NEW CLEVELAND TAX LEVY
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Cleveland, April 1 — By the narrow margin of 323 votes out of a total of over 92,000 Mayor Burton’s real estate levy amendment to the city charter carried in the present city election.

Behind the passage of the levy, one of the highest in tax history, one of the remotest and most technical pockets of the working class that a man ever engineered is supposed to be a “liberal” and is in fact — although a Republican, quite close and friendly with the New Deal. A number of months ago, during the crucial period in Cleveland, the FIGHTING WORKER asked Burton about winning the city income tax of the unemployable, the question was made. “I don’t know,” said Mr. Burton. Events have confirmed what we said.

CUTS RELIEF

The amendment gives Burton a fatter budget for the next five years to just about double the tax on the city property owners. This year the increase will be from about twelve and a half million to over twenty-five million dollars. By clever propaganda and lies Burton has made it appear that the increase is necessary for relief. But in actuality only about $400,000 of this sum is to go for relief. The fly in the ointment, however, is that Mr. Burton — in the face of new WPA layoffs and unemployment — in his regular report to the city council, as a total relief appropriation of $3 million dollars out of relief appropriations.

So even though the total budget this year will be over $3 million dollars more than last year, and even though an estimated surplus of tax that will be shifted on to the city resident more is levied, the unemployed plan of saving and keeping out of the city is coming to be cut by close to 2½ million dollars.

PAY THE BANKERS

Tucked away in one of the provisions of the new amendment is a section which gives the wealthy bankers — NOT THE STARVING UNEMPLOYED FOR WHOM THE BILL WAS SUPPOSEDLY PASSED — the first claim on all city money including property taxes.

Payment of the bill really means a big increase in rents for all the workers in Cleveland. It is an out and out passing of the buck of taxation on the shoulders of the Cleveland workers in order to pay the bankers.

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CONFERENCE CALLED TO CHAIR VIRGINIA AFL AND CIO STRIKERS

Richmond, Va., April 1 — A conference of working class organizations of the Virginia AFL and CIO was held yesterday at the left-wing trade union and political hall held by the striking CIO coal leaders of Hopewell and Petersburg, the headquarters of Petersburg. We print below the report of the conference, which is self-explanatory.

TO ALL WORKING CLASS ORGANIZATIONS:

In Petersburg a strike of several hundred workers of the American Hardware Company has been met by the use of the state police, by the threat of tear-gas bomb, and, just a few days ago, by a sweeping injunction, combined with the onslaught of the alleged assault and battery at the same time that strikers—were freed on similar charges. This strike is conducted by an A. F. of L. union.

Just a few miles away in Hopewell, a strike under C. I. O. auspices against E. & B. Holville Process Company has been met with exactly the same tactics on the part of the employers. State police, tear-gas, and injunctions have been used here also. And on March 21 an injunction, if anything more ruthless than the Petersburg one, was issued.

We, representatives of unions, both C. I. O. and A. F. of L., and of political organizations of the working class, call upon all working class organizations to fight this offensive on the part of the employers...

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE TO AID PETERSBURG AND HOPDELL STRIKERS

In Petersburg the spirit of the struggle of the rank and file of workers is composed of young workers, is excellent. They are not only demanding the closed shop and the check-off, but also advances in wages, and control by the union over hiring halls. In

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Forced of Net, Polish Documents' Reveal War Role of U.S. Imperialism

The gentlemen on capital hill in Washington are having a tough time answering the 16, document denounce of Germany which tend to show that Uncle Sam has his finger in the war pie right from the very start — that show in fact that he was the big gun that perk up the Burke of Anglo-French Imperialism strikers, mostly into the battle.

The alleged papers consist of reports of conversations of the Polish diplomats with Ambas- dance Bullitt, Kennedy and others. According to the whole regime these papers were discovered in the Warsaw archives when Ger- many seized this city.

The papers may well be forgeries. Imperialist powers at war — and out of war — have been known to forge many docu- ments, (For instance the famous "Fourier papers" in the 1920's). But if the paper are forgeries based on facts, reap the line of Amer- ican Imperialism as laid down in the 1932 meetings in the Soviet Union. Mr. Wellew trip to Europe recently had this as one of his main points. Polish Ambassador Potocki on Jan. 12, 1939 is reported to have informed his government that Bullitt was ordered back to Europe to report to President and England that the U. S. is preparing the biggest war budget in history, that America is ready to give them material aid if they will stop their policy of compromis- ing with the existing international repressions. This, too, is quite in line with Wellew’s demand for great economic strength the Why U. S. 6th Sth. Pent, Richmond Va on April 3 (Wednesday) at 8:00 p.m. to cooperate in political and other imperialist projects.

1. DEMAND — IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE STATE POLICE FROM PETERSBURG AND HOPEWELL.

2. GIVE A L. P. EFFECTIVE AID TO SMASH THE INJUNCTIONS.

3. LAUNCH A CIVITIZEN CAMPAIGN AND EXTEND IT THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO GIVE OUR STRIKING FELLOW WORKERS.

a. Material aid. Money, food, fuel, clothing, etc. direct to the workers.

b. Legal aid.

c. Fraternal council and em- couragement.

See it to that your organization is represented at the Conference. Do not let the appeal of our fel- low comrades go unheeded.

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What Kind of Victory Did The Soviets Win in Finland?

What is the nature of the Soviet victory in Finland? In the 1st World War German Imperialism won one great victory after another. And yet these very victories, won at a tremendous cost, undermined its position, its political structure and caused its defeat.

During the Stalinist fourth period, when Stalinism was supporting bourgeois democracy, it won many "victories" in the political arena — it forced unity with the Socialists in France, Spain and elsewhere. It gained seats of prominence in bourgeois parliaments, etc. But these very victories, because they lulled the masses into support of capitalism, laid the basis for any new attacks against the Stalinists and other political organizations.

The same can be said of the victory in Finland. The Soviet Union and Stalinism have gained a temporary reprieve. Invasion by the imperialists in the Arctic area has been made much more difficult. But a new battle is set back on a future date on the calendar. The Workers State is better prepared, in a MILITARY sense, as a result of the victory, to check assaults in Asia and in the Balkans.

"VICTORY" LEADS TO ULTIMATE "DEFEAT"

But in the most real sense this victory brings the ultimate defeat of the Soviet Union, the smashing of the Workers State, the end of the century-old war. The average pay of a private in the U.S. Army is $21 per month, for the same month, the same age fellow in the CCC. Those are the sums allotted for the privilege of killing and dying for "Mother Country" and "Fatherland." And at the speed that the American bourgeois army is cutting the country into little war, these will not be collecting even that, amount very long. A more appropriate slogan would be: "No More Wars!"

"We'll get you later, you little sons of bitches!"

The most recent end of generation of five million soldiers will be glad to learn... that while their "little sons of bitches" are engulfing is expanding one end of the country with the military machine then your only answer will be: "We're not in the country no more!"

Soviet, at rates upwards of $700,000,000 to build a single battle tank which in its total practice can run as high as $2300. And Russia is building a navy never seen before! Soviet is within an hour's notice of Europe and outside Europe in the Baltic. (New York Times, Aug. 11, 1940)

In return for the peace in Finland as well as the grab in Poland Stalinism has done yeoman's work in checking the revolu-
tional developments in those areas. At the time of the Polish invasion facts were scarce. Now it is generally admitted that hundreds of thousands of peasants seized the opportunity to work against the bourgeois Polish regime — a revolutionary front brought in by the socialist-conscientious Red Armymen swept the area. There can be little doubt that the same was true in Finland. But in each instance Stalinism put a bulter on this ferment, even though it was forced to permit the expropriation of the large landowners and the capitalists. It stopped the revolutions from spreading.

AID COUNTER-REVOLUTION

Furthermore in places like Germany and Italy today Stalinism is openly aiding the imperial masters. Stalinist sowpigs point out militants to the Gestapo in Germany. One thousand revolutionists were recently handed over by the German Gestapo to the Russian GPU. Stalin supports the German "peace" offensive, an attempt to strengthen Capitalist Imperialism AGAINST the working class.

These developments (and many others) are accumulating, giving power and courage to the counter-revolutionary elements within and outside of Russia. The inevitable result will be in the near future when the bourgeois "foreign policy" of the Soviet Union like Corliss Lamont and others, least expect it a revolutionary counter-revolution against the October property relations.

The B. W. L. predicted in 1936 that the policy of Stalinism would bring catastrophic effects and force the bureaucracy to try to make a rapprochement with Hitler. (See the November 1936 issue of the "FOURTH INTERNATIONAL").

We can now state with certainty that the "peace" alliance of Hitler and Stalinism will lead to the smashing of Stalinism itself before the imperialist war can be fought and counter-revolution in Russia becomes more imminent each day by victories based on secret interests of Stalinism to the 1st World War that imperialism and bloody; it makes much easier the oppression of the German working class by the Nazi butchers.

DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION DESPITE AND AGAINST STALINISM!

If your belly is becoming glazed to your backbone because there is nothing in your stomach to keep it separated, you can expect the collapse in the fact that there are more than 300,000,000 people in this country in cold storage in the U.S.

Speaking of relief in this grand country, where we live in, where every man has an equal share with every other man, (this in a well-prepared statistical chart in The New York Times), there is food enough to make you pound your chest. But the children able to walk, drag, hobble, or craul to the other end of the continent are counted as "employable" and kept in the country. The only way to apply for relief in it is to have relatives in the city or town you want relief in. If you have relatives in the city or town you want relief in, you can see a bright moving picture more than a foot (13 inch away are classed as "employable".

THE DOUBLE STANDARD

In Boston, John Richmond, an employed youth was given a $25 fine for stealing two loaves of bread, value 20 cents... In St. Louis, J. Gerling, 50, a teacher of School of, stole thousands of dollars from the children's relief fund (three times as much as a fine was awarded him) and was given him the stock market. He was not arrested, nor is there any indication that he will ever be.

Readers will not be surprised to learn that J. Gerling was active in a number of "clean up" (anti-sex) societies; if a woman is a part of "clean up" seems to have been a positive mania with him.

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DAN TOBIN, THE TROTSKYITES, AND LABOR UNITY

In spite of the fact that they led the 1934 Minneapolis Truck strike and therefore ought to know Dan Tobin, head of the AFL Teamsters union, better than anybody else, the Trotskyites appear to be conducting a campaign of covering up for this reactionary that should, if the workers pay heed to it, convert him into a first class national labor enemy very short time. Let us hope the workers won’t be fooled.

Assuming their February 17 issue of the “Socialist Appeal” that Tobin has come “a long way since since 1934,” the Trotskyites continue:

“Tobin’s call to arms (AFL-CIO ‘Unity’) is an attack primarily on the reactionary clique that runs the AFL. Executive Council... Tobin envisages a united labor organization stronger and more aggressive than the federation of the past.”

The Trotskyites do not understand and do not want to understand that Tobin’s ‘unity’ maneuvers have nothing to do with unity but was conducted by the “leaders of Local 574 — which was suspended by the same group that suspended Tobin—has no changed his spots than Lewis, Green or any of the other fakers.

Tobin is a labor lieutenant of capitalism in the ranks of the Teamsters. His ‘unity’ maneuver is only a maneuver of the fakers against the rank and file. Such ‘unity’ would be a trump card for the bosses in harnessing the workers to their plans against the strike machine.

Hence Tobin’s ‘unity’ proposition is not essentially different — the Trotskyists notwithstanding — from that of Roosevelt. Both have the same end in view.

The “Appeal” continues:

“Roosevelt is not interested in a united labor movement in the cause of solitude for the welfare of the AFL working class. His interest arises solely out of his war program.”

And Tobin? “Tobin remains an ardent New Dealer, (that is a labor benchman of Roosevelt’s war program — Editor’s note)” but he is above all the president of an important labor union and that is why (?) his unity aims are so different from those of Roosevelt."

Not a word in this article about organizing left wing groups in the revolutionary reformist unions to demand a greater measure of workers democracy through rank and file control, and to convert the unions into militant class organizations to fight for the class interests of the workers instead of unity “between the self-interests of the bosses!” Only that Tobin is an “aggressive” labor leader,” and that Lewis will not subordinate the “freedom” of the AFL.

AGAIN as always, the Trotskyites are against the Roosevelt War Deal in words, but support his war-preparing cabinet of nefarious DEERIES.!

For a single Federation of Labor with a class struggle policy, rank and file control, and industrial form of organization — that is the demand of the revolutionists.

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The struggle against this out and out usage of public funds by the petty-bourgeois organizations of home-owners, etc., the Wall-streetites, who gave a petty bourgeois line for defending the poor property owners. The only real working class opposition to the amend- ment was lent by the Revolutionary Workers League and the Socialists.

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One aspect of real estate taxes is the steady shift of the burden from the large holdings to the small holdings and home owners. This hits the lower middle classes and increases the pressure on the workers.

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back for the Cleveland unemployed. But as in the past, the struggle over relief. The workers unemploy- ment laws were not enough to rob and light other for adequate relief standards.

The Main Enemy is At Home
La Salle St. Groups
Sure to be only Victor
In Illinois Primaries

Chicago, April 4 - There are at least 40,000 persons in Chicago and there are nine good Roosevelt candidates in the primaries, all of whom are running under the leadership of Mayor LeGarde. The Democratic ticket, as expected, will be unopposed.

The Illinois "radio" primaries have been held in the past, but this year the party is sending out its candidates in person. In the past, the party has had to rely on the radio to communicate with its candidates, but this year each candidate has a personal representative in the field.

The candidates in this year's primaries are expected to do well. The American Labor Party, for instance, has a strong organization in Chicago, and its candidates are expected to do well. The Commonwealth, in contrast, has a weak organization in Chicago, and its candidates are expected to do poorly.

The Democratic primaries are expected to be more competitive than usual. The party has a strong organization in Chicago, and its candidates are expected to do well. The Republican primaries are expected to be less competitive.

ST. LOUIS SALES TAX GOES TO BANKERS WHILE JOBLESS STARVE

St. Louis — This city obtains nearly by sales taxes which come directly from the pockets of the workers, the grand sum of $57,000,000. The money comes from the pocket of every worker here.

Two cents per package cigaretttes

Toll from the "free" bridge, $100,000,000 a year.

The city obtained the tax by way of the state. The state, in turn, obtained it by way of the federal government. The federal government, in turn, obtained it by way of the state. The state, in turn, obtained it by way of the federal government.

However, application for restraining order by a group of small merchants to keep the city from collecting the cigarette tax, has failed. The State Supreme Court, in the person of the Mayor, in the person of the State Supreme Court, has failed to grant the restraining order.

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NO PAY — NO FOOD

The following payroll was to be paid on March 24th, under the United Mine Workers' contract. The miners were to be paid $35 a week, after deductions for their own support and the support of their families. The miners were given 10 cents a day for their meals, and 10 cents a day for their bedding. The miners were to be given 10 cents a day for their meals, and 10 cents a day for their bedding. The miners were to be given 10 cents a day for their meals, and 10 cents a day for their bedding. The miners were to be given 10 cents a day for their meals, and 10 cents a day for their bedding. The miners were to be given 10 cents a day for their meals, and 10 cents a day for their bedding.

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