicity in its photographic effects—as the natives dressed in a minimum of rags, just a stone's throw from their lavishly entertained sahibs—will long be remembered as an example of man's inhumanity to man.

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For evidences of growth and support of the CIO and aggressive industrial unionism within the AFL itself; for recognition of the immense value of a united labor movement, and for every sane hope that there may yet be peace within labor's ranks on terms consistent with aggressive growth, let us give thanks.

Nevertheless, for those who recognize the desperate importance of the right sort of labor organization in America, there is now no choice but thoroughgoing support of the CIO. The AFL report sustaining the suspension of the unions in the CIO was wrong on the two issues of fundamental importance.

Those issues were first of all the necessity not merely of tolerating industrial unionism but of aggressively organizing on that principle without deference to the "rights" of existing craft unions eager for their share of per capita.

The second issue is the right of an executive council representing craft unions to suspend the CIO unions in advance of a hearing of the issue at the Convention. On both these subjects the position of the AFL was immensely hurtful to labor.

AFL UNSATISFACTORY ON LABOR PROBLEMS

Moreover, the AFL Convention at Tampa was profoundly unsatisfactory in its approach to all labor's problems. It met in the city where almost exactly a year ago Shoemaker was done to death and his companions, Poulnot and Rogers, were kidnaped and beaten. Today Poulnot himself by

local persecution is kept out of a job on WPA. The AFL exerted no real pressure to remedy this situation, President Green contenting himself with a formal telegram to me to the effect that he had conferred with State's Attorney Farrior, who is one of the men responsible for the present bad situation.

The AFL refused even so much as to hear the Spanish Ambassador, and that at a time when the fundamental issue of Fascism against labor is being tried out by war in Spain.

The AFL blindly endorsed the corrupt labor bureaucracy of the Seamen's Union and condemned a strike which is justified by the standards which labor ought to apply.

The peace and unity for which we hope do not rest upon a compromise which means death not only to the form of organization but to the ideals upon which labor's growth depends. This we are sure will be remembered by state and local federations and other bodies within the AFL which will still work for peace.

The record well justifies the position adopted by the Socialist National Executive Committee at its last meeting in relation to the CIO and the AFL.

FASCISM MAY YET BE DEFEATED

It is yet possible that the tides of Fascist oppression may have reached their crest and break before the gallant defenders of Madrid. The cause of the Spanish workers is imperative. One especial duty is laid upon us in America, and that is to prevent every move for recognition of the Franco government backed by clericals, Fascists, Moorish mercenaries, Mussolini, Hitler, and the Portuguese dictatorship.

We ought to call the attention not only of Socialists but of all American lovers of liberty and peace to the admirable resolutions of our National Executive Committee on the Spanish situation. Also we must call attention to the limits set by the NEC on the kind of public discussion of the Spanish situation by Socialists in order not to jeopardize the anti-Fascist cause in Spain. Later the NEC will adopt a more extended statement on the general issue of the People's Front.

MOST FRUITFUL SESSION OF NEC

My reference to the NEC statements on the labor situation in America and the Spanish struggle can be properly extended to enthusiastic endorsement of the statements on security legislation, a legislative program in the next session of Congress and other matters of absorbing interest. It was, I think, the most

Virginia Vote

The Socialist candidate for Senate in Virginia, George Rohlsen of Norfolk, was given the highest vote ever polled for a Socialist in that city. With returns incomplete, the vote has already reached 8,000. In Richmond alone the vote was 1,030. The previous highest Socialist vote in the city was 625.

Because of the Roosevelt landslide, the Socialist vote for president was far below average.

The Communists who spent a great deal of money in this section, succeeded in their vote in all but one district. The Communist vote was not sufficient to displace the Socialist vote in any district.

fruitful session of the NEC which I have ever attended.

But what may make the work of the NEC and its sub-committees historic is the excellent beginning it made in a better organization of the Party to meet a situation which offers not only difficulties but opportunities of the greatest importance.

The basic resolution on the work of the Party obviously needs to be further carried out in some detail. Indeed, it cannot be perfectly completed and applied without action by the special Convention which the NEC unanimously called for the last week-end in March in Chicago.

But a splendid beginning has been made.

Mass Work

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Poulnot



Eugene Poulnot, victim of Tampa flogging, now taken off WPA because of his Socialist activities as candidate for congress.

Erie Vote Rises As N. Y. Upstate Returns Arrive

Complete election returns from Erie County, New York, which includes the city of Buffalo, shows that the Socialist vote in that county has increased by about 700 over the vote reported in last week's CALL. The Socialist Party ran ahead of the American Labor Party in the county.

Returns from scattered sections of the state which were not reported last week indicate that the Socialist vote is holding its own as compared to 1932 in most of the state. The Socialist vote in Suffolk County was the highest in history, 2,038 as compared to 1,365 in 1932.

Additional returns from upstate New York follow:

- Chemung: Socialist (Thomas), 123; American Labor Party, 460; Communist Party, 16.
- Columbia: Socialist (Thomas), 141; ALP, 63; CP, 52.
- Erie: Socialist (Thomas), 5,750; ALP, 5,324; CP, 591.
- Nassau: Socialist (Thomas), 3,111; no ALP or CP returns.
- Onondaga: Socialist (Thomas), 2,200; ALP, 1,726; no CP returns.
- Otsego: Socialist (Thomas), 265; ALP, 5; CP, 10.
- Suffolk: Socialist (Thomas), 2,038; no ALP or CP returns.
- Westchester: Socialist (Thomas), 3,841; ALP, 3,961; CP, 197.

The vote of the rest of the Socialist ticket ran higher than last year. In Westchester county, the Socialist vote was 3,841 as compared to 3,961 for the ALP and 197 for the CP.

and wisdom of its work in mass organizations, such as labor unions, consumers' cooperatives, a farmer-labor party, or parties, farm organizations, and some of the more important civic organizations.

It will be noticed that work in a farmer-labor party or farmer-labor parties is only one of these tasks, and a task which can never be won unless we are working in all the organizations I have named. There are, of course, dangers in directed educational work by Socialists within mass organizations, but without it the Socialist Party has no future. We shall avoid danger only by virtual death. Surely we can be wise enough to avoid some of the mistakes that the Communists have made.

Socialist work within mass organizations must be open and above board, democratic; it must be concerned with principles and large matters rather than small issues; we must not try to capture power by maneuvers, but to advance ideas and ideals. The task requires a certain flexibility because of different conditions and different stages of social development in different parts of the country. But just because it requires flexibility in application, it requires definiteness of principle and effective national organization to enable us to carry out the principle. It is this which the NEC and the Party must seek.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PARTY POSITION

The NEC adopted measure to prevent individual Socialists or sub-divisions of the Party from public expression in speech or writing of opinions on vital matters contrary to the Party position.

This is in no way meant to hinder discussion within the Party as to what the Party position ought to be. We want a democratic party. We must be careful not to set up a kind of bureaucratic censorship on unimportant matters.

On the other hand, it does not do for Socialist Locals or groups to issue leaflets or statements on matters of our attitude toward the AFL-CIO controversy.

Second Supply Ship To Sail for Spain

NEW YORK.—Within a week a second ship will sail for Spain loaded with food, clothing and medical supplies for the thousands of victims of Spanish Fascism.

The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy maintains a warehouse for supplies at 832 Broadway. Other places for the collection of supplies have been set up throughout the city, including a number of Socialist Party branch headquarters in every section of the five boroughs.

Nelson Gets Highest Vote For Farmers Union Executive

DES MOINES, Iowa—George A. Nelson, Wisconsin dirt-farmer who ran for vice-president on the Socialist ticket in the recent elections, received the highest vote for a place on the board of directors of the Farmers' Union at the union's national convention here.

Nelson headed the progressive farmers who led the fight against the United States Farm Loan Administration. Coughlin-Lenke supporter and secretary of the organization. Nelson was elected to the board of directors.

or the Spanish situation which diverge from the general Party position. Heretofore there has been the excuse that the general Party position has not been worked out properly or promptly. The NEC has taken steps to remove that excuse.

PARTY GRATEFUL FOR WORK OF SENIOR

As I write the NEC is not ready to make a final statement on personnel. It shares the universal feeling in the Party that if possible Clarence Senior should be persuaded to stay at his task. But we have no right to demand further sacrifice of his health. He will remain to assist in the transfer of Party affairs until January 1st. Later I shall try to express inadequately the enormous debt we owe him.

Now I rejoice that we have got so fine a comrade as Roy Burt, at sacrifice to himself, to fill his position.

THANKS EXPRESSED FOR BIRTHDAY TRIBUTES

My wife and I could never adequately thank the comrades throughout the country who made my 52nd birthday so memorable an occasion. To you all we send greetings and appreciation beyond the power of pen to express. Your confidence is cause not only for pride but for deep humility. Some of the things said about me are far truer of men and women I could name all over the country, most of all are they true of the comrades we call by the general name of Jimmie Higgins.

Record Proves CP Desires Fascist United Front

The Daily Worker of Saturday, November 21, 1936, carries the following in its question and answer column:

Question: "The Socialist Call says that in Italy the Communist Party proposes to liquidate the quarrel between fascists and anti-fascists provided a non-aggression pact is concluded with the Soviet Union." What is the truth about this?"

Answer: "The statement of the Socialist Call is a lie out of the whole cloth."

Our "lie out of the whole cloth" is taken from the Imprecor (International Press Correspondence) of August 22, containing an article on a manifesto issued by the Italian Communist Party, written by Nicolletti, Secretary of the Party. Imprecor is an official journal of the Communist International.

The statement reads: "As the manifesto explains, the idea of a reconciliation of the people, it emphasizes the necessity of liquidating the quarrel between fascists and anti-fascists, the necessity for an amnesty of political prisoners, and for the abolition of the Special Court."

"We wish Italy to exert its utmost influence on behalf of the realization of a system of mutual parts of assistance in Eastern Europe, to include Germany, and, further, for Italy to make a pact accordingly with the Soviet Union, which is the most consistent defender of peace."

The sections we quoted liquidate the quarrel between fascists and anti-fascists" is entirely accurate, as is the above statement.

Pacific Seamen Hail Socialist Unity Messages

Messages of solidarity with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific from the Socialist Party was given prominent display last week in the "Voice of the Federation," official organ of the Maritime Federation. The following news story is reprinted from the "Voice of the Federation":

The following wires were received by the VOICE OF THE FEDERATION, each expressing solidarity with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific in its present defense against the attack of shipowners:

From the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party:

"SOCIALIST PARTY GREETS YOUR DECISION TO STRIKE FOR YOUR RIGHTS AND FOR BETTER CONDITIONS. YOU HAVE LEARNED THE LESSON THAT LABOR HAS NOTHING TO EXPECT FROM CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT. LABOR MUST RELY ON ITS OWN MILITANT ACTION AND ORGANIZED STRENGTH ON THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FIELDS. WE OFFER CO-OPERATION OF WEST COAST SOCIALISTS IN MARITIME STRIKE. BEST WISHES."

From the California State Secretary of the Socialist Party:

"WIRE FROM NORMAN THOMAS IN BEHALF OF SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA STATES, PLEASE CONVEY TO UNIONS FROM ME AND THE PARTY FOR THE CAUSE OF THE MARITIME FEDERATION AND ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS. SOCIALIST PARTY OF CALIFORNIA STANDS READY TO CO-OPERATE IN EVERY WAY TO ASSURE VICTORY FOR MARITIME WORKERS."