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amed force by the German dictator, leader of an in- her slice of booty. merant and brutal cult. He has gained the hatred of workers throughout the world for his part in this war.

But this does not make the war a "good" war; it is simply a new and brutal phase of the long-standing conflict between rival imperialisms and clashing sets of national interests.

The Treaty of Versailles may have ended the milibury hostilities of 1914, but it like-wise gave Europe a neace in accordance with the imperial interests of Engand and France, now exploited by Hitler to rebuild the

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By a Foreign Correspondent

BRUSSELS, Belgium-Your correspondents' plans are ing made day by day but we aren't running to cover. We av have to go to Oslo or Stockholm but for the time being eare sitting tight. We will keep sending as many articles a possible to the CALL.

No More War!

BRUSSELS, Belgium-Nearly a quarter of a million lemish nationalists staged a powerful demonstration here lig, 25, insistently yelling "no more war" to the last man.

ireen Opposes Entanglement

DULUTH, Minn. - William Green, president of the perican Federation of Labor, in a Labor day address here led for keeping America out of war.

"There must be no European entanglement and no inmement in European wars," Green declared. "We call on our government to scrupulously avoid the commission day overt act, to maintain a strictly neutral attitude and in avoid a tragic and unhappy experience through which expeople passed during the World war."

Marceau Pivert in U.S.

NEW YORK CITY - "The Socialist Workers and mants' party of France will fight for the peace to the et of its ability." Marceau Pivert, French Socialist ader asserted to a CALL correspondent last week.

The French labor leader is in the United States to ated a conference of the Independent Labor league.

luto Workers Flay War

DETROIT - Despite a tremendous downpour, more ar 30,000 marched in AFL and CIO parades in Detroit hor day. The CIO, according to the Detroit Free Press, at loose with a vigorous anti-war campaign in signs assting that 'War will kill democracy here,' 'We can't live battleships,' and 'War will only fatten the bosses.'"

One of the main speakers at the CIO meeting was doph Germer, CIO regional-director in Michigan and nasecretary of the Socialist party during the last World who demanded that the politicians in Washington stop Temongering and start war, instead, upon poverty, unadjustices at home. He declared that war wild mean dictatorship at home and that America must **pout** of war.

Defense League Flays loosier Hitler for breaking Labor Strike

McNutt an Enemy Of American Civil Liberties

the of a flossy pamphlet put States.

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those who seek the presidency of the United States. The wrong man in the White House may mean the convenience. No man can tell partners of Mussolini and Hitler end of freedom for labor; Fascism what will be left of Europe; in the destruction of Ethiopia, the not vigilant. We cannot afford a mighty employ YORK—Close on the similar mistake in the United war is over.

Among those who are self-declared candidates for president is tator, the fanatic leader of a cult Paul V. McNutt. Washington columnists declare that Paul McNutt during his term as gov- has the "inside track" for the Demof Indiana, the Work- ocratic nomination for president. Paul McNutt maintains that he is a friend of labor; as return for his tring leaflet assailing Mc- friendship, McNutt claims labor

plans to distribute How true is this statement? What is McNutt's labor record as governor of Indiana? And what state which only a year ago, when does organized labor in Indiana think of Paul McNutt?

> Vitally Interested in the Workers' Defense

league are vitally interested in the of the booty. answers to these questions because Hitler's Guilt we claim Terre Haute, Ind., as our birthplace. Many of us remember the magnificent 48 hour peaceful occasion of war is an inadequate been born. The relative virtue of general strike in that city during analysis of the situation. Great as a given imperialism depends on the summer of 1935—how the labor is Hitler's guilt, it by no means the degree of strain upon it and that of friendship, however, unions of that city stood fast in a follows that this war is a conflict its consequent development.

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The workers of America have no stake in the tragic for Hitler's triumph. These "democracies" were part-masses of Europeans shall see to it that the men and We in America must stay out. This is our first task,

The Socialist party and the Young People's Socialist German empire. This peace we Socialists denounced as Victory by either set of imperialist powers will no private capitalism and the totalitarian states shall be more solve Europe's problems in 1939 than in 1918, forever abolished. We declare our support of every The sins of the capitalist democracies paved the way The one hope of Europe and of mankind is that the force in Europe working toward these ends.

conflict for empire and commercial advantage which ners with the dictators in the destruction of Ethiopia, the forces responsible on both sides for beginning this first duty, and dedication. It is not inevitable that masquerades as a crusade for liberty and democracy in the Fascist conquest of democratic Spain, and the par- war shall not end it; that it will be the people, not the America be drawn in-provided we keep America from tition of Czechoslovakia. In the hour of Czechoslo-Daladiers, Chamberlains, Hitlers, and Stalins, who will war trade, loans, and credits, provided we strengthen The immediate cause of this war is the resort to wakia's need, the Poland they now defend took by force write the peace—a peace which can establish a United neutrality legislation, provided we build stronger organ-Socialist States of Europe, wherein exploitation by izations on the economic front, provided we guard our civil liberties, provided we begin NOW to lay the basis for a Socialist world where war is no longer necessary.

Let the millions of us who want peace rise united! Let those who will be called upon to do the dying and the killing affirm in ever-swelling chorus: "There is today no state whose cause demands the spilling of the blood of Americans. This is not our war, we want no part of it. KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR!"

'Red Front' Greeting Formerly Forbidden,

Now O. K. in Reich BERLIN-The Russian Communists are tops today in government offices of Nazi

Civil service officials meeting each other say jokingly: "Heil Hitler-Rot Front". "Hall Hitler-Red Front." A few weeks ago such a greeting would have meant

the concentration camp.

John L. Lewis Flays War OGDEN. Utah - John L. Lewis, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, attacked war mongers in his Labor day address. Said Lewis:

"Labor in America wants no war

nor any part of war. Labor wants the right to work and live-not the privilege of dying by gunshot or poison gas to sustain the mental errors of current statesmen. . . et those who will seek the votes of workers of America be prepared to guarantee jobs for all Americans and freedom from for- "Down With Hitler

Send a dellar today for an an-qual sub to the SOCIALIST CALL.

Seize Belgian Revolutionist '

BRUSSELS, Belgium-The labor newspaper, Peuple, reported Sept. varian cities reading: "Down With 2 that Walter Daugne, a revolu- Hitler." tionary anti-war fighter, had been arrested on charges of publishing posters inviting soldiers to partici- Strong Socialist Party will Help pate in a social revolution.

Joe Worker Begins Paying Cost of War

CHICAGO, Ill.—If Joe Worker wants to know who's going to pay for the blood bath in Europe he can get a quick answer by comparing the price of today's groceries with that of last

A brocer called the Socialist Call office and gave the following figures on commodity prices: · Before war was declared the grocer bought lard from Chicago packers at \$6.75 a 100 pounds; Tuesday after war was declared, the same 100 pounds of lard cost

him \$10. The next day the price leaped to \$10.50. Sugar, the grocer said, rose \$1.35 within 72 hours after war was declared.

Bosses of American industry are wasting no time in again demonstrating their patriotism in times of international stress. The profit mill has begun to roll.

Posters

BASLE, Switzerland - Reports from this border city indicate that the German underground Socialist movement is active agitating against war. Posters have anpeared on the walls of several Ba-

A Powerful Socialist Press, A Meen America Out of War.

Socialist Youth Against War

America's Duty in the Present Crisis

By Norman Thomas

destruction rained from the Armistice to Hitler's accession of duty of our European brethren, air. So far as possible, chilestablished for safety and

The immediate occasion of the rived from the fact that he has war is, of course, the resort to treated minority groups, members by word and deed its intogrance, and America. its brutality, and its Machigvellian glorification of bad faith.

Such slight possibilities at might have existed of negotiated peace before war had begun, were frustrated by the understandenly unyielding suspicion of the authoritarian rulers of the Polish state a Czechoslovakia was partitioned, played jackal to Hitler's lion, and in alliance with the force which it now resists, grabbed its shere

orce and Iraud.

The blow we have dreaded by thousands of individuals sin- | ment and poverty which led to so long has fallen. Europe is cerely fought to end war, and fascism. A victory of one set of make the world safe for democ- imperialism over another will no at war. In a world which we racy. It was won by the capitalist more solve Europe's problem, or have called civilized, the democracies. At Versailles they the world's in 1939 than in 1918. greatest cities and all their made the peace which we Social-treasures lie at the mercy of ists at the time denounced as "the Stalin's Dictatorship

the cities which men once had commission payed the way for Hit- kindred totalitarianism, Stalin's ier's power and his crimes. They were, in varying degree, in Italy, Germany and Spain oc-of its civilization; of its conquest of democratic Spain, and the one hope for Europe and mancurred because organized labor was mighty empires when this in a very real sense, Hitler's pecu- and the forces responsible for bethe partition of Czechoslovakia kind is to see to it that the men liar wickedness in our eyes is de ginning this war shall not end it; armed force by the German dic- of white races and nations, as the ther the death of imperialism, and so-called democracies have treated the establishment of a United which has proclaimed to the world the colored races of Africa, Asia, States of Europe from which ex-

Capitalist Loyalties

Already we are being told that it is the German, and perhaps the Italian, people who are to blame; that by reason of some biological quality they will curse the earth, until all their power is ended. So to believe is completely to misunderstand facts, and the misunder- cism by its participation in mili-The truth is that our whole

western world has been organized under the dangerous loyalties of capitalism and absolute national-This statement of the immediate ism from which imperialism has

dren have been sent out of which by their sins of omission and fascism in partial alliance with its Communism, a menace which stands almost at their doorstep. We respect their steadfast courage. We do not know that ultimately that when peace comes again to ploitation, whether by the private capitalism of western imperialism or the collective capitalism of the totalitarian state, shall be abol-

> Our own immediate responsibility concerns the duty of the United States. Shall it enter the war or the roads which logically lead to war? Shall it seek to end fasstanding is likely to condemn the tary victory and the making of a world to an endless cycle of war. new peace? The answer should be an emphatic and a determined NO.

Wilson's War

The question is not a question primarily of our sympathies; it is a question of our cool-headed judgment on the relation of the means of international war to the ends we avowedly seek.

Versailles, and of an internal dem-ocracy in Italy and Germany to lieve that Roosevelt's war may cure the double cross. An American continued on Sunday evening when tucky, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New The last war was allegedly and conquer the problems of unemploy what Wilson's did so much to

Greets Yipsels



Prof. George S. Counts of Co lumbia university who defeated the Stalinist Jerome Davis for the presidency of the American Federation of Teachers. Professor hike or drive to Cleveland, Counts sent felicitations to the national convention of the Young People's Socialist league last week.

after some far worse suffering, we shall have a power and wisdom we so conspicuously lacked before. This is no simple conflict which we are asked to join. It is a game of completely cynical power poli-

fought against Poland which

Soviet-Nazi Alliance

Today the dictators have made

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National Convention In Session When War Breaks Out in Europe

Delegates Cheer Norman Thomas; Appeal to American Youth

possibly fate—that the tenth "Those who start this war min national convention of the not finish it!" Young Peoples' Socialist Thomas to the radio station where league met in this city at the for the convention. moment when war blacked Thomas Speaks out Europe last week-end.

The 180 young comrades, who had started out on the him. morning of Sept. 1 to hitch train with cheers and songs. traveled in an atmosphere of had assembled to see him off. war news, of bombardment of we have the strength and courage In response to the war that

crashed around them they declared, Let the millions of us who want was packed with color, enthusiasm peace rise united; let the youth who will be called upon to do the dying Build Yipsels and the killing affirm in ever swelling chorus: This is not our war,

erous war-mongers among us tugging speeches of support by perialism the world over, Their one thought was that the delegates from every part of the United States should help to save country and by prolonged applause a campaign to bring youth closer

Demonstration

an alliance; an alliance which climax to three tense days. One eration," a huge mass meeting heard Norman Jersey, and New England.

CLEVELAND, Ohio - It Thomas deliver a smashing attack was a portentious chance—or claring:

The crowd paraded with Norman

Delegates, friends and visitors held another anti-war meeting in the public square while awaiting They then saw him to his With tears in his eyes, Comrade Thomas addressed the crowd that "Our job is a difficult one. May

to do it well." These are exciting and demonstra-

tive aspects of a convention that and solid work,

Throughout, great stress was laid tics. Had we fought for Czecho- we want no part of it. KEEP upon the responsibilities that are slovaking a year ago, we might have AMERICA OUT OF WAR!" brought by Europe—the necessity of brought by Europe—the necessity of The statement on the war crisis consolidating the organization, of helped to partition her. Only a was ratified as the final business of increasing anti-war activity, of exfew weeks ago it was the Com- an exciting convention. The ratific tending the hand of comradeship to munists who were the most vecif- cation was accompanied by heart all who fight against war and im-

The convention laid the basis for Stalin's Russia by fighting Hitler's and the solemn singing of the Inter- to the labor movement; a campaign for youth's economic needs with a charter of youth rights that declares: "American youth refuses to This demonstration was the accept the fate of a locked out gen-

'I Know It, Browder,' Our Line's Been Changed Again

"Thousands to March for Peace Today. Giant Parade Expected to Have 40,000 in Its

So went the "Daily Worker" headline on August 25. In 1938 the "New York Times" estimated the number of marchers in the American League for Peace and Democracy's parade at 20,000. The Daily Worker, of course, upped that by 10,000.

"Red Peace Parade Draws Only 4,100," said the "New known as the world's foremost pro-York Times" over a two-col- ponent of the Biblical axiom about Mooney umn article on Aug. 26. And not letting thy left hand know what thy right hand is doing.) even the "Daily Worker's". own unique brand of mathe. Pravda's Hokum matics could do no better it was hard enough on the C.P. than.

German Pact: 8,000 Join Atilla the Hun. But it was doubly dressed a huge audience of south-Peace Parade Here."

peration of the Communist press dcubled back upon itself or sudbeen screeching at the top of its voice for years.

"Our Sun" Stalin

ered the 1935 somersault at the Seventh World Congress, but worse than that it was a trick that Stalin perpetrated on these faithful whose hides still bear the bruises that resulted from defense of "Our Sun's" whimsical notions of revolutionary

The least he could have done was to have given them a tip-off so that they could have had some chance to save face. But no, the inspired Communist leader who, according. to the recent Soviet films, saved the Bolshevik revolution for Lenin just at the moment it was almost lost, just forgot about the possible embarrassment of several dozen Comintern affiliates or else he just didn't give a damn.

"Madman" Hitler

For ... just a month before he signed a non-aggression pact with the "ravenous madman," Hitler, he permitted the hapless Earl Browder to publish a book, "Fighting For Peace," in which the ardent war- ures which can halt Hitler," trum-

lated that the Soviet Union may try upon will the Nazis realize the to beat Chamberlain at his own game is up." game by joining hands with Hitler. But even those who hate the land $Game's\ Up$ of Socialism cannot believe it when they see the Soviet Union alone rounds up the traitorous agents of typewriter pounders on 13th street Hitler...."

mouthings is impressively shown in the blandishments of any other nathe modest aspirations he expressed tion that might be inclined to reat Charlottesville, Va., on July 5. sist Hitler's peculiar international Asked whether there was any possibility of a Soviet-German agree-C.P.'s press for the old tried and president of the American Chamber of Commerce." (There are those who argue it would be a less quixotic picture than that of Stalin and against the Wall Street bankers be-Hitler rubbing political noses.)

Bráinless Angel

On July 1 the "Daily Worker." striding bravely in where even a brainless angel would fear to tread. Crosses Playmates warned that "concessions granted to Fascism are accelerators of Fas-

and gear up his war machine for and Germany." the war he is now threatening."

and minerals sorely needed to sup- years of Bolshavik New Dealism. port a war-economy undermined to a considerable extent by an intera considerable extent by an international boycott fostered by Stal- Strong Socialist Party will Help All dreams of hope and prosperity matter therefore for the rulers of inism. (Which was all right be- Keep America Out of War.

had taught that the Nazi regime "Peace Leaders Hail Soviet- was the most bloodthirsty and 'n-

"The enmity between the USSR masses could be led by the nose no and Germany has come to an end, timated to have attended the two matter how many times Stalinism litical systems ought not and can. After a parade Mooney was es dealy junked the dogmas it had not serve as an obstacle to estab- corted to Mt. Olive, located five lishment of good relations between miles from this town, where he

Rushing on happily, its head Mother Mary Jones, famed among cointed toward the stone wall, the the mine workers of America fo "Daily Worker" continued to plead ther struggles in their behalf. It was a bitter lesson for the for collective security. "Only the Other speakers were Rep. Frank Stalinist leadership that had weath- Soviet Union has proposed meas- Fries, President Dave Reed of the

Commies Fear to Debate Nazi-Pact

CHICAGO, III.-The South Side International Workers' Order (CP) Controlled) Youth branch in Chicago didn't know the line, but it didn't take them long to find out. Sokoloff of the IWO called the SP office Aug. 29 to ask for a Socialist speaker to debate a Communist on the Nazi-Soviet Pact at his branch meeting Sept. 8.

Came Serit, 6, and a phone call from Sokoloff, "I'm sor-, but the changed international situation, the war and events, have forced us to cancel the debate. Instead we'll have a speaker from our own office give us a review of the facts."

rior for the 20th century American- peted the "Daily Worker" on Aug. 18. "And not until these peace front "The reactionaries openly specu- proposals are accepted and acted

The game was up, but devout Stall Dussed Hitler on both cheeks sincerity of his master's pontifical and vowed he would not listen to amorousness.

much chance of such an agreement true plan of collective security as of Earl Browder being elected could not be deterred even to eve of Stalin's Munich. On Aug. 20 the "Sunday Worker" in a front page editorial warned its gullibles cause of their plans "of joining with Chamber'ain in economic appeasement efforts to bolster the mainstay of world capitalist reac-

cist war. Every bit of economic or American playmates who had just other assistance given to the totali- succeeded in making collective setarian war instigators only assures curity-ites of Washington and Jefto them greater means to carry out ferson. On the same day "Pravda" the war which is inherent in the decided that the granting of credits very existence of the Fascist dic- to Germany was "wholly normal The food thus offered to the muland advantageous to both sides." It Denunciation of the American was, said Stalin's "Journal-Ameri- They were grateful to God who fed have been ultimately swallowed by loan of \$1,5000,000 to Gen. Franco can." "whelly normal and advantage engaged the vituperative talents cous to both sides." Mozeover it of the Worker editorial writers at constituted "a big step forward in this time, as did the efforts of Brit- the further improvement not only ish and American, bankers "to of the economic but also of the pofinance Hitler's toppling industries litical relations between the USSR

If it was tough on the Browders This unfortunate' editorial re- and Harry Gannes to explain away mark was made in the "Sunday to themselves why they thought a Worker" the very day Stalin was policy absurdly unthinkable on Aug. signing a trade pact with Hitler 20 and a perfectly lovely idea on that promised "the mad-dor of Aug. 27, it was a great deal more Europe" 180,000,000 marks credit unpalatable to many party memfor the purchase of food supplies bers who had suffered through four

A Powerful Socialist Press, A

Benld, Ill., Labor Day

unstomachable for the membership ern Illinois coal miners here Labor The difference between the 40,000 when on Aug. 23rd, two days after, day as this town opened its streets and the 8,000 for the 4100 as you the trade pact, Stalin gave the mer- to welcome throngs who converged prefer) represented clearly the des- ry-go-round a few ideological here from many mining towns to celebrate the holiday.

placed a wreath on the grave d

Progressive Miners, President Wil liam Campion of Local 1, Progressive Miners; Mrs. Evelyn Veseling of the Women's Auxiliary, an Mayor William Wyskocil.

The affair was sponsored by the state organization of the Progressive union, Local No. 1, and the city of Benld.

Typo Head



President Claude M. Baker of the International Typographical union, who opened the union's annual convention at Fort Worth, Tex. The Typos, who τ¢fused to pay the AFL assessment toward an anti-CIO war chest, have been notified by the AFL executive council that their charter will be suspended it payment is not made. 🚣

Dead Dreams

Again Stalin crossed up his BY CLARA GANDY ANDERSEN Once manna fell from Heaven to

> The hungry. And it was no shame to take titude.

But today man must wait in line with other men, Long hours, for a dole that keep breath

receiving it, And go shuffling out with down-No longer are there any dreams

left to dream. There's only a bleak future weariness and pain. They have on hope of work to given them. They Have renounced all hope for success and happiness

And go through life with eyes

X-Ray for Dressmakers



Union members are X-rayed at the launching of a chest X-raying program for 25,000 dressmakers made possible by the co-operation of the International Ladies Garment Workers, the New York Health Department and WPA. Watching are left to right: ILGWU President David Dubinsky, Mayor LaGuardia and Health Commissioner Rice.

Polish Corridor an Imperialist Jumble

President Wilson's 13th Point Erected Poles' Access to Sea

The dictated peace of Versailles imposed humiliations and crushing burdens on the defeated German people, but probably nothing in that treaty so irritated and maddened the German rulers as the creation of the so-called Polish corridor—a strip of territory carved out of prewar Germany and indictments were so shrouded. to connect Poland with Danzig and the outlet to the Baltic

of point thirteen of President | people. "An independent Polish state should be erected which should include the terrifories inhabitated indisputably by Polish populations Small Sector

kilometers (a kilometer is five-eighths of a mile) with a popula-tion of approximately 2000 cos its presence looms large and important in the bitterness and animosities of the German-Polish dis- Vanquished

While most of the talk is about Danzig, the free city on the Baltic, Danzig is only a figure of speech, a sort of symbol for the Versailles as it did in the creation of Czechocreated bone contention. The cor- slovakia and numerous other stipridor has remarkable industrialized | ulations. sections and the land is fertile, therefore the Hitler imperialist opportunity to consolidate its: growing power by demanding Danzig from Poland.

Poland's Life

resistence to Germany's aggression is fighting for its economic as well as it political life. The yielding of the corridor to the Nazis would have struck a mortal blow to Poland's means of life. It's 30,000,-000 people would have been degraded to still lower living standexpanding Nazi imperialism Moreover, the Poles cite historic precedence to justify their claims

to access to the sea, contending that except for two intervals-1308 Within a soul. And be shamed by to 1454 when it was under the domination of the Teutonic order and from 1772 to 1920 "during the period of the crime of the Polish partitions." Warsaw further argues that the main part of the corridor is Polish by all rights-historic, ethnographical, political, linguistic, be religious and cultural.

The Germans, on the other hand, will put up just as strong an argument that the land is theirs and in they will cite-history, langauge, rethe two countries to whoop up na-

The corridor is the product tionalism and lingoism among the

During the war of 1914-1918 Po-Woodrow Wilson's fourteen land, under the domination of Rus-

The objective of the French British anl Amedican imperialists, to enhance or extend democracy. They wanted Germany vanguished and kept vanquished so that it would not disturb the status quo in the world market. The inde-Poland on the other hand in its pendent states were set up mainly as a buffer to dheck Germany's inevitable comeback as a world

Emotionally aroused, indignant and certain of the righteousness of their cause, the workers and peasants of the warring nations have again been whipped into the frenards, and politically she would zy of war. In all probability the ar will continue until the cream of man power and resources of all countries engaged in the carnage bog down due to sheer exhaustion. And then? No one can predict.

Special Notice!

There will be a Cook County Socialist party and Y. P. S. L. anti-war meeting on Friday Sept. 15, at 8 p. m. at 549 W. Randolph st.

Travers Clement, Maynard Krueger and Gerry Allard will report on the decisions of the national executive committee meeting recently held in New York. Every member must be present.

points which served as a basis | sia, seized the chance to regain its for the peace of 1919. Wil- independence-a dream of its peoson's thirteenth point said: ple since its partition. Agencies were actve in other European countries and in the United States. Pilsudski, who later became dictator of Poland, fought with Germany against the Russians; Genand which should be assured a eral Haller lead a force with free and secure access to the sea." France against Germany and Ro-France against Germany and Roman Dmowski, the national Demo-The corridor itself is relatively a small piece of land, some 16,295

tion of approximately 2,000,000. But of the leaders of national liberation.

Thus the treaty of Versailles set up another situation that had the making of a first class conflict,

ation for a surpassing exhibition of intellectual gymnastics. Defend the Minneapolis WPA Workers

are dragged through the streets to make a spectacle for foes of organized labor and are lodged in jail because of the impossibility of being able to post bonds ranging from \$1,500 to \$20,000, the wheels necessary in setting up defense committees for the 103 indicted VPA workers have begun to roll in the CIO, AFL and independent circles here.

Twenty-six workers had been arthe city jail while awaiting trial be meaningless. scheduled to start in mid-Septem- On Wednesday, after a frantic

whole investigation, jury hearings, trop. with secrecy that many who participated in the strike do not yet. On Thursday the boys had reknow if they have been indicted, ceived the de jure "line," special Tom Mooney, visiting in the city, delivery from Moscow, and it was

admittance to the jail,

Liberties Union is being Staler, but the umbrella man had looked into by the CIO. Meanpossible violations,

Don't Agree WASHINGTON D. C .-- Any Com-

American Fuehrer advanced the munist who does not agree with thought of the decade when he the Nazi-Soviet alliance will be exof the United States, Earl Browder, American Stalinist No. 1, testified before the Dies committee.

political consideration," he said because the national interests of America have been helped by the plained that "it would strengthen Nazi-Soviet pack, which is good for the party and the United States." "And would it be ground for expulsion?" asked Chairman Martin paign reaches expectations we plan

Browder engaged in a lengthy discussion of the exent to which the Communist International in Russia "controls" American Communist policies.

United States is affiliated with the | rial Fund, 543 N. Ninth st., Milwau-Comintern," Browder said. "It is necessary for us to agree with the tary-commissar of finance. decision of the Comintern."

NEW YORK - William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will undertake an i investigation of two lily-white A. F. of L. construction unions in

Tampa, Fla., whose Jim Crow tactics enabled them to "freeze" more than 500 Negro pioneer union members out of their jobs, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced here.

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> that pleasure are strongly ad-We trust that the editors of vised to "look at the record." CALL will assist our fund rate We wish, however, to take the

occasion to publicly thank the

Daily Worker Wood NEW YORK - AMMORRAGE ment of the Hitler-State necking party brought with spread indignation amount workers here. A spontaneous boycott of the Daily Warken defender of the Nazi-Sound pact, spread throughout the city, and newsdalers were told that if they carried to Fascist Social Justice or the Communist publication, the would be boycotted. Been Communist, party member who had newsstands, volume tarily removed the Moscos

One story of interest our cerns a worker who proached a Communist need dealer and demanded that is desist from carrying literates that is pro-Nazl. The Conmunist refused to discontinue his display of the De "All right!" said the work er, "Pil never stop has again to look at a newspan

headline!"

pathizer who modestly signed. A refuse receptacle in red and encircled with alternate rous of swastikas and soviet stars. : Other suggestions along the same lines will be appreciated a

award of one membership best in the C. P. U. S. A. will be given a the lucky contributor of the beau suggestion. The book was issued a July, 1929, and is almost as sitt Very truly yours, The Collective Security Memet

Foundation. Not Incorporated and un-collect Heil Stater! Salud Hitlin!

presented an infailible solution for WILLIAM G. RYAN, Scoretary-Commissar of Finance Employing keen Marxian analy-

the "Record" that "if all nations Ladies Garment Schools Grow

classes of the International M dies', Garment Workers' union; the year ending May 31, 1934,

cording to the twenty-third and report made public last weeks labor problems, parliamentary 🖥 public speaking, language con history and structure of the permanent expression of apprecia- ion, American labor and events.

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000.000 men, women and children. For sacrificed they would be. If at convenience like an electric light. In this crisis I am not pleading the war lasts long enough for America to get into it, it will be

War Means Fascism because it is a totalitarian war probably involving Asia as well as Europe. Totalitarian war requires totalitarian states to fight fight fascism, and then perhaps to British and French empires rathe first World war almost cost us our liberties. The first casualties then were freedom and truth. So it will be again, and the day of their resurrection will be tragically War Plans Already the war department has American boys after the Armistice or peace. plans for regimentation and con-

scription going far beyond anything we had in 1917. Those plans, threw the Tsars,

Norman Thomas participation in Europe's and problem of unemployment in peace. To keep out of war requires a without an intelligent devotion and That will require a without an intelligent devotion and That will require a Asia's struggles offers no alchemy we, too, may find escape in arma- spirit of resistance to foreign tacks. We have power to protect capacity for organization which we condition the relation of abundance. to transmute their dross into the ment economics, war trade, and propaganda and our own despair. gold of democracy and peace. finally war litself-but at a cost it requires that we keep out of Stalin's deal with Hitler has had which will be paid by our children such ventures in imperialism in and is likely to have its lesser unto the third and fourth genera- armament economics, in economic counterparts in the maneuvers of tion. War means military fascism warfare, as would logically lead to the Powers. We have no right to in America for an indefinite pe- war. sacrifice to our emotionalism 130- riod. Democracy is not something which can be turned on and off Three Policies

and the composition of various It is, of course, impossible in our Europe and to Asia: committees which have been set modern world to be completely iso "We will not fight your wars; Internal Problems up, suggests that this administra- lated from the suffering of any we will not join your suicide club. tion will find it far easier to co- part. It is not impossible, even Humbly and without boasting we . These words I hope we shall cellence of some of its measures. avoid what the president has ele-Street in war or preparations for will destroy in its last stronghold toric and geographic position our European brethren, but we planned approach to the manage- peace.

the democracy for which we shall which permits us to remain at cannot make democracy effective ment of our economic machinery From our failure to solve the again be told we are to fight.

for a mere negative. Broadly speaking there are three policies War means, if it lasts long which the United States might folenough, that millions of our boys low: The first (which I have diswill be sent abroad at first to cussed) is the policy of saving the police the British and French em- tionalized as saving democracy The pires against Colonial risings, or second is a policy of taking advanto put down a revolt against the tage of others' suffering to increase government in Berlin which to our own imperial might. The risks Chamberlain and Daladier will are great, but there is always a seem to be destructive of law and chance that this country might enorder. Impossible, you say? Not hance its relative and outward as impossible as it would have power at the price of Machiavellian our own imperfect democracy, and seemed in 1917 to believe that maneuvering for empires in war to make it work so well that from American boys after the Armistice or peace.

ness of aggression continue in your continent the exhaustion of war will mean that it will be long years before you can attack our shores. wars does not mean that we are nomic position makes possible. We indifferent to your fate. We stand must deliberately plan to find our

your victims and bind up their agreements which will facilitate the reorganization of the world Plan for Abundance into a family of co-operating na-"Above all we shall try as we

would die near Archangel fighting But there is, thank God, a third hope to the masses of every land against the revolution which over- and more excellent way. The peo- who have turned in their despair ple of the United States can say to to reliance upon the totalitarian

have never tried before to purify

war, we must cultivate a relative Europe. "But our refusal to join your self-sufficiency which our ecoready to do what we can to aid prosperity in satisfying our own

tain of our internal problems.

wants, and in trade with peaceful wounds. We shall watch alertly nations. World trade is good, but for every possible opportunity to when world trade becomes war initiate or to partake in a confertrade it must be avoided as one

which war accentuates but does energies of all men and women of not create, is the problem of har- good will. .

nessing the machinery we have to the resources which already are not to the wars of empire, that our tial return to it. It has not been of war, created and will not be created. Only a nation with a resolute by the New Deal despite the ex- will and a positive program can

tacks. We have power to protect capacity for organization, which we social action and social ownership.

These of appression continue in your have not yet shown. I want, there- By no means need it require the fore, to speak briefly about cer- totalitarian state. We can learn from the failures as well as from If we are going to keep out of the successes of our brethren in No Blackout

preme duty is not war. It is to overcome the racial and national intolerance which mars the fraternity upon which true democracy ence or series of conferences look- would avoid a plague-Congress must depend. It is to maintain ing toward peace, toward disarma- should strengthen, not weaken, our which are our pride; it is to conand increase the civil liberties quer poverty and provide abundance for all. In these tasks there is work to The great problem of our times, he cone which ought to enlist the

> ours in order to create and dis- youth should be dedicated, and a tribute the abundance which might nation thus dedicated can serve easily be ours. That abundance mankind as it cannot serve it by was not created under the Old Deal sharing in the holocaust of deand will not be created by a par-truction, in the maniacal madness

It is to the war against poverty,

dvantage of the his- speak in deep sincerity of heart to Ours is the task of making a quently called the blackout of

On Monday, Aug. 23, while news- campaign by giving it a little papers from Timbuctoo to Nome licity. Suggestions for a tropby headlined the Nazi-Soviet pact, the be gratefully received. We have "progressive" daily informed the staff of artists, former ments world, in letters large enough to of John Reed, Theodore Drain render unnecessary the printing of etc. Clubs, wrestling with the much else on the front page, that lem, but as yet nothing detail Nazi troops were massing on the has been decided upon. Polish border, Herr and Comrade

On Tuesday, long after the Podunk Center Granger had told the rested at this writing by U. S. mar- inhabitants of Pike county that the shals for alleged violations of the proletarian palm of Herr Stalin new WPA law. Only one of these, had disappeared in the Aryan fist a city policeman, charged with of Comrade von Ribbentrop iu prohibiting a WPA worker with celebration of the signed, sealed the right to work" after he had and delivered Nazi-Soviet part, the arrested a scab for disorderly con- "Record" stated that if the pact duct during the recent work stop- was consummated it would, of page, was able to post a bond. The course, have the usual soviet "esremaining prisoners are lodged in cape clause, and would therefore

Heil Staler! Salud Hitlin!

Those who have watched

search had failed to reveal the Many of those arrested were "escape clause," the "Record" anleaders or active members of the nounced, in substance, that the Workers' Section of the classless society of the U. S. S. R. Drivers' Union No. 544. All were had concluded a non-aggression arrested after secret federal grand (not a mutual assistance) pact jury hearing lasting for several with the German people through weeks. The complaining witnesses that worthy representative of the are as yet a mystery, indeed, the proletariat, Comrade von Ribben-Staler, Hitlen

been foiled," said they, "in the

On Friday a few barbed shafts were tentatively discharged in the

general direction of "imperialistic

England" and "Tory France," the

erstwhile democracies, whose plot

to encircle and strangle the Ger-

man people had long been univer-

der, however, to provide the great-

est scoop to the Chicago Moscow-

men. In a special interview the

the hand of Poland in showing

her how one may stop Nazi aggres-

sion." If the response to our cam-

to award Herr Browder a special

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kce, Wis. William G. Ryan, secre-

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He has been in Stalinfst, imperial-

istic and democratic jails, for this

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authorities as a "dangerous red"

and that, and was once deported

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trophy.

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nick of time."

sought to give a word of encour- with great confidence that they agement to those who face rail-theiled Staler's contribution to roading, but was unable to gain peace. That 'ol' debbil, Chamberlain, had been trying all along to The possible intervention of the get Comrade Hitlin sore at Herr

while a local civil liberties committee has been set up by friends of organized labor to investigate

Commies Who

pelled from the Communist party sis, he explained to the readers of "It would demonstrate a most signed non-aggression pacts there serious lack of understanding of would be no wars. Scarcely less brilliant was his succinct resume of the effects of the pact. He ex-

"Certainly," said Browder.

"The Communist party of

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Miners Presidents Reply to Socialist Plea for Unity

Accept Without Reservation, Says UMWA--Up to Rank and File, Says Progressive Head

Last week the national executive committee of the Socialist party, meeting in New York city, addressed a joint letter to President Ray Edmundson of the United Mine Workers of Illinois (CIO) and President Dave Reed of the Progressive Mine Workers of America (AFL), suggesting that they take the initiative in reuniting the ranks of the Illinois miners' unions. The full text of the letter was carried in the Sept. 2 issue of the SOCIAL-IST CALL.

- The letter, signed by Norman Thomas, national chairman, and Travers Clement, national secretary, emphasized the election of officers, democratic conventions, compensation for the orphans and widows of the mine trife, justice for the miners who lost their jobs and freedom of mine prisoners as condiions which might well lead to unity.

The Illinois miners rebelled in 1932 against a wage cut which has since kept their ranks divided. Violence, bitter legal struggles and much suffering have marked the Illinois coal fields in the last seven years. Recently, however, the two miners' unions sunched a national campaign for the release of five young miners who are serving long wison terms at the Menard, Ill., penitentiary on charges growing out of the mine conflict. Socialists in various parts of the country have been aiding in this campaign.

It was in the belief that the two unions muld inspire American labor generally to mity by composing their differences that the Socialist party addressed its appeal.

The following letters are the replies of the presidents of the two unions:

Mr. Norman Thomas, National Chairman, Hr. Travers Clement, National Secretary, The Socialist Party of the U.S.A., 549 Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I herewith acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of Aug. 26, setting forth at length your views and ideas relating to the hardships and suffering caused by the divi-sion within the ranks of the employes of the mining industry of Illinois and the benefits which would accrue to the men who work in the mines if unity would be effected upon a basis of honor, justice, and fair dealing.

I deeply appreciate your expression of I deeply appreciate your expression of stisfaction and gratification on the results obtained by joint action on behalf of the workers to obtained by joint action on behalf of the workers to obtain the most effective way possible. That, in my opinion, should be organized in the most effective way possible. That, in my opinion, should be organized in the most effective way possible. That, in my opinion, should be organized in the most effective way possible. That, in my opinion, should be organized in the most effective way possible. That, in my opinion, should be organized in the most effective way possible. That, in my opinion, should be organized in the meaning of the NEC, and released in adequate work and relief program, are candidates for the Westchester mediately upon the beginning of the necessary tor the workers to be elaborated later by ent labor campaign on a basic minimum program of resistance to war, the labor campaign on a basic minimum program of resistance to war, the necessary tor the wear, the necessary to the nece Duquoin, Ill. To obtain the objective as sated in the original resolution adopted by be executive board of District 12, United line Workers of America and sent to the Emorable Henry Horner, governor of the sate of Illinois, and to the board of pardons md paroles, we pledge our continued support ad co-operation.

We join with you in deploring the division the miners' ranks of Illinois and state to you that the reactionary forces of political interests and employers have and are taking dvantage of this situation at the expense of the men employed in the industry.

I wish to state to you that the officials and members of the United Mine Workers of America definitely desire unification of the runks of the Illinois miners. To effectuate this objective we do not intend to follow a nort-sighted or a selfish policy. We accept without reservation your suggestion that we regotiate with the officials of District No. 1,

rogressive Mine Workers of America, of which Dave Reed is president, or with such officers or representatives of individual local mions to the end that a settlement will be I agree with you that, in my judgment,

a agreement upon negotiations of the points issue would be heartily received by the ank and file of the membership of both mions and would be the most constructive abor day greeting to the miners of Illinois that they have received for many, many

In closing I wish to thank you personally, nembers of the national executive comittee and through you and them, the mem-trahip of the Socialist party of the United lates for the interest you have shown for solution of this controversy.

I am ready to meet at any time with lave Reed, president of District No. 1, Pro-Pessive Mine Workers of America, or such heresentatives as he may select to imme-hely work out the details for such nego-

Fraternally yours, gned) RAY EDMUNDSON, President, United Mine Workers of America, District 12, Springfield, Ill.

thion, they replied;

ing for a street car."

'Waiting for a Street Car'

Mr. Norman Thomas, Nat'l Chairman, The Socialist Party of the U.S.A. 549 Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois,

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of Aug. 26 which was adopted by the executive committee of the Socialist party of the United States.

In replying to same, let me assure you that I, as an individual, concur whole-heartedly in what was contained in your letter. Division in the ranks of labor is one of the most destructive things that can take place in the labor movement. I, for many a year, have been an advocate of one union, one enemy and one purpose to be filled by organized labor. No one will be more gratified than I when this desire is fulfilled. I hope I will live to see this brought about.

True, there has been a great deal of strife. in the miners' organizations in the state of Illinois for the past seven years which created a tremendous burden, sorrow and hardship on the coal diggers. This possibly had a bad effect-on the entire labor movement of the United States.

I will devote my energy and ability to ment and so-called non-agression was authorized. Assessment stamps I will devote my energy and ability to ment and so-cance non-agreement was authorized. Assessment stamps bring about peace and unity within the ranks pact and the rapid-fire events lead are now being prepared and will be ing up to the second World War, available to all state organizations, the National Executive committee locals and branches in the near full of the Socialist party met in New ture. workers will be able to more effectively ob- York City, Aug. 26-28. tain the things that they so sorely are in In such an atmosphere and heed of, namely, better remuneration, short against such a background it was er hours, and better working conditions. It take precedence over all other is only through united action those things items on the agenda of the 3-day didates in 1940," a special commitcan be obtained.

My theory of the labor movement, has always, or at least for many years, has been Anticipating early outbrenk of farm and liberal groups in a conserver candidates nominated by the this: If it is necessary for the workers to war, he NEC drafted a skeleton ference to inaugurate an independ- American Labor Party in New Roll

While I realize that unity is very essential than unity, and that is the program on which they unite. We have complete unity in the totalitarian countries. That form of unity again, unite on the proper program and I can indorse this whole-heartedly, but I cannot indorse any program that will continually divide and disrupt the workers.

In elation to the Stalin-Hitler pact, a statement was prepared and immediately released to the press.

In the cannot incomplete unity in the also took up the vital matter of party operation in war time.

In relation to the Stalin-Hitler pact, a statement was prepared and immediately released to the press.

If there is not sufficient response for such a broad labor campaign, the Socialist party according to the Socialist party, according to the decision of the NEC, shall proceed with its own nominations and its own vigorous independent campaign.

If there is one point still more essential will appear in full in the next issue of the CALL.

In executive session, the NEC dates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be centered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be captered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be cantered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be centered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be centered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be centered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be centered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to campaign to be captered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to capter the call of the captered in presidential candidates owing no allegiance whatever to capter the capter that the capter that

Let us say, for your benefit, that the Du Quoin Boys' case is not the only thing that the United Mine Workers and the Progres- home to the NEC and the party sive Mine Workers have united on in the past generally the necessity of a weekly few months. There are other things that the miners in this state were confronted with and that we jointly agreed and have taken action on to eliminate them, namely, the multiple shift, shooting-on shift, partial examination of mines, and recently, the last, we united on the security of the miners under the compensation act. Those are all matters w. Rosser, Bellingham, Wash of vital interest to the coal miners of this state. Our co-operation on those matters has been friendly and honestly executed.

As far as unity of both organizations at this time is concerned, let me point out the Bellingham local writes that over fact that the Progressive Mine Workers of a hundred comrades, relatives and America is a very democratic organization. The powers of the officials and the executive ers hailed Comrade Rosser as a board are limited. I, as president of the Pro- highly revered citizen who devoted gressive Mine Workers of America or the ex- a lifetime in the service of humanecutive board, do not have the authority to call any conference for the purpose of bring. States extends its deep sympathy ing about unity of these two groups. This to the relatives and friends of the power is vested exclusively in the rank and bereaved and it fully appreciates file who must be assembled in a convention the services the two comrades renand cannot be brought about in any other world.

Way. Let us hope that hatred, fear, bitterness, and suspicion will be eliminated from Win Slow-Down somewhere in the near future, they will be able to get together and agree on a program that will bring about this unity that you so much desire on a liberal and democratic basis cut here, where the rights of the workers will be pro-

tected at all times. With best wishes, I beg to remain Fraternally yours, (Signed) DAVE REED, President,

Progressive Mine Workers of they consented to go to work since

America, Springfield, Ill.

bad service if the street car "Unionism" was ever to arrive at KENOSHA, Wis. Saturday aft- that a street car labeled "Union- the two shops.

crowd were surprised and ism" was sure to arrive at the two Now all union organizations of the city are being personally contacted in an effort to improve the





concrete bomb proof in St. James Park, London. Similar shelters have been built in Hyde Park and other garden squares throughout the metro-

On the Map With the Socialist Party

1940 Campaign

To investigate the possibilities of

some such slogan as "Labor's Can-

explore the practicability of inter-

N. E. C. Meeting

the world shaking from the impact ment of 25c per member to be levof the Russian-Nazi trade agree- led during the month of September available to all state organizations, comrades Norman Thomas and

Anti-War Statement

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Recruiting Drive During the three closing months If anything were needed to bring of the year beginning Oct. 1, the party will conduct a selective re-

tion committee.

The national secretary was in-

Reports on the plans for fall

committees-labor, anti-war, inter-

In Memorium

Comrade Cochran, according to Pearlanna Briggs, local Wichita campaigns of the various party secretary, was a member of the Socialist party for many years.

national labor solidarity, workers'. Rosales B. Thompson, of the defense, negro committee, etc., were discussed at considerable length, triends gathered at the rites of Comrade Rosser. One of the speak-

COLUMBUS, Ind .- A "creeging paralysis" strike blocked attempts of the powerful Morgan Packing company to force through a wage

When workers in the tomato and corn cannery reported on Aug. 24, they found an announcement of a 20 per cent cut in wages. Immediately all but two quit.

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in the international situation did cruiting drive and the increasing zero hour in history, with the trick. A special press assessactivity and effectiveness of the The NEC meeting culminated in a packed mass meeting under aus-

> Travers Clement spoke on the Stain-Hitler pact. NEC members present at the New York meeting were comrades Mc-Dowell (alternate for Porter), Mca 1940 campaign conducted under Callister, Felix, Thomas, Krueger, Allard, Hamilton, Clement, Fischer (alternate for Reuther) and Laidler.

pices of Local New York, at which

Socialists Nominated Three Socialists were among

on a compact, liberal and democratic basis. mediately upon the beginning of a referendum on war, etc.—this County Board of Supervisors. Socialists in the A.L.P. successfully opposed proposals for endorsing "liberal" old party candidates.

Oshry Honored

A testimonial dinner honoring the fiftieth anniversary of S. M. Oshry will be held in Webster hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 17. Sponsoring organizations include the branch of the Socialist party, the Workmen's Circle, the Bread Salesmen's Union and the Bakers Union. S. M. Oshry joined the Workmen's Circle as a youth and has been active in building and cruiting drive. The quotas of the different sections will be set at the different sections will be set at the last been a member of the party's different sections will be set at an state executive committee and the Alleghany County Executive Committee and was one of the organstructed to prepare thoroughly for The testimonial dinner committee is composed of Jacob Ruben, chairbulletins to locals and branches on methods of recruiting, and frequent Rae Siegal, secretary. man; Ben Holtzman, treasurer, and

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Candidate McNutt A Labor Enemy Says Defense Groups

rights of these workers, the Workers' Defense league was born. Labor's stand at Terre Haute

was but an incident in Indiana's; labor history. There have been other historic strikes in Indiana. Writ of nabeas corpus was denicu, the strike of the mine workers in radio news about labor was can-Sullivan county in 1932, the strike sored. Meetings were prohibited of the women and girls of the shirt even in churches. It was the private of the military commander to fersonville in 1936. Ask any of block off roads and prohibit free these strikers how friendly McNutt passage. was to labor-and they will tell for a living wage, they were forced i New Technique

no new trick in labor relations; in many states of the Union, anti-Indiana used a different technique; he evolved military law without using the military!

Here is what happened. By proclamation and decree, military law was established in Vigo county (Terre Haute) and in Sullivan county (scene of the mine strike), later to be extended to Clark and Floyd counties. But this form of military law applied only to labor. If a man passed a red light or hold-up occurred or murder was committed, the offender was arrested by city police and tried in United States, wrote: "Labor the normal way by the legal criminal courts. But if he tried to hold a meeting

of workers as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, or urged strikers to exercise their legal right of peaceful picketing, he was arrested by the police and held under military law!

This meant that he was denied the right to seek bail or consult Strong Socialist Party will Help a lawyer. He was held without Keep America Out of War.

was needed a non-partisan, mili- when it pleased the military comtant organization to defend the mander. Guarantees written into the national and state constitutions to protect a citizen from persecution and unjust arrest were yolded by one stroke of McNutt's pen: the writ of habeas corpus was denied,

Such was the power concentrated you that because they dared strike into the hands of Maj. Earl Welmar, whom Paul McNutt sent in to face the Indiana National guard, as head of the National guard. sent in to break the strike by Paul Major Weimar, who boasted of his dictatorial power, shut down the labor temple and jailed strike leaders. The strike committee was Calling out the National guard forbidden to meet. More than 150 to break strikes is, unfortunately, workers were arrested for trivial offenses, held a day to three weeks labor governors use their military Machine guns were mounted on the authority to keep labor docile and roofs of the factory to intimidate and then released without trial. subservient. But Paul McNutt in the strikers. Tear gas and vomit gas were used to break up peaceful meetings.

> Strikers were arrested on the street and taken by the military company officials in the They were told to go back to work. All but four or five refused-and were thrown into jail because they would not scab.

Labor Paper Speaks

Paul McNutt has no claim to the friendship of organized labor; parked in the wrong place, if a he has earned its undying enmity. It was then that the Indianapolis Union, oldest labor paper in the charges that a continuation by the governor of such disgraceful conditions will forfeit for him all the confidence and respect of the lawabiding people of the state of Indiana, and PLACE HIM IN THE CLASS WITH THE STALINS, HITLERS AND MUSSOLINIS that

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One thing should be self-evident to every party member. Now is the time, if ever, for the utmost personal sacrifice in time, energy,

With this issue, the CALL returns to regular weekly publication. It must be kept there no matter what the sacrifice involved. We cannot turn back now. Every dime, every possible dollar, hundreds of subs MUST be kept pouring into the CALL office.

Every member must see to it that he is in good standing, keep up dues and assessments. The national office sustaining fund must be increased. Every pledge must be met promptly and every member who can possibly do so must pledge from \$1 to \$10 per month. This will not take money away from the CALL. Every cent in excess of the bare requirements of office maintenance during this critical period will go to the CALL.

At the same time locals, branches and state organizations must be strengthened. There is no conflict in these varied demands. They all go hand in hand and are part and parcel of an active, effective, and militant party.

It is high time now for any one who has been stunned by the on-rush of the very events which we so long have predicted to snap out of it. It is now or never for all of us.

Certainly even in this period of chaos we have a clear-cut answer to one question—the question which heads this editorial. We're Soclalists! Moreover, we're out to let this cockeyed world know it!

Intern J. P. Morgan and Company!

During the World war J. P. Morgan and company represented the British government as financial and purchasing agent in this coun-

When J. P. Morgan got off the Queen-Mary last week he was asked to comment on reports that the British government was considering reappointing his firm as official agent... T-can't say one word. I know nothing

about it," he replied, but after a moment's thought he added, "It would be a natural thing, if they wanted an American agent, that they would call upon us to repeat our perform-

We remember your performance, Mr. Morgan, as well as the British do, but not as gratefully. We remember your part in the propaganda. We remember your part in the selling and the financing and the part you played in getting this country into the war. And we remember the consequences of the war.

It was a good performance, J. P., for the British empire and we don't imagine that you personally lost much on the business. But the workers and farmers of this country did lose on the business, as we do in every imperialist war. One such performance was enough, J. P.

We aren't demanding an encore. There is a rule of international law that the war equipment of belligerent countries can be interned if found in a neutral country, and kept throughout the fight. The Morgan firm is British war equipment. It ought to be interned in this country and kept out of the

Labor's Fifth Column

There is only one force capable of keeping America out of a long war in Europe and that is the combined strength of the organized workers and farmers.

Labor day, the heads of the two powerful trade union movements in this country, John L. Lewis and William Green, sounded the keynote of American labor's opposition to war. The Farmers' union and the Railroad Brotherhoods have in recent years consistently opposed military and other warlike measures.

Green has long been an advocate of keeping America out of foreign entanglements, and Lewis' blast against the war makers indicated that the CIO is steering clear of Stalinist influence on foreign policy.

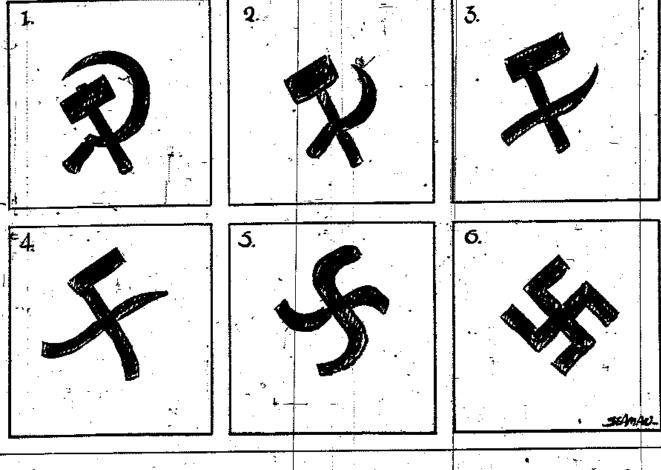
It is a known fact among those politically wise that the Stalinists have written the foreign policy of many CIO unions. Under the guise of fighting Fascism and Nazism, the Communists were able to pull the wool over the eyes of honest rank and file delegates.

Stalinist concentration in auto, steel, aviation and other industries was no accident. It didn't just happen. It was in line with the clear objectives of the Kremlin. American Stalinists fought, bought and robbed their way into key positions in these industries to do one of two things: to deliver labor to American imperialism if it lined up on the side of Russia in any war, or to sabotage it if the lineup did not suit Hitler's new ally—Stalin.

Last week, for instance, the Stalinist Trojan Horse policy worked again. The Communist line was written into the resolution adopted by the United Electrical Workers' (CIO) convention on the international situation. Only a Communist could have written a resolution on current world problems without taking note of the Nazi-Soviet pact. To have mentioned the pact would have meant to denounce it for that is precisely American labor's attitude. The Daily Worker praised the resolution highly and it played up James Carey, that union's president who is also secretary of

the national CIO. American labor will have to take stock of the fifth column within its ranks if it cessfully keep America out of war.

The Stalin Evolution



The Myth of War Prosperity

BY MAYNARD KREUGER

The radio brings you in rapid-fire succession tense-voiced news commentators from London, Warsaw, Berlin, Paris. But when you turn off the radio, if you are like most people, you must be thinking: "What does war in Europe mean to the economic situation here in .. is going to be? The answer is that it does de-

The man in the street remembers the war boom of 1914-18. The business executive remembers the severe economic dislocation during the first six months of the war. They may both be wrong this time.

The immediate shock to finance and industry in this country will probably not be as deep. or as long as in 1914 for two reasons. One is that this war has been anticipated for some time and anticipation of war produces in advance some of the effects of war itself. The other reason is that with the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the Federal Reserve system, the Federal Deposit Insurance corpora-Washington have a much better chance to cushion the shock than in 1914.

Don't Expect War to Bring Back Prosperity

But the people who remember only that war brings prosperity are in for some keen disappointment. Here are some things to keep in your head and on your tongue.

There will no boom in cotton or tobacco for the South. The increase in war uses for cotton is not enough to offset the fact that people postpone buying clothes during a big war even in neutral countries. In 1914 cotton went down and steved down. As for tobacco, the British and French troops, and civilians as well, will probably have to burn their tongues on empire-grown stuff.

Wheat and steel and copper and oil will probably go up. Employment in those lines may increase. Wages may even go up for those who produce these commodities.

When we warned our readers

over a year ago and again last

spring of the possibility of a deal

between Stalin and Hitler, we were

The Communists in particular

said that by suggesting that Stalin

would hold out his hand to Hitler,

we were playing the game of the

"Munichmen — the Chamberlains

and the Axis," and suggested that

we were doing it because deep

down underneath somewhere we

had a real desire to aid Fascism.

It develops that not we, but Stalin,

We had hoped that Litvinoff's

dismissal meant a retreat from the

disastrous collective security policy

which led to Munich. We had

hoped that Stalin would be forced

to admit the error of Soviet for-

eign policy from the time it first

started kow-towing to bourgeols

governments, soft-pedaling the rev-

olution, and building popular

* Some Socialists studied the first

announcements of the Soviet-Nazi

"non-aggression" pact with inter-

est. Any favorable sentiment was

quickly shattered when the nature

of the agreement became public.

It is in no sense a non-aggression

It is not a pact which isolates

Russia from the conflict between

the rival imperialisms, which we

would welcome. It is a pact in

which Stalin promises benevolent

ineutrality if Germany attacks Po-

land, and is involved in war with

Benevolent neutrality coupled

with the trade agreement signed

Aug. 21 means greatly strengthen-

ing the Nazis, and this we never

have advocated. Real neutrality,

coupled with a strict boycott on

German goods, and a refusal to

sell them the raw materials they

need so badly would have been a

truly Socialist and revolutionary

A responsible revolutionary gover

other countries as a result.

Real Socialist Policy

is aiding Fascism.

, met with ridicule and abuse.

The New Deal's present program of building 500 new merchant ships during a 10-year

Stalin's Doublecross

confidence.

ernment would have admitted the

error of the collective security

policy, and asked for the approval

of its constituents in a drastic

change of policy-toward isplation.

After debate and a vote it would

either have gone shead to put into

effect the decision of the majority,

or falling to gain the confidence

of that majority, would have made

way for those who enjoyed such

The contrast between such a

democratic procedure and that

which was followed throws a

searchlight on the methods of dic-

tatorship. There were only the

vaguest of hints in the Soviet

press, government speeches, etc.,

to indicate any drastic change in

The Communists the world over

were whooping it up just as hard

as ever for a military alliance be-

tween Russia, France and England,

and for us to lend that alliance a

friendly hand. England and France

in good faith sent military missions

to Moscow, which supposedly were

mapping out joint action if Ger-

many should attack Poland. The

day before Russia signed her trade

pact with Germany, the well in-

formed New York "Times" still had

Russia rather securely fixed in the

International tension increased,

as Hitler's "war of nerves" went into high gear. Speculation still

existed as to whether or not the

democracies woud appeare Hitler

again-but even such speculation

was dying down, as it became ap-

parent that Chamberlain and Dala-

dier were the prisoners of coun-

tries resolved to fight before suf-

fering further humiliation and de-

Just at this precise moment,

when a great show of firmness

might have stopped Hitler once

again, as it did when Poland mo-

bilized last spring, Stalin went in

for appeasement in a way that makes Chamberlain look like a

First came the trade pact, by

Chamberlain a Piker

"democratic orbit."

Pact Fools Allies

period will undoubtedly be speeded up. (Incidentally, this merchant marine program means that if Roosevelt comes out for "cash and carry" he won't really mean it.)

But, you may ask, doesn't the economic effect of the war in this country depend on what the United States policy on foreign trade pend in part on whether exports to belligerents are allowed, but it depends even more on domestic policy.

Only Boom Will Be in Cost of Living

The last congress gave F. D. R. everything he wanted for military and naval and aerial expansion, except the appropriation for Guam. Now, with war in Europe no longer hypothetical, Republicans and Democrats will unite to put this country on an armaments economy basis. An administration that has gone so Browder's Dilemma slowly on the unemployment problem that it is falling off its bicycle, will now grab the opportion and the generally increased government tunity of making a dent in the problem by excontrol of economic affairs, the authorities in panding war industries for both home use and

This type of industrial expansion is deadly dangerous. It will appear to be "prosperity," but people can't eat airplanes, nor wear them, nor live in them. Expansion of the war industries will not increase the standard of living. If it makes a dent in unemployment at all it will be by Hitler's own method of armaments eco-

The biggest boom the war will bring in this country will be the boom in the cost of living. The farmer remembers two dollar wheat, but he may forget that he paid for farm implements three times what he paid before. The worker remembers high wages, but he may forget that sugar went to 10 times what it

About war "prosperity" there are two things that are certain. One is that it is sure to be followed by worse depression. The other is that even at the time, what the worker and farmer get in increased wages and prices, theylose in the increased cost of living. There is no such thing as war "prosperity."

which Russia promised to send

Germany the raw materials she

needs for warfere no less than she

needs men and guns, to the tune

of 180,000,000 marks' worth in the

next two years—this when the

Commics here are shouting that we

should refuse to sell such goods

to Germany. Russia also is to

buy 200,000,000 marks' worth of

German goods, while the C. Pers

here picket stores selling German

Next came the "non-aggression"

pact. This goes far beyond the

non-aggression treaties Russia has

signed with many other countries.

It pledges her to "refrain from

every act of force" against Ger-

many; to give no other country at

war with Germany support of any

kind; and does not permit her to join any anti-Axis front. It care-

fully avoids the clause included in

other non-aggression treaties to the

effect that if either should aggress

against a third country, the whole treaty would be void.

In effect, the trade agreement and the benevolent neutrality pact

place Russia in the position of a

neutral; a neutral pledged not to

help Poland and her allies, but to

give important economic aid to Germany. It practically amounts

to Stalin's saying to Hitler, "Go ahead, old boy! I'm not stopping

you. And here are a couple of

black-jacks, in case you need

Readers of the CALL do not need

to be reminded that pacts are

maintained only so long as they

serve the interests of any state.

This means that either Germany

or Russia could violate the treaty

They won't, though. The an-

nouncement of the treaty has so

weakened the democratic powers,

and so demoralized the supporters

of Stalin the world over, that a

right-about face in the near future

is almost unthinkable. Stalin has

decided to play ball with Hitler

as long as he finds it profitable,

and since no pleas can even reach

him from the disheartened faithful,

he won't change tomorrow in this. Hitler will abide by the pact in the

immediate future because it is all

Later on, when this pact becomes

inconvenient, both members of the

unholy partnership are such past

to his advantage to do so.

Stalin Plays Ball

goods.

Liberal and Left Wing Press in Review

We had intended to deal with the Communist press, official and unofficial, in the same general terms with which we have discussed the other liberal and labor journals. But the events of the past two weeks preclude such generalities. The performance of the CP press between the signing of the Nazi-Soviet trade pact down to the day before yesterday so outshines anything it has staged in the past that one can hardly do justice to the subject in a single column.

The designation, "Communist press" covers an enormous territory—all the way from the party's three official English dailies and its numerous language organs, to its litter of weeklies and monthlies; all the way from the official New Masses to the unofficial magazines of its numerous front groups - Science and Society, voice of the Bolshevized scientific periphery; Fight, of the "peace and democracy" fellow-travelers; Equality, the new anti-Coughlinite organ (which recently launched a vicious attack on Norman Thomas); TAC, the new and very resplendent stage - scréen - literarymusical organ. (The editorial boards of the last two magazines include the same creme-dela-creme of the Hollywood and Manhattan fellow-travelers—Dorothy Parker, Dashiell Ham-met and similar serious thinkers.)

The Guild Reporter

While the Guild Reporter, organ of the Newspaper guild, has no official connection with the party, it too manages to follow the party line pretty faithfully-or did up to the past week or two. We haven't seen it since Heywood Broun cracked.

However, it has been to the three official dailies and the New Masses that one has had to look for guidance in the present international crisis.

We are all familiar by this time with Mr. Browder's ringing statement of a month or so ago to the effect that the possibility of a Soviet-Nazi pact was as remote as his own election to the chairmanship of the chamber of commerce.

On the day following the signing of the pact, when every newspaper in the country was devoting pages to the subject, the Daily Worker—and, of course, the Midwest Record and the People's World—were struck dumb. On the following day, when the line had not yet arrived from Moscow, Mr. Browder assured the newspaper reporters and the stricken readers of the Daily Worker that there was nothing to get excited about. This was just the old, familiar non-aggres-

sion pact, with the usual "escape clauses" which Russia had signed so often in the past. It interfered in no way with the Franco-British-Soviet alliance and furthermore "THE PACT WAS A BODY BLOW TO HITLER!"

On Tuesday night came the terms of the pact over the radio and the next morning half' of New York was fighting for copies of the Daily Worker to see what Mr. Browder would say new. For not only was there no escape clause. The Franco-Britsh-Soviet alliance had been kicked sky high.

There was undoubtedly some intensive brainwork in the wee, small hours at West

By Henry Haskell

Socialist Call Writer on Foreign Affairs masters at the double-cross that a

scrap of paper will never, bar their

Stalin's Responsibility

By the time this appears in the CALL, the pact may have borne its most immediate fruit-general European war. If so, Stalin must share joint responsibility with Chamberlain and Daladier for this turn of events. Some day history may call the signing of this pact the decisive factor in determining Hitler to go ahead in Poland.

One unfortunate effect this pact will have in this country is to make the general public look askance at the radical movement. It will be easy to smear the whole Left with Communist tar-to point to radicals as being unreliable hypocrites who will double-cross even their own most devoted followers.

When Stalin shoots a group of his own party leaders for advocating rapproachment with Hitler one year, and embraces Hitler himself the next; and when tradition has thrown a revolutionary mantle on Stalin's unwilling shoulders, this can hardly be avoiled.

C. P. Fellow Travelers

The attempts of the Communists to wiggle out of their present dilemma are ludicrous and pathetic, but they really aren't very funny. Anyone who considers integrity a thing to be cherished as a revolutionary asset cannot but feel nauseated as he watches Stalin's faithful followers squirm and twist and writhe as they try to change their whole point of view at the dictates of the Boss.

We know that many a fellow traveler will not be able to swallow this latest infamous doublecross on the faithful. Freda Kirchwey of the "Nation" has already tumbled off the bandwagon, at least temporarily. We hope that large numbers of Communist party members who have rationalized away their misgivings and doubts and questions up to now will at last become completely distilusioned, and make an effort to free themselves from the octopus which has kept them enslaved in a personal loyalty to a man rather than to the cause of Socialism.

Many of these are only misguided, and as they emerge out of the hypocricies and specious theories and tortuous reasonings imposed on them by a false monolithic party discipline, they can again become valuable workers for Socialism.

knew less about what was going on in Me than did the editor of the New York For a day the Daily Worker fumbled

Thirteenth Street, for Obviously Mr. Be

the new rationalization-1,500 words of peared. The pact was now a BODY F FOR PEACE and a COMPLETE EXPOS OF THE NEW BETRAYAL PLANS OF MUNICHEERS In short, by staging his own Munich,

had beaten Chamberlain to the punch. (berlain had "betrayed democracy" but had saved the peace of the world.

A few days later, the pact was rather the Soviet Congress and four hours and ratification, Hitler invaded Poland. The cation had been the "go-ahead signal" for The Theological Minds

The Daily Worker's third rationalization the subject had been blown to bits. Be this phased the Communist press—or the munist membership? Not on your life, sure its course has become too contract. its "logic" too devious for anyone but a pe paht to follow. The Communist press, in the past year or two has been the me tive war-mongering force in the entire con has now become the apostle — at least

headlines—of "world peace." But while the American CP press porting the "president's neutrality pre-(which is not, of course, a neutrality preat all) French Communists are enlist "defend democracy" and English Communication of the Chamberlain calls all of this while the Soviet Union is furn Germany with war material and a Soviet tary mission in Berlin is undoubtedly l the basis for a military alliance!

Stalin, the Beloved

Does this mean that the Communist pa of the world have cut themselves loose Moscow? Not at all. Stalin is still the loved leader, the savious of peace, in the ican, British, and French Communist The new "line" is merely more device.

the old. At this stage of the game—regard of what is to come later—the Communication ties could not possibly execute a conright-about-face in relation to Fascism with losing most of their powerful friends and that political place in the sun which they achieved on the strength of the "anti-the struggle."

And so at the moment, the Moscow line vides for a program of Communist nations in which the Communist party in each each can line up behind the nationalist strugger its own bourgeoisie while upholding and fying Stalin's alliance with the Nazis. other course—in the U.S. for example—w mean the loss of thousands of jobs within framework of the New Deal, in the CIO, the various liberal organizations and of Without these plums, the party's exframework and it power would be share Membership Stopped Thinking

It may be shattered anyway-in time. party membership, for awhile at least, swallow anything. Most of them stopped the ing long ago and they cannot recover faculties at this late date. But the perhit travelers, at least the more honest an them, are falling away like autumn le Those who remain are merely time-server dim-wits, to whom fellow traveling is a fession or an escape from reality.

The Forum

Completely Disgusted I am completely disgusted with the article in

issue of Aug. 5 entitled "An Eleonomic Pipe E in which you attack the American Foundati Abundance. You have misstated facts and di them, only showing your ignorance.

Instead of crying out against this great most every Socialist should, while holding memberalist Socialist party, also join the American Foundation Abundance and help to push it along. Also the sendites should see the fallacy of that plan and to boost American Foundation for Abundance. I am not surprised that the writer of the Calle did not put his name to it. If I lied like that I

want to hide too. W, H, RICHAEDI Indianapolis,

Editor's Note: Comrade Richards ought to me and the editorial board. Unsigned articles, of are the responsibility of the editor and/or the aboard. The inadequacies of the Socialist Call are but hiding is not one of them.

Author Recovered To the Editor of the Call:

A few weeks ago you published an old perce "Five Souls," saying writer unknown. The W. N. Ewer, well known in England as a versal Also a sixth stanza was written by an English "The Sixth Soul"

I was a soldier of the Prince of Peace: "Thou Shalt Not Kill" is writ among his is So I refused to fight, and for this cause Myself was slain. Twas thus a gained refer I gave my life for freedom—this I know— For he for whom I fought has told me so.

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