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# Terror in Colorado! TEACHERS MEET IN BUFFALO

Vigilantes-Government 'You Can't Strike' Decree Set Off Hoodlums --- Contractors, Gamblers, Prostitutes Fleece Tunnel Workers-Shades of Ludlow and Cripple Creek. BY EDGAR SHERMAN\_\_\_

A Special Correspondent of the Socialist Call DENVER, Colo.—The ghost of Governor "Blood to the Liberal Committee Rridle Bits"-Waite chortles with glee as it rides again over the hills and valleys of Grand and Summit counties, Colorado, ad the bones of the martyrs of Cripple Creek and Ludlow nttle in their known and unkown graves as Colorado cosschs march again against the organized workers of the date at Green Mountain dam, near Kremling. "You cannot strike against the

mernment," is the edict of the leaders in his office. They were reldent, whom labor elected, but "shered into the office of the the U.S. reclamation bureau, the national guard, and practically at Royal Society'of Doorbell Ringers. Ational Association of. Contrac- go back to work and bring the un the Colorado Contractors' as- grievance before the Colorado inedition, the Colorado state high- dustrial commission. my department, the Colorado .in-

Ambers of commerce, open shop- Colorado industrial commission and reactionaries can strike minst the workers. And the blow has fallen.

#### Grafters

prostitutes, were discharged and Disorganized, intimidated, forced to leave the project and myed, threatened by deportation, the surrounding country. The unind under the guns of the Colo-i ion was smashed. ide national guard, tunnelmen of teamsters. AFL Intervenes engineers.

memon laborers and carpenters the AFL are back at work, worse, if possible. The State Fedder intolerable conditions robin them of their wages, health, eration of Labor opened headquar, with the letter to the press as abod and independence, on the ters' at Kremling. The tunnel ma Mountain dam and diverworkers were reorganized under a mnnel in western 'Colorado. **me** notorious open-shop reclaation. and the public works conmetors of the nation have won a first round of their remorse- ported 100 per cent complete. Rem drive to lower the wages and quests to the contractor for negomake of workers on government tiations to be opened were denied. miets and to bring about open Warner failed, in conditions which will permit imerican workers to be robbed at mitseeking contractors on every The job was shut down tight. Pleas meghout the nation.

🐱 department of labor and spiriment of commerce and of "Celorado Federation of Labor 🕷 a two-day conference at ] is at which wages and classi-

**Commies Hustle Out Fronters to Stem** 

## Stalinist Machine Geared **To Snare Misled Suckers**

- NEW YORK-Ten Stalinist wheelhorses, including a scion of the House of Morgan, a suburban coupon-clipper, a broken-down humorist and seven other gilt-edged apologists for the Kremlin firing squads, this week were enrolled in the

The 10 Knights of the Sickle lare soliciting signa- Police Can't intrial commission and all the were abandoned. And while the blank check for the OGPU. The strike was off. Picket lines tures to what amounts to a stalled, leaders of the strike, mili-In reality, it is a bold thrust at tant workers, and those who had the Committee for Cultural Freeincurred the personal disfavor of dom, which has thrown consternation into the ranks of the Stalinthe straw bosses, gamblers and ists by cracking their control of the cultural front.

The statement, circulated for suckers to sign, consists of a letter, which charges the Committee for Cultural Freedom was inspired by "fascists and their friends," Conditions at the project became and a long-winded panegyric of the Kremlin which, according to "supporting material."

#### Follow Stalin's Policy

their CIO charter; engineers, The cagy solicitors say the signtion and conservancy depart- teamsters, laborers and carpenters ers will not be responsible for this the New Deal adminis- were organized under AFL char- panegyric but, without doubt, the endorsement of Stalin's policies ters. The organization was refrom A to Z will be presented in such a way as to make all the signers appear responsible for the yhole. Repeated attempts to see Mr. Though NOT working his way

through college, white-haired boy The Colorado industrial commis- of this crew of doorbell ringers is by unscrupulous grafters and sion dallied. The workers struck. Corliss Lamont, son of a Morgan partner and an enthusiastic firingmamment contract to be let to the contractor, to the commis- squad 'supporter. Then comes sion, to the governor were ignored. sweet, innocent Mary Van Kleek, "Go back to work and we will self-styled "liberal" and ardent

seckground of Struggle negotiate," was the word given the advocate of the CP's policy of dish August, 1938, representatives unions by the contractor's legal rupting anti-Stalinist labor groups. cialist state committeeman, is still the apartment of labor and representative. Bamboozeled once, Their associates include one-time pending before the pending be

Stop Meetings, **Judge Rules** 

## Levenstein Acquitted In First Round of Free-Speech Fight

NEW YORK-The Workers' Defense league drew first blood this week in its efforts to prevent po-

lice interference with free speech on the streets of New York City. Judge Folwell, of the Brooklyn Magistrate's court, in acquitting Aaron Levenstein of charges of disorderly conduct arising from his refusal to comply with a police prohibiting meetings off order Flatbush avenue, told representa-

tives of the legal bureau of the police. department that the commissioner may lay down rulings laration of Norman Thomas, na- action in Pennsylvania and other as to how meetings may be con- tional chairman of the Socialist states. ducted in certain locations but may not prohibit them altogether as had been attempted.

A similar case, involving the arrest of Samuel H. Friedman, Sobending before Magistrate D. Jo

Cases Similar

seph DeAndrea.

Socialist party.



A trooper questions a motorist as national guard rule takes over in Green Mountain, Colo., where a strike of five AFL construction workers' unions was called against the Warner Construction com-

At Reading Picnic

15,000 Greet Thomas

READING, Pa .- Victory in the the first time since local Socialist

pany, contractor for the Green Mountain dam project. Vigliantes shot and, injured seven union men before the guardsmen moved in with machine

# guns and tear gas.

## **Five Labor Conventions** This Summer

November city election was pre- forces were reunited after the dis-CHICAGO-Five large labor un saged Aug. 6, when 15,000 people, affiliation of the state from the constituting one of the largest national, organization, Themas ions will hold international convencrowds in the history of the local stressed the importance of a local Socialist movement gathered in Socialist victory as the best safe- and September.

Socialist park to applaud the dec- guard against a rising tide of re-The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union completed its convention at Denver was given a busy weekend by the local last week and the American Fedcommittee. In addition to his picnic eration of Teachers are scheduled

address he was leader of a Seminar to meet at Buffalo Aug. 21. Speaking in Berks county for discussion, guest of a reception and Other organizations which have ornadeas

The Socialist spokesman

**30,000 Now** Organized In the U.S.

### **Dictatorship Issue** to Test Control of C. P. Over Union

BUFFALO, N. Y.-The annual national convention of the American Federation of Teachers opens at the Buffalo hotel in this city Aug. 21.

With a membership of around 30,000 and with complete school-wide organization in Chicago, the second city of the nation, the American Federation of Teachers for the second year will face the problem of a pioneering social organization which is fast becoming a responsible trade union institution in many parts of the nation.

For many years since its founding, the American Federation of Teachers was fundamentally a social crusading and pioneering organzation, exercising a profoundly progressive and enlightening influence on general questions in the American labor movement and doing a fair job in the education of important sections of the teaching protions during the months of August fession to the nature and necessity of trade unionism for all workers.

#### **Progressive Background**

Within the American Federation of Labor the Teachers' union led in the fight for independent political action and even industrial unionism in basic industries, put the federation on record against military training in public schools and against the sales The Marine Shipbuilders' Indus- tax as a general tax policy. It was only in the last two years that beginning with Chicago a united teachers' union embraced the actual majority of the teachers in a great city system.

finitens of labor, were agreed Soon after this agreement # for construction of this large ar diversion protect.

Workers flocked to the project. my were employed; many were paign was started among the Janney Timbres. the found for them. Married men sparsely settled mountains; the than a hundred dollars 'to district who saw profits slipping for which they were charged away; the "dudes" and "dudettes" were forced to buy supplies town drug store cowboys.

"commissary" at outlandish Armed to the teeth with .30-.30 in single men were assigned rifles and .38 revolvers, all of so-called boardings houses standard and identical make, more there for \$1.25 a day they received than two hundred "vigilantes." wry poorest meals. guns and revolvers blazing, stormed

Several miles from the site of

ricade bridge. They appealed to a

state highway patrol officer to tear

A teamster, McDonald, walked to

the bridge and started to take

down the timber placed across it.

Immediately the hills erupted a

McDonald fell, mortally injured

### Magger System

whole community, broke down the Amost immediately the contract union barricades, and seized the representatives at the project project in a "back to work" farce. marated the stagger system of Composed of youths of from 14 wing abundant nerp. ting abundant help. to 18 years of age, largely, the vigilantes barricades and ambushed PMy their house rent and comthe roads leading to the project: the mough to pay the "boarding of the district, insulted and assaulted innocent citizens, women,

girls, tourists with impunity. Gevernment classifications for were ignored. State laws Denver Workers Rally

ng to mine safety and were flouted. Crooked Workers of Denver, learning of f joints, allegedly paying the attack upon the picket lines to the contractor's repreat Green Mountain, hastily disfleeced the unwary patched cars and trucks filled with of what was left by the union men and sympathizers to y and boarding boss. reinforce the strikers and to help and unciean, prostimaintain the picket lines.

spenly plied their trade and disease among the farm, the construction job, on a main and small-town unemployed state highway traveled continuouswho constituted the greater iy by tourists, they found a barat at the single employes. "Lay-"stretch-outs." "speed-ups" poity tyrany of straw bosses down the barricade. He refused. intollerable. 'Classification tioning increased.

Mes Laugh at Peace

he International Mine, Mill and fusillade of bullets. Workers (CIO) stepped the controversy and organized, by a bullet through his left eye. workers and other workers Braving the sniper's continued employed on the project. In union asked the contractor firing increased. Both rescuers conference and were laughed were injured. The driver of the They requested negotiation, truck in which McDonald was ridthe living and working con- the prostrate teamster, and he They were stalled off. was loaded in from the rear. Warch the union struck the

It was completely closed 350 Shots in Truck ", with the exception of pumpand timbermen left in to keep

water. Peaceful picket lines the truck. 'The striker reinforcestablished. Attempt after ments were dispersed by the vigito negotiate with the con- lantes. Their cars were wrecked. were met by rebuff after Their trucks, many of them WPA ical flumdiddle, are soberly "Mr. Warner would be out workers's trucks, were demolished. presented by sections of the who called the turn on Churchill, days." "Mr. Warner was At least 10 of them are known "Mr. Warner was in to have been injured by gun fire. "Work Is Resumed at Green

hely contacted, not by the Mountain," headlined the reacwike leaders, but by repre- tionary press of the state. And analysis. the of the AFL in Washing-' the gleeful chortle of the ghost Warner, it is alleged, its. of "Blood to the Bridle Bits" Waite cumbed to the ancient delusion to the workers' arguments echoes and re-echoes through the that truculence and bellicosity are later living and working con- deep grooved canyons and steep the best safeguards of peace. took the matter under ad- cliffed hills of the headwaters of Ordinarily sane men are mouthing

and is still "sleeping on the Colorado river where the "You phrases which, were the times less

the workers were wary. The job humorist Donald Ogden Stewart, remained struck. darling of the Hollywood stars; George Marshall, "You Can't Strike"

suburban Stalinist who lives off an unearned income running into Backed by a tremendous propafive figures; Dashiell Hammett, ganda campaign by the reactionary flip author of countless detective m reached, Warner Brothers of newspapers of the state using the stories; Walter Rautenstrauch, mgo, were awarded the con- idea, if not the actual words of who helped conceive that stilllabor's friend in the White House born' baby, technocracy; Vincent ("You can't strike against the gov- Sheehan, Dorothy Brewster, Maxernment") a "back to work" cam- well S. Stewart, and one Rebecca

Moscow Trial Flop

The present letter and "supporting material" appears to be a substitute for the dismal flop of two no public meetings were to be tolnatures to an endorsement of the ularly for such purposes. The

"revolutionary"

brief submitted by special attor-Moscow frame-up trials. So extravagant is the language neys appearing for the legal buused in this latest attempt that it reau of the police department arwill lay the basis for Lamont to gued that there was no violation the picket lines, terrorized the ers and suckers praise not only ment had "offered" the use for the fact that Russia has a other streets for meetings. paper constitution but even for the fact that the OGPU, with or league contended that the police

tion.

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mittee which wrote the constitu- power to withhold the use. In lambasting the Committee for fense pointed out that the streets Nottingham Co-operative society, held in trust for the people.

both cases, Joseph G. Glass and Milton Weinstein, acted in behalf of the Workers' Defense league. The Friedman case arose out of a public meeting off King's highway, organized by the Midwood branch of the Workers' Defense league, while the Levenstein case was occasioned by a meeting held under the auspices of the The facts in both cases were identical. The police department had issued absolute orders that

party, that "there are enough peo-

ple right here to insure that Read-

ing will remain in the Socialist

column this year."

WALTER HALLS

Ex-High Sheriff of Nottingham In the days of Robin Hood and

In reply, the Workers' Defense poor. without trial, has already shot al- had no power to offer the use of business for themselves so they organizations concerned. most every member of the com- streets which would imply their won't be robbed by the rich. For the ex-High Sheriff of Notting-Citing the Hague case, the de- ham has become president of the

Cultural Freedom, reference is are not the absolute property of and his people, 70,000 strong, did made to Prof. John Dewey and the municipality but are merely \$12,000,000 worth of business for themselves last year.

WEEU. announced conventions are: Fresh from a tour of the city, United Electrical, Radio and Mawhen Workers of America, at during which he was shown some of the achievements of the local Springfield, Mass., Sept. 4. Socialist administration, Thomas expressed pride in the fact that trial Union, at Jersey City, Sept. 8. Socialists have "proven themselves able to do the day-to-day work of Oil Workers' International Union, running a city," and declared his at Hammond, Ind., Sept. 11. confidence, that their efforts would United Rubber Workers, L Crosse, Wis., Sept. 11. win the approval of the voters.

Anti-War Congress Raps Isolationist Committees

The Keep America Out of War (the National Committee to Keep Congress recently requested the America Out of Foreign Wars and newly-organized National Commit- the Citzens' National-Keep America American Federation of Teachers NEW YORK-The High Sheriff tee to Keep America Out of For- Out of War committee) were as the uniquely valuable force that of Nottingham has another job! eign Wars and the Citizens' Na- formed. Already the similarity of it has always been for "Democracy tional Keep America Out of War your names to ours has resulted in Education and Education in broadcast in the name of all sign- of free speech since the depart- In's merrie men he spent his time committee . Itwo isolationist, pro- in some confusion. While your Democracy." trying to catch the men who were armament, pro-American imperial- organization and ours have one derobbing the rich to give to the ist organizations) to change their sire ins common-to keep America

names to prevent further confusion out of war-there are points of Today he is helping the poor do and embarrassment to each of the difference in our program and in periods it will foreswear its proud-

In its statement, signed John A. are of very genuine importance." Lapp, national chairman. Alice L. , The KAOW then proclaimed its able to serve its present mass Dodge, acting secretary; Frederick support of co-operation with the membership or to duplicate the J. Libby, chairman of governing people of all nations in the fight Chicago local and its type elsecommittee; Norman Thomas and to abdish war, economic injustice, where. Since a body without a Dorothy Detzer, the KAOW stated: colonial oppression and dictatorial soul is a corpse and a soul without "Recently your organizations, militarism.

In this case the teachers' union became the spokesman not only of the consciously progressive minority but of the wage earning majority. The problem now posed for solution by the truly far-sighted elements is how to preserve the

#### Face Big Issues

Should it fail in the first aim at this convention and in succeeding our approach to the problem which est heritage. Should it fail in its second responsibility it will be un--Turn to Page Two, Column Three

#### Will Danzig Still Explode? **BY DEVERE ALLEN** A Foreign Correspondent of the Socialist Call will terrify the foe and arouse con- thinks that Munich happened part- thint that went but this week to Hitler and Mein Kampf port would be at once demilitar-fidence at home. In because Britain did not display British newspapers that they had Hitler and Mein Kampf ized and internationalized. But so

Three American correspondents of the

Three American correspondents of the Socialist Call are now in Europe and readers of this newspaper henceforth will be fully informed on the European situa-tion. This is the first dispatch from Devere Allen who is stationed at Brussels. Readers of the Call will be interested to know that a bit of history was made in the transportation of copy for this story. It was mailed in Belgium Friday. story. It was maked in Beigunn Friday, Aug. 11, and arrived in Chicago Monday, Aug. 14. Thus, while man prepares for mother shaughter science moves on and reminds us that while socially we are Brithish retrogressing, scientifically our a speedily progressing.—The Eldtor.

BRUSSELS; Belgium, Aug. 11 (By Transatlantic Air Mail) - Critical weeks are

than 90 per cent of the fire, two fellow workers ran to the slipping by, and the Danzig Laski, Churchill aid of their fallen comrade. The question, one moment relaxed, the next acute, is still unset-Wages entirely, but of in- ing, drove the truck straddle of tled. War has not come, but have united to wage a campaignpeace is as far away as ever. It would take a clairvoyant

to penetrate the secrecy with

Moperty in repair and free holes were allegedly counted in offices are surrounded. Only those mountebanks whose forecasts, based on astrolog-British press, dare predict the but a naval strategist, Admiral fateful moment, retreat has been the World war, the Central and course of events. It is a time true (which it is not) that his presless for prophecy than for ence in the cabinet would 'frighten

Europe everywhere has suc-

can't strike against the govern- tense. would seem only juvenile. out reference to acknowledged his- tion ment" labor haters have won the France and Britain have joined the tory, are re-hashing the war of would never be tolerated in an

anything | that may come. press compensates itself ried out is clear-the rearmament the "stolid" Briton by solidation of their alliance with Po-

and invincible, "the best guarded tain gentleman over the other side of the water wants to fight! this

Soviet spokesmen in London a strong Tory contingent, and numerous Laborites like Harold Laski, vithout success-to put in the cabinet none other than that arch-imperialist, militarist, and 24-hour reactionary, Winston Churchill, now inclined toward Russia's new adopbut whose die-hard cohorts, in 1920,

strike threats from launching a Italy, France or Great Britain-is down as much as anybody can. war of extermination on Moscow. | obviously dangerous. It is danger-Note that it was no laborite, alas,

Columnists in the labor press are cynical knowledge that while fear space. again referring to the "Huns." reigns steps may be taken toward | If the answer in Danzig is somerass interests

ly because Britain did not display British newspapers that they had While Smigly-Rydz cries-out in her armed might, and the liberal done their job a bit too well, that Poland that violence will; be re- weekly "Time and Tide," | con- peaceful utterances should no long. papers have asserted that Hitler peal now either to Germans or to sisted by violence, Danzig's young vinced that Hitler was expecting to er be suppressed, and that a bit less will seek another 10-years' truce Poles. gauleiter, Herr Foster, shouts that take Danzig in July, asserts with- space should be given to the mili- with Poland, allowing Danzig and All of which leads naturally t

Some of the ultimatums are de-

every bellicose country in Europe is employing a dual policy. Chamberlain's shoulders are known to be deeply grooved from carrying water on them both; but so are those of Stalin, Hitler, Colonel Beck, Mussolini and Daladier.

Behind the scenes, Britain ap- the southeast, and second, that nopeases Hitler, Hitler appeases Staone can take seriously the common in, Stalin appeases Poland, Poland appeases Britain (which had to apply pressure, so cocky had the Polish military become), France ap-Kampf. peases Hitler and Mussolini. Hitler

appeases Mussolini (with South Tythreat and militancy-which now rol), and Mussolini, though regretsounds singularly the same wheth- ful that it appeases France and were prevented only by drastic er in Germany, Poland, Russia, Britain, prudently holds Hitler

ual return.

Of course, no one should be too ous because it can always sweep optimistic about the collaboration along the mob-minded until, at a that is so widely going on; for in Hitler,' it is certain that it would is actually going on. Some of it as coal and iron, in perfect fellowfrighten the majority of Mr. is sincere: fear is universal and ship. But it is at least a check on immediate combat and it gives the

But some of it springs from the world an occasional breathing

the Corridor to remain largely as the conclusion that the only good they are, on condition that Poland thing that can be 'said for the Appeasers Appeasement will not interfere with Germany's sort of appeasement wanted by thrust for economic power and po- pro-Fascists or anti-democrats is litical prestige in southeastern Eu- that it gives time. Time works at rope. This hardly squares with least a little more for the rulers of Hitler's own declaration that Dan- France. Poland, Russia and Great

Not insignificantly, Hungarian sane a solution could scarcely ap-

zig must come back, though he has Britain than for Hitler; for those never put a time limit for its eventwho want to avoid war and find a really sound solution, it is the Some informed political leaders only hope. insist, first, that the real Nazi ob-

jective all the time is the region to Britain, the U. S. S. R. So true is this that one hears, sub ross, the view that Chamberassumption that Hitler will invari- lain (possibly even with Soviet colably follow the pattern of power- lusion) is dragging out the negoacquisition laid down in Mein tiations with Russia less because of difficulties than to hold Hitler, Polish sources, influenced al- who must know definitely what he most certainly by the Vatican, re- faces before he acts, back from

port that various schemes are al- any sort of action whatsoever until ready being talked of between the Nazi gathering of September Germany and Poland, by means of has come and gone. intermittent discussions. These Such a view fails to meet the schemes even are hinted to go so conventional leftist criticism-for far-incredibly to this writer-as which there is excellent warrantto suggest a copy of the South that neither Bonnet nor Chamber-Tyrol method with the shipment lain really wants a Soviet pact. Domvile, who said, "Even if it were cut off. But it is less dangerous Western powers while hutling their of German Danzigers to the Reich and are trying to interpose new than it sounds, because it bears cannon fodder at each other's guns, and the entry into Danzig of the excuses for a disagreement. But exchanged wartime essentials, such troublesome Polish minority in the two illeas do not necessarily East Prussia. This would involve conflict: it is quite conceivable the transfer of 150,000 Germans, that the wily Prime Minister A less fantastic solution, but one should at once try to satisfy his which must await a more chast- Tory predilections, and at the ened mood all around, comes oc- same time put Hitler, the British

casionally from neutral students Laborites (lugubriously facing a French publicists, completely with, autocratic rule and the consolida- thing less than war, what can it of the question. It calls for the general election), and the anxious be? From a multitude of sources transformation of Danzig into a Poles (whose strategy depends on periodicals in many completely free port, without tar- what happens about the Pact),

for the litters which have possessed shrieking, in diction suited to each land." clientele, that Britain is unruffled nation in the world."

Three hundred and fifty bullet which the activities of foreign tion of capitalist-nationalist ways.

Churchill's countrymen a great makes voices shrill. deal more

chief. All this fanfare of ineffective and

country is ready to meet him?" Sir Samuel Hoare counsels optimism, because "we are much the greatest people in the world, and we shall come out on top." Equally ardent to fight if need be are such labor spokesmen as Arthur Greenwood, floor leader in the illness of Major Ratlee and Will Lawther, miners'

only a slight resemblance to what

The why these plans have not been carof the Western powers and the con-

his Nazi Danzigers are ready for out qualification that "The reason tarization of the country

ivered with fingers crossed, for Lord Nuffield declares, "If a cer-



SOCIALIS' CALL

# A Letter From a Gallant French Anti-War Fighter

been arrested.

The following letter from Marceau Pivert, secretary of the Front mining factor in their plans for war. Ouvrier International Contre la Guerre (International Workers' Front much alive in Europe. Active workers' organizations, such as the tensive preparation for war accumulates and the sum of For our part, we act everywhere we can, within the frame-French typographers, gas workers, revolutionary students, syndicalists, terrifying losses which it would engender which furnish us work of narrow limits at our disposal, to make articulate anti-Fascist intellectuals and other organizations, are active in the bitter with a certain base for resistance to war. It is impossible the profound resistance of the masses to militarization and struggle against war,

strike and since has steadily drifted toward Fascism, decreed harsh such a crime against civilized humanity would constitute, and that for the sole purpose of profits for the economic penalties under the guise of fighting espionage.

Daladier's latest decrees make it an offense punishable by death and financial oligarchies. That is why we have taken the initiative in calling upon all the pacifists of good will in the for those who "shake the faith" of the armed forces in any way. Such crimes, all considered as treason, are judged by military courts. a world to come together in common action with the end in Comrade Pivert's organization and other French anti-war groups are being savagely persecuted by the "democratic" Daladier government, view of lessening the danger of war. Dispatches of last week reported that several French anti-militarists had By encouraging news which we

#### To the Keep America Out of War Congress: Dear Friends:

have undertaken to resist the current of madness which is men. carrying humanity toward war. The role which you are play-

By encouraging news which we have received, particu-larly from Germany, Italy and France, we know that the why they should be made to undergo this absurd sacrifice create a sort of irresistible contagion which is a powerful at a period of history in which all the resources of science encouragement to the victory of totalitarian methods in all We are well aware of all the worthy efforts which you and technology could bring well-being and freedom to all countries that are still democratic.

We know that these sentiments are also yours, and that our comrades who work in misery under the yoke of Gering in your great country, with the object of keeping it out is why we take the liberty of writing to you, in order to find ; man and Italian Fascism, the fact stands out strikingly

governments are obliged to take into account this deter- tual support. We congratulate you on all that you are doing to raise the level of consciousness of your people and to en-

But it is also the vastness of destruction which the in- list them in the struggle to better their level of existence. to remain indifferent to the veritable collective suicide which to war.

We refuse to allow the workers and the lovers of peace to be dragged into any imperialist camp whatsoever; we are well aware of the fact that behind the diplomatic and political maneuverings there are questions of markets, of colonies, of profits, which may plunge the world into bloodshed, and we will hot have the people massacred for such reasons.

Moreover, far from blocking the advance of Fascist common people do not want war, that they do not understand barbarism, we believe that preparations for war actually

From all the reports that come to us from those of

our common cause is the conviction that other peoples a not want war, any more than they. Our International Workers Front was made up in the

beginning of workers' organizations, but, its aim being struggle against war, it is ready to collaborate with ganizations and all persons who have definitely decided oppose war for the purpose of maintaining and develo well-being and freedom among all peoples. Within the limits, our comrades of the Independent Labour party England are participating in a powerful movement to oppen conscription, in collaboration with important trade-using forces: likewise in France the Socialist Workers and Par ants' party is participating in a coalition against (Centre de Liaison contre la Guerre), organized by syndian ist and pacifist organizations.

We hope also that you will be interested in our work which the enclosed documents will enable you to understand and we will receive your publications with great pleasand

Please believe, dear friends, in our strongest fraterne sympathy and in our absolute devotion to the cause of the well-being of humanity and of peace.

For the secretariat of the International Worker Front.

MARCEAU PIVERT



agreement. However, on the question of neutrality, our position, which is purely negative, is open when Berlin and Rome are elated nations, depending on their raw when congress smothers the president's revision of our present neu-

panded to complete independence; their economic and cultural development to be the concern of all

6. General and complete dis- Meeting armament of all nations.

American people will most likely

pay in the end in any; case, un-

less it accepts in toto this or simi-

other Versailles infamy and its

The present

the

ion.

ular fronts and innocent organiza-

tions like the American League for

Peace and Democracy, etc., through

which the Communist minority in

the union have exploited and

abused the idealism and progres-

No AFL-CIO Fight

The issue of CIO as against AFL

affiliation will be definitely dead

at this convention and the conven-

tion can be expected to take

needed in view of the damage done

to unity by certain sections of the

AFL in their factional position or

revision of the National Labor Re-

lations act and by President Lewis of the CIO in setting out on a

course of complete dual unionism

Line-Up of Forces

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progress.

sive tradition of the teachers' un-

time. He was Herman Jacobs, at that time president of the Berlin Communist Youth. In August, 1936, Dr. Wohl had

a long conversation with Krivitsky in, the Soviet embassy on Unter den Linden. At the time of his residence in Paris, Dr. Wohl came

importance has been attributed to the attacks on Krivitsky.

"Krivitsky is as much Krivitsky as Lenin was Lenin. "Krivitsky's articles in the

Saturday Evening Post on the events in Spain and inside the



eration of Trade Unions refused

## ManyBooks BY MCALISTER COLEMAN Although there are opinions a the contrary on the part of the

The Headless Corpse on the Ca. lar Stairs" is not fit summer real. ing, I find that summer is in best time to catch up on my here work. This is especially so in the summer of 1939, as we will be to our necks in politics next yes

I've just finished "America i and as exhilerating as the w from the Atlantic currently rulling my graying locks. The Beards in They write in the grand and Especiels momentous happenings in the first

include anarchists, syndicalists and revolutionary Socialists. The

For us the inestimable value of this book lies in its masterly meusual procedure has been to shalling of economic, political and charge these writers with the social forces that have brought a suthorship of articles that encour. to this curlous midpassage. age disobedience in the armed the authors we can look back ow age disobedience in the armeu the course and see where we let forces, or that reveal information the course and see where we let about an information ground on this tack, gained a

LTAILLY ACL.

Our position is unrealistic, first, because it is untenable in the None Would Accept present world situation, even in Space does not permit us to inthe mind of an average American dicate which foreign powers on the street and amounts to bury- would assent to or reject the foreing one's head in the sand, and, going principles, absolutely essensecond, because the whole peace tial for the maintenance of peace front will cave in as soon as the in Europe and elsewhere, as a conpowder keg explodes in Europe. dition for American aid in a war. The latter will be accomplished by None of them would accept the the unleashing of tremendous war entire list, save perhaps later in forts and attention to building its propaganda, paid and unpaid, and the war when pressed against the partly because an overwhelming wall, or when the exhausted, bleedmajority of the American people ing and rebellious masses would are psychologically already genu- be gaining the upperhand. And inely on one side of the bloody no country should get a single in the past paid to the various orconflict to the extent that they cargo of war supplies from the favor matrial aid to non-fascist United States, for which countries.

#### **Favored by Geography**

A more realistic neutrality policy lar program beforehand. for the American people, particur This, I hold, should actually be larly for the American working the "neutrality" program not onlyclass and its allies, would be the of all the peace forces here and question: On what political basis abroad, but also of the American should the United States offer government, the only agency that material but not human, aid to a could really put it over, if it belligerent nation or nations? would.

Because of the fortunate geographical position of the United Educational Value States, and its tremendous re- Such a program would have a sources and power, and because of tremendous educational and propits experience in, and the conse- aganda value not only here but quences of, the last war, it could, j also in other non-fascist and espeand should, dictate the basis' for cially in the fascist nations. Only a peace treaty before war breaks with such a program it is possible out in Europe, as the condition to undermine and rout fascism, for supplying material to such bel- black or red, and perhaps actually ligerent nations, as are willing to prevent war, but certainly shorten agree to its political conditions be- it. Moreover, only with such a forehand. program you could prevent an-

#### Uncle's a Sucker

ghastly consequences leading to There are more reasons than a still more horrible war. one for such a procedure. One of With such a program the United them is purely financial-yes, im- States could actually become a poportant even to workers! Our al- litical and moral leader in lies in the last war still owe the world of chaos, despair and tor-United States a tremendous war | tured humanity. bill, close to \$12,000,000,000. Long struggle about American neutralago they forgot about this debt, ity would be put on an entirely diffor they consider Uncle Sam a ferent plane. Likewise the whole great but dumb súcker. 🕹 perspective of the coming holo-Commonsense, therefore, would caust which threatens to plunge the privileged classes is obvious linist-dominated organization of dictate not only to the peace forces our civilization, if one may use

here but to the government as this word, into the Dark Ages of well, the need of exacting from savagery. any belligerent such political con-

ditions as would prevent the repe-tition of the present post-war sit. Communist Resigns

uation, before the United States is | HAVANA Cuba - Jose Chelela willing to send a single cargo of Aquilera, general secretary of the

war materials to anyone. Cuban Communist party, has resigned in protest to the traitorous Conditions for Aid \*





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Remit to SOCIALIST CALL

into contact with Krivitsky Continued From Page One through no one else than Egon a body is a spook, the teachers' Irwin Kisch. union will have to strike a balance

Dr. Wohl arranged his no possibility of error. It was Stalin, between fire and earth. flight from Paris, taking him to his old friend, Krivitsky. He was There seems every good reason south France to the home of the traveling on a French foreign to believe that a living compromise wife of a well-known anti-fascist pass, under his real name, Samuel will be secured. The union will writer, Rudolph Leonhard, at Ginsburg. probably increasingly turn its ef- Hyeres.

Wohl, as well as Dr. Fredrich Adler, aided him in securing a half. Wohl took up quarters with own organization and functions as French passport. The Blum gov- Krivitsky, in a house, before the the only economic organization for ernment gave Krivitsky two detec- door of which a spy of the GPU teachers in the United States and ives for protection, but in spite constantly walked up, and down. cut short the interest and attention of this, an attempt at assassination was made. ganizations outside the labor movement, particularly the various pop-

Leon Blum recommended Kriv- by several persons. These facts itsky to Bullitt, the American should put an end to doubts about ambassador. Wohl came to Amer- 'Krivitsky's identity

**Cultural Committee Jars Stalinist Fronts** 

in the building industry. War Stand continuance of the stand against war and militarism in edu cation, will be sound trade union large scale military expenditure a la Roosevelt and the late and un- original signers of the commit- Hitlerism. It seems they protest tee's statement did resign as a too much! lamented congress will soon exresult of the campaign, but the clude large scale public education. Because free public education is committee soon after announced the program of the majority df the addition of three score new wage and salary earners and the members. The two who resigned unemployed for their children and did so on the insistence of the the attack on the public schools by League of American Writers, Staand inevitable, the teachers have which they were members. Indimore to gain than lose by taking cations are that at least one was even of Homer and Aristotle. No

the lead in encouraging labor to a plant in the Committee for Culindependent political action, begintural Freedom. ning with local school boards where organized labor has any strength.

When these resignations failed to start the expected stampede and the Committee for Cultural There will be two easy barome-Freedom continued to grow, the ters of the reactionary influence of Communist party decided to unthe CP forces in the convention dertake further steps in executing now that the main drive to "capthe Kremlin's policy of crushing State Publishing house, such as all critics. The present letter is the writings of Trotsky, Zinoviev, One will be the attempt to smear the first such step.

all proposed successors to the retiring president. Jerome Davis, who have in clear conscience aligned themselves with the "Committee for Cultural Freedom" well illustrated in the following Lenin. united opposition to all forms

totalitarianism. Soviet as well as concentration of hatred of the Nazi and Fascist, as the enemy of Communist forces. These same elements have made

the free mind, and all cultural an open drive against Vice Presi-This undercover drive to penalize even beyond Soviet borders all critics of the rule of Stalin the Terrible will be especially directed director for the League for In- is planning a broad range of acagainst George Counts of the Cp- dustrial Democracy Seidman has tivities. lumbia university group, one of the been for some time engaged in the outstanding leaders in the progrespreparation of a pamphlet on civil sive education movement and in the field of advanced ideas in the liberties and daily life in the Soviet Union drawn exclusively from offi-United States. cial Soviet sources, which the Stal-

C. P. Hates Real Liberals inists have left no stone unturned Counts, whose name has been into delay and block publication of. creasingly linked with that of the Every progressive unionist will activities must add up to less and illustrious John Dewey in the new wish the teachers well in their de- less Communist prestige among current among American intellec- liberations for their score and a writers, artists, educators.

G. P. U. contain nothing new for the initiated."

BY HAL SIEGEL PARIS, France --- At its last After Krivitsky's break with the dock to greet him. There was meeting in Zurich, the executive congress of the International Fed- leveled against writers of articles

> to admit the Soviet unions into nationale," a left wing united the federation. Among others, Dorothy Thomp-That fact alone would not be son used her influence in his bestartling in view of its past actions in this regard. What is important though is the manner which the question was again raised, the division in the voting. Later they went to Washington and its apparent meaning. It will

> be remembered that the last time of the Pivertist P.S.O.P. together, where they were received the admission of the Soviet un-ions was before the council it was the British delegates who took live writers in the "S. A. I." Many the initiative in defeating the

proposition. Since that time the international situation has changed. And now we find the British delegates in the forefront of the fight for taking them in.

opponents of the warlike plans The vote was fairly close. the alignment reflected clearly the present diplomátic intrigues surthe spring with the arrest of counding the negotiations for the

Anglo-French-Soviet pact. The English and French delegates, together with those of Norway and Mexico voted for admission, while the delegations from the Soviet people and their gov- ple are immortal. Everything else the countries now trying hard to preserve their neutrality and to

prevent their getting involved in On another page is revealed the the struggles between the two story of current Communist machinations against the Committee groups of powers voted against. . The alignment was even more after a persistent campaign of that shortly a flock of innocents clean on the resolution concernpressure failed to bring important organized by Stalihist hacks will ing the maintenance of peace. The policy for the teachers because resignations from the Committee assure us that Stalinism is the resolution first introduced greeted for Cultural Freedom. Two of the exact opposite, not the same, as the Franco-Anglo-Soviet pact. The Danish, Finnish, Swedish, American and Swiss delegates de-

clared that they would be unable to vote for any such resolution. Another interesting passage is

whereupon the resolution was sent one which denounces Nazi bookback to the sub-committee which burning while praising, the Soviet brought out a compromise conregime because it has published taining a mild hope that the pact so-and-so many copies not only would provide a basis for peace. of Gogol, Hegel and Tolstoy, but This was adopted unanimously with the Swedish, Finnish and co and Tunisia are languishing in mention is made of the fact that Danish delegates still abstaining. Hitler did not burn Homer, nor

#### are statistics given as to the num-Socialist Denial ber of copies of the works of John Dewey sold in Russia since

party of Spain has issued a state- of the war against Germany for directions. It's all right to ment to the Labor and Socialist which preparations are being made plicity in the Cansada revolt which settlement.

ocracy! of the Civil war.

intends to apply its mobilization ground, liberal attitude. laws in a manner calculated to destroy all labor's rights and dem-PARIS. France - The Socialist ocratic liberties; that the outcome

groups.

ocratic.

Writers Jalled

To date the charges have been

in "Solidarite Anti-Fasciste Inter-

front organ of the campaign for

ald to Spanish revolutionists in

and refugee from Spain, and

"Jeune Guarde," official organ of

the revolutionary Socialist youth

organization, Jeunesse Socialiste

Ouvrier et Paysan, youth section

Among those imprisoned are

three members of the J.S.O.P.

others are in jail awaiting trial

to American Socialists.

including Lucien Weitz, editor of

"Jeune Guarde" and well known

Syndicalist Leader Arrested

The persecution of revolutionary

an article printed in "S. A. I."

ties of the Socialist Workers and

These repressions have been re-

tre de Liaison Contre la Guerre"

tuals, and other influential

France's Democracy a Fake

The French anti-war forces have

been engaged in publicizing the

ments for the freedom of Moroc-

printed in its organ "Juin 36."

against articles appearing

International denying any com- will be another imperialist world took place shortly before the end Strange proof of France's dem-

Contribution

#### BY JAMES BOULTON

I want to know I've sown the seed, and tilled The fertile ebon soil that fed the womb, And nursed the cotyledon unto bloom; A cardinal nasturium flamed, that thrilled All life; and that I've seen bold Luna form;

The quarter, half, three quarters, and the whole, A white gold platter firmly in the coal'

Blue sky where this vague voice dissolved the storm.

I want to feel the new world rise in strife From chaos crystalized; and feel that, a slave Unchained, this feeble form and lifeless life' Without that end magnetic, wholly gave Its strength invisible to doom decay

about espionage cases, or that asthat. We can also renew our vigsert that the empire is not demlance against those intent on some tling the boat.

Among other things, it is business of Socialists to keep gre the memories of the Insulis, Mitte ells, Whitneys and Wiggins,

The men bearing these names # out of today's picture but the breed is still too much with us a the system they fastened upon in productive processes of the nation was hardly scotched. In the sha time since the Beards wrote "fish" to their book, that system is come again to vigorous life.

**Congress'** Offensive

This current congress with ! brutal offensive against the une ployed, its lick-spittle concern f the "Lords of Creation," as Beards call the Fat Boys, is W the faithful reflection of the m beginnings of the old hi-jacked It's well to recall what they to us last time and that sorry in and imperialist policies of the is magnificently told by the French government began late in outstanding historians of our time To supplement the Beards the Chambelland, leader of the syn- is "Wall Street Under Oath" dicalist group in the General Con- Ferdinand Pecora, the detailed \* federation of Labor (C.G.T.) for port of the investigation conduct by the author as counsel for # Marceau Pivert has been ques- senate committee on banking. 0 tioned with regard to the activi- by one the Fat Boys took stand back there in 1933 and Peasants party and the articles closed themselves to be as said a bunch of financial cut-three as ever ducked the income tax sisted by the anti-war forces in sold their own mothers short. France, grouped around the "Cen- the end, Pecora says, "Mere the ever we must maintain our (Center for Co-operation Against ance. If we do not, Wall Stati War), which includes the Trade may yet prove to be not will Center for Action Against War that land of which it has been (C.S.A.C.G.), the Committee of said that no country is easier

Calling Your Shots

Then, if you haven't paint around to them yet, read Later Than You Think," fact that the leaders of the move- Lerner, and "Democracy Wat by Arthur Garfield Hays. Lat is "lefter" and less statistical jail; that the French government Hays who takes the a

> There's plenty to chew on both these books, but I'd Ike to be a bit more specific in 🕮 wary of the use of labels, sooner or later you have to your shots and if it's Book you're shooting at, why not

50 ? A grand job of shot-calling just been dropped in our R. box. It's "Socialism States" Case Against . War," pocicit pamphlet by Norman The

that you must get from the soffice at 549 Randolph st. cago, for 2 cents a copy, 55 the for \$1. Give one to the new lective security addict that 🖷 around.

Vigilance of Anti-Fascist Intellec- overrun; or harder to suddat.

## Come on

**Out.** Stevie

Born to Comrades James Loeb in New York, Steven James, and no 1 announcement drawn by 🚬 Seaman the newcomer P appreciative head out of # ing bag and asks: "Is #

.come out?" Come on out Stevie, but

the Moscow trials. Nor is mention made of the suppression of works formerly issued by the Bukharin, Rakovsky, Victor Serge, Depths to which the statement and where they spoke in praise being circulated by the Lamont- of those Stalin has since killed Van Kleeck clique descends is or exiled-even the writings of

Stallnist Censorship

the eminent educator condemned

Movement Spreads But the attempt of Moscow's

minions to control the cultural front in America is facing disaster. Secretary Ferdinand Lunddent Joel Seidman of the adult berg reports that the Committee education division for the sole rea- for Cultural Freedom is increasson that in his capacity of research ing constantly in membership and

> The committee has certainly captured the imagination of thinking liberals and radicals. Its program is basically sound. It is broad enough to include many diverse elements but the sum of its

passage from the supporting ma-"Continued From Page One other founders of the committee, terial:

strong stand for labor unity, much long hailed as friends of the Sov- "The Soviet dictatorship, disapiet Union, as "individuals who pears as the need for it disaphave for years had as their chief said, 'Leaders come and go, but political objective the maligning of the people remain. Only the peois transient."

ernment." **Ranks** of Committee Solid This effort of the Kremlin machine was apparently decided upon for Cultural Freedom. It seems



# Readers Rally To Put Socialist Call Over The Top

# Hundreds of Socialists Are Working for a Weekly Press

ings, Neb.

rich, Chicago, Ill.

Say . . .

### By Irene Walley, Circulation Manager

Although early response to our coin card appeal has been most heartening, there is dear evidence that several hundred Socialists are slacking on the job. According to our figures there are 4,115 comrades who have not responded to our

coin card appeal.

good."-Emil Jublet, Gillespie, Ill.

From Comrade Lotrich

"I hope you get your quota.

meases the load of the sev- From Pittsburgh al hundred comrades who "I am enclosing a check for \$2 are active building a stronger to support the drive for a weekly socialist press. Collectively Call." - F # would be easy to raise the Well Wishes 12,500 we have set as a goal

for weekly publication begin- well wishes for the future of the ting after Labor day. We leave the rest of the agitation the CALL boosters who are From Baltimore holeheartedly behind the drive for a more powerful newspaper. ist those who have slacked on more, Md.

the job heed the words of the more, Md. comrades who are working heroi- From a Miner ally to bring about Socialism in im time. Read-then act.

For a Weekly Call "Enclosed please find \$1 towards the \$2,500 being raised, to promote socialist Call as a weekly issie. I would like to send more, but haven't the means. Let's hope that the \$2,500 will be nothing to The Gillespie Miners reach."---William E. Herman, Tupper Lake, N. Y.

Success "I am glad that the +Call- is going to a weekly and hope it i keep it up. Sorry I can't help with anymore than \$2. Suc-......S. Dryer, Bridgeport, Conn.

N. J.

D, R. Calloway, Mobile, \$1.

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KANSAS

RENTUCKY 1

This laxity in the ranks in-reases the load of the sev-ral hundred comrades who reases the load of the sev-reases the load of the sev-reas ton Center, 30 cents; R. Wright, New Bedford, 50 cents. Call." - Eugene Adelman, Pitts-MICHIGAN

J. Barzak, Ferndale, 43 cents; Ahony-mous, Royal Oak, 51; E. R. Hansen, Lan-sing, \$1.04; J. Morsman, Byron Center, Si; E. S. Miller, Vestaburg, \$1; M. S. Rowe, Plymouth, \$1.04; W. Rauch, Hol-land, 25 cents; L. Van Wezel, Holland, 50 cents; S. D. Mercer, Detroit, 10 cents; F. King, Detroit, \$1; L. E. Kluk, Detroit, 65 cents; M. E. Kohn, \$2. "This is the best I can do. With Socialist Call." - P. Uerling, Hast-

MINNESOTA J. H. Pierson, Braham, 50 cents; J. fattson, Minneapolis, 35 cents. "I wish you success in this endeavor."---M. H. Spangier, Balti-MISSISSIPPI

S. H. Franklin, Rochdale, 50 cents. MISSOURI "Hope the attached will do some

R. B. Wade, Galatin, 50 cents; D. B. Miller, Kansas City, 25 cents; II. Shanblin, Kansas City, 55; A. E. Berry, Louisianna, \$1; R. Jackson, Doniphan, \$1.09; G. Lep-pert, St. Louis, \$1; G. K. Robinson, Kansas City, 50 cents; H. Siroky, St. Louis, 50 cents; H. T. Graham, St. Louis, \$1. NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Peter. Uerling, Hastings, 51. NEVADA

Goodness knows we need a good Socialist paper right now. Work P. H. Hansen, Orceola, 29 cents. hard to get your goal."-D. Lot-NEW HAMPSHIRE J. Buswell, Danbury, 93 cents. NEW JERSEY

"We are very pleased to know our paper is going to be resumed

NEW JERSEY M. Nabutovsky, Trenton, 35 cents; G. Lubin, Newark, 31; E. White, Roselle, 51; A. S. Hagberg, Newark, \$1; Fred/Carlson, Irvington, 25 cents; J. W. Gotschalk, Trenton, \$1; H. Clevenger, Canden, 54 cents; F. Licht, Newark, \$1; C. W. Robinson, Plaintield, \$3; S. Bass, Newark, 25 cents; A. Welnstein, Newark, 39 cents; Anonymous, Farmington, \$1.04; W. T. Thompson, Pine Hill, \$1; M. Hunter, West-field, \$1.10; Mrs. E. B. Haskell, Philips-burg, \$1. as a weekly and we'll do all we can to make it a success. The mines at present are working less than half time and with the present division of work we are hard NEW MEXICO

After -G. M. Victory



-Federated Press Photo Officers of the United Automobile Workers of America look over

the signed contract made possible by the militant action of the rank and file of the union. The agreement ended the month-old strike of 7.000 General Motors corporation tool and die workers. Left to right: President R. J. Thomas, Secretary George F .- Addes, and Executive Board Member Walter Reuther, strike leader and director of the General Motors division of the UAW's organization drive.

## Young Socialists At Work is one common to all security

#### The Right to Work workers,

The WPA "starvation" bill recently enacted by congress provides tion does not grind down an age S20 a year for every unemployed group but a class. And the strugyoung person in the United States gle against it must be waged as a between the ages of 18 and 25, if all of the known unemployed were cialist at Work column will report helped in some way by the National on the various local activities un-Youth administration.

This callous disregard, for the Convention News needs of youth again demonstrates

cally. A national youth program is be- journal. ing worked out, with the co-operation of the party, so that a national greetings are due at the same time.

**On the Map With** the Socialist Party

A statewide picnic of the Con-

building.

### **NEC** Meeting

Plans are rapidly nearing completion for the NEC meeting openaid to the European underground movement activities of Socialists in mass organizations, workers' defense, the drive for a weekly Call and for 1,000 new recruits by

the end of October. Affairs planned in connection with the New York NEC meeting are mentioned in New York party notes below.

#### Colorado **YPSL** Convention

The tenth national convention of ordered each local to subscribe for the Young People's Socialist league a CALL bundle equal to its memwill be held in Cleveland, Ohio, bership and for the state office to Sept. 1-4. This is the best-planned furnish each member-at-large three They came from Flint, Chicago, convention in league history. Dele- copies for free distribution. It re- Hazel Park, Ann Arbor, Lansing gates will flock to Cleveland from ferred to state referendum a plan every section of the country - for a local dues system including a lian Symes and Herbert Zam. from New England, the Atlantic mandatory sub by each member to seaboard, the Deep South, the the CALL. Elizabeth Morgan en-Middle West, the Rockies and up livened the convention with a pro- sing, Bay City and Flint, where and down the Pacific coast. gram of labor songs.

Young Socialists, representing Comrade Morgan's concert tour every phase of working class life, of the state was very successful. will be present-comrades already She appeared before many labor deeply immersed in day by day unions, farm and other groups. struggles in the trade unions, Plans are being made for next

among the unemployed, farmers' year's concert by Comrade Morgan. unions, in anti-war activities, the The state party address has been student field, etc. changed to Box 775, Denver, Colo. Prominent trade unionists, mem-Local and Forum meetings will be

bers of the party NEC, represen- held in Evans Chapel, Grace Comtatives of the Socialist movement munity church, on the first and No. 308, is running for president abroad, distinguished visitors from third Tuesdays of each month. Canada and the Latin-American

countries will address the conven- Connecticut tion. What is of prime importance, hawever, is that Sept. 1-4 necticut Labor party, affiliated will mark the emergence of a strong and revitalized YPSL ready with the Socialist Party U. S. A., to expand its activities on every will be held at Peck's Farm, Shepfront of the class struggle an or-ganization that since the split with the Trotskyites at the Philadel-phia convention in 1937 has ex-and games. ard ave., opposite Sleeping Giant

at large.

Local San Francisco has been floor window facing having very successful park meet- corner.

ings and has sold a large supply Coughlinites have been threatenof anti-war pamphlets. Henrick ing to "bust up the reds," so com-Anderson was elected district or- rades are assigned to remain in ing in New York City on Aug. 26. gapizer for San Francisco and Ala- the headquarters every night to de-Prominent on the agenda will be meda counties, and instructed to fend it. An additional room has the 1940 campaign, anti-war work, place special emphasis on CALL been rented for the headquarters, making a total of one large club

A good meeting was held in Ber- room and three offices. keley with Comrade Carillo of the

Massachusetts Aprista party of Peru as speaker. Los Angeles YPSL has been or-The Massachusetts summer gahized and is growing rapidly, school was a great success with

due to the excellent work done 20 students in attendance. Instrucby YPSL National Secretary Judah" tors were Worden Waring, Leo and Drob, on his recent trip to the Lillian Vernon,

Michigan

The party is helping the Detroit The Colorado state convention KAOW set up\_anti-war membership groups in neighborhoods. Fifteen students attended the Mid and Detroit. Instructors were Lil-

New organization work is pro-State Secretary Ben Fischer is continuing to work during the summer

months New York Comrades in Rome are active in

the American Labor party and Comrade Tully has been nominated by tes ALP for mayor while Harry killingwood, president of local of the common council.

The New York local has are ranged a series of affairs in connection with the NEC meeting to be held there Aug. 25-28. On Aug. 25 there will be a public demonstration, on Aug. 26, a dinner to the NEC, and on the 28th, a membership meeting. NEC sessions will be held at the Debs Labor school, 114 W. Fourteenth st.

An organization drive has been started by the City Executive committee. Inactive branches will be revitalized and new branches will be organized in various sections of the city. The Sixth Ad Kings and the Brighton branches are now issuing mimeod papers, the "Outlook" and the "Socialist Vanguard." A charter has been issued to the ago, the Call was worse than for minority parties to secure a Fishworkers' branch. "Bare Facts," a weekly bulletin for Socialist

speakers is being issued by the

The SEC voted to hold a state membership convention on Oct. 7-8. It is tentatively scheduled to take place in Massillon. Plana for Travers Clement addressed the increasing contact between members scattered all over the state The local is growing and is and the state organization are beling perfected.

The Call

period of work on the convention

The system of human exploitacommon struggle. Future issues of the Young Sodertaken throughout the country,

Registration blanks for delegates the urgency for pushing the cam- are now in the hands of all secpaign for "youth's right to work" tions of the league, and the chief initiated at the last meeting of the convention drive for the next few Young Peoples' Socialist gague ex- weeks is for registration before ecutive and now being pushed lo- Aug. 15. Likewise, this is the final

All ad copy is due Aug. 15; all

broke-it was up to its neck in place on the ballot. A co-op com-debt. Today that debt is cleared mittee was appointed consisting of

campaign on youth's economic And all funds collected on the away and we are speeding on-needs will be launched in the fall. journal are to be sent in immedi-Meanwhile work should take ately. place on the basis of local issues which are continually existent. ent centers around the energy of the place of the basis of local issues which are continually existent. ent centers around the energy of the place of the basis of local issues which are continually existent. ent centers around the energy of the place of the basis of local issues which are continually existent. ent centers around the energy of the place of the place of the place of the basis of local issues which are continually existent. ent centers around the energy of the place of the p

No one who knows the facts can fail to be impressed by the condemning the state legislature astounding come-back being for changing the state election

perienced the most rapid and and games. amazing growth in league history. Newly-elected state officers are W. Davis, president; I. Polsky, vice

president; H. Rosen, secretary, and G. Davis, treasurer. The S. E. C. adopted a resolution staged by the Call. Only two weeks laws making it almost impossible

and in the way of our determina-it may be our only means of keepion to build a mighty Socialist www.ment. We must do everythe possible to build the circulaton of our paper, so that we will we voice that hundreds of thouand must hear."-Harold Flinck- Cordial Wishes \*, Bronx, N. Y.

From Utah

Tind enclosed my \$1 to keep

the Call going and I will try and ather some more soon. We canw spare the Call now while there ing Aug. 10: so much to be done to awaken is slaves. With the jolts they the slaves. With the jolts they regetting from the Wall Street Sakies they ought to come out Schou, Los Angeles, S1; A. Kalinsky, Los Angeles, S1; P. H. Smith, Van Nuys, S1; A. G. Smith, Venice, 10 cents; A. F. Saunders, Claremont, \$1; G. Miller, San Francisco, \$1.50; J. Knox, San Francisco, St.04: Orden, Utah.

## Glad to Help

Inclosed is a dollar bill with where for the success of the smith, Brooks, 30 cents; G. Corus, Carter, Mathematical Structure, Struc thes for the success of the

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## Where Is Democracy?

Advocates of collective security claim that the great struggle in the world today is between democracy and Fascism. This article is devoted to puncturing that fable once and for all. We claim that the phrase "democracy vs. Fascism" is a clever propaganda device used to pull the wool over the eyes of those easily impressed by catch-phrases.

America is the most democratic of all the great states. We all know, in spite of this, how far America falls short of true democracy in such places as Jersey City, the South, and parts of California. Nevertheless, America could stand as the model of democracy for those far less democratic states whom she is supposed to aid in the name of democracy.

The alliance which is being set up to stop Hitler's drive is anything but democratic. Let us cast a brief glance at each member of that alliance.

Great Britain is the greatest empire in the world. English citizens enjoy a fairly liberal dose of democracy and freedom, but by far the major part of the empire is subject to a colonial tyranny surpassed by none and matched by few. Englishmen who point indignant fingers at Mussolini's bombing of Ethiopian savages should remember that every year border villages of India are bombed by British airmen.

The same is true of France and her empire -and the French workers today enjoy even less liberty than their English brothers do. (See article on repressions in France, page 2).

Soviet Russia may be a democracy to those who have to say "yes, Lord," when Stalin says-Russia is a democracy. To Socialists, Stalinism is the living proof of the necessity of absolute democracy within a revolutionary party and within a worker's state. There is no democracy in Russia. Everyone knows that, and since history can be written freely in this country, the constant repetition of the lie that she is by the stenchmen cuts no ice anywhere.

Poland is a dictatorship. One would be inclined to call her a Fascist dictatorship, were it not for the fact that Fascism has become associated with aggressive dictatorships. Poland does not have the strategic possibility of becoming aggressive-but Poland has no democracy.

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# Allen Bares European **Imperialist Intrigue**

Else why the sending of a military mission to Russia and France in early August with the careful announcement that staff talks, preliminary to any final act, would of necessity require a month? In fact more is involved than the September Nazi congress alone: for the German-Polish terrain, over which military operations of a mechanized Nazi force would have to be conducted against the Poles, is of such a nature that an invasion late in September might be extremely difficult and is stated by some experts to be impossible.

#### Default Irks Britain

Stiffening attitudes in Great Britain or Danzig coincided, whether accidentally or not, with the cessation of payment, on July 3, of interest on certain British loans to the Free City. The Danzig state loan of 1925, the tobacco monopoly loan of 1927, the electric tramway loan, and the wharfs and railway works loans, on which interest was choked off, are all held by British investors. Capitalists in Britain and, France, shellshocked already by defaults which have been extensive everywhere-those in Danzig bring the total defaults on loans issued through the League of Nations up to \$200,-900,000-did not disguise their irritation.

To them, a loan is a loan, and a borrower a borrower. Hence when Poland, which had been promised millions of dollars with which to buy arms in Britain, wanted to buy some elsewhere and even went so far as to ask part of the loan in gold to cover paper currency, London financial interests got hard-boiled, sent the Polish negotiator home in a huff, and secured the willing co-operation of Mr. Chamberlain in this move to soften Polish cockiness, which had actually gone so far that the British government, pledged to fight only for Polish independence—whatever that may mean—feared Poland might become in world opinion the aggressor in a new Danzig crisis. The plan for a much heralded "test flight" of British bombers to Poland has been quietly taken out and buried. Well informed, the financiers know that Poland's army has been vastly over-rated and that Hitler, if he should strike, could not be stopped by British forces in time,

#### Imperialist Collaboration

Nevertheless, between those whose fists are shaken at each other over the barbed-wire boundaries, actions quite other than warlike continually proceed. Bohnet, Chamberlain, Hitler, Mussolini and Smigly-Rydz have things they dislike about each other but they have some things in common. One is the preservation of class privilege; another is the salvation of decadent capitalism; another is the suppression of any embar-rassing aspirations toward self-rule on the part of colonial peoples; still another is the prevention of labor aggressiveness on domestic economic policy.

Hence there is persistent collaboration, just as in the Napoleonic wars mannekins with the latest fashions from Wienna, then the world's style capital, were permitted to exhibit their wares in the salons of Paris

It was last March-the time will be negalled as the period of Germany's final conquest of Bohemia and Moravia-that the Federation of British Industries met at Duesseldorf with Nazi industrialists to plan steps for the sharing of export markets and the raising of prices-virtually an attempt at a joint exploitation of weaker countries. In the glove and staple fibre trades, agreements are already reported and in the latter case a Nazi has been made chairman of a directing committee set up by Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium.

#### Offer Germany a Loan

I can positively state, because I have direct information, that the conversations about a loan to Germany in return for disarmament (the idea was far more detailed than generally reported in the press) was not a mere. casual talk between Mr. Hudson, secretary of overseas trade, and Herr Wohltat, a direct errand boy of Goer-ing's. The scheme in at least a general way was known Chamberlain, his denials notwithstanding.

(and important) pact with the Soviet Union makes headway at last, comes a new purge of Russian army officiers; at this moment Lord; Rothemere's "Daily Mail," which has always aroused radical and liberal ire for its benign attitude toward Hitler and Mussolini, flares forth in a description of the Soviet Union as a "democratic obstacle to Axis dreams of world domination."

Italian governmental spokesmen have recalled how Italy was the first country to recognize Soviet Russia, how it has been building soviet warships, how trade with the U. S. S. R. is on the increase, and how gracieysly Molotov has spoken of Soviet-Italian trade developments.

#### Russian Oil to Axis

Russia is now selling the bulk of its oil exports to the Axis. Count Ciano not long since inspired his minister of propaganda to send out an article making a bid for Stalin to join the Axis, which would be better than to sign up with "the plutodemocracies." Germany wants a new trade treaty with Russia, and talks are supposed to be going on, looking toward a credit of \$85,000,000.

The balance turns, then, between exasperation which may still push Europe into war, and the universal clamor for economic aid which often transcends prejudice and politics. Not yet have the Axis powers the need to feel that what they require for their arms program or their subsistence is denied them. In terms of months, or a year, this may tend to keep the war to its present level of nerves, raw materials, trade and bluff. Peace must come another way.



#### BY JOHN M. WORK

How long does it take to find out that unemployment cannot be abolished by patching the private profit system of capitalism?

It has been tried for 10 years and there are still about 12,000,-

000 unemployed. How much more

time do the tinkerers want?

.It is high time they were getting down to brass tacks and doing something to provide permanent employment for all able-bodied and able-minded citizens.

They talk of distributing wealth more evenly so as to afford adequate purchasing power to the people. Surely anyone with an atom of common sense must know that under the private profit system the industries will not and cannot operate without profit for parasites; and this profit for parasites makes a fair distribution of purchasing power impossible.

The only remedy for unemployment is the socialization of enough industries to guarantee employment.

Personally I would like to have complete Socialism as quickly as possible. I know, however, that the average man is not willing to go

# Liberal and Left Wing **Press in Review** BY LILLIAN SYMES

Our excursion among the liberal, left-wing and labor journals began last week with the Nation and New Republic---otherwise known as "the liberal weeklies." We will now move on to the "leftist weeklies," using that term in its general, rather than its factional sense, and in time we'll get to the labor press, the Communist press, the various monthlies and quarterliesfrom Common Sense to the Parisian Review.

#### The New Leader

Of all the radical papers-the New Leader, the American Guardian, the "Socialist" Appeal (quotation marks, mine), the Workers Age, the anarchist Challenge, our own Socialist Callthe New Leader is by far the most impressive, physically.

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It is a far cry from the old starved and smudgy New Leader which once served as the voice of a united Socialist party (many times the size of the present Social Democratic federation) to the present eight to 12-page journal with its excellent makeup, its prominent non-Socialist contributors and its paid columnists.

The New Leader today gives every physical evidence of being the organ of a great mass movement. Officially, it is the organ of a comparatively small group, the Spcial Democratic federation, and its paid circulation is probably smaller that that of the Call.

#### Forward the Angel

Lest this contradiction between expensive format and modest circumstances inspire suspicion of the lady's virtue, we hasten to add that the "angel" in the case is a close relativethe largest and richest foreign language daily in the world, the Jewish Daily Forward. The Forward contributed, much less generously, to the old Socialist New Leader which didn't always follow the Forward line. Today, however, the New Leader is practically an English edition of the latter and could not exist without its aid. This helps to explain some of the contradictions in the New Leader policies.

- The New Leader is unquestionably the most implacable and effective foe of Bolshevism in the entire radical movement, To those who share its contempt for the Communist party (and the writer of this column does) most of its columns and news stories on this subject are a source of keen amusement and satisfaction. Most of these columns and stories are written by former members of the Stalinist and Trotskyist periphery-Eugene Lyons, Charles Yale Harrison, Ferdinand Lundberg, James Rorty, James Farrell, etc.—who do not necessarily share in the New Leader's editorial views on foreign and domestic policy. And it is the New Leader's hospitality to these non-Social Democratic radical intellectuals which gives the paper whatever influence it has outside of Social Democratic federation circles. The fact that it is purported to pay cash for such contributions a miracle which only the Stalinist press is able to duplicate in

<sup>\*</sup>the radical movement — indicates that **\_** "angel" is exactly what every left-wing journed needs. Writers must eat.

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#### Social Democracy and War

It is when one turns from these special for tures to its editorial policy that the dilemma of present-day Social Democracy is revealed all its tragi-comedy. For the foreign and in mestic policy of the New Leader is indistiguishable from that of the Communist party Like the Daily Worker, the New Leader is for a new Holy war to save democracy-the sooner the better. Like the Daily Worker, a classifies all the anti-collective security forces as "isolationists" and does not hesitate to charge that they are the objective allies a Hitler and Mussolini. Like the Daily Worker. its pages bristle with spy plots, "betravala" hidden dangers, new Fascist menaces.

In domestic matters, it is not so hopelessly enamoured of President Roosevelt as is the Daily Worker, but it has recently announced its support of the president, if he runs in 1940 and will probably be persuaded to support his choice if he does not. (This is not necessarily the official position of the Social Democratic federation.) Like the Daily Worker's, its head lines intimate that the real enemy is not a much capitalism as the "Torles"-in short the bad capitalists who are fighting the New Deel Sincerity and Insincerity

It is highly embarrassing, of course, to such implacable foes of the G P. to find them. selves traveling on the same line. The editors resolve the contradition on a moral plane: They are sincere in their policy, the C. P. is insincered We grant and accept this distinction. But doubt if there will be the slighest difference in the end results of these sincere and insincere activities.

#### Ameringer's Guardian

We now move across the country to Okla. homa and to the most persistent survival of the populist-utopian school of "Socialism" that flourished in the 90s and early 1900s. U to 1912, when the rapidly growing Socialist party was the only political outlet for the protest against "social injustice," is fell heir to what was left of the populist revolt, Bellamt "Nationalism" and the colonizing movement. Its strength in the middlewest was based large ly on this type of native "Socialism" which had no historical perspective, no basic econome

philosophy, no understanding of class force, The new utopianism like that of the 1840, saw that "the system" was unjust and, abow all, inefficient. It sought to find a short and easy cut to an economy of abundance. When it found it could not get this through a Socialist



Rumania has no democracy. This is especially true in the districts she conquered or stole just before and during the World war-Bessarabia and the Dobrudja.

Jugoslavia has only a vestige of democracy, and that has been preserved only through the fight of the Croatian minority. Now, since Mussolini took Albania, it is doubtful whether Jugoslavia could be of much value to the Franco-British alliance even if she wished to.

Greece is suffering under a particularly oppressive dictatorship.

When you add up the score, the talk about "democracy fighting dictatorship" falls as flat as a week-old glass of beer. If, for the sake of argument, we admit France and England to be democracies, then we must also admit that they are willing to get anyone, regardless of political inclination, to join with them. In other words it is still the old army game, with every one fighting and jokeying for position, and words like "democracy" and "anti-aggression" thrown out for bait for the suckers.

We swallowed that bait in 1917. Let's leave the hook dangling this time.

In on it also at various stages were Sir Horace Wilson of the Treasury and Montague Norman of the Bank of England. The fact that everyone went pop-eyed at the size of the suggested loan (the figure was not Mr. Hudson's but was invented by the press) does not affect the fact that the plan included a vast and fomplicated series of steps for economic rehabilitation along imperalist lines.

The British institution of naval architects recently found no trouble in going from London, on Nazi invitations, to Hamburg for a discussion of common work, including a day at the Kiel canal with the German navy,

#### **Daladier** Shifts Lines

. France has now agreed to permit German exporters. to use the words "made in Bohemia" or, "made in Moravia" on goods shipped into France for sale. This follows naturally the recent extension for two years more of the 1937-1939 trade agreement; France gets coke and Germany gets iron, and Germany gets the right to use, for Nazi goods the half million dollars of Czechslovakia's credit still in France. All this just 17 days after Daladier said publicly that there would be a ban on all shipments of iron to the Nazis!

The Rothschild family has reportedly disposed of large metal works in Bohemia to the Nazi government, and will receive a threefold return: The company's coal fields in Poland, some of the firm's foreign money now abroad, and a part of the holdings in France and Great Britain of the former Czechoslovak government!

#### New Russian Purge

But while Left critics fire blasts at these concessions, they find themselves in no slight dismay at certain other things which happen. Just as the coveted that far at one jump.

But any person who is out of work, or who is running the risk of being out of work, should be willing to go in for production for use-socialization-to the extent necessary to furnish ->employment to the unemployed.

Labor, both employed and unemployed should insistently demand that this be done. Labor should fairly haunt the White House and the congress with this demand, until it is granted.

## **\$750** Prize Offer

Prof. Sidney Hook has announced a contest for the first award of a \$750 fellowship for a piece of driginal research work or a constructive analysis of a labor problem.

The award will be made by a committee of judges consisting of Professors John Dewey and Sidney Hook, and Julius Hochman, well-known labor leader. The name of the winner will be made public, and the chosen manuscript will be published by the John Dewey Research Fellowship, of which Professor Hook is chairman.

The fellowship was founded by friends and admirers of Professor Dewey in honor of his approaching eightieth birthday, in appreciation of his contributions to the labor movement and to human progress, and in the hope of stimulating wide interest in the labor movement. The contest is open to everyone under the following rules: 1. A full detailed outline of a proposed manuscript,

the latter to be preferably of book size, must be submitted on or before Nov. 30, 1939, covering an original piece of research on any problem of general significance to the American labor movement; for example: a-Relations of the labor movement and pub-

lic school education: b-Philosophy of trade unionism in relation

to the democratic way of life. 2. The outline is to be sighed with a nom de plume.

- The real name and address of the contestant should be placed in a sealed envelope, with the nom de plume on the outside-the envelope to be attached to the outline submitted
- The manuscript must be completed within one year after date of award.
- One-third of the fellowship (\$250) will be pre-
- sented to the winning contestant on acceptance of the outline, the balance (\$500) on acceptance by the judges of the completed manuscript.

Outlines should be mailed to Hillman M. Bishop, secretary of the committee of award, government department, College of the City of New York, 17 Lexing-ton ave., New York, N. Y.

party with its roots in the labor movement, turned to other schemes. Among its more the cent manifestations have been the various schemes for "a planned economy"-Epic, Technocracy (a "scientific" revival of Bellamy Nationalism) the Utopian clubs and Oscar Ameinger's new brain child-the Foundation in Abundance. The American Guardian is the midwester

"mass organ" of this new utopianism. (Cenmon Sense might be described as its more me phisticated, theoretical organ.) It is a folky and efficiency type of "Socialism" which peals especially to an older generation of radcals grown tired of waiting for the revolution and to some of the younger "social planner" who have a notion that the technicians, wh a little help from the middle classes, can do the trick all by themselves. All of these groupslike the populists of the 90s-tend to end in the Democratic party.

In foreign policy, the American Guardin like its midwestern mass base, tends to be inlationist, but like all of the "social planners" t is also consumed with admiration for Stalin) planned economy in Russia and often flirts with the Communist party in purely domestic matters. The Guardian talks the "American lasguage," but it talks it in nineteenth century terms. It is much later than you think, Oscal

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# An Imperialistic Tug-o-War

# Who Is to Rule Spain, Bank of England or the Axis Powers?

Year of Hunger

PARIS, France-Before the Vic- ously offered by my fellow pas- ter seem to have been not so Almeria that in his province commands over the division and Republican money is at a total to death. I was told that the a moth-eaten cathedral town and to pay distribution of the limited sup- loss. All Republican money must death penalty is now applied to dealy become the center of F practically impossible to obtain a

visa for entry into Spain. After Falangists vs. Requetes the victory march, however, visas were granted to tourists who could Spanish politics in the train. A tive. obtain a testimonial indicating little girl was playing with a doll that they had not "traded with dressed in a khaki uniform and the return of the king. The pop- units, indicates that the direction I entered Spain by Irun where of your party, isn't it?" I asked fascist program, though as in likely to be towards increased pro-

I entered Spain by frun where the soldiers. my passport was closely scrutin- the soldiers. ized and checked against a card "No, no, no," they replied grim- dom appears. Instead the offi-cial movement is called "national catalogue. Then my baggage, my acing, "that's the Requete uni- cial movement is called "national books, and my foreign exchange form; we're Falangists."

were carefully examined, and I "But aren't you united under syndicalist tradition in Spain. was ushered into a small room Franco," I insisted. where the matron asked me to "Oh yes," said one, "but all the reads, undress. Satisfied that I had no same, don't be a Requete, be a neither capitalism nor Marxism; June was the institution of a sys-pesetas concealed in my under- Falangist; here, wear this—" and Socialism enslaves the worker, tem of subsidies for large fami-

wear, the matron apologized, my be presented me with his five ar- National Syndicalism gives him lies. Posters proclaimed "Women, given a "salvo conducto" pass with Time and again in my tour I The program for the worker is children without fear."

which I was free to visit any part was made aware of the undercur- to raise his standard of living and

How wise and how comfortable two groups. The fact that there tional wealth and strength. The water remains to be seen. But the are those Spanish peasants who is only one official party in Spain program for the landworker is travel from village to village by today, the Falange Espanol Tradi- particularly interesting because donkey-cart! Travel by train was cionalisto, has not erased the the land question is the central work has led many anarchists and a nightmare. There were long fundamental division between the problem in the Spanish economy. queues of soldiers and civilians Requetes whose program is tradiwaiting interminably at the sta- tionalist, Catholic, and monarchist, its, irrigation, minimum prices for tions for their tickets. Mothers and the Falangists whose program | farm products; reorganization of the initials of the Spanish anarchsuckled their babies in the waiting is "radical" and fascist.

room. The compartments in the The official uniform of the party or "minifundia") are not econom- these "FAI-langists" will have, is trains were filled to overflowing like the name makes concessions ically cultivated; removal of work- an interesting question for the tory during the war, and while

The seats were denuded of up- blue shirt, the five arrow emblem, more fruitful areas; and "unioniholstery, so that one sat on the and the red beret. springs. In the aisles soldiers; But many Falangists refuse to It is interesting to note that command in each province. slept standing up, pressed one wear the red beret, and carry it neither collectivisation nor distriagainst the other. Though the instead under their shoulder bution of the large estates among whom are not fascists but believ- rationed out to the population.

physically impossible to get out of the compartment and through False Slogans

much united as swallowed whole. I and lords were required to pay distribution of the limited sup- loss. All Republican money must death penalty is now applied to dealy become the center of F While they may continue to be workers a fixed percentage of the plies of food and goods. Falangists vs. Kequetes I had my first introduction to tion is more obstructive than posi-ber of pesetas a day. This measure, like the vague phrases about

Nowhere did I see mention of a red beret. "That's the uniform ular program of the party is a of any actual reforms is more

Germany, the word "fascist" sel- duction than towards greater equality.

On posters everywhere one

liberty."

rent of resentment between the concomitantly to increase the na-The Falange calls for farm cred- Barcelona the party is currently

zation" of land workers.

small peasant proprietors is in- ers in a monarchy ruled by an of-

12 labors of Hercules, is the overwhelming one of providing food syndicalist," an appeal to the long Workers Join Falanges One measure of social legislaof chaos and starvation.

tion announced with trumpets and you are now free; you may have

How much of the Falange prothrough the streets and find crowds sitting patiently and dejectedly outside the soup kitchens. fact that it is obligatory to join There has been no building, and those whose homes were shattered live like mice in dark holes and Marxists into the party so that in passages. Everywhere children beg, for coins; and in Madrid little called the FAIlange (FAI being boys come to the cafe tables and the land units (either latifundia ist organization). What influence to both sides. It consists of the ers from uneconomical land to future. At present the Falange is meat and fish can be purchased. only the civilian party, suborditheir cost is far bepond the avernate in authority to the military age purse. Butter is almost unobtainable, even at the best hotels, and rice, beans, and potatoes are

be returned to the bank by July current cases of theft, 15, and is completely worthless.

The result is utterly demoralizing. Whatever may be the ideologi-"Why should we work," some cal development of the forces in Spaniards said to me, "What if detention without trial. One of try, seems hardly to have antised tomorrow Franco is overthrown, the saddest sights in Spain today, from the war. But the work Spain, the task confronting the authorities here and now, like the then his money is worthless, tod." But even those who want to work, and who affiliate formally for work, is the queues of women lice enforce the decree) that bet and work for a demoralized citi- with the party, wait in vain outzenry. Nineteen thirty-mine, the side the Bureau of National Syn-

> struction is complicated by the purging process. Work and feed- released. Unfortunately the small ing are secondary to "purifica- number of citizens courageous for a tourist in Spain today tion." In addition to half a mil- enough to sign the required affi- the brazenness of the "antition." In addition to half a mil- enough to sign the required affilion Republican soldiers in the concentration camps there are hundreds of thousands of civilians

> The prisons are quickly filled up of Madrid and Valencia and see guised as nationalists to det by the simple process of incarce- animated groups in the cafes or the towns. rating everyone depounced by a strolling down the Paseo. The fellow-citizen. The system of de- men are everywhere in uniform nunciation encourages the vin- and the women have less chic dictive to avenge themselves withthan formerly, but they dance and out fear, while the timid protect promenade each evening, themselves by denouncing their The buildings have

litical intrigue, the crowds are # Long prison isentences are fre- great that the visitor is stifled. quent, and just as frequent, under San Sebastian, still the plant pressure of business, is indefinite seaside resort of the north com sadder than the queues waiting seldom go in swimming, for i for bread or the queues waiting Church has decreed (and the P and children, waiting to see their ing costumes must have high of lars, sleeves, and long trunks. influence of the Church is dent, not merely in the decline the bathing population, but in

der it. Furthermore, in many

propaganda. The ruins of Connica, of Nules, of Valencia, of Madrid are attributed to through the fashionable avenues fore they left or who came

Current history is being m ten under duress. In the past Valencia all Spaniards houses have been destroyed who wish to claim the r

The buildings have gaping must sign a paper stating.

capital and supplies the striking contradiction exists that in Spain today where half the country is shattered and crying out for reconstruction, great numbers workers are unemployed. 100.000 in Madrid Jails

'Year of the Victory," is the year One fourth of the population of Madrid is fed by Auxilio Social, the Falange relief organization (through which all relief is dis-

tributed); perhaps 600,000 are similarly fed in all Spain. At any time of the day one can walk

Fruit and bread are moderately neighbors. Prisoners are tried in wounds and many homes are only their homes were destroyed small peasant proprietors is in- ers in a monarchy ruled by an or-cluded in the list. The only item ficer caste, will relinquish their cheap, but the bread is coarse and military courts without counsel or hollow shells, but people manage Reds. "ABC," daily new of the program, so far put into authority in the future is only one black. Instead of coffee, a sub-black. Instead of coffee, a sub-witnesses and have the burden of to inhabit the shells. Sevilla was prints two photos, Plana

dicalism. Partly through poor gr-ganization, partly through lack of

two civilian guarantors can be

davits is still further reduced by the obstacle of illiteracy. Spain is, however, not altogeth-

point hungrily at the roll or cake in prison-at least 100,000 in Mad- er sad. It is possible to walk Reds-the Reds who burned

The whole problem of recon-

relatives in prison.

**Conditions for Release** The Republican soldiers in the

concentration camps are on a mass baptiam of children born starvation diet. I spoke with a der the Republic, and the soldier recently released from Ali- remarriage of couples married cante. Some bread and occasionally sardines constituted the diet.

ally sardines constituted the diet. lages where the "voluntary" The concentration camp, however, tributions to rebuild the is intended only as a temporary tchurch are not adequate, the

residence. A soldier who obtains tributions are made compulsory law.

