SOCIALIST PARTY IS FOR-

Socialist Leader,

Kentucky Chief of National

Guards Panned by Clement

"I would not presume to suggest how you should handle

ler to Travers Clement national secretary of the Socialist

governor and demanded that he withdraw the 1400 national

and me in Chicago. Some of Mountain Coal corporation, oper-

Frankfort, Kentucky

"Bloody Harlan,

ence throughout the meeting.

Sale of Pamphlet Stopped

Memorial day massacre, in which

Mayor Kelly was attacked as a

outrage was glossed over, and the

resentful tone of the affair divert

Retires

Steel Corporation who was de-

scribed as a thug by speakers who

commemorated the 2nd anniver-

sary of the killing of II steel

workers at South Chicago. Girdler

retired as president of the Ameri-

term build-up.

Steel plant.

capitalist channels.

Despite the state of Kentucky's ate withdrawal Only the splendid

opposition to the miners union, discipline of the organized miners

15,000 Laborites

Hold Memorial for

Dear Sir:

the United Mine Workers strike in Harlan county.

headache as you must have the Black Star mines.

"I don't handle any official :

had asked for troops. These fac-

tors, the governor indicated, act-

uated his decision to send troops.

apologize," the unhappy governor

Miners Not Consulted

"I would like to call your atten-

business and professional men,' who

probably make up about 1 per cent

of the population of Harlan county,

were consulted nothing is said

about consulting the miners who

make up the bulk of it."

Ciement replied:

"I believe we have no reason to

Governor Chandler

affairs in Chicago, Ill.," was the answer of Gov. A. B. Chand-: "crime" is a fight for decent con-

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Your World And Mine

By Norman Thomas

General Mosley

H Americans had the sense do its own job. humor with which, somenegatives \
negatives of representatives did
the house of representatives did
The house of representatives did mes, mistakenly they are phibition of folly which he sale inflation.

Townsend plan. Something must be done better, to help the aged.

hink water at a committee

er education, there are always what relief items to cut. adreds of thousands of credu-



NORMAN THOMAS

the demagogue and trouble-

putter of "Star-Spangled Fas-

Iwwnsend Plan

necessáry-yes even more neces-. sary-to prove that democracy can

redited, this absurd but dan- well to defeat the Townsend plan because all the revenues for helpgrous Gen. Moseley would ing the aged who don't work would be paid by a sales tax on those who do work so high as to strangle cause of the extraordinary our economic life or lead to whole-

The man who is afraid to Production, Distribution

laring in the capital of the Neither is it enough to defeat attacks upon WPA and the presmited States, lest it be poi- ent scheme of relief. The Assogoed, is a man of such riot- ciation of American Social Work-

imagination or stupid ers has shown how tragically low tenagoguery that he is not and inadequate is relief. It is necessary to get production going and stitled to credence on any better to distribute what is produced. It isn't going to be enough But alas, in our modern civiliza- for the president simply to show on because of its various strains that his Republican opponents do rd because of the inadequacies of hot know what taxes to reduce or

They will go on, with increasing effectiveness, urging the public once more to trust to the initiative of private enterprise and the public will trust in vain - unless and until the New Deal can offer sound plans for planned stimula tion of production by government initiative but under democratic

Stalin Sits Pretty

If one is to accept nationalism as the sole standard for judging the conduct of nations, then it must be admitted that there is a good deal to be said for Stalin's treatment of the Anglo-French proposal for an alliance. He is making those who were

once the enemies of Soviet Russia almost grovel at his feet. He is showing a proper suspicion of the authors of the Munich pact. Even the German propaganda agencies are beginning to speak well of Russia: In terms of national power politics Stalin is sitting pretty.

But not in terms of any sort of Socialist ethics. The evil thing in chine guns and modern chemfolks who may be somewhat Molotoff's speech was his direct invitation to Germany to open ne-M. Hence the necessity to use gotiations for a trade agreement mer possible device to show him similar to the agreement already made with Italy.

Now even for such a trade annot be said that the Dies agreement there might be some mentitee did a good job. Its excuse in terms of national intersubers fell to wrangling among est, but there is no excuse at all families and gave new proof of for the double standard of Comthe traptness of their inquiry. In munists who urge upon the capi-Moseley case they had a talist United States in season and times with dignity to expose and out of season economic warfare, w anti-Semitism and the kindred | to-the uttermost against Germany and Italy; warfare which in all likelihood will lead to military warfare, while Stalin's Russia practices the direct opposite. Such To fight Fascism it is, of foreign policy is as hypocritical as with necessary to maintain civil the Communist advocacy of debitles, to attack racial intoler- mocracy everywhere except in the ace and to show up folks like country and the unions where the Gural Moseley. But it is also Communists have power.

100 Labor Unions Support Drive to Free DuQuoin Boys

BY LOREN NORMAN

National Director, DuQuoin Miners' Defense Committee

CHICAGO, Ill, -- With the assured support of more than Mabor and liberal organizations, including both Illinois mers' unions and the Chicago and Illinois Federations of abor, the DuQuoin Miners' Defense Committee this week sunched a national drive to rally support behind its camwign to obtain pardons for the five young men who have been imprisoned since 1933 on charges growing out of the dinois mine union strife in that year. la a letter to Governor Horner

thed by Sec. Joseph D. Keenan, visor; Prof. Maynard Krueger, Chicago Federation of Labor Ina White, Arthur G. McDowell winted out that the boys were and George E. Reid. wricted on evidence that was thriously circumstantial, and

wat on to say: Te us, it appears highly sigeleant that the trial of these men was moved from courthouse in the highly inmining community. where the trouble occurred, to a withouse in a farming section . the state, and in view of the integralistic attitude that the worthy of farmers have against his that they could not have ten given a fair trial."

Farmers Sentence Boys Following a pitched battle bethen strikers and non-strikers 1933, an unknown person fired that strayed and killed an anocent girl. The five young Otis Battaglia, Emery Al-sam Ferro, Robert Shingleand Rarney Bossetto, were arested, prevented from getting amediate legal aid, and shortly Merwards sentenced to the penifatlary by a jury of farmers at

bequoin Miners' Defense com- being formed from these groups Gatling guns and similar weapons white, sponsored jointly by the to serve the executive committee for use in industrial disputes." tokers' Defense league and the in an advisory capacity. Chicago Ex-Coal Miners' club,

Powerful Unions Back Drive Important letters and resolu-

tions of support have been received by the committee from the International Woodworkers of America, the International Brewery Workers union, the Chicago Millinery Workers' union, the International Packinghouse Workers, the National Maritime union, the International Broom and Whisk Makers' union, the American Communications association, the Rhode Island CIO council and locals of the Amalgamated, the ILGWU, carpenters, painters, shoe workers, skeel workers. auto workers, rubber workers. federal workers and many

Support from Rhode Island came through the efforts of hardworking Joseph Coldwell, Debs' prison partner. Coldwell's letter to investigations, since 1893, have dis-Governor Horner on the case te- covered and condemned the use of ceived front page, notice in the the labor spy and the strikebreak-Progressive Miner.

To Publish New Leaflet

Machineguns in Harlan

Official Organ of the Socialist Party of the United States

Saturday, June 10, 1939



ground. A majority of the miners new working in Harlan county have wrested union contracts from the coal companies despite the presence of 1,400

Factories Maintain Arsenals sional" men had discussed the sit- mines. To War on American Workers

La Follette Pleads For Disarming of Company Gunmen

Kentucky national guardsmen blockade the road

to Verda in bloody Harlan county as a picket line

of the United Mine Workers approaches in the

WASHINGTON, D. C. -Asserting that there are still factories which stand like fortresses, bristling with maical weapons, Senator La Follette (P). Wisconsin, testified interstate corporations across state restored to its full vigor and liberties committee in behalf said. of the bill jointly introduced by himself and Senator

spies, strikebreakers, privatetear gas and sub-machine guns in labor disputes.

An identical bill was introduced in the house last month by Rep. Reuben T. Wood (D), Missourt. president of the Missouri Federation of Labor.

Opposition to the bill, La Follette said, comes from a powerful and well organized minority of employers who are opposed to the principle of collective bargaining. The disclosures of the Civil Liberties Committee, he continued demonstrated that "it is folly to expect such powerful and intransigeant employers of their own accord to abandon their spies, machine guns and private armies."

Says Rights Are Violated Asserting there is still much to

be done to protect the civil liberties of workers, La Follette said. "There are still private armies which are drilled and trained by certain corporations for active combat during industrial disputes. There are still large industrial centers, like urban Harlans, where the constitutional rights of citizens are trampled down by selfish powerful

"There are forces within the country which openly clamor for the destruction of civil liberties through the perversion of governmental power. These forces are encouraged by the existence of private tyrannies maintained by private, armed force and by private Gestapos. Other democracies which have permitted private armies to operate unchecked, no longer exist. The price of liberty is eternal vigi-

Bill Decades Overdue. The pending bill, La Follette to a the committee, is several decades overdue and its enactment would place it with the Wagner labor relations act and the Walsh-Healey government contracts act as a guide post to liberty and industrial -freedom.

"The recommendations of the Civil Liberties Committee," he said, "are not novel. They echo the findings of past governmental investi- ica, 6,800 members. gations conducted periodically over the past 40 years. The practices chinists, 190,100 members, prohibited by this bill have a long history in American industrial relations. Successive congressional er mercenary. Various committees Letters went out this week to and commissioners have recoinmembero, Ill. Four of the boys representative labor leaders, lib- mended that congress adopt legisthe given life terms, Albers to eral churchmen, educators, art-lation to prohibit the use of paid ists and writers, asking for their strikebreakers and strikeguards, 22:100 members. The executive committee of the support. A national committee is and the interstate transportation of

> Fair-minded employers, La Follette contended, would welcome en- 300. actment of the bill because in seek-

have refrained from the "flagrant- | espionage has been successfully | ly oppressive practices." States and Policing Power

local police power. Its purpose, he joining states. said, is to protect states which "These labor-busting interstate have attempted to protect them-businesses require interstate regu-

"State regulation of labor putes as may occur."

flouted by corporations and detective agencies operating in interstate commerce. Flagrant cases of La Follette emphasized that the this have occurred in my own bill would not place the federal state. Statutory regulations in one government in the business of state will result in driving the policing strikes or interfere with finks and their masters into ad-

selves against the condemned practiation. If once such regulation has been effected, not only will serious "With broad strokes the bill impediments to the policy of colwipes dut certain fundamental lective bargaining have been reevils which today are practiced by moved but state authority will be today before the senate civil lines through devices which chal- couraged to play its proper role in lenge effective state action, he the policing of such industrial dis-

Thomas (D), Utah, which would outlaw the use of labor Senate Civil Liberties Slain Workers spies, strikebreakers, privately paid armed guards and Committee Needs Aid

Specialists and laborites generally should do everything they can through mass organizations to encourage the United States senate to allow Senator La Follette's request for an appropriation of \$100,000 with which to complete his work of investigating labor espionage, strikebreaking and the use of industrial police and munitions in

erties committee is in the hands of the Senate Audit and Control committee, headed by Sen. James F. Brynes of North Carolina. The La Follette committee, whose work is at a stand-

until the money is obtained has returned to the United States Treasury one and one-half times the amount it spent since its investigations began several years ago. The return, totaling \$232,000, was levied against per-

sons and corporations whose tax evasion activities were discovered during the course of the committee's investi-

Resolutions urging the appropriation should be addressed to Sen. Byrnes at the Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. and copies sent to Senator La Follette.

Wagner Act Illinois Labor Supported by Licks Big Biz

WASHINGTON, II. C.—The Congress of Industrial Organizations in to the Wagner act. Ten internationals five state fed-

erations and scores of district and city central bodies and local unions are today in open rebellion against Green's effort to amend the Wagner act, the pamphlet said, AFL international unions listed as supporting the Wagner act as it

reads now are: Pattern Makers' League of Amer-International Association of Ma-International Brotherhood of

Teamsters, 309,200 members. United Brewery Workers, 42,000 members. Hotel and Restaurant Employees, 75,900 members.

International Typographical Inion, 79,400 members. American Federation of Teachers, Printing Pressmen, 37,200

United Hatters, 22,500 members.

10 AFL Unions In Senate Frav By a Special Correspondent. SPRINGFIELD, III.—The power

lance. Let us not let evils continue that 1,000,000 members of the labor clashed in the Illinois senate to flourish through our own neg. American Federation of Labor are last week, and after the smoke of opposed to the Walth amendments the battle had cleared organized By a vote of 28 to 16 the Lantz

bill, which sought to curb labor tions was effectively scuttled.

nois labor movement . American Roosevelt. -Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations and Rail chairman of the City Council road Brotherhoods—which stood to a man against the proposed act. Laborites did not content themselvés with letters and telegrams. Leaders of the organized labor movement from one end of the Stalinist "Daily Record" omitted state to the other converged on the the unfriendly word "riot" and

ators and sat in the galleries of the chamber when the bill came to a Girdler and the Republic Steel There were more than 46 votes their responsibility in the killing for the bill, but when a clear ma- of 11 strikers and wounding more International Paper Makers, 16 jority was in the bag against the than 100 others. Bitmer deproposal several wavering senators nounced Girdler as a "common

near the South Chicago plant of the Republic Steel corporation May 28, where 11 steel workers were mur-The request for \$100,000 for the Senate Civil Libdered by Mayor Kelly's police on Memorial day, 1937, to find that, instead of a genuine demonstration of labor resentment and solidarity. the meeting had been turned by

Kelly politicians and Stalinists into Roosevelt "third-term" fally. The meeting was held by arrangement with the city council, which issued an order for the erection of a grandstand "to belebrate (!) the steel mill's CIO strike bat-

Leaders Forget

Role of Mayor

Kelly in 1937

BY STANLEY M'NAIL

CHICAGO, Ill.-Fifteen thousand

people gathered on an open field

tle; of May 30, 1937." Van A. Bittner, regional director of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee and national chairman of the Packing House Workers, expressed his hope that Roosevelt will run for a third term. He said:

ed into safe and respectable pro-"I don't know if he will again, but if he dees, the workers will support him. All we ask is a chance to give him a third term." - Kelly Henchman Speaks Sharing the platform with one

of Kelly's aldermen, Bittner expressed sentiments which were a far cry from his attitude toward the reactionary mayor of Chicago at the time of the massacre, when he denounced Kelly for his colda pamulilet issued this week claims of organized business and organized blooded sanction of the killings. Nicholas Fontecchio, chairman of the meeting, in introducing Alderman Rowan, declared: "His appearance here is a demonstrabusiness had been dealt a knockout tion that the times do change in Chicago." "Rowan added his voice to the

paeon of praise for Kelly, Roosevelt, and company, saying, 'The strikes, and enforce other restric- people are working out a new program around the New Deal. I Reason for this labor victory was would suggest that Big Business due to the solid ranks in the Illi- do a little collective bargaining around the table with President "I am coming," said Rowan, "as

Committee on Labor and Industry to express our desire that there shall never be another riot in which men shall lose their lives trying to get collective bargaining." In reporting his speech, the

state capitol, talked to their sen- substituted "incident." Several speakers took Tom

corporation over the coals for thug"; he also denounced scaps of Gerry Allard chair—
An initial printing of leaflets on ing to curb the excesses of a few a similar stand include Colorado.

August Hoffman, vice—
the case have been widely discourse it imposes no burdens or Nebraska. Iowa South Dakota and Illinois as elsewhere, labor wants the corporation's strike present of the our burdens of the National Steel Institute. E. actment of the our burdens of the National Steel Institute.

The crowd was dotted with C. Corporation succeeds him.

The crowd was dotted with C. Corporation succeeds him.

Debate Harlan Strike ass thus far prevented outbreak of that violence which you and the national guard officers seem to be. doing everything possible to incite. You have already caused ma-

tion, it is your responsibility and Party of the United States, who had sharply criticised the we intend to do our utmost to see that you are held accountable for guardsmen who are being used by coal companies to break Your methods and those of the brutal interests you serve will not work in America. In the long run

chine guns to be turned against

defenseless workers whose only

ditions. If these guns go into ac-

they will not even work in Europe, Chicago affairs," Clement rethe number of United Mine Work- grand scale.

Plied, "so there is no real parters members back to work in the Vours Sincerely. TRAVERS CLEMENT,

allel between you in Kentucky troubled county.

Latest to sign was the Black National Secretary. the boys here who do, how- ating two bituminous mines. Other Gov. Chandler's Reply

ever, have almost as big a u. S. Coal and Coke company and My Dear Mr. Clement: William Turnblazer, president of In reply to your communication district 19, U. M. W. A., said that of the twenty-fourth, let me say The governor in his letter to only a handful of men were work- that the troops in Harlan county Dement took pains to point out ing in the recalcitrant Harlan are my responsibility and I am

that "leading business and profes- County Coal Operators' association glad to accept this responsibility along with all the others I have, There is attached copy of a re-The full text of the letters exenclosed he also referred to the changed between Secretary Clem-cent address, which might interest

fact that a Harlan county judge ent and Governor Chandler follow: you. I would not presume to suggest Clement's First Letter how you should handle affairs in Chicago, Ill. I would take it for Governor A. B. Chandler granțed that you are more familiar

with the situation there than L I believe we have no reason to apologize for protecting the rights Your provocative use of the national guard in the service of the of individuals who want to work coal operators tends to add another and who are satisfied with the tion to the fact that while leading violent chapter to the record of working hours, working conditions that section of the coal fields and their salary. I do not believe which has long been known as that they should be compelled to join any particular labor union, zl-The Socialist Farty of the United though they should have that privi-

States condemns the use of these lege if they desire. troops and calls for their immedi-Faithfully yours, ALBERT B. CHANDLER.

Clement's Reply

Gov. A. B. Chandler Frankfort, Ky.

I am glad to receive a copy of your speech. In it I note you quote with evident relish the appeal from the county judge of Harlan county on which you based sending in the troops. The fact, of course, that this same judge owns stock in Harlan county coal mines is, shall we

pamphlet on the 1940 elections, in The judge's appeal reads in part: which a third term for Roosevelt "I have discussed the situation is urged, and salesmen for the in the coal fields with many of "Record" circulated in the audi- our leading business and professional men, and it is our judgment that the situation is beyond control of the county officials. An effort to distribute a pam-"It is the concensus of opinion phlet-telling the truth about the

say, beside the point.

to work if given protection." I would like to call your atten-"capitalist butcher," was stopped tion to the fact that while the by Stalinists, the pamphlets con-"leading business and professional fiscated and torn up-but not bemen," who probably make up about fore many of them were pur-I per cent of the population of Harlan county, were consulted, nothing Harry Wohl of the Newspaper is said about consulting the miners

that 75 per cent of our men want

Guild and Harry Deck of the Lawho make up the bulk of it. bor's Non-Partisan league spoke, Also, I would lik to inquire that both devoting a considerable porif 75 per cent of the men were tion of their speeches to the third so eager to work under your "protection," just why is it that Harlan The meeting closed with the county operators have recently singing of the "Star-Spangled signed nine new contracts with the Banner," and was followed by a United Mine Workers? Can it be parade in front of the Republic that they are abandoning you in your inspiring if confused fight to This was the second such meetprotect the right of individuals to ing in which the Memorial day

work at the point of a machine gun

almed at workers! I am happy that you don't prasume to suggest how I am to handle affairs in Chicago. I don't handle any official Chicago affairs, of course, so there is no real parallel between you in Kentucky and me in Chicago. Some of the boys here who do, however, have almost as big a headache as you must have by now. Yours sincerely,

TRAVERS CLEMENT. . National Secretary.

Legionaires Attack Anti War Fighters NEW YORK-Members of the

American Legion brutally attacked a group of New York young Socialists who were attempting to distribute an anti-war leaflet at the Bronx Memorial day parade. Six years to the day after the

disgraceful assault upon Y. P. S. L. members in Mitchell Square by members of the same legion, the old story of intolerance and denial of civil rights in the name of patriotism and democracy was reenacted. The legionnaires left the line of

march at 171st st. and the Grand Concourse, attacked the 450 assembled young Socialists and then returned to the parade after they had destroyed the leaflets and placards and had so seriously hurt six young people.

In 10 minutes time the legion-

naires had completely forced the Y. P. S. L. demonstrators off the The police watched

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BY FLORENCE BREWER BOECKEL

If you are interested in guessing the future, don't look for it in the big headlines of today but in the small stories in the inside pages. In them you will find the forces that are just beginning to rise.

From this point of view the most interesting and exciting news of the week was the report of the strike against the conscription law recently passed by the British gov-

Reports have come to my desk expression of a powerful movement going on in England against: the whole idea and plan of con-Ohe of the strongest peace organizations, with something like 150,000 members, the Peace Fledge, union, is displaying posters throughout the country the first lines of which are "Conscription; For what are you asked to kill and die? Another Versailles victory? How long will the next victory last? Stand firm against conscription." League Formed :

A No Conscription league has end of your civil liberties. If to go to war. you want to fight for freedom, fight for it in Britain."

by the state of an authority over are concerned not only with those or cannon-fodder, if you will. holding a clear objection of connot be maintained under any military conscription. . . ." Australians Voted No

new thing. During the war two no. Recently the officials of the Canadian government have stated!

And when my expression showed which show that it was only one "They will have to do that in an attempt to frighten the thousands of other young men who will be ready to refuse to fight." These stories from England seem to bear out what he said.

In this country there are now measures before congress demandexcept for national defense. dividuals piedge themselves not to take part in war and for myself I have always felt that no one, dertainly not a woman, has any more been formed Its fliers read "Don't right to try to persuade men not be fooled. Conscription means the to go to war than to persuade them

Freedom for Humanity But what I do see in the growing

The Quakers also have sent out opposition to conscription is the "... The compulsion emergence of a new force, a new of men to learn how to destroy idea, seeking freedom for the hutheir fellow men is an assumption man spirit. I see in it a continuation of the century-old struggle for human personality that is an out- human freedom from whatever rage upon God and man. . . . We would use men as tools or machines

Too often the struggle to abolish science, but with the wrong done war is thought of as a struggle to to large numbers of youths. . . . escape the dangers and hardships We are also deeply concerned with of war. That is not what it is. It the great 'departure from old tra- is a struggle to open the way for the ditions,' traditions of free govern- development of all that is finest ment and free persons that can- and best in mankind to make human progress possible.

A friend of mine has just come back from several months of travel in many of the countries of Europe The strong feeling of the British and he tells me that the thing that people against conscription is no impressed him most was the sence that he got of a light breaking referendums were held in Australia through the brutal surface of life

and women resisting current evils or forever thereafter lose their there will be no conscription in but resisting them not with evil but right to register and vote. with good. One of these men said A very thoughtful man said to to him, "If you want to make a me the other day, "The first thing dark room light, you do not go that will happen after a declaration into it with a proom to sweep the of war. If there is one, will be darkness out-you light a candle." that 100 or more conscientious ob- and as my friend put it, we can jectors will be lined up against a see candles being lighted today throughout a darkened world.

The rousing response of the la-

Temporary headquarters of the

defense committee are at room

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The New York City anti-war

committee, at a meeting this week

attended by representatives from

branchs, ordered and paid for over

2,000 copies to start the distribu-

of the party are expected to res-

pond almost as quickly.

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June 11

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be freed!

100 Labor Unions Aid DuQuoin Boys

iliary, \$10, and Vincent Fiorentributed to trade unions. A new tini, Carlinville, \$8. pamphlet giving the history of the case, listing quotations from bor movement in support of the various organizations and show- campaign to free the DuQuoin ing what should be done to sup- boys has strengthened the comport the campaign to free the mittee's hopes of rallying all imboys is now being prepared and portant sections of the American will be ready soon. portant case. A pardon by Christ-

While the Chicago committee has been going full blast, strong support has been coming from Local No. 1, Progressive Mine Workers, Gillespie, Ill.

Many downstate mine locals and city councils have taken action in behalf of the boys. Much support in this connection has been obtained through the work of John Battuello, PMA board member from the Gillespie district, and the large Socialist bloc in Local No. 1.

Financial Support

Financial support for the committee's work has come from District 1. Progressive Mine Workers, \$100; Local 1, PMA, \$200: Chicago Ex-Coal Miners' club, \$50; Collinsville PMA aux-

Governor Asked to Free Miners

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Representa- party, and Y. P. S. L. circles, for tives from several organizations, sale as street-corner meetings, at including the Progressive Mine forums, and for use in mailings to challenged on constitutional preme court ruled that the con-screw until life becomes extinct. and the State Federation of Labor, conferred with Lt. Gov. John Stelle here last week on the matter of the five Du Quoin miner prisoners.

The laborites petitioned Stelle neutrality of the United States in for a pardon for Olis Battaglia, imperialist wars, and against war. Ferro, Barney Bossetto, preparations, Albers and Robert Shinwho have been imprisoned since 1933 on charges which grew out of the Illinois mine difficul-

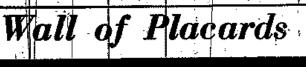
Stelle suggested that the group submit a new petition stating will be filled immediately. Order that clemency for the victims would go far to promote peace between the two miners' unions.

The unionists agreed and a bring you 55 copies. In larger petition was promptly drafted quantities, cost is 112 cents per and signed by Dave Reed, presi- copy. dent, Progressive Mine Workers of America, and Ray Edmundson, president, United Mine Workers

Stelle said he would submit the petition to Gov. Henry Horner tion in this area. Other sections who has been ill for several

Present at the conference with Reed and Edmundson were: Rue-Soderstrom, president, IIlinois Federation of Labor; John Battuello. PMWA board member: Marjorie Kipp and May- READING Pa-The first of a nard Krueger, Du Quoin Miners series of summer picnics sponsored Defense committee; Charles Ros- by local Socialists will be held sio, in behalf of the family: How-Sunday, June 11, in the Socialist of Michigan. ard Skelton. Workmen's Sick and park. Death Benefit fund; John Di Elaborate entertainment and tailed plans for the trade union in and unemployed organization spon- Morgan.

Plotti. Italian Columbian Federa- speeches by Mayor Stump and formation service for progressive spred by the trade union movement. The nation Plotti, Italian Columbian Federa- speeches by Mayor Stump and formation service for progressive spred by the trade union movement the national labor secretary outtion, and Jack Clasgow, UMWA Darlington Hoopes will highlight unionists soon to be issued under of CiO and AFL. lined an eastern states tour to contact member. The organization of farmers' co- tact party people in important la-





To be sure that participants in the celebration of the National Maritime day in New York were aware of the CIO seaman's strike against the

oil tanker companies, unionists heremed in the

Negroes' Right to Vote Again Upheld By Supreme Court

25-Year Struggle For Suffrage Waged By Negro Association

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The at empt of the state of Oklahoma to dodge a United States supreme court decision in 1915 which outawed the grandfather clause in its constitution was in turn outlawed by the United States supreme court

In rendering its opinion in Lane ther clause cases, and the right vs. Wilson, he court hel that Okla- to vote in primaries established homa had an unconstitutional law by the Texas primary cases, but in the 1916 statute requiring per- now the right to register has been ons who had not voted in 1914 to established. In every country he found men register within a period of 10 days

The 1916 registration law was passed immediately after the grandfather clause was declared uncon-stitutional, and was designed to The first case in 1915 struck stitutional, and was designed to catch Negroes off their guard and down restrict their suffrage.

ered by Justice Frankfurther, held that the fifteenth amendment to the constitution "nullifies sophisticated as well as simple minded unconstitutional in 1917. This ordiscrimination." opinion represented a 6 to 2 deci-Butler dissenting and Justice Douglas not participating.

Win 12 Out of 13 Cases

The case, which was carried to the high court by the National Association for the Advancement of twelfth victory out of 13 cases carried to the supreme court by that

The case which is now thrown labor movement behind this imback to the supreme court of Okmas! The DuQuoin boys must lahoma, involves a \$10,000 law suit filed against the registrar of Wagoner county, Okla., in 1934 by I. W. Lane, who charged that he was refused permission to register to vote appeals. in that year.

> Case Goes Back to 1914 This case had its birth in the old grandfather clause cases of 1914 whereby the constitution of Oklahoma and several other states provided strict educational qualifications for voters unless they could prove that their grandfathers had

voted prior to 1866. Since no Negroes were qualified first edition of 10,000 copies of a tion in the constitution was ap-"Socialism States Its Case Against preme court in 1915 held this provision, unconstitutional in a case

fought by the N. A. A. C. P. Immediately after this decision war committee of the Socialist, Oklahoms attempted to get around party, is planning a nation-wide the fifteenth amendment again by of Texas to exclude Negroes from passing an act Feb. 26, 1916, that all the primaries was declared unhad to register within 12 days or first decision Texas attempted to Delalamo Galila, young Loyalist man Thomas, is attractively print-be forever barred from registra- evade the fifteenth amnumnt by soldier, to death, ed, and 24 pages long. It is in-tion. But the act provided however, enabling the Democratic party of Gailla was senten tended for quantity use by locals that all persons who voted in the Texas to exclude Negroes. This at Santander to die by the garand branches of the Socialist 1914 elections (when Negroes were was declared unconstitutional as note. In garroting, the victim is excluded by the grandfather clause) state action. were not affected. This act was In 1935 the United States su to a post and tightened by a

Close Co-operation

Between Farmers.

Workers Emphasized

CHICAGO The national labor

committee held an extremely suc

cessful and fruitful session in na

tional headquarters here all day

Members in attendance included

Dowell, and Gerry Allard, John

Fisher, Paul Porter, Eric Bjurman

Hyman Schneid, Ben Fischer and

Members unable to attend but

who sent reports included Murra

Gross and Joel Seidman of New

York, J. R. Butler of Arkansas

Stanley Budny of Milwankee, Chris

Jorgenson of Racine, Tucker Smit

The committee endorsed the de-

Sunday, May 28.

grounds in 1934 by the N. A. A. when registration was refused I History of Cases

Officials of the N. A. A. C. P. ointed out that the court's degreat gain for Negroes because establishes their right to vote nder the fifteenth amendment to the constitution, but it also gives broader interpretation to the so-called Civil war amendmens. Not only is the right to vote established by the old grandfa-

Twelve out of 13 cases carried to the United States supreme purt by the N. A. A. C. P. have been won.

unconstitutional the grandfather clauses which were The opinion, written and deliv- used to disfranchise Negroes in

dinance similar to those in other cities prohibited whites and Nesion with Justices McReynolds and groes from living in the same dis-

Arkansas Riot Case

The principle that a trial dominated by mob violence is but a "mask" and a denial of due process was established in 1923 in sev-Colored People, represents the etal cases, growing out of the Elaine, Ark., riots. Twelve Negro sharecroppers were sentenced to death and 67 for long prison terms at trials dominated by mobs.

These men were freed by this decision and the precedent of due process established. This precedent has been used in many later cases including the famous Scottsboro

In 1926 the New Orleans segregation ordinance similar to the Louisville one was declared unconstitutional in a memorandum opin-

The first Texas primary case in 1927 established the right of teach Negroes to vote in the primary as well as the general election and held unconstitutional a Texas statute which excluded Negroes to vote prior to 1866 the discrimina- from the Democratic primaries. In 1930 the Richmond, Va., segnew 2 cent pamphlet entitled parent and the United States su regation ordinance, similar to the Louisville drdinance, was declared unconstitutional in a memorandum Franco Fascists opinion, 🥫

1982 Texas Case

The second attempt of the state

G. McDowell and asked all Social-

as adopted and appears elsewhere

Recent progress of the trade

ing, textile, auto, aluminum, elec-

trical and tenan tfarmers' union

fields was reviewed and Socialist

mentioned approved or criticized.

Support Unemployed

Socialist support and endorse-

dress to the membership and sym- and financial interests' tactic of

pathizers of the Socialist move-splitting organized labor and farm

ment of the national conference of official gatherings of the trade

independent unemployed organiza- union movement this summer and

tions in Washington June 24-25 was fall was mapped. The resignation

voted but Socialists were urged to of Stanley Budny of Milwaukee

advise in favor of loose federation due to pressure of work was ac-

rather than attempt to repeat his- cepted with regret and Fred Wol-

tory of centralized unemployed crefter and Andrew Bremiller were

ganizations previously set up and nominated to vacancies occasioned

to continue to work for a WPA by resignation and dropping of Lee

ment in the trade union movement groups stressed,

sts to co-operate.

in the Socialist Call.

the national labor secretary, Mc participation in the union fields

The conviction of Joe Hale of

University of Missouri Case

ties for him within the state.

base for the NMU gaining a footeducation that "the admissibility of laws separating the races in hold there in opposition to the the enjoyment of privileges afforded by the state rests wholly upon the equality of the privileges which the law gives to the separated groups within the state." The twelfth victory was the case

back to the Atlantic coast by the maritime commission. decided Monday, May 22, 1939, declaring unconstitutional la statute of Oklahoma which discriminated aghinst Negroes in their right to register and vote.

Colby Memorial

who died in Russia last summer. is being sponsored by a committee of students.. labor leaders and collegues of Miss Colby's in the many workers' education enterprises in which she was an in-

The proceeds of this fund will be used for whole or partial scholarships, assigned in rotation, to the different workers, such as Hudson Shore (formerly Bryn Mawr Summer school), the Southern Summer school, the Wisconsin

Josephine Colby aught at Brook-Russia attack in Moscow, she was still

The Women's Trade Union league, 247 Lexingkton ave., New York City, one of the aponsors of the fund, will receive contributions for this fund.

persons eligible for registration constitutional in 1982. After the tion was revived to sentence Jose

Galila was sentenced by a court strangled in an iron collar affixed

which all Negroes were excluded was invalid and a denial of due

held: "The rack and torture chamber may not be substituted for the

clared unconstitutional in 1938.

principle applicable to all public

ory of Josephine "Polly" Colby spiring teacher.

and Pacific schools.

wood Labor college for nearly its entire 16 years. She then went to to visit, and stayed to When she died of a heart teaching English to workers.

To Garrote

Young Loyalist

Farm Organization

to set up a special sub-committee

on farm organization and farmer-

labor co-operation after consulta-

tion with Wisconsin state office of

party and possible Socialist farm-

ers' conference in northern Wiscon-

A vigorous campaign to bring the

Socialist anti-war position before

lined an eastern states tour to con-

The labor secretary was directed

vicion of Jess Hollins from Oklahoma by a jury of whites from

The conviction of three Negroes Mississippi on a confession ex-

Centucky on an indictment drawn by an all white jury and by a trial of an all white jury from which Negroes were excluded was de-

The University of Missouri deision. Dec. 12. 1938, established the principle that a qualified Negro could not be excluded from the state university on the grounds of his color in the absence of the

establishment of equal opportuni-

forced an agreement under which paid off in Seattle and brought

Legionaires Attack Yipsels terfering, and refused to heed the repeated requests of bystanders

the Young Peoples' Socialist league

By a Special Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - The

recent attempt of Harry Bridges

and the Communist party maritime

the time being by quick action of

their own steam, the Communists:

are now trying to ride over the

SUP by utilizing the machinery of

the federal government. The re-

cent conflict between the Bridges

and Harry Lundberg forces was

over the proposed Wallgren bill.

"Neither the maritime commis-

slon, nor any operator receiving

and operating differential sub-

sidy shall call upon any govern-

ment agency to furnish it quali-

chant vessels as long as the cer-

tified, collective bargaining agen-

sons to perform any duties r.-

Quick Action by Sailors

This is seemingly a bill favorable

vealed why the Communists are so

Four ships owned and operated

in the near future sailing for Sent-

If the Wallgren bill became law.

provisions; the national labor rela-

tiions board would be called upon

to certify these ships for the NMU.

When the ships were moved to the

West coast, they would provide a

Quick action by the sailors

NMU crews on these ships will be

wildly in favor of it.

the sailors.

This bill states

the press condemning the police department and the American Le- 10,000 members who are likely to gion. Steps are now being taken to determine whether any action is possible against those responsible for the outbreak The young Socialists were at the

parade in order to display their opposition to war and their certainty that war will bring with it all the They received evils of fascism. startling confirmation of their predictions in the vicious and unprovoked attack of the legionnaires. Miren announced, "It is particularly ironical that the veterans who offered their lives in defense of democracy in 1917, should be so anxious to infringe upon the democratic rights of others in 1939."

McDowell Tours East June 10-25

National Labor Secretary Arthur G. McDowell will be on the east coast for a tour of party centers and conferences with Socialists ac- ing genius of the Textile Workers' tive in the organized labor, move- Organizing committee as well as ment June 10 to 25. Locals wishing head of the clothing workers who speaking dates should contact the national office in Chicago if possible before June 3. The party labor tiqued drive for unity of the CIO secretary gives the following gen- and AFL predicted the achieveeral schedule:

June 10-15—New York, New Eng-land or eastern Pennsylvania. June 15-18-L. I. D. conference at banner, but run their numbers up Forest Park, Pa. June 18-23-Philadelphia, Balti-

more, Richmond er Rosneke. June 28-25-Washington, D. C. June 26—Pittsburgh, Pa. Party sections must act quickly

in view of shortness of time. Report on Auto, Coal, Aluminum,

Textile, Jobless, Farmers, Heard At S. P. Labor Committee Meeting Wisconsin and Minnesota was re- to June 25. Edward L. Adams, Jr. ported and their effectiveness in was approved as secretary of special national sub-committee on un-After careful discussion an ad- blocking the reactionary employing employment and project workers

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Tars Act Textile Workers To Check Mark Great Gains C. P. Raid In Union Drive

BY ARTHUR G. M'DOWELL National Labor Secretary

The merging by unanimous vote of the simple and the Communist party marktine machine to move in on the Pacific conventions of the United Textile Workers of America coast and establish a union dual the allied Textile Workers Organizing Committee of the to the Sallors' Union of the Pacific in Philadelphia last month brought into existence the has been stopped in its tracks for tile Workers Union of America, first of the important organizing committees to graduate to independent Unable to make headway under tional union standing.

Since the Textile Workers' Or tees of AFL and CIO ganizing Committee was organized meetings during the course in 1937 by agreement with the soft coal wage negotiation United Textile Workers of America, more than \$2,000,000 have been spent by the various sections of the CIO in the textile field, and It is no secret that Hillmen to the 50,000 per capita membership most vigorous pro-unity of the United Textile Workers in the CIO. 1937 have been added substantial portions of the 274,000 workers in ,018 mills now covered by T. W. O. contracts.

fied license or unlicensed sea-Wage increases totaling \$1,men to perform any duties re-200,000 weekly were called for by quired of them on board merthese contracts.

150,000 Sign Membership

cy can furnish from among its ers have been signed on T. W. O. C. membership duly qualified percards where negotiations and gress, particularly their been strikes have been unable to win of the non-union fortrees quired of them as members of the crews of American merchant contracts.

industry of the industrial revolution and the present industrial systo seamen. At hearings before the tem, in spite of the reaction and bayonet points of the house merchant marine committee feudal-fascism of the southern guard. in Washington, however, it was re-United States which is the expanding field of the industry, and in spite of the blow to the Textile Workers Organizing Committee Workers in the old United by the maritime commission, at campaign administered by the adpresent on the Atlantic coast, are vent of the renewed economic crisis in the fall of 1937, modern America. tle to be put in the Scattle-Oriental industrial unionism has made sigrun. These ships have been manned nificant advance in the organizaby National Maritime union, CIO, tion of the more than a million workers in this bitterly exploited basic industry. however, withotu any check on its

Although the convention caved to give a constitution to the new this and other essential jobs, it rightly declared the first task of the convention and the new union to be the organization of the South. The impirational high point of the convention was reached when

the splendid militant and youth-

ful southern delegation took over the convention platform to tell their story in fighting speeches and their own songs of struggle. The promise of tomorrow for the labor movement and the whole South was represented in elements at the textile

workers' convention. Role of AFL

Some 302 chartered unions of the tile Workers' Union to form the new union and in addition there was present a fraternal delegate has issued a strenuous protest to from the Independent Textile Union of Woonsocket, R. I., with its join the CIO industrial union of textile workers now that it has set up an autonomous and democratic international union structure.

Although the setting up of this new union was envisioned when the CIO made the agreement with the old United Textile Workers (which had been a charter member of the CIO) the maneuvering of former President Gorman of the AFL undoubtedly hastened the calling of the organizing convention by the Ala., and John Peel, Reidsville,

This was the only constructive result of the Gorman-Green moves. however, the other principal resuit being to temporarily stall the CIO organizing campaign in the South without enabling the AFL under Googe to actually make any organizational progress.

Hillman's Address

President Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, presidbore the main brunt of the textile organizing drive, pledged a conment of unity within a year and declared that unity would not only unite 8,000,000 workers under one o 10,000,000 overnight.

The peace negotiations commit-

Massachusetts Convention, Sunday, June 11

WORCESTER, Mass,-The state convention of the Socialist party

of Massachusetts will be held bere Workmen's Circle hall, 194 Harding pl., Sunday, June 11. Arthur G. McDowell, labor secretary of the national organization. will address the convention.

concluded victoriously United Mine Wrkers of Am Hillman was subsequently de

to the special post of chairthe executive board of the union set-up, President Lewis of the

Ming Workers and the CRO one of his usual-effective and matic appearances at the or In addition 150,000 textile work- tion of the textile workers, South and sweepingly indicted Thus in spite of the chaos of double crossing Governor "H this oldest and sickest and largest Chandler of Kentucky who tempting to dig coal for the Harlan county operators with

> Workers was elected preside the new Textile Workers Use George Baldanzi who suc Gorman as president of the Ba

Emil Rieve, president of

movement in the Socialist and Y. P. S. L. movement, called by Socialists and

third or fourth largest aggregation the CIO, the United Mine Wa ers, Steel Workers Organizing mittee, and the United Autor Workers only exceeding it in a William Pollock of the Phil phia joint board of the tel treasurer. In addition to the b executive officers, 19 vice preside were elected to the executive bei

Keown, Philadelphia; Milton E berg, New York City; Carl H man, Paterson, N. J.; Rolla lace, Philadelphia; Joseph R. 1 Cohoes, N. Y.; Joseph Lawrence, Mass.; James Hazleton, Pa.; Horace Ri Manchester, N. H.; Joseph Kr Paterson, N. J.; Edward De Fall River, Mass. Also Re Payne, Parkersburg, W. Va. der Genis, Minneapolis, William Leader, Philadelphia!

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Relief Allowances Now Average Five Cents a Meal

By a Special Correspondent DETROIT, Mich.-In the face of welfare crisis which becomes intense every day, Michigan sters have not set back and wich WPA was brought to Demet "For the Right to Live" demstrations have been organized, here city officials could see them, ad an extremely effective indoor

aned building. The welfare crisis, one of the sort in years, has been brought short almost directly as a result of ets in WPA and the consequent possible burden on welfare rolls. WPA projects had been opened Detroit, taking in tens of thouof unemployed automobile mkers, as a result of the gigantic beginning of 1938 in which Detott workers left no doubt as to ther their need or desire for a ideral works program.

6,700 Laid Off

ifter more than a year of sttempting to make ends meet on the ried into action. and of \$80 a month, WPA work-

hid off WPA in the city of Detroit

Welfare budgets previous to WPA cuts had been about 10 per and below the "restricted diet" (somiled by the department of agriattere in a bulletin issued in 1933, we out of print) which had been beled as "dangerous" if used for more than six weeks.

25 Per Cent Relief Cet

up to the present, as a result of wPA layoffs and consequent skitions to welfare rolls, budgets hw been out approximately 25 m cent-bringing present welfare legets down to approximately 50 present below the danger level. Whereas families had attempted

to live in the past on as little as Ill for food for one week for a ma over 18, \$1.39 for a womanw of a family—on the basis of in budgets now granted by the Beirtment of Public Welfare, wars and their families will im slowly on approximately 6 well per person per meal. This, in the city is which Mayor Reading medians about being overfed at Man dinners!

Childless couples, single, men and mmen, and workers showing any at of income, regardless of how h, have been cut off welfare rolls budgets for unemployables an been out and they have been wood to work on wage work asmements but are given no fareecessitating a several mile walk many cases in order to remain dible for their welfare pittance: Three hundred have been fired ion an aiready inadequate welare staff. The majority of those off WPA have found it pracically impossible to obtain welfare id. The Flint welfare office has wm closed "tentatively." Budgets Loughout the state have been cut ma below the Detroit level.

C. I. O. Leads

However, the politicians did not whon with the fact that the milihat auto workers would not take Auvation lying down. The WPA-Welfare Department of the United monobile Workers of America ad CIO, the largest and most inmatial organization of unemword and WPA workers in the what the layoffs on WPA with woapon at its disposal:

h the April 8 layoff, discriminaton against union members on the of foremen and supervisors been the feature. After long that in investigating grievances and these cases, the majority of the workers who had filed grievare now being reinstated, Wh a few dispositions on cases to be obtained. When the May of took place the workers desed that this had gone just about

Hold Demonstrations About 300 WPA workers took the quit slips to WPA headquar- itary dictatorship in time of warand staged a militant indoor. The danger is too close, and the

constration which proved to possibility that we will find our PA officials that they meant selves enmeshed in fascism is too these. This demonstration was close for us to close our eyes. and, in part, by the announceest that the Department of Pub-le Welfare would conduct invescations into cases of those laid WPA to determine who would

At a result of this demonstration means that they have found of means that they have to assaults of reactionaries and the war drives of the governments.

ected by WPA itself, over 1,000 have already been reinstated, and Exceptional Laws the anion's strength on WPA has The first real test of a modern proven once again.

In meeting and fighting for the riod of the Exceptional Laws beek of the unemployed and WPA against Socialist activity instituted where in Detroit, the UAW-CIO and executed by Bismarck in Ger-PA department has not only many. an effective organization | During that period the Socialintaining the support of the CIO Democratic party continued to scale as well as those of the grow in strength and influence, to MAWA, but has kept thousands in increase its votes and its reprebrought more thousands into sentation in the reichstag. the labor movement by extending . The party carried on intensive celebration in Berlin in 1916, led the field of service and leadership through secret activity through by Karl Liebknecht. This was a the industrial union movement. out that period and emerged so brave and heroic gesture at a time them't jump off a bridge, he goes be important factors in the growth up much steam. the union. And when the chuice of the labor and Socialist move- The demonstration was very between starvation and raising ment.

During the World war the skill that have been used with much we shall carry on no matter what a militabt hell-raisers.

of the anti-war Socialists was good effect in Austria and Ger- the circumstances.

United Labor Action Wins Speedy Victory For Barge Workers

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The pow-Mississippi river and in river mred guietly. Under the slogans SI. LOUIS, Mo.—The pow-Mississippi river and in river ports.

"We won't starve," "Save WPA" er of labor unity was again The Federal Barge line is govthe slogan on the basis of shown here last week when ernment operated and under the the CIO and AFL dock and ment of the United States. river workers scored a speedy The unions are asking for the victory in a strike against the department of commerce, due to Federal Barge line.

A union shop, improved working conditions-paid vacations, an impostration was held at WFA increase in working personnel bedquarters in its new Ford- which will mean more jobs, and represents the unlicensed meman agreement to discuss wage in- bers of the crews of the barge creases were won by the 3,500 line boats and the longshore

Boatsmen's division of the Na- and Mobile. tional Maritime union and toe. The International Longshore-AFL International Longshore men's association represents Men's association - wrung their workers at Memphis, East St victory from the barge line after Louis, Cairo, St. Louis and Peorla a three week's strike which tied Louis and Peoria. up shipping on the Mississippi, Active support was given by Catilac Square demonstration at Missouri, Illinois and Warrior riv- members of Local 1, Progressive

A Brilliant Example

The strike, officials of the two unions declared, was a brillient example of what can be accomplished by labor unity when car-

While rank and file members of in Michigan are once again the two unions marched the picain Michigan are once again the two unions marched the pick- Men Urge supped in the face by a congress et lines side by side in cities up Men Urge thich is hell-bent on balancing the and down the Mississippi valley, judget at the expense of the unem-tofficials of the two organizations co-operated closely in carrying Labor Unity Since April 8 of this year approx- on negotiations in which all de-imately 6,700 workers have been mands of the two unions were

> Actual conduct of the strike. Minn., to New Orleans, was handled by the General Council of River Workers, a federation in which local unions of the AFI. and CIO are represented. Government Owned

The council handles all probems affecting both unions on the and CIO.

Figures Show Rich Don't Get Soaked

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Recent reports of the U S. treasury indicate where the largest incomes are to be found. These could easily stand rates of taxation higher than the rates against which the rich constantly complain.

Some 209 American individuals paid income taxes in 1937 on incomes ranging from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. Of these, 55 persons each reported taxable net income ranging from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 that year.

Then there were 29 with incomes ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000; five with \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000; 12 from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000; one from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000; one from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000; and one with an income in that one year of over

There were thus 49 persons with a taxable income that year of over \$1,000,000 each.

And there would have been more if, as the Wall Street Journal pointed out, it had not been for the decline in business in the closing months of 1937, "and especially the break in the securities market at that time."

The treatment received by the

New York Young Socialists at the

hands of the American legionnaires

on Memorial day, the use of the

militia in Harlan county to in-

timidate the mine workers, the

continuing abuses of Hague and

his cohorts, make it very clear

that the fascism that we fight

against is a very immediate danger.

It does not exist only in Ger-

many and Italy. It has roots and

beginnings right here in the land

If we are to fight effectively

against fascism we must fight

against these abuses and oppose

the plans for the institution of mil-

The labor and Socialist move-

ment all over the world has dis-

played unusual imagination, re-

sourcefulness and bravery in meet-

ing such circumstances. We will

do well to recall some of the

Socialist movement was the pe-

of the free.

the hitter anti-labor attitude of the war department:

Miners Aid Strikers

The Inland Boatsmen's division workers of New Orleans, Vicks-The two unions-CIO Inland burg, Baton Rouge, Helena, Ark.

Mine Workers of America, at Gillespie, Ill., and other labor organ-

Typos, News

al Typographical union, affiliate which stretched from St. Paul of the American Federation of Labor and largest of the unions in the newspaper industry, joined with the American Newspaper Guild, an affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organization, in demanding peace between the AFL

Members of the executive committees of the typographical unto discuss around the conference table their mutual problems in the newspaper industry.

the unions stated that their deliberations proved that unity was here. possible, advisable and necessary for the self-protection of all un-

workers and industry may prosper," the joint statement said. "We are convinced that these

expressions represent the wholemembership . . . we urge upon the AFL-CIO peace committee the fundamental justice and necessity of an expeditious peace in union the American labor movement."

The conference of the two-unions was considered of great importance in view of the conflict between AFL unions and the

Newspaper Guild in several cities Striking newspaper men in Chiago hailed the action of the conference as a real step toward winning their strike against the Hearst press, now in its twentyeighth week.

British Laborites Spurn Communists

SOUTHPORT, England-The Lafront with the Communist party ly denied there were German by a vote of 2,360,000 to 248,000. troops in Spain.

On to the convention!

Have yoursent the

copies of leaflets, bulle-

tins, posters and other

materials that we need

for the convention ex-

. Have you elected a

convention journal direc-

Are you beginning to

plan to have every avail-

able comrade at the

convention? Have you

settled up on dues, chart-

Remember: Cleveland,

Tenth national conven-

tion of the Young Peo-

taxed to the limit. But the work

held to plan activity against the

war, under the guise, of all things,

of a swamp clearance conference.

Speeches and papers were actually

delivered on the clearance of

swamps, but only when the cir-

cumstances demanded.

Llebkneckt in 1916

ples Socialist league.

ers and registrations?

Sept. 1 to 4.

hibits?



Striking members of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) picket a Briggs body plant in Detroit while 70,000 workers were idle in the biggest labor dispute in the automobile industry since the 1937 sitdown. Baseball factics are out as a means of settlement, the picket sign indicates. Briggs is the owner of the Detroit Tigers, American League

Briggs Strike Adds To Power of United Auto Workers

Workers United and Confident in Fight to Maintain Union

DETROIT — The struggle

themselves.

irresponsible firing of militant managements. hearted feeling of our respective CIO members and by the efforts of the Briggs Manafacturing com-

they picked Local 212 of the UAW

Fascist Mercenaries Return to Own Lands

CADIZ Spain-Nine troopships which sailed for Naples June 1 unknown-number temain.

More than 6,000 German Nazis also returned to their homeland after spending many months in bor party's annual conference June | cial | greeting not withstanding the i rejected a proposal for a united Hitler government had persistent-

Young Socialists At Work

many upon auspicious occasions.

These spot demonstrations were very carefully planned and eseouted. They required great care in preparation so as not to endanger the participants. The main element was surprise A speaker would suddenly

pear at a busy intersection, people would 'distribute | leaflets | very quickly, and before the police could arrive to apprehend the demonstrators they had all disappeared. Spot demonstrations had

value of maintaining the morale of the labor forces, of harassing the dictatorial government and of keeping the people in a state of mind that made revolution possi-

Ylpsels Policy Young Socialists in this country

have used the spot demonstration to advantage and will be using it considerably in the future. They will be demonstrating to this and in many other ways their determination to resist, some what may, the fascism of wartime. was carried on. There were two Let legionnaires attempt to beat conferences in Switzerland, partici-

us ub-we shall continue to defend pated in by anti-war Socialists. In our right to say what we know to Germany itself a congress was be the truth. Let governors lilies. Chandler call our regiments of militia we shall not be kept from our work. Let Hague set loose his mobs upon us—we shall continue to press forward. We shall continue to distribute

our leaflets, to sell our literature. to carry our slogans, to hold our meetings We must get across to the young

When a worker in Michigan is strong that Bismarck had to re- when the forces that would later great struggle to emancipate all of the capitalism that cre-

The most thrilling event of the anti-war activity was the May day people of this country that they must join hands with the laber movement the world over in the

because this was the local best Briggs Local Strong

Employer offensives against CIO men and against union conditions have been general in the industry for several months. It was entirely logical that the Briggs workers is beginning the job right how. of the Briggs workers against should carry the ball for unionism ion and guild met here last week the most powerful of the and became the focal point of the CIO return battle. Overwhelmingly parts manufacturers in the Briggs workers are in the union Watch for it. auto industry has given new and loyal to it. The leadership is strong, united and militant. Fac- Pacific-Northwest A joint statement adopted by spirit to the labor movement tionalism has left no marks in the Conference

They also have been itching for northern tip of California some fight against Chrysler's sniping against, the GIO. The Briggs tion is applied further than the pany to break the back of the fight is theirs and they know it. Southern States Socialist league, They only regret that factional the Pacific Northwest stands next manufacturers association disruption in their own locals al-the wrong opponent when lowed Chrysler to get away with things which ordinarily would not get very far in the Chrysler corporation plants.

Homer Martin's Role A tragic phase of the strike is the lack of necessity for any direct corporation campaign against the strike. The bosses are satisfied to allow Homer Martin, excarried 20,000 Italian soldiers. An president of the UAWA, to present their case before the public.

Whatever progressive ideals Martin might have represented in the past he has completely forgotten. His radio speeches are no different from speeches which any public relations man for s corporation would make during a

Mertin's conduct in the Briggs strike has earned him the contempt of an increasing number of workers who might have wondered whether his anti-Communist the party's first experiment with tirades were not justifiable after the new district form of praniza-

Rumps Claim Refuted Martin claims to speak for a

union turned in 12,000 petitions to inactive for a time, are rolling port Harry Fleischman, Cook majority of Briggs workers. The the NLRB for bargaining rights up their sleeves and going to for the CIO. The union's presi- work. dent, Emil Mazey, has demanded a NLRB vote and Martin has opposed it. A Martin mass meeting of Briggs and Chrysler workers Treadway, D. R. Calloway, Edith was attended by 250 workers. But and Walter Washburn, W. R. whelming majority of the 15,000 ins, Antoinette Anderson, Axle Briggs men. Meanwhile, experienced labor

people express admiration at the smooth organization, splendid discipline and fighting spirit of the

the Socialist Party

Finances:

Every local, branch and individual party member must become familiar with the new plan of financing the national activities of the party. The plan is simple and must be put into effect with all possible speed.

There are two sustaining funds: the national office fund and the Call fund. The national office fund is to be dependent primarily upon individual contributions. Every party member with a decent job and income should make a pledge direct to the national office. A special drive is on for \$1 to \$10 per month pledges.

From now on locals and branch es will not be asked for contributions to the national office outside their regular dues stamp purchases with but a single exception. In all enoney raising ventures such as socials, dances, theater parties, picnics, forums, rummage sales, etc., all units of the party are expected to contribute 10 per cent of their net profits to the national office. Special af fairs to raise money for putside causes such as the German underground movement, Spanish refugees, etc., are eliminated from this provision. (When the SP raises funds for a specific cause, they go to that cause.)

The Call fund, unlike the national office fund, is to depend almost entirely upon contributions, from locals and branches Every local and branch is expected to contribute a minimum of \$1 a month to the Call fund. If every ocal and branch responds the problem of regular weekly publication of the Call is solved.

hands every week right on the dot. That ought to be sufficient their heads off for what is expectinducement! Get busy! Make sure ed to prove one of most successful

Literature:

This party is going to have a real literature department, equipped to render a great educational service to every member and unit. It has to be built up almost from scratch. The national office It won't be long before a whole plan is presented either in these columns or in a special bulletin.

Briggs Thomas' visit there in connection the absolute necessity of such bile Workers of America is again strike is not as important to the with the Northwest Institute of trade union peace and untiy on on the offensive, fighting the em-workers as it would otherwise be. International Relations and he the broadest national basis, so ployers instead of fighting among The Chrysler workers remember will take part in the meeting, the frequent occasions on which which is to serve as a starting-Briggs workers helped them when gun, for a fresh organizational The strike was provoked by the they were in difficulty with their drive in Washington and Oregon parts of Idaho, and the extreme If the district form of organiza-

Comrades Hayes Beall, 1284 E. Thirteenth st., Eugene Ore.; Jack street corner meetings are now

Scattle, Wash, have been named at Roosevelt and Harding. as a special subcommittee to direct the conference.

write to Mable M. Snyder, 1526 S. E. Main st., Portland, Ore. (Phone:

Southern Socialist League

tee. Comrade Smith is undertakt ing very important work. He heads

Already gains have been registered in the South. Many com-

These include Evelyn Smith, who has been acting as provisional secretary of the league, Blaine Martin claims an over- Moody, George Smith, A. B. Brook-Brooks, J. C. Thompson and others.

Michigan: Michigan is rapidly completing

arrangements for its annual state

Union Labor Organizes Against War!

Mass Installation Meeting

Needle Trade Division Labor's Anti-War Council

Speakers:

Rose Pesotta, Joseph Schlossberg, Louis Nelson, Norman Thomas, Jay Lovestone

Saturday, June 10, 1 P. M.

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Official Notice

On the Map With

In line with a recommendation of the national executive committee the national secretary is reducing the amount of mimeographed material sent out in special mailings

to locals and branches. Only most urgent and important material will occasion special mailings.

As this column will new carry many items that call for immediate action, all party members are asked to read it carefully.

State, local and branch

secretaries are expected to pay particular attention to it and bring the matters requiring action promptly before the membership and the proper state and local committees.

convention. Travers Clement, national secretary, will address the convention which will be held in Flint, June 11. Also plans are be- New York: ing rushed for the Michigan summer school at Saline Valley Farm July 16-29.

tionaries will be held in connec- news. tion with the regular one for party | John Newton Thurber, of Callmembers and contacts. The Saline fornia, spoke before a joint out-Valley Farm, a co-operative enter- ing of local Buffalo and the Salem prise, is a perfect site offering Brotherhood at the newly erected swimming, hiking, boating, excel- Three Arrows lodge. Thurber, who You will have a Call in your most beautiful spots in Michigan, falo, is visiting there on vacation,

Detroit comrades are working your local or branch immediately mass meetings of the year. United making preparations for Comrade makes its pledge to the Call-and States Senator Gerald P. Nye and Thomas' visit there in June. Los then that it keeps it! Many lo- Maynard Krueger, a member of Angeles is working particularly cals and branches can and will do the national executive committee, hard on a banquet to be sponsored better than the \$1 per month are to speak on the subject, "Keep by many liberals, writers and America Out of War."

> rades within a couple of hundred "Facing Fascism." miles of Detroit please note!

ed Travers Clement at the wel- party affairs, however, for which come dinner given in his honor the San Francisco and East Bay last week by Cook county Social- comrades are completing arrange-Approximately 125 comrades

and friends in the labor and Socialist movement assembled to meet the Spcialist party's new na- graphed state builetin, "Labor Achere.

After many months of bitter factionalism and decreased strength therefore the widespread income to the factors of the Pacific-Northtionalism and decreased strength therefore the widespread income to the factors of the Pacific-Northtional secretary. Delegations attion," New Jersey is issuing a spectance of the dinner from Kenosha cial press and literature sheet, and Racine, Wisconsin; Detroit pushing the Call, Socialist Review therefore the widespread income to the Review of the Pacific-Northtional secretary. Delegations at tion," New Jersey is issuing a spectance of the dinner from Kenosha cial press and literature sheet, and Racine, Wisconsin; Detroit pushing the Call, Socialist Review and Birmingham, Michigan; Giland All Hamilton, state organizer, lespie and Elmhurst, Illinois, and St. Louis, Mo. Gerry Allard was Speakers were Paul Porter, May-

nard Krueger, Ben Fischer, Ina White, John Fisher, Jack Harvey, White, John Fisher, Jack Harvey, Anton Garden, Mordecal Schul- Illinois Jobless man, Hyman Schnied, Loren Norman, Judah Drab, Lawrence Van man, Judah Drab, Lawrence Van Camp, Harry Fleischman, Arthur Meeting June G. McDowell and Travers Clement. A highly successful spring sports

affair was held by the Fifth ward branch: Memorial day. Chicago Hopkins, 918 W. Spotforn ave., planned for every Thursday at 8. Spokane, Wash., and LaVerne p. m. at Belmont and Wilton and Garrison, 5215 Thirty-ninth, N. E., every Saturday at the same hour Hillinois Workers' alliance, will be by the national action committee county-wide lawn party will take Chicago Saturday afternoon, June place Sunday, June 18, at the Bar-

net home, 6012 N. Menard ave. Comrades in the Pacific North- (across the street from the forest west should make every effort to preserve). It begins at 2 p. m. All attend. For further information comrades and friends are invited. The Illinois state executive committee met in Chicago on May 27

with State Chairman A. G. Mc- will be covered by a series of talks the already good-sized circulation fields. Comrade Joe Tonielli is to work

on a public meeting to gain recruits in La Salle-Peru. The state committee, in co-operation with rades, some of whom have been the Waukegan branch, will supcounty organizer, in an intensive canvassing and reorganization campaign in Waukegan and North Chicago.

dorsed the splendid work of the public works.

tee in its campaign to win a pardon for five young miners' sons railroaded to prison in the 1933 Illinois mine war.

Indiana:

of Indiana, by invitation of Professor Shannon of Terre Haute, recently held a meeting in the home of the late and beloved Gene Debs. The meeting, in fact, was held in the room Debs used as his study. Debs' old home has been bought and refurnished and is now occupied by Comrade Shannon and his family. The Indiana SEC pledged support and loyalty to the Socialist Call and to the national

who attended the YPSL regional conference recently in Chicago, reported on the conference at the SEC meeting. The committee planned a drive for YPSL organization. Locals Hammond, Whiting, and Evansville reported increased activity.

mimeographed state bulletin. This (nine miles, out of Ann Arbor) is in line with similar action which is being taken in an increasing The summer school will not be number of states. Copies of all just a Michigan affair. Students such bulleting should be sent to are expected from all over and a the national office. They are a special institute for party func- great help in compiling party

lent living quarters-one of the originally joined the party in Buf-

The California party is busy

members of the film colony. Also June 9 is the date, 8 p. m. the a meeting at the Embassy (Trinhour and Cass Technical High ity) auditorium, Monday, June 19, school, Detroit, the place. All com- & p. m. Thomas will speak on

time at the Institute at Mills Col-An enthusiastic reception greet- lege. He will be free for several ments.

New Jersey:

In addition to its regular mimeo-

charters. That sounds like busi-

10 in Chicago

An Illinois Conference on Unemployment and Relief, called by the A held at the Chicago Commons in

the Railroad Brotherhoods. The program of the conference

Adams, Jr., member of the execu-

The summing up of the conference will be by Maynard Krueger

Socialists, Attention! You are invited to attend

25th June Conference League for Industrial Democracy

(Summer Home of the L. L. G. W. U.)

Subject: "ORGANIZING THE FORCES FOR

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The state executive committee

organization. Comrade Earl Cole of Vincennes

New York state is to issue

In the San Francisco bay region, Thomas will spend much of his

sends in for half a dozen branch

The conference is being sponsored by a large number of civic and labor leaders including representatives of the AFL, the CIO and

Dowell, State Secretary Ben Wil- and discussions on current issues. liger and John Fisher of Gillespie, "The Relief Situation in Illinois, Joseph Tonielli of Marseilles and by Joel D. Hunter, director of the Comrade Bradley Smith has Ina White, Anton Garden and Ed-United Charities; "A Program of been named secretary of the ward L. Adams of Chicago pres- Tax Reform," by Charles F. Wills, Southern States Socialist league ent. A great deal of attention was member of the executive board of by the national executive commit- given to the campaign of building the Chicago Federation of Labor; "Housing in Chicago," by D. H. of the Call in the Illinois coal Mackelman of the Metropolitan Housing council, and "A Program for Providing Jobs," . by E. L.

tive board of the IWA. of the University of Chicago.

The conference, according to Frank W. McCullock, secretary of the Illinois Workers alliance, will mobilize support for a program of The committee reviewed and en- adequate relief and socially useful

> Thursday, June 15-Sunday, June 18 UNITY HOUSE, Forest Park, Pa.

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Pendergast: No. 55295 Mayor Hague: No.???

Boss Thomas J. Pendergast ruled Kansas City and western Missouri with an iron hand for more than two decades. A notorious political machine under his control connived in racketeering, vote stealing, insurance frauds, fixing, and gangsterism to roll up impressive majorities at the polls.

Opposition to Pendergast in western Missouri was silenced, often by force. His power seemed impregnable. Advocates of clean government became discouraged and cynical. Pleas for government investigations fell on deaf ears. The Boss had votes, and that's cold turkey in any man's politics.

On the east side of the state, however, the crusading St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a saga in American journalism, continued its tireless campaign to bring Boss Pendergast and his machine to account. Last year the machine began to crack. Many of Pendergast's henchmen were sentenced to prison for election

Pendergast himself now has been convicted for tax evasion, probably the least vicious of his crimes, and for fifteen months or less he is to be known as prisoner number 55295 at Leavenworth.

. Like Mayor "I am the Law" Hague of Jersey City, Pendergast's personal fortune rose all out of proportion to what he could possibly save out of his salary and private business, unless swindling the public can be called a business. Pendergast lost nearly \$2,000 a day on horse races in one year. He bet \$2,000,000, lost \$600,000 in 1938. Hague's corrupt machine is even more

contemptible than Pendergast's. For twentytwo years the Jersey City mayor, who brags "I am the Law," has held sway in northern New Jersey. Under Hague's dictatorship workers have been cruelly beaten, labor organizers have been kidnaped on the streets and

Bookmaking thrives at a price, machine politics tampers with the judiciary, legislative investigations are stopped or bought off, and men of criminal reputation are used to silence

Hague's machine still has a lot of votes bottled up in parts about Jersey City, As a recompense the national administration still lets him dish out federal patronage to his machine.

But now Hague's political power is cracking. His grip over Jersey City and adjacent communities is piece by piece being pried loose. In the city of Bayonne, which is separated from Jersey City by a narrow canal, citizens defied Hague's machine by electing five commissioners under the slogan "Home Rule Not Hague Rule." In the 1938 election Hague's candidate for U. S. senator was defeated.

In line with Washington's past procedure of cracking down when corrupt politicians begin to lose votes, it would seem that a sweeping investigation of Hagueism, long overdue, is now timely and in order. Somewhere in Leavenworth or Atlanta

there must be a prisoner's number not in use.

The Jew: Catspaw of British Imperialism

What Britain gave to win one war it has taken away to win another. There is nothing strange about this. Only those, for whom "perfidious Albion" had suddenly become a defender of justice, a respecter of treaties and a guardian for the oppressed, have the least reason to shout "Betrayal!"

The decision to maintain the minority status of the Jews of Palestine is a frank effort on the part of the British imperial lion to placate the Arabs of the eastern Mediterranean area in order to win their support in the impending clash for empire.

Britain probably feels that it has lined up the Jews sufficiently well on the basis of the fight against Hitlerism and that it can now disregard them. The Arabs, even now, are hardly sufficiently placated, and in their unrest they still represent the same danger to the British that they were in 1914-1918 to the Turk.

Britain's action, at a time when the Jews are being driven from the pillar of Nazi persecution to the post of Polish-Rumanian-Hungarian cold pogroms, is one of the most callous let downs in contemporary history. Those who talk of the breakers of treaties and the oppressors of minorities will have henceforth to include Britain (where it has always belonged) among the pariahs of liberty and justice.

Whatever may be our opinion of the possibility of achieving the aims of Zionism while the present imperialist system remains in operation (and Socialists have been justifiably sceptical) or of the desirability of the establishment of a Jewish national homeland, it cannot be denied that this flouting of the aims, hopes and longings of an oppressed people is a despicable action.

It is a further proof that there is no possibility of hope in the achievement of democratic or Socialist aims through reliance upon the

great imperialist powers. Britain is busy repairing its fences so that it may be able to prepare adequately for the defense of its empire. It needs the friendship

the road to India and Australia. In these circumstances it had to make some gesture to counteract the strenuous efforts of the Italians

and Germans to win the support of the Arabs. It is unfortunately true that the Zionists have made possible the use of a divisive policy against them. It has been made to appear to most Arabs that the defeat of the Jews is their victory and vice versa. The Jews in Palestine, and even those who were the majority Socialists, the Laborites, have discriminated against the Arabs in employment and in organization. Every gesture toward the Arabs has been accompanied by an action that was hostile in the extreme. Such for instance was the picketing of Jewish enterprises that employed Arabs.

Now that Britain's role is so obvious, and the impossibility of dependence upon it so clear, all Jews and Arabs must see that if they are to achieve a democratic, co-operative, non-exploiting economy in the eastern end of the Mediterranean, they must act together to achieve it. Their major obstacle in the achievement of this is the British rule that dominates

If abs and Jews alike are to establish their freedom from imperialist rule, their right to develop their economy and culture as they please, their right to freedom of migration, they must join hands in the common struggle against British imperialism.

In this struggle they can join hands with the real anti-imperialists of the British and French empires, with the militant workers of the industrial nations, and altogether we can build a mighty and victorious movement.

What attitude the Jewish Palestinian Socialist movement will take is still a matter of conjecture. It is certain that in a few months a policy of years cannot be reversed nor its effects eradicated. But only if that turn is made, if a real effort is undertaken to reach a basis for common struggle with the Arab masses who are not committed forever to be led around by the reactionary feudal lords, will it be possible to avert that bloody civil war that in the past decade has threatened so often. Palestinian Socialists have a long hard job

ahead of them. They can only succeed if they undertake a militant struggle against Britain, inaugurate a movement of non-support for Britain's wars among Jews the world over, and if they join hands with the really anti-imperialst forces of the world.

Will they? Time alone can tell. We can hope that the lessons of their bitter experience will convince them.

Little Essays In Socialism

BY JOHN M. WORK

Richard Elsner, a devoted Milwaukee comrade who died in 1938, bequeathed \$500 to be used in buying two or three hundred Socialist books for the public library and its branches.

A true believer in the co-operative commonwealth, he was troubled by the slow mental progress of the masses.

Nevertheless he never ceased his efforts to educate them! Every now and then he would bring me a letter for publication and as he handed it to me he would say, "I have had a little explosion of my heart." Invariably the "lit-



tle'explosion" was educative and was calculated to lead the reader toward Socialism. He secured subscribers for Socialist papers and enlightened many a benighted mind in donversation, and when these methods left him still pent up with the desire to reach others with the message he had a "little explosion" and reached them in print.

It is an excellent thing to do. All Socialists who feasibly can do so should write letters to the papers. Make them short and to the point. his vicinity. It all helps.

Dr. Mitchell's Resignation

In the Baltimore Sun

The dinner which was tendered last night for Dr. Broadus Mitchell, who has resigned after serving some 20 years on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins was a curiously moving affair. It was so final Here were assembled some hundreds of, for the most part, substantial citizens. Soberly they are. And when they had concluded, they turned toward the speakers' table and listened to a series of orations which, had the victim been dead, would have served beautifully as obituary

Dr. Jacob Hollander, who as head of the department political economy at the Johns Hopkins has been Dr. Mitchell's chief, was the toastmaster, and in his opening remarks he made reference to a number of Baltimore's Eminent Departed, such as Severn Teackle Wallis, Dr. Gildersleeve and Dr. Gilman. A representative of the undergraduate both of the Johns Hopkins dwelt briefly and tastefully on the beauty of Dr. Mitchell's soul and his valor in battle; others spoke of his dillgence as a champion of lost, or unpopular causes. One constantly expected the conventional phrases which are used in speaking of one who was near and dear and who has passed on: "the supreme sacrifice," "in our great forrow," "lie departed," "the city he loved so well." And so on.

And, of course, the obituary note was precisely the right one to strike. For something dies when Dr. Mitchell leaves the Johns Hopkins university. Dr. Mitchell has been (we had almost said "was") irritating, cantankerous and wrong. He has stirred up hatreds both on and off the campus. He has been accused of discouraging, by his presence, the wealthy from contribut-ing to the Johns Hopkins endowment. (Will the endowment begin to increase by leaps and bounds now that he is leaving?) But if the ability to excite students and drive them to books is any criterion, he has been a first-rate teacher. And above and beyond that he has exercised a constant sanitary effect on both the university and the city. By stretching it very nearly to the limit, he has kept the concept of academic freedom very much alive at the Johns Hopkins; and the discerning know very well that academic freedom exists only in the process of being put to test. Offhand, we think of no one on the faculty at Homewood who will step into Dr. Mitchell's shoes.

Yet it was refreshing to discover that, despite the obituaries. Dr. Mitchell is still alive. In his response he touched on a subject of an extremely tender and controversial nature—namely whether Negroes shall be admitted to the Johns Hopkins University and Medical School. This was a lively legacy indeed to leave to his alma mater, and wholly in character. It is no secret that, even now the question stands before President Bowman and his advisers for decision.

Truth to tell, only one thing was lacking to make the occasion a perfect thing of its kind. Though many members of the Johns Hopkins faculty were present there was no message from President Bowman testifying to the value of the past services which Dr. Mitchell has contributed to university and city. It is pleasant to think that President Bowman sent no word because he still hopes to find some way of persuading Dr. Mitchell to withdraw his resignation.

Support War Referendum To the Editor of the Call:

Church news may not be Socialist news ordinarily, but this may interest the comrades. Minnehaha Baptist church, to which I belong, has just voted to circulate the War Referendum petitions. Also a stand was taken for neutrality in Europe's affairs.

I think that is a big step for a rather conservative church. I caused some excitement when I proposed the war referendum petitions two months ago.

The committee appointed to study the matter uanimously recommended its adoption. My pastor, who is a pacifist, was very much in favor of circulating the Perhaps in time these same people will learn to be-

lieve the capitalist system is the cause of war, and

Minneapolis, Minn.

Avoid personalities and libelous matter. Write plainly and on one side of the paper, leaving margins at top and sides. Keep the lines apart and do not crowd the writing in any way. Often a letter is thrown in the waste basket because it violates one or more of these hints rather than from any desire of the editor to

Comrade Elsner's bequest was also an excellent method of helping the cause. Perhaps I am prejudiced, since it was a library book that gave me the push into Socialism after conditions had made me ripe for its influence but there can be no doubt about the effectiveness of books. Not all can give so liberally as Comrade Elsner but there is many a comrade who could present one or more good Socialist books to the public library or the school library in

To the Labor Activists

Statement by the National Labor Committee of the Socialist Party

This is an appeal to Socialists and friends of the Socialist and workers' cause.

The Socialist party is rooted in the faith that the workers will build Socialism. Events of recent years in every sphere have created confusion and despondency but they have not destroyed the Socialist confidence that the workers will build Socialism.

By democratic discussion, our party has absorbed the experiences of ourselves and those around us and has made a realistic estimate of present social, political and economic conditions. Surrounded by a world rampant with confusion, hypocrisy and shortsightedness, we have nevertheless succeeded in keeping our roots deep in the traditions of labor and internationalism.

Our movement has a sound program and in these times that means much. But our movement needs more. This is an appealgive our movement new life among the workers and by so doing, give the workers' movements new vigor and power in the fight for security and happiness Labor needs Socialism!

Socialism needs Labor! Every party branch and local-place labor work first on the agenda.

For Vigorous Work

Every member - apply yourself in your own field to do the patient, intelligent, vigorous job that can win ever-greater respect for organized Socialism. Do the job that will add new spirit to the labor movement.

A Socialist member here and there is clearly limited. Together, each doing a share building steadily, we cannot fail.

We want democracy in unions, militancy in the shops, a realistic Socialist attitude which can guide labor in the struggle against war and Fascism.

These being the things we want, we must work for them. It is not for Socialists to regret, to carp, to grumble. What we want we must build! The shortcomings in the labor movement are milestones of our own failure and inadequacies.

Turn understanding into action, comrades! Our tasks should be clear. First and foremost, Socialists want labor unity. "Workers of the World, Unite!" is still our basic slogan. Labor Wants Unity

Not only do Socialists want labor unity; LABOR wants unity.

Peace between the two great bodies of labor, the AFL and CIO, is a vital necessity. But we must go ever further. Unity must be built in the great unions that make up the labor movement.

Factionalism in labbr organizations and dictatorship over labor unions constitute twin cancers that threaten the life of every organization in which they appear. Factionalism and dictatorship must be wiped out.

In some of the great new CIO unions and in some AFL unions, constituting the fresh lifeblood of organized labor today, there is a source of special and great irritation. Socialists feel it their duty to their fellow workers to face this squarely. The danger growing out of Communist trade union practices is real.

C. P. Opposition Explained We mean the following:

1. The maintenance of a political holding company for trade unions by the Communist party so that its small minority of active, tightly organized professional "insiders" can and do manipulate organizations with many times their number, not only without consent or information of the majority but the interests of the major portion of the organization's membership, and for which that membership knows nothing to which it may even be opposed.

2. The destruction of the independent and integrity of the basic working de ganizations as a result of such policies the splitting and disintegration or the ing and dispersal of the membership conscious and capable of understanding is happening and of maintaining and ing the organization. 3. The systematic fostering of the

rot of deception within the working movement by a tactic which, as a matter course, calls upon precisely those indioperating under the most explicit and instructions of the Communist party and its organization and policy aims to met. ciferously deny any relationship with quite powerful and important Comparty press and organizational apparatus. 4. The advocacy in words and, above

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5. The defense of the practices of the totalitarianism in the case of the Soviet and the application of the tactics of the tarianism in the labor movement by the the munists which does inestimable moral material damage in the labor movement time when the greatest defeats of labor humanity have been recorded in the the totalitarian one-party state in Euro

Call to Action

Every effort has been made by Social in the field to co-operate with constant elements to build strong unions free free ternal division and based on true dem Through bitter discouraging experience

we have come to an unwavering conechoed by Socialists in every state and labor organization—unity in the labor can be won only on the basis of details Communist domination and political dia ship of any kind over the unions.

The national labor committee of the cialist party calls upon all Socialists are progressive union members to work for crying need of the hour—UNITY.

For unity between the CIO and AFL! For unity within unions based on reco tion of the integrity and independence con

We feel confident that out of such will come new reserves of power and mination. We foresee that out of the of workers in their own organization come the unity of labor against the end of labor. It is when labor is strong and that it can forge shead.

A united labor movement, with an Socialist force rooted-deeply in its must fight-For a 30-hour week and 40 hours

For 100 per cent unionism in a

For a farmer-labor party independ of capitalist politics. For the defeat of the warmakers

For a better life for the masses

their final victory—Socialism.

An Immediate Program of Employment To Head Off the Railroad Crisis

Introductory Note

The Socialist Call in earlier issues this year carried articles on the mess which private capitalist administration of the railroads of the United States has brought

These articles by Mayor Daniel W. Hoan and Harry W. Laidler set forth both Socialist criticism of present railroad administration and decline, and the Socialist alternative program of democratic collective ownership, administration and planned new construction in line with the already government owned and administered system of national motor highways. While believing that Mr. Janeway's proposals are

not as adequate as a Socialist program and would fit in better if applied after public ownership has been made the legal foundation of the present railroad system, the Socialist Call feels this article important and interesting enough to publish and solicit comment on it from railroad workers and others.

While the right kind of public ownership is a desirable goal to be attained, the most important and urgent aspect of the railroad problem is employment to be provided both by the railroads themselves and by the vast network of railroad equipment in-dustries. The railroads pare undermanned today and are running at least a billion and a half dollars per year below the physically necessary rate of expenditure for equipment and maintenance

This has not only jeopardized the safety of passengers, workers and public. It has also withdrawn from purchasing power the necessary support of this basic, capital goods industry.

Inasmuch as filibustering and log rolling are certain to postpone any basic reorganization of the railroad industry as a whole until after 1940; inasmuch as it is certain that any bill to "fix the rails," likely to be steam-rollered through this congress, will be most unsatisfactory; inasmuch as a new and still more costly depression seems unavoidable in 1939-1940 unless activity in the heavy goods industries is stabilized at a level which might well be made possible by a billion and a half dollars a year of equipment and maintenance expenditure; it would seem the better part of political strategy as well as of wisdom on the part of labor to oppose the anti-employment policy of the railroads in which the R. F. C. and the I. C. C. have specifically

Three Policies Open ...

Three immediate attacks on the employment-heavy industry-problem are open to the government. Each would show immediate results. None of them could be put through except by overriding the failroad lobby. 1. Large scale rebuilding through government fi-

federal courts. To all intents and purposes those roads are wards of the government. Many of these roads are entirely, or in part, main-line roads which would survive even the most drastic consolidation bill. The government has the power, therefore, to arrange

to finance large scale rebuilding and modernization of these properties. As a matter of fact, roads like the Missouri Pacific, ruined by bankers, have been brought back to relatively good working order in bankruptcy (which really is an interest and dividend moratorium), so that they are now credit-worthy corporations which could profitably absorb capital for new equipment. Thus the government would not be risking any money if put into these main-line roads as it is now

risking money which is put into loans to "solvent like the Baltimore and Ohio. The latter money is apparently lost-half a billion of it. No new legislation would be required for such large scale expenditures. The R. F. C. is already empowered to make such loans secured by the new equipment. This of course would be a very bold counter-thrust to the antispending dictates of congress.

A More Drastic Measure

2. Refusal of government to loan money to roads not earning their interest and recall of certain loans or arrangement for interest payments.

The second measure is more drastic. It would involve first the refusal of the R. F. C. and the L. C. C. to make and sanction further loans to roads badly in need of an interest moratorium, i e. roads not earning their interest. (Practically all except the Pennsyl the C. and O., Union Pacific and one or two others) The roads are talking poor and are not making their way; that is, they are not earning their interest charges of

half a billion dollars a year. For example, the Erie went into bankruptcy in January, 1937, after it had shown a profit on operations, but before interest was part of more than 13 millions of dollars. Great industrial corporations like Chrysler. which are profitable and important precisely because they are saidled with ho fixed charges, put their investors on a risk and profits basis and boom when they show earnings like 13 million dollars a year.

Evade Government Debt

Simultaneously, still as part of this second measure, the R. F. C. should either call the hundreds of millions of dollars of loans outstanding to hopelessly insolvent rails or establish a basis on which these rails could begin to pay off their debt to the government. It is significant that in reorganizations like the

Wabash, the bond holders (i.e., the insurance companies) have tried to shoulder aside the claims of the government as creditor. of the Arabs and the Arab states that straddle railroad mileage is now insolvent, i. e., in the hands of ment loans to bond holders (i.e., putting the insurance

earnings, and it siphons this money out of the channels of production, employment, and trade into the already swollen and stagnant cash reserves of the savings bank

Moreover, if this new policy were adopted roads like the B. and O. have let their properties get into seriously dangerous and costly disrepair in order to keep up their interest payments (even the B. and O. has just held up its bond holders forcing them to take an interest cut), go into bankruptcy and thus release \$ to 4 hundred million dollars a year of money now being wasted on unearned interest; this money would of course be free to go into deferred maintenance, which is estimated by railroad spokesmen themselves as totaling some two billions of dollars.

Railroad Equipment Authority

3. Set Up a Railroad Equipment Authority. The third proposal would be for the government vithout seeking new legislation from congress (but merely using powers, which the southern politicians like Jesse Jones have never permitted it to use, but which were voted by congress several years ago) to set up as subsidiary to the RFC a railroad equipment corporation empowered to function like a federal housing authority.

The federal housing authority doesn't spend its own money. Like an investment bank, it merely underwrites. When a utility company borrows money from Morgan's, Morgan's sell bonds to the public which less Morgan's commission, gives the money to the utility. It is not Morgan's money which the utility is getting. This is what the federal housing does. It underwrites, not

This is precisely what a railroad equipment authory could do. The fact of the matter is that the bonded interest in the railroads is sabotaging the introduction of revolutionary new equipment which could cut the ost of transportation to a fraction of its present exorbitant level, thus enabling freight rates to come down for the benefit of city consumers, farmers and derelict areas like the South, New England and the Prairies. The problem of the government in this matter is to get this equipment to work and to put to work the millions of men who would be needed to build the equipment and to make the materials consumed in the building of this equipment.

A National Problem

On the basis of the reductions in the cost of transortation which are admittedly effected by all such mipment now in operation (light weight freight cars, Diesel locomotives for switching), there is no risk in advancing money secured by such equipment. As a certain isolated cases of roads lacking the cash, the equipment companies have had enough confidence in their projects to do this financing them-

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selves. The difficulty, therefore, is that the employed and production situation need too great a stimula is this kind of small and exceptional phenomenon to much effect on the over-all business picture. The government must attack the problem at go

tional scale. It could sell such trust certificate these new locomotives, etc., to the public, to the or to the equipment companies themselves. The tial point here is that the roads are being forced insurance companies to hold back on this new ment and run existing junk into the ground the existing bonded indebtedness represents in company, and the other claims on this junk with railroads have never completely paid for.

The added feature of such a government meet is that the government has the power in all sel new equipment which it finances to specify the serves must be built up and properly spent at the of so much a year to maintain the new property repair and to retire it as it grows old. This labor of a stagger overflow of yearly employment.

Footnotes

Given the current political situation, there danger that negotiations to buy the railroads well-volve unloading these run-down properties on government at flopelessly inflated prices, impo impossible high burden of fixed charges on the ernment, thus increasing the debt and defick without gaining commensurate employment and duction increase. The three immediate proposales be described as judging the railroads by the railed

The only longer term suggestion I would adv that the insurance companies, that is the bond be given a chance to trade their worthless, i pieces of paper for shares of common stock ganized railroad companies. These shares will, sure, "guarantee" no fixed rate of return but the entitle holders to participate fully in the assured ings of the new equipment,

Holders of the shares would take their risk as preneurs should, but this kind of switch over be of investment will take a relatively long time to neer and, no doubt, many bankruptcies resulting the so-called secure type of investment will have

Meanwhile, it is very doubtful whether the employment crisis can be coped with except on th of the policy of subordinating insolvent "essets" productions. Over and above the industrial or simply note that December, 1938, production was 20 per cent greater than December, 1937, prod while employment was slightly less. Only a really sale creation of new employment is at all likely to this unwholesome frend and avert the cost to led

scute instead of merely chronic stagnation.