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Workers of America:

Whether we come from factories, mines, fields or offices -whether we work in city or country, on land or sea-May First is OUR DAY.

It was first dedicated to the cause of labor by organized production returned almost to nor both for the maintenance of relief workers here in the United States during their heroic struggle for the 8-hour day. It was consecrated by the blood of 10 million unemployed. What does Demonstrate against the reac-ing people from relief rolls,

the Chicago Haymarket martyrs in the '80s. It has since become the Labor Day of the international working class:

MAY DAY symbolizes our hopes and our aims for a world free of poverty and unemployment, fascism and war.

In the past year much has occurred to throw terror into the hearts of millions in every land. Fascism has marched along the road of capitalist nationalism to enslave new millions, robbing them of their liberties, whipping them with the lashes of tyranny and starvation.

Despite its brutality, however, fascism has been unable to quench the flames of working-class revolt. In Germany, Italy, Austria, Czecho-slovakia, and blood-drenched Spain today, the revolutionary workers are continuing their underground struggle for the restoration of their liberties and the establishment of a workers' world. Spurning all forms of totalitarianism whether "right" or "left"they are the true heroes of democracy and humanity.

Demonstrate on May Day against fascism! For workers' democracy! For a workers' world!

During the past year we

Civil Liberties

have witnessed new assaults on democracy - suppressions of freedom of speech, press and assemblage in Jersey City in the very shadow of the Statue of Liberty, the runleashing of physical attacks on workers, the attempt to crush the growth of unionism by injunction, the insidious cultivation of the seeds of anti-Semitism, continued persecution of class-war prisoners. These are but a few examples of the methods by which democracy is threatened.

Demonstrate on May Day against the suppression of civil liberties and workers' rights! For the preservation of democratic working-class institutions!

Trade Unionism

In spite of division, we now have in this country the strengest organized labor movement in our his-Millions of workers, skilled and unskilled, men and women. white-collared and technical workers who have never been organized before, have been brought recently into the ranks of organized labor.

With this movement united on a basis that can serve the needs of look forward in confidence to the

The brief "recovery" of -1936 millions of our workers. showed us the most dangerous asstandards, we still had nine and federal appropriations for WPA.

unemployed and many more mil- cumstances? Even a "prosperous" bread instead of battleships! For and politicians in all countries: lions facing insecurity and want capitalism can find no place for Socialism as the only hope of end-

pect of this problem, for while tial that workers demonstrate of plenty. mal, that is, to pre-depression standards and the increasing of

ing unemployment and the cap-Now more than ever it is essen- lialist orime of want in the midst

. With the government now strik

our problems, we have 12,000,000 "recovery" mean under such circ tionary assaults on relief! For class could have said to its bosses

Twenty-one Railroad Brotherhoods Support Ref-

"This is not OUR war: we will not fight it. If you want war, go dig your own trenches and butcher each other. We will not rain bombs upon our fellow workers in other lands. We will not drive bayonets into their bodies. We are not ENEMIES. French, English, German, Russian, American workers—we are all COMRADES, BROTHERS.

"It is YOU—the French, English, German, Russian, American exploiters of labor-YOU, who suck away our life-blood in the form of profit, who would send us forth to kill to protect your loans and investments it is YOU who are the ENEMY."

As a class, the workers of 1914-17 failed to say this. They allowed themselves to be stampeded by fine phrases about "democracy. They fought, maimed, killed and were killed. And those who survivedno matter on which side of the lines-LOST. There was no victory except for the munition makers and war profiteers who stayed at home.

We must never again repeat that tragic mistake. On this, of all days, let us dedicate ourselves to the struggle against the wars of the imperialists, which means the struggle against capitalism itself, both "democratic" and Fascist.

At this moment in history, the political democracies of capitalism control most of the world's wealth and resources. That is why they in pose as "peace loving" nations. The Fascist capitalist states, which did not share the spoils of the last war are now trying to grab some of that wealth. That is why they are acting like "aggressor" nations. But all are agressors against the workers. Whichever group of bandits controls the wealth and resources of the world, the workers will not share it.

Fascism is an international danger to the working class which must be combatted. But we cannot destroy Fascism by going to war to save capitalism, for it is, capitalism which breeds Fascism. If we go to war, we will get Fascism in every "democratic" country because modern wars can only be waged effectively on a totalitarian basis.

Already, France is suled by a dictator-in the name of "democracy". and national defense. If war comes the only desperate hope of democracy will be general defeat and social revolution in France and England as well as in a Germany and Italy.

We loath Hitier, Mussolini. Franco and all that they stand for. We oppose totalitarianism of every brand-whether German, Italian or Russian. But we will not be tricked into the illusion that fascism can be wiped out under capitalism --the very system which breeds it.

It will not be Hitler, Mussolini. Franco or the Emperor of Japan whom we would face across No Man's Land in the next World War -anymore than we faced the Kaiser in the last. It would be the WORKERS of Germany, Italy, Spain and Japan. Their job and pours billions into unproductive ours is to fight Fascism AT HOME. We can aid, financially and moral-"peace" it prepares for war. Once ly, those heroic underground labor before, within our own memory, we and Socialist movements in the Fas-

The WORKERS in the Fascist racy." That war and the insane countries are our brothers and "peace" treaties which followed THEY TOO, WANT PEACE. brought fascism to half of Europe. Through international solidarity-In its wake came a whole series not through international slaughof new wars which again threat- ter-we are going to help them

> Our big job, like theirs, is in our own country—to fight the

WORKERS OF AMERICA AND

WORLD WORKERS' REFERENDUM



world of unemployment, fascism and war.

On this day, therefore, we dedicate ourselves anew to labor unity. to the organization of the unorganized and the fight for a workers' world.

Demonstrate for the building of free, militant trade unionism! For a strong and united American labor movement!

Unemployment

We live today in the richest the entire working class, we could country in the world. No other nation in the history of mankind future. For by our organized has had such an opportunity to strength we can make this future provide for the security, happiness what we will. We can be free men and well-being of all its people. and women living in a land of Yet after seven years of a New plenty and security for all, instead Deal which was supposed to solve

IDEA

Ideas plus organization have Killed the microbe and conquered disease Harnessed the lightning, the wind and the tides Wrested minerals from the earth for a machine age Annihilated space and time by plane and radio Made seas the highway of commerce Linked the coasts of continents Rolled tyrants in the dust Changed the old order to make place for new.

But frontiers yet remain. Poverty, slums, waste, want and war Challenge the dynamic liberating power of new ideas.

The modern pioneers call us to high adventure. We, too, can forge ideas and union power To alter, assist, improve America.

armaments. In the name of workers were called upon first to cist countries where this fight is prepare and then to go to war "to going on. make the world safe for democ en to engulf the world.

Not Our War

In 1914-17 there was one force forces of reaction at home. which could have stopped the international slaughter and prevented OF THE WORLD, MARCH ONthe disastrous chain, of events WARD! FOR WORKERS DEMwhich followed. That was the OCRACY! FOR PEACE! FOR working class of the world. This SOCIALISM!

AGAINST

FOR

250,000 Students Join Strike Against War

250 Colleges Hold Demonstrations For Peace

CHICAGO-A resounding anwer to President Roosevelt's threats and fist-shaking in the di- 000, rection of the dictator nations was mates), registered on American campuses Against War stated: April 20, when over 250,000 students in about 200 colleges, universities and high schools participated in the annual student strike againet wari-

Called this year under the leadership of seven organizations, including the Young People's Socialist league, the strike met with the opposition not only of the militarists and conservative college administrations, but also with the active competition for student loyalty of the American Student union, which held "peace meet-ings" urging making the United

States a "force" for peace.
Demanding the right of the people to vote on war, thousands of ignatures were obtained to petitions for the war referendum amendment at strike enectings. Another point of focus was the support for the Nys-Bone-Clark neutrality amendment, which strengthens the mandatory features of the present neutrality

Send Protests

Since strikes occurred in the midst of hearings on neutrality Washington representatives. Onan increasing number of campures, the strike was a direct seph Padway. demonstration of opposition to impending increases in ROTC or to institution of "civilian" aviation training units.

University of California at Berkeley, where historic Sather gate was the scene of the fourth consecutive strike in which thousands of students have täken part.

At University of Kentucky classes when students gathered after a spectacular campaign of publicity which included planting of crosses on the campus "Reserved for Joe College."

Thomas Speaks

Brown University's Peace Week reached a climax when Norman Thomas addressed the strike meeting. In a whirlwind tour through New England, Thomas spoke before thousands of students at Mt. State College, and Dartmouth. Boston Common was the scene of one of the largest meetings in the country, in which students from a dezen colleges in the Boston area participated.

Nye Speaks Chicago U. In Chicago, Senator Gerald P.

Nye and Tucker Smith addressed students at the University of Chi-Youth Committee Against War. had organized groups, the American Student Union and the Trot-While deploring the lack of unity

in the observances this year, the Young People's Socialist League pointed out in this strike leaflets that this was a dress rehearsal, and that these organizations were likely to play the same role in a more acute war crisis-liberals and the war machine; Trotskyists in-

Student Union members side-stepping the issues of militarism and armaments, and crying for a foreign policy to aid the "great de-

Y. C. A. W. Statement Contrasting the decrease in num-

bers with last year's strike (which called out between 350,000 and 750,according to various estithe Youth Committee

"In the face of the organized drive of the administration in Washington, of important leaders of public opinion, and of many liberals to lead the youth of America to fight for financial interests abroad, this year's strike is a real challenge to carry on the anti-war traditions of the American campus. If even 250,000 students demonstrate for the right to vote on war, for U.S. neutrality, and against militarization of the campus, this means a powerful force to keep America out of war."

AFL Chiefs Disagree on Wagner Act

Opposition to the AFL sponsored amendments to the Wagner act is reliably reported to be strong within the AFL executive council. According to a trustworthy source of information the opponents of the amendments came within two legislation, telegrams and letters votes at the last council meeting a were sent by many meetings to few weeks ago of reversing the stand taken by President William Green and the AFL attorney, Jo-

Daniel J. Tobin of the Teamsters, George Harrison of the Railway Clerks, and Arthur Wharton of the Machinists are reported to Outstanding among the strikes have spoken against the amendcalled under the sponsorship of the ments. Wharton has been a sharp denied it by British and U. S. in- a still greater democracy by re-Youth Committee was that at the critic of the National Labor Relations board, but his union has also been an important beneficiary of its work. Dan Tracy of the Electrical Workers is also reported to have urged caution in tinkering

Leaders of the light to amend the act were reported to have been Matthew Woll of the Photo Engravers, William Hutcheson of the Carpenters, Thomas Rickert of the United Garment Workers, and

Mexico Expels Spanish Fascists

MEXICO, D. F. The inspectorgeneral of the Spanish Falange in Latin-America and two of his lieutenants were summarily expelled the campaign has caused the disfrom Mexico last week after the legation representatives attended. The Fascist salute was given free- with the peasants, but wondering their members. ly and Franco songs were sung. Following charges by the labor movement that the Falange was Here, as at other places where they intimidating democratically-inclined members of the Spanish colony and forcing Spanish merchants to contribute to an anti-Cardenas campaign fund, the government ordered the expulsion of the three ring-leaders. Two days

later they were on the high seas bound for Spain. Striking bread workers in Mexico City, charging that the Falangists were behind the refusal of the bakery shop owners, largely Spanish, to keep their union agreement, stormed the Falangist headsisting on their autonomous ac- quarters, breaking all the windows tions even though on the same pro- and causing the few "blue shirts" gram as the Y. C. A. W. strikes; to take refuge behind the bar in

May Day In Mexico BY CLARENCE SENIOR

Over 100,000 workers and peasants will march on May Day in the capital city of Mexico. In addition to the ranks of the Mexican Confederation of Workers and the National Peasant Confederation, some 10,000 school children will parade with red sashes and flags. Many Mexican workers still re-

member the first May Day parade, called by the Casa del Obrero Mundial, the socialist-syndicalist pioneer of the Mexican labon movement In defiance of the U. S.backed Victoriano Huerta, assassin of President Francisco I. Madero, the unions marched on May 1, 1913. The march was followed by the suppression of the unions and the deportation of all their foreignborn leadership.

Support Cardenas

This year, the unions are marching to celebrate the acts of a president who has given more land to the peasants than all of his revolutionary predecessors, since the social revolution started in 1915. They are serving notice on the world that they are backing up the man who took over the greatest imperialist properties, the oil indus-try: who nationalized the railway system and turned its administration dver to the workers.

The slogans carried by the unionists, both men and women, will hail the recent expulsion of the three leading Franco representatives in Mexico, and the dissolution of the Spanish Fascist Falange.

. They will welcome the large whom Mexico is extending asylum. Leading the parade will be the Mexican volunteers from the International Brigade. Depend on U. S. Workers

As they parade, many of the workers will wonder how soon the "great democracies," the British and U. S. Empires, will allow Mexico to resume its normal trade and

cease its dependence upon the

Fascist powers for important goods Some of them will wonder when U. S. workers are going to force their government to crack down on the oil companies' private war against the attempt to turn Mexico from a semi-coloniai country

into an independent nation. Many will wonder also what the coming presidential alection will mean to them and to their organizations. At a time when the Stalinites, who rule the thinking of many of the labor leaders, are talking about the necessity of "consolidating the revolution," they are wondering if the highly conservative candidate whom the C. P. is backing (although he has slapped them in the face) will know the American Socialists and their difference between "consolidation" friends the felicitations of my coand retreat from the rains which ruption of some of the unions.

Mexican labor will march, proud the Franco victory. The German of the gains that have been made and Italian ministers, and Japa- in its program of building a worknese. Portugese and Guatemalan ers' democracy," proud of the amount of understanding reached



Dane Editor Greets U.S. **Socialists**

Comrade Ernst Christiansen, a member of the editorial staff of the Copenhagen, Denmark, Social-Demokraten, delivered his May Day greeting to the SOCIALIST CALL and the party in person. In our numbers of Loyalist refugees to office he dictated the following message to American Socialists:

"I have been in the United States six weeks and I have already observed the tremendous difference between the United States and Denmark. Denmark is only a small country with 3,500,000 people, but we are fortunate in having a great Socialist and labor party.

"For 10 years our labor government has effected vast social reforms, and now we are building for vamping our constitution. The Danish people support us in majority. In the national elections held several weeks ago our party polled

"American Socialists have a more difficult job to perform. You have vast country and powerful political opposition. Nevertheless your party is the true party of democracy and I am confident you can build in the United States a movement of working people as we have in Denmark. I hold the hope that the Socialist party of the United States will grow to develop a strong democratic workers and farmers' government.

"On this May Day I extend to workers in the Danish Social-Den ocratic party."

what the future will bring. What ever it is, the May Day march will demonstrate that it will not be a return to the slave and serf conditions from which the labor and peasant movements have freed

Greetings from London Daily Herald

The Editor and Staff of the Daily Herald send cordial greetings to the Socialist Party of the United States. We are certain your May Day issue will appeal to a wide circle of Socialists in your great freedom lov-

In Great Britain we watch with intense interest the activities of the Labour Movement in U.S.A. Every attempt to foster a greater understanding between your people and our own must lead to a feeling of greater security throughout the world.

-FRANCIS WILLIAMS, Editor.

visitor, the brother of the military

commandant. In the name of the

commandant he makes an unex-

pected proposal to us: the com-

mandant will facilitate our escape

to France on condition that we

3 p. m. We have another visitor

the corporal in charge of the

prison. He speaks to us in the

plame of the soldiers, who feel a

strong sympathy with us as vic-

tims of an unjust prosecution.

They mistrust the commandant

At any moment they will be ready

to accompany us if we give the

of the situation!

So we, the prisoners, are masters

10 p. m. Sol is a rather big man

tice he cannot do it. But where

I gave him 24 hours to arrange

foot to the frontier. He gives his

Ot six in the evening we leave

Cadagues. In two lorries we are

We promise him this. . . .

WAA Leader Spikes CP Falsehood

CLEVELAND, Ohio Lee Morgan state secretary of the Ohio Workers' Alliance for the last three years, last week exposed the lie campaign being waged against the Socialist party by the Communist leadership of the Workers Alliance f America.

The WAA paper, "Work," Willis Morgan and Herbert Benjamin Communist spokesmen in the Vorkers alliance nationally, have all charged that the Socialist party was attempting to split the alliance, but that Lee Morgan chair nan of the Socialist party's unemployment committee, was against the policy being pursued by his

Morgan's Reply Lee Morgan promptly wired the against Socialist party national office as follows:

Neither Wills Morgan nor Herbert Benjamin have been authorized to use my name in any way to defend their position in the dispute within the Workers

"I have participated in the discussions of the Socialist party policy in the alliance and have helped formulate that policy. I am in agreement with that policy and will continue to put it in effect."

The Communist party clique controlling the Workers alliance nationally has been attempting desperately to stop the revolt from the alliance who resented the destruction of the independence of their organization. These locals oppose the national organization's policy of uncritally supporting ministration instead of fighting for the interests of the unemployed and relief workers.

As a smokescreen to hide their present difficulties, the Communist eaders of the WAA accused the Socialist party of "splitting the Workers alliance." When this ailed, they claimed that Lee Morcan supported them in their at tempts to disrupt and destroy local and state organizations opposed to their rule. This lie has also been nipped in the bud.

Books With Which To Fight Hagueism

retary of the Workers Defense League, issued an appeal last week | book or and picture gifts for this to Socialists and friends asking cause are urged to mail them at them to contribute books and pic- once to Morris Milgram, Secretary, tures for the WDL bazaar which Workers Defense League of N. J., will be held to raise funds for the 138 Baldwin Ave., Jersey City, N.J.

Socialist Executives Answer Social Democratic Leaders

Press for United Action Against

War. Fascism

The following are the full texts of unity with the S. D. F., a letter from the S. D. F., the S. P.'s reply and the resolution adopted by the national executive committee of of future negotiations.

Additional Points

The danger to democracy in the world today is inherent in the decay of capitalism. Capitalist political reaction through fascism and other dictatorial forms can only be strength of the working class in a party. direct struggle against the capitalist class, its parties and its state

In line with its purpose of defending and extending democracy in the political and industrial life of the nation, the Socialist party

(1) The creation of an independent party of labor, rejecting support of any and all capitalist parties and capitalist political groups. - (a) Socialists may affiliate themselves under party direction. with labor parties or other labor political groupings;

(b) In such bodies, Socialists shall consistently put forward a program to run independent candidates in every post in opposition to all the capitalist party candidates: (c) Socialists shall indicate

that the policy of coalescing with so-called democratic capitalist parties or pólitical groups against fascism cannot thwart or defeat fascism. (2) Consistent opposition to all capitalist wars, including those

fought by capitalist democracies capitalist totalitarian states. This means specifically: (a) Non-support of and organized opposition to any war fought

by the U.S., including such a war against the fascist powers; (b) Opposition to all military alliances or simple diplomatic alliances of capitalist nations to apply sanctions against other

capitalist powers; (c) Opposition to all increased armaments in the capitalist coun-

(d) A campaign to win for the American people the right to decide by referendum the question of a war declaration: (e) Opposition to governmental

preparations for war-time economic regimentation; ions to resist the danger of fas-

cism attendant upon war through militant strike opposition to compulsory arbitration. (3) In the light of these political

tasks, a Socialist party must orient itself in the direction of organized mass work. The party cannot consider itself solely an elegtoral or educational organization; it must initiate proposals of action and programs for mass organizations (unions, labor parties, farm-organizations, youth organizations, etc.) through organized and disciplined groups of Socialism in these organizations, operating under the

fight against Hagueism in New

Milgram reports that Authors John M. Work, Harry W. Laidler, McAlister Coleman, Norman Thom-

as and non-Socialist authors have Morris Milgram, New Jersey sec- already made gifts for this purpose. CALL readers who desire to make

"There were countless dis-

appearances. Some were kid-

To advance the party line effectively before the masses, party institutions (press, school, etc.) shall be under direct party control.

To draft a constitution for a disciplined, national, centralized party ours. the additional points submitted by grapting powers of autonomous acthe S. P. for a program for organic tion to states, within a circumscribed sphere, not in controdiction to national policies. All party officials, and those

holding public office, shall adhere to, and publicly advocate, positions the Socialist party on the questions of the party arrived at by national conventions and expressed in the constitution, declaration of principles and platforms The duty to promote and support

inner democracy shall be equally incumbent upon all party members. All locals must carry on continuous educational work in Socialism reversed through the organized and in the official attitudes of the

S. D. F.'s Letter Socialist Party Conference

Committee, New York City. Comrades:

The conference committee of the Social Democratic federation, having examined the resolution and "statement of additional points" transmitted to us by you as having been adopted by the national executive committee of the Social ist Party, considers it altogether unacceptable even as a basis for further discussion.

Aside from including proposals (centralized organization of the party, direct party control of institutions, and maintenance of cells" in the unions) which had already been rejected by the S.D.F. committee in joint conference, the document restates, in somewhat changed phrasedlogy, views and policies which were imposed upon he S.P. at-the Detroit convention. These views and policies are as emphatically rejected by the S.D.F. in 1939 as they were in 1934 or

We find an unexplainable contradiction between the acceptance by your N.E.C. of the "statement on purpose and democracy, the New Deal and its significance for Socialism, the Socialist work in the gade unions, as an adequate contribution to a basis for unity" and the "additional points" which fol-

You will observe that we are not speaking about mere matters detail nor about difference on minor questions. The contradic-tion to which we refer is between fundamentally different concep-tions of Socialist thought and ac-The S.D.F. is sincerely desirous

mity among all who hold the principles of democratic Socialism. There is no room for doubt as to what we mean by those words. Our conception of democratic Socialism is a matter of public record, and was clearly stated when the conference committees began

their work. The S.D.F., on the other hand, loes not at all desire an organizational merger with elements who hold-basically different views. Such pseudo-unity would merely reive the dissension between organized factions which characterized opinion, favorable conditions for the S.P. from Detroit on.

It is of course your function and not ours to determine which of the wo conceptions the S.P. really holds, or whether it is still divided proceed on all fronts in action, and on the subject. Until we are apprised of this it would seem to us. war, militarism, fascism and resefutile to go on with joint confer- tion, promotion of progressive trade

Awaiting information as to your further intentions, we are Fraternally yours, Algernon Lee Louis P. Goldberg

Minkoff S.D.F. Conference Committee.

P.S. This letter will be supple- tion in every way possible.

at the general staff, surround Ne-

10 p. m. The state prison is concentrated in one room. We have crows and others follow. There closed the door and the window, lit a candle and stuck it in an empty bottle.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

We want to leave at three in the morning and cross the frontier at dawn. The chief warder and the village, but suddenly the beet doctor are ready to come with us, lights of a car bear down on but the governor is very unwilling. We throw ourselves on the grade 'Unless I have instructions from "Unless I have instructions from on both sides of the road; and the minister of justice . . ."

In the end he proposes a soluion. He will go and sleep somewhere else with a friend he has met in the town. His attache case is downstairs with his official documents. He will forget it. Then ... So he goes. I seize the attache case and find some 20 pieces of paper bearing an official seal which reads:

Ministry of Justice National Administration of

SPANISH: REPUBLIO

eral of the state prisons and order the liberty of all my comrades and myself. I sign an order from the governor-general for the discharge of the chief warder, doctor and four warders, who insist on accompanying us! They are more pleased with this document than with all their official papers.

guidance and direction of the mented by a full statement of the Social Democratic position, covering in a single text all the rest. tions that have been separately discussed, which may be useful it ascertaining the relations between the views of your organization and

Socialists' Reply

Social Democratic Negotiating Committee, New York City Comrades:

We wish to acknowledge your recent letter dealing with our state. ment of additional points transmits ted to you in the course of unity negotiations. We are sorry to hear that you consider this statement 'altogether unacceptable,"

We appreciate your frankness in making it clear that it is not the exact wording of our statement be which you object but to matters of party organization, direct party control of the press and other party institutions and work in the trades unions. The Socialist party in its statement regarding the need for cooperation among Socialists with in trade unions could not, by any fair interpretations of its statement, be regarded as sanctioning the planting of "cells" in trade unons in pursuit of power politics.

We consider the matters you mention of vital importance. But what is particularly surprising is your failure even to mention the questions of war and independent political action which received the major emphasis in our statement. We agree with you that "an organizational merger with elements who hold basically different views

is undesirable. If your silence on those subjects means that you would not stand with us in our opposition to all capitalist wars and for independent working-class political action, then auch a basin difference does exist. We regret the categorical nature of your rejection of our position

cussion." In view of the possibility, however, that your action may have been hasty and ill-advised and that it is really not the desire of the SDF to terminate discussion, we are continuing a committee of five composed of Comrades Norman Thomas, Davis Felix, Paul Porter, Gus Tyler, and Harry W. Laidler, to resume disaussion with your committee at any time you may de-

Fraternally yours, National Executive Committee Socialist Party, U. S. A. Norman Thomas, Chairman Arthur G. McDowell, Act. Secy.

N.E.C. Resolution

1. That the N. E. C. elect a comes mittee of three to draw up a statement to be reported to this meeting. The committee consisted of Comrades Krueger, Clement and

2. A committee of five is estab-

lished and authorized to bring the matter of renewed negotiations bethe recogning of negotiations exist, This committee is authorized to 3. Work for Socialist unity shalf

on the basis of the fight against union policies, opposition to Consmunist practices in the labor move ment, cooperation on the electors field, and such other issues of which cooperation is possible and desirable. The committee of Themas, Felix, Porter, Tyler and Laidler is directed to seek such poopera-

By Julien Gorkin General Secretary,

the village will soon be bombed by the decisive moment—the momen Fascist airplanes. Then there are of our liberation, after 18 months the Stalinists. They are in control of prison, after experiences in score of dungeons in Madrid, Van There is also the Soviet embassy lencia and Catalonia, under the and behind it the dreaded OGPU. constant threat of m death

> We are careful to make no note as we leave the house . . . A cook are still cocks in Spain, these They haven't all been esten! few dogs begin barking as we pass. Are they going to denounce us just as we are getting away? At last we reach the outskirts

he goes past. We take a narrow trackway which, rising towards the mount tains, towards Le Canigon, sne covered and surrounded by close leads to France. If we are lad enough not to meet carabinet we should reach the frontier about half-past five.

We make a long detour, and the farmsteads, cross mount streams with water over our know fall more than once headlong the mud. Then . . . then, at on a lill, between two enors rocks, we see the boundary state with the number 562 on it. We hall the stone with should joy. On the left is Spain and the right is France. We leap last yard—and are in France.

"(On Dec. 17, 1917) in Most cow, Stalin's official mout piece, Pravda, openly 🕬 claimed that the purge Catalonia, aiready begun, 🐄 be conducted with the same energy with which it we conducted in the Soviet U Seviet Military Intelligence

How We Escaped From Stalin's Prison

Explanation Gorkin, leader of the Spanish P. O. U. M., Workers' Party of Marxist Unifiestion (P. O. U. M.), was written shortly after his escape from a **Bialinist prison in Barcelons.** Gorkin and a number of his fellow Marxists were framed after the May Day, 1937, Barcelona uprising which was provoked by Stahn's OGPU, the Russian secret service police, which is now operating within the labor movement throughout the world.

Gorkin and his fellow defendants were sentenced to 30 year terms at hard labor by a Stalinist controlled court. In the following story he tells how he and his group made their escape from Barcolona on the eve of the Fascists' capture of that city.

(Recrinted from the British New Leader) Before the outbreak of the civil war Carrer Deu y Mata, Barcelona, was a convent. After July 19, 1936, it became a barracks for the Anarchist militia. Them it was turned by the Negrin government into a state prison.

It is a big building capable of holding 400 prisoners. In the cenpalm trees and two pines, overlooked by a large terrace. In this tern. courtyard the Fascist prisoners (some of them condemned to death) and the International Briprisoners have their daily

On the terraceare the "important" prisoners: a few soldiers of packing.

"Premier Caballero had no **Comach for the S**oviet terror which was decimating his own party and striking at his political allies. The autononous government of Catalonia was recisting the OGPU purge, tooth and nail, not without the blessings of Caballero." Gen. W. G. Krivitsky.

ister Lucia, four Right Deputies, The following article by Julien and the political prisoners of the

Tuesday, Jan. 24 The Fascists are advancing very quickly after the fall of Tarra-

Our nerves are all on edge. The Fascists, and above all those condemned to death, have a challenging look. We read hatred in their eyes - and perhaps a death sentence for ourselves. Lucia and the reactionary depu-

archists cut their threats before the fall of Barcelona? And us? Why doesn't the government set us at liberty? Will is allow us to be assassinated here in the prison when the Fascists.

ties are ill at ease. Will the An-

reigns in the prison. Not one against one another, some 40 men, warder is at his post. Have they warders and prisoners mixed up to see him, and he arranges an fled already? The gates are together. locked. We feel like beasts in a

Suddenly I hear the gate of our gallery swing open and I see a shaft of light through my cell door. A moment or two later the ter is a large courtyard with four door opens to admit Aznar, the prison manager, carrying a lan-"The city is being evacuated,"

he says. "You must leave for Cadagues in an hour." He is Very pale and his voice trembles. He goes away and leaves us his lantern. We set about

Wednesday, Jan. 25 comes for us. There are 24 of us, and we demand the inclusion of several comrades who, though chief warder here. They treat us not in our party, are real anti- as comrades, as do the warders. U. M.!

"They will leave this afternoon in another lorry," he assures us. In the yard a lorry is waiting, but it is occupied by warders and breath, are advancing on Gerona. The lorries start off for La Juntaly, Juntaly

Madrid with Soviet arms also gave the OGPU new opportunities to extend its powers. Thousands were arrested, including many foreign volunteers who had come to fight

"Any criticism of methods. any unflattering of the Stellin dictatorship in Soviet Russia, any association with men of heretical political beliefs, was regarded as treason. The OGPU employed all the familiar means of extering confessions and of summary executions . . ." Gen. W. G.

Krivitsky.

get away—they are in a panic. We throw the cumbersome baggage from the lorry and mount it. We

The blue-painted lamp-posts tand out clearly amid the debris of houses and pavements uprooted as a friend, saying sadly: "The end in the Barcelona streets. The is near." I ask him to release us, ministries, municipal offices, polit- but he regrets that without an inical and trade union denters, are struction from the minister of jusbeing hastily evacuated.

On the roads hundreds of peo- is the Minister?

ole, mostly women, are walking walking away from the advancing our departure: otherwise we go on Fascist army. Cars, lorries, carts with mattresses, clothes, and odd articles of furniture.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Cadagues is a fishing village in

transporting all that is left of Gerona province. We are shut up the State Prison of the Republic: Towards one o'clock a warder in an old factory for making san- the governor, chief warder, doctor (arrived this morning), and 13 We find the governor and the warders-all of them attached to 24 political prisoners of the P. O. We are all running the same risk. We arrive just before 10 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 29.

Saturday, Jan. 28.

frontier. I shall never forget that 2 p. m. We have an unexpected terrible night. We are hungry and tired, and shiver with cold under a pitiless rain.

On the main roads we can scarcely move forward. In front of us, behind us, there are thousands of cars, lorries, carts, vehicles of all kinds. On both sides of the road a double file of people -women, children and old people -push on through the mud beneath the icy rain.

At a crossing two kilometers from La Junquera a soldier shouts with an authoritative voice: "Left!" Our driver objects, but the soldier lifts his rifle and shouts even louder: "Left!" The lorry turns. Where are we going? Towards midnight we approach

a village. The rain continues, and we decide to get out, The lorry are standing up, packed tightly Vicente Söl, Republican deputy and goes off empty. We wait some 10 against one another, some 40 men, governor-general of prisons. I ask minutes on the side of the road, but the other lorry doesn't come. We enter the village. I recognize it, for I have lectured here with gray hair. He speaks to me several times. It is La Agullana. Four years ago the municipal council belonged entirely to our party. We knock at the door of a bourgeois house. An elegantly dressed gentleman opens to us and says: "You cannot come in herethis is the Soviet embassy." Obviously we cannot stay here: was it not by the demands of the embassy that we were condemned? We pass on and knock elsewhere. A peasant woman gives us a very friendly welcome in her hut. As she lights a fire we see in's corner a sack of acorns for

> governor, chief warder, doctor. Prison of the Republic.

the pigs. We fall upon them.

seven warders, 12 prisoners. This is all that remains of the State

raped and taken to Soviet Russia. Others were assesinated in Spain (by OGPU agents). One of the most spectacular cases was that of Andres Nin, the leader of the revolutionary party of United Marxists (P. O. U. M.). "Nin had been a Trotskyist and, years before, had been active in the Comintern. With a group of his associates. Nin vanished from the prison where they had been confined by the OGPU.

"Their bodies were found after a commission of British members of parliament had come to Spain to investigate their disappearance. Another outstanding case was that of young Bob Smillie, son of the famous British labor leader, Robert Smillie; he was killed in an OGPU prison in Spain . . " Gen. W. G. Krivitaky.

must find a prison somewhere.

I send two comrades to look for

deserted house. They come back

in half an hour; they have a new prison for ur. Until yesterday Garcia Mocales, a Republicar priest, had lived in this house. We quietly install ourselves. Once again the republic has a state prison—thanks to the prisoners. The next thing is food. comrades go off and return with a sheep and two large loaves

national defense, the general staff,

the prisoners of the republic feed the officials and staff of the state How many of us are left? The In the afternoon we learn that the president of the republic, the prime minister, the minister for

the ministry of foreign affairs,

I proclaim myself governor-gen-

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Western Europe, in the urday Evening Post.

Brotherhoods Support Referendum On

Your World And Mine

By Norman Thomas

Mussolini, with Hitler's approval, conquered little Albania the new fascist style. (But the Albanians fought). Why took this trouble when he controlled Albania anyhow is to see. Probably he wanted these things: (1) "Glory" and terrify the Balkans; (3) A military point of vanagainst the "encirclement" which the dictators profess sear. Anyway he took a brave but backward little country

There is nothing at all in the confused developments in Europe or america to encourage any faith that the United States ought to take at in any so-called anti-aggression bloc by war, or that it can take setive part in such a bloc without war, or that the triumph of

ah an anti-aggression bloc would the conditions which prote fascism and war itself. Rewater that today's fascism and are the response to the trisak of the so-called democratic perers and the peace which they

gritain Turns to Russia

Chamberlain himself has repusted the notion that the lineup is estred with ideology. He wants step aggression. He and the much have at last decided that by have more to fear from furaggrandizement of Germany of Rely than from Russia. They ien probably concluded correctly in its latest developments faswy. different from Stalin's ecowalcs. In both cases it is the ests which is the power and, in fering degree, the exploiter. Manufile, at least at present,

twik is not threatening the British or the French empire as is Ger-His ridiculous to say that governments are concerned for preserving

meeticy in Europe who let Czechoslovakia be destroyed, only to try preserve Poland, corridor and all.

Keen U.S. Out of War

The one change to preserve demogracy and to let it conquer its own | gle with confidence. Although the the is to keep America, the greatest of democracies, out of war. That strike is the first test of union the principle that ought to guide us in thinking about neutrality. strength since the UMWA rehate is no one perfect law or perfect formula free from taint of all h general, however, it is perfectly clear that a big war trade is not

the short of war, but a long march toward war. The rule should be but we want none of the trade which leads to war; and that we do not west the president to have discretionary power to determine with whom middl trade. That is too dangerous a power for any man. In a sense, better a man is, the more dangerous is such power in his hands, se it is good men who get messianic complexes. facidentally, the drive of the profit makers for profit out of war

ed out of war trade is just the same, no matter what the cause of mwar is alleged to be.

₩.P.A. Investigation

It is still true that one chief factor which makes it likely that incles will get into war is the paralysis of effort to wage successful we here at home against unemployment and poverty. It is all right te congress to investigate WPA if it's the right kind of constructive medigation.

It's not all right for congress to cut already inadequate relief funds; wa not bring prosperity. But even if congress acceeded to the presithat request for WPA and more, nothing would be solved. Any form a substity to cotton growers, however necessary it may seem to he policially and economically at the moment, is no solution of the prob-

Railroad Problem

There is no solution proposed for the railroad problem, and so on we the long list. This is the most serious factor in the American winden. No war against fascism which consists just of words or of key acts will be successful until democracy can be more aggressive what the insecurity which nurtures fascism. Here is a challenge to, in esportunity for, Socialism.

renco's Recognition

Since Franco has conquered Spain with the aid of the dictators. England, sooner or later the American government would have had recognize the fact that he ruled Spain, but the haste with which he recognized was almost indecent and lessened the chance for quiet affective pressure on him to curb his brutality in hope of American

To lift the embargo on the butcher of Spain probably doesn't mean were just now by way of arms, but as a bit of symbolism it was all weg. In the same week that the president took this action, the United Memobile Workers unanimously indorsed with qualification his foreign **Mcy.** Labor's blindness on this subject is quinous.

Auto Workers Convention

The convention of the United Automobile Workers was in some weeks encouraging and we are proud of the part played by Reuther thers. But the Communists seem to have emerged with a dangerpower in the Union. Our objection is not to what the Communists wy believe in social and economic affairs; our objection is to their rule win tactics

Those tactics have been defeated by able and aggressive work in Southern Tenant Farmers union, but it was a struggle, and the regic still goes on to build the union—a task to which all Socialists give every possible aid; not because Socialists want to run a but because they want to advance Socialist principles, which are best principles for the workers. In this connection, let me hall the when Socialists conference in Rochdale, Miss., and express my deep for the circumstances that kept me away.

ew Books

This can't be a book review column, but I want to call attention to with very useful books. I should head the list with World Com- right to organize, to demand better by F. Borkenau W. W. Norton & Co., New York) The infor- conditions of work, to strike to the in this book is invaluable and gives more food for thought any single book which I have recently read.

I to not think that the author's conclusions are equally convincing they are provocative. I agree with him that the history of munism—and for that matter of Socialism and the labor move-at the points where it is disappointing is not to be explained terms of the betrayal of leaders. The causes go deeper. I am not treaded that the role of the working class must necessarily be as pertunistic as he seems to think.

There is an important crop of books dealing with the war situation. the best is Stuart Chase's The New Western Front as that arming is to the subjuga-Arceurt Brace & Co., New York), written in his own inimitable style. tion of peoples and the supprespage, pretty nearly, has an argument we can use to keep Amer-

If the book has a fault, it is its failure to emphasize the fact that Participation in war wouldn't help Europe. Chase's book is a whole better than Lewis Munford's Men Must Act (Harcourt Brace & Compublished at the same time. Its indignation is more adequate is analysis of the true nature of capitalist war and the reasons the nations will fight it. His treatment of steps short of war is melatic. I do not agree with his treatment of the issue of civil

Quincy Howe's Blood Is Cheaper Than Water (Simon & Schuster, York); is a bit of realistic even cynical debunking which leads the to the conclusion that the United States will almost certainly were and that if it is a frank war for its own empire rather than war for democracy-which will mean for the British and th empires—it will be less harmful! This book also gives plenty sault upon the murderous fascist a sed for thought.

too, does Pierre van Paassen in Days of Our Years (Hillman-Jac. New York). It's the best of the crop of autobiographical by foreign correspondents, and that's saying a lot. While not achieving success. relief an anti-war book, its incidental information on war and statemen who make war—yes, and the armament makers—is in-

Abould like to lift my voice in the chorus of appreciation of John book's book The Grapes of Wrath (Viking Press). Here is a realacial study of dispossessed Oklahoma sharecroppers driven by a it may offer to the reactionary capitalist forces in fascist lands Rion of dust storms and the change to large scale farming into We are determined to fight for the garden surface of the rights of youth to decent living, to jobs, to education and to

United Mine Workers Set May 5 as Date For National Strike

Non-Union Forces Conspire Against Labor Movement—Lewis

While 350,000 striking members of the United Mine a chance to strut; (2) A demonstration of power to im- Workers of America in the Appalachian field tightened their belts for a long siege, international officers of the union declared last week that they had notified 250,000 other min-England promised Italy as a price of joining the first ers who remain at work in Eastern Pennsylvania, the midwest, southwest and the Rocky Mountain regions to prepare

Maintenance Men

Moreover, the UMWA has thou

the miners' union has seldom used

the policy of calling out mainte-

nance men, the tactic could be in-

yoked if the operators chose to

wage war against the organiza-

Although enemies of the miners

are seeking to use the Progres-

sive Mine Workers of America

(AFL) to weaken the fighting

front of embattled workers, indi-

thousands of UMWA members in

other coal fields would receive the

Unity Expected in Illinois

the National Coal Operators' as

sociation into an unyielding posi-

Speaking on the objective of un-

The Progressives have their

support of the Progressives.

for a general strike by May 5.

The instructions to all members ers have given them in recof the UMWA served as an ultimatum to the National Coal Operators' association. John L. Lewis, international UMWA pressands of its members employed in charged the association and around the coal mines even conspiring to weaken the when they are on strike. The American labor movement by atmembers are used as maintenance tempting to undermine its most men to protect mine properties powerful section. from fires, inundations, gases and

A complete shutdown of the nation's bituminous coal industry loomed as the coal diggers set the deadline for settlement of their grievance which now boils down to the elimination of the automatic penalty clause. Outlawed Wildcats

The clause, established in miner operator wage agreements 20 years ago, grants the coal bosses the right to fine the workers \$1 to \$2 a day for wildcat or other illegal cations were that the hundreds of

The anthracite wage agreement between the UMWA and the hard coal operators expires April 30; Pennsylvania's districts 1, 7 and 9. If they are needed to augment the strike lines, there is no doubt that they will join the walkout.

Miners Strongly United The union leaders and membership faced the sharpening strug- sizable break in the strike front such as independent steel firms, established itself as a national utilities, ratiroad corporations, force, the miners hold the upper large consumers of coal and employers who fear collective barhand. Factors favoring the mingaining extension with prodding

1. Complete organization among 600,000 mine workers.

2. Jurisdiction in the Canadian coalfields which could easily be used to prevent the exportation of ion hating corporations in seeking to wreck the UMWA, Lewis said: coal to the United States.

3. The powerful backing of more "We assert it cannot be done and than 30 CIO national and inter- we say that the coal industry national unions who are eager to should not permit itself to be used reciprocate the solidarity the min- as a catspaw in this situation."

the cause of the working class the

May day emphasizes that only

the united strength of all the toil-

ers of all the world can conquer

the dread powers that are oppres-

sing us and are preparing new

In the gathering of this strength

the youth play a significant part.

For while we cannot accomplish

the spirit, the daring that are so

necessary for a successful outcome

Fight in Peace or War

Together with the organized

workers, the working farmers and

the colonial peoples of the world,

we can play a major part in the

overthrow of the system that ex-

ploits, enslaves and murders us all.

We are determined to do our

share in the struggle against the

imposition upon workers every-

where of the bondage that today

weighs down our comrades and

In peace time and in war we will fight with utmost vigor against

the encreachments upon labor's

meet, to speak. Only the continual

prosecution of this struggle can

guarantee to us the victory that we

For a Determined Struggle

nations. We will oppose in the fu-

ture, as we do today, the arming

We will seek the removal of the

armies that are spread among the

oppressed nations of the earth as

the means of their enslavement.

comrades in fascist lands who are

carrying on under the most diffi-

cult of circumstances the struggle

them the material assistance with

which they can carry on, prepar-

ing themselves for the day when

they can lead their people in as-

regimes. We pledge that we shall

do all we can to make impossible

the intervention of our capitalist

government to prevent them from

Rights of Youth

That requires that we carry on

active opposition to the war plans

of our government, to any war it

We shall do all we can to give

which we can still wage openly.

We are determined to fight for

need to end capitalism.

sion of colonial revolt.

fellow workers in fascist lands

horrors for the masses.

to the struggle.

Youth and May Day

BY JUDAH DROB,

National Secretary, Young People's Socialist League

With a determination that re-security. We are pledged to carry

and Socialism.

Out of War,

Gaetano Salvemini, exiled Italian,

strongly urges the United States

England, no less than Hitler and

Mussolini, has been responsible for

try will not go to war would also

be the go-ahead signal for the fas-

suggestion for policy.

Chamberlain, said Salvemini.

day their loyalty and devotion to the against the war system.

comrades. In us is the enthusiasm, powers of reaction.

Miners: "If it's fight you're looking for, crawl on!"

Travers Clement Named National Secretary of S. P. other natural hazards. Although

N. E. C. Meeting Reports Increase In Socialist Sentiment

DETROIT, Mich.—The national executive committee of the Socialist party, U. S. A., meeting in Detroit, April 15, 16, 17, received reports of growth in Socialist sentiment and organization throughout the country, created a new district organization of the party, made up of the thirteen southern states, set tentative date for the 1940 national convention, and elected Travers Clement of

secretary to fill the vacancy occa- cooperate with other labor, and did union qualities. Many miners in Illinois hold grudges against sioned by the recent resignation of progressive groups in the 1940 cam-John L. Lewis' leadership, but this Roy E. Burt. was not expected to prevent any The national executive committee further unanimously confirmed

should it spread to Hinois May 5. in their positions Arthur G. Mc-Lewis listed outside interests Dowell as national labor secretary of the party and Gerry Allard as editor of the Socialist Call. New Secretary

Travers Clement of Los Gatos, Calif., was elected to the national executive committee of the Socialist party at the Kenosha convention in 1938. He has been an active member

of the Newspaper Guild and the

national publicity director for the David Felix of Philadelphia and American Civil Liberties union in Harry Laidler, state chairman of 1928-9, was secretary of the Na- New York. tional Mooney-Billing's committee The committee received a report Free Five Miners established in 1929 and has been that Devere Allen of Connecticut an active member of the executive board, San Francisco, American Europe: Civil Liberties Union committee.

He is co-author with Lillian Symes of 'Rebel America," was one of the chief aids to Angelica Balabandff in the writing of her biography, "My Life as a Rebel," in flects the unusual tenseness of the on, through participation in the English, and has written pamphlets Youth Committee Against War, for the American Civil Liberties world. Young Socialists affirm to- the struggle to rally youth to bat union on the Mooney-Billings case and for the west coast maritime un-We are determined to carry or ion on theeir strike and dispute of

the work that we have been do several years ago. He is also a contributor to the ingiz to spread to ever increasing numbers of young people the "New Republic" and the "Nation" struggle for their rights, against and has held various offices for "New Republic" and the "Nation"



-Photo by Harry Fleischman. Travers Clement

the Socialist, party of California to stay out of the war against the and San Francisco. dictators when and if it breaks out. Especially does a call to ffight The new national secretary will for democracy" seem ridiculous in take office on May 13. view of the records of Daladier and Name Control Commission

The national executive committee of the Socialist party spent most reducing the League of Nations to of its time on a consideration of a shell. However, for the nation's its organization and finances and the removal of the bonds that to- a shell. However, for the nation's its organization and finances and day enslave the peoples of colonial leaders to declare that the counset up a finance control commission to particularly regulate party expenditures within budgeted re-

of the imperialist nations—directed cist dictators. Make the decision. In view of the possible lateness but never let them know it, is his of the decision as to name of the cardidate for president to be sup-Salvemini said that his English and French friends are ashamed of convention of the party was set for their leaders and are too honest to expect the United States to the period between February 1 and come to their aid as long as they April 1, but not later than April We are determined to assist our are governed by "politicians who I of 1940. This convention will dis- alien Communist, was ordered de- a newspaper correspondent, sincerity and honesty. I want to have fouled the nest of democracy." pose of organization and platform

ceipts.

Spring in the Coalfields

BY LOREN NORMAN

Spring trips back with roguish eye,

Woos us slyly, one by one,

Clouds go marching through the sky,

Dogs are basking in the sun.

The girls in ginghams cut their capers,

And ads for beer adorn the papers.

While bobolinks on brier and weed

Our miners—with their kids to feed—

The rich man drives his motor car,

Are singing madly down the days,

And stocks are puffed as nearing par.

Are turned out on the fields to graze!

California, a member of the nation- matters and nominate candidates. al executive committee, as national The N. E. C. expressed a desire to Socialist Unity

The Socialist national executive committee received with regret the statement from the Social Democratic federation rejecting proposals of the Socialist party even as a basis of discussion, but established a new committee on Socialist unity to take up the question at any time that there is interest on the part of the Social Democratic

warfare unless we expect military The committee as reorganized is composed of Norman Thomas of New York, Paul Porter of Keno-19 WSDBF Locals The new national secretary was sha Wis., Gus Tyler of New York, Ask Governor to

is planning a 14-month stay in

The Socialist executive committee, for the first time, released the Sick and Death Benefit fund in documents on its discussions with southern Illinois forwarded a resothe Social Democratic federation lution to Gov. Henry Horner and which it had withheld in deference the state board of partions and paand courtesy to the subcommittee roles asking that they pardon the of the Social Democratic federa- five Du Quoin, Illinois miners and tion appointed to negotiate on the miners sons who are serving long question of Socialist re-unification prison terms at Menard. in the United States.

The national executive commitee appointed a secretary of the Socialist subcommittee on cooperative in the person of Lawrence Van Camp of Michigan.

It was unanimously voted to request locals initiating referendum A B C to withdraw motions at this time in view of the attitude of the S. D. F.

In addition to the southern district which now includes the 13 states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Steed, treasurer, and Howard J. Skelton, financial secretary. Mississippi, North and South Caro-Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Oklahoma.

Present at the three-day conference were: Norman Thomas, Paul Porter Arthur G. McDowell (alternate), Harry W. Laidler, Max Raskin, Travers Clement, Maynard Krueger, Ben Fischer (alternate), Roy Reuther, Gerry Allard (alternate), Ward Rodgers, David H. H. Felix and Al Hamilton. Absent were: Gus Tyler, Frank McCallister and Devere Allen, One of the features of the con-

ference was a dinner sponsored by the Socialist party of Wayne county. All N. E. C. members addressed the affair. Present were 200 Socialists and friends, among them outstanding leaders of the United Automobile Workers of America, C. I. O. and other organizations.

Can't Deport Strecker, Says

WASHINGTON - In an important decision which virtually that the Labor Department erred in its interpretation of the statute unrom custody. With two dissenting votes, the

court held that the 1918 law providing for deportation of non-naturalized aliens belonging to organizations advocating violent overthrow of the government was intended to apply only to those who belonged to such organizations when they entered the country or to those who belonged when deportation proceedings were insti-

Thomas on Radio Program April 27

Norman Thomas will debate general Hugh Johnson on the subject
Preferendum on War." The broadcast may be heard on the Town
Meeting of the Air program, NBC,
Thursday, April 27, 8:30s p. m.
(CST).

Statement, the newspaper
pondent considered it his "patriotic Deba. Deba was released from the
duty" to telephone the district atpenitentiary on Christmas Day 1921
torney and asked that the Socialist after a presidential pardon had
leader be indicted as a violator of been granted. He had served 2
the espionage law.
On Sept. 9, 1918, Miller was called sentence. Norman Thomas will debate Gen-

Propose to Give War Power to American Masses

Bill Introduced by 12 Senators Backed by 1,000,000 R. R. Workers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The railway labor executives' association, composed of 21 railroad labor organizations and representing over 1,000,000 workers, believes the fathers and mothers of Americans should have a chance to express themselves before their boys are sent away to fight another war

Thomas on War: Heads-You Lose Tails-The Same

ense could not keep to out of war,

nothing that Americs can or will

io will serve either to deter Europe

Offering his opinions on pro-

also scrap iron and some other raw

the outskirts of Brooklyn.

"It should be set down as funda-

GILLESPIE Ill.-Officers repre-

The resolution expressed the be-

for a pardon.

tory of righteousness."

J. G. Luhrson, executive secretary-treasurer of the association, WASHINGTON-Democracy will last week appeared before the seanot be saved nor will any good ate foreign relations committee and come of a European war, regard- niged adoption by congress of the less of which group of nations war referendum to give the people wins, Norman Thomas told the the right to vote before the United House foreign affairs committee States can take part in a war on

that America was in danger of at- . Although criticized by Socialists tack by asserting that "any force as no panacea, the bill has the supwhich Germany could sneak across port of the Socialist party because the Atlantic and land on Long Is- of its effective education against and could be taken in hand by the war. New York police. Like myself, the

ciation are: Brotherhood of Locemotive Ennental in American foreign policy gineers. day, he concluded, "that we Brotherhood of Locomotive Firenave no right to plan for economic

Order of Rallway Conductors of America. Switchmen's Union of North

Order of Railroad Telegraphers. American Train Dispatchers' As-

International Association of Miachinists. International Brotherhood of Boilermakers.

Electrical Workers. Association.

of America. Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. International Brotherhood of

Firemen and Ollers. Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Brotherhood of Maintenance of

Way Employes. Miller, as well as many other or-Order of Sleeping Car Conduc

National Marine Engineers' Bene ficial Association. talini, recording secretary; John Brotherhood of R. R. Signalmen

Man Who Helped Send Debs to

Propaganda Expert Says Socialist Leader Was Right on War Question

CHICAGO, Ill.—The man whose testimony in the World War days was instrumental in imprisoning Eugene Victor Debs has recanted.

His name is Clyde R. Miller, New York City, a staff member of the Columbia university. Now an expert on propaganda analysis, Miller cites his own experience as "a

reason for approaching the whole problem of propaganda

with humility. Debs, a founder of the rail- as a chief witness in Debs trial.
His testimony helped convict him road brotherhoods and four and the Socialist leader was senblocked demands for deportation of times the nominee of the So- tenced to Atlanta for 10 years.

West Coast CIO Leader Harry cialist party for the presiported, and authorized his release covered the meeting for a Cleveland newspaper. He heard Debs say:

boys and innocent young men who are doing the actual fighting are pawns of selfish groups in the various nations. They are taking in van the names of God and of patriotism to place a blessing upon a war that ought to be cursed. I shall do all I can to oppose this in talking with correspondents gonwar, to oppose our young men go-ing over to fight in this war."

Chief Witness After he heard Debs make this

The patriotic informer claims that Bridges, the Supreme Court ruled dency of the United States, his testimony and quotes Debs as Debs did not personally begrudge was speaking at Canton, Ohio, saying to him "son, I want you to June 16, 1918, when Miller, as know that I respect you for your gave. It was as accurate an account of what I said as if I had said it myself. And don't feel bad-"This is not a war to make the ly about this. You have acted world safe for democracy. This honestly in the light of your own is a war in which these millions of conclusions." Debs Was Right

Miller also recalls that Debs had

told him that "perhaps in 20 years you will think differently about this matter." In serving with the American Expeditionary Forces, Miller says, and

erals and statesmen, he decided

Debs was more right than wrong, Miller was among tens of thousands of Americans who appealed statement the newspaper correst to President Harding to release

on foreign soil. At a recent meeting here the

association reaffirmed its support of the war referendum proposal, now pending before both houses of congress.

ere, adding that "if Europe's good foreign soil. Introduced by 12 Senators The referendum proposal now befrom war or to bring about a vic. fore congress was introduced by Sen. Robert M. La Follette (P-Wis.) and 11 other senators. The posals for revising the neutrality proposed act would take the power aw, the Socialist leader recom- to declare war out of the hands of mended a peace time ban on trade the president and give it to a mann arms and munitions, including date of the people. Passage of this set would enable men and women materials needed in war. who would have to fight the Thomas dismissed arguments vote to decide their fate. who would have to fight the war to

The organizations embodied in Germans would probably get lost in the railway labor executives' asso-

men and Enginemen

enting 19 branches comprising International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths. International Brotherhood of

Brotherhood of Rallway Carmen lief that the "boys age victims of

circumstances growing out of and relating to special conditions in the coal industry," and it also pointed out that the father of the victim who was accidentally slain, Laverne

ganizations, had also made pleas National Organization The resolution was signed by Joters, Mates and Pilots. seph Burrell, president; Fred Krenz, vice president; Charles Bar-

of America.

Prison Recants

RELIEF APPROPRIATION

Enthusiastic Parley Maps Socialist Work For Southern States

ROCHDALE, Miss. - Southern Socialists met here in a conference. recently and laid solid foundations for building a growing Socialist

movement in the south. A Southern States' Socialist league was set up with a Resident committee in Memphis, Tenn., continuing the work of the conference. Members of the Resident com-

mittee are: Evelyn Smith (secretary), H. L. Mitchell, A. B. Brookins and Antoinette Anderson of Memphis; Arlie, Brooks, George Smith and Blaine Treadway of Rochdale, Miss.; and Mike and dealing with political tactics which Margaret Yarrow of Oxford, Miss. was referred to the next N. E. C.

by the conference for submission to the NEC of the Socialist party ms possibilities for southern secre-

The cenference had reports on the following topics: Southern Conference for Human Welfare: Anti-War Work; Southern Tenant Farmers' Union; TWOC; SWOC: ILGWU and other unions; Report Unemployed Work, and Youth Party of the U. S. A."

Arthur G. McDowell, acting executive secretary of the Socialist tional basis for continuing southern

Judah Drob, YPSL secretary, represented the YPSL and participated in planning for youth work through which to work. in the south.

14 Join Party

At the conclusion of the conference attended by Socialists and sympathizers, 14 persons joined the party, which represented nearly everyone present who was not already, a member.

iastic about the possibilities of building a significant movement in hundreds of miles to be present at nificant experiments. the first southwide Socialist conference held in nearly three years. The most important work done by the conference dealt with the

a prediction that someone was gothe farmers in the south in the imsome fascist demagogue would cap-inities. sponsor the formation of a Farm- promote in the south." er-Labor federation in the south to work by necessity in the Democratic primary. The motion on this

Recommendations eral election in most southern to this request. states. We believe that there is workers, using the democratic prifor training personnel for Socialist and in so doing abolish foreve
mary as a means of advancing a and general working class move—the danger of Fascism and war!" with the ultimate program of So-Therefore the Southern Socialist ference gets under way.

conference recommends: following principles:

A. Recruited from the bottom among farmers and workers -of the south. B. Cohesive in the limited sense

of being a class organization and of exercising discipline over its candidates. C Working for immediate pro-

gressive political action and for ultimate Socialist objec-D. Organized with the inten-

tion of aiding the activities of economic organizations of farmers and workers in improving their conditions. Working whenever desirable

and necessary within the democratic party primary for the purpose of electing candidates sponsored by the group and thoroughly committed to its program. That the Socialist party work this Memphis office.

BULLETIN

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist party meeting in Detroit approved the creation of the Southern States, Socialist: league as the southern district organization with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn, and with 18 states as members. Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. All recommendations of the Southern conference were approved except that Three persons were nominated meeting for action based upon a state to state study and poli of conditions and Socialist sentiment.

> within this organization as a disciplined unit to achieve the above objectives in a democratic fashion! 'We make these recommendations with the understanding that although the Socialist party must

devote a large part of its activity in the South to such a movement, of Washington, D. C., Local; Delta if the movement is to achieve the Cooperative Farm; Cooperative above objectives, the Socialist par-Stores; Negro Work; Workers' De- ty in the South is to continue to Zense League; Workers' Education; function as a part of the Socialist

The conference endorsed the party, represented the national of- work of the Southern Conference fice and suggested the organiza- for Human Welfare and urged members to work with it when possible but to concentrate on sounder economic organizations and not consider it a basic organization

The work of the Keep America Out of War Congress was approved and members urged to build local committees where possible.

The Southern Tenant Farmers union was declared to be the main instrument in the agricultural field through which Socialists could

The Cooperative Farms at Delta and Providence were endorsed and members were urged to give all aid the south. Many of them traveled and support possible to these sig-

A motion was passed that the Southern conference set up specific machinery for the development of consumers' cooperatives and credit political orientation of the move- unions in the southern states.

The Resident committee was in-H. L. Mitchell, secretary of the structed to collaborate with the a map of the world and point to. Southern Tenant Farmers' union, subcommittee on Negro work of one of the greatest of democracies. gave an analysis of the social the SPUSA and arrange for co- I would say: "In this democracy, forces operating in the south with operation in their national pro- you have millions of people who ing to organize a mass political work as closely as possible with economic system has sloughed movement among the workers and the branches of the National Asso- them off as unwanted; they exist ciation for the Advancement of |

chell pleaded for the conference to ers' union a type that we desire to sweep, the country before them

Plan Defense Work The Workers' Defense league

question which passed with only was endorsed by the meeting and the greatest hope of freedom for Mendell of Louisville) is as follows: organizer in the Kentucky-Tennes- the same democracy on the map see area. The national secretary of the world, I would say: "If treasurer of the Workers' Defense Socialists could but reach these That this conference recognizes league, David L. Clendenin, who people with the message of conthat the Democratic primary is to was present at the meeting, said structive organization, if we could all intents and purposes the gen- that consideration would be given wake them out of their ignorance.

The field is to be surveyed for the power that is theirs for their an opportunity for the building of possibilities of setting up a training own emancipation, we can use the a mass organization for political school somewhere in the south to wealth and industry of this counaction by southern farmers and fill a basic need long recognized try for the benefit of mankind

cialism and the building of a new initial budget of \$250 which is to The conference voted to raise an Socialist order devoted to product last for a period of six weeks while tion for use and not for profit, the program outlined by the con-

A committee of correspendence "I. That the Socialist party take with representatives from each immediate steps to aid in the for- state and each functioning local in matien of a movement based on the the south was set up to keep the Resident committee informed of conditions in each area.

The delegates at the conference stayed in the homes of the Delta Cooperative Farm members, thus having a unique opportunity to meet these pioneers in the struggle for a solution to the southern agricultural problems. A resolution chanked the staff and members of the Delta Cooperative Farm for their wonderful cooperation, with special gratitude to Miss Dorothy Mae Fisher who handled the conference arrangements at the farm.

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If May Day Means Anything to

You, Read This!

"Yes, here in Paris, is the capital of freedom, where everybody is free to starve. I belong to those who live in eternal uncertainty from one day to the next. Sometimes, by some miracle,

I find some work which is just enough to save me from starv-

ing. My health, too, is broken. I have only two comforts in my lamentable situation: good books and classical music. If I am listening to a concert of Beethoven, Bach or Mozart, I

feel re-born. Dear Comrade Loeb, don't consider me senti-mental if I think so, but it is necessary to have something beautiful in the present damned world. ..."

There are thousands in the same situation, from Spain, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary. They are the heroes of the working-class. THEY ARE OUR REFUGEES!! Will Social-

ists and progressive workers in America allow this May Day to pass by without a concrete thought for their brothers across

Give meaning to this May Day! Extend the hand of solidarity and brotherhood. Send your contribution

New York, N. Y.

the sea, victims of a ruthless Fascist imperialism

NOW to James Loeb, Executive Secretary,

A Socialist Refugee Writes from Paris:

Loyalist Vet Describes Fight Against Fascism

to Memphis in April, she had nev er seen a lighted electric light. (Samuel Romer, formerly managing editor of the Socialist Call, spent 17 months in Spain as a soldier in the Spanish Loyalist army. After 10 months in the front lines, he was captured and served seven more months in a Fascist concentration camp before he was released in an exchange for Italian soldiers captured by the Loyalists. The editors of the Call asked him to write for the May Day issue on the subject: The Fight Against

16 Olds Arm

Shoppe

If I were asked where lay the greatest danger of Fascism to pulse quicken when unscrupulous where restored to their status as America today, I would take out agitators and demagogues, prey- men and women, they have bandture these hungry people unless A statement was adopted, "That capacity for organization can enSocialists gave leadership to their we see in the race relations existdeepest needs and aspirations. Miting in the Southern Tenant FarmThe second representation of the conference to the second representation of the second representa Fascist movement; which would they will tell you we must "tame" that America must find its hope, out this use of it, and in it you sweep the country before them your brothers with a darker skin. And this four-tenths of 1 per cent will participate.

and we would know a period of And you will listen, Alma, and the can double again and "Or perhaps you will fight by sea misery and black reaction which

today is inconceivable.",
And if I were asked where lay and sleep and make them realize in so doing abolish forever

New Vistas Opened The country, of course, is our own United States of America and the people I was taining were the sharecroppers. How imkept these feudal serfs! Here is

16 year-cid Alma Mardis of Booneville, Tenn., a typical daughter of the cotton soil. Alma is naturally intelligent but she has never been school except for abrupt periods. She cannot read or write. As a child of 6, she began work in

> May Day Greetings to the Call

Greetings to the Call's Fourth Anniversary Consistent Opposition to All Capitalist Wars!—Solve America's Problems First!—All War Funds to the Unemployed!

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GREETINGS FROM Helen and Frank Trager .

The Committee for International Labor Solidarity of the Socialist Party, 348 Third Ave., Bette and Loren Norman

that even those sharecroppers who considered themselves fortunate if they earned a \$50 income during scription. the year have lost even that. And these 10,000,000 are ready for the conflagration of fascism, the cause of the hopeless. Hundreds of thousands are scattered through the bayous and swamps of the Mississippi and its tributaries, living trolley car. She had never listened off the produce of the wilds. In tremendous numbers they have swarmed into the cities, already teeming with capitalism's unemployed there to live off the refuse of the garbage dumps, a huge reservoir today for strikebreaking never dreamed about anything as agencies, tomorrow for fascism.

RELIEF NEEDS

She didn't know what an eleva-

tor was. She never heard of a

to a radio. She had never seen a

movie; After she toured the city,

"I have to pinch myself to b

couldn't be a dream, because I

How They Work

are white, upon the Negro.

sure I'm alive. But I know

she remarked:

wonderful as this."

STFU the Answer What is to be done? Are they Poor Alma, daughter of Ameri- lost forever to the cause of free-a, and the 10,000,000 like you dom and progress? The answer dom and progress? The answer Won't your heart stir and your lies in their own organization ing upon your ignorance, carry the ed together to fight for their torch of fascism high through the rights and to build a world based of a new world where you would ance. Thirty-five thousand share-

two dissenting votes (Peyton and efforts are to be made to place an America today, I would point to your father to ing America against fascism, the been familiar. For you, doubtless, wreak a terrible vengeance upon Southern Tenant Farmers' union will be the mingled boredom and the Jew and the foreigner and must have the support of every brutality of the trenches. For you perhaps the Catholic and, if you working man in America to whom will be the hand to hand fighting freedom is precious and worth I said that Alona is but one of fighting for. Two years age I vol-10,000,000. In the South today, 10, untered to travel 2,000 miles 000,000 sharecroppers and cotton across an ocean to enlist in an field hands are being forced off army that was fighting fascism the soil, evided out of their mis- on the battlefield; today I seek erable shacks, denied even the enlistment in another army, that right of their miserable existence. of the supporters of the Southern The march of machinery, the Tenant Farmers union. How many tractor and the cotton picker and will join me?

MAY DAY GREETINGS

Local 65, United Shoe Workers 750 Broadway

New York City

Labor and War

By NORMAN THOMAS

Every war since labor became an articulate force has but in Dehli, India or in some had to be sold to the workers as in some degree their war, der the British and Franch different from war in general in which the workers have pires seek freedom. And this learned that whoever wins, they lose. Thus, the last war democracy. was "to protect the Fatherland," or "to end war and make Nor will democracy be cash the world safe for democracy. The next war will be sold again when at last the gune

to the American workers as a war to end fascism even al- likely that in any long war the though in the act of fighting it they will fall at once under victors will be chaos and the dominion of a military fascism. Actually, the workers are already fight under the conscription of the fusion, dictators will gradually connipotent state.

paying a terrible price for the expectation of war here in America. In some dreadful No Man's son whatever to think that Unquestionably it is a factor in the Land you may die happier because world will stand another great w cut in the appropriation for WPA you believe you are dying for de- and come through even as well and the virtual collapse of any forware campaign against unemploy- as modern conditions demand, will be worse. I, the God of War, all ward campaign against unemploymoney that should have been spent on such a campaign has been diverted into armament economics; that is, into a waste of energy and resources for that which creates for us and our children no useful things at all except as war may give a dreadful use to the bombers and battleships which we build instead of schools and houses. All this winter I have been impressed by the fact that expectation of war kept American workers from vigorous thinking about their own problems at home. It gave the government, or rather the whole capitalist system, a partial escape for its failure to provide us with security or abundance.

Of course, in war the situation tive commonwealths. will be infinitely worse. If the god of war would speak truth to us he would warn us somewhat thus: the cotton chopper - this means Mr. Worker: At my command you and your brothers between the ages of 18 and 55 (if the struggle is long continued) will be subject to con-

"Even in the factories you will be soldiers; your bosses officers. To strike will be sedition. Your money wages may rise; your axes. concealed and open, will rise higher. The cost of living will win the race with wages far behind.

"You will find your country without free speech or free press. Spying will become a mania; personal grudges, masked as patriotism, will make neighbor invoke sedition laws against neighbor. To criticize the war or to urge peace will, invite the prison doors to swing open for you—and shut behind you. Remember Gene Debs! In the new world war, more even than in the first liberty and truth will be the first casualities.

"But suppose, you, Mr. Worker, are young and strong. Then the draft will take you to fight. Perhaps it will be your lot to be an aviator. You yourself may exult South and heguile you with stories upon knowledge and not ignor- in your personal power to participate in the conquest of the air, gram. Members were urged to are ready for a Fascist leader. The just obey, with absolute opedience croppers and cotton pickers of the of which men for long generations with some measure of security and Southwest, Alma's brothers, are dreamed in vain, but you will use happiness? Isn't that a wonder- marching toward progress under the magnificent power you have to ful dream? They will tell you, the banners of the Southern Teh- become a killer of women and chilmediate future and feared that Colored People in their commuisting as they pray for a decent is to blome for the prayers would can be stored to be been life. The first demagogue with a is to blame for the present mess, ful figure, you say! Less than to strike terror to the heart of capacity for organization can enthat it's the foreigner, perhaps the four-tenths of 1 per cent. But it sleeping cities. There is no way Catholic. And if your skin is white, is in this four-tenths of 1 per cent of carrying on aerial warfare with-

10,000,000 like you, and swear all again until it shall include all of or by land. It will be the old war-legiance to the American fascist the 10,000,000, include Alma and fare with new horror, thanks to leader. And you will don a col- everybedy like her.

ored shirt and you will call upon For this job, the job of defend- to those with which man has long new methods of destruction added with brother workers, who like you,

mocracy. You will not be dying for it came through the first we democracy. Totalitarian war, such war. The cumulative effects be fought only by totalitaries will be the victor. And my states, in the name of democracy, for blood will not long be setdemocratic liberties will have gone. The war you fight will be a war the workers to keep America between rival imperial groups-one predominantly English, French also want to see a federation of and American—a group of relatively satisfied powers, trying to hang kind as the final foundation on to what their ancestors have freedom, peace and plenty, but taken by good fortune, by force know that an America in war and by fraud. The other, an agneither save Europe nor Axia to
gressive group of the dissatisfied.
In the victory of neither will there
the last island of sanity, the last e a victory of the workers or their place where democracy can be the emancipation from exploitation under favorable conditions Only a fraternity of the people in every land who can create so much and who get so little will be able t last to conquest exploitation and ter to break your chains and the

"Do not believe that this dealrable result will be achieved by the victory of the so-called democracies. They won a war before, and the peace which they made cultivated the soil in which the poisonous fruit of fascism has grown. It will be so again! The war in which you are conscripted to fight may indeed be the end of Hitler and other dictators. It is not likely to see the end of dictatorship. It may see a revolt of the masses in Berin and Italy; a revolt which per-haps you will be asked to put down in the name of 'restoring order.'

corable eyes by the rulers of A talist states! Remember American boys died in Arch after the Armistice to restore

der' in a revolutionary land "Perhaps you will not be to restore order in Berlin or B roccoan city, where the dwellers

ly it will impose another peace organize society. - There is no

That is why Socialists appeal of war. We also hate fascien: operative commonwealths of m

"Workers of America, you unite with your brotherrs the be establish a federation of coopera- if your country is kept at percel

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NEW-YORK CITY

Building For Democracy In The South

Inions, ocialism faining

FRANK M'CALLISTER The Myth of Democracy in South" which outlined the ide of the picture in the Problem No. 1. This attempt to present some netors working toward dein the south.

trade-unionism has folmass movement of insouthward and many reaccommunities are having test taste of trade unions standing their frantic, vioand illegal efforts to withcoming of the day when ER workers will enjoy to the fruits of collective bar-

Unions on the March

have been those conthe Textile Workers' etse Birmingham, industrial of the deep sound, man in the Council (CIQ) with be15,000 and 40,000 organized class affiliated.

La Cirolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and detted with local unions of L.WOC. Many Socialists are acin these local unions as or-

h is agricultural field the Southment Farmers' Union has with the United Can-Agricultural, Packing and Workers of America because that by Communist leaders of is in orthodox communist style SIFU resumed its, previous an indépendent union. WA retained an infinitesiet peop of disgruntled former members most of whom are ing to get on the UCAPAWA ment, falling which they can be much to reapply for admission with street.

Co-ops Gaining

better important factor in the wes toward democracy is the all valons. Consumers' stores which formed in every south-date. There is not a sizable in the south without a numie a credit unions.

de Delta Cooperative Farms, immppers and tenant farmers ■ an effort to show the way ks whition of the pressing rural m of the south now enslavincluded in the Delta' include two farms, two constores, a sawmill and a . The farms are run by wadl of elected delegates and with all members taking an

Political Progress

have been made even in sid of political action by M. Although it is true that sections men like Repre-Cox (Georgia) are sent megress by a vote of less than in east of the population, there thedy trend toward greater This is partly due to the the to a poll tax as a pre-tile to voting. This action then taken by many southern not because of a sudden con-Benocratic party has adopted stoting delegates to the naconvention on the basis of

east in elections. eior groups are beginning to a active part in political Thus far, this has metricted to working for the et New Deal candidates as they are in motion and can moved further to the left proper leadership.

by the American Civil Liberties many communities Negroes unlon and headed by Prof. Kari Agistering to vote but not in Llewellyn of Columbia university. conthern states, is the decisive Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan in St. Petersburg, Fla. have bills patterned after a the writer lives, a quiet model statute drawn by the comamong Negroes has remittee been introduced this sesa 500 registrations for the sion. al election which is non-In Ohio and West Virginia the

Percese League Active

tenference of southern Socialhid at Rochdale, Miss., April aderation to work as an indeforce in the Democratic This action was deemed ty to insure socialist leaderincipient political action sections of the workerfroups in the south.

Seventeen states already have laws containing the important principles of the federal act. closed towns" are being to union work by percampaigns of the Workers' a league in cooperation with Chde Mills, regional director, committee sald: mated Clothing Workers, of legislatures to enact limitations was recently run out of on the courts in issuing labor in-Tenn, when he started a the department of justice junctions to the lack of united support by labor and the more conservative complexion of most an investigation which will state legislatures." a cessation of the illegal terror instituted by the that bills to set up state labor relations boards similar to those al-

et distribution is possible in ready existing in five states-New southern mill towns as a di-York, Massachusetts, Pennsylof the supreme court de- vania, Utah and Wisconsin-have warm by the Workers' Defense likewise made little headway. Bills a case involving the con- have been introduced in Colorado, of an ordinance re- Onio, West Virginia, Montana, New



Socialist Training School Turpentine operators and cotton lantation owners are dealing more warlly with their enslaved workers as a result of several peonage convictions won by the Work ers' Defense league.

Plans are under way to ish a Socialist training school in the south, probably on a cooperative farm, to train union leaders and party functionaries. This has Committee and the long been recognized as a basic Workers' Organizing Com- need which it now appears possible

The south is the main theater in the future drama of America when our course for generations is decided. The threat of fascism is not waiting in the wings but is openly traveling with white men and beholding the stagein parts of the south. The southern workers are workers, Garment workers militant and class-conscious as thers under the jurisdiction proved by their courageous strike actions in past struggles. When the curtain is drawn for the final act Socialists will be in the vanguard leading enlightened southern workers to their emancipation.

Plan to Name Hague Judge

JERSEY CITY-In the name of "New Jersey citizens who have been fighting for democracy here." Roosevelt by telegram to deny Senator Smathers' statement indicating appointment of a federal judge in New Jersey acceptable to himself and Mayor Hague. Milgram's telegram follows:

Hanorable Branklin Délano Roosevelt, The White House

Washington, D. C. departments is being conduct- acceptable to both Mayor Hague dentials, taken from them. Each and himself would be appointed man had with him a list of the unshortly to fill vacancy due to pro-motion of Judge Clark. Surely you visit, and these were also seized securing out a new pattern of will not appoint a judge friendly to with the threat that now they out United States for violations of reveal the names of some of the fundamental civil rights and is at union members. present involved in litigation on hat subject in Federal courts. New statement by appointing a judge side where they proceeded to beat who has demonstrated support of and kick him unmercifully. Seven civil rights."

Anti-Injunction

Movement Bogs as

Reactionaries Gains

The movement for state labor

njunction laws, pronounced after

he passage of the federal Norris-

La Guardia act, has slowed down

in the 43 legislatures meeting this

year, according to a survey just

completed by the national commit-

tee on labor injunctions, organize!

In only three state legislatures-

measures have already been de-

feated in one house although in

Ohio a similar bill is before the

and Connecticut legislatures have

of the Norris-La Guardia act, and in Iowa and Florida labor groups

are planning to introduce effective

Labor Dischity Hurts

Commenting on the trend, the

"We attribute the disinclination

The committee also points out

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omit some of the basic principles on industrial relations.

Labor Disunity Gives

Bosses Upper Hand

In Many Legislatures

Terror in Arkansas 3 S. T. F. U. Organizers Brutally Beaten

MEMPHIS—Crittenden County, Arkansas, was again the scene of an outbreak of planter violence against the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union on the afternoon of April 15 when D. A. Griffin, E. G. Creasey and L. H. Van Ryan, organizers, were taken into custody in Crawfordsville, Arkansas, by Town Marshal Jim Thompson and a group of local planters, brutally beaten and released with threats of death if they returned to the community. The three men, who were return with the Marshal and Creasey.

According to Creasey, D. R. Spring-

field, local planter, snatched up a

heavy desk seal and with the

words, "I'll bust your God damned

ceived the blow on his left shoul

Thompson who menaced both

Mayor in Dark

Curlin by long distance to check on the mayors alleged call. He was

him brutaily.

stopped in Crawfordsville for the purpose of buying groceries and parked their car on the main street of the town. L. H. Van Ryan, Neto make his purchases. D. A. Griffin crossed the street and entered a hamburger stand and Creasey remained in the car. He had been there only a few minutes before he left the car and started to enter the grocery store to buy some matches when Jim Thompson, town marshal, and a Mr. O'Neal, manager of a local whiskey store, drove hurriedly up and, with abusive language ordered Creasey to enter their car.. About this time Van Ryan who had completed his purchase came out of the store and deposited his groceries in Griffin's car. He was also ordered to enter the marshal's car. He was asked by Thompson what he was doing fore he could reply O'Neal struck him in the left eye, with his fist and Thompson struck him on the body with a black jack.

Law Unto Themselves Then Griffin returned to the car and asked what was going on he was told by the marshal that he would learn in due time and was also forced to get into the car. Griffin asked whether he was was arrested and if so upon what charge, and was told by Thompson that the people of Crawfordsville were not interested in state or federal laws but were a law unto themselves and the charges would They were then driven to May-

or Mosby's office where they were their own community. According to that they had violated no written law and that he knew that they could not be held on any charge. but that they could and would be beaten up and if they returned Southern Tenant Farmers' union, would be killed and their bodies Marshal Thompson stated that he thrown in the bayou. While they Senator Smathers speaking be- were in the mayor's office the men fore Senate Judiciary Subcommit- were searched and all union litertee indicated that a federal judge ature, membership books and cre-Boss Hague, who has already been would be cleaned out. Van Ryan indicted by public opinion through- was forced by threat of death to

Beaten Unmercifully Thompson and several planters Jersey citizens who have been then put the mayor out of his own fighting for democracy here urge office, and with him Van Ryan you to deny Senator Smathers' and Griffin, but kept Creasey in-

> Hampshire, Missourl and California. Labor organizations plan to prompte such legislation in Connecticut and Iowa.

Labor relations laws modeled on the Wagner act, which have been enacted in the five states, have "substituted law for the force and violence so common in industrial conflict," according to the commit-

i"They have protected, with almost no complaint of unfairness, the rights of unorganized workers, non-union workers and employers. Such legislation has reduced industrial strife and consequent violations of civil rights enormously."

Efforts are being continued by the National Committee on Labor Injunctions, in cooperation with both CIO and AFL unions, to secure the enactment of the legislation in a few states where prospects are not unfavorable. In California, six different labor relations bills have been inrtoduced, of which five are friendly to labor. senate. The Texas, New Jersey In the Colorado senate, a bill backed by the State Federation of

told by Curlin that Mayor Mosby had not called him, and stated further that he knew nothing of part of the sworn peace" officers of Crawfordsville and the landowners of the community.
Griffin reported to union headquarters that in the course of the

being heaped upon the Marshal Thompson stated that he In Chicago did not wish anything derogatory said about E. B. McKinney, Negro recently expelled from the S. T. F. U. and leader of a dual organization attempting to organize members of the S. T. F. U. into locals of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied-Workers of America, CIO International union from which the Southern Tenant Formers' union recently withdrew. He stated that McKinney was working with him and would hold meeting there the following day, J. R. Butler upon receiving this information, stated that it was obvious that E. B. McKinney is workng hand and glove with the planters in Crawfordsville, and that they, having no fear of the success of the UCAPAWA in effectively or

which they do fear. J. R. Butler stated that an invesigation is being made into the pos ibility of legal action against the men who attacked the organizers. He also stated that he will call upon Governor Bailey, along with the victims of the attack, early next week to protest the crime against these men and to ask his cooperation in bringing the attackers to justice and improving the law enforcing agencies of the state

ganizing the workers, are using it

as a weapon against the S.T.F.U.

Krueger, Daniels To Speak in Chi On May Day Eve

CHICAGO Franz Daniels, former Socialist NEC member and director of the Southern textile workers' organizing dampaign, and Maynard Krueger, University of Chicago professor, will be the guest speakers at the May Day Eve Dinner, sponsored by the Cook County Socialist Party, Sunday, April 30 at 6 p. m. at Kaplan Hall, 26th and Springfield.

The dinner will be prepared by the Bohemian Women's Branch of the Party and a special May Day program of songs and skits will be presented. Comrades are urged to phone in reservations for themselves and friends immediately to Harry Fleischman, State 3250. Reservations must be made by Thursbefore it anti-injunction bills which Labor is now before the committee day, April 27. Price per plate is

REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS

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May It Continue to Serve the Cause of American Labor and International Socialism in Peace or in War.

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Strikebusting Burns' Scabs On Way Out

NEW YORK-The Burns Detective Agency, which turned strikebreaking into one of America's largest and most profitable industries, is on its way out!" Once lathe preservation or extension of the demounions burned when they cratic processes in America. heard that Burns had been hired to break, their strikes; this week the Burns smarted as they appeared before Abraham S. Wechsier, New York State Director of Licenses, with their license to act as a private detective agency at

brains out and scatter them all over the office," struck at Creasey sealed air-tight according to who threw up his left arm and reservers when Mr. Wechsler over-Burns attorneys and admitted into blow from the front with a black jack which Creasey warded off evidence testimony before the Le Follette Civil Liberties Committee and received on his forearm. J. C. Williams, another planter, then beplied strike-breakers and lists of gan striking Creasey right and left union members to employers and in the face and Thompson struck had provided armed guards, tear Creasey a severe blow on the back gas and munitions for use agains of his head with a black jack which strikers. felled him to the floor. Thompson The hearing had been called when the Workers Defense League then hit him several blows about

the head and face while the other filed objections with Wechsler men proceeded to kick and beat against the renewal of a state li-While Creasey was being beaten cense held by the Burns agency Robert Halpern, attorney for the both Griffin and the mayor tried charged that the Burns to reenter the mayor's office, but "has shown itself not to they were met at the door by agency have the good character, compethem with his gun and refused tency and integrity" required for holders of private detective agency licenses. Halpern further accused The mayor teld Thompson that the Burns people "interfered with he had called Howard Curlin, the county sheriff, and that Curlin had and coerced employes in the exercise of their right to form or join ordered them to release the men. a labor organization of their own Thompson then released Creasey choice," in violation of the National Labor Relations Act.

certain death if they returned and Present at the hearing while this possible lynching before they could evidence that will mark the end get out of the county. The men of their profitable anti-labor career drove to Memphis where Creasey received medical attention and a was introduced into the record were Raymond J. Burns, president, report was made to the union's naand William S. Burns, secretarytreasurer of the agency. Wechsler adjourned the hearing until May Later in the evening, J. R. But-15 to allow the agency to prepare er, president of the Southern Tena defense against the charges. ant Farmers' union, called Sherifi

A similar complaint by the Workers Deferise League against the Railway Audit and Inspection Company, another of the giant strikebreaking outfits, resulted in the denial of their application for a

United May Day Rally Planned

CHICAGO-Unions, Socialist and labor fraternal organizations have all combined to celebrate May Day here with a rally at the Workmen's Circle Lyceum, Ogden and Kedzie, on Monday, May 1 at 8 p. m. A United Labor and Socialist

May Day Conference on April 16 was attended by 121 delegates from 54 organizations. Among the organizations participating in the United May Day Celebration are

"Democracy." The word is on strange lips these days. Labor-baiters and Stalinists, D. A. R.'s and the American League for Peace and Democracy, union disruptionists and panicky intellectuals one and all mouth it with suspicious gusto. Nowhere in the personal or public performances of individuals and organizations now hurrying to get on the democratic band-wagon is there any evidence of the slightest concern for

To be sure, to serve their ends, Stalinists will become lyrical over the Bill of Rights and take cover under the aegis of the American Civil Liberties Union. In addition to the second verse of "The Star Spangled Banner". Earl Browder has now learned the preamble to the Declaration of Independence. and the commy small fry are being taught ruled the continual objections of the salute to the flag in place of the clenched fist of other days. But such posturings are so palpably phoney that even the innocents are leaving the "United Front" and just the other day dear old Heywood Broun, urging the Pope to call a peace con-

> ervation. I mention Heywood merely as an example of a good man fallen among "agitprops" (I suppose they still call them that in the secret "plenums"). He is certainly traveling with some strange fellows these confused days and because I still have a profound personal affection for him, can't help

ference, ran off the collective security res-

the Federation of Jewish Trade Unions, United Auto Workers Lo-May Day cal 453, Workmen's Circle, Socialist Farty, Social-Democratic Federation, Poale Zion, Jewish Na-Workers' Alliance, Left Poale Zion, Illinois Workers' Alliance locals, Young Peoples Socialist League, Young Circle League

and many others. I. M. Polin of the Workmen's Circle is chairman of the conference, and Harry Cohen, SDF, and Harry Fleischman, SP, are secre-

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THIS WORD "DEMOCRACY"

grieving over his jitterish decline. case however, is typical of the rest of the browderized intellectuals who are now urging a holy war on behalf of the democracies of the Cliveden gang, the 200 families of France and Jo Beck's proletarian Poland. Even their hero Walter Duranty, writing in that Bible of the New Democrats, The New York Times, pokes sly fun at the aberrations of these high-brows. For Duranty knows darn well that there is no more democracy in Russia than there is sincerity in a Stalinist speech and he is daily telling the world that to drag ideologies into an imperialist dogfight over colonies is to make confusion worse confounded.

In the meantime it is the Socialist job to give content and meaning to such democracy as we have over here, and to see to it that democracy is extended into every field of collective activity. To fight with all the energy that is in us this sinister defeatism that says. "We'll get into the next war, sure as shooting." To hold high the torch of Socialism in what may well be the last refuge for war-torn humanity.

On this May Day we may well echo the closing words of the speech of Eugene Victor Debs at Canton on June 16, 1918, the speech that led to his torture in Atlanta:

"And now for all of us to do our duty. The call is ringing in your ears. Do not worry, over the charge of treason to your masters, but be concerned about the treason that involves yourself. . . We Socialists are the builders of the world that is to be."

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ians stop the sale of

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SOME OF THE NEWS IS NOT FIT TO PRINT'

HENRY HASKELL

ident Roosevelt does not run for Franco early in February. In his dency of Mexico, he makes this a third term, or if he is defeated, dispatch in the Times for Feb. 13, clever stab at the working class in NEW YORK — Praising the he might accept the editorship of he says: "What would most distinguished in the same dispatch: "Senor Sanchez healthy condition of Knitgdods" the New York Times. It is sig-nificant of the importance of the is thought, (Philip's most common ment and he is unlikely to win the Times that no one would-consider substitute for "I think"), and, per- support of the militant labor movethis suggestion incongruous, or the haps, prevent a major disaster, editorship of this newspaper as 2 would be the recognition of Genterrific comedown for the former eral Franco's government by president of the United States. France and Britain as soon as pos-

important part in the affairs of complicated by the clamorous dethis country is commonplace. This mand of thesextreme left parties Is particularly true in respect to that France should refuse to recog- for Daniell, only 2,000 put in an foreign affairs, where its influence - nize General & ranco. could even be compared to that of "These elements are in a minorour state department.

wherever men discuss the affairs later! of this nation.

Spokesman of Capital.

portance that we keep tab on this newspaper, and that we watch it with particular care as it maneuvers to defend the interests of American capital, whose spokesman it is, net's visitors today. His visit.

It is a commonplace in America is being interpreted in the French today to say that the economic and press as an indication of the gocial viewpoint of the owners of a paper determine the slant of the news stories as well as of the edi. At this time France had not yet torials of the paper. The SOCIALIST CALL, there-

working class, and its news stories are frankly written with the hope of strengthening and helping the workers. The New York Times is owned by capitalists and conducted so as to strengthen and help capital-but not frankly.

The Times pretends it is imparof the workers equally with those a dangerous and deceptive organ, sheepskin than when running openly with the pack.

Capitalist Bias

This bias is especially evident in the dispatches from abroad, for the writers seem to feel free to exhibit They also shield themselves with such excuses as censorship, keeping the goodwill of the people from whom they must get their news etc. As a matter of fact, these men are probably chosen by the Times because they are good reporters with a capitalist bias.

Naturally, the picture is not all onesided, for if it were, the hypocrisy of the pretense that the paper right. is impartial would be exposed too easily. This explains the presence of such admirable reporters as Gedya in Central Europe, Byas in Japan, Matthews and Fernsworth in Spain (they are there no longer), Ybarra in Central and South Amer-

prejudice is shown more often by emphasizing the speeches and points countries which they are reporting, and more rarely, in semi-editorial remarks incorporated in the body of what are supposed to be objective news stories.

Favors Collective Security The New York Times urges collective security as the proper foreign policy for the United States. In recent weeks it has shown some impatience with Chamberlain's appeasement policy, but has consistently approved Daladier's policy which is hardly distinguishable from the former.

In Spain, the Times has never dared come out squarely for Franco, and is humanitarian enough to deplore his excesses. But it is significant that as correspondents to Spain, the notorious Carney, a fascist if there ever was one, did the reporting from Franco's side, while Matthews, nevly decorated by Mussolini for his reporting of the rape of Abyssinia, was appoint-

porting was of such unusual excellence that they could not withdraw him, but they placed numerous obstacles in his path, and blue-penciled his dispatches freely.

Mexican Oil Problem Another outstanding example was Kluckhohn, recently expelled by the Mexican government for his biased reporting for the Times'in that country. Liberals and radicals in this country we c constantly outraged by the uniformly reactionary, anti-Cardenas tone of his dispatches, and were pleased by the prospects of getting less biased news from his successor. Instead the Times appointed Raymond Daniell, who has since revealed himself as the spokesman for the predatory American oil, and land interests in Mexico. But of him

-more later. -To document these charges, I have gone through the Times for the last half of February, 1939. The bias criticised above is evident throughout. Let us consider, for example, the dispatches of P. J. Philip, reporting from France. Mr. Philip prophesied and all but

It has been suggested that if Pres- openly urged the recognition of cussing candidates for the presi-

To say that the Times plays an sible. . . . Here the situation is

ity in France and it is not improb-The Times has a coverage which able that the government on Tues- : fessed devotion to democracy, deis the envy and despair of every day will recognize General Franco newspaper in the country. It sets, and prevent a situation that might the tone of thousands of other lead to war." France did not recpapers, and its influence is felt ognize Franco until two weeks

Another Example

Philip suggested a virtual alli-Therefore it is of the utmost im- ance between France and the United States when he said a week later. (New York Times, Feb. 21). "United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt was among M. Bon-United States' approval of French recognition of the Franco regime. recognized Franco!

Two days later he drew England fore, defends the interests of the into his hoped for and imaginary 'democratic alliance" when he said, "With Premier Daladier and Ambessador Bullitt on the right and the Duke of Windsor and Foreign Minister Bonnet on the left of President Max Shoop of the American club, the Washington's Birthday dinner of the club this evetial, pretends to serve the interests hing was a demonstration of the solidarity of the three great demeof capital. That is what makes it ocracles. . . Since the days just after the war there has not been for the wolf is more dangerous in any gathering in the club so swayed by emotion and by the reality of Franco-American friendship. . . . The French premier . . turning to the Duke of Windsor thanked him for his presence At

this typical American dinner, which he said was a symbol of the comtheir prejudices from a distance. plete unity of mind and spirit among the British, French and American people in front of the dangers threatening the world."

Carney in Burgos So much for Mr. Philip-and my quotations do no tribute to the delicate innuendo and sly adjective with which he constantly damns the left and praises the

Let us turn to Mr. Carney in Burgos, although he has been dealt with much more fully and adequately than we have space for here. In his dispatch in the Times for Feb. 19, he says:

"A majority of . . . Franco's supporters, (among whom Carney is this respect than other papers, but Stationery — Printing Even those with the clearest bias not the least), would vigorously rarely tell actual untruths. Their oppose any repetition of generos-prejudice is shown more often by ity toward the vanquished such as the general amnesty (of 1936) of view of the reactionaries in the which, it is asserted here, enabled liberated political extremists to carry out many assassinations and the sacking and burning of many churches, Rightist newspapers and clubs between Feb. 16 and July 18,

Hoodwink Public

And listen to this infamous at tempt to hoodwink the American public into believing Mussolini will withdraw his troops from Spain: "From the participation of the fuli strength of 16,000 Italian volunteers' who fought in the Catalan offensive . . . the conclusion was drawn (by whom, Carney?), that this very likely was their farewell review by General Franco and that their departure from Spain was imminent.

As I suggested before, Raymond Daniell, reporting from Mexico, has undertaken the office of unofficial representative of American oil and land interests in Mexico formerly held by the infamous Kluckhohn. ed to report from the Loyalist ter- In doing this he gives considerable space to reporting Cardenas' oppo-Matthews fooled the editors of sition. Thus, on Feb. 18, he writes:
"Both General America and General the Times by adopting a tone Almazan, (opponents of Cardenas), are regarded as liberals who favor closer economic cooperation with the United States," (i.e., the oil and land companies). When dis-

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NEW YORK - Praising the Workers Union, Local 155, ILGWU, Pres. David Dubinsky of the international hailed the reslection of political domination of the Local. installation meeting, said:

Daniell and Fascism

dispatch of Daniell's on the front

page telling of a rally of Cardenaa

opponents, which he had predicted

would be attended by 5,000. Alas

appearance, even when a dinner

was provided as attraction. "All

the peakers," gloats Daniell, "pro-

nounced Communism as a national

But a paragraph later he admits

Mena Brito, a colonel in the Car-

ranza army, to 'Jewish coyotes,' and his attack on Dr. Francisco

Washington, as an 'employe of the

Jewish synagogues of New York'

rather than the true ambassador

of Mexico, drew wild shouts of

The Times correspondent in Lon-

don, Mr. Ferdinand Kuhn, Jr.

often sounds like a member of the

House of Lords, rather than an

Times. The Labor party has been

urging the government to impose

heavier income taxes on the higher

brackets for many years. Never-

theless, Mr. Kuhn in his dispatch

for Feb. 21, says: "To the immense

relief of the country (the whole

pounds of the 580,000,000 would be

raised by taxation. . . : This was

taken everywhere to mean that

the government would not raise

the income tax or impose any seri-

ous addition to taxes in the next

Kuhn on Britain

In a dispatch the same day Mr.

Kuhn talks like a spokesman for

Chamberlain when he says, "Win-

ston Churchill was another of Mr.

Chamberlain's powerful critics who

supported him today. . . This was

very different from the Churchill

and at times a danger to Mr.

Chamberlain on previous parlia-

The fact that Mr. Kuhn, Jr., is

in general, more fair and more ob-

Times, holding its capitalist bias

or less degree, of every capitalist

Times not because it is worse in

As a matter of fact, the Times is

probably more fair in reporting

foreign affairs than nine tenths of

budget." (Italics mine.)

mentary occasions."

'in partial" reporter from the

applause from the diners."

link to Nazism."

On Feb. 20, the Times prints a

Nelson's honesty, efficiency, and democracy. economy in administrating the af- Hordes of ruthless, crazed men that, "the reference of Bernardino certain political elements in Local retain the outlook that labor unions i must be dominated by those con-Castillo Najera, ambassador to has been so systematically at-

tacked by them. "For my part, let me say: anyone who does not lend encouragement to the attempts of a political group to dominate unions, but disa real constructive service to the labor movement.

"The only concern of the Communist element is this: "Does he. the prospective officer, carry our label or not? If he does, then it matters not how incompetent he may be, we'll support him. And if he is not of our political persuasion, country, Mr. Kuhn, or only British no matter how loyal, capable and capital?), Sir John (Simon) an- devoted to the Union he may be, nounced that only 230,000,000 he must be removed!

"This policy, however, has never before succeeded in our Union and never will. The Communists, in former years, used to call their opponents all kinds of names. When I was manager of Local 10, I was a betrayer of the working class and an enemy of the people, according to them. Now, they have stopped calling ugly names. Their methods have changed, but the policy has remained the same. Their aim is still to capture and to control labor unions."

who had made himself a nuisance our papers, which merely underscores the point we want to make, namely, that when we are reading capitalist newspapers, we are imbibling capitalist propaganda with the news. Sometimes we get it straight, and then we have no jective than many other Times trouble detecting its odor. More correspondents is an indication of how carefully one must read the often it is perfumed, and that is what we must guard against. in mind. This is true, in greater

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To Stop War.

Stop Sale of Munitions To War Makers

BY ROSE PESOTTA. Vice President, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union

Recent events in Europe, Spain and China have shocked the entire Manager Louis Nelson and his as- civilized world. The Nazis of Gersociates as an indication of the many, under the leadership of a membership's will to ban outside group of MANIACS, who are more crush the uprisings of foreign pebfit to be inmates of an insane asylum than leaders, whose abnor-Dubinsky, who spoke at the recent malities are common knowledge, are now trampling under their "I have full confidence in Louis heels every vestige of freedom and

fairs of Local 155 and I congratu- were let loose upon defenseless line you upon his reelection. The people, making them homeless, in dungeons. enemy and denied charges of a attacks on Nelson, I am satisfied, crushing and maiming their bodies are purely political. The only rea- and souls. Jews, Czechs, Slovaks, son for these attacks is that Nelson Austrians. Spaniards, and many has opposed a united front with others are now roaming through the wilderness, cut off from their 155. It is because these people still place of birth, where they have been rooted for centuries. China, Japanese soldiers are sent nected with their political party, ir- to die and gain death upon a peace-respective of ability, that Nelson ful country. Traced to World War

The origin of this ruthlessness is to be traced to the last WORLD

WAR. We all remember that humanity was engaged in a war to "make the world safe for democcourages such attempts, contributes racy." Millions of young men of all nations whose maimed bodies and blood streams have enriched the fields of Europe, died "happily" for the cause. BUT THEY HAVE DIED IN

VAIN. The war was not fought to end all wars. It was a war to crush Germany and Austria, In order to divide the spoils between the victors.

A shameful peace was imposed upon the defeated nations. Small states were created in Europe to safeguard French and English frontiers. People who returned to their homeland found themselves browbeaten, after fighting for freedom for four years.

Revolution in 1918 Revolutions broke out in Russia

patched the remaining troops to are made into guns to fight their ple. Four years of training in killing, maiming, jeering upon all hu-man rights, espionage, lawlessness, could not so easily be supplanted by orderly conduct. Millions of human beings died of starvation; others of famine and diseases: still others on the barricades and

Starving people can easily be coled. .Under these circumstances, Hitler succeeded in misleading the German people starving for bread. All he demanded was blind obedience. The rest was easy. First the labor movement was attacked as the enemy of the people. Hundreds Arrested

Labor leaders were arrested by the hundreds, driven into concentration camps, where most of them were tortured to death.

The Jews were next in line, and to this date serve as the Nazi scapegoat. Then followed the annexation of Austria, Sudetenland, Częchoslovakia, crushing of the Spanish republic, and now the maniacs are embarking on ensignng the whole of Europe. In Asia, Japan has followed a similar line to crush the people of Spain. Get Munitions in U. S. A.

The present situation may easily be traced to the doors of WORLD MUNITIONS CAPITAL This clique, which makes its profits out of world slaughter, stops at nothing to gain its ends. During the world war, munitions makers reapen heavy profits by supplying munitions to the Allies and their enemies, likewise at this crucial period they supplied Hitler with ammuni-

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and Germany, overthrowing the former Czechoslovakia, sold muniuseless rulers. Civil wars followed tions to Hitler with which he later The same democratic nations captured their own fatherland. which sent the flower of their man- been steadily supplying Germany hood to fight for "democracy" dis- with scrap iron and parts which way through.

Stop the Slaughter!

German aisplanes upon the women and children of Barcelona were made in the U.S.A. Bombs that are now raining death and destruction upon the defenseless. women and children of China are made of American scrap from which is shipped regularly to Japan, where it is manufactured

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Economic Plenty And May Day

and seets have foretoid the time two-thirds, less than \$1,450. poverty for the masses would heritage of all.

partiy to the ruthless exploit- only \$471 a year. sion of the toilers by economic political rulers; but also to the ject that man worked with simple sad primitive tools and, try as he my, war able to produce with the tools little more than was sectsary to keep him and his fam-

The last century, following the postrial Revolution, changed all tis - Steam, electricity, mammoth schines, mass production, giant emporations, world markets, soon sage. The power of man to pronee multiplied beyond the dreams former generations.

America's Capacity

In the United States, with this means represented possibilities. panies for which they work. Brookings Institution claimed that there was no reason why, even without a change in the national scome system, this 80 billion do! ars could not be increased to one handred billion. (See America's (apacity to Produce.)

The Columbia University Commission on Economic Reconstrucion expressed the opinion that proection could be increased from per cent to 90 per cent if equipment and management were brought up to the level of the best current standard. "It is clear," declared this commission, which consited of some of the foremost somemists in the country, "that if our society could continuously utilhe to the full the productive capacky which is actually available. secould thereby overcome the evils alke of poverty and unemployment, assuming an equitable distriintion of national income. Clearly i i not a physical obstacle, not to niggardliness of nature, nor. the lack of inventive capacity of industry on the part of man, which stands in the way of a much lither and much less precarious hardard of living than any people he yet enjoyed." (Economic Reeestruction, p. 8.)

🌣 🛂 370 a Year Possible

Athird study on economic abunthe National Survey of Postial Product Capacity, the most missive of them all—declared that in 1929 there existed 84.8 per mat of excess capacity in the inintries of America and that a naional income of 135 billion dollars hithis country was easily possible, in income which, if equally dispipeted, would insure the average amily of 4.1 members an income # 14.870 a year.

If society eliminated many of the ragic wastes of competition and et itself wholly to the creation of weful goods-granted a just distributton of the products of industry -a life of plenty in this machine and electrical age would be within the reach of all willing and able to to their part in the industrial ad social life of the nation.

But, in spite of these possibilities, ber cent of the families in the United States in the so-called proserous year of 1929 were receiving income of less than \$2,000 a ner, though \$2,000 per family was that year considered by students to be necessary to provide a standand of health and decency.

Ten Years Depression . .

Since those days, as all know, the kuation has become infinitely worse than during the late twenbes. The country is now in the inth year of the worst depression the history of the United States. from 1930 to 1938, there was a toas compared with that at the mand. and of the twenties, and a loss to . "The which might have been expected mand. from year to year as the thirties

to American participation in of our nation's families.

Crisis Worsens With the industrial crisis becom-National Resources board de- MAN. That is the demand! that one-third of American ! "This is Socialism!" incomes of less than \$780 a bor but wills it to be.

Throughout the ages prophets year; one-half, less than \$1,070, and

Approximately nine-tenths of the consumers-89 per cent-received a thing of the past, and when yearly income of less than \$2,500. warity and abundance would be On the other end, two per cent of all "consumer units" received in But, despite all of these prophe 1935-36 incomes of \$5,000 and over, But, despite an or these propher and less than one per cent of \$10,land, have been for ages vic- of the poorest third of consumer of abject poverty. This was units, the 13,000,000 families was

10,000,000 Remain Jobless

In the gay twenties, men and women from abroad were writing large volumes on "America, the golden." The working class of America realizes how far we were from the golden age even in those days. Today, with 10 or 12 million still unable to obtain work in private enterprise; with millions who are working obtaining a pauper's wage, the situation is indeed a

The capitalism of unregulated monopoly of the Republican era utterly failed to bring abundance. The capitalism of the New Deal has likewise miserably failed. They both have failed because they both stand for a system in which one bersopment, production increased group in society owns the land and from decade to decade, the nation- the machinery of production and i income reaching in 1929 the un distribution, while the other group secodented sum of over 80 billion does the work with little or no dilars. And yet, this amount by share in the ownership of the com-

Cow Fable

Under this system, the worker must divide up and give to the owner a large part of the product of his toil. He is-like Farmer John in the off-repeated story of the two farmers who bought a cow. After they had purchased the animal, Farmer John said to Farmer Bill, "What shall we do about this cow, now that it is ours?"

"Well," replied Farmer Bill, "suppose we settle the matter by your becoming the owner of the front of the cow, and I becoming owner of the rear of the cow,"

Bill thought that was a fine idea until the time came for feeding and milking the cow and Bill found that he, as owner of the front, had to feed the cow, while Farmer John had the job of milking the cow.

Farmer John is the worker under our present system and so long as one class in our community owns the industries and the other class is ownerless, so long will the mass es be unable to buy back the goods they create. So long will the owners obtain large fortunes through mere ownership; so long will poverty and unemployment be the lot of millions of men and women; so long will abundance for the common people be a chimerical dream For Social Ownership

only road to abur agement of the principal industries of the country.

That road can be built only by

the organized strength of the workers of hand and brain on the political and the economic fields. Here and there that organized strength is being developed, but labor in every section of the country is as yet but partially organized and has little concept of how to win labor's emancipation. Un-organized, labor, will drift from crisis to crisis.

Labor will pass on to its children an inheritance of insecurity and suffering and war. Organized it may pass on to posterity a life of plenty, of equal opportunity, of peace, of genuine freedom. The destiny of the world lies in labor's hands. May the workers of America, on this day of international labor, dedicate themselves anew to the great task of converting our insecurity into security; our poverty into abundance; our feudalism into

Quotations From Debs "The earth for all the people."

That, as Eugene Victor Debs so well put it on another of labor's days, is or should be the demand. "The machinery of production tal loss in national income during and distribution for all the people!" these eight years of 133 billion dol- | continued Debs. "That is the de-

collective ownership and the nation of 200 billion dollars, if control of industry and its democompares the decreases in in- cratic management in the interest one with the normal increases of all the people! That is the de-

"The elimination of rent, interest and profit and the production of This latter sum equals four times wealth to satisfy the wants of all the money loss (50 billion dollars) the people! That is the demand.

"Coperaive industry in which all he World war; four times the cost shall work together in harmony as K srecting \$5,000 homes for 10,000, the basis of a new social order, a higher civilization, a real republic! That is the demand.

"The end of class struggles and worse and worse, individual as class rule, of master and slave, of well as national incomes greatly ignorance and vice, of poverty and esteased and poverty, tragic be- shame, or cruelty and crime—the all description, prevailed in birth of freedom, the dawn of of communities. In 1935-6, brotherhoods, the beginning of

and individual consumers. And this is labor's destiny, if la-

Heroes of 1917

BY JOHN T. FLYNN

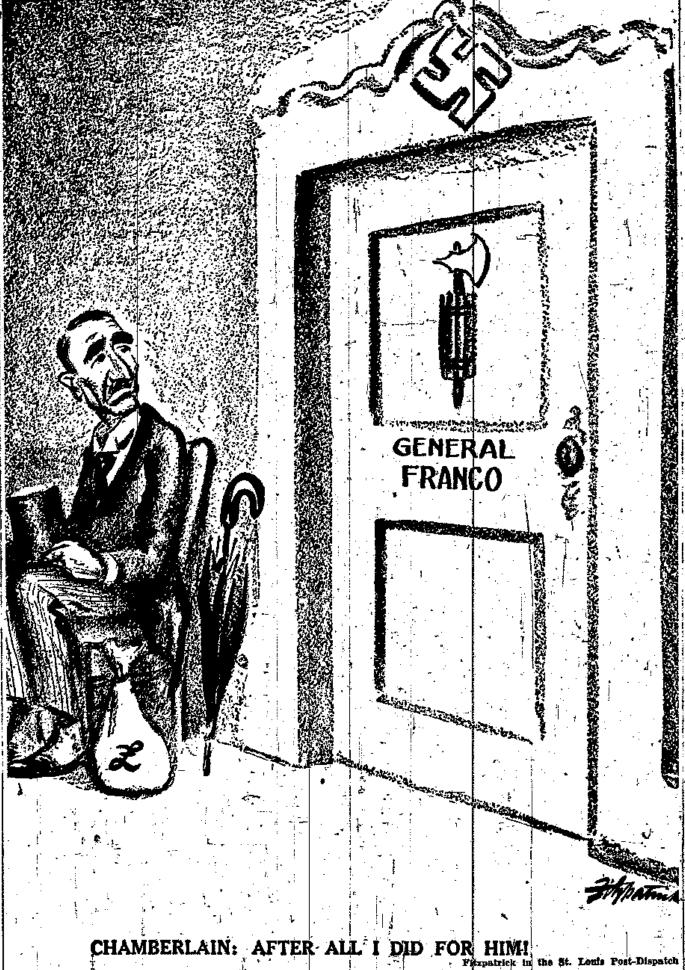
(In a statement issued April 6, on the occasion of the New York Keep merics Out of War mass meeting and the anniversary of the United States stry into the World war).

The object of this meeting is to summon Americans to a higher and of courage which they may soon need. There is a large share bravery in almost all men, so that when war comes, it is easy he get millions of young men to march off to give up their lives for their country. When the whole nation is moving to war it takes merely the

edinary kind of courage to move with it, but when that nation is deving to war it takes a very high kind of courage to move against America was in the throes of a war hysteria in 1917, and the men and one woman, Miss Jeannette Rankin, who had the piritual staming to stand in the congress against that overwhelms mass of patriotic fervor and vote NO against going to war lowed the kind of courage which men should never cease to honor. Today a great effort is under way originating in the same warces as in 1917 to drive this country toward cooperation with

ertain European powers. This drive will end in a clamor for merican participation in the war if war should come to Europe. all the agencies of propagands will be at work. It will all be done under the pretense that we are saving the

Democracies. It will take men and women of the highest courage against this new danger to our own security and demo bracy. In honoring these 56 congressmen who faced the fire in Mil we hope we may encourage others to stand fast today.



What May Day Means to Intellectuals The Struggle for a New Society

-BY ALBERT S. COOLIDGE--It has just been my privilege to garrets, but ordinary wholesome work must command his best time

the road that leads to the social take part, both as guest and as ownership and democratic man- host, in a remarkably significant gathering-the third annual concampus and in the buildings of Day mean to these people? Harvard university, and attended Partly just from habit; profesby many of the more thoughtful sional people move in different ormembers of the faculty who are not (or not yet) members of the union, with a substantial delegation from the newly organized Association of Scientific Workers,

As I listened to messages of greeting from President Conant and President Green, and saw how easily and naturally my faculty colleagues and my union brothers and party comrades mingled and found common ground, I realized with supreme satisfection that the old barriers of misunderstanding and distrust are rapidly crumbling away and permitting fruitful cooperation between these groups, which need each other so imperademocracy and our growing trends which need each other so impera-toward war into international tively if either is to realize its aspirations.

Do scholars hope to dedicate themselves to the advancement of learning and wisdom? They can do so only in a stable society, free from such injustices and economic contradictions as under capitalism bits from manual laborers, live in constantly threaten to overwhelm different streets, eat in different us with wars, crises, and social restaurants, drink in different cataclysms, and in such a society clubs. They had never been asked they must justify their existence to march in a May Day parade, by constant proof that their pre- and never knew anybody who had. clous "culture" is no isolated monopoly product, but is made always available to enrich and broaden the lives of the whole peo-

themselves from the tyranny of low wages and long hours at man? In their struggle they have in quality. need for the services of every bit training whose loyal help they which he alone was qualified to can command.

What Is :Culture?

in university walls; but this is not

I don't know what culture is. but I suppose we may take it in a general way as all the things that we do or make not because 🖘 we have to but because we want to we find them worth while in did so maintain him. Partly from themselves

It is one of the most terrible indictments of capitalism that it creative or imaginative or receptive or intellectual faculties-it is not as a real part of their lives, but as an escape from an intolerable reality.

Some Escape, Some Don't Italism, some few fortunate indi- where there is no direct economic viduals who escape this fate, and or class conflict between workers. who are able to devote themselves and management; but on the conto their occupation or profession trary a genuine basis for collaborby choice rather than necessity ation in furtherance of the work of the meaning and satisfaction in uine interest. their lives.

capacities and desires both to posed to interruption and delay produce and to consume, who have through strikes, demonstrations, been lucky enough to be able to union meetings, and the like, ference of the Massachusetts Fed- strike a normal balance between eration of Teachers, held on the these capacities. What does May

Traditionally it has meant little.



Albert Sprague Coolidge

Intellectuals and Action

Partly from snobbishness; parades, strikes, unions, mass action in general might be all right for Do workers strive to emancipate people who as individuals did not amount to anything but cogs in a machine, standardized and replacemechnical labor, fit for a robot able, who must seek compensation but degrading for an intelligent in quantity for what they lacked

But your professional enjoyed superior talent and special the dignity of a special place fill-how could he fill that place if he permitted his individuality. I speak of "culture" as though to be submerged in the mob?

t were a crop produced only with nomic security was he not fitted my intention it simply resulted by ability and training to render from the example which I chose very precious services to sociéty, in return for which he need have no doubt that society would maintain him in reasonable comfort and security?

Reasons For Indifference And indeed, for a few decades it

distrust of mass pressure and propaganda as methods of solving problems. Partly from lack of deprives most people of the sympathy with some of the tradichance to live their culture; if tional labor objectives, as juristhey have any chance at all to do dictional disputes and demands for anything intrinsically worth while shorter hours, which have no great anything giving scope to their appeal to people whose work is a source of satisfaction in itself.

Partly because in many cases professional workers are employed not by capitalists whose only motive is profit, but in public or cooperative enterprises (hospitals, But there are, even under cap- schools, symphony drchestras) who find therein a major part in which all concerned have a gen-

And finally, largely because the Not unworldly saints starving in professional has been too busy; his

Class Struggle Intensifies

Many of these reasons have rapidly lost their cogency in the flux of events since the Great Depression. It has become abundantly clear that the Priests of Culture are not going to be regarded with any special tenderness by the economic forces genadated in a period of intensified class struggle, and indeed that, if Hese forces take the direction of Fascism, not only priests but temples as well will be swept into

Therefore it behooves the priests quickly to make common cause with all those groups which have the will and the power to stop the drift toward Fascism and the cendr of gravity of these groups must of necessity be the organzed labor movement.

But it will not suffice merely d oppose Fascism; there can be np safety for priests or temples until the forces have been guided nto constructive paths and the ensions creating them have been esolved in the creation of new society in which the private ownership of the means of production shall no longer stand between men and their opportunities for crealive labor.

Toward a New Society So when scholars and teachers

ake the day off to participate in a conterence organized by a section of the American Federation Labor, they are not shirking their proper work; they are making a definite contribution, though perhaps at long range, to the lings which they most value.

There may be some difficulties till; the old districts and suspicion will not vanish overnight. ut one thing is sure—the old order doomed, and it can no longer rotect us. In the new order hich must arise from its ruins, our security and our opportunities for service will be in direct ratio our loyal cooperation, in the rocess of reconstruction.

> REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS

Rockland County Local

New York

Eight Years After

Five Scottsboro Boys Still in Prison

BY MORRIS SHAPIRO, Secretary Scottsboro Defense Committee

April 6 to 9 marked the eighth ear of what has now become known as the Scottsboro case. On those three days in 1931 nine Negro boys, singly and in groups, were tried in the country courthouse at Scottsboro, Ala., in an atmosphere which the supreme court of the United States later characterized as marked by threats of mob vio-

In those original trials eight of the boys were sentenced to death in the electric chair on the charge 'raping' two white women. In the case of the ninth boy-Roy Wright-who was then 13 years old, the jury disagreed. One jurgr erged "mercy" and recommended ife imprisonment. A mistrial was declared in his case. Eleven Trials

During the eight years which have from the governor. passed since April, 1931, the Scottsporo case has come before Alabama courts on appeal three times. In the first two appeals before the high court, death sentences were reversed and new trials ordered.

The first supreme court decision in November, 1932, ordered a new trial on the grounds that the Negro boys had not been adequately represented by counsel. The second reversal, in April, 1935, was handed down in the historic decision which stated that Negroes had been systematically excluded from the juries before which the Scottsboro case had been brought in violation of the constitution of the United

Witness Admits Perjury white women whom they were adcused of assaulting, Ruby Bates, took the witness stand for the defense and denounced her original own decision and rendered an opinon which stated that the evidence preponderated greatly in fayor of he defendants." The present status of the Scotts-boro case is that four of the nine

original defendants are free. The charge of "rape" against five of the boys-Ozie Powell, Roy Wright, Eugene Williams, Willie Roberson and Olen Montgomery - were dropped in July, 1937, and, except for Ozie Powell, these boys were unconditionally freed when the state of Alabama officially admitted that the evidence against them was

Yet at this same time, the state

MAY DAY GREETINGS

From the

Workmen's Circle

New York

Branch 1001

Branch 401 Branch 111

Branch 156

Branch 209

Branch 48

Branch 153

against the remaining boys, on the defendants and its determination same evidence (now reduced to the to continue uncoasingly the work unsupported testimony of one wom. for their unconditional release. an of doubtful character) that out- It has recently issued new per raged public opinion throughout don petitions addressed to Gov-the South and in Alabama itself ernor Dixon of Alabama which all friends of justice are urged to as well as in the whole country.

Clarence Norris was sentenced to sign. death (this sentence was commuted . Petitions may be obtained at 112 to life imprisonment by former E. Nineteenth st., New York city. Gov. Bibb Graves on July 5, 1938), Haywood Patterson to, 75 years. Charlie Weems to 75 years and Andy Wright to 99 years, Ozie Powell was given 20 years on a venienced by a strike this spring, charge of "assault" committed they will know whom to blame, upon a sheriff who shot him in Local 352 B of the Building Service January, 1936, while the boys were being transferred from Decatur to

Birmingham. ing its case in the New York pa-Entering its ninth year, justice pers-in advance. in the Scottsboro case is now in the hands of Gov. Frank Dixon of Alabama. All recourse to the courts has been exhausted. The boys can now be freed only by a pardon es of parliament voted by large majoritles to grant an appropriation of \$125,000 to assist in retraining

Appeal to People, We appeal on this anniversary

to the conscience of the American people to help wipe out a crime against justice which has been justifiably called the "shame of Americal" The innocence of the Scottsboro boys has been repeatedly proven before the entire world. The state of Alabams, by freeing four of the boys, removed the last possible doubt as to their innocence. And yet eight year after their original trial five of them are still in prison, serving cruel sentences for a crime they never

committed. The Scottsboro Defense committee, which is composed of the American Civil Liberties Union, In 1933, when the cases were tried Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porfor the second time, one of the ters, Church League for Industrial Democracy, Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Labor Defense, League for Industrial Democracy, Methodist Federation of testimony as a lie. In June of that | Social Service, National Association same year, Judge James E. Horton for Advancement of Colored Peoof Decatur, Ala., who had sent ple, Unitarian Fellowship for Sotenced Haywood Patterson to death cial Justice, reaffirms its complete for the second time, reversed his belief in the innocence of all the

> Toward a Workers' World With the CALL Ten Members

of the Cooperative **Fellowship** New York Ctly

MAY DAY

From the

GREETINGS

Germantown-Olney Branch

Germantown, Pa.

To all comrades and workers of the world. United, you have to lose but your chains. Socialist Party of New Mex-

John Williams, State Sec. Clovis, N. M.

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On the Map With the Socialist Party

Organization, Registration, Recruiting

siggistions and advice on May py meetings went out to branches locals last week with reminder national recruiting campaign scheet climax May 1. The campaign to recruit a stranger of the campaign of the ca in to reregister all members fohas made excellent progress ir chiornia, Colorado, Connecticut, inois, Indiana, Maryland and metully weak on their returns. Party officials in the locals and sites are to blame and the naional office through this column ere all party members whether smbers of locals and branches solated members-at-large to inse on getting registered on re-

By May 1, let every organization the party be ready with decks NEC istred for action for the organizaganization.

new 1939 membership

Connecticut

found Hartford, North Haven. Hamden, New Haven, Brdigeport

The New Haven "Keep America Christian association (large hall). londay evening, May 22, at 8 n m, with Norman Thomas as Haven, Hamden and North Haven fill help in boosting the meeting. A dinner is being arranged by he K. A.O. of W. committee early in the evening of May 22. Norman Thomas will attend and discuss eganization work of the K. A. Q.

Illinois

The state organizing sub-commitbe for La Salle county appointed at the last SEC meeting and com-posed of Comrades McDowell, Zager and Tonielli spent April 1 and 2 in this heavily industrialized ad-north county with excellent mults. A good group of SOCIAL-IN CALL subs was secured and is workers from cement, plow and mising industries of the La Salle-Oriesby area were pledged to the manhation of a new Socialist puty local at a meeting to be held April 16, at the Jugo-Slav Dom, a the city of La Salle. Granite

Georgia

Commades Walter and Edith Washburn of Atlanta, Ga., still acim in the organization of unempayed and project workers, con-tated the party national office this week after at lapse of three mm. Even Georgia is stirring.

Massachusetts

The special state organization committee met recently in Springcomrades are reminded that the kate office is now at 318 Tremont

Leo Vernon was elected chairmen of the Summer School comwitten and headmaster of the sumar school being planned by the Amachusetts Socialist Party to tut sometime before July 4.

Kentucky

Comrade E. L. (Lafe) Nance of lickory, in Graves county, Ken-thy, is one old-timer who is still ring strong. Recently nominated the Socialist party of Kentucky * the candidate for commissioner if agriculture in the coming state tion Comrade Nance wrote Freeland of the state executo committee as follows:

"Just received notice of nominato for commissioner of agriculand I accept with pleasure. "It seems a coincidence that I only registered Socialist in the maty, was selected as nominee. cast the first Socialist vote in tounty in 1900 and have voted he ticket ever since.

have cast but one vote for capitalist system, and that was Bryan and free silver in 1896. to now past 75 still waiting for the free giver."

local New York has just com-

New York

Becker, Sam Tolmach, Jack speaker. e. H. Glantz, Irving Bar-Sam Verne, Theodore Sha-Herbert Zam, Robert Delson ad Ben Horowitz.

the rest of the labor move-

New York (Bronx). 25.39

Chicago 35.22 Philadelphia 23.63

Detroit 29.75

or Angeles 26.40

oveland 28.60

Louis 23.55

San Francisco 19.36

Barralo 30.59

********** 38.70 Pittsburgh 28.01

Adjusted Tax Rate

Comrade Ehling

Cook county and Illinois Socialists mourn as a personal loss the passing on April 10 of Comrade Fred Ehling, lifelong member of the Socialist and working class movement, and tireless Jimmy Higgins of the Socialist party till the day of his death at the age of 74 years and 5 months.

Comrade Ehling was born in Germany, toiled as a railroad worker in both England and the United States and until the very last was one of the most cheerful and tireless members of the Seventh congressional district branch of the Socialist party.

approval of this course by the

On the eve of the meeting of the growth that is coming as a Unemployed and Project Workers mult of the collapse and retreat Union at the headquarters of Rebel at much of the Roosevelt capitalist- Arts. 6 East 17th St., New York City, form program and the increasing on Saturday and Sunday of this sterest in Socialism as a program week, the Socialist Party of New mi, the Socialist party as an or- York issued a statement in support of the conference. At the same time it released a telegram from Lee Morgan, state secretary of the A recent check of party locals Ohio Workers Alliance, stating that he agreed with the policy of the Socialist Party of the United States and Waterbury all on their toes toward unemployment groups and and meeting regularly. Let us had assisted in framing that policy. Morgan had been quoted by the Daily Worker as declaring that but of War" branch is sponsoring he would not go along with the Smith will be the main speaker mesting at the Young Woman's party in its unemployed policy.

> A proposal for the "humane" killing of aged persons without means of support made by Major Edward L. Dyer, U. S. Army (retired) in Washington on Wednesday before the Washington Society for Philosophical Research, as a means of lessening the relief problem was condemned as "barbaric, brutal and inhumane" by Dr. Henry W. Laidler, State Chairman of the Socialist Party, in a statement to the

"Although wars rage and preparations for war are going on all over the world today and the extent of our civilization may be questioned," declared Dr. Laidler, nevertheless the world is sufficiently civilized to recognize its responsibility to the aged. Old age pensions laws have been passed in nearly every country in the world. Even Hitler and Mussolini had to allow such laws, though in an emasculated form, to stand."

New York Socialists will celebrate May Day at the Hippodrome. Sixth Ave. and 43rd St., May 1 at Chy and Kewence are next in line 8 p m. Tickets to the meeting. sponsored jointly by the Socialist Party, Social Democratic federation and Workmen's Circle, are being sold at 25c and 50c, although a large number of free admissions will be available.

Pennsulvania

The Socialist party held a conference of Socialists in unemployed organizations at the headquarters of the Workmen's Circle, Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 21-22 in which the future relations of the Party with the Workers Alliance sel and laid plans to guarantee the Unemployed and Project Workmancing of the state organizer ers' Union and other unemployed or whom they are now searching, groups were thoroughly consid-

> A rousing May Day meeting is being planned by Socialists in New Kensington, although the main speaker had not been chosen as the CALL went to press.

California .

Oakland and Berkeley Socialists will cooperate with the IWW in a joint May Day meeting.

The San Francisco local set up a May Day celebration committee in conjunction with the Workmen's Circle district committee and other sympathetic labor organizations The celebration will take the form of a meeting to raise funds for Spanish refugees on Sunday eve-

ning, Apřil 30. Plans are going forward in California to make maximum use of municipal court. the visit by Comrade Norman Thomas for a series of meetings during the latter part of June. meeting in Berkeley planned, with a symposium participated in by Thomas, Senator ohnson and Professor Schulman.

Massachusettes

Boston Socialists will honor May Day at a meeting in the old South Meeting House on Sunday evening, April 30. The main sponsors of the meeting will be the Socialist Party, Workmen's Circle and Social Democratic federation. Dr. Harry Laidler, executive director ists party of New York will ob. munist party and its innocent orhad the election by propertional of the League for Industrial Deresentation referendum of a mocracy and member of the nacity executive committee. The tional executive committee of the members are Sam Romer, Socialist Party, will be the main

Indiana

At a joint meeting of the Ham, week. Men Horowitz.

mond and Whiting locals of the Socialists will join with members we cannot and will not units with Socialists are beginning to play SP held recently, the secretary and of the Social-Democratic federation Communists who will seek to corimportantly useful and con- chairman were instructed to send and, the Workmen Circle in a rupt the international holiday of desive role in the American La- a letter to our former national sec- united Socialist and Labor May labor into an occasion for national-Party through which Socialiste retary, Comrade Roy E. Burt, Day Demonstration. deticipate in election activities commending him for the wonderful! Barshop, in the name of the city strate this May Day, joining hands the rest of the labor move- services he had rendered our party executive committee, also an with democratic labor and Socialist new York since the adop- during his tenure of office. We nounced that the Socialist party groups for a genuine democracy. of a permissive referendum also voted to extend Roy and Mrs. had refused to join with the in opposition to totalitarianism in the New York membership and Burt our best wishes for great suc-, "United May Day Provisional com- all forms."

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Milwaukee and Other Large Cities in Comparative Statistics for 1937

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(CITIES WITH POPULATION OF 500,000 OR MORE)

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stands second to Thomas in the hearts of Lake county Socialists E. V. HANKINS, Chairman, Hammond, Ind.

New Jersey

Plans for a united May Day celebration in Passic have been worked out at a joint conference of the Democratic federation. A successful state convention of the Socialist Party of New Jersey was held in Newark, April 22-23.

the state. Wisconsin

The International Labor Solldarity committee of the Racine Soclalist party is arranging a May Day celebration at Debs Hall: 330 Main St., Racine, for Sunday evening, April 30. The committee in charge includes L. H. Dadian, Jos Duchkowitsch and Art Swenson. nard Krauger, national executive committee member from Chicago, or Arthur G. McDowell, labor secretary and acting executive secretary of the Socialist Party.

Michigan 🗀

Wayne County Socialists will delebrate May Day Sunday evening, April 30 at Odd Fellows Hall Detroit, with an International Labor Solidarity festival.

Washington

Bi-monthly open meeting of the King County branch of the Socialist Party at Seattle are being well attended and are bringing in new members. Panel discussions have state. Kenosha, Madison, Chipbeen held on taxation, socialized pewa Falls, and Milwaukee will medicine, Socialism and Christian- each have such a meeting in May ity, what is democracy? revolutionary movement in Mexico; housing and the United States constitution. Two important committees -

w been set up by the branch. The farm aid, milk control, railways, housing committee is undertaking socialized medicine, and a work a comprehensive study of the program for immediate action. needs for low-cost housing and slum-clearance. (The taxation com- rangements will be made. If mittee proposes to outline a pro- are living in the vicinity of day of gram of tax reform within the these towns, and wish to learn of state, in hope the present iniquitous, arrangements beforehand, write tax system can be remedied. Both Anna Mee Davis, 104 King st., committees are enlisting the sup- Madison; Hilda Roberts, 6716 port and cooperation of other So- Twelfth ave., Kenosha; W. C.

Anyone interested in contacting Milwaukee. the King County Socialist branch call Kenwood 3858.

Ohio

cessful dinner here in honor of Comrade Lee Morgan, whose work in recent years in the Workers Alliance and in relation to Negro Labor committee work in Cleveland as been outstanding. Socialists who took the lead in the arrangements of the sharecroppers dinner with National Sharecropper Week reported the meeting a success, with more than 200 in attendance and at least \$150 in receipts for the benefit of the Southern Tenant Farmers' union.

Preisler Polls 24,083

Votes in City Election ST. LOUIS. Mo .- Paul W. Preisler, chairman of the Socialist city committee polled 24,083 votes as a candidate for the board of educa-

tion in the city election held here Preisler, vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, had CIO and AFL backing.

Madsen Wins by 1.083: Plurality for Judge

CENTURIA, Wis.-Charles D Madsen, Socialist, led a field of five candidates with a plurality of 1,083

Wisconsin News-Views

Elmer Beck and Gene Johnson are improving fast. This is usually a The elections on April 4 in varinoonday frolic.

Milwaukee.

pictures were shown.

paign in Racine.

C. P. Calls on

U.S. Army

For Aid

Voodring.

Massachusetts, Roger

"SKAT" has received wide acclaim.

Attendance at the Milwaukee

and with the introduction of a

speaker each meeting on some public problem. Mayor Hoan, Ald

talks on their particular work.

ous cities of Wisconsin saw some fine gains made by Socialists. In Kenosha, Edward Weston, former alderman, was elected a member county central meetings has im of the school board. In Racine, proved with the change of quarters Chris Jorgenson, who had two weeks to conduct a write-in campaign polled over 4,000 votes for Carl Dietz, and Hugo Lange, Jr., Socialist Party and the Socialist mayor, or approximately one third of the total vote.

In Milwaukees John Brophy was elected alderman of the Fifth of new quarters for the grocery of Registration of old party members ward by a substantial majority. and recruiting of new is proceed- William Tesch, former alderman ing with good results throughout of that ward, was elected to the school board. Other candidates who ran received close votes; but the opposition of stalwart, newspapers did much damage. Anti-War Activity

Gerald Rubin, Agnes Reinke, and Kevin Royt, assisted in conducting a successful student strike against war in Madison, at the University of Wisconsin. Despite official Speakers expected are either May- frowns, over 300 attended in rainy weather.

Reuben Fox, Pence, Wis., is handling arrangements for a similar meeting at his high school, while Barnett Franks is managing one at North Division High school, Mitwaukee.

Nathan Sadowsky, Tom Rusch, James Boulton and Jack Cohn are active in preparing the same program against war in the Milwaukee Vocational school, University of Wisconsin Extension Division. and the Milwaukee Teachers' col-

Public Ownership Meetings Tentative plans are under way for a series of public ownership meetings in various parts of the or June.

The meetings will be on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and the topics under discussion will be specific legislative programs and cousing and taxation—have recent- phases of Spcialists, work covering made in Boston recently is charac-

Further announcement of cialist sympathizers within the White, Glenwood City, Wis.; or the Massachusetts for a telegram to city.

White, Glenwood City, Wis.; or the Massachusetts for a telegram to state secretary, 1034 N. Fourth st., Mr. Woodring urging action against

Shop Talk

Milwaukee county local will hold in Boston. its annual May Day celebration on Writing to Phil Frankfeld, sec-Sunday April 30, at the West Side retary of the Communist party of Cleveland comrades gave a suc- Turn hall. There will be speeches, The ACLU director, declared: music amd refreshments. The young Socialist chorus will sing and the German band will fornish its selections. Speakers will be announced in the public press.

Max Raskin and Frank Zeidler. Milwaukee, and Paul Porter, Kenosha, attended the national executive committee meeting in Detroit,

Eugene Johnson announces for the public welfare committee a debate in Milwaukee between Assemblymen Andrew J. Biemiller and Reuben Peterson on the question "Is the Administration's Program Beneficial to Labor?" This affair was held in the Milwaukee Au-ditorium, Friday evening, April 21.

With the generosity of Arthur Wiesner, Twentieth ward, Milwaukee, young Socialists are developing a camp site in the North. Preliminary surveys have been made by John and Andrew Van Hazinga of Kenosha, with Gerry Rubin, Madison, and Nathan Sadowsky. Assistance will be needed in various capacities, so any one willing to help will be received in friendly fashion.

Socialists develop wide powers. Many of them have found new skill in pingpong at the party headvotes here April 4 in the Polk quarters. Atty, Gens Green and county election for judge of the Henry Rutz are unbeatable, but a number of experts like Milt Peters,

Workmen Circle, Socialists, S. D. F., United for May Day

NYC Socialist Secretary States Party's Position

NEW YORK CITY-The Socialserve International Labor Day ganizations. The director of the May 1, with democratic labor and Socialist groups and it will utilize Daily Worker. the occasion to oppose totalitarianism in all forms, Irving Barshop, stood steadfast for the widest posexecutive secretary, announced last

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mittee," a Communist controlled

In this connection Barshop issued the following statement: 'The United May Day Provi-sional committee' is an outright Communist organization which will receive the support of the Com-United committee is David Leeds, formerly business manager of the

"The Socialist party has always sible unity for the traditional labor demonstration of May Day But istic 'jingoism. We will demon-

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consistently to make the CALL a sas City, \$5.

This objection worked hard and Call Association: Samuel E. White, Kan-regular weekly and the fact that have favored us with excellent consistently to make the CALL a regular weekly and the fact that this objective hasn't been realized is naturally a let down for them.

Why? Because other members of the Socialist party have not done their bit for the CALL, and the result: no immediate prospects of resuming regular publication.

Our party's publication is now faced, with the coming summer months when most labor news
Can Associate Samue Faced. Samue Faced The attention of Milwaukee comrades is called to the opening the Consumers Cooperative on Twenty-first and Wells sts. This

store deserves the entire support of Socialists and members of the Fourth, Sixteenth, Second and Fifteenth wards should join as soon as faced with the coming summer of the coming months when most labor news- Br.).

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The summer of those commands who edit to the commands and the possible. Leo Teplow is the direc-Members interested in protecting themselves from bad conditions in ficuties it is necessary for the memrelief or on WPA should join a. bers of the party to concern themnearby branch of the American

selves with this problem. • Workers' committee. If your lo-What can we do, we hear some cality does not have one, write to comrades ask. First, don't ignore Max E. Weber, chairman of this the expiration notices we send you. organization, at 2566a N. Sixth st., A few weeks ago more than a thou. sand such notices were mailed to as Roland (Red) Meyer reports that many readers. The returns have the Twenty-first ward held a get-together on April 20. Motion been unsatisfactory.Renew your

Bundle order payments are also Harry Miller is doing a fine job as state secretary of the FLPF. being forgotten. The National Action Committee hes authorized the and George Hampel, Jr., conducted CALL office to cease mailing bundle highly successful campaign for orders to branches or comrades who fail to remit. This will be the organization in Milwaukee. Harry Dadian handled labor's camcarried out after May 1, Pay your bundle orders! Now that it is agreed that the

CALL is a first rate newspaper what about introducing it to your friends, neighbors, fellow workers? Get at least one sub each month! Remittances for the May Day is-

sue are steadily trickling in. Thus far we have received about forty greetings and orders for 3,600 extra copies. More orders will come in, no doubt, but if we expect to distribute 40,000 copies of the May Day issue it means that speedier attention will have to be given to this important project.

May we remind you that the May Day issue will see print exactly seven days before May I. So hurry along your greetings and special orders.

The following is a report of receipts from March 36 to April 12, inclusive: St. H. Fromowitz, \$2; J. Albert, \$4; J. Albert, \$5; H. Gross, \$5; H. Barding, \$5; H. Gross, \$5; H. Gross, \$5; H. Barding, \$5; H. Gross, \$5; H. Gr NEW YORK-The Communist no doubt, but if we expect to dissuggestion that Maj. Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, retired, be tried: for sedition because of a speech terized as "preposterous" by the

American Civil Liberties union in letter to Secretary of War Harry "We assume that the department will take no action whatever cal-

culated to interfere with Gen. Moseley's complete freedom of expression on any public question," wrote the union. At the same time, it ILLINOIS

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cutions but against the statutes MARYLAND
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liberty that unless rights are assured for all, friends and opponents alike, they are not absured Editor's Note: Mr. Frankfeld Joe Arnesen once served a prison term in Pennsylvania for violation of a "sedi-

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DETROIT - Tens of thousands of auto workers in this area feel matic situation facing the union. of auto workers in this area feel matic situation facing the union, doubt that the union would suffer, vastly relieved since their union's The UAWA has been in the fore- not only because of what Commuearly to say that factionalism in especially auto workers which the United Automobile Workers of WPA after being laid off. América is dead. But factionalism is at least substantially reduced. fight against the employers.

the major problem. In key plants alty to the union is needed. such as Chevrolet in Flint, the management refuses to bargain as long as Martin's dual union and the UAWA both claim bargaining rights. The management uses different methods in different plants but in all cases they disregard the union's rights increasingly.

With the Cleveland convention over, however, the forces of the UAWA are preparing themselves for a fight to rebuild their organization. GM workers are ready to regain their power. Good leadership and aggressive policy will soon find the union stronger than ever in GM plants.

Chrysler Local United

was extended for 30 days. Negotiations must be started very soon. Unquestoinably the company will try to utilize the internal troubles. which have beset the union to make inroads in the new contract.

The Ford drive plans are not public and no doubt will not be made public. A vigorous campaign to inform the autoworkers and the public of conditions in the Ford plants is planned. Such a campaign would form the basis of the Ford boycott drive. The success of any Ford drive at this time will depend in large measure on the ability of the UAW to consolidate its froces in General Motors and once more place the union on the aggressive.

Competitive Shop Problems

ized centers the competitive shop tion in the Martin forces. drive will be made must easier.

While these constitute the pressing problems, there is a less dra-

The WPA workers and the unemployed not on WPA, must be The center of the union's attention kept within the fold of the union greatly exaggerated. While CP in and labor forces in a world gone is no longer factionalism; it is the to prepare for the fall production season. When these WPA workers exist it is not dominant at all. The As ever, General Motors offers get back into the shop their loy-Aircraft Industry

but very much connected with the Martin. UAWA is aircraft. The aircraft industry is one of the most prosing at capacity. There is real need 24. for organization, but past mistakes D hinder organization. One of the

These questions constitute the major problem, but there are still others. Economy in UAW opera-In Chrysler plants, the union is tion is essential, in view of past exfairly well united and the vicious travagances. A, revitalization of factionalism of the Martin group the education work of the union has not succeeded in splitting the is needed. Renewed political eduunion to any extent. The Chrysler cation and more vigorous political contract which expired March 31 action are necessary, but may not come until organization tasks have been handled.

Martin Moves to AFL

The union's difficulties would be much greater if Homer Martin had not chosen to negotiate with the any important union in the coun-American Federator of Labor. There can be no doubt that after the Cleveland convention there was, resentment against the election of Richard, T. Frankensteen to the executive board. Stories of fred control" caused some confusion even though auto workers have become very skeptical of reported "Communist domination." They have heard the story too often and have seen it disproved in action. However, whatever sill effects

could have resulted from some of the Cleveland actions were offset The most difficult and pressing the day after the convention by need of the union is a successful Martin's announcement of a condrive to organize competitive ference with William Green to displants. These plants, scattered cuss possible affiliation of his group

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union conditions in the organized Labor. In such key centers as Departs plants. Here, too, if the troit and Flint, this announcement union can pull together in organ- has caused increasingly disintegra-

Communist Problems If there were actual Communist control of the UAWA, there is no especially auto workers who go on because of the certain reaction against a Communist leadership among rank and file elements.

Actually the news reports are fluence on the executive board does dominant influence is the CIO and the progressive non-political union forces, many of which in the past for the coming conflict A major problem not directly have worked with Communist ele-connected with the auto industry ments in the fight against Homer

Proof of this is expected when

Danger of CIO dictatorship over the UAWA is not very great. The next few months will be aircraft political domination of the UAW working class. Behold Chamborganization. The personnel to diand for a unified constructive political we are told w rect the drive has not yet been disticy. These two needs have been danger of destroying UAW democracy is not great.

Auto Workers for Democracy.
The Cleveland convention proved that the auto workers know the meaning of democracy and the need for democracy. It will not be only hope of maintaining peace is easy for anyone to destroy the determination of the auto workers that their organization be democratic. The new constitution affords ample protection to the rank and file. It is unquestionably the most democratic constitution in

An unfortunate result of the long period of factionalism in the UAWA is the growth of an antipolitical sentiment. The experivarious Communist organizations, Stalinite: Lovestoneite, Trotskyite, has produced an anti-political sentinent which also affects Social-depressions will disappear. has produced an anti-political senists. At the Cleveland convention Socallists proved their non-Communist methods of functioning. Avoiding deals and opportunistic policies, Socialist auto workers cooperated with elements who were interested in ending factionalism and creating a progressive constructive leadership and program. This policy, while not always sucer in building and unifying.

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So. Illinois Mine Workers Greet May Day

BY JOHN TISHER Vice Chairman, Socialist Party, U. S. A.

The following article expresses the thoughts of the Socialist and other left wing forces among the Southern Illinois coal miners. John Fisher is a miner employed at Gillespie. Ili., and he is known nationconvention in Cleveland. It is too front in organizing WPA workers, nist leadership would do but also ally for his progressive trade union work of many years standing.—The

> May Day 1939 finds the Socialist mad with the fever of war and destruction. All the so-called Christian nations are desperately arming

The propaganda mills are working night and day preparing the people for the slaughter. Justifythe general executive board holds ing their position by "non-interperous in the country. It is work- its first meeting in Detroit, April vention," "appeasement" and "Stop Hitler" slogans, the false "Defenders of Democracy," like the fasimportant UAW projects in the CIO has been an influence against cists, are waging war against the working class. Behold Chamberlain

> In America we are told we are icy. These two needs have been arming for national defense, but very great in the organization. The bolled down to cold facts the privileged classes are getting ready to wage war in defense of their own imperialist aims and possessions.

Labor Only Hope In this particular situation the

Wars and crises will occur and become more desperate for all of us so long as we are willing to be-lieve and recognize the capitalist "right" of private exploitation, and the suppression and denial of our rightful claims to the full social value of our production.

When we have access to consume all we create and live on a level comparable to our own productive ences of the auto workers with the ability, when all who are able to work can work and consume freely without artificial restrictions, then

Socialism Will Triumph this time only labor can stop or delay war. On May, 1939, we appeal to all who labor to actively join the ranks of working class organizations. To build a labor movement united in action. To conduct educational programs for the enlightenment of ourselves and our fellow workers. To prepare NOW essful, proved Socialist integrity, for the day when we can usher in It proved that Socialists were not the brotherhood of man: where all interested in "capturing" but rath- shall be equal, all shall be free from hunger, no one shall be de-nied work and security for all shall be assured.

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The Menace of Fascism

On this day of international la- Fordham bor solidarity it is good to look Scott of Western Reserve, and eyes of the court was sufficient back over the ground we have traveled, and to prepare for the strug- headway. gles shead. A sober summary of the post-war labor movement must indicate that in these two decades labor has met a series of political defeats which largely cancel out its otherwise slow, steady unionist

We have witnessed the tragedy of labor in Italy, Germany, Austria, Spain and Czech-Slovakia— a tragedy deepened by the brutal successes of capitalism's latest spawn: Fascism.

Several writers, recently, for example Geoffrey Crowther of the London Economist and Frank C. Hanighen of Merchants of Death, have been trying to make out a case against Fascism on the ground of its anti-capitalist nature. Fascism Is Capitalism

To be sure Fascism as an economy interferes with free, competitive, leissez-faire capitalism; but the West coast is Fascism in its substitute, state capitalism, more and more hastens the normal development of capitalism itself. Thus Fascism while limiting the operations of capitalist economy, continues thereby to guarantee its institutional existence. This guaranteed existence is bought at the expense of the laboring masses whose standard of living is inexorably lowered in the Fascist

Fascism abroad or at home in the U.S. A. establishes and maintains a reign of terror against the working class and its allies; sanctifies the property-relations of capitalist society by new investitures of guaranteed profits; debases livng conditions for all who toil; prepares a militarized nation for new imperialist wars.

for May Day designed to prepare the still free labor movement in the non-Fascist countries for its historic duty: to wage ceaseless struggle aaginst war, against Fascism, against capitalism, the source of both war and Fascism. Our task in this connection in

the United States becomes even more important as the onrushing foreign policy of the Roosevelt administration leads the country towards war. And in the event of war, toward Fascism at home.

ace which must be fought back now. It must be recognized now for what it truly is, American Fascists

'ascist, almost invariably anti-Semitic organizations mushrooming here. The Pelleys, the Edmondsons, the Trues, the General Moseleys, the Coughlins and their Nazi Bund associates and rack-eteer imitators, though sympathetic of existing problems in America, will not bring Fascism to

Be there eight or 800 such organizations in the United States, these organizations and their lead-ers are "boils on the neck," vicious, filled with infective pus, revealing an unhealthy condition in the blood stream but nonetheless susceptible to surface as well as in-ternal elimination.

All normally decent citizens, conservative, liberal or vadical, willingly disassociate themselves from the anti-Semitic, Nazi filth poured out by voice and print from these openly Fascist sympathizers. Thus far, too; the self-confessed Fascists "intellectuals" such as Lawrence Dennis, Professor Hoffman

university. Professor the bosses none the less, in the their imitators have made little to punish the workers and not

No, Fasicsm if it comes to the United States, will not come via the use of word, fascism, or via individuals and groups who are avowedly Fescist. Fascism if it comes, will be, called by another name, it may come under the guise of Americanism and 110 per cent patriotism. But most surely it will come from a new war; mostsurely it will come, if it does, from the action of industry, from the decision of the courts and reactionary legislative bodies.

Peonage in the South is incipi-ent Fascism; the collaboration of Mayor Kelly supported by the liberais and the Communists in recently concluded Chicago mayor-alty election the collaboration of Mayor Kelly and the police in the Chicago Memorial Day Massaure is incipient Fascism; the role of the Associated Farmers in bestial treatment of 300,000 home-less, migratory farm workers on making; the appalling, uncontroverted record revealed in the thousands of pages of testimony by the La Follette senatorial investigating committee creates the foundations of Fascism.

All this, and more, exposes menace of Fascism: a Fascist clety rumbling in the old womb of capitalist society unable and un-willing to provide food and shelter and clothing for all its 30,000,-

Perhaps the most significant events in the making of this Fascism society have been two recent court decisions. Far too little attention has been given to the su-preme court 5:2 Fansteel case and to the Apex Hosiery Workers case. Readers of the SOCIALIST CALL

may remember the account of the Much will be said and written North Chicago Fansteel strike (S. C. March 6, 1937). The company refused to bargain with the union, secured the cooperation of Governor Horner and the Lake county, Illinois, police, succeeded in driving the men from the plant after one of the worst gas attacks ever used in a labor dispute in the United States

The national labor relations board held hearings. It found that vards war. And in the event of the company was guilty of labor-var, toward Fascism at home. spying, union busting, thuggery The menace of Eascism in the and refusal to abide by the collec-United States—except for the tive bargaining provisions of the eventualities when war comes—is Wagner act. The strike in other still small. But it is a real men- words, was caused and provoked by the bosses.

The supreme court majority concurred in the findings of the national labor relations board. Fascism in the United States in other words, agreed that the will not come from the avowedly bosses were the cause of the labor to protect themselves and their rights to their jobs, the court held that they violated the sanction of

This alleged violation coming only as a response to the labor-baiting, labor-breaking factics of

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First of May Greetings to a United Working Class

Brooklyn and Queens District Committee of the Workmen's Benefit Fund

Socialists Ban **CP** United Front May

CHICAGO-A statement released by Harry Fleischman, organizer of Local Cook County, Socialist Party, John Boss socks, hits below the this week stated that Socialists belt, bites, gouges and otherwise would not march in the Commumaltreats Joe Worker. Jos Worknist organized and dominated er tries to protect himself against "United May Day Parade" this the unprovoked attack. In so doing he steps on the lawn of John

Although Chicago Socialists have marched in united demonstrations with Communist as well as other elements in 1937 and 1938, Spcialists The Fansteel decision is a Fas- here, as well as in New York and cist decision by the supreme court other cities, are abandoning this practice this year. "We refuse," said Fleischman, "to

may be reversed only because the be part of a demonstration dom-lower court stupidly ignored ex- inated by totalitarian elements in press provisions of the Clayton the labor movement who have anti-trust act. But that decision identified themselves with open placing three-quarters of a mil- war-mongaring and ruthless suplion dollars fine on the union, us- pression of all opposition elements ing the anti-trust acts for the wherever Stalinists are in control basis of the decision and invoking basis of the decision and invoking . "In 1939- we are joining with the thrice penalty clauses which those sections of the labor and Solegally should not apply to labor cialist movement that believe in that decision, too, is a Bascist de- and practice democratic procedures and international working class Already the New England Trucksolidarity. ers' association is attempting to

"We will participate in the unituse the Philadelphia hosiery case ed labor and Socialist May Day in a suit for \$900,000 against the celebration on Monday, May 1, at 8 p. m. at the Workmen's Circle Ly-All this, and more too, exposes ceum, Ogden and Kedzie. This rally the menace of Fascism: a Fascist is sponsored by the Federation of society rumbling in the old womb Jewish Trade Unions, United Auto of capitalist society, unable and Workers Union, Workmen's Circle, unwilling to afford justice to its Socialist Party, Social-Democratic Federation, Poale Zion, Jewish National Workers' Alliance, Left Po-The labor movement has every right, nay duty to abort the hirth ale Zion, Illinois (independent) of this Fascist society. To do this Workers' Alliance locals, Young it must unify its ranks; it must People's Socialist League, Young oppose the onrushing war by Circle Leagueand many others."
warning the administration that it

will neither fight nor support an-Marcus Graham Case other venture "to save western civilization." (These are the words Up For Trial May 8 of that shining exponent of Cu-

LOS ANGELES, Calif. Marcus ban and American Democracy, Graham, editor of MAN, will again Sumner Welles, of the state department, godfather of Cuban Colonel Batista and other Latin appear before Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich, May 8, in defense of his rights to remain in the Unit-It must organize the workers of ed States.

America with sufficient strength Graham, alleged to be foreign to push back the Weirs, the Girdborn, has waged a twenty year lers, the Associated Farmers; to struggle to remain in the United stamp out peonage in the South States in the face of persecution and wage slavery in the West; it by the U.S. Department of Labor. must contest the power of the He is the author of "An" An courts; it must reject its alleged thology of Revolutionary Poetry. riends, the Mayor Kellys even the Roosevelts by building its own

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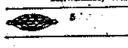
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American Democracy Under Fire

. The force of events are sobering the thinking of many American workers. And it isn't solely the events in Europe which are relieving Joe Worker from his state of apathy or making him unload from his spree on the New Deal bandwagon.

The United States is presently in the throes of severe reaction. It is not on its way-it is already here and its political forms are clearly shaping for all to see.

Most sinister of all is a recent bill passed in congress which reduces some 4,000,000 foreign born workers into last class citizenship. Known as the Dempsey bill it proposes to deport any alien who advocates "any change" in the American form of government.

As the conservative New York Herald Tribune pointed out, the bill would subject foreign born noncitizens to deportation if they favored modifications or changes in existing laws even of a conservative character. This vicious bill was passed by a highly nationalistic congress without a dissenting vote and without de-

The supreme court's decision in the Fansteel strike is still fresh on our minds. It outlawed the sitdown strike and sent workers who had been jipped, beaten and terrorized by the employers' hirelings to prison.

Wisconsin, whose tradition for liberal legislation gained for it hational fame, is in the grasp of reactionaries who are making hay at the expense of labor. An anti-labor bill recently passed in Wisconsin prohibits the closed shop unless 75 per cent of the workers approve it by secret ballot; the checkoff of dues is outlawed except for individual workers; it prohibits solidarity demonstration of workers other than those directly involved in a specific labor dispute, and it also outlaws the sitdown strike tactic. Thirty years of steady, progressive social reforms are in danger of being wiped out in one sweep.

Many other state legislatures are considering legislation aimed at curbing labor's rights.

Reactionary forces in the deep South and on the west coast are renewing their bestial treatment of hundreds of thousands of sharecroppers, migratory workers and other farm laborers.

The Apex hosiery decision placed a \$750,000 fine on the hosiery workers' union. This precedent is taking hold in other centers. The New England Truckers association is following suit by claiming \$900,000 damages against striking teamsters.

The conspiracy against the miners' union aims to

destroy that organization. Six hundred thousand members of the United Mine Workers of America are preparing a nation-wide strike to defend their organiza-

While "liberal" and "progressive" capitalist politicians move America's frontiers to the suburbs of Berlin and Tokio the reactionaries are preparing labor for a thorough going-over.

While the New Deal government whoops it up for a holy war for democracy in foreign lands, a democracy which is almost extinct in the whole of Europe, democratic and labor rights in America are systematically

All which leads us to the conclusions we have entertained consistently: The fight for democracy does not begin in Europe, it begins in the United States, verily, in our back yards.

Support the Seamen!

Organized labor of the United States considers the policy of establishing hiring halls separate from the regular union halls by the U.S. Maritime Commission a direct threat to and constitutes an attempt to destroy collective bargaining by American seamen.

The similar action of the U.S. Shipping Board in 1921 resulted in a nation-wide strike, the practical destruction of maritime unions, the lowering of living and working conditions to a point which constituted a disgrace to civilized standards of living.

The defeat of unionism further resulted in making dead letters of most laws and regulations seeking to maintain safety-at-sea both for seamen and passengers. Without the vigilance of active unions neither the workers nor the public were aware of maritime conditions. The American merchant marine became the of financial manipulators who had not the alightest interest in the welfare of the shipping indus-

In spite of federal financial aid, a coolie wage scale and living quarters on board ships among the worst in the world, American shipping decreased and deteriorated until it threatened to disappear from the high seas. Emphatically, the anti-labor role of the U. S. Shipping Board did not build up the American Mer-

It did rob American seafaring men of the right to collective bargaining, lowered their wages, reduced the quality of their food, and on many ships permitted living quarters so insanitary and crowded that to find anything analogous to the crowded tiers of bunks in many castles, the investigators would be compelled to view the cage on top of cage used to confine guinea pigs in an experimental laboratory.

The Socialist Party of the U. S. A. protests the attack on maritime unions and in particular the threat against the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, which is bearing the brunt of the battle to maintain unionism of the sea. We protest for the further reason that the attempt to create a personnel with the status of that of the U.S. naval men, and who in event of war, will be regulated and regimented as conscripts of war. We protest that this policy by the President's appointed Commissioners is a betrayal of his announced policy which guaranteed American workers the right to organize and bargain collectively.

We therefore ask labor to use its influence to have the Act of 1872 repealed, amended, or so interpreted that the seamen of America may bargain through their elected representatives and dispatch their men through their own hiring halls. We ask your aid that the Maritime Commission is not to be used as an instrument of the shipowners who in this way hope to create

The Press

Moscow claims that Communism has made great advances in the United States. It is true that there is less expression of hostility to Soviet propaganda than formerly, because by the time we get through reacting to Naziism and Fascism we have pretty well used up

But that does not mean that we embrace one vice to escape from others. American Communists have shifted their ideology and have professed vast respect for democratic ideals, for Washington and Lincoln. They have busted into the parade. They may drop

out at the first corner, but meanwhile they march. And while they march they claim it is their parade. While they keep step it is O. K. by us. But it should not be forgotten that the "advances"

Communism has made in the United States are precisely in the degree to which Communism has professed to recognize democratic principles.—San Francisco Chronicle March 21, 1939.

Not a Cent, Not a Gun, Not a Man for War! THE SOCIALIST POSITION

What we are witnessing in Europe is the breakdown of the old order. But not, as vet, the birth of something better. The Socialist insistence that the good society cannot be based on the loyalties and institutions of capitalism and absolute nationalism is being dramatically verified.

The Peace of Versailles created an impossible disorganization of Central Europe. It could only have been maintained by British and French guns. France rejected the birth rate and Britain the conscription necessary to perpetuate Anglo-French hegemony on the don-

The Socialist and labor movement temporarily failed to bring about an economic union of Socialist states or co-operative commonwealths. It was virtually inevitable then, that Russia or Germany would assert its will to reorganize Central Europe. Germany is doing it under the ruthless, cruel and intolerant Nazi

- It now appears that Italian demands on France, plus Hitler's threats to Poland following his absorption of Bohemia and Moravia, and his trade treaty with Rumania, have stiffened Great Britain and France to the point of forming, or trying to form, a definite alliance

An Alliance for Empires

against Nazi aggression.

It should be observed that this is no alliance for democracy; it is an alliance for the safety of the empires which already have about all they want in the way of territory. There is no devotion to democracy on the part of great powers who saw democratic Czechoslovakia destroyed only to try to save semi-fascist Poland and Rumania.

The Russian Attitude

How strong that alliance will be is not yet certain. Probably the U.S.S.R. will be brought in, in spite of Polish fear of Russia. Chamberlain seems to have decided that his empire and his class have more to fear from Hitler than from Stalin. Stalin himself seems lukewarm on the subject. He is not unnaturally suspicious on how far Great Britain and France will really go in opposing the dictators.

He himself has made a deal with Mussolini to supply Italy with oil; he is taking virtually no refugees; he is keeping his ambassador at Berlin and, if anything, went out of his way in his speech to the Russian Communist party to preserve a concilliatory tone toward Hitler.

In like manner it is not clear how many of the smaller nations will commit themselves irretrievably to an anti-aggression block. They, also, may doubt the firmness of the great powers and wonder if Chamberlain and Daladier will not yet make further concessions at other people's expense for the sake of their own

Germany at the Brenner Pass

On the other hand, Italy has no cause to love or trust Germany with German soldiers standing at Brenner Pass and unredeemed German nationals living in the Italian Tyrol. The lineup in Europe is still far from definite and its shifts are based always on national advan-

This situation presents no clear cut ideological controversy; for or against fascism or for or against democracy. It is still primarily a conflict between the satisfied and the dissatisfied powers. In world politics Britain and France are empires first; democracies afterwards. Since Versailles they have never worked for democracy or fair play even when it could have been done without war. Let Manchuria, Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia and Spain bear wit-

It is entirely possible that France may go fascist for the sake of national security and better efficiency in war. Hitler will not love her more; nor will war thereby be averted or the lineup changed. Individuals may die happier in some dreadful no man's land because they think it is for democracy or the end of war, but European alliances will be in the old terms of power and profit.

Capitalism Rreeds Fascism

New war may indeed destroy the present dictators, but it is more likely than not also to destroy Europe. In any event, with or without America, if the so-called democracies are victorious they will perpetuate the capitalist-nationalist organizations out of which fascism and wars are born. The peace will be Versailles over again and worse.

Only the masses of the people, the workers and farmers, inspired by Socialist principles can remake disorganized Europe into a union of cooperative commonwealths and this end will not be served by the participation of capitalist America in war.

Capitalist America will not go to war for democracy or even to stop aggression except as that aggression is thought to be directed at American capitalist interests. Such war is made more likely, by our failure to deal adequately with unemployment and our drift toward the

The president's speeches have not altered

the fact that his administration imposed an unneutral embargo on Loyalist Spain, did not apply the neutrality law against Germany and Italy, ignored it on the Far East, supported the Anglo American boycott on Mexican oil which drove Cardenas into the trade with Hitler, and in general encouraged a war trade with fascist powers which could have been prevented without war, and without all-inclusive official embargoes against fascist nations of a sort likely to lead to war or to fan war passions.

Under the circumstances to talk of any collective security of capitalist powers including the United States for democracy is a tragic farce. There may be military alliances for empire. And these America should avoid.

War Will Destroy Production

It is almost equally vain to believe that American armament or American threats will scare the dictators. Hitler and Mussolini will avoid a war which they do not expect to win by aerial supremacy before the United States can make its power effective.

Without the United States, in a long war the prependerance of European power is against them. If Britain, France and Russia. are internally weakened by a decay of democracy or-in Russia-by hatred of Stalin, the conscription of pur sons will not cure these internal ills. It is significant that American armament and the president's speeches did not check Hitler's final aggression of Czechoslovakia nor essentially change the self-centered Anglo-French policy.

It is yet possible—rather than probable that general war may be averted in Europe because of universal fear of aerial warfare and capitalist conviction (as Willi Schlamm argues in the April issue of Common Sense), that it will destroy not only men but the whole productive apparatus.

It is more possible that by intelligent effort the United States can be kept out of war. We are in no near danger of attack on our own That fact is well proved by Oswald Garrison Villard in the April Harper's Maga-

Lessons of 1917

We have amply provided for reasonable defense even by military standards—unless defense is to be construed as defense of trade, profit, and national interest all over the world. And that jingoistic definition of defense has been given in the House of Representatives by Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Affairs

To fight because we blundered into war in pursuit of the profit of war trade would be sheer madness. Nothing can be more dangerous than the notion sometimes heard that in a new world war the United States would only keep the seas open and supplies going across. That same idea proved false in 1917; it will be doubly false in a new war.

After terrible suffering America would probably land armies in Asia as well as Europe. A totalitarian war would require a totalitarian state, an American military fascism, a dictatorship not easily shaken off when the war is ended. The war department has all its plans for such dictatorship. It would be more complete than in the last war and that was bad enough.

What to Do

Since Debs was imprisoned for speaking for peace, the whole world has learned much of the arts of regimentation, and has grown callous to cruelty. It is our major concern, therefore to keep America out of a war whose only certain result would be the loss of democracy on this continent.

To keep out of war the government must be kept out of the things that logically lead to war. That requires plans for—

Housing and war on unemployment, not armament economics. Peace trade at home and abroad, not war

A curb on presidential power to put us in

Clearly the neutrality law should be strengthened, not weakened, and presidential discretion lessened, not increased. Because Naziism is bad, American trade in arms for profit will not be holy, nor will it be less likely in the next war than in the last to lead to war.

Granting that no neutrality law is perfect or is likely to be perfectly enforced under the profit system, everything possible should be done to lessen the pull of trade toward war. Under any conceivable situation Great Britain and France will have an enormous advantage anyhow over Germany and Italy as long as they have mastery of the seas. That is not a reason for repeating the history of loans and trade which led us into war in 1917.

In the name of democracy and peace the people should be given a right to vote on the wars they choose to fight. Medern conditions make such a vote practicable provided the radio law is changed to prevent the president from dreadful "prosperity" of armament economics. taking over all broadcasting by proclaiming an emergency. A popular vote is no panacea for

Stanzas to the Stubborn 56

BY WALTER LUDWIG-

"I was here in 1917, and what I saw then is going on in Congress right now. This stuff is head; for war; it is the same hysteria—the same things are being said. Honest to God, I could crawl in corner and cry when I see them doing what they are doing now. —Congressman Harold Knutsen of a

I could crawl right into a corner At the way they plot and scheme; Honest to God, they are sharpening the prod That they wielded in '17.

They shrieked in our ears like madmen From morn till the set of sun-"Ain't you fellows got principles? We gotta stop the hun!"

They cracked the whip in their lobbies To make us go through our tricks But after the voting was over We numbered 56.

We stood up, only a handful, Out there on the Congress floor And said we would be damned in hell Before we'd declare for war.

They had money and might behind them And the nation fought their war But after the shooting was over We were worse off than before

Little Essays

In Socialism

BY JOHN M. WORK

the spirit of solidarity. The hearts of Socialists,

the world over, draw together in mutual faith

The world-wide Socialist movement is the

greatest liberating movement of all the ages.

It will set the human spirit free at last. It is

a matter of pride to be a member of it, and in

the future it will be a matter of great pride to

look back upon membership in it. Every honest

and liberty-loving man and woman who is not

its upward evolution, nothing can stand in the

way of this great movement. It can be tem-

porarily obstructed, but in the end it is irre-

sistible because it marches side by side with

reactionaries confidently expected to lay it in

its grave speedily by means of shrewd maneuv-

ers. But it did not respond to the usual tactics. It was a law unto itself. Capitalistic weapons,

hurled against it, rebounded with their points

turned. War slowed it down for a while, but

the reaction from war increased its potency.

Fascism slows it down but eventually will be

we members of it have our faults, but at least

it is not an organization of mere vague wishers

hazy as to what they want. It is made up of

men and women who understand the meaning

of history, who understand the signs of the

times, who understand the development of in-

dustry. When they say that Socialism is to be

the ultimate result of industrial evolution, they

are not guessing. Neither is the wish the fa-

ther to the thought, even though they ardently

wish it. They are simply giving voice to a con-

clusion to which the whole course of human

can kill it by attacking it and showing that it

is a lie. The truth is immortal and cannot be

killed. Reactionaries can make trouble for in-

dividual Socialists. They can break up some

parts of the Socialist organization. Yet every

attack upon the truth sows the seed from

which future millions of Socialists will spring.

fore dawn as it is in Happier times.

much to restrain the administration.

May Day, and join it.

terdependent world.

greatest hope.

This is just as true in the darkest hour be-

Yes, Socialism will sweep the world and

If you have not joined this great move-

bring human brotherhood. It is only a ques-

tion of time and the self-sacrificing labor of

ment, open your soul to receive the spirit of

peace; it is a democratic check on presidential

dictatorship and war. Agitation for it will do

States must renounce imperialism, give inde-

pendence to the Philippines and accumulate

certain reserves of raw materials trade in

which would be interrupted by other nations'

out of war is not a program of indifference to

fascism or an indorsement of isolation in an in-

to refugees; they pledge themselves and seek

from others all possible help to underground

movements in fascist lands against war and

fascism. In their development is the world's

ment make known its willingness at the earliest

practicable moment to share in international

conferences for disarmament and for economic

arrangements not to bribe dictators but to re-

move these economic grievances of the peoples

and summon our fellow citizens to join with us

in the most essential part of the war against

fascism; namely, the struggle to make democ-

racy work in the war against poverty, insecur-

ity and racial intolerance here in America, in

the protection of fion fascist lands and democ-

racies. Success in America will summon peo-

ples of the world to new faith in it and struggle

Above all, we Socialists pledge ourselves

which the fascists have capitalized.

for it throughout the world.

Socialists insist that the American govern-

This Socialist program for keeping America

Socialists positively urge greater hospitality

In addition to these things, the United

A lie has nine lives but in the long run you

The Socialist movement has its faults, and

When this movement was in its infancy, the

In the long run, if the human race continues

and purpose to attain the goal.

a member should join it now.

the prelude to its triumph.

history points.

industrial evolution.

May Day means brotherhood. It symbolizes

The statesmen went into a huddle And did funny things to the man: Democracy's name they now Shame!"

Yet their war bred this Hitler san. While one third of the nation is living

In siums too far gone for delousing; The machinery of war can pay off the With low-cost pre-fabricated housing If consumers and markets are needed

To turn the tide of recession Let's throw open the doors and hall to shores

The victims of Nazi oppression.

It is an ancient American tradition To honor pioneering obscurity; If we isolate war we can build here at i A brand new collective security.

The American people have spoken "Foreign wars and Democracy do not re Their cry smites the walls of Congress halls From a million times 56.

The Forum

A Reply to a Milwaukee YCAW To the Editor of the Call:

As an answer to a challenge in a letter sent SOCIALIST CALL by a reader who signs M YCAW, I should like to say the following things.

First of all, FCAW disagrees with Mr. See statement that the Roman Catholic church is interest freedom of thought and hostile to labor. The Ca church is definitely opposed to freedom of thous document known as the "Syllabus of Errors," interest 1864 by Pope Plus IX, stated (1) that it is wreat believe that every man should be free to embrace profess the religion he shall believe true, guided light of reason. (2) It is wrong to believe the church should be separated from the state. (3) wrong to believe that education should not be trolled by the church. (4) It is an error to " that children of all classes should be able to school. (5) It is wrong to teach youth science cial problems when these subjects are not being to them by the Roman Catholic church. (6) & error to believe that the Roman Pontiff ought to cile himself with progress, liberalism, and civilisate lately introduced (!!!).

These are only a few of the "errors" of our til presented by Pius IX but they are enough to sha "the Roman Catholic church believes in freed

We must not forget that in 1870 the Vetican decided that the pope is infallible when he spec cathedra on matters of faith and morals, which stretched to include anything. In the Roman G church hostile to freedom of thought? I wonder YCAW says that the Church is not howile to

In any encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, the Roman I stated that to suffer and endure is the lot of me Let men try as they may, no effort can ever suc banishing from human life the ills which beset rich and the poor are created to help each other Christianity upholds the dignity of labor. If Christianity ity upholds the dignity of labor, why does the blessed are the poor"? Is there dignity in personal He complains that the Catholics are taxed des

present because they must support public and page schools. No one makes the Catholics support church or attend parochial schools. They can public schools if they have the desire to do b American section of the Roman Catholic of richest section in the world, and it can well affer I don't believe that every priest is hostile to

of thought and to labor, but I do know that t archy as a whole is a powerful force making for When the NEW YORK TIMES has a picture of nal Dougherty of Philadelphia, together with Evans, Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klau, it for American anti-fascists to beware. In fact, anti-fascist Catholics beware, or it will prove a ous boomerang. ALEXANDER MAK

Soreng Replies

To the Editor of the Call:

This is a reply to "A YCAW." I am not a been nor do I profess any religious belief. I know a about the supernatural. The affairs on this per what interests me. I hate fascism, loathe distant I note the fact that the Catholic religion prode in most of the fasciat and sami-fasciat con war mad Europe, while the democracies are Pro-

or free thinking to a great extent. Freedom of thought was suppressed in Italy, Spain and in other countries where far established. In Spain in 1909 Francisco Fai martyred because he had established modera hools so the children could be thought to m

property in this country should exempted from taxation. Let the parochie stand on their own feet. The American public be supported by all citizens. There is no estate religion in this country. This is a secular We are guaranteed religious freedom by the conf of the United States—to worship or not to one sees fit. That is the meaning of religious We need no dictatorship of the supernatur world has had enough of this hocus-pocus state agents of the supernatural.

Let now be the age of reason and liberty, a labor and abundance for all.

Wolf Creek, Wis.

Takes Issue With Porter To the Editor of the Call:

The American armaments policy advocated Porter in his discussion of Socialist Unity curious. Accept the argument that we appr national defense as may be necessary," though to "a large and wasteful armament program," ogical answer can we make to the militar that the best defense is an offense? Once the of necessary armaments is accepted, then the o ty comes from piling up more weapons than sible competitor. Don't Socialists rely on the tional solidarity of labor and a better foot

domestic policy as their defense? However, getting on to the issue of Socie can a Party divided on whether or not 🐠 American intervention in the struggle for and Asiatic domination function effectively! Party adopts any position at all to realize at the minority will either have to keep quiet, ac views outside Party channels, or realgn. major internal conflict, with all the cancus would most probably result on our anti-war unity was achieved at this time.

Let's avoid such disaster. Instead, let's united action between the S. P. and the S. issues where agreement exists, such as public ownership, labor protective legislation, liberties. WINSTON DAIL