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Solidarity With Spain

U. S. Strike Scenes Shift to Maine And California

East and West Coast have taken the place of America's Midwest as the central arenas of the great unionizing campaign which continues to sweep this continent. With the settlement of the Oshawa strike, the auto-dominated central plains have, for the moment relinquished the center of the class war stage; the flare-up in Maine's shoe shops and California's fruit fields have illuminated the horizons of America.

The Oshawa strike was a union victory, despite the fact that the agreement had to be so confusingly drawn as to permit the company and especially the premier, Mitchell Hepburn, to save face. The workers get shorter hours, better pay and improved working conditions. The agreement runs together with and expires together with the General Motors agreement in the United States. The agreement does not state, however, that the CIO is recognized as such to be the collective bargaining agency. This empty victory as to name is what saves the badly beaten face of the premier and the company.

The Union Recognized
Although the CIO is not mentioned, by name, it was Mr. Millard, full time CIO organizer, who headed the bargaining committee. The agreement states, moreover, that "the agreement covering the Oshawa factory of the company is signed by the union employees hereunder who signed on behalf of themselves and their successors in office representing the employees of the company who are members of the local union."

In other words, the company signed an agreement with union officials, acting in the capacity of officers of their union. If that is not recognition — minus the name — then what is?

The "local union" in question is Local 222 of the United Automobile Workers of America a CIO affiliate.

Hapgood Leads Shoe Strike
Almost simultaneous with the let-down in Oshawa comes the flare-up in Auburn - Lewiston, Maine, where the courageous shoe strikers, under the bold leadership of Powers Hapgood, are defying the bayonets of Governor Lewis O. Barrows. The strike is entering its sixth week. But it is entering its third week of virtual civil war.

This is the first time the troops have been called out since September 1934, during the textile strike. Tear gas, clubs, and arrests have been flying fast and thick.

Powers Hapgood, out on bail, has called upon the strikers to continue their fight in defiance of the militia and its bayonets.

"We're going to continue the strike," he said, "injunction or no injunction."

"We like law and order when properly enforced. We're not rioters, despite the fact three of us were arrested."

"The only people in the two towns guilty of inciting to riot are those officers guilty of throwing tear gas bombs and clubbing."

Agricultural Workers Strike
Fifty wounded, (one fatally), were the victims of another tear gas, club and shotgun raid of state officers and sheriffs upon cannery strikers this time in Stockton, California. Although the first battle of the agricultural workers with the officers led to a quick truce, the tense situation threatens to explode again.

The report of the Associated Press probably summarizes the situation in America very nicely as it appears to the mind of one who does not understand the will of the bosses in keeping down the present turbulent workers. It re-

Hapgood Sends Greetings From Strike Front

May Day greetings from Lewiston, Maine, site of the biggest labor battle ever waged in the most reactionary state in the union, to the SOCIALIST CALL and to comrades throughout the country active in labor struggles and working shoulder to shoulder with militant trade unionists. May Socialists, working in and through economic organizations of labor, lead the way to the cooperative commonwealth.

POWERS HAPGOOD
National Vice-Chairman,
Socialist Party; Secretary
New England Council, CIO

ports one woman onlooker as moaning:

"Oh, dear God, save us. What is the world coming to?"

Railroad Strike

A second blow-up in the East was narrowly averted this week when President Roosevelt stepped into the very tense railroad situation. A strike of the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks, an AFL affiliate, would have involved 25,000 men.

The situation is made especially difficult in that a jurisdictional question as well as a strike question are simultaneously involved. Ryan, head of the International Longshoremen's Association, claims the right to organize men who are handling waterfront traffic for the railroads.

The board appointed by President Roosevelt has been empowered to arbitrate the jurisdictional question as well as the capital-labor struggle.

Under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, the union may not call a strike until sixty days have elapsed. The board is giving thirty days to study the situation; and thirty days must elapse after

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Hapgood



Powers Hapgood, New England secretary for the CIO, was arrested during the shoe strike in Maine. He is charged with inciting to riot.

Drive of Oil Union Aids Texas Labor

By GEORGE PAPOUN

HOUSTON, Texas.—The CIO drive, despite the vicious opposition of the oil companies, is meeting with success. Scores of oil workers are coming voluntarily to local unions and enrolling. Last week 460 new members joined in and around Houston. Mass meetings are being held by different local unions which are being enthusiastically attended by thousands of oil workers.

The union officials are being flooded with applications for membership. The office workers of the oil companies are voluntarily visiting union headquarters requesting that they be organized.

The workers in the oil industry, not including the office workers, are divided into the following categories: 102,000 are engaged in the production of oil; 87,000 in refining; 320,000 in marketing wholesale and retail; 500,000 in the distribution of refined products.

One of the most important developments in the drive is the election of committees by the local unions which will cooperate with the international union and the CIO organizers. Some of the

Angelo Herndon Is Freed By Decision Of Supreme Court

Angelo Herndon, young Negro Communist, sentenced to prison for eighteen to twenty years by a Georgia court, has had the decision nullified by a five-four edict of the United States Supreme Court.

This decision, which falls into line with the other recent "liberal" actions of the Supreme Court majority, was written by Justice Roberts, who has so recently swung from the conservative majority to the now "liberal" majority. The dissenting opinion was written by the reactionary Justice Van Devanter.

locals have already elected their committees.

Clamor For CIO

Despite the fact that the AFL is trying to compete with the oil drive, it is having very little effect on the recruiting power of the oil workers' union. The local unions of the AFL are being flooded with applications. The workers in the various industries are clamoring for the CIO, but as yet there is no CIO office to take care of their organization. Meetings are being held by the auto salesmen, culinary workers, and various other crafts too numerous to mention.

Old-time labor leaders assert that this is the first time in the history of Houston that such organizational enthusiasm has been shown by the working class.

Dunne Socialist Candidate For Minn. Mayor

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—As the Socialist campaign to place Vincent Dunne, militant Midwest labor leader, in the Mayor's chair gains headway, indications point to the most active campaign waged by the party in recent years.

The national office of the Socialist Party is sending from Chicago one of its fleet of Red Sound Trucks, and plans are being made to make this truck a center of campaign activity. On May 1, 8 P.M. at the AOUW hall, 7 and Hennepin Avenue, the party will hold the first of its mass meetings, where Vincent Dunne will discuss the issues confronting the workers on this 51st anniversary of May Day.

The radio will be utilized to the fullest possible extent, and all workers are urged to be on the lookout for further notices of Socialist broadcasts. On May 8 the party will hold a campaign dance at a place to be designated later. Socialist campaign headquarters are at 631 Third Avenue South.

All persons interested in furthering the campaign of our outstanding candidate are urged to visit campaign headquarters and get behind the campaign of Vincent R. Dunne for Mayor of Minneapolis.

The full Socialist program will be advanced, with the addition of certain immediate demands such as the passage of the Minnesota Youth Act; for strict regulation of the public utilities in the interest of the working class; adequate relief for the unemployed; no increase in the size of the police force or its powers; opposition to the plan to place the chief of police under civil service; for the freest extension of workers' organizations; for adequate housing facilities for low income groups; for the extension of civil liberties and unyielding opposition to any attempt to curtail them; and lastly, and most important: the fullest cooperation with the recent Socialist Party Resolution on War, which calls upon the working class to oppose any attempt of the capitalist class to drag them into an imperialist war.

The court line up was: For—Hughes, Brandies, Cardozo, Roberts and Stone; Against—Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland, and Butler.

Herndon has been sentenced by the Georgia court because he was a member of the Communist Party in whose possession was found Communist literature. Roberts maintained that this in itself was no crime and that the state had no right to pass such a vague law which would "amount merely to a dragnet which may enmesh anyone who agitates for a change of government if a jury can be persuaded that he ought to have some effect on the future conduct of others."

Freedom Of Speech

The decision of Roberts does not guarantee freedom of speech at all times. It does maintain, however, that freedom of speech should be the rule and its limitation the exception to the rule.

Roberts further ruled that there was insufficient evidence to prove that Herndon actually was intent upon "inciting insurrection." The "intent to incite," he maintained, "must rest upon his procuring members for the Communist Party, and his possession of that party's literature when he was arrested."

Robert's decision rested primarily upon the exact circumstance surrounding the arrest and immediate activities of Herndon. It did not pass upon the question of the Georgia Insurrection Law as such.

Step Forward

The Robert's decision is, nevertheless, viewed as a blow to reaction and a step forward in the strengthening of workers' rights and civil liberties.

Mary Fox, in the name of the League for Industrial Democracy, one of the organizations which has been in the forefront of the fight for Herndon's freedom, declared: "This decision is a step forward in the fight against an oppressive Law, and a fight which can help in the more general struggle to prevent all infringements upon the civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution."

The Herndon decision is in line with the recent decision of the court on Eirk de Jonge, sentenced in Oregon under a criminal syndicalist law. In a majority opinion, closely resembling the Herndon, dictum, the court reversed the Oregon sentence.

By this action the Supreme Court did not pass on the validity of the state law but upon the particular circumstances surrounding the arrest and conviction.

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Blood in Stockton



This aged farmer is one of the victims in the clash between agricultural workers and canneries in Stockton, California.

New York Set for Colorful May Day Demonstration; Expect Greatest Turnout

By SAMUEL ROMER

NEW YORK.—Everything is set for New York's greatest May Day! The traditional international labor holiday Saturday will be celebrated in a manner befitting America's largest labor movement as a united front of Socialist and Communists join with progressive unions in a tremendous demonstration of working-class solidarity and power.

New York organized labor, half a million strong, will march May Day, its united ranks forming a striking testimonial of labor's fealty to class and brother. The demonstration will be marked as one of the most colorful parades of its kind ever held. Hundreds of bands will blare forth the militant strains of "The Internationale," hymn of the workers of the world, as they herald the marching thousands who, dressed in the costume of their working trades, will shout forth their undying opposition to war and Fascism and their demand for freedom and security for the producers of the nation.

Colorful Parade
Huge floats will caricature labor's enemies; other will dramatize in effective tableaux the brotherhood of workmen and women the world over. Mural paintings, towering high over the heads of the marchers, will depict in picture and words the story of labor's fight for its emancipation.

Outstanding among the unions will be the Socialist section, thousands strong. Led by Genora Johnson, famous captain of the Emergency Brigade of the Flint Women's Auxiliary, and Party executives, New York Socialists will hold their heads high as their red banner proclaims: "We will fight Fascism to the death!" Tragic evidence that this is no mere slogan to be carried on May Day and then forgotten will be offered by a huge picture of Paul Niepold, heroic young New York Socialist, who fell on the Madrid front recently while enrolled in the International Volunteer Brigade.

For Those Who Died
The spirit of Paul Niepold and other heroic Americans who have made the supreme sacrifice in Spain will dramatize the Anti-Fascist section of the parade, composed of Spaniards, Italians and Germans who will march against the butchers who rule in their homelands. Together, these victims of Fascism will voice the aspirations of their millions of brothers now enslaved in their homes—"Freedom from the Fascist menace, freedom for the working-class."

Support for the Committee for Industrial Organization and the current drive to organize the workers in the mass production industries will be expressed by the thousands of unionists who will march. Dressmakers, bakers, seamen, painters, shoe workers and furriers, newspapermen and textile workers—they will portray a glorious picture of a united labor movement as their ranks fill the streets of New York on May First.

Starts 9 A.M.
The parade will begin in the heart of the Garment district at 9 A.M. and sundown will still see the marchers turning left into Union Square from Broadway. The general route followed will be Eighth Avenue down to 30th Street, over to Fifth Avenue and down to Madison Square, then down Broadway to Union Square. In the evening, the Socialist Party will sponsor a dinner and dance at Central Opera House

Socialist Party Mobilization

Party ranks for the New York demonstration will assemble on 54 Street between Ninth and Tenth Avenues at 11:30 a.m. sharp. Members and sympathizers will march with their branches in the following order:

- City Executive Committee.
- Spanish Section.
- German Section.
- Italian Section.
- Women's Color Guard.
- Red Falcons.
- Men's Color Guard.
- Party Branches.
- Jewish Section.
- YPSL Color Guard.
- YPSL Circles.

which will feature Genora Johnson and other speakers.

Two Parades In Brooklyn

Two pre-May demonstrations will be held in Brooklyn, New York, Friday evening, April 30.

The Brownsville-East New York section will witness a huge parade climaxed by two open air meetings, at which Jack Altman, executive secretary of Local New York, will be a speaker. Participating organizations include the Socialist Party, the Communist Party, Workers' Alliance locals, the IWO, Bakers Union Local 509, Bricklayers Club, Carpenters Club, United Anti-Nazi Council, Workmen's Circle branches, and Progressive Women's Council.

The parade in the Williamsburgh section will start at Graham Avenue and end with a mass meeting at Havermeyer and South 4 Street.

Chi. Primed For Its Biggest May Day Parade

By ARTHUR G. McDOWELL

CHICAGO.—Chicago Socialist, Communist and trade union forces are prepared for the most powerful May Demonstration which this city has seen since the McCormick Reapers Works strike and the tragic Haymarket massacre and frame-up cradled the International Labor Holiday in this city in the eight-hour day strikes of 1886.

The parade will start forming at 2 P.M. in Union Park Saturday afternoon and move promptly at 3 P.M. marching east on Randolph street, winding up in Grant Park where a brief meeting will be held to hear speakers from the workers organizations.

The parade will be in seven divisions. First, the main band together with the flag guard and children's groups; second, the trade unions, Illinois Workers Alliance, and the special Free Tom Mooney contingent and Women's Brigade; third, the workers fraternal organizations; fourth, cultural and language groups; fifth, the political organizations, including Socialist and Communist Parties, Labor Party, etc.; sixth, Youth organizations and a special Spanish Contingent carrying the banners of the Eugene Debs Column and the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; and seventh, Workers Defense and other miscellaneous groups.

Socialist Section

The Socialist Section will feature the red flag column of the Party and Young People's Socialist League which was the feature of last year's parade, together with the Illinois Red Special

May Day, 1937, Renews Fight for Tom Mooney

Throughout the Socialist Party this May Day will be especially marked by a new campaign for the freedom of Tom Mooney.

All our demonstrations and speakers will mark the occasion by a special plea to the nation's working class to redouble its efforts in behalf of the outstanding class-war prisoner in America.

All our trade unionists will urge upon their fellow workers the claims of Tom Mooney upon them.

We, the Socialist Party of the U.S.A., resolve that Tom Mooney shall have all possible aid for his unconditional pardon and freedom in this, the twenty-first year of his imprisonment.

We, the Socialist Party of the U.S.A., call upon all working class forces to join with us in a final, successful effort to win by working class action the freedom of prisoner 31921, Tom Mooney.



ROY E. BURT,
National Secretary,
Socialist Party, U.S.A.

Maine, U.S.A.



The New England police go into action against a woman shoe striker in Lewiston, Auburn, Maine.

Party Hails Spanish Fighters on May Day

The following May Day Greeting has been called to the Socialist Party of Spain by the Socialist Party, U.S.A.:

Down With Fascism! Victory for Socialism!

Greetings From America to the Valiant Anti-Fascist Fighters of Spain on International May Day.

SOCIALIST PARTY, U.S.A.

Sound Truck. Resistance to States Attorney Courtney's drive against strikes in Chicago and the fight against Fascism in Spain and War plans in the U. S. will dominate the parade.

Following the demonstration end in Grant Park Socialists and their friends will repair to the Debs Auditorium of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Center at Ashland and Van Buren for a Socialist May Day evening. The Committee has arranged for full length meals of all International shades, and all other types of refreshments.

After the Parade

An informal program which will include mass singing, and solo program of real revolutionary music by John Green well known and loved Negro concert tenor of Chicago. Some dramatic skits and sketches, recitations by John Hancox, poet laureate of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union now visiting in Chicago and dancing will fill the evening.

Evening celebrations will also be held by Jugo Slav Socialist Branch No. 1 and by the Socialist Bohemian Branches, the first at the auditorium of Prosveta at 2567 So. Lawndale, and the other at Pilsen Park.

United May Day In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA. For the first time in history Philadelphia will see a United May Day demonstration. Workers from 100 trade unions, WPA groups, political, cultural, and unemployed organizations will demonstrate

Saturday, 2 P.M., at Reyburn Plaza.

The Socialist Party, its friends and sympathizers, led by Genora Johnson, will march from 1626 Arch Street to the Plaza and there will join the mass demonstration. Following the speeches the entire demonstration will parade to Independence Square where it will disperse.

Speakers at the Plaza include Genora Johnson, leader of the Women's Emergency Brigade; and Howard Kester, general organizer of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union and Socialist executive committee member. Genora Johnson will leave immediately after speaking for New York City, where she will address the united May Day Demonstration there. The demonstration this year will be the largest held yet in Philadelphia. Numerous unions which have never participated in May Day will march in the parade.

The Socialist Party will hold a May Day Eve mass rally on April 30, 8 P.M., at 1626 Arch Street, at which Genora Johnson and Howard Kester will speak.

Mass Meeting In Detroit

DETROIT, Mich.—The United May Day meeting, sponsored by the Socialist and Communist Parties and trade union and labor groups, will gather at Times Square at 3 P.M.

In the evening Socialists are celebrating May Day at their headquarters at 3946 Trumbull Avenue.

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THANK YOU, COMRADES AND BROTHERS

The SOCIALIST CALL gives its deepest thanks and working class greetings to all those who have made this May Day issue possible. We thank the unions and the workers' fraternal organizations.

But above all we are proud of all those individuals, Socialist Party members and rank and file trade unionists who, this year, have contributed so handsomely to our May First issue. We are particularly joyous because we feel that in them the SOCIALIST CALL, as well as the Socialist Party, has its real roots. We are glad of the unusually large number of Socialist Leaguers and Party branches which have made this largest issue possible because that is the very best indication that our press, our party and our message have found a real place in their hearts.

THE CASE OF ED PARKER

The case of Ed Parker is many sided. The case of Ed Parker is the case of the unemployed.

In Cairo, Illinois, he was a jobless leader, an organizer of the Illinois Workers' Alliance. These men in the Alliance, who had saved the city from flood by their heroic work on the levee, were rewarded with 50 cents an hour. But none was paid! They called a meeting to present the situation to the relief authorities. And Ed Parker was with them.

The case of Ed Parker is the case of the Negro.

Ed, himself, is not a Negro, but he is down in Cairo fighting for their rights, for their claim to be treated and paid just as every other human being. The normal terror reserved for the militant unemployed has been intensified, because, as the officials claim, "the nigger must be kept in place." Against this discrimination Parker fought.

The case of Ed Parker is the case of civil liberties in America.

In this issue of the CALL, the Workers' Defense League correspondent on the scene tells of how the legal authorities are trying to give the defendants of Parker the run-around, in order to defy the most elementary and ancient civil rights. Parker was held without charges. He was held incommunicado, shifted from jail to jail. He was charged with outrageous crimes. His witnesses were terrorized, and driven from town. His lawyers were denied the simplest legal processes, granted to the world's worst criminals.

The Parker case threatens to become a new Herndon case. Every ounce of energy must be thrown behind this battle for the unemployed, the Negroes, and the rights of workers.

A last minute report that comes to us telling of an investigation to be made by the LaFollette Committee into the Cairo situation is cheering. But this is not in itself sufficient.

The Workers' Defense League needs funds to carry through this fight to a proper conclusion. Rush your money to the League at 112 East 19th Street, New York City.

OUR VICTORY

The Berg Bills have been vetoed. They were vetoed after a hearing in which a united front of all minority parties presented their vigorous protest against this undemocratic attempt to handicap minority parties in New York State. The governor was not unaffected by the size of this protest, and he has ordered: I forbid.

The incidents around the Berg Bill teach much.

They indicate the mood not only of a New York State legislature but of the legislators in many states. Florida has a law which is so vicious that it leaves no actual place on the ballot for any party except the Democrats. Ohio has a law which threw the Socialists off the ballot in the presidential campaign. These laws are recent additions to others that have been in force in other states for some years.

The incidents surrounding the Berg Bills prove something more, however, than the reactionary mood of the legislators. They prove the effectiveness of quick, decisive, forceful action. They prove the value of a broad united front in specific actions.

The mood of the legislators will not pass with the veto.

They are angry and spiteful. They will vent their spleen when new bills come up, such as the Kleinfeld-Dooling Bill with its increase of the percentage of votes necessary to put a party automatically on the ballot, such as the Wadsworth Bill, outlawing sit-downs, outlawing "unauthorized strikes," outlawing picketing, crippling unions with governmental audits and investigations.

They prepare to vent their spleen nationally, in Washington, as well as in the state legislatures. Laws against sit-downs, against strikes, against free unions, for incorporation, forced arbitration, and protracted conciliation are being drafted for presentation.

No, reaction has not quit!

And labor dare not quit, not for a minute. We will not liek these moves by being quiet above them, by trying to forget them, by behaving ourselves. Reaction won't be killed with kindness. It must be hit, knocked down, and stamped out.

On your guard, workers. Don't yield an inch.

MAY DAY, 1937



Ohio Cops Gang Up on Jobless

To The Editor

The relief sitdown strike in Governor Davey's office and the subsequent developments at Columbus, the Workers Alliance local strike at Dayton, Ohio, and the breakdown of unemployed relief thruout Ohio are of such importance as to warrant considerable emphasis in the Socialist Press.

The coming trial of John Monarch, Ben Grey, Jessie Josephson, John Chiller, Mrs. John Williams, and Morris Jaffe will be of outstanding importance to the Workers Alliance and to the Socialist movement in Ohio and the Middle West.

The resident attorney on our case, Milton Farber, declared he had seldom seen the police more hostile. Their hostility is not an isolated detail nor was the setting of the bail at \$1500 an act of malice, for every effort will be made to make this occasion serve as an example to discourage the unemployed and to strike fear into the ranks of radicals and liberals. The state fire marshal has condemned the excellent Toledo downtown hall of the Alliance.

The importance of raising bail is more manifest when we realize that those in jail are starving on the food they have to eat, they are not allowed to shave, and can have but one bath a week.

Bail has been raised by the Socialist Party of Ohio for John Monarch and Ben Grey, president of the Alliance of Ohio.

GRISCOM MORGAN
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Socialists And The CD Election

To The Editor

We want to dissent from the decision of a group of Socialist cooperators announced by Ben Wolf in the April 24 CALL. The decision was to support a slate of 13 candidates in the election of the board of directors of Co-operative Distributors.

This decision was not well taken. Specifically, the meeting

Rosika Schwimmer Not a Party Member

Madam Rosika Schwimmer, the world-famous pacifist, has asked the CALL to correct an impression that she had joined the Socialist Party. Madam Schwimmer, during the 1936 campaign, endorsed the candidacy of Norman Thomas for president, because of uncompromising pacifist statements in his campaign speeches. She declared her regret that since citizenship had been refused to her because of her pacifist stand, she could not work for his election.

In fairness to Madam Schwimmer, it should be stated that she was not and is not now a member of the Socialist Party.

of the group at which it was made was attended by only a small minority of the Socialist members of CD. Moreover, neither of us, one a member of the Board and the other an executive, received a notice of this meeting, although the board member was later invited to a committee meeting that informed him of the final decisions.

The platform announced by the Socialist group does not present any real issues between it and the present board. The board would favor almost every plank, within the limits of CD's financial resources. The group never offered its program to the board nor suggested ways of financing it.

The group is lending itself to a sectarian factionalism in CD which will not only injure the co-operative, but also the standing of the Socialist Party within it. It has allied itself with candidates of the Lever group now out of office, which discredited itself and CD by its exaggerated claims for its goods and laboratory, and its disregard of sound financial methods. The Lever group has since made all sorts of untrue and misleading statements about CD.

For these reasons we think

that Socialists need not and should not support the slate announced.

BRADFORD YOUNG
EDWIN WALSH

New York.

A Reply By Ben Wolf

To The Editor

For the record, all Socialist members of CD were invited, with one or two exceptions, due to an unfortunate oversight. The group which actually attended was in every respect a representative group of those in the party most interested and active in CD. The charge that the decision was made by a small minority is therefore grossly misleading.

As to the program, the group endorsed it because they felt the program to be the most progressive offered to CD members. This judgment was made after discussion and if any doubt its wisdom that is their personal prerogative.

As to factionalism, the charge is ridiculous. Members of any organization who have a common set of principles, as do Socialists, should be encouraged to meet for joint action. In this way their effort to better the organization of which they are members is enhanced.

As to the Lever group charge, Socialist CD'ers are backing a program and along with it the men who support it, not candidates who have conjured up a program.

BEN WOLF.

LIVING COST UP

The cost of living of wage earners rose sharply, 0.8%, from February to March, in consequence of increases in the cost of each major group of expenditures except coal, the Natl. Industrial Conference Board, employers' group, estimates. Living costs in March, 1937, were 5.8% higher than a year ago, and 22.8% higher than in April, 1933. The low point of the depression

WORLD SOCIALISM

—By Herbert Zam—

NOW THAT the fire and the fury of the Van Zeeland-Degrelle election struggle have receded into the background, it is possible to take a little time off for sober reflection. There is no doubt that the small vote cast for Degrelle was a blow to Belgian Fascism. Nor is there any doubt that the almost unanimous vote for Van Zeeland, aside from the Fascists, increases the prestige of the government very considerably. But there still remains the question: What did the working class gain in this election?

In order to answer this, it is necessary to remember that on previous occasions, the working class parties (Socialist and Communist) had secured in the neighborhood of 160,000 together. The Fascists had secured 75,000. Even without the last minute attack by the Catholic Church, there was no possibility that Degrelle would be elected. Of the anti-Fascist camp, the workers' parties had a decisive majority of the total votes. Therefore, this may have served as a splendid opportunity to make the election a clear-cut fight between the Fascists and the workers, with the middle class elements following the workers.

"Vote Belgian"

Instead, because Van Zeeland took the initiative, the workers parties dragged after the bourgeois parties in a vague "anti-Fascist" campaign, the main slogan of which was "Votez Belge—Votez Van Zeeland," the equivalent in the United States of "Vote American—Vote Roosevelt."

The result of thus tamely submitting to Van Zeeland was not only that there could not be any agitation for Socialism, but that there could not be any criticism even of some of the crassest misdeeds of the government. How serious this is will be understood when it is remembered that only a few weeks before the elections Vandervelde had been compelled to leave the government because of disagreement with its Spanish policy. The foreign policy of the Van Zeeland government, under the former "left" Socialist Spaak, has become so unprincipled and opportunistic, in fact, that it is difficult to understand how it can still be supported by the Socialist Party.

After breaking with France, which had been its "protector" since the war, Belgium began to flirt openly with the Nazis. In fact it practically offered itself to the highest bidder. It threatened to make an alliance with Germany unless France and Britain came across with better terms than heretofore. And it appears as if it will get what it demanded. This is how diplomacy is conducted under "liberal" and anti-Fascist" governments! Can any working class party support such activities on the ground that it is necessary to fight Fascism?

Vandervelde's Resignation

While on the subject of Belgium, some enlightening information regarding the resignation of Vandervelde has just been printed in "International Information." It appears that in connection with the protest of the Belgian government to Spain over the mysterious slaying of Count de Borcha-grave, a diplomatic attache in Madrid, the entire cabinet, including Vandervelde, voted unanimously to make such a protest. (Readers will remember that the note sent to the Spanish government, when Madrid was fighting with its back to the wall, was particularly insulting and disheartening to friends of the Spanish government.)

But Foreign Minister Spaak was not satisfied. His nationalist pride had been hurt. His dignity as a minister was in danger. He therefore insisted that if the reply from the Spanish government did not give satisfaction, making an appeal to the Hague tribunal would be insufficient. A more definite course of action would be necessary, for example the withdrawal of the Charge d'Affaires, leading to the breaking of diplomatic relations. Vandervelde firmly opposed such a perspective. He further stated that if the Prime Minister thought that their collaboration could not go on any longer, he was prepared to resign. Some sharp words were exchanged between Vandervelde and De Man over this statement.

The next day Van Zeeland called in Vandervelde and asked for his resignation. Vandervelde requested that his resignation be demanded in writing, and this was done, whereupon he resigned.

From this, two things are clear: First, Vandervelde did not resign voluntarily. He was forced out of the government by a united front of Van Zeeland, Spaak and De Man. It appears further as if pressure had been put upon Van Zeeland by Vandervelde's "comrades," De Man and Spaak, to demand his resignation. Secondly, the Party is now controlled by the De Man-Spaak group, or at least very strongly influenced by this group, whose theory of Nationalistic Socialism, which is in reality merely a combination of patriotism plus reformism, has already driven them to adopt an anti-Spanish position over an insignificant incident. This they did because they are interested in showing that, regardless of parties, they protected the interest of all "Belgians."

Fascist Shells Kill Women and Children On Madrid Streets

By SAM BARON

Special Call Correspondent in Spain

MADRID, Spain (By cable)—For eleven consecutive days Madrid was under devastating shellings. The unofficial estimates place the dead at 200 and the wounded at 600 or 700. The Fascists no longer care to maintain the myth that only military positions are bombarded, for during the eleven days shells fell on all parts of the city.

The intensity of the bombardment was nerve-shattering, starting at daybreak and picking up again around noon and finally late in the afternoon. The Fascists now have two batteries—at Carabanchel and Garabitas—using six and eight-in shells.

Residents of Madrid hear a distant thud, as the cannon is fired, then a second of agonizing wait, the screech of an oncoming shell, a sickening crash as it hits, a deafening explosion, the thunder of falling debris, trembling buildings, shattering glass and at last the screams of the wounded.

A shell struck the floor of the building from which I was watching. I could have kissed the sheltering wall which prevented debris from finding refuge in and on my anatomy. The building had emergency first-aid equipment where 50 were treated after one shelling.

Women and Children Die

I saw a streetcar carrying 20 passengers hit. The wounded were brought to the first-aid station. I saw two women and one man die. The man's screams will never leave me. He had both legs blown off. There are more casualties among women with children, as the women instinctively crush their children to their breasts, instead of falling to the ground.

Heroic scenes are numerous. After a shell explodes, there is a rush from shelters to carry away the dead and wounded. The elevator girl who has seen many air raids and shellings, was in tears and on the verge of hysterics as the dead and dying were brought into her elevator by heroic first-aid workers.

A lone cyclist pedaled through the streets without changing his pace while a shell exploded. He escaped uninjured. An early morning shell killed a couple's only

child. The same shell killed a newly-married couple. They were sleeping. They had been wed a week before.

Movie Troubles

At a movie show a crowd was watching the antics of Charlie Chaplin in "Tiempos Modernos" (Modern Times). There was no panic as the building reverberated and shuddered. I was in the rear of the cinema and saw no one leave before the performance was over.

It is typical of Madrid that half an hour after a bombardment you see boys and girls walking in the streets, arm in arm, children playing in the debris and mothers standing in the bread, milk and meat queues.

This spirit of "life as usual" has its counterpart in the decree of April 24 in which four-fifths of the city is again placed under normal municipal control. The extreme western section is still under the control of General Miaja.

Miaja said: "I am pleased to be relieved of tasks not essentially military."

Another patrol penetrated 24 miles into Fascist territory and blew up a rail bridge near Calamocha, 42 miles from Teruel. The six-arched bridge originally cost 10,000,000 pesetas. The patrol waited until a train of 25 trucks with war material was crossing the bridge, and then blew it up, returned safely to the government lines.

Offensive Against Auto Workers Union

By HY FISH

FLINT, Mich.—A new offensive has been started by General Motors against the United Automobile Workers of America.

In order to cause dissatisfaction with the Auto Workers union, the adjustment of grievances is being postponed from day to day. Stool pigeons spread around the word that the union stewards are not showing enough spunk. Promises are made by the management through the stewards and shop committeemen which are never kept in order to discredit them. Unauthorized and unnecessary sitdowns are being instigated by the management.

The recent union election in Flint was utilized by company stooges to raise a Red scare. The United Slate composed of active and militant unionists, was labeled "Red." Every attempt has been made to discredit the union leaders, including Robert Travis and Roy Reuther. The opposition candidates to the United Slate used the slogan, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Fearing that an attempt would be made by the less progressive members of the UAWA executive board to divide the Flint local into several locals the members had twice voted down postponement of elections.

Travis, who had opposed postponement, stated: "I agreed to the temporary postponement of the final elections as President

Martin requested with the understanding that the plan that International Executive Board would propose would include the following: 1. One unified local in Flint; 2. Direct election of all officers by the membership; 3. Direct election of delegates to national convention; 4. A joint board of all the plants made up one delegate for every 100 members to facilitate the administration of the local's business; 5. The local executive committee, composed of the elected officers, be the executive committee of the joint board."

Reuther said he supported this stand 100 per cent.

Auxiliary Grows

The Women's Auxiliary of the auto workers' union has grown from 50 members at the end of January to over 800 and is now issuing a monthly magazine, conducting a forum, a sewing group and classes.

At its elections last week Genora Johnson declined the nomination of president in support of her co-worker, Teckla Roy, but accepted as vice-president so that she could continue to help build the auxiliary. She retained the captainship of the famous Women's Emergency Brigade.

RETURN OF A NATIVE

—By McAlister Coleman—

ALL SORTS of things come out from under the rocks when they turn them over these Spring days and, lo and behold, here I am again.

I figure that my readers have had a long enough vacation and besides soft sunshine and glowing green hills break down the stoniest of hearts. So salutation to you all on May Day and let the sound of marching workers the world over strike terror to the hearts of their enemies.

I've been talking lately to various white-collar groups as well as workers on "The Awakening of Labor." From YMCA's to Jersey consumers, I've found such an interest in the whole labor set-up as has not been manifest for the past twenty-five years.

Of course the persistent front page appearance of the initials CIO have stimulated much of this interest. But don't forget that these white-collared boys have been doing some heavy thinking since their savings, and status as well, went with the Great Wind. They want to know. They want to know what labor wants, where it is going, who its leaders are.

Labor Education Needed

Since the hierarchy of the AFL sabotaged what were once promising beginnings of adult education with a labor slant, a whole new generation of middle-class youngsters has come up. Most of them who have not been reached by the literature and speakers of the League for Industrial Democracy and similar organizations, are sublimely ignorant of the history of the labor and radical movements, the present trends, the new forces. You may say that their daddies were just as ignorant, but the point is that in 1937 there are responsive audiences for any speaker on these subjects, no matter how elementary his talk.

Emphasize as we may the fact that true labor leadership comes up with and not from the rank and file and that the awakening must always start as it has started in this case from below, the demand for heroes can't be ignored.

There are plenty of young, outstanding figures new to most of us old-timers who are writing glorious pages in the latter-day history of the movement. But there is always in the back of my mind the slim, head-up figure of a young coal-digger who would knock my ancient block off if I ever mentioned the word "hero" in his modest presence.

I mean, of course, Powers Hapgood, veteran of so many bitter, underdog fights whose old-time gallantry under fire shines anew in his struggle against the solid front of New England reaction.

More Power to Powers

Powers and Mary Donovan Hapgood telling the shoe-workers that no judge is going to close up the union commissary, while they are around, Powers and his fighting Irish wife, ranging from the picket lines in Boston during the tragic Sacco-Vanzetti days to the western coal-fields and now embattled in the very center of one of the country's worst labor-sweating communities.

We all march with greater determination this May Day because of the courage that the stand of Mary and Powers Hapgood and their devoted shoe-workers puts in us.

So long as the Socialist movement can produce men and women like the Hapgoods, the Reuthers of Detroit, the Dunne brothers of Minneapolis, and many others, so long are we all of us the more resolved that we in our turn will not fall in these crucial times.

Here is one May Day where labor can count its glorious victories as well as review its defeats. Here is one May Day when without any wishful thinking we can say in our hearts, "Our people are winning."

I know well enough what struggles are ahead. How difficult is the job of consolidating our victories. But on May 1, 1937, the Spring sun looks down on something new. It is the long delayed stirring of workers in every walk of American life.

With that pride then do we join in the surging marches, not as theoretizing spectators, but rather as active participants in events that are so swiftly re-making the world. In other years we marched, definitely enough to be sure, but always with the gnawing thought that our struggle might be in vain. This year we march to victory.

May Day Greetings To The Auto Workers

By ALAN STRACHAN

Organizer, United Automobile Workers of America

GREETINGS, Fellow Auto Workers and Comrades, on May Day 1937.

Many of you will recall that just one year ago the United Automobile Workers of America held their momentous convention in South Bend, Indiana. The proceedings of the day included resolutions calling for the freedom of Tom Mooney and the Scottsboro Boys, for the defense of civil rights, and for the industrial form of organization.

There was no direct reference to the significance of May Day for American Workers, but the proceedings certainly were characteristic of this great labor holiday. Resolutions such as were passed indicated that here was a group worthy to carry the torch of progressive unionism.

The year has been filled with unprecedented victories for work-

ers in auto. Collective bargaining agreements have been signed with companies too numerous to list. Workers have gained victories.

Detroit, formerly a notoriously open shop town, saw a mass demonstration of auto workers in protest of police brutality that made it realize the power of the auto workers in Detroit. Workers, too, for the first time are beginning to realize their power as a working class.

But the torch must remain

lighted. Unionism, alone, cannot lead workers to ultimate victory. Socialists must light the way to individual working class political action. Workers must vote as they strike—against the bosses with their brothers.

Socialism is the only hope of the working class. Socialism asks workers to unite in building a classless society where there can be no exploitation of workers by bosses—a society by workers and for workers.

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A NOTE ON EUROPE

Thomas Comments On France, Spain And Great Britain

The following letter, sent to the editors of the CALL, we are reprinting as Thomas' first impressions of the European scene.

BY NORMAN THOMAS

PARIS, France, April 19—This letter is begun in England and will probably be finished in France, but it will deal mostly with English affairs. Even on English affairs, such as the present controversy in the British Labor Party, I shall write rather sketchily because I want to get some idea of the general European situation before I express too definite opinions.

For instance, I want to appraise in France the value of the vehement insistence of the British Labor leaders at Transport House that their entire policy on Spain has been dictated by Blum and carried out primarily to help him. Ernest Bevin, at present the dominant figure in the trade union world, went on, however, to give me a lot of other reasons, quite in the vein of the British government's apologists—reasons, I think, nearer to his heart than anything Leon Blum says or does.

But I am getting ahead of my story. Nobody can ever tell us that the British aren't hospitable and energetic! We have had a delightful but very crowded ten days and have been able to examine a pretty thorough-going cross section of British opinion.

Government Marking Time

One gets a feeling that in so far as possible the government is marking time, waiting for the Coronation and the reorganized Cabinet, with Chamberlain at its head. Preparations for the Coronation, and propaganda for it hit one in the face everywhere. But as yet there is far less enthusiasm for it and for the new king, so cleverly provided for it by Squire Baldwin, than one would gather from the editorials in the conservative press. Which doesn't mean that England is going republican in a hurry.

The other thing that hits one in the face is the evidence of an armament boom. In the peaceful countryside arms factories and air-ports are rising. More obvi-

ously than in America the present prosperity is based on this trade.

Nevertheless, what I have seen and heard in England—and this is somewhat confirmed in Paris where I am now writing—makes me think war within the next twelve or eighteen months rather less likely than I thought it in America. Every government is afraid to begin. Spanish developments have clearly dampened the immediate ardor of the dictators. And at present it would take something like actual invasion to make the French or British fight.

Delay, I think, gives us a better chance of peace and tends to weaken the proportionate power of the dictators. Of course where there is so much gun-powder lying around, the chances are always good that someone will accidentally drop the match ahead of time.

If I did not believe in collective security of capitalist states in behalf of democracy when I left New York, I believed in it even less when I left London.

There is scarcely any idea more bitterly fantastic than that the Tory government of England under Baldwin or Chamberlain will fight to make the world safe for real democracy. It is now engaged in imposing minority rule on India and rejecting all overtures from Gandhi. It is encouraging Franco in piracy. For that is all his policy at the mouth of Bilbao harbor amounts to. Its supposed non-intervention policy is even more crassly intervention in behalf of Franco than was apparent in America.

To some extent this truckling of the British Empire to the dicta-

Thomas in England



Hannon Swaffer (left) noted British journalist and Norman Thomas, Presidential candidate of the American Socialist Party, as they met in London recently. Thomas' plea for international unity of Socialists was wildly applauded.

tors—more especially Mussolini—may be explained in terms of the present English policy, aptly called "stall and rearm." To a much larger extent it must be explained by the fact that class interest of the dominant group in Britain, on the whole, prevails over the nationalist or imperialist interest with which it is temporarily in conflict so far as Spain is concerned. The Left forces in Britain are a thousand times right in opposing this gigantic rearmament under such a government.

The Labor Party

But what about the Labor Party as a whole?

It has an organization which we may well envy. It has done an unusually good job of local government in London, and under the leadership of Herbert Morrison brought a remarkable campaign for the London County Council to a well deserved victory.

That London is so well governed is a tribute to British integrity, and above all to the Labor Party, and not to the excellence of the plan of government. The tangle of county and local agencies is almost as illogical and confusing in London as in Cook County, Illinois,

but the similarity ends right there!

Unfortunately the administrative success of the Labor Party in London is not matched by any similar achievements in Parliament. The Party's immediate demands are pretty well thought out and are much in advance of its parliamentary performance. In foreign and imperial affairs it is the more or less unwilling tail to the conservative kite.

The leaders who seem to control the party through the trade union bloc vote are at the moment possessed of a kind of Communist phobia. This is the greater pity because I believe that under proper leadership the rank and file of the unions and of the party are ready to do things. In the industrial field there is a growing restlessness—less than that in the United States or France—which has already resulted in some strikes against wages which are still abnormally low.

Under these circumstances it is profoundly to be hoped that in the present controversy within the party, the Socialist League leaders will not be maneuvered by themselves or their enemies to a position outside of the party. But

on this matter my present comment is tentative.

Spanish Revolution

As for Spain, the news I have got from very different sources in London and just now in Paris, agrees that factional controversy among the Loyalists is lessening and that the chances are bright that the slogan: "Win the war first and then the revolution," does not mean that the revolution will be lost.

On the contrary, according to my informants, in very important particulars the revolution is now being won. Whatever may have been the mistakes in policy in the past, and however important a study of them may be for the future, the maximum of unity in Spain is now an absolute essential for us all. The defeat of Franco will then be assured and with it will come an enormous increase of hope for the workers of every land.

We arrived in France in the midst of an important meeting of the National Council of the Socialist Party, and I am writing before I have had time to see any one of our comrades of importance. Indeed, I may have to wait to see them until our return from Russia.

Of course we are immensely interested in such American news as we get. Naturally enough the English press played up that horrible Mississippi lynching. John Lewis is an ogre to the British middle class and its press—as much or more than he is at home.

The British talk rather smugly about our constitutional difficulties created by the decision of their Privy Council for Canada, to say nothing of the critical situation in India. The fact that our Supreme Court condescended to ratify the Wagner Labor Act made some of its other decisions worse than ridiculous and proved once more that Hughes and Roberts, at least, can follow the election returns.

It also emphasizes the fact that to increase the number of judges is far less important than a fundamental amendment of the Constitution, on which I hope our Party is insisting. I am sure that the Party is insisting that Roosevelt shall not get out of his budget difficulties at the expense of the unemployed.

(Signed)
NORMAN THOMAS

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For Socialism In Our Time

By FRANK N. TRAGER
Labor and Organization Secretary

We, of the Socialist Party, on this day march in the ranks of our class. But we must do more than march! We raise the red banner of revolutionary Socialism—but we must do more than raise banners on high. We shout our class struggle slogans and sing our workers' songs—but we must do more than shout and sing.

Today the party—our party—faces an opportunity for growth and repair, unparalleled in its post-war history. Up and down the country during the year the party vigorously responds to and incites the awakening of class conscious labor. The life and death struggle between Socialism and Fascism in Spain and the inspiring organization of millions of American workers in the mass production industries serve as the direct incentive to us as we Socialists face our tasks.

What is to be done—must now be answered. Answered not only by the successful convention recently concluded, not only by the passage of sound resolutions and the creation of more efficient apparatus for effective political and organization activity but also by determination on the part of every member and every unit of the party that these democratic commands to action will be carried out.

We will reorganize our branches, locals and states for responsible response to the party's decisions.

We will carry out in all mass organizations, including the trade unions, the central policy of the party; disciplined, coordinated and directed work.

We will advocate at all times policies and principles which flow from the doctrine of class struggle democratically fought for in the organizations of workers.

We will support the party by every necessary sacrifice—its press, its institutions, its leadership.

We will fight for Socialism in our time!

Unemployed Win Right to Hall For Convention

By CHARLES RUBIN

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Workers Alliance of America won its fight to hold its annual convention in June in the city Auditorium when the Common Council voted to appropriate \$500 to pay the auditorium hall rent.

This action, a reversal of a previous stand taken by the council, was forced by pressure from the Milwaukee County Alliance chapters, the Socialist Party and the Farmer - Labor - Progressive Federation. Alderman Carl P. Deitz, Socialist and Federationist, led the fight in the council.

Appearing before the council were Daniel W. Hoan, mayor of Milwaukee; Max Raskin, Socialist representing the Federation; Carl Minkley for the Socialist Party; also Julius Drozewski, Rudolph Koller, Lura Briggs, all Socialists and WAA leaders; and Thomas La Pean, Federationist.

Plans are under way to have the Common Council also pay the rent for the Fourth Annual Convention of the American Youth Congress to be held in this city July 2 to July 5.

Meeting of Socialist Mass Workers to Be Held in Pitts.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—A conference for Socialist Party members in mass production industries has been called by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. It will take place May 15 and 16 in this city.

The session will be held at Socialist Center, 1862 Center Avenue, third floor, Pittsburgh. Local Pittsburgh is in charge of arrangements.

These Industrial Conferences are being called to further Socialist coordination within the CIO and other organization campaigns, by discussing and formulating programs of activity.

Participants will include Socialists who are members of and active in unions, affiliated and unaffiliated with the CIO, officials of the Workers Alliance, officials of the party, members of labor committees and representatives from national headquarters.

The sessions of the conference will be strictly confined to party members.

The results of this and other conferences will vitally affect the work of the party in key labor situations and will help decide the basic work of the Socialist Party within the labor movement. It will translate into action the convention decisions.

The agenda of the conference follows:

Saturday, May 15

1:30 P. M. General Perspectives of the Socialist Party; official party position on labor problems; discussion of trade union resolution adopted at National Convention (see SOCIALIST CALL, April 17).

7:30 P. M. Steel and Aluminum—reports and discussion.

Sunday, May 16

9:30 A. M. Glass and Coal.
1:30 P. M. Miscellaneous; Central Labor Union Problems.
5:30 P. M. Adjournment.
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Ed Parker, Jobless Leader, Framed by Police in Illinois

By FRANCIS HEISLER

An organized conspiracy on the part of "law enforcement" agencies to violate the law is under way in Cairo, Illinois. It is directed against Ed Parker, militant leader of Negro and white unemployed.

Parker, organizer of the Illinois Workers Alliance, was arrested without a warrant on April 9, 1937. He was held incommunicado by the Sheriffs of different southern counties of Illinois, making it impossible for the Alliance or its attorneys to contact him. Not until Attorney Heisler of the Workers' Defense League interviewed Sheriff Ozburn of Jackson County in Murphysboro, was information obtained that Parker had been sent from Cairo to Jonesboro, then from Jonesboro to Murphysboro, and from the latter place to a jail in some unknown location.

Catherine De-Rorre, member of the Illinois Workers' Alliance, signed a petition asking for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, which was presented by Attorney Heisler to Judge Reid of Marion, Jackson County. After hearing the petition, Judge Reid issued the writ directing Sheriff Ozburn of Jackson County, Chief of Police Hironimus in Cairo and Sheriff Oller of Alexander County, to bring Parker before the Court to be held on Friday at 4:45 in Murphysboro.

Sheriff Defies Habeas Writ

The writs were served in accordance with the law upon the officials, but Sheriff Oller refused to accept the service and stated that he would not make any return and would not produce Parker unless the service would be made upon him by the Coroner. Attorney Heisler found the Coroner's home and was informed that the Coroner would be back within a short time. When Attorney Heisler and members of the Workers' Alliance met at the Coroner's place, it was locked up. Undoubtedly, information had been given that he would be required to make service and in order to prevent it, no one answered the call.

When Judge Reid was called from Cairo and informed of the

attitude of the Sheriff, an arrangement was made to appear before the Court again. Attorney Heisler presented the law to Judge Reid and showed that it does not require service of a writ in Habeas Corpus proceedings to be made by the Coroner; but the Court advised that in order to avoid difficulties, a constable deputized by him would make a new service upon the Sheriff on Saturday and that the hearing would be held on Monday.

Sheriff Changes Mind

Saturday morning, when the representatives appeared before Judge Reid, they were informed that the Sheriff had changed his mind.

Parker's appearance in the Court was cheering to him and to the representatives of the IWA, especially because Parker, while he was being shunted from one place to another, had not been permitted to receive the telegrams, letters or money sent to him. Nevertheless, he had been quite sure that the Illinois Workers' Alliance and the Workers' Defense League were out to work on his behalf.

The hearing before Judge Reid in Cairo forced the authorities to present the charges against Parker, which, as they stand, are in four counts: inciting to riot and unlawful assembly and three separate charges of assault with intent to murder. The bond on the first charge is \$500.00 and \$2,000.00 each on the last three, making a total of \$6,500.00. Arrangements have been made to secure sufficient real estate or cash to bring about the release of Parker to await proceedings before the Grand Jury, which will be held sometime in the early part of May.

Negroes Evicted

When the service upon Sheriff Oller was made, Attorney Heisler visited the colored witnesses present during the so-called riot. Un-

fortunately only one could be found in Cairo. The charter of the IWA local had been confiscated in a high-handed and illegal manner by cossacks of Chief Hironimus, who had also arrested many of the members of the local who were released when they promised to leave town.

Because these people could not get to see anybody and because of the reign of terror brought to bear upon them, they agreed and many left town, as did others who left town on the threat of being thrown in jail. The attorney for the Workers' Alliance advised all workers who left town upon the illegal threat of the police, to return to Cairo since arrangements had been made to bring all arrested workers before the Court on a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The explosion of the Negro workers from Cairo has a double purpose: to make it difficult to obtain witnesses and to make it impossible for those workers to obtain the wages which they earned as levee workers in January, 1937.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED

The cases of Ed Parker, organizer of the Illinois Workers'

Alliance, held under \$6,500.00 bond in Cairo, Illinois, and of these workers who were arrested with him during the last few days, are handled by the Workers' Defense League of Chicago. A great amount of work has been done and will be done. Funds are needed. Rush them to the Secretary of the Workers' Defense League, Marjorie Kipp, 20 West Jackson Blvd., Room 1003; Chicago, Illinois.

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After a pre-convention discussion on trade union, unemployed, youth, and organizational structure questions in a series of conferences, the delegates began the formal session on April 24 imbued with the idea of building a revolutionary Socialist party.

The entire state constitution was revised and condensed into

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Resolutions on the trade union, war, and unemployed questions which were passed at the national convention were re-affirmed by the delegates.

Socialist Spain

After a good discussion, a resolution on Spain was voted which raised the slogan, "Against Fascism, Against Capitalism, Forward to a Socialist Spain."

By unanimous decision the convention urged the retention of Frank Trager as National Labor

and Organization Secretary, pointing out that serious disruption of the party mass work would result from any change. Trager was the NEC representative at the convention.

The endorsement by the NEC of the Party of the work of the American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky was approved unanimously by the convention.

The Convention urged that the Workers Alliance seek affiliation with the CIO.

After the convention increased the number of members on the state executive committee from nine to fifteen with one of them

to be a YPSLer elected by the YPSL, election took place.

Sec Elected

The new State Executive Committee consists of Bob Parker, Max Wohl, Edward Simpson, secretary of Local 88, UAWA, Burke Cochrane, auto worker organizer, all of Cleveland; B. J. Widick, research director, United Rubber Workers, Ed Thorn, and Donald Hill, of Akron; Elizabeth Morgan and Bishop Paul Jones, of Yellow Springs; Lee Morgan and Pete Raymond, of Cincinnati; Ted

Selander, Tim McCormick and Nelson Meagley, of Toledo.

The alternates selected were E. Livsey, of Barnesville, Tuttle of Columbus, Jurkanen of Cleveland, Ross Stagner of Akron and D. Solome of Yellow Springs.

Al Hamilton was seated as YPSL member of the SEC.

The SEC selected the following action committee Selander, Meagley, Parker, Wohl, Widick, Thorne, Hill, Cochrane, and Hamilton.

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How the Democratic States Aided the Fascist Powers

By GUS TYLER

May First is the New Year's Day of the working class, when it not only makes its resolutions for the future but also reviews the history of the past. This May Day—coming together with the conclusion of a firm Anglo-French alliance, on one hand, and a definite alliance of Italy and Germany, on the other hand—is a most fitting time to summarize the developments of the past year.

BRITAIN IS THE PIVOT

British policy is an excellent starting point for an examination of European affairs, for the British line is clear and straight. Britain continues its three century old policy of wielding the balance of power in Europe.

Specifically, this has meant to Britain building a counterweight to France. More specifically, this has meant building up Germany as a counterforce to France.

The rehabilitation of Germany as a military power has been made possible by the actions of Great Britain. England has re-armed Hitler; has given him passive sanction to tear up every post-war treaty; has shielded him from the wrath of France.

DEMOCRACIES AID FASCISTS

France, in turn, has retaliated by strengthening Italy as a threat to Britain. France has been the fairy godmother to Italy just as Britain has been to Germany.

Thus, under the protective wings of the democratic powers, have the Fascist powers been able to prepare their war machine. Within a year, the democratic powers displayed shameless hypocrisy in the pursuit of this policy.

When Hitler first rearmed, France (who was in danger) demanded violent action against Germany. But Britain (who welcomed this counterweight to France) demanded "moderation."

When, just a few weeks later, Italy invaded Ethiopia (endangering British interests) England turned upon Italy with wrath. But now France (who did not wish to antagonize Mussolini) demanded "moderation."

And finally, hypocrisy of hypocrites! when Hitler rearmed in the Ruhr, France once more called for violent punishment. And Britain once more cried for moderation.

Within one year, Britain and France took three different positions on the question of the "sanctity of treaties."

SANCTITY OF TREATIES

Were they for or against maintaining the "sanctity of treaties?"

The facts answer that they were for and against either and for both—depending upon their immediate imperialist interests. The facts prove beyond all shadow of doubt that the ONLY motive behind the behavior of these "democratic" powers was the maintenance of their empire.

The facts prove more. The facts prove that the world wide strife does not arise from the form of government: democracy or fascism. The strife arises from imperialist friction, in the course of which the democratic and the fascist powers have often worked hand in hand.

GERMANY JOINS ITALY

Britain was successful in building a counterweight to France in

Resting for New Battles



These anti-fascist fighters near Madrid are taking a few moments respite before the new battle begins. Their guns are ready and at hand.

the form of Germany; and France was successful in building a counterweight to England in the form of Italy. But both were TOO successful. For now that Germany and Italy had grown up under the protective wings of the great "democracies," they declared an independent policy. They made their own alliance for their own needs and presented their own demands.

As soon as Hitler felt strong enough he advanced his own program of "Peace" for Europe. He offered a twenty-five year peace plan for Western Europe—which would exclude the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia.

Britain showed a quick inclination toward acceptance of this plan. It fitted in neatly with British policy.

BRITAIN SEEKS COMPROMISE

Britain really wants peace in the world. Not that Britain is enamored of peace, as such. Britain has done its bit to drown the world in blood. Britain wants peace because Britain can gain very little from a war and—can lose much. Britain is the greatest slaveholder in the world and so long as there is no war, Britain can turn its full attentions—and its army—to the continued enslavement of its peoples.

Should Britain go to war, it will have to fight on two fronts; the international and the colonial. So Britain maneuvers for an imperialist peace. But how?

When Britain meets an imperialist rival, the British lion roars, then bares its teeth and then—purrs and makes a deal. For examples:

DEAL WITH JAPAN

When Japan invaded China, Britain roared. But when Japan paid no attention, Britain—having denounced Japan as a bandit—rushed through a "conference" to decide how much should go to the Japanese bandit and—how much to the British bandit.

DEAL WITH ITALY

When Italy invaded Ethiopia, Britain almost set the world aflame with its burning denunciation of the Fascist pirate. The

National Government even ran a special election to get a mandate from the British people to arm "against the Fascist aggressor." And on the basis of this appealing—although hypocritical program, it swept the country, got the right to vote big arms, and then—

And then Britain sprang a double-cross which must be recorded for history. Once the election was won and the National Government had its mandate for a big army, Sir Samuel Hoare drew up his plan for the partition of Ethiopia in which the Italian bandit would get only a little more than the British pirate.

Unlike most British diplomatic moves this was a crass double-cross. British diplomacy, you know, is generally smooth. But here was a double-cross pulled within a week. That was a mistake. Hoare had to resign. But then what?

Eden came in his place. He pursued the same policy, but more smoothly. Finally, when the public memory was dimmed, Britain concluded its deal with Mussolini after all. And Sir Samuel Hoare? Well, he is now First Lord of the British Admiralty. O tempora! O mores!

DEAL WITH HITLER

Once more now, Britain sees a chance to make a deal with the enemy—Hitler. Britain sees a chance to buy out Germany by throwing the Soviet Union to the Fascist dogs. Hence, Baldwin works day and night to realize the four power pact for a Western European Treaty.

But, some may ask, does not the Franco-Soviet Pact make it impossible to isolate the Soviet Union. Not at all. The Franco-Soviet Pact has had none of the diplomatic effects that the Soviet Union predicted.

THE FRANCO-SOVIET PACT

When the pact was first signed, the Soviet Union predicted that it would lead to the isolation of Hitler, would terrorize him into good behavior. Has it really done so?

Instead of Hitler being encircled, it is the Soviet Union, that

is encircled. Encircled by Japan, Italy and Germany. Instead of frightening Hitler into inaction it has merely given Britain the needed excuse to conclude naval and air pacts with Germany, to embolden Hitler. It surely has not stopped him.

The truth of the matter is that the Franco-Soviet Pact is a dead letter. Legally it is worthless to the Soviet Union. And diplomatically without life.

Legally, the pact is of little help to the Soviets. The clause which calls for mutual aid only in the event of an attack upon the European border leaves Russia without even legal recourse in the event that Japan begins the war IN ASIA.

Secondly, the pact calls for aid only in the event that the aggressor is legally established by the League of Nations. It took the League months to find out whether Italy invaded Ethiopia or whether Haile Selassie invaded Mussolini. If Britain—in control of the League—so wishes, it will take years to find out who shot whom first where in a German-Russian conflict.

Third, no military aid need be given unless the League fails to take ADEQUATE action. And who is to determine what is adequate? France? The League?

Not only is France free of all obligations legally, but its whole policy must now depend upon the say-so of Great Britain. As Augur writes in the New York Times of April 24.

"Humorists say nowadays that no French premier may be appointed without British consent."

BRITAIN RUNS FRANCE

Humorists may be the ones who say it; but there is nothing funny about it. French finances depend upon British good-will. French military plans are so enmeshed with British strategy that France can't move without Britain. When Britain said: No aid to Spain, the whole French government had to nod in obeisance. One must remember this; One must remember that Blum WANTED to aid Spain; he spoke for it; he fought for it. But when Sir Robert Vansittart, British foreign minister

to France, said: No, Blum bowed his head in acknowledgement of his master.

This does not preclude the possibility of Britain's throwing its weight to the side of the Soviet Union in the event of a war. But if Britain does so, it will do so only for bargaining purpose. It will USE the Soviet Union to apply the screws to an enemy. It will force a deal with the enemy, and then—do an about face to cut the throat of Russia.

BRITAIN AND THE U. S.

The far flung strategy of Britain can not be fully appreciated unless one also takes into account the British plan for the U. S. Britain began to unravel its U. S. program when Japan, Germany and Italy concluded their tri-partite anti-Soviet agreement.

Britain argued—and used its influence in the American press to argue—that this was an alliance directed first of all against the Dutch East Indies, and through that at British Singapore, and through that at the Philippines. Britain used the occasion to pressure France and the United States into thinking about an alliance of "democracies."

For "democracy?" Of course, that's what Britain says. And Hearst, too. And The Times and The Herald-Tribune, too. And Nicholas Murray Butler and The Daily Worker, too.

In reality, it is Britain's little scheme to hold the balance of power again by throwing the U. S. into the scales. And it is the opportunity for American imperialism to win an ally for the protection of its Far Eastern investments.

THE EVENTS IN SPAIN

The summarization of the policy of the democratic capitalist powers, in practice, was well displayed in connection with Spain. While the Fascist powers poured aid to Franco, the democratic powers choked the Spanish masses by shutting off supplies. When, however, affairs had gone too far; i. e. when England feared that it would lose control of the Western Mediterranean through the conquest of Spain by Germany and Italy, the democratic powers intervened.

But they intervened only to make sure (1) that Spain would not go to another imperialist power and 2) that Spain would NOT pass over to a working class regime.

The events in Spain say that the democratic powers are always ready to join hands with the fascist powers against the working class.

The events in Spain say that the democratic capitalist powers offer to fight only for imperialist reasons.

Is it surprising? It shouldn't be: they are capitalist powers.

They play their role in character!

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the CALL, in a story dealing with the investigation in Mexico, we reported incorrectly that the commission charged that certain material was underplayed systematically by the capitalist press. It was not the commission which charged this. This statement was given us by Harold Isaacs on his personal authority, not in the name of any organization.

Nearly One Million Students Rallied Against War April 22

By BILL HOLLISTER

National Field Organizer, American Student Union

The fourth Student Strike Against War rallied nearly one million students from high schools and colleges. For the first time it gained real nationwide coverage, penetrating into schools in the south and southwest, especially Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri, where the Strike was a novel experience.

The official estimate of the United Student Peace Committee is 700 colleges and 200 high schools, though this is an exaggeration even for publicity purposes. Returns have still only partially come in, but the table below will show some of the significant figures:

City of Chicago.....	25,000
Oberlin.....	1,000
Kansas University.....	2,000
Willamette Univ., Salem Oregon.....	600
New York City.....	30,000
Philadelphia.....	20,000
Southern Calif., 15 colleges, 4 H. S. Penn State.....	1,000
Univ. of Arkansas.....	300
Univ. of Kentucky.....	800
Yale.....	250
Goucher College, Baltimore.....	500
Temple University.....	1,000
Wayne Univ., Detroit.....	600
Berkeley, Calif.....	5,000
Southwestern Univ., Texas.....	600
University of Chicago.....	1,500
Ohio State.....	1,500
Harvard.....	1,000

"Strike" Notes

In Minnesota, Farmer-Labor Governor Benson declared, April 22 Peace Day, and all schools had administration-run peace programs. George Edwards, former national chairman of the American Student Union, spoke at Oberlin. Wayne University held an indoor strike although no classes were dismissed. At Penn State the ASU speaker and one other called for optional ROTC. Eddie Cantor and other movie heroes spoke in California. At Swarthmore 380 signed a Fast Pledge and collected 25 cents each from the college dining room. New York Young Socialists sold 3,000 copies of their new student magazine, Soapbox.

The spirit of former years was conspicuously absent everywhere. Parades, banners, slogans were fewer and less pointed than in the past. The Oxford Pledge is seldom mentioned in the telegrams that have come in. The dominant tone of the Strike was recorded in a Philadelphia headline, "Students Plead For Peace."

A Fundamental Change

There can be no doubt that the Student Strike this year underwent a fundamental change. The point is: Was that change a step

toward the carrying out of the ASU anti-war program?

At practically no schools did the Strike involve more students than previously—and at many it involved less—though it did penetrate to schools that for three years have known no Strike at all. The increase in the actual number of Strikes is doubtful. At a few outstanding schools, like reactionary Ohio State University, there were Strikes for the first time. At many others it was found impossible to get the local united student peace committees to back an actual Strike.

In some colleges, like Wayne University, the ASU chapter was smart enough to form their united group around a concrete program, calling for a Strike; and when the reactionary student council objected, they carried their appeal straight to the student body and won by a poll. But at a great many other places ASU chapters created a united group of such strength that they could not control it, and the results were to kill the Strike and make it just another meeting. Furthermore, the Strike has moved indoors this year, and not on account of the weather.

Was It Worth While?

The question young Socialists are asking everywhere is, "Was it worth the sacrifice?" For three years the Socialist war position has furnished the root and base of the Student Strike Against War. The Oxford Pledge, "not to support any war the United States government might undertake"; the outdoor meeting with color and drama; the Strike, as an independent action by students—these are the things on which the Strike has been built and on which student Socialists have

been fighting for every April. These are the principles that all Socialists know to be absolutely essential for effective united resistance to the next war. They are principles that non-Socialists have united around in the past and can unite around in time of war crisis.

Where were these principles in this year's Strike? Where was the Oxford Pledge? Most of the returns show that the Pledge has been conveniently shelved for the sake of unity.

Has the Strike grown? Or has some substitute movement grown in its place? Are the broadly representative demonstrations of 1937 a basis for future Strikes, as their apologists say, or a direct substitute for the Strike? Did the American Student Union use its influence on April 22 to lead the student anti-war movement toward its own militant position, or was the ASU merely the most active participant in a series of demonstrations?

A Dangerous Trend

These are questions which cannot be fully answered until a more complete report of what actually took place has been turned in by ASU chapters. The trend, however, seems to be toward a loss of leadership and control of the Strike by the ASU.

The gravest danger today is that the Strike will be taken away from the student body by alert administrations and turned over to stooge organizations to be made into a festival. Opposition to the Strike is as great now as ever, but it has taken a different and more subtle form. In place after place this year we found administrations offering Strike committees "anything they wanted," including money for Speakers, if they would hold the Strike indoors and forget the Oxford Pledge.

At Temple University, where there have been two successful outdoor Strikes attracting thousands of students, the administration set up last fall a new Faculty-student arbitration commit-

tee, supposedly for arbitrating all major disputes. Actually, the committee's chief function has been to bring the Strike inside and trim off the Oxford Pledge, and they succeeded.

Communist Role

The Young Communist League has concentrated this spring on waxing enthusiastic over any and all alliances the American Student Union could make, no matter what sacrifice in program and ideals resulted. Their slogan has been, "Don't break with the center for peace at any cost," and, except where the rank and file rebelled, they attempted to sacrifice the Strike for a so-called unity around a program which had no meaning. In the trade union movement, such actions are called "scabbing" and "company unionism." After this year these terms will have significance in the student movement, too.

It has always been the job of young Socialists to build a unified anti-war movement in the schools involving eventually a majority of the student body. But they have realized that the essential principles of the American Student Union program must form a basis for this unity. It is possible to form local and national united student peace committees around this program. It may be necessary to exclude the right wing peace groups. It may be necessary to exclude the Friars Club, the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Boosters Clubs, and the Athletic Dept., but there is no

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May Day, 1937, Finds Labor on the March

By JOHN FISHER

President, Local 1, Progressive Miners of America; member National Executive Committee, Socialist Party

May Day, 1937, finds labor on the march for the first time in many years. The successful victories in auto, steel and rubber are classic examples of the economic power of labor. For the first time in American industrial life, an effort has been made to organize the unskilled and semi-skilled of American labor.

We Socialists have always contended that workers would have to be organized not along trade or craft lines, but upon the broad basis of industrial unionism. Attention is now being given to the broad masses of labor, who have always been the forgotten men of our present economic order of society.

To labor I say that while the Wagner Law gives labor the right to organize, labor will not be organized by itself, but only by its determination and militancy. Socialists in mass organizations must keep up a program of education along Socialist Party lines. Our work is to teach the newly organized workers that all that rightfully belongs to labor cannot be won by unionism alone. They must have a political party of the workers by the workers

and for the workers with a program and philosophy not only for collective bargaining, raising of wages, lowering of working hours, good and necessary as these may be, but for the ultimate triumph of labor over our exploiters, and the gaining of control of ownership. Then we may usher in the Cooperative Commonwealth of mankind in which security, peace and real lasting prosperity may

and shall be the rightful heritage of mankind.

A strong militant industrial union of all workers with a class struggle program will be the real basis on which we can expect to build a successful opposition to the threat and ultimate breaking out of another world war. We have much work to do, but this is our chance to see that these workers are directed in the right direction. Education is the need of the hour, Socialist education of the class struggle.

All members of the Socialist

Party have a duty to perform. You alone can give direction that will be of lasting benefit to the working class. May 1, 1937 will go down in history as a red letter day for labor.

I hail on May Day the millions of workers who are stirring for the first time. More power to you, and all the success in the world.

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Fight Deportation Of Goepel to Nazis

By HARRIET YOUNG

Hans Goepel is a German Socialist seaman. A fugitive from Nazi terror, he is now seeking the right of political asylum in this country. Whether the Department of Labor will recognize that right is still a question.

Goepel is twenty-six years old. His father was an officer in the German navy, and is now a Nazi. Hans went into the navy straight from school. Two years before, at the age of eighteen, he had joined the Iron Front, the youth organization of the Socialist Party. He has been a member of the party since 1930.

Though all the years of his service in the navy he carried on constant anti-Nazi activities—needless to say at the risk of his personal safety after the Nazis' advent to power.

In 1935 some of the comrades on his ship were arrested and thrown into concentration camps. Goepel's position became acutely dangerous. While he was on vacation leave in 1935, he was warned that he was about to be arrested. He therefore decided to flee the country. Stowing away on the German ship "Hansa," he made his escape to New York.

18 Months In U.S.

For about eighteen months Goepel kept himself alive by work-

ing the decision of the Department of Labor.

As to what that decision will be, there is as yet no indication. The record of the original hearing, which has been sent to Washington, includes the Inspector's recommendation, which is to deport Goepel to Germany.

Pressure Necessary

It is imperative that pressure be brought to bear on the Department of Labor to allow to Hans Goepel the right of political asylum. For Goepel it is a matter of life or death—either literal execution or lingering in a concentration camp. For America

this case raises again the grave question whether we as a government are going to aid and abet Fascism by turning over to Fascist countries those who have sought to escape its terror, or preserve our old tradition of granting to all the right of political asylum.

Meanwhile Goepel is now at Brookwood Labor College, helping to fill the place left vacant by another German anti-Fascist, Paul Niepold, who died fighting fascism in Spain.

Help to keep Hans Goepel at Brookwood! Help to establish the right of political asylum for fugitives from Fascist terror!

that before the union may call a strike.

Joseph Ryan, although refusing to work as waiter or dishwasher in restaurants. Despairing of jobs in New York, he worked his way on a ship out to California, looking for jobs at every port of call. Back in New York he finally secured through the International Cooks Association a job as dishwasher in a German restaurant at Amityville, Long Island. Things

Early in April he was arrested and after a few days in the County jail was taken to Ellis Island where he was held in \$500 cash bail. At this point the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born and the Socialist Party and the Workers Defense League took up his case. Through the combined efforts of the Committee, the Party, and the WDL, the \$500 was raised and Goepel was released on bail on April 20, pend-

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May Day has meaning for the trade union, for the political party, for the youth movement. It has meaning for the cooperative movement, too.

To cooperators throughout the world it is a symbol of the clay from which they spring, the struggle which they wage, the victory they must win. It is the symbol of their flesh and blood relation to the working class. From the working class the cooperative movement sprang into existence. From it the movement draws its nourishment and grows strong. With it, cooperation wins or loses.

May Day is a warning to cooperators who disdain their working class origin. It is a threat to cooperators who have deserted their brothers to court the patronage of the capitalist class and who deny the working class struggle. To these it cries out, "Beware! You are building a house of cards!"

In many countries cooperators, hundreds of thousands strong, will sing and march and demonstrate on May 1. In this country, unfortunately there will be very

few. American cooperators set themselves apart from the working class. They deny their kinship. They deny the struggle is theirs.

It is not yet too late for the American cooperative movement to hail its working class birthright. It is not too late to join hands with its comrades. It is not too late to avoid the fate of German and Italian cooperatives who, too, thought themselves distinct and separate from the class struggle.

Cooperators of America, the Socialist Party and the working class of the world urge you to acknowledge May Day as your day. Sing, march, demonstrate with the working class of the world on May 1.

Labor Backs McCallister For Council

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Frank McCallister, prominent Florida Socialist and Southern secretary of the Workers Defense League, was placed in nomination here this week as labor candidate for the office of city councilman by a unanimous vote of the St. Petersburg Central Labor Union.

The Socialist is pledged to a platform of demands drawn up by the Central Labor Union, looking to the extension of unionism in this city of 40,000 and to the protection of the rights of workingmen.

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The second meeting of the newly elected National Action Committee discussed the question of the convention decisions and authorized the following statement.

The convention is over but the work of the convention must now be done. Every State Organization must now proceed to hold State Conventions in order to bring their organizations into line with the new constitution—and adopt resolutions of action to carry out those resolutions passed by the Convention. The State organizations of Ohio and Illinois and Connecticut have already announced their Convention dates for late April, May and early June. Other States should follow within the three months prescribed by the National Action Committee.

Each State following the example of Connecticut should tour its delegates and acquaint every branch and local with first hand reports on the convention. NEC members will be available for a limited number of speaking dates to and from NEC meeting of May 7-9 (write to the national office for information and dates).

Many locals are arranging special May Day Party Meetings in addition to United May Day meetings, for particular consideration of the Convention and its importance to the Party.

The National Office will issue a Convention Handbook containing all the convention resolutions and new Constitution. Orders in advance from locals and branches will speed up the printing.

CONNECTICUT

CLASSES IN SOCIALISM will be provided for all locals according to a plan adopted by the SEC. Competent instructors will be toured through the state to provide a series of three or four classes for each local on the same night of successive weeks. The national and international scene is changing so rapidly that a constant return to the study of basic socialist principles is absolutely necessary to avoid extreme confusion, and to make effective socialist action possible.

Socialists in the Cooperatives was the subject of a talk given by Abraham Perlsteln at the last meet-

ing of Local Bridgeport. He is anxious to address other locals on how to start cooperatives.

NEW YORK

An excursion with cars to Brookwood Labor College will be arranged by the two German Branches of New York and Hudson County, N.Y., Sun., May 9. Those who would like to participate can write for information to: Robert Schatz, 52 E. 157 St., Bronx.

Max Schachtman and Martin Glee will speak on SPAIN at a gigantic outdoor mass meeting sponsored by Morningside Heights Branch, May 5 at 8:30 P.M., 110th St. and 5th Ave., in Spanish Harlem. Amplifying equipment will be provided.

Circle 11, Sr., Bronx, YPSL, is holding a united front Pre-May Day meeting with the Young Communist League Fri., Apr. 30, at the Prospect Workers Club, Southern Boulevard and Home St., Bronx. L. Becker will be the Socialist speaker.

OHIO

Yellow Spring Local is making a donation of a payment for part of a large printing order for the SOCIALIST CALL, in preparation for the CALL Subscription Drive, which is being launched currently.

TEXAS

The state convention, meeting April 24 and 25, endorsed the CIO drive in the oil fields.

Local Houston, jointly with the Workmen's Circle, will hold a mass meeting to celebrate May Day on Sun., May 2.

Local Houston has been carrying on a vigorous campaign to get people to protest the deportation of Ferrero and Sallitto and have already obtained about 150 signatures to petitions.

WEST VIRGINIA

Local Wheeling is holding one open forum meeting every month in the Labor Temple besides its regular meetings. The first one was very successful, with a number of non-party members attending to hear the discussion on "Which Way—CIO or AFL?" The subject for the May 2 forum will be on the Supreme Court.

WISCONSIN

Mayor Daniel W. Hoan is speaking before a May Day rally at Kenosha which is being sponsored jointly with the Workers Educational Council and the Trades and Labor Council.

The County Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Milwaukee elected the following last week to its Executive Board: Leonard Place, Stanley Budny, Max Haskin, Martin Binn, Severino Pollo, Edwin Knapp, Marvin Baxter, Fred Wolter, and Mrs. A. Neitzel.

Milwaukee Young Socialists are working on their 3rd Annual May Ball to be held Sat., May 15 at the Bahn Frei Hall. Red Billings Orchestra will play.

A Cooperative Committee consisting of Eugene Johnson, Chairman, Frank Zeidler, and Willard Otto has been appointed by the Milwaukee Socialist Party County Central Committee to study the coop movement in Milwaukee and bring in a program of action for the Party and its members.

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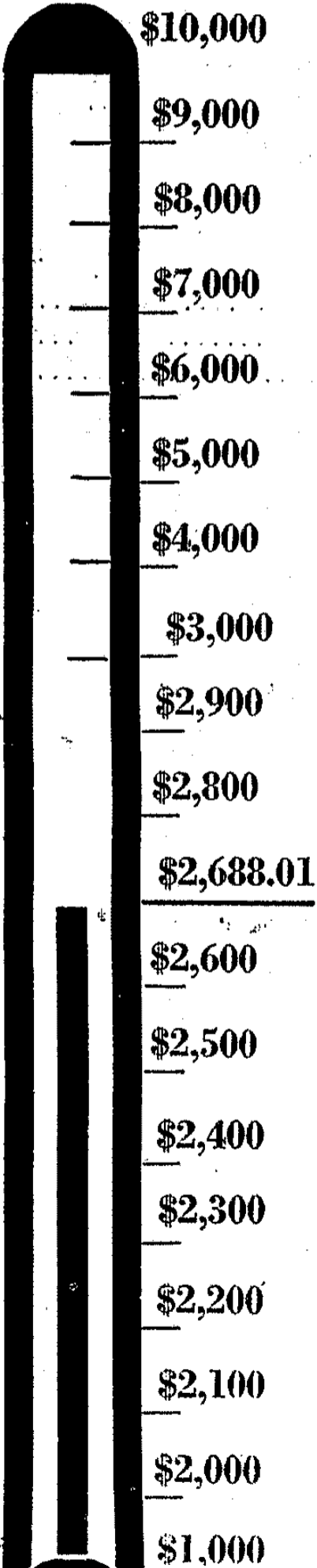
May Day for the SOCIALIST CALL this year marks the opening of a nation-wide drive for new subscribers.

The National Action Committee, acting in accordance with the decision of the recent national convention, has approved a two months intensive campaign for new CALL readers. The enthusiastic support of every branch in the nation is being enlisted in this drive.

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Special materials are being sent to each branch which will be in their hands on May First. A special subscription form is carried in this issue and will be continued throughout this drive.

Each branch in the party, from east coast to west coast, is assigned a flat quota of ten new subscribers each. Special prizes, which will be described in greater detail elsewhere and later in this space from week to week, are being offered to branches which perform most effectively in this drive.

Beginning with the issue of May 15, we will carry the weekly returns of the drive, showing the status of the various branches. See that each new subscription you get in is marked so that your branch is credited.

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Make a May Day resolution! See that your branch fills its quota of 10 new CALL subscribers! Carry the CALL to new readers.

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Strike Centers Shift to Maine and California

(Continued from Page Two)
to admit that he is bound by the Railway Labor Act or to admit the right of the President of the U. S. to appoint a board to determine jurisdictional questions, has expressed a readiness to submit the question upon request.

AFL-CIO Again

The problem of jurisdiction becomes more and more complicated each week, especially now that we do not know whether the CIO is still legally part of the AFL or not. Green attacked the CIO as "steeped in illegality and irresponsibility." The Executive Council has called a conference of loyal

with colors flying this week!

Statistics for the week: Previously reported, \$2,260.52; Sent in this week, \$397.49; Total thus far, \$2,658.01; To be raised in the Drive, \$10,000. The whole report this week, and from now on will show the sums sent in by the various states and districts during the current week, so that comrades can note their progress (or lack of it) from week to week.

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Ford Strike

A particularly servile note was penned last week by Francis Dillon, AFL auto man, to the Fords, in which he offered to step into the Ford plant strike in Richmond, California. The note promised Ford that the AFL would not be so "unreasonable" as the CIO. It urged Ford to recall that wherever the AWF was "privileged" by employers to act as the collective bargaining agency, it did not disturb the bosses with any "striking or rioting."

In fact, Dillon promised to be quite the little gentleman, commending himself to Ford as one who has served the employers very well in the past.

Nevertheless, the militancy of the United Auto Workers, CIO, has forced a settlement from Ford. The agreement is very much like the Oshawa text—recognition by indirection.

Spite Work?

It begins to appear that the only organization work the conservative leadership of the AFL is doing is carried on to spite the CIO. The chartering of the Tri-State Miners, company union outfit, by the AFL is hailed as a great vic-

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"EXCURSION"—a new comedy by Victor Wolfson, staged by Worthington Miner, at the Vanderbilt Theatre.

Let me say immediately that if you are looking for some thoroughly enjoyable spring evening entertainment, this whimsy of a Coney Island excursion steamer is just what the doctor ordered.

What it really is I would rather you judged for yourself. For to me the rebel scow S. S. Happiness and its very ordinary congregation of passengers are an epitome of a life we all know, the characters are drawn with almost photographic accuracy, the conversation is a phonographic record.

And Captain Obediah Rich, who loves the humanity typified by his passengers regrets that all the years these excursions have been a reiterated lie. For those who board the Happiness in the morning are happy. But those who make the return trip in the evening are saddened.

And so our Utopian minded captain thinks of an island in the Caribbean where life could be different, where happiness could be found. And the proposal is put to the passengers, is argued pro and con, and off they go, to a better and happier life, to build an ideal community.

not with the long arm of reality nor with the ship's owners. So when a coast guard cutter fires a shot across her bow, Captain Rich heads the S. S. Happiness back to New York and reality. Utopia is lost but the determination to build a better life remains, not thru escape but thru struggle against the things which make their lives small and empty.

That is the story, well told and well acted. Particular mention must be made of Frances Fuller as Lollie, James R. Waters and Jennie Moscowitz as Mr. and Mrs. Fichtel, Whitford Kane as Obediah Rich and Sylvia Leigh as Tessie. And the rest of the cast is equally good.

But we can't conclude without pointing out a bad contradiction in characterization. When the proposal to go off to the island is made, one of the most enthusiastic supporters is the daughter of the owner, who had read Marx and was "almost a member of the party."

Stadium Concerts to Feature Wagner Cycle

Wagnerians will be pleased to note that for the first time in the history of the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, the entire Ring Cycle, as well as "Tristan and Isolde" will be presented in concert form particularly without cuts during the coming season of the Stadium Concerts.

The dates for the performances are as follows: "Rheingold," Monday, July 12; "Die Walkuere," Wednesday, July 14; "Siegfried," Tuesday, July 20; "Gosterdaemung," Thursday, July 22; "Tristan and Isolde," Tuesday, July 27.

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'The Wave' Is Finely Filmed Photo Tale

THE WAVE, performed by a native cast with photography by Paul Strand, titles by John Dos Passos and Leo Hurwitz, direction by Paul Zinneman and Gomez Muriel, music by Sylvester Revueltas. At the Filmarte.

By Martin Bernstein

As a story of oppressed fishermen struggling for existence, "The Wave" reaches unprecedented heights for a labor film. It is more than worthy of the flowery acclamations accorded it by persons prominent in the arts. Aside from its realistic and dramatic content, Paul Strand's photography is an exceptional contribution to the art of the motion picture.

The story is an elementary one, based on the struggle of a group of village fishermen for higher wages. After a day of back-breaking work they receive 72 cents for their toil. The fishermen are in a mood of revolt.

The next day the fishing crew withholds their catch, Miro presenting the grievances to the boss. Miguel's bunch scab, a fight ensues and Miro is slain. A conversation ending follows, with Miguel waking to the realization of the class struggle and joining with his former enemies, whom he admits had the right slant all along.

A native cast performs with naturalness and understanding. One more word about Paul Strand's photography; it is a thing of great beauty. Don't miss it.

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Federal Theatre to Show Negro Play and 'Candide'

By S. CHAUKIN

Dance enthusiasts and those newly introduced to the modern dance, will be happy to learn that the WPA Federal Theatre's Dance Unit will present "How Long Brethren?" and "Candide" early in May at the Bayes Theatre, 44th Street, west of Broadway.

Of particular interest to the readers of the CALL is "How Long, Brethren?" — a group of dance improvisations based on the life of Negro sharecroppers. With the Black Belt in ferment, embroiled in a union drive, this dance offering is, indeed, an important fact in further corroborating the fact that Negro workers will no longer "take it on the chin."

"How Long, Brethren?" is based on seven songs, culled from a collection entitled, "Negro Songs of Protest," compiled by Lawrence Gellert and Eli Siegmeister. Mr. Gellert has traveled extensively throughout the South, made friends with the Negro workers and in the dead of night, after the day's work, had them sing into his makeshift recording machine.

NEGRO SONGS

These melodies are the true reflections of the contemporary mood of the impoverished Negro population in the South. The songs are vibrant, strong and assertive and the words are bitter and critical.

And now all of this has been fashioned into a rhythmic dance pattern which the celebrated Tamiris designed so ingeniously. A chorus of twenty Negro singers is to sing the music which Genevieve Pitot arranged for voice.

The second half of the program will be devoted to Voltaire's famous satire, "Candide." Charles Weidman did the choreography and will

play the title role. This production is similarly lively, imaginative, with all the Voltarian witticisms projected into visible form.

Wallington Riegger composed the music especially for this dance composition. A group of thirty dancers are in the supporting cast.

'CALL TO ARMS' OPENS

Roosevelt Theatre, Home of Soviet Films, 2nd Ave. and Houston Street, will contribute to the May 1st celebration by presenting for the first time in America, the impressive and brilliant film, 'CALL TO ARMS. This important film event, depicts an unexpected air raid by a belligerent fascist country, and the quick response to the defense of the expert air pilots superior tactics of the Soviet air force in this air conflict, make this one of the most thrilling drama of the season.

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Down Tools May Day!

May Day Manifesto of the Socialist Party, U. S. A.

WORKERS and Farmers of America! Greetings on May Day, Day of International Labor Solidarity.

Once again — down tools! March from shops and farms in a mighty demonstration of working class unity — a unity of workers marching in all lands — a unity that bodes ill for the master class, the vultures of the profit system.

May Day, 1937, comes at the crest of a wave of great industrial struggles in the mass production industries. Labor, militant and aroused, is brushing aside its outworn craft union heritage. Labor, militant and aroused, is forging a mighty weapon, industrial unionism, to battle the vicious onslaughts of auto magnates, steel barons, rubber kings. Labor, militant and aroused, has learned that industrial autocracy must be fought by industrial unionism, the only force strong enough to defeat it. Labor, militant and aroused, demands the higher wages, shorter hours and decent working conditions that are its due.

DEMONSTRATE FOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM!

ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED!

DEMAND HIGHER WAGES AND SHORTER HOURS!

While workers demand bread and jobs, the Roosevelt administration is throwing 800,000 workers and their families into the arms of starvation by a deliberate program of WPA layoffs. The ration of crumbs fed to the growing army of the permanently unemployed is being further reduced by the miserably low scale of relief and of insecurity wages paid to relief workers. Millions of young people, disillusioned by the inadequacy of the NYA and the CCC, face the fate of a locked-out generation.

The only hope of the unemployed lies in the organization of a mighty Workers Alliance of America, which can fight militantly against the starvation program of the government and for real social security legislation. The purchasing power of the workers must be increased, working hours must be shortened until all jobless are put to work.

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S STARVATION RELIEF PROGRAM!

DEMAND REAL SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION!

SUPPORT THE WORKERS ALLIANCE!

In the fight for industrial union-

ism, in the fight against Roosevelt's starvation "relief" program, the workers are learning that the government is controlled by the owning class. Strikes broken by the National Guard, forced arbitration schemes, aid to company unions, WPA layoffs—all are educating the workers to carry the fight against the bosses into the political field through independent working class political action.

FIGHT THE BOSSES ON ALL FRONTS!

DEMONSTRATE FOR INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS POLITICAL ACTION!

May Day, 1937, takes on added significance in the light of new war dangers and the rise of Fascism. The governments of the world are feverishly arming for the new world slaughter they are preparing in defense of their sacred profits. Workers of America must refuse to fight another capitalist war, must refuse to support any war the government may undertake.

American capitalism led the workers into the last World War under the slogan: "Make the World Safe for Democracy." Now capitalism and the social-patriots of all hues raise the cry of "Democracy Versus Fascism! Collective Security of the Peaceful Nations Against the Fascist Aggressors!" Workers must have no illusions about "democratic" capitalist nations fighting against war. Capitalism, whether democratic or Fascist, is for the profit system, first and last.

Only independent working class action can stop war. Our fight must be against the rival commercial interests, against the war-breeding capitalist system, which resorts to bloody, brutal fascism to suppress the working class and destroy labor organizations as it has in Italy, Austria and Germany.

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST WAR!

INDEPENDENT WORKERS' ACTION CAN STOP WAR!

May Day, 1937, finds the workers of Spain heroically struggling against the barbaric savagery of Franco and the cohorts of international Fascism. Hit-

ler and Mussolini have given generously of men and munitions to aid Spanish Fascism. The Spanish workers have looked in vain to the "democratic" capitalist nations for aid. They have been met with so-called "neutrality" acts which have acted as an embargo against them.

The working class in all countries must give *all* to aid the workers of Spain. The work of the International Anti-Fascist Brigade, composed of thousands of refugees from Hitler Germany and Fascist Italy, of workers from every country under the sun, is eloquent testimony that the workers of the world realize that the fight of the Spanish workers is their fight.

The workers of Spain fight not only against Fascism, but also for a new social order, for a Socialist cooperative society. Workers the world over must give all possible aid to the workers of Spain.

DEMONSTRATE FOR AID TO THE SPANISH WORKERS!

FIGHT AGAINST INTERNATIONAL FASCISM!

Not alone in Spain, but even in America, the struggle of the workers against the capitalist class is sharpening. America is rich in resources which can bring security to all. Yet millions on relief receive a miserable pittance. Science has invented powerful machines to shape our resources into finished products. This great system of private ownership of mass production prevents the working class from reaping the fruits of its labor.

Capitalism, with its lust for profits, inevitably leads to war between rival commercial powers. In desperation at its declining rate of profits it finally resorts to the "Iron Heel" of Fascism to extort more profits from the blood of the workers.

Workers, unite to end this system of tyranny and oppression. Erect in its place a classless society, based on planned production for use and not for profit.

DEMONSTRATE FOR A WORKERS' WORLD!

DEMONSTRATE FOR SOCIALISM!