Cleveland, December 1 — Clevelanders, among the worst relief recipients in the nation, have seen the unemployed (children and sick) given the treatment of the white collar embezzlers and police managers. All employable are left to shift for themselves, without even the miserly few items they used to get from Surplus Commodities once a week.

Already there are thousands of people at the city clinics because of malnutrition, rickets and other ailments. Under a number of the bridges (of which Cleveland is so proud) have sprung up new Roosevelt's. Hundreds of relief clients are forced to change their habits because of the garbage cans of the city drain them. Those in whose districts the relief stations are still open are not permitted to come in and see themselves but are forcing the police to send them to the old relief stations. At the old relief stations, only a few are at a time allowed.

ASSOCIATION'S DEMANDS

In the City Council meeting of November 27 the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief brought out 1,500 workers in response to their leaflet calling for:

1. An emergency ordinance to declare a moratorium on the interest payments to bankers.
2. That the money saved by the interest payment moratorium be transferred to another emergency ordinance which would provide repayment for those 10 percent of the unemployed who have been living on the relief checks from the Relief Board. This would make available about $200 million dollars to feed, clothes and house the hungry, and provide a fund for all full time WPA jobs.
3. That the relief Commissioner Jones be removed by Welfare Director Ramsey and an unemployed worker on relief, chosen by the unemployed themselves, be put in Jones' place. Jones is the man at the head of the EDCR who believes the relief standards are too low. Many are on the relief rolls. Jones is the man who leads the Emergency Division of Charities and Relief at the relief district offices, and has run out of the old-run around to the unemployed and abused them.
4. Reassuring reductions in relief allowances. Restore people who are under the poverty line, transfer all necessary funds from other city departments. Provide funds for next year.

C. B. Cowan, organiser of the Association of Unemployed, presented the above points and concluded that "If Council does not act now the hunger crisis will be a reality and the only solution will be to have to take steps to establish our own authority and organise our own relief Board."

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Struggle For Asia Sharpens

U.S. DEMANDS OPEN DOOR

Dec. 1, 1939 — Japan in the last few months has been trying to consolidate its empire in Asia, to do there what the U.S. has done in the U.S. The U.S. has already succeeded in practically expelling all the other empires. Britain's problem is far greater.

Britain's constant retreats, such as the recent troop withdrawals in Egypt, have made the task of Japan easier, but she still must reckon with America. The tone of communiques between Ambassador Grow and the Japanese government, and the threatened embargo against Japan when the old treaty lapses in 1941, indicate that the struggle between the U.S. and Japan is becoming sharper.

Armour Workers Vote C.I.O.

Dec. 1 — The recent elections held by the National Labor Relations Board at Armour mark a gain for the workers in the meat-packing industry. The Chicago plant, center of the nation's packing-house workers, voted overwhelmingly for representation by the Packing House Workers' Organizing Committee. Its efforts for the A.F.L. union, the Amalgamated, which has been shambolically co-operating with the management in an effort to destroy us in the influence of the PWOC organization campaign.

The PWOC won a decisive majority of the votes cast. But the results are all the more significant because of the open use of the Dies Committee by the company in the attempt to defeat the PWOC. Just a few days before the elections Dies moved into the last effort to stem the overwhelming tide of the PWOC. The PWOC, union would add to the 625,000 mass union. The notorious red-baiting campaign has been so successful that it is to determine the extent of "red" influence among the packing-house workers. Star witness was Al Malichi, who was kicked out of the presidency of the Armour workers. He was in the last desperate negotiations with the Amalgamated leaders. This stoil pigeon testified that the PWOC workers were allowed to become organized by the PWOC, that no one opposed to the "Communists" were appointed to these positions. So it is that the PWOC, that is the hands of such people. The Chicago papers
TRADE UNIONS AND REFORMS

The general question of the trade union movement is one of the most important problems facing the working class in the present period of the decline and decay of the capitalist society, when permanent, mass unemployment, misery and social degradation, wars and revolutions have become characteristic features of the social system.

Can the trade unions still be used to protect the working class, as they did in the period of developing capitalism? Or has history made obsolete these instruments that won reforms and crumbs from the table of capitalism when it was driving forward on the basis of the industrial revolution?

We are of the opinion that, although the trade union movement today must be radically renovated, it will play a decisive role in the struggle to lead to disastrous results for the working class. Its positive aspects as well as its limitations must be clearly defined.

EACH GAINS BY THE UNITY OF ALL

The trade unions were the first important organizations of the working class. As capitalism developed, the new capitalist class, religiously did not want to be in the toil and misery of those who owned the mines, mills and factories. If they could not sell their commodity, labor power, they would starve. They soon learned that by banding together as a better weapon for the labor power each could gain from the strength of the many.

The class as a whole had a broad historic task and an immediate subordinate task. But because the subordinate problem was the important IMMEDIATE problem of the day, it became the axis of the trade union movement. That is, the workers banded together into trade unions in order to obtain a better wage in a better week or from month to month. But the working class did not realize that this immediate problem was only a part and an effect of the real cause of their misery and poverty. Only a small part of the most active elements of the class understood that private ownership of the means of production is in reality simply the ownership of that which has been robbed from this and past generations of workers. Only a few understood that a "fair wage" can never solve the problem of exploitation so long as there is private ownership of the means of production and capitalist instead of social appropriation of what is produced.

THE "FAIR WAGE" AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Labor power is a commodity, bought and sold on the market. Profit is the source of power. It has not fought for the abolition of the wages system, the abolition of the exploitation of man by man. It has not fought for human rights based upon social ownership. Its leadership has defended private property and capitalist appropriation of what labor produces. To call for these just rights has been presented as a terrible crime by the paid agents of the capitalist system whenever the workers organize, the class struggle.

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CLASS GAINS VERSUS REFORMS

The rapid growth of capitalism made it possible to pass on some of the costs of its transition to the working class. This served the double purpose of dividing the workers, and pitting the better paid against the great mass of unskilled, in order to stem the tide of the class struggle.

In the broad sense, the economic and political reforms that were "given" to the working class were only by-products of the class struggle. The gains made, even though the bosses warped them and turned them in many instances, were due to the pressure of the working class against the capitalist class.

By-products of the class struggle — reforms were given by the temper and treachery of yesterday as gains arising out of their policies of class collaboration. In reality, the workers obtained only the by-products instead of the substance, because their class interests were ignored from its real mark by these collaborationists.

There is a world of difference between reforms as by-products of the class struggle, and real working class gains. There are two different classes.

Reforms are those material gains obtained as a result of the class pressure, but handed down from above to the working class. Real class gains include not only the day to day material gain, but, above all, are the direct result of the class pressure with the class taking a step forward under its own independent leadership. It is the difference between strengthening the grip of the labor agent of capitalism upon the workers, or disrupting this hold so that the workers can better fight the exploiters and save the world from slavery and war.

There are two aspects to this problem: the actual material gain and the relation of working class to capitalist class. The material gain is, in the broadest sense, more or less, even when "granted" from above as a reform. The second aspect is the important question. How was the material gain won? Did the exploiters "grant" to us a gift, or did they grant it because they were losing their political grip and domination over the working class? Or were we, as part of the working class, the ones who won these gains?

If our organization and leadership under rank and file control, did we carry through a class struggle policy, was our leadership able to consolidate its position with a firm foundation for the next battle against the WAR? Here is the essence of the difference between reforms and class gains.

December 6, 1939 — The rising discontent of the Mexican workers is a fact and the new boss class obstacle in the form of the "Popular Election, scheduled for July 1940, always downwards class pressure, Party of Revolution", is very, very real, and is a threat. The bourgeoisie of Yankee Imperialism, has already published in its platform and named its candidate, General Manuel Avila Camacho. Opposed to this capitalist group and its candidate, stand a heterogeneous group of capitalist and land-owning elements who are, at least temporarily, throwing their support to General Juan Andreo Almazan, of the many cut-throat politicians stowanes which Yankee Imperialism and British Imperialism have trained and who will decide who will control Mexico.

BOSS CLASS RULE OR... BOSS CLASS RUIN

Six years of the Cardenas regime have proved to the hilt that the "reforms" were a delusion. The complete decay of capitalism, the democratic revolution was accomplished by the capitalists; that the united workers were to be an oppressed semi colonial majority, just as usual, the talk about land reforms and liberal-"Welfare" proposals for the masses of the Mexican masses grows worse. The cruelly exploited workers and their families, met by the capitalists, miserably by the capitalist class, immediately by our own "revolutionary" leadership. A enormous strike struck out through govern- ment "arbitration" Camacho, who presents a more flowery version of the Cardenas demagogy, is really only a meaner version of the same. Almazan whom the Stalinsts and "liberals" call "fascist", presents a more open program of bandit strikes, maintaining private ownership of land. The difference between the two groups is not so great as it seems and the main difference is over the FORM and METHOD which this exploitation shall take.

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

The Mexican workers and peasants who, for over a quarter of a century have been shunted from pillar to post by precisely such "opponents", should at last become clear that no matter which candidate is elected, the oppression of domination of American Imperialism will continue. The outstanding question is this: Will they continue to be broken, the peasants will remain landless — as long as the hands to which the land is given in the hands of WHICH GANCED, WHICH gence of exploiters shall hold the reign of rule.

Only on the basis of the rejection by both classes as tools of imperialism and sabotage of peaceful and legal, and by adopting the clear-cut stand of independent workers struggle for the smashing of Yankee and other imperialism and their monopoly in all the Mexican workers and peasants achieve these goals is it possible to give leadership to the coming Mexican social revolution.

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Revolt Seethes In India

As India seethes with revolt against the bloody domination of British imperialism the strategic problems of the Indian Revolution become of prime importance. In the last war Britain promised India dominion status; the passing of 22 years has seen only a greater exploitation and oppression of the India masses. The British rulers, knowing full well how weak their Empire is, refuse to grant even this demand.

The India National Congress, representing the upper peasantry and native bourgeoisie, headed by Ghandi who in the last war became a recruiting sergeant for British imperialism, has caused the resignation of eight of its ministers, and has raised the slogan of a constituent assembly. The National Congress' call for a constituent assembly must be viewed as an expression of the brewing revolt against British imperialism; in a distorted fashion it reflects the bitter indignation of the Indian workers and many-millioning native workers who are moving to the revolutionary road to throw off imperialism's yoke.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS — TOOL OF IMPERIALISM

But it must not be forgotten for a moment that the National Congress asks ONLY for "dominion status" — independence with the continued frightful exploitation of India's masses who die off twice as fast as any other people. The National Congress is a native bourgeoisie instrument that can serve only as a tool of one imperialist or another. The goal it sets itself cannot solve the problems of the Indian masses. The slogan of a constituent assembly can be used for more than one end. For the national bourgeoisie it is only a move to achieve ITS ends — the "right" to have a greater hand in exploiting the Indian masses. Even its method of gaining this "ultimate goal" — for the national bourgeoisie — is calculated to choke off any real mass struggle.

SOVIETS OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS

Even if won, dominion status would not end the brutal capitalist exploitation in India. The slogan for a constituent assembly will not IN ITSELF rally the vast millions of exploited. It will not solve their basic bread and butter problems. Only the social revolution can do this. This slogan can win allies to the struggle of the masses, but it must be subordinated to the policy of building WORKERS AND PEASANTS SOVIETS. The numerically small industrial working class and the millions of peasants in the 500,000 villages must be rallied to the creation of THEIR OWN organs of political expression, to attain THEIR OWN historic interests — the smashing of imperialist rule and its native capitalist tools, and the establishment of the India Soviet State as a section of the United Soviet States of the East.

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Anarchy In Cleveland

Over 1500 unemployed workers stormed the Cleveland City Hall last November 27th, demanding immediate relief. C. B. Cowan, representing the Association of Unemployed, voiced the sentiment of the workers, when he informed the right Honorable Mayor Burton that the unemployed would take measures to feed themselves, instead of starving and living on charity, if relief orders were not immediately restored.

To this Mayor Burton replied, "That is anarchy. It must not be permitted in America and will not be permitted in Cleveland. . . . We have been meeting this relief situation and we will meet it." Burton of course blames the situation on his political opponent in the Governor's chair, Bricker.

According to the exploiters and the office boys it is anarchy if the starving unemployed threaten to feed themselves.

To anyone with common horse sense it is the other way around.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN CLEVELAND and every other city where the unemployed are starving amidst plenty. Profits are soaring, but the millions of unemployed cannot find jobs and are cut off relief. There are billions for war preparations but nothing for the unemployed.

IDLE FACTORIES AND IDLE MEN. That is ANARCHY OF PRODUCTION.

The workers of Cleveland must make the Mayor and the exploiters eat their words. The anarchy in America as the result of capitalist production must be ended. In its place the workers must struggle for WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR USE, under a Workers Council Government.

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SOVIET-FINN WAR

(Continued from Page 1) the Soviet Union will be attacked.

The Soviets are not fighting only Finland. Finland is obtaining aid, openly and secretly, from the imperialists to fight the Soviet Union. The United States, England, and Germany are each working against the Soviets, but each trying to obtain the key position. Germany is working to gain this position within the Soviets.

SOVIET-VS.-CAPITALISM
It is not a question of who "started" the war in Finland, just as it is not basically a question of Finland. Finland is a part of the capitalist encirclement. National boundaries mean nothing to the exploiters; and the exploiters become less to the working class.

We condemn the steps taken by Stalin, which they present as agents within the Soviet Union, measures of defense and herald the Stalinists and others, as advances and progress, because in undermining these steps are further undermining the Soviet Union and making it easier for the imperialists to intervene.

Fighting the only ally the Soviet Union has is the world working class. But it is precisely this ally that Stalinism has fought against and betrayed; just like any other agent of the capitalists in the workers' ranks. Without the solid base of the working class in revolution against their exploiters (it is this factor which would justify the Red Army coming to the aid of the workers) without the revolutionary program and action for the extension of the October Revolution, the Stalinist "victories" will only pave the way for greater capitalist terror to-morrow.

Defend the Soviet Union against the exploiters and their Stalinism, which they present as agents within the Soviet Union, as advances and progress, because in undermining these steps are further undermining the Soviet Union and making it easier for the imperialists to intervene.

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Dics Red-Baiting A Failure (Continued from Page 1)

played the testimony up to the fullest extent (Weymouth Kirkland, counsel for the Tribune, is a director of Armour and Company, in Sewell Avery, who is also a director of Armour and Company, and tried to make the most of the situation. Every red-baiting trick known was used in the attempt to dis- credit the PWOC in the eyes of the union members. Under peculiar circumstances the victory in the election is a blow at the red-baiters, an answer by the workers to theconcerted drive by the bosses.

The election, however, is only a small part of the workers' struggle in packing-house. Unless the workers gain some real advantages for themselves, such as decreased working hours, better working conditions, etc., then the election victory is a victory not for the workers but for Van Bittner and Don Harris for the Lewis machine. These measures are of necessity opposed to the interests of the workers only so far as militant rank-and-file workers and their allies are concerned. This is already shown by the haste with which they seek to have the PWOC board the demand for a national union charted by the PWOC convention, as well as approved by the PWOC convention.

BUILD SHOP STEWARD COMMITTEES

Be on your guard against the class collaboration policy of Bittner and Harris as much as against Prince and Cabell. Build your shop committees, present your demands to the bee of the best representatives of the workers. Demand that the PWOC establish an army of shop stewards instead of leaving the PWOC without a fighting force. This is one of the very few tactics approved by the PWOC convention.

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Labor Agents Accept 'No Strike' Clause

December 2 — For 53 days, 56,000 Chrysler workers showed the power of their unity in the face of an attack against them and against the speed-up and other attacks of the auto barons. The negotiation for the company corporation was completely tied up. The Department of Labor intervened and ruled against the strike and against the speed-up and other attacks of the auto barons. The workers demanded a 10 cent per hour increase, a union shop, and against the strike and against the speed-up and other attacks of the auto barons. The workers demanded a 10 cent per hour increase, a union shop, and seniority representation in deciding production standards to offset the terrific speed-up which the barons had instituted. To increase their war boom profits the bosses demanded more speed-up. Beginning as a slow-down a few weeks ago, the workers have now begun to answer the company’s firing of all workers who were trying to slow down the plants at the height of production. To all the usual boss terrorism was added an order of the State “Unemployment Compensation” Board to give them unemployment compensation, if they would go back to work for almost 8 weeks. They showed their determination to stay out by settling, by making 6000 members give their walks. STRIKE SETTLED FROM THE TOP

Now the strike has been settled from the top. The workers returned to the plants with 3 ces an hour increase. The strike was fought for certain skilled workers, a flimsy promise of the company to abolish production schedule and other grievances. In the light of the powerful struggle which the Chrysler workers have made, if there are no more speed-ups and if control instead of the class collaboration, much more could have been won from Chrysler. But Philip Murray, John L. Lewis right hand man, who gives the more prominent policies of Thomas and the other CAG leaders by preparing the workers with all the other important demands of the workers.

PREPARE FOR NEW STRUGGLES

Moreover, these labor agents of the bosses agreed to absolutely prohibit all strikes of a sit-down, stay-in, or slow-down nature! Ever since the last big strike in 1934 the bosses have been trying to whittle down the workers’ gains made then. This present strike was a direct result of this same bosses offensive. The workers must recognize that the speed-up is a direct result of this same bosses offensive. The workers must recognize that the speed-up is not the worst, but that the worst is to come. The top bureaucracy which agrees to NO justice to those bosses who do not want to guide their workers to those necessary struggles to come. The top bureaucracy tried to come to terms with the bosses and now tries to PREVENT new struggles and substitute strikes. They understand as well as the capitalist masters that the super-profits of the bosses are the needs of the US imperialist in the war, and the demand of real unionism and class struggle activity.

CLEVELAND JOBLESS FIGHT

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The press in Cleveland has been trying to show the duality of the workers and to lead Burton for his “patience” in the struggle for a job. The main of the bosses (he has repeatedly said “The workmen shall not starve if only they have patience” — this will help in thousands of workers are starving)

The W. B. Johnson is consolidating its forces and picket lines are being organized at the homes of the workers in their own wards. Action committee are to be set up in the relief districts to plan action to secure food and clothing and insurance.

The AUDWR is calling upon the membership of the Workers Alliance for unity of action on the part of the workers and to defend and to repudiate the disruptive and splitting tactics of Johnson and other such elements.

Smash the Du Quoin Miners Frame-up

The campaign for the freedom of the 5 Du Quoin boys is still without the heartfelt support of every class conscious worker.

These boys have spent 6 years in the pen for an unidentified shot during a battle at a strike at the United Electric Coal Company site, also known as the ‘Du Quoin Mine,’ in Illinois. The following day two bodies were found. The five boys were murdered in cold blood by deputy sheriff.

The trial was moved out of the county where the trial trouble had occurred, to Jonesboro, Ill., a farming section hostile to the W. W. F. The boys were convicted on purely circumstantial evidence; 4 were hanged together, the 5th one to 40 years.

Get your organization to participate in this campaign and write to Gov. Horner of Illinois. Build up a powerful movement for their release. Help wipe this shame from Illinois and American labor.

WALL STREET’S PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA

Sacrifices U.S. Farmers For Profits

The US is moving in on the Latin American markets while its main imperialist competitors are fighting for war.

The Inter-American Financial, Economic, and Technical Co- operative Commission (its chairman is Wall Streeter W. Van Buren) has put out a whole series of proposals from a Pan American Bank to special commissions of advisory committees.

The Committee faces some complicated problems. Within a few weeks after the Panama conference, Argentina, (in which British capital is heavily invested) has again delivered a slap in the face to Uncle Sam by revising her import-export quotas to give special consideration to Britain, France, and ‘discontinue’ against the US.

EXPORT-IMPORT PROBLEM

In the last war the United States won the markets of Latin and South America, but tried to use them mainly as the basis for investment and export of manufactured goods. She ignored the import problems of those countries, which is the only way to make these producers of raw materials could for their purchases from the US. The loans granted to make payments possible are still unpaid. The same applies to the Wall street clique which has collected its credit and sold once and has been able to obtain its financial stronghold over these countries.

The fight for the South American market is sure to sharpen the internal struggle among the different sections of the American explorers over policy. To hold these markets means buying their exports. But the interests of these countries are to a great ex- tent already being produced in the US. Past loans are still uncollected and the banks are looking for further loans, although these will hardly be forthcoming. The only capitalist solution is to reorganize the enterprises for the needs of the capitalists at the ex- pense of the small. The process of sacrificing agriculture to in- dustry will continue.

FIGHT YANKEE IMPERIALISM

Towards this end steps are already being taken to cut down production in the US of commodities which the exporters can buy CHEAPER in Latin America. In this way they can free capital for their imports, but also the payments of interest on their loans.

At the same time this brings down the living standard of the workers in the US, so that the number of unemployed is increased in two directions.

The farmers and small pro- ducers who are pressed to the wall by this policy are already putting up a fight against its extension; they are backed by sections of the big exporters who are de- pendent on their support and who fear the loss of the US market.

STALINISTS REJECT UNIFIED FRONT

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