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JOBLESS TAKE TO ACTION AS RELIEF CRISIS GROWS

Hague Mobsters Smash Newark S. P. Meeting

NEWARK, N. J.—Hagueism gave America another shocking example of its callous disregard for constitutional law here Saturday, June 4, when a mob of plug-uglies and hoodlums, recruited from Jersey City and tough wards of this city, smashed a Socialist Party meeting at which Norman Thomas attempted to speak.

The mobsters came to the meeting with announced plans to take the law into their own hands and succeeded in disrupting what would have been a peaceful meeting, under the indifferent if not approving eyes of local law enforcement officers.

Thomas was knocked to the ground when terrorists charged a park bench upon which he was standing to address more than a thousand people who had gathered to listen to his public message.

Clendenin Injured

The mobsters, hypocritically waving flags and accompanied by a paid band, pelted Thomas with rotten eggs and ripe tomatoes in their successful efforts to deprive the Socialist Party of its fundamental rights of free speech.

Socialists and bystanders were brutally assaulted. David Clendenin, national treasurer of the Workers' Defense League, and Morris Milgram, New Jersey secretary of the league, were injured. Both were struck in the face while standing alongside of Thomas in the park. Police refused to arrest their assailants.

In opening the meeting, Clara Handelman, Essex County secretary of the Socialist Party, served notice on the flag-waving hoodlums that "you should remember that Americanism is not hooliganism" and appealed to the crowd to maintain order.

She was greeted with jeers by the gang who were hell-bent in depriving the audience of the opportunity of listening to Thomas. Thomas shouted: "In any city of the United States a man has the right to present both sides of a story. Won't you please let me present mine? Listen to what I have to say—"

It was at this point that Thomas was knocked to the ground but again arose to speak; the mobsters' band struck up a tune which drowned out his words.

The mob became more and more unruly and efforts to continue the meeting were abandoned.

While Thomas and a group of Socialist comrades started to leave the scene, the disrupters equipped with clubs made a rush for them. The police beat them off.

The leader of the mob was identified as Adam Cassell, adjutant of Good Fellowship Post 189 of the American Legion, who

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Hungry Workers Repressed In Six States; Miners Win WPA Demands In Illinois

While the leisure class and their capitalist political tools talked about and prepared for vacations, good times and rest, hundreds of thousands of unemployed workers, their wives and children faced actual starvation in hundreds of communities throughout America.

The terrible relief crises which struck unemployed workers in Illinois and Ohio is spreading. The militant resentment of the masses is definitely on the upgrade this week, and from six states came reports of brutal repressions by local and state authorities.

CIVIL WAR IN AKRON

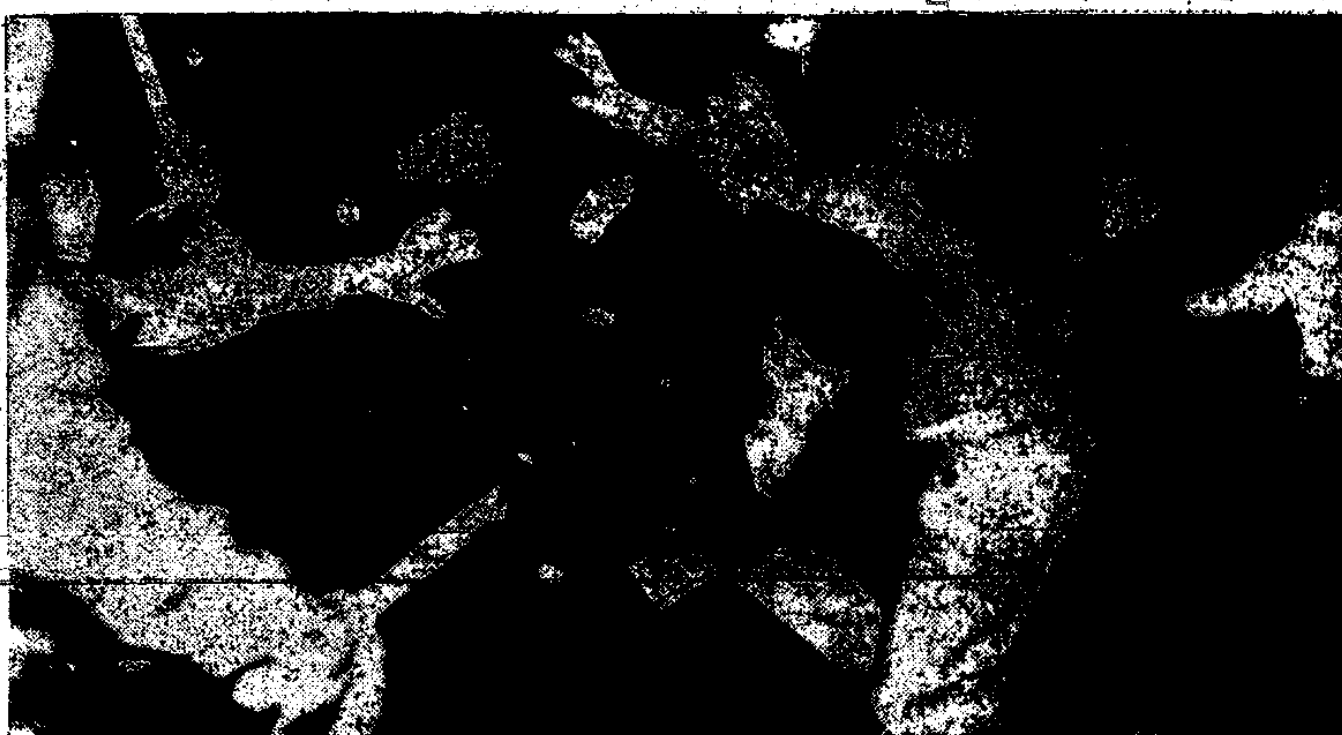


PHOTO SHOWS ONE stage of the 3-hour battle provoked when Akron police made a brutal attack upon striking members of the United Rubber Workers at the Goodyear Tire factory. Fifty men and women were sent to the hospital as police used pistols, blackjacks, clubs, tear and vomit gas and finally sent for sub-machine guns. The strike was settled last week.

Labor Calls For Aid To Spanish Loyalists

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The labor delegates at the Keep America Out of War Congress constituted the largest single group at the Congress and in the plans laid for the extension of the anti-war movement among organized workers they represent the most significant force for the stopping of war and for the destruction of the system that breeds wars.

There were 337 labor delegates who met together and set up the Labor Section of the Keep America Out of War Congress. They chose a Provisional Committee, adopted unanimously several additions to the general united front program of the Congress and laid plans for an intensive drive for affiliations by unions, anti-war clubs in unions and unionists.

The program, in addition to the six points of the KAOWC, includes:

- 1) The lifting of the embargo against Loyalist Spain.
- 2) The international solidarity of workers against war and the cause of war, namely, imperialism.
- 3) The promotion of the use of labor's power to prevent the arming and equipping of fascist and imperialist nations for purposes of war.
- 4) The nationalization of the munitions industry.

Other suggestions have been referred to the Provisional Committee whose members are: A. Phillip Randolph, Murray Baron, John Edelman, Charles S. Zimmerman, Homer Martin, R. J. Thomas, Paul Porter, John Monarch, B. Herman, J. R. Butler, Brendan Sexton, Walter S. Pasnick, Frank Vratovic, Tucker P. Smith, Jacob Baker, Eve Stone, John J. Egan, Lee Morgan, Joseph Massida, Justus Ebert, Rose Stein.

The Labor Section, which is an autonomous body within the KAOWC, is represented by five members on the Congress Governing Board. Those elected were: A. Phillip Randolph, Murray Baron, Charles Zimmerman, John Edelman, and an additional one, preferably from the railroad brotherhoods.

The meetings of the Labor Section were exceptionally enthusiastic and reflected the determination of the delegates to fight to the limit of their resources the war plans of the government which include the destruction of the unions as the fighting forces of the workers.

There will be a meeting of the provisional committee of the Labor Section within the next few days at which permanent headquarters and staff will be provided. It is expected that the headquarters will be in Detroit and that Tucker P. Smith will

Reactionary Senators and Representatives made desperate efforts to emasculate the progressive features of the "pump priming" bill as Congress neared adjournment. The reactionaries succeeded in restricting the \$1,425,000,000 WPA fund—only \$125,000,000 of the proposed appropriation can be diverted to direct relief. This restriction got the approval of the White House.

A special session of the Illinois legislature passed a special appropriation of \$4,500,000, with the proviso that this amount had to be spread over a period of nine months. The bill limits expenditures in any one month to \$500,000. This is admitted by officials to be \$1,000,000 short of the needed funds. More than 100,000 unemployed are in dire need in Chicago alone.

MINERS ACTIVE

Franklin and Williamson county (Illinois) miners succeeded in compelling WPA officials to waive red tape in certifying recently laid-off miners to work. The miners had threatened a march on the state capitol. More than 4,000 jobless miners now have W. P. A. jobs in Franklin County.

The Ohio legislature met this week to consider relief action. Jobless workers, especially those residing in Cleveland, staged scores of meetings and demonstrations protesting their miseries.

Police arrested 23 unemployed in Redding, California, for going to a relief station in a body and asking for food and clothing.

In Laredo, Texas, members of the Workers Alliance were jailed for staging a demonstration.

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be the Executive Secretary of the Labor Section.

Every effort has been made to avoid any further... of the trade union... and as such... AFL and the CIO...

WORLD NOTES

Austrian and German Socialists

Spain Calls

Short Notes

By JOHN MILL

THE AUSTRO-GERMAN SOCIALIST RELATIONS. The annexation of Austria by Hitler Germany has made it necessary to revise and regulate the relation between the Austrian Socialists and the German Socialists and the German Social-Democrats. For the time being the Austrian Revolutionary Socialist Party will remain independent—

which is the decision reached at a conference of both parties recently held in Paris.

At this conference which was attended by E. Adler, secretary of the Socialist and Labor International, the speakers analyzed the newly created situation.

It has always been the aspiration of the Austrian working masses to see Germany and Austria united, but united as free people, on a common democratic ground, and not in Nazi concentration camps and military barracks.

The German fascists are trying to corrupt the Austrian workers by buying them off with a few unimportant social-political concessions. However, the class-conscious workers will not submit to these fiendish tactics. They will not capitulate as the clerico-fascists, most of their spokesmen and standard bearers, or as the Catholic dignitaries did. Instead they will, together with the German workers, fight

for all-German emancipation against all-German slavery and the common fascist oppressors.

FOR REVOLUTION

This can be accomplished only through a general German revolution, and the Austrian workers, for four years hardened in the brutal school of the clerico-fascist dictatorship, are prepared to pursue this struggle.

Their task will be to adopt new methods of fight in the totalitarian State, study the new conditions and problems, orientate themselves in the new nets of political oppression and change the organizational structure accordingly.

The unity with the German Socialist movement will be realized only after this political and organizational ground is prepared, and the political and spiritual renovation of German Socialism is the ultimate aim of the Austrian Socialists.

Meanwhile, as previously stated, the Austrian Revolutionary Socialist Party will retain its independent organization in the Socialist and Labor International.

"AUSTRIACUS"

One of the prominent leaders of the Austrian Socialists, in an article dealing with the "Supreme Test" the Austrian workers are facing, says:

"Surrounded by untold dangers, difficulties and sufferings, the Austrian workers are now undergoing their severest test. Don't expect spectacular feats from them in the relentless, anonymous life-and-death struggle, which is to be their lot for years, perhaps for many years, to come. But we must trust that in the end they will again emerge victorious, driving out the conquerors and oppressors from their country in the great anti-fascist revolution—not to revive Old Austria again together with archdukes and archbishops, but to build in common effort with the German workers the great and free Socialist Germany."

SPAIN CALLS

A desperate appeal has just been issued to workers everywhere by P. O. U. M. (Spanish Workers' Party of Marxist Unity), and since the situation is extremely grave, the plea calls for immediate help and action.

If the international working class fails to give this help and act quickly, serious consequences may follow and all the sacrifices of the Spanish masses will be in vain.

"The Spanish workers are defending the working class of the whole world," says the appeal. "It the Spanish workers are vanquished by Franco, black reactions and untold hardships will pitilessly crush the workers of other countries. The workers' frontline against capitalism is today in Spain."

"Workers, you must show your class solidarity! You must save the Spanish working class which has shown proof of such heroism—there is still time to act!

"The workers of Spain need arms and munitions immediately. Do not hope for anything from you own capitalist class. It is you who manufacture the aeroplanes, the guns and ammunitions."

"Boycott the manufacture and the transport of goods intended for Franco and his allies!"

It is obvious that the international working-class has not done enough for Spain. Sporadically we hear about direct action, but in no place has it assumed the character of a mass movement.

On the other hand, Franco continues to receive concerted aid from not only fascist countries but also from the capitalists of democratic countries who continue to aid fascist Spain for the sake of their class interests and financial profits.

Germany has been sending as "glass" or "paper" thousands of tons of war material through France. Shipped in sealed cars this "glass" and "paper" is a camouflage for the guns, engines, iron products, barbed wire, parts of aeroplanes, trucks and autos, and are carried over French railroads without any interference of the French government!

Switzerland, who severely punishes volunteers going to Loyalist Spain, supplies Franco with shoes, cheese, parts of engines, and war materials.

French capitalists, for whom patriotism and the safety of their "beloved" country is subordinated to their profits, also supplies fascist Spain with war supplies.

Behind the screen of so-called intervention, there is nothing but hypocrisy, falsehood, Jesuitism and naked class interests of the Bourgeoisie.

SHORT NOTES

Paul Boncour, prominent and capable French politician, twice minister of foreign affairs, and once a member of the Socialist Party, has again applied for admission in the party.

The French Republican Party, "The Union Socialiste," has just split. The betrayal of the Popular Front and of Blum's last government by some of its members in the parliament and in the senate is cited as the reason for the split. Frossard, a renegade Communist, who is now an obedient lackey of the Radical-Socialists, has been the leader of this party.

To Fight Wage Cut

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Resistance to any move by railroads for a wage cut will be discussed at a meeting here June 10 of railroad men from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. The meeting will represent the 21 standard railway unions.

STRIKEBREAKING Mayor L. D. Schroy of Akron, Ohio, who was charged by the CIO with trying to break the back of the union of rubber workers after settlement of a strike at the Goodyear plant. The mayor was foiled in his attempt to use all the old anti-labor gags about incitement to riot and rebellion.

New Crisis Arouses Many

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They are being held under \$500 bonds.

BAR MEETING
City authorities, fearing the rising temper of the unemployed, barred the Workers Alliance from holding public meetings in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Three residents of Oklahoma City were arrested last week in Los Angeles while hitch-hiking their way home. A man's wife and sister are held in the juvenile home. Man was forced to go on alone; the family are still separated after more than a month.

Great Falls, Montana, police arrested six unemployed workers for going to a relief station and receiving the commodities that were due them. They were reported to have faced trial this week.

Guns drove members of the Workers Alliance from Grand Island, Nebraska, when the organized unemployed sought to petition relief officials for aid.

WAA PROTESTS
Workers Alliance officials in Washington called Attorney Homer S. Commings' attention to these acts of repression. David Lasser, national president of the WAA, asked for a federal investigation.

In Toledo, Ohio, relief officials announced that 6,000 families will be taken off relief rolls this week unless the legislature appropriates immediate funds. The CIO Industrial Council reported that 22,000 of its 37,000 members are unemployed.

Detroit's economic crisis deepened when additional thousands of auto and parts workers swelled the jobless ranks. Out of 12,000 normally employed at the Ternstedt parts plant, only 3,000 are at work. Another 2,000 auto workers were laid off last week by the Plymouth Company. Approximately 92% of Chrysler's employees were reported out of work. No letup in the miserable situation was in sight until late this summer.

Hundreds of workers jammed the General Drivers' Union hall in Minneapolis June 1, to act against the WPA layoffs. A capacity crowd voted to ask relief officials to increase WPA jobs instead of cutting them down. Unemployment was reported to be sharply increasing in the North West area.

As the result of the U. S. boycott, Japan's export trade fell 19 per cent in the first two months of this year, while her silk exports dropped 36 per cent.

Out of every dollar the average American family spends, 33 cents goes for food.

Chandler Vs. Barkley In Kentucky

By JOSEPH FREELAND

LEXINGTON, Ky. — "Confusion worse confounded" — the phrase aptly describes the political scene in Kentucky, where Roosevelt's floor leader in the Senate, Alben W. Barkley, is battling for his political life in the Democratic primary against Kentucky's crooning Governor, A. B. "Happy" Chandler, who wants Barkley's Senate seat.

Behind Barkley is arrayed as diverse and mutually suspicious a combination of political forces as the state has ever seen. This grouping, which the Kentucky Communist Party, with characteristic opportunism, has called "the progressive front against Chandler," includes the federal officeholders and the WPA administration, the Brennan machine in Louisville, the disreputable Rhea-Lafoon organization which was repudiated by the voters in 1935 after it had sponsored a general sales tax, and Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Chandler's supporters are equally heterogeneous, including not only the most reactionary elements in the Democratic Party as well as certain AFL elements, but also the state Republican organization, which is so thoroughly discredited politically that in all probability it will make no serious attempt to defeat the Democratic nominee, whoever he may be, in November.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

Labor's Non-Partisan League in Kentucky is a weak organization. At a convention of the LNPL held in Lexington on May 28 Caddy produced a letter from John L. Lewis expressing the "hope" that the Kentucky organization would support Barkley in the primary and in the final election. Thus far there has been no organized opposition to this course in the Kentucky CIO, but there is an undercurrent of resentment among many rank and file workers. Unfortunately, lack of the most elementary political education has caused much of this covert opposition to swing to support of Chandler.

To Socialists and other progressive Kentucky workers not afflicted with political myopia, there is little reason to choose between Barkley and Chandler, and plenty for opposing both. Each is an extremely unreliable "friend" of labor, and each is dependent for support upon some of the most reactionary elements in the state. Each has been unmindful of the needs of Kentucky's unemployed, although each is in a position to help the jobless and needy if he really desired to do so.

FOR A LABOR PARTY— Sentiment for a Farmer-Labor

Party has some strength in certain parts of the state, but as yet it is completely unorganized. Under Communist domination, the Kentucky Workers' Alliance, which two years ago set up a committee to agitate for a Farmer-Labor Party, is now being maneuvered into the Barkley camp. It is believed that the CP will support Barkley covertly through the Alliance and other organizations, since open Communist backing of the "progressive" candidate would tend to alienate his conservative supporters.

Kentucky Socialists will continue to agitate for independent political action by the working class.

New Orleans Socialist Freed

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The Louisiana League for the Preservation of Constitutional Rights announced last week that charges of "insurrection and sedition" against Henry Hermes, secretary of the New Orleans Socialist Party, and John Antonovich had been dropped by the District Attorney's office.

The League had failed in its persistent efforts to bring the charges to trial during the past eight months. Friends of the indicted workers wanted the validity of the state's charges tried in the courts.

Hermes was arrested August 20, 1937, on a war-time charge for distributing pamphlets criticizing the corrupt New Orleans city government. Nine days later unidentified gangsters brutally assaulted him.

Hermes, 40, is a barber and has steadfastly held to his principles as a Socialist despite the vicious attacks that have been levied against him.

At the time of his arrest Chief of Detective John Grosch said: "You've been criticizing the city and state. We won't have that. And I'm going to clean this city out of people that try to do that."

Hermes is now freed of the fake charges, but cuts and bruises about his face, nose, mouth, ears, and the broken ribs he suffered, have left their mark.

Another Socialist pays the price for having advocated justice and democracy for America's poorer millions.

Mayor Shield, Johnstown Strikebreaker, Charged With Fraud, Extortion

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Charges of bribery, extortion and malfeasance in office were filed against Mayor Daniel J. Shields and Councilman Fulton I. Connor, June 1, by County Detective John F. Carroll.

The mayor, notorious for his vigilante activities in the steel strike of a year ago, was charged with "knowingly, unlawfully, fraudulently and extortiously" receiving "certain fees and rewards" amounting to \$36,449.50.

The charges followed an investigation of testimony at the National Labor Boards hearing of the Bethlehem Steel case. Further information was uncovered by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee in Washington.

BRIBED BY BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem Steel was exposed as having agreed to furnish \$25,000 to break the strike. A

leader of the vigilante Citizen's Committee, Francis C. Martin, was named as the person who paid Mayor Shields \$32,077.50, which witnesses before the board stated had come from Bethlehem officers.

An additional sum of \$4,372 was supposed to have been donated by C. R. Ellicott, general manager of the Bethlehem mill in Johnstown.

Thus begins another chapter in the weird story of the Citizen's Committee of Johnstown which invoked a reign of terror, resorted to bribery and corrupted public officials to break a strike of steel workers.

Again the lily white pretenders of "law and order" are exposed in their true light. Again it is shown that the last refuge of scoundrels is fake patriotism.

"To keep America out of war is not the end of the road, but the beginning. It is an America at peace in which we can best organize for the real help of our brothers abroad. It is in an America at peace that we can best deal with our own imperialist and fascist forces. It is in an America at peace that we can preserve some of the sanity necessary for the cure of a mad and violent world. We are, let us proclaim to mankind, the better citizens of the world because we are met here in high resolve to organize the forces and perfect the method which will keep America out of war."— **NORMAN THOMAS** in an Address to the National Anti-War Congress.

Collective Security Means Collective Suicide

Excerpts From Norman Thomas' Address To Anti-War Congress

Does this strongly worded title mean that I am indifferent to the fate of the world outside the borders of the United States, or that I think that the United States can build a wall around itself and live forever within it in peace and contentment, while outside rage the storms of hate and fear and mortal strife? Emphatically not! I believe that the ultimate peace of the world depends upon a federation of cooperative commonwealths of which I profoundly hope this country will be a glorious part. Within that federation of cooperative commonwealths, of course, there will be a collective security for men and nations.

The United States, by reason of its fortunate position, geographically and historically, can keep out. The United States must keep out. Our slogan should be: "The maximum possible cooperation for peace; the maximum possible isolation from war." Today collective security means for us certain militarism and almost certain war. Participation in it will not kill fascism abroad; it will bring it at home. For us collective security will mean collective suicide.

The world has learned much about mass propaganda by governments, wild intolerance and brutal repression since the last war. And some of us are old enough to remember what the last war meant for liberty. We remember the control of thought by the Postmaster General. We remember Gene Debs and the other political prisoners. We remember the patriotic mobs, the deportation of the miners of Arizona into the desert; the lynching of Frank Little and all the rest. We remember the years of anti-red hysteria which followed the war. We want none of it again.

We know that the declaration of new war would make the life of liberty ten times worse; that it would mean the conscription of a hundred and thirty million Americans for the trench or the workbench; the regimentation of their thought by all the agencies of propaganda; the rigorous suppression of minorities and minority opinion; the dictatorship of a coalition government, different perhaps in degrees but not in kind, from the governments of totalitarian states. Such is the nature of modern war.

If at the end of that war of indescribable horror there should be any victors except chaos and dark night, the United States, by reason of her great strength, would probably be among them. But in the hour of victory it would not be democracy or any constructive social revolution for the popular good that would win at home. Nations sometimes learn from defeat, but not from victory. In no way would the cause of economic and social justice be advanced by the exhaustion, the suffering, the mob passion, the brutalization which are war's dreadful children.

The United States went into war in 1917 because we had allowed our whole economic life to become bound up with the victory of one set of belligerents. The rest was rationalization. The United States will go into a new world war, if it goes at all, on those imperialist policies which under existing conditions logically lead to war. We will go to war because war is a shot in the arm to a sick system which cannot in time of peace provide men with jobs or abundance.

The rest, including this talk about the collective security of democracies, will be rationalization. Not the spirit of crusaders for democracy but the stupid jingoism of Vinson's resolution on the naval policy of America will determine our entry in the war. Gallant young men in some dreadful no-man's land may, like their fathers and older brothers in an earlier war, die the happier because they believe they die to end all war and make the world safe for democracy. Alas, their dream will be false. Roosevelt's war will not cure what Wilson's war did so much to cause.

Let me make my position plain. No man hates fascism more than I. But fascism is not some mysterious curse which has sprung upon an innocent earth out of some deep pit of hell. It is the legitimate child of capitalism and nationalism at a certain stage of their development. It came first in Italy and Germany, the dissatisfied nations of the House of Haves Not, but its strength does not lie primarily in their military might. Hitler and Mussolini, with the Japanese thrown in for good measure, cannot possibly conquer Europe or Asia except as fascist forces and tendencies are present in non-fascist countries.

In the first place fascism by its very nature does not permit firm alliances between mutually jealous dictators. Three prima donnas do not make a chorus. In the second place, the non-fascist nations outside the United States are overwhelmingly superior in resources. If the class divisions and the imperialism of the British and French tend to promote the growth of fascism, if the ruthlessness of Stalin tragically divides Russia, that is not an evil to be repaired by the conscription of America's sons. The danger of fascism lies with forces and tendencies international in scope. They must be conquered by forces and tendencies international in scope, above all, by the workers who strive for a new social order, and not by a war of one group of capitalist powers against another group.

Logic and history unite to show the fallacy of expecting that the non-fascist states will ever league themselves together in the service of genuine democracy. They did not do it in the first world war. They did not do it when they approved a pre-Hitler



PICKETS ARE SEEN here aiding their injured comrades as other strikers defend themselves against police who are escorting strikebreakers from the American Brass Co. plant. (Graphically described by our correspondent, Harry Fleischman, in last week's issue of the CALL.) The savage attack was let loose by Police Commissioner Pickert as part of the campaign to help employers slash wages.

Union Pressure Forces Detroit Council To Act

DETROIT—Widespread public indignation over police brutality in the American Brass Company strike has caused introduction of a resolution in the City Council for a complete investigation into the strike riot that occurred May 26.

Four members of the City Council have already stated that they will support this resolution and it appears probable that the investigation will be started during the week.

The City Council acted after a hearing had been granted to the City-Wide Strike Committee of the CIO on police brutality. The Council first refused to grant

a hearing to the CIO, but when threatened with a march on the City Hall, agreed to grant a public hearing. More than 1,000 CIO marchers jammed the City Council chambers when the hearing was held, while an additional 1,000 picketed the City Hall.

ASK FOR INQUIRY

In opening the hearing, Larry Davidow, union attorney, asked the City Council to appoint a committee of inquiry to hear both sides in connection with the May 26 riot and "take whatever action is deemed proper." He charged that most of the unionists injured were struck in the back and on the head which proved that they were attempting to run away. Tracy Doll, chairman of the CIO Strike Committee, told the councilmen that he witnessed the riot at the brass

liberal Germany. They did not do it when they approved of Dolfuss who turned his cannon upon the people's houses of Vienna. They did not do it when they consented to the rape of Manchuria; the conquest of Abyssinia; and the international conspiracy against the workers and their social revolution in Spain.

Over and over in the last twenty years there were times when a firm stand by the so-called democracies without any appreciable danger of war might have checked incipient aggression. Every opportunity was lost and, as I have reluctantly come to see, it was lost because it was not possible for capitalist states to serve other than nationalist ends.

There is no common denominator of democracy which one can imagine that Chamberlain, Roosevelt, Stalin, and whoever is premier of France day after tomorrow, will unite to serve. There is no common understanding of democracy within or between Stalinist Russia, imperialist Britain, capitalist America, and bourgeois France. When one can take the elements that make TNT and unite them according to the formula for producing that explosive, and, by breathing a prayer over the mixture, turn the resultant compound into an elixir of life rather than the messenger of death, then, and not till then, can the United States enter a League of the satisfied nations and by the dreadful formula of war advance the glorious ends of true democracy.

To Keep America out of war will require some elementary economic planning. It will require steadfast opposition to each step that logically leads toward war. It will require those intelligent popular pressures which this Congress typifies. It will not, like war, require a dictatorship. It is possible for us to use pressure to keep a government out of war far more easily than for us to use pressure to guide it in war towards democratic ends.

plant and that he had to run between houses to avoid being ridden down by a mounted patrolmen's horse.

After the hearing, Council President Jeffries said that he would support a resolution for such an inquiry stating, "If the police behaved themselves at the riot, they ought to welcome such an inquiry; if they didn't, we ought to know about it."

PUBLIC INDIGNANT

Overwhelmed by the flood of protests against police brutality, and public indignation over the refusal of the American Brass Company to negotiate with the union has caused a reversal in the company's position, and the company is now negotiating the question of the wage-cut, which precipitated the strike, with the union, the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO).

Other developments occurring as a result of the riot include a proposal for an Industrial Peace Board by anti-labor Mayor Reading. As proposed by him, the board would be stacked with industrialists who would have at least twice as much representation as union men (among the union men would be included company unionists) and would be modeled after the Toledo Mediation Board. Comments by both AFL and CIO leaders, including Frank X. Martel and Homer Martin, have been decidedly unfavorable to this fake industrial peace board.

May 26th an Historical Day

May 26th will be a long-remembered day in Michigan labor circles. Last year it was on this day that the famous Ford riot took place in which Walter Rauter and Richard T. Frankenstein were brutally beaten by Ford thugs along with scores of other unionists. May 26th this year will be remembered as the day when Ford's political henchmen (the police) did a job in Detroit on nearly 100 union members at the American Brass riot.

It is estimated that six months of depression and increasing unemployment has sent the cost of all public relief during the past month to approximately \$250,000,000—the highest in the history of the WPA.

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Fascism At Home

The fight against war and fascism begins at home. This is a lesson that requires repetition in these days when so many are trying to focus our attention upon war makers and fascists abroad. But the same class which breeds war and fascism in Europe, Africa and Asia is hard at work in America, slugging pickets, starving unemployed and building battleships; refusing Norman Thomas and others the right to free expression of their opinions and preparing the blueprints for American wartime fascism.

The mob which prevented Thomas from speaking in Newark, which attacked him and injured several others, was merely adding another horrible example to that lesson. The Detroit police, the Newark police, the Jersey City police, are branding in indelible symbols upon the heads and backs of workers the recognition that capitalism is everywhere and that nowhere is it anything but the enemy of the worker.

We have a real obligation to the workers everywhere to fight war and fascism. That obligation must be fulfilled by sending to them the aid they may need in their own struggle. But we do them great harm if we do not at the same time undertake the battle against fascist and militarist forces in our own country which will protect oppression and misery and war all over the world unless we stop them.

We are proud that in this struggle Socialists are playing such a prominent part — in the struggle against boss violence through the Workers Defense League, in the fight against war united in the Keep America out of War Congress. But Socialists alone cannot win these battles. What is required is a united, militant, aggressive working class, zealous in defense of its rights and ready to defend them against all comers.

To the task of uniting the workers and all progressives we rededicate ourselves, secure in the knowledge that in their unity in struggle against war and oppression is the only hope for the victory of Socialism.

Hands Off Mexico!

"Mexican shareholders must now hope for a revolution," blazes a headline in the May 26th issue of the London Daily Express.

Rulers of a world empire, despots who subjugate and exploit millions of colonials, British imperialism minces no words in announcing to the world just what it proposes to do about the nationalization of the oil fields of Mexico.

"The overthrow of the Cardenas government seems to be their only chance, since it is now clearer than ever that neither they nor any other foreign capitalist will ever get justice from the handful of hotheads who now rule Mexico. . . . Well, there easily might be a revolution," further states the Tory sheet.

The Express undoubtedly had in mind the abortive Cedillo rebellion which was swiftly and decisively crushed last week by the Mexican government. Cedillo was preparing for a coup, knowing that an eager offer of assistance from American and British imperialist interests was at hand to assist him execute a counter-revolutionary movement against the progressive policies of the Mexican government.

Cedillo for the present is pretty well out of the picture, but the elements for more subversive activities against Mexico's social policies remain. The Express' perspective plays for time and on this point it says:

"Going through the farce in proper legal manner takes time — and time is on the side of the oil combines."

We grant that time is an important element. Time will give the workers and peasants of Mexico an opportunity to consolidate and defend their rights as a class and nation. But more important, time will give American Socialists and British Socialists an opportunity to arouse the masses to action in defense of Mexico's right to expropriate every last piece of property it needs to feed, house, and clothe its people.

Hands off Mexico!

Bravo American Seamen!

Militarists are fuming in Washington, and it isn't because of the rising summer temperature. The deep-rooted anti-militarist character of the American workers is the cause of their discomfort.

No. 1 on the Big Navy Gang's hate list these days is the Seaman's Union of the Pacific. Reason for this is the fact that American seamen are intelligent, know something about the society we live in and very often fight for their rights.

The military men, however, would forgive some of these generalities if the seamen were not so hell-bent in scuttling the navy's important project — the merchant marine naval reserve.

Last summer the Big Navy Gang announced that the naval reserves would enroll 35,000 men and 5,000 officers. Thus far a sizable number of officers have enrolled — 3,700, to be exact — but ONLY 79 RANK AND FILE SEAMEN HAVE FALLEN FOR THE DOPE OF IMPERIALIST WAR-MAKERS.

This makes the warmakers dopier than a barn owl. They blame

Workers' Forum

Contributions to the SOCIALIST CALL must be accompanied with the name and address of the writer as a matter of good faith, not to be used for publication if the writer prefers that the name be omitted. Short, snappy letters will receive first consideration.

Credit Unions

DECATUR, Ill.—The undersigned was much interested in the article on Credit Unions in your May 21 issue by S. S. White. Being chairman of a Trade Union Credit Union I can speak as one on the inside. I agree with the author that trade unions have been rather backward in taking advantage of Credit Unions. Credit Unions are the easiest of any of the Co-ops to launch at a minimum of cost and risk.

Corporation and employer-promoted Credit Unions have a company union complexion; that fact in itself should make trade unionists, especially Socialists, more concerned with this phase of labor work.

There has just been inaugurated a new insurance feature by the Credit Union National Association, which was omitted by the author in his article. It is the share account system; for example, a member's pass book shows ten dollars to his credit—at the time of death his estate would receive \$20, or if his pass book showed \$250 to his credit, his estate would receive \$500.

The average of insurance is carried by the unit group, no medical examination, no age limit.

Alfred Deverell

Agrees With Bertelli

BALTIMORE, Md.—I wish to register hearty approval of the advice and counsel given by Comrade G. Bertelli in recent issues of the CALL; namely, that we put our wholehearted attention to the task of making Socialists. I would suggest that Comrade Bertelli be engaged to write Socialist making articles for the CALL, thus supplementing the good work being done by Comrade Coldwell.

I have been a Jimmy Higgins in the movement ever since 1898 and I wish to say that the party should make greater efforts to really teach Socialists instead of discussing dogmas and theories. I do not wish to imply that I think theory is not important, but if our main effort is devoted to making of Socialists those things will take care of themselves or at least will be easier of a solution. So I say, let's make Socialists first,

and in the easiest way, by teaching Socialist fundamentals.

Yours for a growing Socialist movement.

—M. H. SPANGLER
May Day

Believers in a world to be!
Prophets of a coming day!
Comrades firm in sympathy —
Symbolize the First of May.
While the struggle forms and grows,
And the new world rears in sight,
May will come with leaf and rose,
Inspiring hope, revealing night!
— JEANETTE REISEN

The Humanitarian

Brooklyn, New York.

After reading about the bombings at Barcelona, the slaughtering of hundreds of innocent children, I threw the newspaper aside; for inside of me I felt a sickening pain (nausea). I was disgusted with the entire world — for allowing such outrages to exist. Then, again, I thought of these aviators, who "got so much fun (quoting Mussolini's son) out of dropping these toys" — were they really human? And gradually the following poem came to my mind — which can be titled in jest, "Picture of Innocence" or "The Humanitarian."

The foregoing is a paraphrase of a famous poem — with the due respect to Longfellow — "I Shot An Arrow Into the Air."

Visualize an aviator, who is fighting for Franco, flying over Barcelona. Now he pulls the lever and bombs go hurtling downward; another pull, and more bombs rush onward to bring chaos and destruction.

How innocent and vicious is this human creature, who suddenly waxes poetic.

I drop a bomb into the air.
It falls to earth,
I know not where.
I drop another —
"Boy! Am I wasting bombs!"
I am only doing that which is right.
Is it my fault
If the Reds want to fight?
Fools must be taught a lesson.

And so their miseries I will lessen.
For God's sake, can't they see,
That I'm trying to aid humanity.
That to Franco's plan
They are, but, a hindrance.
All I'm trying to do
Is to aid in slum clearance.
Yours truly,
Irving Parow.

COAL

There are those who maintain that coal is too dear; but these are they who do not have to "hawk it."

Only an hour since he had felt
The sun upon his face,
An' watched the big white clouds gae by
Wi' stately leisured grace;
The lark's sweet song was in his ear,
The cool win' fanned his hair,
But though the trees in beauty burst
They'll bloom for him nae mair.
Only a collier stiff an' stark,
But oh! that lark's wild sang,
The sweet white beauty o' the clouds
That slowly drift along,
The sot, cool win', the buddin' trees —
A man's undaunted soul,
An' sorrow in a woman's heart —
God! what a price for coal!

J. C. WELCH in the Glasgow Forward.

it all on the Seamen's Union, particularly Harry Lundeberg, secretary-treasurer of the union, whom they try to plaster as a "communist."

The Big Navy Gang knows that Lundeberg is not a Communist, but Communism is still a good term with which to scare prejudiced people. They know, too, that official Communism (behold the recent Communist Party convention!) is their ally, especially if it will prepare for the "right kind of war."

The Seamen's Union contributes noble service to the peace and welfare of their country when they refuse to be a party to imperialist plots to drag this country into war.

SQUIBS

BY GENE LOMAN

JESUS, WHAT NEXT?

Keynoting the CP convention, a biblical parable was dished up to prove that collective security is okay by God. The okay came through Apostle Stalin and was delivered to breathless thousands by the Right Rev. Earl Browder. The Right stands for Right, but the Rev. does not stand for Revolutionary.

Arthur M. Hyde, Herbie Hoover's secretary of Agriculture, says that another depression is coming and Roosevelt is to blame.

What Jobless Johnny wants to know is when the depression that began under Hoover came to an end.

(Aside to Daily Worker: Hope

we're not intruding on your Roosevelt-alibi copyright. As a matter of fact, Jobless Johnny would also like to know what FDR is going to do about THE depression.)

HOLLYWOOD CULTURAL NOTE

From we know not where, one of our enterprising contributors sends the following clipping:

"Jiggs, the nine-year-old chimpanzee who died last Tuesday, presented a difficult problem in his last picture, "Her Jungle Love," done in technicolor. Like all his tribe, Jiggs had a bald spot where he sat down. When the first rushes were shown, the cameramen were frantic. Red is the most active shade in technicolor and Jiggs' bald spot photographed like the sun setting at Palos Verdes. They ordered constructed a pair of hair pants, but Jiggs promptly tore them off. Ever resourceful, they called in the makeup department, which did up the spot in a neutral tone."

Tom Girdler says that wages are the largest single item in steel production costs.

You wouldn't be talking about half-million-dollar plums for steel execs, would you, Tom?

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE?

From J. B. Haldane's "Hereditry and Politics," via Lewis Garnett's book column and Ed Wieck, we print this dissertation:

"A well known employer in Ontario, during the recent depression offered to pay for the sterilization of a number of his workmen whom he regarded as mentally dull, and a few consented. During a time of unemployment it is generally advisable to comply with the suggestions of one's employer. Should a civil commotion ever occur in Ontario during which the employer in question is deprived of the opportunity for reproduction, this will, of course, be an unmentionable atrocity."

Hoan, Ohl Head

Speakers List At FLPP Picnic

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, who was recently drafted as a candidate for the U. S. Senate but who has not yet stated that he will run, and Henry Ohl, Jr., president of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, will be the Speakers at the annual Milwaukee county picnic of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation at Barns Grove, June 12.

The hope was been expressed in many quarters that Mayor Hoan will announce his acceptance of the "draft" in this, his first public speech on a political platform since the state FLPP convention.



AT THE FRONT with Norman Thomas

ANTI-WAR CONGRESS

In every respect newspaper publicity the Keep America Out of War Congress was better than I had hoped. We had more than 1,000 delegates, a third of whom directly represented labor unions and set up their own section or council. It was unanimously agreed that the Congress must be continued. Our fight is far from over. And we must make the newspapers break their boycott of news about us.

Nobody is going to Keep America Out of War at the last moment. Peace must be waged. We must beware of false security. You can set it down as a law that when everybody is excited about the imminence of war it will be already too late to avert it. Roosevelt in general follows the British—witness his Spanish record!—and Chamberlain is trying along his own line to avoid or postpone war. Let him fail and see what Roosevelt will do! Or let Japan to whom as Eliot Janeway proves in Harper's America has been a partner, get a little more confidence and a little more insulting and see what Roosevelt will do! He expects with reason, another victory at the polls. Till that victory he'll probably lie low in respect to foreign affairs, and then claim that victory has given him a blank check. These are some of the reasons why we must build the Keep America Out of War Congress!

THE CRISIS NEARS PANIC

In Washington talk is persistent that in July and August the big three of the motor world will close down completely. No up turn is in sight. More money will be desperately needed for relief. "Pump priming" if more adequate in amount, may ease things for a time. It will cure nothing. Outside of the general case for Socialism, there is a special case that nothing but social ownership and planning can handle railroads, public utilities, and the housing problem. Loans, trust busting, yardsticks, subsidies just won't do the job. But Roosevelt who wants to save capitalism in its own despite will go on pushing an improvised program without fundamental cure. And, so long as the rickety system is solvent at all, the worse things are the more the masses will vote for him on the ground that his crumbs are better than nothing; certainly better than a revival of Hoover's "everything for business."

Lewis or labor may suffer setbacks, as in Pennsylvania, but not Roosevelt personally—not while he is master of the spending program—not, that is, unless the masses of farmers and workers wake up to what they might gain by the proper organization and program. That requires socializing our mineral wealth, public utilities, bank system etc.

SENATOR LEE'S PLAN
I sympathize 100% with the desire of Senator Lee and others to draft wealth in war. But why wait for war? His scheme, however, of forcing everyone with \$1000 and up to buy in graduated amounts government bonds won't work. It won't stop war

because it won't stop the follies that lead to war, and because the rich would expect protection from the courts. In war it would break down. Either the government wouldn't try it or it would force a wholesale liquidation of property to buy bonds and a general panic. Nothing else would be possible under capitalism. The sound plan is not this bond idea; it is taxes to be paid out of incomes especially war incomes, and the taking over of certain key industries and resources. But what we really want is socialization for peace; not any sort of conscription for war.

COMMUNISM A LA MODE

The recent Communist Convention did its best to recognize George Washington among its fathers and the Roman Catholic Church among its brothers in a popular front with Roosevelt against Hitler. The party loudly protests that it is completely autonomous. It's only a coincidence that its line changes in harmony with the changes that Stalin dictates to the Comintern!

Actually, on the face of things no Fabians or Social Democrats ever taught or practised such insincere revisionism as the Communist Party. No Socialist Party of any sort ever went so avowedly and whole heartedly to the right. But the outside world, capitalist and working class alike, is justified in doubts about the durability and genuineness of so amazing a conversion! Our incredulity is increased when these red-white-and blue Americans

send such fervent love and kisses to Stalin.

DEMOCRACY Vs. C. P.

But the thing which gives away the Communist show, and makes it dangerous rather than funny is that the Party keeps the old tactics of Machiavellian power politics. It avows itself a secret and dictatorial order when it provides expulsion for "betrayers of the party confidence," and declares that no member shall have personal or political relationship with Trotskyites, Lovestonites, or other known enemies of the party or the working class." Did not Browder previously offer to expose such enemies to the government in the next war? In all this there is no true understanding of the democracy, that the Communists talk about to the exclusion of Socialism.

I hear at the Wisconsin convention of the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation the Communist spokesman opposed the Ludlow Amendment for a referendum before the declaration of war on the ground that the President might have to act rapidly "to protect our investments in Latin America!" And in Boston the C. P. spokesman wanted May Day opened with prayer! (How times have changed! If you want to amplify that last remark seriously, read the important pamphlet Pro War Communism by Veritas.)

HAGUEISM



"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Up and Down Main Street

Dear Ed:

The other day Bud Travis heard of a gov't. bulletin on "How to Be a Success." Seeingst as to how he had hard sleddin' this last recession, Bud thought here was a genuine tip for the down and outer. He wrote for the bulletin and got it. It was entitled

"How To Be a Success with Strawberries."

Bud was mad. He said he'd show the gov't. a thing or two on how to be a success with berries. So when Senator Buzbye Blurtch came to town preparing for the fall campaign, Bud gave him a lesson on how to be successful with razzberries.

Bud called the Senator a religious skunk. The Senator got mad and asked Bud what he meant. Bud said the Senator's record smelled so bad, he ought to go and sit in his own pew.

But neither the Senator nor Bud was half as mad as Pegleg McDermott. Two weeks ago the Sauk County Herald printed the item, "John McDermott, the hero of this arrest, is a defective on the Wausaukee police force." A week later, they apologized as follows, "The Herald mistakenly termed John McDermott a defective on the Wausaukee police force. We meant, a detective on the polioe farce."

After graduation at the high school, Cy Snickers, the local cynic, said that conditon were such that with the diploma and a nickel a graduate could get a cup of coffe anywhere.

Tuck Adkins, the postmaster, was telling me about J. Wellington Washford, Jr. and his old man. It seems that Jr. wrote from college.

"Dear Dad: Conditions are pretty bad, so I am very much afraid I will have to ask you for twenty-five dollars for the prom.

Your sorrowful son,

J. Wellington, Jr.

P. S. After sending this letter, I felt I hadn't ought to, so I ran after the postman real fast, but he got away."

The old man replied,

"Dear Son: Never mind. Your letter didn't get here after all. Dad."

So the son wrote,

"Dear Dad: I am very glad you didn't get my letter even though I need the cash very much."

Son."

Jr. went to the prom.

Adkins says that the Democrats used to have a principle: low tariff. Now he claims it's low politics.

Sven got off a hot one Sunday, p. m. at the ball game. Somebody hit a foul into the hay mow in the barn. The game stopped while everybody went to look for the ball which was the only one they had. "Too bad," says Stony Jones, the umpire, "that we only got the one ball." Sven quick points to the rafters where they are hanging by the dozens and say, Yah, shure, but ve got plenty bats!"

The two suspicious characters Pegleg McDermott pinched busted out of the local jail and headed for the swamp. Two days later the mosquitoes drove them out. Somebody asked them what they lived on those two days. One real bright feller of the two says, "Milk and eggs." "Where did you get them?" somebody asks. So he says, "Oh, we got the sheriff's goat and he was laying for us."

We need a revolution in government, says Heinie the station agent. In Sauk county a revelation would be plenty.

And Ed, what we need in this country is not a good nickel cigar, but a good nickel.

Your correspondent,

Elmer.

Unionists Nabbed For Distributing Auto Union Paper

By ALEX RIBAK.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Michael Patane, secretary of the Socialist Local here, and also local secretary of the United Automobile Workers Union and two other members of the union were arrested two weeks ago in the neighboring town of Stratford for distributing copies of the "Automobile Worker," official organ of the union, to workers of the huge Sikorsky aeroplane plant.

Previously denied a permit by the town officials, the three proceeded to distribute the paper. When hailed into the Stratford police station, Patane informed the chief that very recently the Supreme Court had ruled that it was within constitutional rights to distribute union literature, even without a permit.

The chief replied: "I don't give a g...d... for the Supreme Court or constitution—I'm the law here!"

The case, which comes to trial June 6, has provoked a great deal of comment from the press and public.

The unionists are being defended by attorney Arthur W... a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Relieve Cleveland Landlords; Jobless Left to Beg and Suffer

By TAD TEKLA

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — The Chamber of Commerce told the City Manager. The City Manager of Cincinnati told a committee of crossroads legislators that the state (not the City of Cincinnati) should handle relief. The committee told the State Legislature in its findings report, BUT relief cannot be financed, cannot be efficiently administered, by the state.

For one item, the state is bankrupt. On May 31 there was available \$1,336,424.25. This would continue relief at the present pauper level for no more than two months. Don't ask if the unemployment problem, of which the relief crisis is a baby, will be with us on August 1, 1938.

Against this balance on hand, there were also on hand "Obligations" amounting to \$3,619,603. And also on hand, with outstretched palms and posteriors, was an army of state employees with a \$750,000 payroll.

LIVE OFF RELATIVES

The state is not aiding Ohio cities slopping—not solving—the relief problem; 70,000 unemployed in Cleveland have been living on relatives for a month now. The last City Council meeting appropriated not a red cent for them. The landlords of the city are organized, however; and so they extracted from the City Council an extension of the guarantee-to-pay rentals of relief clients.

Three emergency appropriations of about \$250,000 to take care of dire cases were deducted from such treasuries as the city's "matching money" for WPA projects, the municipal light plant, and garbage and rubbish collections. (All the streetcleaners were laid off; and collections were curtailed—except in the downtown big business section.)

For a month now, an amazing number of people have subsisted on Federal Surplus Commodities. A 25-lb. sack of flour, some spuds, some soy beans, and whatever else luck brought after a long wait in the foodlines... in the U. S. A., the richest government in the world.

WHAT'S THE REACTION?

The bankers' committee on the crisis, under Creech of the Cleveland Trust Co., got Mayor Burton and Finance director Gesell in a huddle on May 31. Not a word has leaked out yet as to the official solution of the problem. However, the next night's City Council meeting provided for the landlords and did not provide for 70,000 starving Clevelanders.

The Workers Alliance organized a 6-day sit-in at City Council chambers. I was thrilled when

some 400 members marched out of those chambers in a body that bright afternoon of May 21. For a few minutes I wanted to be On Relief; so that I could join the throng. But I awakened to the harsh reality of being On Relief in Cleveland, May, 1938 and didn't want.

Two hundred to 300 WAAers of the 70,000 on relief rolls here were mobilized time and again to attend each City Council committee meeting during the last month.

C. I. O. ACTIVE

The CIO has succeeded in getting the WPA quota raised from 15,000 to 78,000 jobs. It is trying to maintain its component organizations by means of Project Stewards on the projects, but this craft unionism policy is not being appreciated by the WPA workers.

It is imperative that the Socialist Party, U. S. A. safeguard the interests of the unemployed. An energetic campaign for federal responsibility for starving workers and workers' children must be pursued. It is imperative that we safeguard the interests of small homeowners and lower-bracket taxpayers who will be asked to pay for the crisis precipitated by lack of planning under capitalism.

Michigan Labor Political Meet June 25 and 26

DETROIT — Labor's Non-Partisan League will hold a state convention for its Michigan organization here June 25 and 26. This meeting will set up the permanent organization, adopt policy and elect permanent officers and governing committees, according to announced plans.

Efforts will be made at the meeting to head the league in the direction of a labor party for the state. Local sections of the Michigan labor movement are already making plans for labor campaigns for local positions. Flint has already started a united AFL-CIO movement for an independent labor slate of candidates for the city commission.

No definite policy has been adopted as yet by the present state officials of Labor's Non-Partisan League regarding candidates, or policy.

Out of the potential electrical power of 16,000,000 kilowatts on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, only 2,000,000 have been utilized.



MOBSTERS SMASH MEETING

(Continued from page 1) had previously tried to get Thomas' permit for the meeting cancelled. Cassell said his group had hired the band and admitted that they had planned to break up the meeting.

Received \$175

Joseph Basile, leader of the band, said he received \$175 for his part of the dirty job. He said he was employed by six men who said they represented a veterans' organization.

As he left for New York, Thomas said:

"I expect to be back. Another meeting will be arranged by non-partisan citizens of Newark interested in civic welfare, and I will be there.

"It is up to the people of Newark and the Governor of New Jersey to make amends to tonight's trouble.

"But I'm afraid we won't get much satisfaction from the Governor, for he's only Mayor Hague's Charlie McCarthy.

"This is the way tyranny grows in the guise of patriotism. I certainly shall add the name of Newark to that of Jersey City unless the people of this city do something about this state of affairs.

"When it is possible to go from election frauds to downright violence in any city in the country, the liberties of this nation are in great danger.

"This riot was inspired from Jersey City. I recognized banners and signs carried by the marchers here tonight as exactly the same as those banners in Jersey City several weeks ago.

"This whole thing had the earmarks of connivance with the cooperation of the police. The police could have prevented violence. The demonstration was carried out in the same way brown shirts work, by a comparatively small mob intimidating a crowd and being aided by either the indifference or collusion of police."

Among those in league with the forces which disrupted the Socialist meeting were Fred Scholl and William E. Carter, leaders of the A. F. of L. in Newark.

Last week the United Mine Workers' of America cited William Green's silence on the state of affairs in New Jersey as one among a number of reasons for accepting his resignation from the union.

City Commissioner Joseph Byrne Jr. of Newark refused the Socialist Party's request for another permit to hold a test meeting in the same park.

Russia is preparing plans for the largest battleship in the world to be constructed in the United States.

"Quit Stalling," Hoan Tells Common Council

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Non-partisan aldermen in control of the common council's building and grounds committee were accused of "stalling" off the creation of a housing authority by Mayor Daniel W. Hoan in a communication this week.

Mayor Hoan charged that while other cities were taking advantage of the federal housing funds, Milwaukee has gone without benefits of "pump-priming" it sorely needs. Employment of idle building trades workers and cutting down on the acute housing shortage in the city were cited as advantages available by the famed Socialist mayor in his letter.

Leon Gurda, city building inspector, has estimated that Milwaukee is short more than 15,000 housing units.

Non-partisan aldermen have listened chiefly to local building and loan, and real estate interests who have fought housing advocates since the formation of the Milwaukee Housing Council by a conference called by the Socialist party, last October.

Socialists Call National Trade Union Conference

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Leading Socialist unionists will lead the various sessions of the national trade union conference of the Socialist Party scheduled to take place in Cleveland, Ohio, July 2, 3 and 4. The secretary of the Committee in charge, Hy Fish, has announced that definite arrangements regarding the time schedule for the conference have not yet been concluded. Announcement of the speakers and discussion leaders will be made shortly.

The development of trade union unity and inner union democracy will be the basic question with which the three-day session will deal. Relationships between unions and unemployed workers, the new depression and wage cutting moves, and Socialist education in the union movement will be other matters on the agenda.

WPA Workers Threaten Strike

By EUGENE G. JOHNSON MILWAUKEE, Wis. — WPA workers threatened to strike this week when they learned that additional unskilled workers were to be put on a 120-hour month with no increase in wages. This new schedule adds 30 to 50 hours of work a month.

Two weeks ago WPA workers in the county parks, ordered to work the additional hours, agreed to one 60 hour period with the understanding that further consideration of the order would probably result in its revocation. The truce ended Saturday.

With no assurance forthcoming, marches are being organized on WPA headquarters to demand immediate revocation of the order.

The \$60 a month "security wage" workers insist that they will strike if the order is not revoked. One sit-down has already taken place at Whitnall Park.

INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP

The strike threat is backed by workers on projects not yet affected. Some foremen have used the "threat of transfer to a 120 hour a month project" as a whip for WPA workers they dislike. In addition support is derived from the common relief that the authorities plan to make the 120 hour month universal for unskilled labor.

Any strike that is conducted at this time by WPA workers will be conducted independent of organizations in the field. Both unemployed groups in Milwaukee, the American Workers' Committee and the Wisconsin Workers Alliance, have organized project workers but neither has played a great part in the present spontaneous rebellion to a longer work month.

Leadership in the threatened strike will in all probability develop if and when the strike is called from non-affiliated WPA workers.

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PARTY NOTES

By Roy E. Burt

The NEC held its regular quarterly meeting in Washington, D. C., following the anti-war congress. In a two-day session many items of importance to the party work were considered.

A full report of the meeting will be carried in next week's issue of the Call.

COLORADO

Following the adoption of a resolution calling for the nomination of only legislative candidates in the Colorado state election this year by the State Convention of Colorado Socialists in Denver, May 29, a complete slate of legislative candidates, headed by Carl Whitehead as candidate for United States Senator, was recommended to the various locals in the state.

Comrade Whitehead was the unanimous choice of the convention to head the ticket. Nomination of candidates for U. S. representatives from various districts, as well as for state legislative offices must be made by locals, but the following were recommended:

For Congressman from the First District, to be nominated by Local Denver: Edgar Sherman, I. W. Holland and Harry Andersen.

For Congressman from the Second District, to be nominated by Local Arapahoe: Fred D. Gaspard, C. E. Axelson, Geo. L. Slater and Joe Harrison.

For Congressman from the Third District: W. P. Butler and Sidney Bourne.

For Congressman from the Fourth District: Geo. A. Hardwick.

Dr. Fred Chase, of Willington, was recommended for State Senator from the Tenth District. Other than the recommendation of Dr. Chase, nominations of state legislative candidates were left to locals and members-at-large in the various state legislative districts.

The new state executive committee consists of: Carl Whitehead, state chairman; Edgar Sherman, state secretary; C. R. Axelson, state treasurer; I. W. Holland, state literature agent; Geo. L. Slater, W. B. Butler, P. L. Chew, Sidney Bourne, Dr. Fred Chase, V. C. Garrett, Fred D. Gaspard and Harry Andersen. Alternates are: Payne Brier, Clifton Johnson, W. E. Randall and Geo. K. Barnetson. I. G. Miller was elected state organizer.

The convention was well attended and was harmonious throughout, it being evident to even the most unobserving that the members in attendance were determined to carry on the work of the party in Colorado in spite of all difficulties. Financial and organizational plans discussed and adopted will undoubtedly be the means of a great amount of party activity throughout the state in the coming year.

MICHIGAN

The state convention of the Socialist Party of Michigan will be held in Detroit, July 11. This convention will nominate candidates for the 1938 Michigan elections. A Wayne County session to nominate a county slate is scheduled to take place shortly after.

Proposed plans call for party candidates for all major posts

except where labor puts forth its own candidates independent of the old parties.

Other matters before the convention will be organizational plans for party building and financing, policy in the labor movement of Michigan and promotion of the anti-war drive. New locals and branches throughout the state are expected to send delegates. A large portion of the convention will be made up of active unionists.

Previous plans had called for a convention the weekend of June 12th. The date has been put forward, however, to July 10th.

A meeting of the State Executive Committee to make plans for the state convention work and to submit a report on the past year's activities will take place July 9th.

Plans for a summer school on organization problems are being made by the state organization committee of the Socialist Party of Michigan. The tentative date for the school has been set for August 1 through 12. A detailed report of the arrangements will be issued when the course has been outlined, the place for the school finally settled and instructors chosen. Party members in nearby states will be invited.

A Labor Picnic is being held by the Socialist Party of Wayne County (Detroit) on June 26th.

The site for the picnic will be the ABC Summer Camp, near Mount Clemens, in Michigan.

Tickets can be obtained from Socialist branches in Detroit or from the county headquarters at 1110 West Warren—phone Terrace 2-238.

Another C. P. Purge?

DETROIT—William Weinstone, state secretary of the Communist Party of Michigan, has been removed from the state by national officials. This action follows the new line adopted by Automobile Workers of America, the Communists in the United ending cooperation with the "Unity Caucus" in the auto union and throwing the whole weight of the Communist organization behind Richard T. Frankenstein and his anti-democratic program.

The criticism that is made in official Communist circles of Weinstone revolves around his failure to come out boldly and unashamedly with the line of cooperation with Frankenstein. It is known, however, that for some months before the Communists finally came out for Frankenstein in his drive for power in the Michigan labor movement, the national leadership of the CP in New York was critical of Weinstone's policies and leadership.

Loyalists Honor Socialist

Albino Zattoni, member of the Socialist Party and the Italian Federation, was recently presented the Garibaldi Award for distinguished service, according to information received from Loyalist Spain this week.

Zattoni, who volunteered for service through the Debs Brigade, was awarded the honor for his valiant service during the Caspe battle.

Chicago friends recalled that Zattoni had been arrested by French guards at the Spanish frontier when he had sought to enter Loyalist Spain. The Socialist volunteer spent thirty days in jail for this but succeeded in making his way over the border upon his release.

Zattoni was a member of the Youth Section of the Socialist Party in Italy, transferred his membership into the French Party when forced to flee from fascist country. He came to America in 1937, and again transferred his membership into the American S. P.

He was active in the Italian Anti-Fascist Committee, the Matteotti League and trade unions.

In Memoriam

The Socialist Party, U. S. A., extends its profound sympathy to Comrade Leopold Somlo, chairman of the Allegheny County organization of the Party, on the death of his wife and companion, Elsie, at the age of 39, five days after the birth of their son, Thomas Leopold.

Midwest Youth Adopt Strong Anti-War Stand

CHICAGO, Ill.—The firm belief that war is a product of the capitalist system, and that only through the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a workers' world will war be abolished, was expressed by Dr. Israel Knox in a speech delivered to delegates who attended the Midwest Conference of the Young Circle League here May 28-30.

Delegates were present from Akron, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Hammond and Minneapolis. Before adjournment the delegates lustily sang the "International."

The militant opposition to the war-making plans of the Washington administration, a spirited refusal to fight any war other than one for the liberation of the workers, was clearly expressed both in the speech of Dr. Knox, director of the Young Circle League of America, and in a resolution unanimously adopted which declared its support to the Keep-America-Out of War Committee and for the Oxford Pledge.

Unanimous also was the vote to send a telegram of greeting to the Anti-War Congress then meeting in Washington.

A resolution demanding that the United States lift the embargo on Loyalist Spain was enthusiastically adopted.



COMING EVENTS

ATTENTION, CHICAGO! The Cook County Central Committee of the Socialist Party will meet Thursday, June 9, at 8 p. m., at Room 404, 549 Randolph St. All members of the committee are urged to attend.

CICERO, ILL. Local 18 of the Workers' Alliance will hold a mass meeting at Liberty Hall, 14th and 49th Court, Cicero, Thursday, June 9, at 8 p. m. The meeting will take action on the relief crisis and take up the problem of taxation.

Call Building

By HAROLD MAGIN

Business Manager, Socialist Call

Greetings, Comrades! Each week under this heading I shall conduct this column dedicated to the functions and such items of interest in line with the promotion and welfare of the "CALL," as well as personal highlights and accomplishments of CALL Directors, CALL Boosters and party members who, thru concerted efforts, contribute their support in building of the CALL.



The first order of business, upon having recently become Business Manager, is the task of promoting the CALL and increasing circulation. Only thru the co-operation of all party members can I hope to attain a medium of success.

It is my hope that we establish a bond of friendship which will enable us to co-operate to the fullest in working out a plan which will be of vital importance in contributing to the welfare of the CALL.

Thus we are about to launch a "Build the CALL Drive"—a campaign for 10,000 new readers! Five thousand new subscribers and five thousand additional bundle order copies.

Details of this drive will be announced in next week's issue of the CALL. If we can hope to reach this goal, I must urge all to enthusiastically support this campaign. Unless we do attain the goal set, the CALL faces a serious crisis.

Plan now to participate in this campaign, make plans to have your branch or local conduct a concerted drive—in fact, let's one and all unite in "BUILDING THE CALL!"

New York S P Conference At Camp Three Arrows On June 25 and 26

NEW YORK—Socialists attending the New York state-wide conference of the Socialist Party at Camp Three Arrows, Shrub Oak, N. Y., June 25 and 26, will be permitted to pay for their meals, lodging and attendance fees by installments, Joseph G. Glass, chairman of the organization committee of Local New York announced this week.

The committee has set the rate of \$2.50 for meals and lodging and an additional \$1 for attendance fee for the two-day sessions. The conference will be held near Barger lake and offers a pleasant weekend to comrades who have been cooped up in the large cities all winter and spring. Besides, comrades attending the conference will be able to contribute their ideas towards pushing the work of building the Socialist Party.

A special invitation was extended to the comrades in surrounding states or to those who might be visiting New York.

Further information can be secured by writing Camp Three Arrows, Shrub Oak, N. Y., or by writing or calling Joseph G.

Princeton, N. J.—Professor Albert Einstein, world-famous mathematical physicist, has enrolled as a charter member of Local 552, American Federation of Teachers, recently formed at Princeton University.

Glass, 60 Wall Street, NYC, phone Hanover 2-7995.

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COMMUNIST BUREAUCRACY DRIVES ANOTHER CIO UNION INTO AFL

Office Workers Union Lauds CIO But Asserts CP Disrupts Unionism

By TRAVERS CLEMENT
SAN FRANCISCO—Communist disruption of the labor movement on the Pacific Coast reached a new high when almost the entire membership of one of the strongest units of the United Office and Professional Workers, outside of New York, was literally driven out of the CIO. San Francisco office employees, former members of Local 34, UOPWA, have since voted almost unanimously to affiliate with the A. F. of L.

The vote, taken at a special union meeting, followed the dismemberment and virtual dissolution of the local by the Communist-dominated National Executive Board, acting in cooperation with Harry Bridges and his lieutenants in San Francisco. The Executive Board, without consulting the membership, ordered the warehouse office workers, who comprised the backbone of the union, into the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union and turned the remainder of the organization over to the S. F. CIO Council for "reorganization."

BUREAUCRACY
This final drastic action of the national administration was the culmination of a whole series of maneuvers to thwart the will of the membership, oust the duly elected leadership of Local 34, and establish the bureaucratic control of Harry Bridges' West Coast CP-machine over S. F. office workers.

The office workers' situation in San Francisco during the past six months has offered an almost perfect laboratory specimen of Communist Party tactics in the labor movement and of what these tactics are doing to many of the new CIO unions.

The CP-fraction was formerly in control of Local 34, but was defeated at the last elections by a rank and file progressive group which rebelled because of the failure of the CP leadership to build the organization and also because it objected to having the union used as a political football by the Communist Party.

Immediately after the election, a campaign of disruption began, headed personally by Bridges, Louis Goldblatt of the Warehousemen's Union, and Leo Allen (known in the East as Leo Cohen), international organizer and now first vice-president of the UOPWA. During this campaign all CP opposition was labeled Trotskyite and Fascist.

PHONEY AFFIDAVITS
At a meeting shortly before the UOPWA national convention, Bridges appeared before the local and presented what was purported to be copies of four affidavits.

(Phoney affidavits have lately become Bridges' speciality. Whenever the situation gets too hot for the CP fraction in any West CIO union, Bridges rushes in with "affidavits" charging the opposition with everything short of incest. Usually the "affidavits" are never actually produced. Bridges merely states that he has them and that they are locked

away in his lawyer's safe. To the office workers, he presented carbon copies. No actual signed affidavit was ever produced.)

BRIDGES PREJUDICED
These "affidavits" charged the leadership and some twenty leading members of the union with being "agents" of the S. F. Industrial Association, of the A. F. of L. of Harry Lundeberg of the Sailors' Union, conspiring to wreck the CIO—in short, spies and stool-pigeons. While recommending the setting-up of an investigating committee, Bridges declared that so far as he was concerned, investigation and trial was unnecessary. He stated that he "knew in advance that all the defendants were guilty."

The "affidavits" were repudiated by the rank and file at the next union meeting which reaffirmed its confidence in Leo Mqssi, president, Ernest Norback, business agent, Millie Goldberg, publicity director, James Whitmore, organizer, and the rest of its leadership. Norback and Goldberg, as well-known Socialists, had been singled out for special attack as the ring-leaders of the alleged "plot to turn the union over to the bosses." When Goldberg later denounced Bridges at a CIO Council meeting for his antics before the office workers, a CP delegate took the floor and said that now he at last understood the Moscow trials. "In Russia," he declared, "traitors like Goldberg are lined up against a wall and shot!"

RANK AND FILE SUPPORT LOCAL OFFICERS
The same meeting of the office workers which gave its leadership a renewed vote of confidence also reaffirmed a motion demanding that the national organization withdraw Allen from San Francisco.

A letter written by Allen to the East several weeks before the "affidavits" were sprung on the membership then came to light. This letter revealed the whole CP strategy. Allen wrote of the affidavits which were being prepared, admitted the CP move—which included the setting up of a CP-packed investigating committee—might prove a boomerang, and stated that in this case he, as international organizer, would step in and dissolve the investigating committee. He went on to reveal that the next move, if the affidavits failed to accomplish their purpose, would be to transfer "temporarily" the warehouse office workers to the jurisdiction of the Warehousemen's Union. This act of tearing the union asunder would leave the CP fraction in a majority in what remained of Local 34. Then, in the words of Allen, they would proceed "to take care of NORBACK AND HIS RATS."

In a vain attempt to place the San Francisco situation before the UOPWA national convention, Norback went to Washington as the duly elected delegate of Local 34. Denied his seat on a technicality, he was also denied a voice at the convention, even though subjected to a personal



AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD picket line its fifth annual convention in Toronto, Canada, on June 13 to 17, has fought an uphill battle to bring better pay to the nation's newspapermen who long ago grew tired of living on glamor instead of wages.

attack from the platform. At this same convention, Allen was elected first national vice-president as a reward for his "good work" in S. F. The demand of the S. F. local that he be removed from this territory had pointed out that in addition to the disruptive role he had played, he had not organized a dozen office workers in all the months he had been "active" in San Francisco and drawing his regular salary from the national office.

AUTOCRACY
Blocked at the convention, Norback conferred with a personal representative of John L. Lewis after efforts to reach Lewis himself had failed. From the facts presented, Lewis' spokesman admitted that it was clear that the UOPWA National Executive Board was acting in collusion with the West Coast Bridges' machine. He stated, however, that it was impossible for the CIO Executive to interfere.

In the course of this conversation, he made the astonishing statement that in its formative stages a new labor movement could not permit full democratic rights to its members and that a certain amount of autocratic control would be necessary until that movement was "stabilized." This philosophic conclusion, coming from a spokesman of the revolt against A. F. of L. bureaucracy, may come as a surprise to rank and file members of the CIO.

Norback, determined to exhaust every avenue of appeal within the CIO, appeared before the Executive Board after the convention. His appeal was "answered" by a telegram ordering the warehouse office into the ILWU and throwing what was left of the local into a receivership under the CIO Council.

THREE COURSES
The membership had three courses from which to choose. (1) Submit to this bureaucratic order which violated every decent principle of trade unionism and workers' democracy. (2) Establish an independent union. (3) Affiliate with the A. F. of L.

The courses were presented to a large section of the membership, rallied to a special meeting. The vast majority who attended were bonafide warehouse office employees under contract. The sentiment was that independence, in the particular situation that is developing on the Coast, would reduce the union contracts to scraps of paper and jeopardize the job of every organized office worker. The A. F. of L. guaranteed autonomy, the right of the membership to democratically elect its own officers and to conduct its own affairs without interference, and offered unqualified support. This

proposition was greeted by cheers and affiliation was voted with only five dissents.

The meeting was remarkable for the lack of any animus toward the CIO as a whole. Speakers paid tribute to the great gains in mass organization made under the CIO banner. The relations between the office workers and CIO unions in this area, not under CP control, unions as the ILGWU, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, etc., have been, and remain, most friendly.

SET UP NEW LOCAL
Signing up of the workers in the new union, which is to be known as Office Employees Local No. 21320, is proceeding rapidly. At the first plant meeting held near the largest warehouse under contract—a meeting addressed by Goldblatt, Bridges' chief lieutenant—not a single worker voted for warehouse Union affiliation but, unanimously signed up in the new A. F. of L. union.

The most serious problem confronting the new union is not competition from the Warehousemen's Union or from the CP fraction left with old Local 34 which is now a paper local, but the fact that the CP antics have so disgusted and antagonized some office workers, new to trade unionism, that they want nothing more to do with the organized labor movement and are inclining toward company unionism. This attitude, however, is held by only a few and it is believed that these workers can be won back and turned into sound unionists, once Local 21320 gets fully underway.

Retail Clerk Organizer Held on Bond

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — W. H. (Wally) Mahan, deposed organizer for the Retail Clerks' Union, was being held in county jail in default of \$13,500 bail, on 13 charges of vandalism. Mahan gave himself up after police had sought him for a week as a climax to the probe into labor racketeering.

Mahan was quoted by a local paper as saying he is only "small fry," and charging that he is being "made the goat" in order that police might end their investigation without implicating "higher-ups." It is believed that the city "machine" may be implicated in the racketeering, and Mahan's statement lends credence to this view.

In the meanwhile, the Retail Clerks' Union is like a rudderless ship. Scores of members are reported dropping their membership in disgust at the mess uncovered. AFL officials so far have not made a move to clean house from within. No CIO Unions so far have been found involved in any charges.

More than 2,000 persons are expected to attend the 20th Anniversary Dinner of the American Jewish Congress which will be held on Sunday evening, June 12, at New York City's Hotel Commodore.

A WORTHY APPEAL

As the CALL goes to press we receive the following urgent telegram from Brendan Sexton, national secretary of the Workers' Defense League:

"Workers' Defense League work in New Jersey threatened by complete lack of funds. Our work hamstrung by financial condition. Please ask folks to rush all possible funds to our office, 112 East 19th Street, New York City. Also need people and organizations to help with circulation of sheets directed to LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee which are combination petition and fund raising sheets. This fight becomes increasingly important each day."

This is not just another appeal, fellow workers and comrades! This is a fight which concerns every Socialist, every worker, every progressive American. Hagueism is fascism at home. Fight it while it is still in its infancy!

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