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Debs' Teachings

Labor Day Greeting ...

The workingman is the only man in whose presence I take off my hat. As I salute him, I honor myself. The workingman-and this is the day to write him in capital letters-has given me what I have, made me what I am and will make me what I hope to be; and I thank him for all, and above all for giving me eyes to see, a heart to feel and a voice to speak for workingmen. . . .

Labor day is a good day to rest the hands and give the brain a chance-to think about what has been, and is, and is yet to be.

The Socialist party and the trade union movement must be one today in celebration of Labor day and pledge each other their mutual fidelity and support in every battle, economic and political, until the field is won and the workingman is free.

Forget not the past on Labor day! Think of Homestead! Think of Latimer! Think of Buffalo! Think of Coeur d'Alene! Think of Chicago! Think of Virden! Think of Pana! Think of Leadville! Think of Cripple Creek! Think of Ludlow!

These are some of the bloody battles fought in the past in the war of workers for industrial freedom and social justice. We are all one-all workers of all lands and climes. We know not color, nor creed, nor sex in the labor movement. We know only that our hearts throb with the same proletarian stroke, that we are keeping step with our class in the march to the goal and thesolidarity of labor will vanquish slavery and humanize the world.

War . . .

I have read some history. I know that it is the ruling classes that make war upon one another, and not the people. In all the history of this world the people have never yet declared war. Not one. I do not believe that really civilized nations would murder one another. I would refuse to kill a human being on my own account. Why should I at the command of any one else, or at the command of any power of earth.

Twenty centuries ago there was one appeared on earth we know as the Prince of Peace. He issued a command in which I believe. He said, 'Love one another.' He did not say, Kill one another,' but 'love one another.' He espoused the cause of the suffering poor . . . and the poor heard him gladly. It was not long before he aroused the ill will and hatred of the usurers, the money changers, the profiteers, the high priests, the lawyers, the judges, the merchants, the bankers-in a word, the ruling class. They said of him just what the ruling class says of the Socialist today, 'He is preaching dangerous doctrine. He is inciting the common rabble. He is a menace to peace and order.' And they had him arraigned, tried, convicted, condemned, and they had his quivering body spiked to the gates of Jerusalem.

Capitalism . . .

John D. Rockefeller has today an income of sixty million dollars a year, five million dollars a month, two hundred thousand dollars a day. He does not produce a penny of it. I make no attack upon Mr. Rockefeller personally." I do not in the least dislike him. . . . I have no quarrel with Mr. Rockefeller, nor with any other capitalist. I am simply opposing a social order in which it is possible for one man who does absolutely nothing that is useful to amass a fortune of hundreds of millions of dollars, while millions of men and women who work all of the days of their lives secure barely enough for an existence.

Socialism . . .

To the workingman, in particular it is important to know what, Socialism is and what it means. . . .

Socialism is first of all a political movement of the working class, clearly defined and uncompromising, which aims at the overthrow of the capitalist class by securing control of the national government and by the exercise of the public powers, supplanting the existing capitalist system with Socialist administration-that is to say, changing a republic in name into a republic in fact.

Socialism means a coming phase of civilization, next in order to the present one, in which the collective people will own and operate the sources and means of wealth production, in which all will have equal right to work and all will co-operate together in producing wealth and all will enjoy the fruit of their collective labor.

Unionism

There has always been a labor question since man first exploited man in the struggle for existence, but not until its true meaning was revealed in the development of modern society and industry did it command serious thought or intelligent consideration, and only then came any adequate conception of its importance to the race....

In all ages of the past, human society has been organized and maintained upon a basis of the exploitation and degradation of those who toil. And so it is today.

The labor movement of modern times is the product of the past ages. It has come down to us for the impetus of our day, in pursuit of its world-wide mission of emancipation. . .

(Unionism and Socialism will spell) the end of the class struggles and class rule, of master and slave: of ignorance and vice, of poverty and shame, of cruelty and crime-the birth of freedom, the dawn of brotherhood, the beginning of MAN! That is the demand.

That is Socialism!

The Class Struggle . . .

Chattel slavery disappeared. We are not yet free. We are engaged in another mighty agitation today. It is as wide as the world. It is the rise of the toiling masses who are gradually becoming conscious of their interest, their power, as a class, who are organizing industrially and nolitically, who are slowly but surely developing the economic and political power that is to set them free. They are still in the minority, but they have learned how to wait and bide their time.

Imperialism . . .

War does not come by chance. War is not the result of accident. There is a definite cause for war, especially a modern war. The war that began in Europe could readily be accounted for, For the last 40 years, under this international capitalist system, this exploiting system, these various nations of Europe have been preparing for the inevitable. And why? In all these nations the great industries are operated for the profit of that class. And great abundance is produced by the workers; but their wages will only buy back a small part of their product. What is the result? They have a vast surplus on hand; they have to export it; they have got to find a foreign market for it. As a result of this these nations are pitted against each other. They are industrial rivals-competitors. They begin to arm themselves to open, to maintain the market and quickly dispose of their surplus. There is but one market. All these nations are competitors for it, and sooner or later every war of trade becomes a war of blood.

Eugene Victor Debs

NOV. 5, 1855-OCT. 20, 1926 Teacher and leader of the Socialist Party of the United States, organizer and officer of the pioneer railroad brotherhoods, outstanding

BY M'ALISTER COLEMAN **Biographer of Eugene Victor Debs**

Among a certain class of professional high-brows it is the fashion to speak of Debs in a slightly patronizing air. "He was all right for his times," they will tell you, "but of course he would be ineffectual today. His naive idealism, his talk of happiness and little children and all that. It would never do nowadays when the times call for a hardboiled attitude towards life. No wit is 'real-politik'; the end justifies the means. Such old-fashioned conceits as integrity, kindness, faith if the rank and file, just sheer decencythese are definitely out. Now it is our duty, taught us indeed by the party line, to capture liberal and labor organizations and pervert their ends to our own advancement, to praise bourgeois democracy with our tongues in our cheeks at the same time that we whet our knives for the slaying of free speech and free assemblage, to deny revolutionary aims while from the sidelines we incite others to acts of senseless violence with the hope that from the resulting chaos we may come to power. None of these things would have been understood by Debs. He made the childish mistake of putting his revolutionary cards on the table, and see what it got him."

Devotion to Rank and File

So they say who by their very natures are forever barred from any understanding of the nature of the man who could say, "When I rise it will be with the rank and file, not from them." And everything they say is damnably wrong

Debs was no soft-spoken innocent, enamored of Utopias. He had been around in the world of men for many crowded years before he finally found in Socialism the program for a way of life that he was to follow to the end.

Nor was his appeal solely to the heart, despite much of the sentimental writing of his admirers. Time and again he dwelt upon the necessity for the workers educating then. selves in the intricate ways of modern industry so that they would understand what makes the thing click and how pro-

duction could be turned to use rather than profit. Time and again he urged industrial unionism as the only possible form of organization to combat the organized front of the bosses. He could point a long finger at the fundamental laws in the reformist philosophy of Woodrow Wilson, just as Norman Thomas can analyze the fundamental fallacies of the New Deal.

Differences With Compers

He was among the first to recognize the futility of the no-philosophy of the AFL and old Sam Gompers never forgave him for harping on this subject. Debs had put his pro- the attempts to involve us once again in Europe's capitalist gram into action in the formation of the industrially organ-

editor of labor publications, member of the Indiana legislature, and the unquestioned leader of the militant forces within the American labor-movement for four decades.

The Man Unafraid

ized American Railway union and it took hundreds of deputies, the press of the nation and federal troops as well to break the Pullman strike.

It was then that he turned to independent political action which he saw could only be along Socialist lines to have any meaning for the rank and file. He had been a brilliant organizer of the pioneer railroad brotherhoods, an outstanding editor of labor publications, a member of the Indiana legislature and the unquestioned leader of all the militants within the American labor movement when in middle age ne reached his Socialist conclusions.

An Unflinching Fighter

And there was iron as well as love in the man. No one could stand up as unflinchingly as Eugène Victor Debs and call off the enemies of labor in as telling a manner. He just didn't know how to pull his punches when the thought of injustice or intolerance set him aflame. There was no need for him to pose as hard-boiled, to wear fantastic clothes and cuss and spit around on the platform after the manner of so many of our latter-day pseudo-proletarians.

He was as natural as a granite boulder, keen-edged as old-fashioned razor and wiry as a coal-digger, this lean proletarian from a middle class Terre Haute background. And as American as the Rocky Mountains. You would call him the One Hundred Per Cent American if that phrase had not become a reactionary cliche.

At all events, he did not feel called upon to assert his Americanism, a la Earl Browder, on every occasion. His patriotism was that of Tom Paine, Wendell Phillips, his early hero, Peter Altgeld and others who took their Americanism for granted and did not use it as either an apology or a cloak.

A Founder of Socialist Party

Were he with us today, Eugene Victor Debs would indorse heart and soul the official program of the Socialist Party of the United States which he helped organize 89 years ago. Always he taught that it was the business of the party to serve the trade union movement, to implement it with a program and a philosophy, to win the rank and file by example and persuasion rather than by secret cauces and the tactics of disruption. He would see in the brilliant progress of the CIO the new beginnings of the American movement and he would urge his followers, as Socialist builters. today are urging their followers, to be loyal marchers in that movement.

How that great heart of his would be lifted by the present Socialist stand against war! Even as Debs alive stood out against war waged by any capitalist nation, so those who carry on in the Debs spirit today stand steadfastly against

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SOCIALIST CALL

SOCIALISTS PLEAD FOR LABOR UNITY

Ask Illinois Miners To Close Ranks as **First Peace Step**

NEC Letter to Leaders Cites Du Quoin Success

NEW YORK - In a dramatic agree. plea for the miners of Illinois to compose their differences as an example and inspiration to the rest of the labor movement, the Socialist party this week thrust the problem of labor unity boldly to the front.

unions on the Du Quoin Defense committee, the National Executive committee, in letters addressed to the union leaders, called for the extension of such action to negotiations for elimination of other differences looking toward organic unity.

From its quarterly sessions here, the NEC sent copies of the statement to Ray Edmundson, president of the United Mine Workers, District 12 (CIO) and to Dave Reed, president of the Progressive Mine Workers (AFL), Complete text of the letter follows: Mr. Ray Edmundson, preesident.

Dist. 12, United Mine Workers of America.

Springfield, Ill. Mr. Dave Reed, President. Workers of Progressive Mine America.

Springfield, Ill The National

Executive com-Socialist party, mittee of the meeting in quarterly session in New York city this weekend, re- know you can't begin next week of the activities and achievements basis for real enduring peace and of the Du Quoin Miners' Defense committee. The action of the officers and members of the United Workers and Progressive Mine Workers of Illinois in behalf of the five youthful victims of

the mine difficulties is highly miners that they have resolved to commendable and most heartening to our organization. We are informed that interna-

tional, regional and local unions of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, American Federation of Labor, railroad brotherhoods and bona fide independent unions and bona fide independent unions with an aggregate membership of 5000 bour bood with a space with a shall greatly appreciate your

5,000,000 have headed the appeals views on the concrete proposals of your joint defense committee and acted to demand that the governor of Illinois and-or the Illinois Board of Pardons and Paroles release the five young men in the state of Illinois, and the nation. question.

ward amelioration, as shown in the Du Quoin case, has already had favorable repercussions in labor'ş ranks. You can augment that sentiment by increasing the range of points on which you can You have also reached substan-

tial agreement on opposition to the defunct Lantz bill which was barred from Illínois statutes by the magnificent united action of the CIO and AFL; you have publicly agreed on opposition to WPA and relief cuts, support of the tion between the two Illinois mine Harlan miners and other impor-

tant local and national questions. Points at Issue Socialist miners have informed our National Executive committee that autonomy, election of officers, democratic conventions, compensation for orphans and widows. justice for the miners who lost their jobs and the miner prisoners are issues which are intensely discussed by the rank and file. Any

condition for unity, it seems to us, would have to take into account these factors which are close to the hearts of the mine workers. You have agreed on the Du Quoin boys, how do you know you

can't agree on the matter of autonomy? You have agreed on fighting the reactionary Lantz bill, how do you know you can't reach benefit of the women and children-

who are victims of the bitter struggle? You have agreed or at least your public actions showed that you saw eye to eye on WPA and relief matters - how do you unification?

Vital to Workers There will be important pronouncements this Labor Day, but none would surpass in importance. an announcement of the Illinois

compose their differences by joint negotiations. Such a step would do much to rally your own fighting forces against increasing misery and it would infuse the ranks of labor

everywhere with bold resolution to for the United Mine Workers, it Railway Unions contained herein. And we are authorized by our organization to was believed by the United Mine pledge our officers to aid you in your services to your membership, removed so that the United Mine Open Drive on Fraternally yours,



BAY EDMUNDSON

tives, and one leader substantially

denying or contradicting the other.

Well, I suppose you are naturally

going to ask, "What are you going

to do about it?" There is nothing

that we can do as an internationa

There must be 'co-operation, help

and assistance by other unions

and we repeat that only the rank

and file of labor can say to their

leaders, 'There must be a settle-

ment." And we are of the opinion

also that there need be no dishon-

or to either side. There may be

ome sacrifice on the part of indi-

viduals of their so-called personal

pride, but the welfare of the work-

ers of this nation is of far greater

importance than the personal pride

or ambition of any leader.

upion standing alone.

Labor's House Divided A Practical Analysis BY DANIEL J. TOBIN President. International Teamsters Union

(From Editorial in Teamsters' are in their own personal grievarices and ambitions. Magazine)

The conflict that went on recently in the coal mining industry would not have obtained, in our opinion, were it not for the division in Labor. Both the employers senting their case before the United States senate committee having and the Miners' union agreed early those hearings on the amendments an amicable settlement for the in the conferences on wages and to the national labor relations, act, hours and even, on the term or commonly called the Wagner act. Here we found labor leaders chargduration of the agreement. ing each other with ulterior mo-

DAVE REED

Then came the question as to whether or not the penalty clause should be eliminated from the miners' agreement. As we understand ceived a highly gratifying report by joint conference to lay the the story, the penalty clause has been in the mine workers' contract

for many years and has never been applied to any great extent. The penalty clause means that when there is a wildcat or illegal strike in violation of the agreement in any certain mine, those participating in the strike, which is illegal, should be fined from one to two dollars per day during the life of

the strike. We are advised that it was only rarely, if ever, that the penalties were collected. However, because the Progressive Miners' union ---which obtained first in the state of Illinois and has recently spread out

-had been making some trouble

Plan Union Confab For DuQuoin Boys; Support Increases have since expressed the opinion

John Mitchell's Former Secretary Joins Committee

new members of its national board, years the private secretary of fa-CHICAGO-Pepped up by a conmous UMW President John Mitch-

lutions and petitions supporting its ally-known novelist; Paul Porter, campaign to free the five Du Quoin editor of Kenosha Labor: Robert boys, the DuQuoin Miners' Defense Morss Lovett, educator and writer; committee this week considered and Max Eastman, Oliver Carlson, plans for a statewide trade union Evelyn Scott and Suzanne La Fol- delightful park at Sinking Springs. conference to focus attention on lette, writers.

the boys should be freed.

ference, the committee also listed

the case. Support From Hollywood If the plans, already approved From Hollywood came a check by the executive board, are sancfrom Morrie Ryskind, well-known tioned by the mine unique, the con-

ference will be held early in De-scenarist and co-author of the hit cember as a climax to the com- play "Of Thee I Sing." mittee's drive. for "A Pardon by This week also saw the addition stantial agreement of Reading Christmas."

Petitions bearing thousands of P. Di Plotti, secretary of the Co- on war has, of course, alded unity signatures asking pardons for the lumbian Federation of Italian- in Reading. It was good to have a boys are being gathered, for pres- American societies, long active in . entation to state officials at that the Du Quoin case

Moreover, a special sub-commit-New Members tee to work with all Italian labor

The boys were sentenced to long organizations is being set up, with prison terms 11 1933, following a Vittorio Buttis as secretary-trans-In all the years that I have series of pitched battles between lator. Plans are also under way for watched labor struggle, I have nev- strikers and non-strikers during the establishment of a New York er witnessed a more pitiful spec- which an innocent girl was killed sub-committee, under auspices of tacle than labor divided and fight- by a stray bullet. Practically all the Workers' Defense league, coing, one against another, in pre- parties- connected, with the affair sponsor of the committee.

Green Hails Debs

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, sent the CALL the following Labor Day message honoring Eugene Victor Debs:

Respect and tribute to a man who lived his life so as to win the love and devotion of many wage earners, is the obligation of the living generation to those who had a hand and will in creating the social heritage which it our privilege to use and enjoy. The present is so largely the work of those who have gone before.

For decades Eugene V. Debs was an active figure in public affairs. He was fundamentally a crusader whose sincere devotion to his ideals was uncompromising. Sometimes we might question his wisdom but never his integrity. I am glad to join with his many friends in hailing the gallantry of his spirit and the nobility of his devotion to ideals



Daturday, September 2, 1929

This is written on the train en route to youth day at the In announcing plans for the con- Workmen's Circle Camp in Ashland, Mass. I only home that the day will be as encouraging as at Reading. The including Elizabeth C. Morris, for Socialist administration of that city, once the patronage squabbles which did so much to split the party there was tinued stream of trade union reso- elly John-Dos Passos, internation- over, has done a good job of which Socialists can be proud.

It deserves re-elction on its record. Year by year our comrades by day and night of its democracy! their own labor improve their own Roosevelt's Liberalism

From the Daily Worker to that Several thousand persons heard me snow-white liberal Mayor Kelly at there on Sunday. Peace has been Chicago-and maybe that isn't in restored to the Socialist movement far-the chorus is in full er

in Berks county, a good omen for against the reactionary majority general Socialist unity. The sub- congress and for that peerlos in staptial agreement of Reading

liberal, but look at the second, He advocated no new constructive

pression. He was the principal propagan dist of armament economics and in the leader of what Quincy Home rightly calls "the War party." He own recommendations for WPA were inadequate, and his bold statement, "You can't strike against the government," pointed toward a totalitarian state. He rushed the appointment of a

eral, Franklin Delano Roosevet.

policies fit to meet continuing de

Well, by comparison Roosevelt in

federal judge in Tennessee whe had been a Ku Klux Klansman and against whom the National Aseciation for the Advancement of Colored People protested . vola-

McNutt's Appointment

I have a letter from him justify. ing the appointment of McNutt to one of the most important places in his administration. That handsome politician is now duddling m to the administration and its liberalism, but not only is he the anthor of the most ingenious evasion of civil liberties in America-his type of military law-but he is also our arch imperialist and cheif advocate of hanging on to the Philip-

pines forever. It is a genuine tragedy that the principal champion of liberalism in this time of crisis offers no more than Roosevelt has offered in the last few months. What makes matters worse is that a divided labor gressive and intelligent pressure



visit with the veteran Jim Maurer. Illness has not dulled the keen edge of his intelligence or his enthusiasm for the cause of labor and Socialism.

Congress Adjourns

A reactionary, and an inconsistently reactionary, congress has ad- movement has exerted no more agjourned. The dominant Republican- the administration. Democratic coalition fought nominally for economy and voted the swer to my letter, that labor had greatest budget in our peace time not protested his appointment, was

history. It did some good things;

e. g., in amending the security act,

and in blocking the Bloom neutral-

But it went hell bent for arma-

and messed up WPA. The adminis-

tration's housing bill was open to

constructive improvement. It did

not go far enough toward solving

our problem, but it did involve a

larger, expenditure than appeared

By the same token, the presi-

would be more certainly repaid

than our experience with RFC

er neutrality law.)

on its face.



mently.



Broad Support Moreover, the report shows that broad support has been received from cultural religious, civic, fra- States. ternal and other organizations. Prominent educators, churchmen, man labor leaders, writers, artists and politicians have also aided by petition and contribution.

The Socialist Party of the United D-X Gas Unfair States, which months ago voted to support and participate in the To Oil Workers fense committee, reiterates its pledge of solidarity in your great 6,000 gallons of D-X gasoline some work in behalf of the mine prison- time ago, after R. B. Callaway, iners and pledges that it will in-ternational representative of the crease its efforts for the boys' Oil Workers' International union,

freedom, explained the union-busting tactics Of special significance to us is of the Mid-Continent Petroluem the amazing accord your appeal corporation to the management. bes struck in the minds and This is an example of the nationhearts of the organized laboring wide campaign that is being conmen and women of this country. ducted to compel the corporation to In local after local, in regional disarm its gunmen and adhere to board meetings and nigh councils laws which cal lfor teh rights of of the various international unions labor to collective bargaining. of the Congress of Industrial Or Six months ago the corporation's ganizations and the American Tulsa refinery had an output of 120 Federation of Labor, the combined cars. Today only 65 cars move out plea of the United and Progressive of the plant. miners in behalf of your young A reminder to Socialists and

retary.

brothers has been favorably re- their friends that the ban on D-X ceived. Everywhere the plea was gasoline and Diamond 760 motor received, the fact that the two oil is still in effect. miners' unions had acted jointly in their appeal stirred spontaneous and enthusiastic response.

Proof of Pudding

The results of the campaign on one specific issue-the defense of the Du Quoin miners—convinces us that united action and brotherly co-operation is both an instinctive and logical desire of the workers of America.

We now live in a world bogged down with severe economic and political problems. The danger of war and the growth of totalitarian rule in Europe are beginning to; sive Mine Workers of South- to the colonial peoples strugging to break the imperialist chains profoundly affect American life. The last session of Congress enacted laws and recorded statements, ern Illinois is not just anoth- that bind them, to the valiant leader holiday. To us, Labor day ers in the fight against totalitarand attacks by reactionary. politicians which are without precedent in this country. Two powerful means something. labor movements, divided and at, war with each other, were lashed in the most degrading fashion by reunion, a two-day festival capitalistic oppression, for seeking where the carnival spirit runs ing the struggle of the workers for forces which have more in common with those who exploit than with those who produce. Already high, where 50,000 people jam emancipation. It is not an occasion "shirts" and "fronts" of various the little town of Benid to re- for sweet words about the partnerhues are making their appearance hues are making their appearance new old friendships, make seeking politicians, not a time for sinister developments with a crip- new ones, discuss their prob- third term pallyhoo; it is a time

pled productive machine and the lems, find inspiration to carry for strengthening our lines, for forfuture bodes no good for the com- on during the coming year. tifying our trenches, for bringing mon people. Up new ammunition to aid us in Unity Crying Need Unity within the abor movement martial glory, no brutal dom- enslave us. on the basis of honor and mutual ination, no conquests, no warrespect is the crying need of the like pomp. The warm milk Aided Loyalists

ment to 'defend human liberty, of comradeship flows deep at ! keep America at peace, preserve our gatherings. enhance democratic govern- Second, Labor Day is the time and ment, and to thwart the rise of when the miners greet the workers, class of Spain, we contributed thoufascism, has to be achieved. It of the United States and of the sands of dollars, despite our own shall be achieved, compelled by the world. We extend our hands in poverty. We aided the oppressed inexorable force of politics and solidarity to the WPA workers, the WPA workers in their fille fight economics, but we earnestly hope garment workers, the teamsters, against Roosevelt's relief hatchet-

it will come before it is too late. teachers and auto workers, to all men, we helped the striking oil and we will continue to find ways Years of quarreling have marred who struggle for labor's rights here workers of Texas, the struggling to stop chiseling in the future. the recent history of the gallant in the United States.

Illinois miners. But there were World Solidarity unity which gave the men of the We stretch out our hands in fel- vorkers were fight

National Executive Committee, Socialist Party of the United Norman Thomas, National Chaircontract.

. Travers Clement, National Sec-

the United Mine Workers, so that the stoppage of work that obtained A circus canceled an order for movement of our country.

> What we are endeavoring to ex- men. believe, from our understanding of balloting for shop employes of the

First of all, it is a family

Workers could strike any time, L. & N. Shopmen agreement or no agreement, in case any of the Progressive Min-CHICAGO -- If he were alive toers were hired in any certain mine day, Eugene Victor Debs would rewhere the Mine Workers had a Now then, if we had no split in

the American Labor Movement there would not be any other organization chartered by the Amer-Nashville.

in the bituminous mines for over five weeks can be charged directly to the split in the general labor

plain is that the bitterness and juring the labor movement, and while it continues, the prestige of the Sheet Metal Workers and O. H. the labor movement will be sub- Dye of the Machinists, stantially reduced everywhere. And still we have men who are at the settlement, but we have reason to nooga Boiler and Tank Co. and cle freeum.

Third, Labor Day is a time for

assessing our gains and our losses,

for renewing our protests against

ship of capital and labor by self-

Rap Segregation WASHINGTON, D. C.-Members joice at renewed signs of militancy among the nation's railroad workers. Forgotten today by the rail- of the Washington, D. C., circle of way unions, despite the fact that the Young Peoples' Socialist league he was their pioneer organizer, are participating in the struggle Debs would acclaim the organizing of the new Negro alliance against ican Federation of Labor except drive just launched among shop- discrimination in the hiring of emcraftsmen on the Louisville and ployes for store buisnesses in Negro leighborhoods in Washington. For months shopmen on this line

Mass picket lines around selected ave been calling for organizing stores on Saturdays, petitions and crews and have filled out hundreds letters from individuals and groups, authorization cards. The L. & and all-day picket lines before dif-N. employe about 7,000 shopcrafts | ferent stores daily are the means used by the alliance.

The standard railroad organizat. The Washington circle has also dissension obtaining is seriously in- tions are behind the drive, which been active in the fight against is headed by William Blalock of race discrimination in other fields. When public schools, backed by Dye of the Machinists. In addition many machinists' lo-tion, refused to allow the Little cais have renewed agreements with | Cinema guild, a group of Negro top of their organization who improved conditions, the boiler- actors, premission to use a school are not anxious to settle this ques- makers have cracked the open- auditorium for presenting plays, tion. They will not come out open- shop southeast by signing a closed the YPSL sponsored the production ly and say they hope there is no shop agreement with the Chatta- of two plays at the Workmen's Cir-

The plays were not only an arthose leaders, that they are not so Lehigh valley line to select the tistic, but a financial success, and much interested in the great mass- railroad shop crafts as their bar- the roups will jointly continue es of labor coming together as they gaining agencies is now going on. this type of activity.

WILLIAM GREEN, President, American Federation of Labor.

Young Socialists Denver Types

Propose Co-op Print Shops

DENVER - Establishment of printer-owned and operated newspapers in metropolitan centers where newspaper owners merge or had in it dublous items and held crats! And that's only one illustraout false hopes that the sum voted

suspend publications in the interests of monopoly and economy, is urged in a resolution to be intro- loans would warrant. The trouble duced to the eighty-third national is that congress gave us nothing to convention of the International take the place of the administra-Typographical union meeting in Ft but the thin hope that private capi-Worth, Texas, through a resolution [tal will get busy! unanimously adopted by Denver Typographical union No. 49 at its August meeting.

After pointing out the suspenas to make action important and

imperative, the resolution states of desirable public works requiring to do anything effective suggests: "the evils of unemployment come skilled labor and made work; (c) upon the newspaper workers to prevent relief work from becomthrough no fault of their own, but ing a career, and (d) to raise the (2) at once to rebuke and stiffer in every case grow out of the self interest of the owners, yet the ateither didn't do these things at all tendant misery and suffering are or did them so as to create new orne entirely by the workers." and worse evils.

The resolution urges "that the Most ominous, perhaps, of executive council is hereby authorcongressional misdeeds were the zed to enter the newspaper publistive allen and sedition bills passed lishing field in any locality where by the house, but fortunately not our membership suffers from un- by the senate. The action of the employment due to the causes here house, in each case, including the in referred to or where strikes or peculiarly vicious Smith bill, by overwhelming bi-partisan majorilockouts threaten the welfare of the members of the International ties is a high sign that the mem-Typographical union and the welbers think this sort of hysterical

fare of the surrounding commu illiberality toward aliens and to-nity."

American Labor Leaders

McNutt's boast in Time, in an

uncomfortably near the truth. It's bad business when labor dosm't even shove the president forward ity bill. (But it didn't write a prop- but hangs on to his coattails isstead. That's not the way to stop a reaction which to some extent ments; it defeated the housing bill, feeds upon organized labor's mintakes of omission and commission,

As for the Democratic party, it is wholly unfit to be regarded even a progressive. In the senate, belated efforts by Senator Murray to unde some of the harm to WPA got the support of a majority of the Redent's lending and spending bill publicans but not of the Deme-

> If one could have more confidence that the administration's di-

nunciation of our trade treaty with Japan was merely a belated prelude to intelligent action to prevent our tion's proposals. Nothing, that is, partnership in a war of aggression one might applaud it.

tion.

As it is, I, for one, am skeptical, As for WPA, the next few months The right way to have dealt with will show how serious was congresthe problem was a proper amendsional tampering with the adminment to the neutrality law putting istration's inadequate proposals. Congress would have done well (a) shipments of raw materials on a sions and mergers are so numerous to remove politics farther from ro- peace time quota. The presidents lief; (b) to distinguish in treatment sudden action after his long failure (1) a desire to steal a march on the Republicans in the senate; and insufficient relief in the south. It the British line in the far east. He may yet find himself scaring apan into a military alliance with

Germany while he himself strag-gles to pull 10 British chestmis (for every one American) out of a very hot fire.-

Actors, Stage Hands.'Battle **Unsettled**

Newspaper readers found theme selves in an alphabetical jungio and Broadway and Hollywood strikes were threatened last and as a result of a quarrel between #* tors' unions which American Foreration of Labor leaders, moeting at Atlantic City, were asked to mi tle. Involved were:

AAAA-The Associated Acted and Artists of America, a federat tion which includes the Actor Equity Union, the Screen Actor Guild and the Federation of Red Actors.

AFA-The American Federal of Actors, an organization of vert ville, night club and circus formers, headed by Sophie Taxat IATSE_The International ance of Theatrical Stage Employee,

the stagehands' organization. The AAAA recently ousted AFA. The IATSE then took AFA under its wing. The AAAA then demanded that AFL, big be of all these groups, separate AFA from the LATSE. There talk of an AAAA strike if. weren't done, and talk of an IAT strike if it were. Stars of Hollywood and Broadway, while leaned into the workel while, leaped into the ve

Labor Day to the Progres- | Italy, Austria and Czechoslovakia, their corner helping them . trade | from Weir and Girdler to Garner to the colonial peoples struggling punches with the common enemy, and Roosevelt. We stand four-Du Quoin Miners

fighting for a workers' world.

gave unstinted support. No cause vas ever more just than the fight to free these five boys so wrongly convicted and imprisoned in 1933. Group Outlines Ve intend to keep up this sort of Job Hunt Plan support; in fact, our union will not

free men.

This Labor Day finds the miners of Illinois in a bad position economically. Substitutes for coal and mechanization of the mines have representing approximately 150,000 members in more than 20 states. reduced both the number of men working and their yearly incomes. Federation members will demand But their fighting spirit is only that lawmakers who passed the stirred by such inroads. 1940 relief act either supply them

The Progressive Mine Workers of my board member district are Workers Fight

internationalists. To the working

Labor Day and the Illinois Miners

BY JACK BATTUELLO

Board Member and a Left Wing Leader Progressive Mine Workers of America

Our demonstrations mark no the fight against the forces that

To the DuQuoin Miners' Defense ommittee, which we consider a major adjunct to our union, we

New Unemployed

rest until these boys once again walk the streets of Du Quoin as PHILADELPHIA A nationwide "show us where the tobs are" cam-paign was outlined here at a meet-

ing of the national action committee of the Workers Security Federation, new unemployed center

with lists of jobs or promise to support drastic modifications of Attempts by operators to whittle the act when they get back to down rights won after bitter strug-Washington, Secretary Lloyd Leith gle are stubbornly resisted, now as of Baltimore said.

always. Stay-down strikes, and The committee condemned the brief stoppages in the past years relief act as "wholly inadequate" have spiked many such attempts. and "far short of the promises of President Roosevelt that none would starve."

warehouse men of St. Louis, the So on this Labor Day, with many - The committee also condemned embattled auto workers of Detroit militant struggles behind us, we Mayor LaGuardia for not halting We drew no lines. Wherever the rededicate ourselves to the fight the attacks on unemployed meet-





SOCIALIST CALL

Thomas Flays Stalin's Treachery

FRIENDS OF

THE SOVIET UNION

Socialist Leader Says Pact With Hitler Logical Result **Of Communist Political Line**

Moscow-Berlin Deal an Alliance, Not a Non-Aggression Pact; Stalinism in Retreat BY NORMAN THOMAS

Thousands of the dead, among them the greatest in the vast territories of whet Russia, perished ignobly, in contumely and scorn, because Stalin accused em of friendship with Fascist Germany. Stalin, according to Araquistain, one the ablest of the Spanish Loyalists, was responsible for the overthrow of the mailero government Targely because that government realistically wished to apmuch Italy and Germany on terms for ending their war against Loyalist Spain.

But last week, that same But last week, enge same that this unmatched hypocrisy, this must struggle against both the brazen double-standard of conduct, black Fascism and the red. If I were writing a book or even pression agreement to a nde pact which had preded it by less than a week. much to a military alliance n Japan ever had in the www.when men talked of the extent to which Hitler had gone in me-Berlin-Tokio triangle. No Escape Clause

wording of the pact was anmaced, men were hoping -- and munists in Moscow as well as watern lands encouraged the that at least the agreement mid contain the usual escape use by which it could be deand the parties to the pact inwhor commit an act of aggresstainst a third nation."

der of the contracting parties.

Stalin's Fear

General Krivitzky is doubtless correct in stating that it was Hitrigether these agreements ler's bitter anti-Communism rather institute a far nearer ap. than any ideological objection from Stalin which so long strained RussolGerman relations. It was this personal factor, the

portraying Communism to the German people as the arch enemy of mankind, and the degree to which We this is no non-aggression he has committed himself to Japan, All day long, before the ac- which led me to think that Stalin would have to turn from Hitler to some sort of uneasy agreement with the British and French governments despite the fact that they

had ignored him at Munich. Nevertheless, after Munich there were signs of a change in Hitler's inoperative in the event attitude. Months ago he showed, or permitted high Nazis to show, a deep interest in the negotiation of

a trade agreement. menent omit that clause, in Condor brigade back from Spain, He welcomed his well-named a e Russian knowledge of Ger- as victors over "the Christian dein semands on Poland; it went as victors over "red commun-ism further and provided that no ism," and he allowed or encouraged a mould be given under any cir- the growth of a friendly tone medieval regime of the tsars; Hittoward Russia in the German ler took over the apparatus of a libe

stance, will, it is some comfort to

The very necessity every totali-

tarian state is under to justify

its absolute claims, forces it to

pact.

If I were writing a book or even high on Moscow flag- because, (1) Stalin has checkmated distinguish between it and Fiss ris, and great was the re- the further machinations of the cism very sharply in respect to ing in Berlin. With pomp "Munich men," and (2) German their origins and to a much less Fascism has been injured by the extent in their present practices recessity Hitler was under to make Stalin has not yet vied with Hita pact with the very bolshevist ler in anti-Semitism or tribal na-rep added a so-called non-nounced. Jewish refugees from a country tionalism. (But he has shut out Jewish refugees from a country

which has room for and need of, hundreds of thousands of well trained artisans and professional men. Perhaps, like Mussolini, he may yet follow Hitler into the depths of racial intolerance.)-

The abolition of private capitaland of purges. ism is, of course, more complete in the U. S. S. R. than in Germany, but Anne O'Hare McCormick has testified that in the latter country "private property," in the capitalis sense, "has become a euphemism.] Stalin has proved that the totalita rian state, run by a handful of bureaucrats, can take the surplus value created by workers about as completely and arbitrarily as the capitalist system itself. The ex-

tremes in money wages and salaries between high and low appear to be greatergin the U.S.S.R. than in this country.

Lip Service

Russian achievements in eduqation and social welfare for the masses are more conspicuous than Hitler's, but Stalin had only to improve on the unenlightment of the

millions of Russians have been vicy Garment Workers famine of '32, of political arrests **Cheer Thomas at** It was reserved for the country which Stalin faisely calls Socialist Protest Meeting to produce a respected physician NEW YORK-The new war danwho testified that at the order of Yagoda, head of the secret police, ger and the crisis created by the

he had abatted the death of Maxin signing of the Nazi-Soviet pact Gorky, one of Russia's most distinguished sons. I redite this brief list with a

neavy heart. I never was a Communist of any sort-yet for many vears] thought that I saw over Russia. amid clouds and thunder, the red dawn of a new and glorious day. And my heart rejoiced. Slowly and reluctantly was I driven by belated accounts of Stalin's war on

the peasants, by the purges, by what I saw and heard in Russia itself, and above all by the increasing evidence of competent witnesses, to accept the truth of the charges I. have summarized.

I looked eagerly for disproof of eral and literate Germany. Stalin these. I looked in vain. Denunstill gives lip service to certain ciations of authors is not disproef of the accuracy of their statements. Neither is it a valid answer to them to argue that Fascism is worse than Stalinism or that our own capitalist democracy, which under their present line is so dear to our Communist friends, has some parallel faults. It was never the promise of Socialism that it would merely be as just and democratic as the systems which it attacked! It is a time for straight thinking, plain speaking and vigorous action. Our demodracy is doomed if in unions, and political parties, in the city, state and federal governments, we let leadership fall into the hands of Communists or Dowell presided at the meeting. fellow travelers or permit policies The exercise of religion and the to be determined by a party so ican League for Peace and Democrights of churches are more re- controlled by Moscow that it has racy held a parade Saturday in stricted in Russia than in Germany to just fy Stalin's agreements with support of the "Soviet peace poland much more than in Italy, Hitler. It is not witch hunting icy" while Socialists distributed Voluntary associations are illegal in to demand understanding or sin- leaflets to the paraders and speccerity in the service of democracy. tators, condemning the Stalin-Hit-Stalin's infamous pact with his legal partyl at the last election in fellow dictator has at least made une struggle against war and for all the election districts there was the issue plain: His Communism but one candidate for each office is the ally, not the foe of Fascism, States out of war. on the ballot, and there was not the enemy, not the friend of dea similar degree of social welfare even, as in Germany, a place to mocracy and the workers' cause. There is nothing to choose be- and their fellow travelers who in the international scene. Speaktween concentration camps and set have been sincere in their opposi- ers included Norman Thomas, andard other than the as over the formation and expression cret police. Russian victures have tion to fascism will recognize that Travers Clement and other membeen more numerous and their fact and turn from Stalin and the bers of the national executive comtarianism is far more important friends less well informed of their Third International before they mittee. piece with the power politics than the original creed under fate. Mrs. Reubens, you will remem- are required to make a united which it was attained. Today, in- ber, the American woman involved front with Fritz Kuhn's Nazi and may perchance perish ternational communism's major in the false passport case, after her Bund in the name of what Izves- Laidler Speaks and may perchance perish ternational communisms major trial asked in open court only que tia calls a good neighbor policy. To Unionists Socialism has been sorely wounddictatorship rather than with any The government representative ed in the house of its self-styled NEW YORK Harry Laider, a type of Marxism. That is why the would not tell her-this after 18 friends, but true Socialism is not member of the National Executive

RADIO BROADCAST

Norman Thomas Will Address the People of the United States From Cleveland

SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 3, 1939

> at 9 P. M.-E.S.T. 8 P. M.--C.S.T. 7 P. M.-R.M.T. 6 P. M.-P.S.T.

Over N. B. C. Network

Union Saves Through Co-Ops

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - "Coloprative Distributors is doing a good job, saving our junion an average of 40 per cent on office supplies and equipment, while steel workers for the first time in their lives are wearing union made neckties suplied by the co-operatives," said E. Lever, one of the organizers of Co-operative Distributors and now director of a coordinated program of organizing the 53,000 workers employed by Bethlehem Steel throughout the country. "Steel workers are also getting out of the clutches of the loan sharks through SWOC sponsored

WDL Conference

Louis Yagoda, national organizer,

Workmen's Circle, Ashley Tolten

Clara Handleman, Morris Mil-

Shades of 1914

credit unions," Lever said,

BUTLER, N. J .- The second annual Labor Day-weekend conference sponsored by the Workers' has galvanized the workers of New Defense League of New Jersey will York into renewed anti-war acopen at the Goodwill camp here tivity. Protest meetings were im-Saturday, Sept. 2. The conference mediately organized. topic will be "The Story of Work-The Socialist Party of New York ers' Rights in the U. S. Speakquickly got into stride. Norman Thomas, national chairman of the party, went on the air last Thursers will include Norman Thomas. Osmond Fraenkel Herbert Mahler of the Kentucky Miners' Defense, day in a half-hour broadcast in

Young.,

sense.

which he discussed the significance of the Stalin-Hitler rapprochement. During the noon-hour the next day, workers in the Garment Center of New York rallied by the thousands around a Socialist meeting and cheered Norman Thomas as he urged them to increase their

efforts against war.

Birds of a Feather! BY HERBERT ZAM Only those who were either completely blind or com-

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pletely duped should be shocked by the "non-aggression act" between Hitler and Stalin which was concluded on the eve of the probable seizure of Danzig and the Corridor by Hitler and the possible dismemberment of Poland. Not only the revelations of Krivitzky and others as to Stalin's admiration for Hitler and his secret desire for an alliance with this second "strong man" of Europe; not only the "resignation" of Litvinoff as foreign minister;

not only Stalin's dallying in the about the "betrayal" by Chambernegotiations with England-but lain and Daladier. But-on March Stalin's entire proving any in 10, Stalin made a speech to the Stalin's entire previous course in Communist congress in which he foreign relations since the ascent declared that not Germany, but of Hitler to power have pointed to other countries, were the enemies an eventual alliance between the of the soviet union and they were trying to egg Germany on to make

Reason for Purges

It is now clear way stain with tries. ______ dailying in the negotiations with tries. _______ dailying in the negotiations with tries. _______ Hitler took the hint, and a few obstacles in the way of an agreedays later, on March 14, he took ment and delay negotiations so over what was left of Czechoslovathat a deal with Hitler could be kia. Stalin's role in Spain is too consummated in secret and then well known to require commentsprung on Chamberlain. his participation in the infamous It is now clear why Litvinoff had |"non-intervention" pact together to be removed: he was taking the with the "Municheers," his continof "dollective security" too ued supplying of oil to Mussolini talk seriously and was making too and Hitler, which in turn went much progress for its accomplish- straight to Franco, his blackmailing ment. of the government in return for It is now clear why Stalin had arms and munitions, his deliberate to purse all other prominent fig- creation of a civil war inside the ures in the Soviet Union who were Loyalist camp in the interests of

not his satelites: He had to re- the small Communist clique in move all possible leaders of an Spain-played their role in the deanti-Stalin movement in the Soviet feat of the Loyalists and the vic-

Union which is bound to develop tory of Franco. when the full significance of the All of these events were the log-Stalin-Hitler deal makes itself felt ical forerunners for a policy of raamong the rank and file workers approachment between Hitler and and Communists. Stalin which have now borns fruit.

Travelers Duped

Rescuing Fascism

war against the Soviet Union, con-

Undoubtedly many will say that Almost simultaneous with the Stalin has "betrayed" the "col- non-aggression pact came news of security" movement, the a trade treaty between Russia and lective 'democratic front" and the "unity Germany. In view of the non-agagainst the aggressors" move-gression pact, it must be clear that ment. In reality the betrayal is this trade treaty will also be the mostly in the minds of those who forerunner for more extensive had illusions that "collective secommercial relations between Gercurity' would be carried out and many and Russia.

bring the millenium which its adocates predicted. The propaganda for "collective supply in Germany was beginning securitiv snare the liberals, the innocents in a pre-war atmosphere, Russia and the fellow travelers, to make will now make up the food deficit. gram, Gus Tyler and Harriet them think that Stalin, and only The German economy was enterwas fighting Fascism. Stalin |

cies in practice were the exact op- vere and unexpected competition posite of his "collective security" from England and the U.S. had propaganda. During the Italian in- come to a standstill. Hitler's alo-

to African shores.

Keeping America

Out of War

REP. J. G. ALEXANDER OF MINNESOTA

In the House of Representatives

from Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, who kept

out of the World war, although they were much closer

to it than we were, and who also had to stay neutral.

They really did it, and thereby set for us an example.

In delving into their problem and trying to ascertain

the secret of their success in that respect, I found that they lost large numbers of ships and of people, but still

they persisted in real neutrality For instance, little Holland lost 290 vessels, with 201,797 gross tons, or 16

per cent of the total tennage of their fleet. They lost

1,025 men, leaving 568 widows, 1,648 children, 125

fathers and mothers, and 40 other dependent relatives,

or 3,281 people altogether. We lost 343,090 tons; so

Holland lost almost as much as we did, but she did not

go to war. Norway lost 976,576 tons; Denmark, 210,-

880; Sweden, 180,415; but they used their common

Perhaps we could take a lesson in such problems

Hitler's interests in such a treaty at this time are clear-the food was intended only to en- to run very low, a dangerous signal ing upon a new crisis because the But Stalin's international poli- export program, encountering se-

we than that. The agreement mically contemplates mutual

milition on every issue that r trise under it. These comints were given by a govern- the new Russo-German-Italian unt which had welcomed the derstanding constitutes the kind nu given almost before the had subsided of official asciece that a military undering with the western democ**wa might still be possible!** Witme will reveal the full sigance of such duplicity.

Timing Shows Treachery a me make clear that it is the w and the attendant circumthe of this signing of a non**quasion** pact which make it so icable and dangerous a thing; itelf a properly worded nonreasion agreement might have

• a logical and consistent cliu to, and application of. Lenin's uple-which Stalin long since wet-that neither the Russian a nor the workers of Europe anything to gain from the and even in theory. of capitalist states. Then it

a have been a contribution wrid peace. if the Communist rulers of

and masters of the Third work for its serfs and control over vote no. mational had never professed vital economic processes as well standard other than the as over the formation and expresabrest. Stalin's Machiavellian modern world the fact of totalla politics would have been compe, a continent which has * to Britain, France and Pomerely what Britain and did to Republican Spain effort of Stalinists to present the months of separation. reminded the Polish rulers wided, and he could have that, unlike these other

he won much of imporhimself in eastern Europe the Far East. **Own Principles Betrayed**

* Stalin and his Communists wofessed to be unlike the of capitalist states, they tinders in a crusade against and for democracy! It is the light of these professions the attendant circumstanhat Stalin's agreement with thecomes a piece of infamy which Munich was an adin ethics, and the hyponon-intervention agreefood faith. It is not pri-Chamberlain whom Stalin wrayed but his own prin-

the western democracies, notare the most vociferous of what Quincy Howe has trge that the United States war, or enter the road which mocracy and humanity, and the onward march of Fas-

Workers Ignored st this critical hour, Stalin,

of the Third International, the world by friendly Thomas declared, "the Christian 10 p. m., the mob-I can think of with the chief of the Front has brought to our city not no other word-crowds into the fors! In all this, the Russian tolerance but intolerance; not subway along with Social Justice were as little consulted by peace, but strife; not the demo- salesmen headed for Times Square.

Three Gods democratic and Socialist ideals de-Nothing, however-and this is

nied by Hitler, but here the distinccause for rejoicing-proves that tion in his favor ends. By every test of civil liberty Russian life is at least as much regirench military mission and of alliance which will easily give mented as in the Fascist countries. to the powers concerned the mas-The press, schools and radio are if tery of Europe and Asia. The anything more absolutely conworld isn't big enough for three trolled. The size of the country gods. Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin makes it easier to keep out foreign have every reason to distrust each broadcasts or printed matter. The other. The very intensity of their workers do indeed have unions, to nationalism will divide them. Men which they must belong, but they fight for power regardless of a are virtually company-unions in common religion or ideology. The relation to the state. To strike is as religion of totalitarianism will pro- dangerous in Russia as in Ger voke such conflict. Japanese to- many. talitarianism over Asia, for in-

Monolithic Party

think, suffer gravely from this Nevertheless, the negotiations between Stalin and Hitler were made easier because the longer their regimes last, the more simi-In the U.S.S.R. there is but one; lar do they become in practice

this could plead that he had totalitarian Russia under Stalin's question, "Where is my husband?"

the Czechoslovakia. He could final conflict as the struggle be- In a famous dispatch of Oct. 11, its principles the hope of man- and director of the League for Intween Fascism and Communism 1938, Walter Duranty reported that kind. bey played the jackal to the is at once pathetically and dan-Russia had killed more Jews than Unite! In the fulfillent of that state convention of the Bricklayin lion when Czechoslovakia gerously false. Rather, it is true Germany, though not, of course, as great slogan still lies peace, pros- ers, Masons and Plasterers' union that democracy and Socialism Jews. No one knows how many perity and freedom for mankind. Aug. 10.

ОH "It is easy to be discouraged in the face of this great betrayal," he warned, "but our duty as workers is to carry on the fight against

war and for a Socialist world." Travers Clement, national secretary of the Socialist party, in New York for a meeting of the party's national executive committee, addressed the meeting and declared that "the outline of the hidden knife was visible, for a long time in the sleeve of Stalin."

He reminded the audience that Chamberlain and Daladier were no better and that the fight against capitalism was the answer to the present situation. Arthur G. Mc-

The Communist-dominated Amerler love-fest and calling for a genrenewed efforts to keep the United

Monday night saw an overflow meeting in the Center hotel to pro-I think thousands of Communists test against the new developments

dead. Never more than today were committee af the Socialist party Workers of the world, dustrial Democracy, addressed the

Workers who have lived to regret being taken in by atrocity stories and war propaganda (since exposed as false) prior to America's entry into the last war will be in- Italy during the entire period of for German exports.

terested in the present line of the Communist party.

Worker said: "Japs Poison Wells." trucks carrying Mussolini's terrorconscripted for military training, oil for the battleships and transarmaments. Their slogan there:

"Cigarets for the conscripts!" Shades of 1914.

asion of Ethiopia. Stalin and the gan "export or die" was threaten-International Communist pressing to become a reality in the seckept howling for sanctions and ond alternative. for a boycott of Italy.

Stalin is saving the German But-Russia kept selling oil to economy by opening a new field

the war, oil for the operation of But what does Russia get out of the planes which were bombing this treaty? The official state-One recent headline in the Daily the natives, oil for the tanks and ments declare that Russia needs German machinery! After the In Britain, where youth is being ists into the heart of Ethlopia, first, second and third five-year plans have been completed, after the CP supports bigger and better ports carrying Mussolini's troops the material basis for Socialism was supposed to have been laid,

When Munich was concluded, the is Russian economy in such a se-Communists cried to high heaven rious condition that only help from German fascist economy will

> save it? Stalinism's Collapse

And if so, is not this a confession of the complete collapse of the Stalin internal course? Stalin's internal policies having collapsed, his external policies having led to an alliance with Hitler and a consequent strengthening of fascism both in Germany and internationally, he can only remain in power by brute force and physical extermination of all critics, actual or potential.

No-doubt the Communist movement, which today is nothing but an agency to apologize for the foreign policies of Stalin, will once more come to the defense of the Hitler-Stalin deal. They will even find that it strengthens the Soviet Union, weakens Hitler and is a great force for peace! It is too much to expect that any substantial portion of Communists will have their eyes opened by this development.

But how about the fellow-trayelers and sincere liberals? Should they not begin to wonder about their association with a movement which, while condemning Munich. organizes a Munich of its own; which, while advocating boycott of fascist goods enters into extensive trade agreements for these same fascist goods; which, while putting "democratic" pressure on the countries for unity against Hitler, itself unites with Hitler and makes such unity impossible; which, on the eve of every international crisis, has given the despised fascist aggressor the go-ahead signal.

Fascism's Brother

It should be clear by now to those who went with the Communists under the slogan of democracy, that there is no more democracy inside the Soviet Union for workers and revolutionists than in Germany. Those who thought that the Communists would help check fascist aggression should now be convinced that the Communism of Stalin nurtures and

feeds fascism. Those who thought that Stalin's "Now at this late date shall the foreign policy would protect the small -nations should have their should be seeking the conquest of wants with Poland. Communism strengthens, not the forces of de-

"And - crowning infamy-shall mocracy but the forces of reation.



Flays Coughlin **In Radio Address**

Spain a model of Interna- that "in human history, some been committed under ban-

The United States, the Com- liberty and peace," Norman Thomas denounced Father "dy called the "war party." Coughlin and the Christian y leads to war, in order to the League for Industrial Democracy hour over Station

WEVD. Thomas' subject was self. "What's Behind the Christian Front?"

"In its comparatively short life,"

Germany." Thomas charged that "the Chris- and the development of the offen- on which they feed. Let the police

Father Coughlin, despite his ex- cial Justice. NEW YORK - Declaring press denial of membership in or sponsorship of this or any other New York is not impotent. Let the discussion. of the greatest crimes have the radio priest praised it in extravagant terms as the victorious

enemy of what he calls a Communers inscribed with justice, nist popular front. Its members sell Father Coughlin's magazine, Social Justice.

"There has been and is an exchange of ideas, speakers and possibly more active aid between it. Front in an address during (the Christian Front) and half a dozen other semi-Fascist organizations like the Silver Shirts, Crusaders, and even the Nazi Bund it-

"On several occasions when Christian Front and similar meetings break up in the Bronx about were as little consulted by peace, but strife; not the demo-te the Germans by Hitler; cratic Americanism of Thomas Jef-They run up and down the subway the demo-te the Germans by Hitler; cratic Americanism of Lincoln, but cars, insulting passengers who look

Norman Thomas ing street scenes ominously remi- is a simple statement of fact that which will not, as some good men niscent of the kind of thing that for years it has been virtually un- have assured, in 'silence burn itself happened first in Italy and then in known in New York, until the ap- out.' Hate and intolerance and their pearance of the Christian Front expression in violence grow on that

tian Front was and is inspired by sive tactics of the salesmen of So- and the magistrates vindicate public order which requires "In the present crisis the dity of abridgement of no true right of world.

political organization. On July 30 newspapers, soberly and fairly, set ' 'Let leading citizens of all creeds

Man Behind the Scenes

The Rev. Charles Coughlin of Royal Oak, Mich., whom Norman Thomas last week denounced as the mentor of the Fascist "Christion Front." Big business and alien Fascists like the Catholic father.



Ku Klux Klan. New York is enact- erated whoever initiates it. But it forth the truth about a situation and races unite to speak and act has come with immigrants, with for the preservation of that fair their brains and their brawn. and orderly discussion of issues into the weaving of the tapestry of which we had hoped was becoming our national life has gone somemore and more the ideal of the thing from Jew and Gentile, Cathgovernment and the people of the the most cosmopolitan dity in the

Workers, Poverty

everything we need to produce

recite.

turies—to win, of tolerance, humanity and fellowshipi "The incarnate hate and fear which stalk the European continent

bitterness and the oppression new wars of religion? which our ancestors, men of many lands and faiths, came to this new this crime be committed in the A choice must be made before it land to escape.

abundance for all of everything; What freedom, tolerance, democthat is, except the spirit and the racy, fraternity we have, that we ASHEVILLE, N. C .- Forty lead-

Grapes of Wrath "Out of the seeds which the

"Ours is a fertile land. We have the Christian Front? "I answer a thousand times No! Workers' Institute

olic and Protestant, English, Scotch. Welsh, Irlsh, French, German, Czech, Pole, Magyar, Italian, Spaniard, Swede-the list is too long to

"Men who in the centuries since Christian Front and its allies are Rome fell pever learned to be Eusowing, our children and our chil-dren's chlidren may still be harv- erations to be Americans. esting the grapes of wrath. We

may in a few years lose what it has taken generations no, cenmany colored tapestry of our national life be rent? Now, while to- eyes opened by Stalin's cynical ingether workers of every kind vitation to Hitler to do what he

will acquire new habitation among poverty and richer fulfillment for has long since ceased being prous. We shall have created by our democracy, shall we go back to old gressive. It has become reactionown stupid and intolerant hates the tribal hates or curse ourselves with ary. Further association with it

name of liberty, social justice and is too late.





Diverting the blame of the

lem from the canneries, see

tuckians seeking to revive a

tucky-Indiana feud are reasons for the mess." The canneries

Migrates Not Organized

enough power over all men

government authority held

Jersey Mob, Hoosier Cops Attack Farm Worker

Negroes Beaten By Nightriders At Cranbury, N. J.

Reward for Assailants Offered By Workers' Defense League

CRANBURY, N. J.-The common people of Cranbury-If the Irish both Negro and white - seethed with indignation today against 15 masked nightriders who routed seven Negro Won't Fight farm workers from their shack, stripped and beat them and Why Should We then covered them with paint and ordered them to "head Britain expects every American to do his duty and fight for the British empire—but Ireland—that's

south."

Dey farm, 15 miles from the state capital, were forced outside, then a Asked by WSF married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Preston who were sleeping in the In Illinois back room, were ordered out and all seven forced to strip., When ; CHICAGO As a result of the land had objected strongly to in-

men were forced to run through.

the bushes while shots were fired above their heads.

WDL Branch Formed

Mr. and Mrs. Preston were forced to lie on the floor of a car, threatened with maiming and mutilation. Then they were driven to a deserted field, made to jump back and forth across a ditch and finally forced to the ground while their naked bogies were covered with paint.

When the night-riders left, after more threats, the couple stumbled farmhouse and borrowed some potato sacks for covering. They arrived "home" early in the morning to find \$20-"all the money we had in the world"-stolen.

Morris Milgram, secretary of the Workers' Defense League of New Jersey, met with a group of local residents to discuss the situation, formed a branch of the WDL and posted a reward offer for information concerning the terrorists.

Miserable Conditions the WDL. The homes of the migratory farm workers are miserable corncribs, barns and shedsall overcrowded. Sanitary conditions are indescribable.

The laborers average 2 cents a bushel for picking potatoes-about

Five men sleeping in the outer Special Session

ward the fc lowing demands: 1. That the governor call a spe-

pass the ald to dependent children

2. council for raising additional funds licans. (a) collection of delinquent by taxes from valuable properties (b)

a program of city economies. (c) state laws permitting additional

tests by their pledges to the New

The Biblical quotation "Though he slay me yet will I trust him"

militant and determined children without shoes, though he | Many of them have their chilgroup, the Cranbury WDL mem- backs the Woodrum bill and dren with them since there is no bers feel they have little to lose plunges us toward war, yet will I one in the outside world in whose and much to gain by uniting in go on with Roosevelt and Kelly." | care they can be left.

Gets Relief Check-Critical

Situation in Illinois

years of relief experience, which

'No One Shall Starve' Hungry Woman Faints as She

UAW Wins Packard Vote



Packard Motor Car company employes as they

for the CIO auto union over Homer Martin's

Youth and Labor Day -BY JUDAH DROB. SECRETARY, YPSL

Labor Day this year must bring to the labor movement CLEVELAND-The tenth consideration of the problem that will haunt organized worknational convention of the ers more and more. Unless the labor movement starts to Young Peoples' Socialist take stock of its relationship to youth it will be very likely league opening here Sept. 1 to find young people hostile to its aims and ready to assist lawyer from Indianapolis, is one of will concentrate on several those who would destroy it.

ceed.

them.

should be directed toward increas-

ing the social services that are so

badly needed but never undertaken

privately because they yield no profit. It should include the or-ganization of youth in industry so

that the blind alley and appren-

ticeship occupations will not be used to exploit young workers. It should include the provision of

more educational facilities and

financial aid for those who are ca-

pable of taking advantage of them.

This is only suggesting the bare

outline of a program that must

have flesh and blood behind it.

vigor and militancy in its prosecu-

tion, and the urgent attention of

Can the labor movement take

this opportunity to win youth to its

side? If so, youth and labor can be

indissolubly linked. If not, youth

and labor may go their separate ways-and then wee to both of

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Indiana Hounds **Migrants Lured By Fake Promises** es and the Franklin newson

Cops Jail Workers, Adding Chapter to "Grapes of Wrath"

BY HARRY F. COHEN FRANKLIN, Ind.-This section, communication to appear to be long fertile for central Indiana re-, lieved of all responsibility.

action, today has Johnson county police dragneting the countryside : Most of those jailed were to jail or hound out of the state their freedom following my hundreds of migratory workers eight days, after being finger lured here from central and south- ed. They were then told to at ern states by promises of jobs in of the state as best they tomato fields and canning fac-; For the most part, the min tories, enacting another chapter in both jailed and hounded out a The Grapes of Wrath." state, were mystified by there

The seven canning factories in ation. They were given no the the county, including the notorious- ; band together. y reactionary sweat-shop, the The one fortunate aspect Morgan Packing company, are pur-"capitalist trickery" was that suing a policy of keeping wages few families of migrants a lown-by a mass influx of destitute The workers who arrived in aborers. Cases are on record to secure jobs were largely m where they have actually refused linnocent that they were to be to hire numerous local workers, itims of out and out fabria County police even picked then fearing that they can be more sasily organized. in their own automobiles. Some local observers were w

Solicit Workers

opinion that the situation in According to the migratory workworse than in other canning ers, the canneries have placed sons, pointing out that such a y signs throughout the south, but lem arises every year. It is the argely in the neighboring state of that the canneries double Kentucky, proclaiming that jobs profits. They claimed that a are available in the canning facthe novel, "The Grapes of Wa tories, as well, as in the corn and to bring the problem to the mil tomato fields owned by them. Mias, a whole. grants have come from 13 states, mostly from Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, North Caro-lina, Arkansas and Illinois. Approximately 75 workers have een jailed, most of whom were charged with vagrancy and tres-passing, while countless others have been bodily driven out of the state and county. Sheriff Nelson Pangburn maintained that his action was to insure the health and safety of Johnson county, and only nonsupporting migrants have been driven out.

Both the American Civil Liberties union and the Workers' Defense league are investigating what one responsible observer called the "complete disregard of civil liberties." John Kingsberry, Socialist the leaders in the C. L. U. probe."

all classifications have been laid to

them by Johnson county authori-

Labor Day Greetings

to a fine Socialist and Labor

Newspaper, from

Wadsworth, Ohio

Labor Day Greetings

to the CALL

May This Issue Be a

Stepping Stone to a

Daily -CALL

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Bronx, N. Y.

In the Spirit of Debs

We Pledge to Carry on the Fight Against Imperialist War...

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. Milgram Elected JERSEY CITY, N. J. - Morrs

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federal works retrenchment pro- has been elected assistant nationgram. The Workers Security Fed- al secretary of the WDL: He will eration is the only organization of begin work in the national office To Feature YPSL Parley an unfettered honest program for will continue to live here and paran unfettered, honest program for | will continue to live here and parthe good of the workers since the ticipate in the anti-Hague fight, Workers Alliance is tied hand and which is far from ended. His foot against national or local pro- successor in New Jersey has not yet been chosen.

my family, though he leaves my in the prisons of Madrid.

gestions already made to the city dered thousands of Irish Repub-

has been paraphrased by the WAA Spain comes the news that there to read "Though he starve me and are today more than 8,000 women

BY INA WHITE-

·CHICAGO-A woman fainted in a Chicago relief station

1930

all seven forced to strip, when critical relief situation in Chi-Preston objected, he was beaten critical relief situation in Chi-with a rubher hose. cago and Illinois, the Workers Se- Northern Ireland (Ulster) in the All seven had their hands taped curity Federation here is growing conscription bill. De Valeral' has behind them, then the five single rapidly. The WSF is putting for- pledged Ireland's neutrality in any new war. Strangely enough, the Irish don't cial session of the legislature to al- want to fight to make the world

locate state funds immediately and safe for British "democracy." They had their fill of Britain's democracy in the bloody "Black and

That the mayor follow sug- Tan" war when British troops mur-, **Extension of Anti-War**

\$100 Reward

TRENTON, N. J. - The

Workers Defense league is of-

fering \$100 raward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of 15

masked men who recently stripped, beat and painted seven Negroes at Cranbury,

potato-picking center of New Jersey. Anyone having information concerning these

lynch mobsters please com-municate with the Workers

Defense League, 112 E. Nine-

The British house of commons

was forced to amend the government's conscription bill to exclude

Northern Ireland from its pro-

visions. The government of Ire-

eenth st., New York city.

ity taxes on relief. Milgram, secretary of the New Behind the relief crisis is the Jersey Workers' Defense league,

Tenth Convention **Opening Sept. 1 in** PARIS, France - Direct from Cleveland

roted for the United Automobile Workers (CIO) to represent them as sole collective bargaining agent. The election, conducted by sn NLRB offi-

AFL group.

Work, Mass Youth Drive

cial (seated at left), was a four to one victory

\$1.50 a day, when they work. They have been getting two and three days' work a week. Whole 'families come up from the south each summer under a contract labor system that stinks to heaven, or in response to letters full of promises from Jersey farmers.

the other day. When she revived, she apologized for "causing Neither the governor nor the farmers show any concern about trouble," saying it must have been the excitement of receivthe discrimination, the miserable

living conditions, the daily hu- ing a check. She had had nothing to eat for -but she could not make her food miliation and mistreatment of Nethree days.

groes. Out of her \$13.81 allowance for The workers know that, and are determined, with the aid of the a month this woman paid \$12 for ment, but from starvation! rent. This woman has a serious Workers' Defense league, to stand tumor and is physically unable to

Debs would have gone to the people as Thomas goes now

Does this seem remote, far from present-day realities?

up and defend their own rights. do housework-the only thing she is trained to do. She has had five

Labor Party Wins

democracy.'

The Fight at Home

ploit his brother.

could well have foreseen.

Socialist dawn.

includes several evictions from her BRECON, England—an election home. She is in mortal fear of victory in the Radnor and Brecon constituency was recorded by the being without shelter. Labor party in the recent election. Faced with a relief cut which It was the first time a Socialist allowed her only \$1.81 a month for ability of the family to live on the party, and Noah C. A. Walter, as-had won this seat in a straight food, she decided bread and milk small relief allowances. They had sistant manager of the Laundry fight. Largely agricultural, the was the best diet she could af- good furniture bought during the Workers' joint board of New district turned a 1935 Tory major- ford. She allowed herself two days when Mr. Martin was work- York. ity of 2,169 into a 1939 Labor ma- slices of bread and half a cup of ing for International Harvester jority of 2,636.

own backyard, not in the Polish corridor.

milk for each of two meals a day and work was slack,

But one thing went after an-other. Eviction followed eviction Debs-Man Unafraid

money last a month.

She fainted-not from

Degradation .

said he could never work again.

excite-

with the periodic relief "retrench-ments." Mr. Martin's health became more acute and with the loss embroilments. They recognize the hypocrisy of such phrases of health went loss of morale In by a meeting of the national exas, "We must fight for democracy," even as Debs recognized 1936 he moved out of the home, eputive committee of the league on since he could no longer assist the Friday, Sept. 1., Registration will family. the hypocrisy of the glib slogan "To keep the world safe for

Family Barefoot When visited by her case worker

week ago, Mrs. Martin and all the children were barefooted. Mrs. to tell them that the "democratic front" is in Jersey City Martin had worn her shoes completely out looking for a place to ! and Detroit, in Tampa and Terre Haute rather than on any "And they were borrowed far-flung imperialist battle-line, beyond the blue Atlantic. shoes," she said sorrowfully. That if we are to fight for democracy the struggle is in our She is now in two rooms with but one bed, a cot and an ice box.

When the case worker visited her, We study the life of our dead leader, we keep green his the ice box contained only enough memory, but we know that these commemorations are empty spoons of melted lard. Her next publication and constitution. gestures unless we follow his way of life. As Debs scorned the easy acceptance of palliatives for the curing of the deadly date for a relief check was only the easy acceptance of palliatives for the curing of the deadly date for a relief check was only ers on "Youth in a World of Crisis" sickness of capitalism, so we must resolve to be lured by no a week away. The children were will be featured Saturday morning. crying from hunger. reformist slogans away from our Socialist task. That task is

She receives \$33,55 for all exthe creation of a genuinely democratic commonwealth, penses for a month. It is extremewherein the workers own the tools of production, wherein ly difficult for a relief client to plenary meetings to hear reports find rooms. The place where she and recommendations of commitproduction is for use rather than profit and no man can exis now costs \$8.50 a month.

> Back of It All Why?

How often have we read recently that the world is "through Because: with all that." By "all that" is meant of course, the strug-gle for Socialism. This is a sample of wishful thinking that The state legislature set a limit of \$4,000,000 a mobth for reshould be familiar to us by now. Debs heard it often enough. We hear it with every recurring crisis in international and from WPA crits. of the Fat Boys that we may not be through by any means.

That the struggle has taken a new direction since the has found no way of raising money death of Debs is obvious. The world of Debs like the world to meet the deficit resulting from of Marx is not our world in a thousand and one external reduced state allocations. 3. The state did not pass Aid to Dependent Children aspects. The new problems flowing from the super-nation-

alism of the totalitarians introduce a phase of capitalism in which would have allowed federal for a large proportion of those who

Yet these problems which our Socialist generation faces need assistance. are at bottom the same as those faced by the earlier com- Chicago and the state of Illinois rades. The cancer growth of private profit is at the heart to correct this terrible condition. of them. Until it is removed, there can be no lasting peace. One crisis will follow another until the world goes down in Labor Day Greetings the chaos of barbarism or goes up in the clear light of the Socialist Party of As for us, we pledge anew our faith in the philosophy

farms who would like to get away Chief among these is the initiaand get jobs. Very often they find tion of a mass campaign for youth's the older workers organized and in needs which will involve trade possession of hard won seniority unions and farm organizations as rights-and in these cases the emwell as youth groups. ployers make haste to blame the

The convention will also discuss lack of jobs on the unions. the extension of the league into The result is understandable and new fields and the furtherance of appalling. An organizer among young people runs into more antiantiwar work to include international as well as national activity. labor, prejudice from this cause than from all other causes com-

Two Fruitful Years

As the delegates come to order in Cleveland's magnificent auditorium they will hear reports on the are not responsible for the lack of

growth of the league in all its secjobs---that it is the capitalist sys-Mrs. Martin and her four small tions and convention decisions will tem that is at fauit. We try to the labor movement if it is to succhildren have been on relief since seek to coordinate the experience At that time, Mr. Martin that has been gained in two unshow them the justice of the right of seniority. But their need is too because seriously ill and the doctor usually fruitful years.

great and the buffetings of the The convention will be highlightworld are too severe. They refuse For four years the case workers ed by a mass meeting Sunday, with remarked on the fine home life, addresses by Norman Thomas, na-the excellent housekeeping and the tional chairman of the Socialist to listen to these arguments. Pure theory does not satisfy them. We of the labor movement have

to find some answer to this problem or we shall be overwhelmed by the forces of fascism which will bring the energy and strength of Chief among the honored guests

youth to battle against the organpeddling fruit or coal when at the gathering will be Comrade ized working class. We have to show Julia Rivera, representative of the youth that the labor movement is Socialist youth of Puerto Rico, and

bined.

Must Find Answer

We try to explain that the unions

Travers Clement, national secretary of the Socialist party.

"Youth and Crisis" The convention will be preceded

sessions will begin promptly on

Saturday morning. Delegates and visitors will hear the report of the national executive committee, greetings from prominent guests, and will then buckle down to the work of their committees and commissions. These will include commissions on student, unemployed, antiwar, farm, co-op

nternational relations and organization. Committees to be elected beans for one meal and two table-A banquet with a panel of speak-

Wide Representation

The sessions will wind up with tees and commissions and the elec-

tion of officers for the coming two

Delegates and visitors are atlending from every part of the country. Some circles are sending when \$6,000,000 could only their entire membership to particihave met the minimum needs of pate in the work of the convention We hear it with every recurring crisis in international and those already receiving assistance, and every effort has been made to domestic affairs. It is clear indication of the secret fears without the increase resulting get interested comrades and people allied fields to attend.

At least five delegates will be present from the West coast. There will be a truckload from Wisconsin. At least 50 delegates and visitors will attend from New York city. Other sections of the league are responding proportionately and it decay that neither Marx nor Debs nor any other Socialist funds for 50 per cent of the money is expected that about 200 people will attend.

Labor Day

Greetings

Vince Fiorentini



Fraternal Greetings!

Branch 45, Socialist Party Jacon Mesec, Secretary

WE GREET THE CALL Building for Socialism

The Socialist Party of Indiana

Greetings

DRESSMAKERS' BRANCH

Socialist Party-New York City

North Chicago, Ill.

Jugoslav Federation





The delegation was composed of George Duemier, St. Louis labor attorney; T. P. Lacy, De Soto busi-

Missouri liberals and laborites that machine mines operated by outside interests had made it impossible



ness man, and Jack Sullivan, of the CIO's mine, mill and smelter union.

Local Baltimore

From

Labor Day Greetings

Revolutionary Greetings

Socialist Party of San Francisco

Young People's Socialist League

hing to help solve them. Starvation If the labor movement gets bebind such a program there is a WASHINGTON. chance of winning the support and Works Progress sympathy of young people, of pull-ing them out of the dangerous waagreed to send an investigator to Washington county, Missouri, to determine what could be done to ters in which they are now struggling, and of drawing them into the rehabilitate 3,000 tiff miners whose camp of the workers. families have lived there for gen-Of what should such a program erations. consist? It should certainly include F. C. Harrington, WPA commis-sioner, was tald by a delegation of the provision of jobs for young peo-**Revolutionary Greetings** SOCIALIST PARTY

problems and is willing to do some

Miners Near genuinely concerned with their









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Virginians

Hold State

S. P. Meeting

RICHMOND, Va. - A spirited state convention reorganized the Socialist party in Virginia, elected

new officers, adopted a state plat-

form and nominated Hilliard Bern-

stein for the house of delegates

Nomination of other legislative

A. B. Erhart of Highland Springs

was elected state chairman and

presided over the convention after

it was called to brder by the re-

tiring secretary, Winston Dawson.

Lawrence B. Wilkes of Roanoke

was elected vice chairman and Hil-

liard Bernstein of Richmond was

elected state secretary. Other

members of the state committee

are Emily Palmer Stearnes of

Brandy: Winston Dawson of Hen-

rico county, John F. Kafka of Et-

trick and Andrew J. Royali of

candidates was referred to the dis-

(legislature).

trict committees.

Readers Fortify Call's Maginot Line (With Dollars)

Young Socialists At Work

advantage of summer been Travers Clement, Lillian institutes and schools. This Symes, Gerry Allard, Harry was a very fruitful one. Fleischman and Oska: Lange. The are some of the activities of attendance is almost exclusively yPSL groups to illustrate: youth. In addition the China

fifornia De California Summer school hed at the Workmens' Circle pear Los Angeles. About 15 people spent a week, from 13 to 20, learning Socialist 1, history, and organization.

history, and organization. secial course on imperialism andro Carrillo of Peru. The these came from both north south of the state.

in England

is second annual New England school was held this year by and ran for two weeks un-

t direction of Leo Vernon. were Young Socialists pres-New York from circles all over New Eng-

The camp was able to "isc to the circumstance of the illness of one of the stu-

licag0

has run every Wednesday and during the summer with

Labor Day Greetings

New Kensington Branch

wher activity is always of a an average attendance of about 30 is kind-designed to take up and with recent sessions attract-is advantage of summer been Travers (Terrent and the summer been travers)

league has conducted several weekend discussion sessions at the National Training camp in South Haven, Mich.

Ann Arbor

One of the most interesting experiments this year is the News Letter of the Ann Arbor (U. of latin-America was given by Michigan) circle. This mimeopervision of Sam Weisberg and appears at one and two week in-

tervals. It is a newsy, informal sheet that describes the activities of the members who are scattered for the summer, quotes from their letters and promotes discussion of

internal league problems. Despite the usual summer slack

the New York district has been going along at a good pace. Anti-Coughlin activity is the most important political work, promoted this date forward at the very least by street meetings and sale of \$1 every monthy and as much more

anti-Coughlin literature. Discus-Debs Labor school of Chision meetings for the thrashing out of problems that will face the convention were held throughout the week of Aug. 8-15. A jamboree



selves off a special piece of sum- reason why so small a sum (to

bers.

But More Big Guns Must Be Moved Up For Weekly Press While Hitler and Stalin were pitching woo at one an-

other these last few days, the CALL itself had daily suitors stepping through the door (under the mailman's arm).

Firmly resolved to build a weekly press of their own, comrades in all parts of the country continued to bolster our morale-not with non-aggression pacts, but with aggressive action for a regular CALL each week, with the solid substance of coin cards, subs, donations.

The ranks of slackers were getting smaller and smaller as the NEC opened its quarterly meeting in New York, ready graphed bulletin is under the su- to take whatever steps are necessary to put the CALL on a firm foundation.

news of this recently-adopted reso-

Heartening news, that, and

heartening too is this note from

Harold Flinker of New York city:

in response to your appeal for

funds to re-establish the Socialist

CALL on a weekly basis. I sincere.

ly hope that you will be able to

raise the \$2,500 you need, and see no

as is humanly possible."

From Local San Francisco, for membership in the CALL association. example, Secretary Jean Knox sent

Dan Golenpaul, originator of "Information Please," sends a check lution: "Resolved that beginning for \$10 to help the drive for a weekly CALL.

Sept. 1, 1939, we the members of And so it goes. The devotion and Local San Francisco shall have a sacrifice of our comrades is stirfresh issue of the CALL in our ring. We need still more help. We hands every week and to that and MUST have a weekly CALL starting in September. To reach that we pledge and dedicate ourselves goal we must have your help, we to send into the CALL office from must have the full power of every comrade behind us.

We are on the road. Won't you join us in that march?

The following is a report of re-ceipts from July 31 to Aug. 18 in-clusive: (S-Subs; B-Bundles; SF -Sust. Fund; D-Donations; A---Advt.) CALIFORNIA -

S-W. C. Trantor, San Francisco, 51. D-Anderson, Los Angeles, 51; T. H. Van Cautefan, Los Angeles, 55. B-Stella Matthews, Berkeley, 60c; Central Branch, Los Angeles, 70c. CONNECTICET

8-Raymond Smith, Waterbury, \$2 (2 WASHINGTON, D. C.

ILLINOIS

INDIANA

IOWA S-Moss Benson, Cedar Rapids, \$1.

S-Joe Freeland, Paducah, \$2: Gladys Teater, Louisville, \$1 (credit H. Gibbons).

Ex-Miners' Baseball Team



"Easy pickings," that is what this baseball team of the Chicago Ex-Coal Miners' ciub calls most Windy City amateur teams. The ball players are former Illinois miners, now residents of Chicago. Left to right, standing: John (Tuggy) Yavor-

-Socialist Call Photo. ski; manager; John Vernetti, Stanley Wajtklewry, Weighill, Albert Dratnol, Frank Vernetti, Tom John Meldi. Sitting: John Lewanowski, Frank Frankini, John Nemanich, Delmo Giaginoni, David

Richmond. Passitti, John Passitti.

The state platform includes among its immediate demands repeal of the poll tax, a housing program, socialized medicine, confiscation of all idle lands and factories to put the unemployed to work.

Resolutions were adopted opposing American participation in war, urging unity between the AFL and CIO, calling for a Farmer-Labor party in Virginia, and opposing labor or Socialist participation in the Democratic primarles.

Five cities sent delegates to the reorganization convention - Nor folk, Lynchburg, Roanoks, Danville



the Socialist Party er of taxes, William Eckel for | Sigmund Arywitz. Speakers at the and Richmond. NEC Meeting sheriff Leon Shull for recorder institute were Jack Osbourne, Car-

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Russo-German Alliance

Whether or not Europe's present crisis results in war, history has been profoundly changed by the dramatic alliance between Hitler and Stalin and the real nature of the Communist party throughout the world has been revealed.

The trade agreement and mis-named "nonaggression" pact, taken together at this time constitute in fact_an economic alliance to aid aggression.

The U. S. S. R. is now actively giving material support to the building of Hitler's military machine; and American Communists who claim that this is an alliance for peace cannot deny that it means supplying to Germany the wheat, oil and other essential materials needed for Hitler's war purposes.

Stalin-has long since forsaken Lenin's policy of holding Russia aloof from any imperialist alliance from which the workers have nothing to gain. Stalin, by his economic aid to Hitler and his guarantee of benevolent neutrality has put himself into Europe's war of nerves on Hitler's side.

It is now elear why Stalin has been dallying in the negotiations with Britain; why Litvinov had to be removed. It is now obvious that the entire foreign policy of the U.S.S.R. in the past year has been pointed toward an alliance between the Nazi and Communist "strong men" of Europe.

Whether or not real war results the two dictators will act together as allies in an attempt to shape the destinies of Europe. This is implicit in the present treaties and in the logic of events, even if the "non-aggression" pact contains none of the secret clauses hinted at by obscure statements on future co-operation in the Russian press.

We denounce Stalin's pacts as an alliance with Hitler's brutality. We denounce them as a piece of hypocrisy, as an example of double standards unmatched in history. The same Communist party that demands in the capitalist U.S. a government boycott on all trade with Germany supports active aid_by the government of the U.S.S.R.---which has absolute

"STALIN," a critical survey of Bolshevism, by Boris Souvarine. Longmans, Green and Co. \$4.50

Reviewed by Gerry Allard

One of the biggest frauds of our time is the fable that today Russia is a "worker's fatherland." A special variety of bourgeois and hordes of Stalinist payrollers pervade America and the world agitating the "defense of the U. S. S. R.," but long ago the regime covering onesixth of the world ceased to be an inspiration to the masses of workers.

Generally speaking a "worker's fatherland" or a Socialist system is a "way of life in a classless society based on freedom, co-operation and equality" (Oscar Lange). A cursory examination of the record will show conclusively that on three counts-freedom, co-operation and equality-the regime of the Stalinists is sadly found wanting.

Whether Russia is a classless society is still a matter of intense controversy among theorecticians, but workers setted the issue for themselves long ago. Exploitation is exploitation, whether the exploiter is a fat-headed bourgeois or a cunning bureaucrat. The technical details differ, we know, but hunger, privations, persecu-tions and indignities have an international similarity.

Luxembourg's Prophecy

What has come to pass in Russia is the degeneration of Bolshevism as clearly predicted in the early days of the Russian revolution by Rosa Luxembourg. Some who write about Russia nowadays correctly point out that the germ of Bolshevism's corruption existed before or during the time Lenin and his co-workers took power Others, specially former adherents of the Communist International, like to date the beginning of Stalinist betrayals with their break from the Stalinoid movement, Notable exceptions are Angelica_Balabanoff and Boris Souvarine.

Souvarine's "Stalin" does a remarkable job of trac-ing the development of Bolshevism from the time it crystallized into a faction in the Russian Social Democratic party. His thesis is: What is now going on in Russia is not the product of one man. Stalin, but the logical result of policies and principles of the Bolsheviks themselves.

The author, a founder of the French Communist party and once a member of the executive committee the Communist International, points out that the Bolsheviks violated most of their mandates and promises to gain power.

The Bolsheviks promised the immediate conviction of the constituent assembly, they had to defer it then dissolve it. They protested against the death penalty in the army; they reinstated it after having suppressed it, and then instituted it for civilians as well as soldiers. They offered violent opposition to the transfer of the capital to Moscow; they themselves afterward carried it out. They recognized the right of independence for nationalities; they encourage separation only to reintegrate them by force of arms.

They vehemently denounced a separate peace; they were constrained to sign one. They were on the other hand committed to a war of revolution; they could not keep their word. They demanded a "democratic" peace they had to submit to shameful peace. They promised land to the peasants; they were to confiscate their products. As for the abolition of the police, standing army and bureaucracy, it was indefinitely postponed. The institutions condemned by Lenin were to survive under other names: The Extraordinary Commission (Cheka), the Red Army, the Soviet Bureaucracy.

"The remedy invented by Trotsky and Lenin, the general suppression of democracy, is worse than the evil it was supposed to cure," prophetically wrote Luxembourg.

Stalin Follows Master's Line

It was a simple matter, therefore, for Stalin to follow the groove set by his masters, Trotsky included. The "end justifies the means" methods has had a queer way of devouring its protagonists and among its worst sufferers is the leading cadres of the Bolshevik party who planned, organized and executed the insurrection of November, 1917. They are no more, Stalin having creed that the retention of power necessitated their extermination, Statin's zig-zags led him to define pacifism as utopia, an imposture, deception or treason. Souvarine points out; later he proclaimed himself a pacifist. He branded the league of nations as league of brigands; he joined it without shame. He anathematized the treaty of Versailles; he became the champion of the status quo. He denounced France as the most aggressive and militaristic nation in the world; he concluded with France a pact of mutual assistance. He ordered his foreign agents to come to an understanding with-Socialists against the fascists at all cost; while he himself persecuted the social-democrats in Russia. He made war on the defenseless Chinese in order to guard the Manchurian railroad; he ceded it cheaply to Japan as soon as it showed its teeth. Stalinism is essentially a series of contradictions; what is construed as a major political line in one congress is radically altered or reversed before the congress convenes again and those who had the misfortune to formulate a policy on paper that didn't work in real life are condemned to prison or the firing squad! And the peculiar thing about these fantastic flip-flops is that Stalin is as much responsible for the revised line as the fellow who goes to a premature grave. Violent excesses are nothing new in Soviet history. Almost from the beginning, as Luxembourg pointed out, the entire leadership of the Bolshevik party-Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Zinoviev, Bucharin, etc .-- were parties to the brutal massacre of thousands of sailors whom the ruling powers had once called "the pride of the revolution. The Kronstadt sailors, undoubtedly the most intense proletarians in the uprising against czarism, had demanded immediate democratic reforms. They asked, in accordance with the Soviet constitution, free elections;

free speech and free press for workers and peasants, left Socialists, anarchists, trade unions; the liberation of workers and peasants who were political prisoners and the abolition of special privileges of the Communist Darty.

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A deputation that was sent to Moscow to confer. on these demands was imprisoned. The smearing machine of the Bolsheviks, the slanderous orgies of the Communists with which American labor is familiar was thrown into motion. What once had been the "pride of the revolution" instantly became the White Guards, the Black Hundreds, French spies and Russian Generals.

Provocation followed provocation until a stage of siege was proclaimed and the Bolsheviks ordered the sailors to surrender. Trotsky, then the minister of war, ordered the bombardment of Kronstadt.

A Shameful Betrayal

Says Souvarine:

The Degeneration of Bolshevism

Nays Nouvarine: "If the sailors and workmen of Kronstadt had mediated a plot or prepared a plan, they would have waited for the thaw which would make their forfress impregnable and expose Petrograd to the gung of the fleet. But they hoped to win simply by the justice of their, staim, and the solidirity of the Russian laboring classes. The sons of poor peasants, most of them destitute, they knew they were the interpreters of the people's grievances. Their political sincerity and fidelity to the revolution were both beyond doubt... attacked one the ice by the Kursanti (selected cadets), the multi-neers defended themselves, becoming rebels in spite of themselves. The Red Army, when ordered to attack the forts, refused to march. It had to be purged, reorganized and strengthening with Communists arriving from the tenth congress. By a sinister and ironical chance the Kursatad commune perished on March 18, the fitteenth anni-versary of the Paris Commune."

I can't help but add that in the Paris Commune the projetarians at least had the satisfaction to know that they were slaughtered by their common enemies-the master class of France. In the Kronstadt massacre the executioners proclaimed to be a workers' party and the rank betrayal was consummated in the name of the "revolution."

Leon Trotsky, who devoted two lines to Kronstadt in his memoirs, injects more of his name calling in the current issue of the New International by characterizing Souvarine as a sycophant. Tretsky's article incidentally, is timed to meet the publication of the book and the faithful Trotskyites are supposed to heed the old man's strong words.

"Stalin" by Souvarine is important and worth studying because it is an honest book. The author makes no claim of knowing all the answers. Naturally he has suffered a severe intellectual shock but his conclusions, although undefined, do not end in disillusionment. He simply states that what's true about Marxism will have to be preserved and what is false will have to be rejected. Totalitarianism, whether colored red, black or brown,

takes another severe intellectual beating.

Little Essays

BY JOHN M. WORK

I have occasionally written about human brotherhood, and I suspect that if I were to ask you what man in recent times was the best example of brotherhood, all of you who knew. him would make the same answer: Eugene V. Debs.

I would fully agree with you-and I am not a hero worshiper either. I realize that no. human being is perfect. Just the same I believe that Gene Debs was one of the greatest souls of the age.' Perhaps he was the greatest soul, but I have no way of knowing. There may be or may have been some obscure man or woman, of whom I never heard, who was greater. There is no way to tell about such things. "Full many a gem of purest ray serene the dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear; Full many a flow'r is born to blush unseen and

Last week we examined the New Leader and the American Guardian. This week we turn to the press of the former "Communist Oppositionists"-the Trostkyite "Socialist" Appeal and the Lovestonite Workers Age. Frankly, we prefer the latter, so let's take the most unpleasant dose first.

Twenty years ago, Lenin insisted that all affiliates of the Communist International change their names from "Socialist" or "Social Democratic" to "Communist," on the basis. that the former designations were "dirty shirts" intolerable to the sensitive skin of any genuine revolutionary.

About 1935, however, the Trdtskyists decided, for tactical reasons, to pick this dirty shirt out of the "ash-can of history" and don it for a strategic maneuver into and out of the Socialist ranks. As Jim Cannon confided to the writer of this column: "We need the word "Socialist" as a protective coloration at this time." (Mr. Cannon, of course, denies the remark now.) This is by way of explaining our use of quotation marks in our reference to the Trotskyite organ.

We have no monopoly, of course, on the adjective "socialist," but the Trotskyists have never changed their attitude toward the established Socialist movement in any degree since Lenin made his classic remark on this subject. The word is still a protective coloration.

Dizzy About-Face

But if the Trotskyists continue to hew to the original Bolshevik-Leninist line - let the verdicts of history fall where they may-their new stream-lined tactics, as reflected in the Appeal, represent the dizziest about-face in revolutionary maneuvers since the CP embraced Democracy in 1935. Today, the SWP, vanguard of the vanguard has not only clasped to their bosoms that "counter-revolutionary" phenomenon, an American labor party; it has become the loudest and busiest proponent of that vicious "pacifist, class-collaborationist illusion"-a people's referendum on war. It is now busily soliciting names to a petition on this subject as a means of enlarging its mailing lists.

Having turned their faces "to the masses" with a vengeance, the new Narodniki decided that they might as well "go to the People" whole-hog. During the past years they have been hot on the heels of the Old Folk with a bold, clarion call for the support of the Ham-and-Eggs Plan. Realizing the potentialities of anti-Coughlin and anti-Bund sentiment in New York City, they have reverted to the old thirdperiod CP tactic of street battles with all

gerated reports of its own strength and the ence, tend to give to the uninitiated this pression that the Trotskyites are booming a matter of fact, it is all done with man Some years ago, the Trotskyist group man to acquire its own job printing plantrangement which all radical parties works done well to imitate. Its numerous publication together with the books of the "Pioneer Part can be turned out-with the labor of members at a fraction of regulation precosts. A printing press makes an excellent stitute for a Party, for 'the Trotsgyites membership of 802.

Of all the left-wing journals, the Way Age seems to me the most intelligently from the viewpoint of the already-come radical. Its make-up is excellent and make balance of foreign and domestic news, outside of New York City, with its he of thousands of radicalized workers in the ment industry, the Workers Age is com tively useless as a propaganda organ.

Off the Deep End

Liberal and Left Wing

Press in Review

BY LILLIAN SYMES

This, in spite of its determination is "one of the crowd," to follow the working a up every political blind alley it chooses to the Programatically, the position of the Log organ is indistinguishable from that Socialist Call.

But after a first-rate and well write editorial on the fallacy of popular from on the futility of the New Deal, on necessity for independent political and the Workers Age will suddenly blog out with an endorsement of Governor 14. man, or of Olsen in California or a Ma check for the choices of Labor's Labor's Partisan League.

The result has been a continuous on flict between its theory and its practice that has laid the organization wide to the charges of "opportunism."

Of all the Communist splinter groups Lovestonites are alone in their willings re-examine and even to throw overboard of the basic assumptions of Bolshevissa, in practice, if not in theory, they are inclined to throw away the Socialist with the Bolshevik bathwater.

In their reaction against the perversion the Stalinists and the sectarianism of the ta skyites, they have played the game of h politics with a view to establishing themen as a power within the American labor me ment. That is a healthy ambition perhaps, the game is a dangerous one for any m group to play. As part of a broad, mass La Party, the undoubted talents of the Web Age group could probably find more constant

control of trade-to Germany.

The same Communist party which shouts for democracy as against Fascism supportspartly by misrepresentation-Stalin's deal with Hitler in which the Russian people were no more consulted than were the German. Thus are democracy and Socialism betrayed in the home of their self-styled friends.

What we are witnessing is the crassest sort of power politics, a classical example of the bad faith which curses Europe.

The Russian-German alliance is fortunately not omnipotent. It is as strong as the selfinterest of rival dictators who cannot forever fool or coerce their own peoples. Though not based upon a common ideology, it could never have been made except for the fact that the German and Russian types of totalitarianism have become more and more similar in their denials of human rights.

The Soviet-Nazi pact is typical of that course of double dealing and ruthless disregard for truth and decency which the Communist party of this and other countries has pursued within the labor movement.

American trade unionists who have seen the disruption of their unions, the campaigns of slander, the unprincipled alliances with reactionary and even racketeering elements which have marked the activities of the Communists within the labor movement should have been prepared, perhaps, for the recent international developments in which a similar role was played upon the international stage. But the labor movement, at least, can cleanse itself of those poisonous practices which stem directly from the office of the Comintern.

There is room within the labor movement for workers of all political groups and tendencies but none for the machinations of a political party taking its orders from Hitler's ally.

After 20 years of bitterness and confusion in the world labor movement has come an opportunity for clarity and inderstanding among all progressive labor forces. The heart of totalitarianism within the labor movement has been dealt a smashing blow. We may now march forward with a clearer understanding of the necessity for clean democratic unionism and the union of all labor forces upon this basis.

The Young Communist league organ in Moscow, Komsomolskaya Pravda, predicts that the American Communists will not run a candidate for president in 1940 but will support a "progressive" candidate. Such reports from Moscow are not to be interpreted as orders from abroad. Browder has stated that if he got any orders from Stalin he would throw them in the waste-basket.

Of course he would. But not until after he had memorized them. '



waste its sweetness on the desert air.

So I can only say that Gene Debs was the best example of human brotherhood I ever knew.

He was a man of admirable qualities-gentle-loving - sympathetic - courageous - incorruptible-and utterly straightforward. At his trial he never swerved a hair's breadth to save himself from prison-and after going to prison he was unqualifiedly open and above board with the prison officials and with everybody else.

He showed nobility of character which challenged the admiration of the world. He was childlike in his simplicity and honesty. His great heart was always overflowing with sympathy and appreciation.

There are thousands of men and women in America who could testify, out of their personal experience, how he went out of his way to help them, to commend them, or to encourage them. I could do so myself.

Although he could verbally peel the hide off the enemies of society, he was so gentle that it was impossible to imagine him hurting anybody—even an enemy—unless it were done in defense of some other person. I am sure he would not have done it in defense of him- appearing twice instead of once a week. self.

and sundry "fascists," and the organization of Party goon squads, otherwise known as Defense Guards.

This makes for reams of publicity and furnishes an excellent excuse for the solid citizens to call for the suppression of "both hoodlum elements" — the "Communists and the Fascists.'

Can't Speak the Lingo

As a result of this new "popular" orientation, the pages of the Appeal begin to sound like the attempt of an Oxford don to address a Kiwanis luncheon in the vernacular. Try as they may, the pedantic Mr. Burnham and the super-slick Mr. Shachtman simply can't be "folky." The Old Maestro, Jim Cannon, can turn on the Kansas accent as readily as Earl Browder, but Jim has had his hands full lately holding the contending factions of the Party in line and financing the liquidation of the French Trotskyites.

Like the New Leader, the Trotskyist press gives the impression of mass support and unlimited resources. In a period when the leftwing press in general is striving desperately for any kind of survival, the Appeal has been

This fact, together with its wildly exag-

By Herbert Zam, Editor the Socialist Review

A serious rift in the top layers of the Labor and Socialist International has developed over the burning issue whether the L.S.I. should be a real international labor organization, or a loose collection of pationalist

sections. So serious has this rift become that Friedrich Adler; the secretary since the founding of the L.S.I. in 1923, has handed in his resignation and demanded that the matter be submitted to a broader and more representative body than the executive. At the meeting of the executive on June 18, the French delegation insisted that a conference be called to consider this matter. The French motion received little support in the executive, which nevertheless decided to consult the various sections and obtain their opinion. The overwhelming opinion seems to have favored a conference, so that one will be held in Brussels, Sept. 3 and 4. The Socialist Party of the United States will be represented by Devere Allen.

Adler Cites Constitution

The conference of the L.S.I. will have to decide whether to work on the basis of true internationalism, which means no alliances with the capitalists of any country for purposes of international action, but rather solidarity among the workers of all countries, or of permitting each section to determine for itself what it should do in this sphere. In order to pursue an international rather than a nationalist policy, the international must therefore be able to exercise discipline on international matters, and its decisions must binding upon the national sections.

Adler, in support of his demand that the L.S.I. become more internationalist in its outlook and activities, quotes the constitution of the LSI, Article III of which reads:

formulation specifically to combat Adler, at the Southport conference of the British Labor Party, May 30, in the name of the L.S.L, because the British Labor Party is the outstanding representative of nationalist tendencies in the L.S.I. and has been the prime force in the move to get rid of Adler.

The speech of Albarda is circulated with approval by the leaders of the Labor Party as embodying their viewpoint, so that the issue is fairly joined. -

Adler's Challenge

In challenging the nationalists, Adler gives a few examples of their tendency:

"They challenge the idea of elaborating a joint viewpoint" . . . "They desire to avoid in general resolutions of the International, and oppose any manifesto, any appeal to the International working class." "A joint May Day manifesto is considered as an embarrassing affliction." "Members of the executive declare that the simplest solution would be not to reproduce such manifestos in the press of their country." "In certain countries there is a tendency to-give as little information as possible concerning the already reduced activity of the International to the working masses."

And he sums up by showing that these tendencies "are now working towards the idea, propagated in the Scandinavian countries to reduce the I.S.I. to an International Bureau of Information." "This would signify the resignation of the International," declares Adler, and it is because he does not desire this development that he has, quite correctly, placed the entire matter before the parties of the International, that is, before the rank and file Socialists.

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situation where each national section allied itself with the imperialist bourgeoiste of its own country?

Will international discipline be based on support of-"collective security" or upon independent working class action? Will international discipline be used to fight capitalism or to support it? Will discipline mean that the sections in the imperialist countries will fight for the independence of their colonies or for their continued enslavement? Will international discipline serve to prevent alliances with the Azanas, with the Daladiers, with the Hindenburgs?

Will It Fight Fascism?

Will international discipline organize the right against fascism by leading the workers to Socialism, or will it capitulate to fascism by a series of concessions to the "good" capitalists? Will international discipline be a means of utilizing the power of the working class or of destroying it?

Discipline is possible only when it conforms to the policies of the international. Internationalist policies bring about real international discipline and action, Nationalist policies result in, in fact necessitate, lack of discipline.

Macdonald's Labor Government

The lack of internationalism is not of recent origin in the L.S.L. Who has forgotten the bombing of Indian villages by the Macdonald "labor" government? How did "Socialist" parties which participated in capitalist governments behave? Could they behave as internationalists and still carry on the affairs of a capitalist, of an imperialist country? How internationalist was Blum when he participated in the infamous non-intervention pact to strangle the Spanish Republican government? How internationalist were the leaders of the labor movement in Europe when, during the height

ive outlets.

Attention, Pawns!

In their "Merry-Go-Round" column, the subm that well-known syndicated news feature let it be im why the Federal Export-Import bank (which ment New Deal administration) is extending a loan of me millions of dallars to General Franco, the Fasdat in of Spain and the butcher of thousands of variable Spanish people.

It was to preserve the holdings in Spain & American Telephone and Telegraph company. It was believed that help from democratic Ame Fascist Spain would result in returning propa A. T. and T. which had been seized by the **Fig** And so this nation's leader-like Mr. Chamberland investments in Germany to protect-entered own program of appeasement,

What the American people should bear in when they consider that loan is that it is only ample which reveals the general policy of ca rulers of all nations. Policies are shaped to a interests of property; people are merely the paw are used-used as workers at home or as wherever threats to capitalist interests make was necessary.

Democracy? . . , decency? . . , humanity? . . . Those are only the phrases which are used the real purposes of capitalist diplomacy. The are for the dupes who do the working and the they never inhibit the plunderbund which owned and mulcts the people.

We speak of humanity-and we sell Japan and steel with which to murder Chinese bailt speak of democracy and honor-and we change dictators who have ruthlessly destroyed liberty. Attention dupes! Check that loan to Frank remember!

Remember when your sons are called to wa name of one of the virtues which is always but and displayed when there is a little job of mur done for the safeguarding of capitalist interest of one thing you may be certain. It's this-

The next war, like the last, will be declared, and ended, not to vindicate a glorious ideal, but guard the interests of an owning class. --- Reading Labor Adves

The Forum

Labor Unity

To the Editor of the Socialist Call:

During the present month the thought of the ized worker will again be centered on the day in Labor day. We are inclined to ask, "What will a torian tell us about the year just passed? We able to write that labor kept steady pace with the ing industrial development, or will he admit the chosen to lead the toiling millions have allowed personal ambitions and prejudices to split laber thereby causing a general retreat on all from

It is quite obvious that the answer can be when we look at the mass unemployment w tendant misery now existing in the richest of the world, and surely no worker dares deny some method is found whereby the worker country are solidified into a powerful labor that has, of necessity, a political perspective framework, then the fate of the working charge deed sad.

Again, it is obvious that the present ion both the American Federation of Labor and

International of Nationalisms? J. W. Albarda, of the Dutch party. And he made this