ORGAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE OF THE U.S.

THE FIGHTING INTERNATIONAL

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE YOUTH

Wage Bill AIDS Bosses; Will Cut Pay

The Wage-Hour law went into effect just before the elections. Fundamentally this bill was designed to meet the needs and requirements of the present stage in the development of American imperialism. The fact that certain sections of the bosses fought the bill bitterly denotes not its "prosperity" but merely reveals one of the glaring contradictions of capitalism. It was the most "backward" and "backward" industries, decaying more rapidly in the general process of capitalism decay as a whole, which fought the "backward" wages specified in the bill. The big monopolies and key industries are not affected at all by the provisions to pay the hour an hour and a half to 44 — a maximum pay for such workers of $11.60 a week. These industries have been paying more than this minimum. The bill serves to strengthen these industries and monopolies against the worker, sections of capitalism. Like SRA it increases monopoly and centralization.

FREE ROSALIO NEGRETE

Pressure continues for the release of comrade Rosalio Negrete Blackwell, arrested in Spain by the Loyalist-Stalinist Government. Comrade Negrete as a member of the Revolutionary Workers League went to Spain 2 years ago to aid in the anti-fascist struggle. Pressure on the U. S. State Department secured his release but he was taken off British ship on his way to Marseilles and repatriated.

CNT-FAI TO AID

Wages has been received by Comrade Gay, American representative of the CNT, from Buenos Aires, Secretary of the defense section of the Spanish CNT-FAI, that they have investigated the arrest of Negrete and are working for his release. They report the charges against him, as listed before in this paper, Negrete is a member of the Professional Workers Union of the CNT in Barcelona.

PICKET LINE

The New York Negro Picketers' General Strike Committee, of which the R.W.L. is a part, followed up its work with a successful public meeting, Sunday, October 30th.

One picket line of some 20 workers announced the call of the Com. CNT-FAI and the Spanish CNT to the Spanish pickets on Saturday November 5th. (On the picket line were two Negroes.)

ONE OUT OF 255 "GAN" The bill applies only to those workers who are employed in industries engaged in Interstate commerce, or about 15 million out of a total of 45 million employed in American Industry as a whole. According to statements issued by the Dept. of Labor, of those 15 million to which the bill applies less than 290,000 would be "benefited," or about one worker out of every 224 employed. The idea was not to bring about a wage increase for the one but to provide a worker whereby the wages of the 224 could be reduced. Nor is the bill 'for workers' wages under capitalism always used to become workers' wages under socialism.

ITALIAN-GERMAN FRICION

Spain's immigration laws were being reenacted. Germany and Hungary in a new labor policy, Hitler, after the battle was going on in which it was the question of a Germany over the question of a Hungary. The German War Ministry's ambitious plans are in a great possibility of new friction between the two.

All through central Europe the press is war-jaundiced. Trade profits were gained in Belgium and Turkey. If Germany can win Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia inside her sphere of influence, Hitler has been making program in that direction — it would be a tremendous blow against the British Empire. Needless to say, Britain, which sold out Czechoslovakia and unified the interests of the "albino" France in Middle Europe, would give these things up to play near that far with a military life and the right red Germany.

The crookedness of Hitler is not so much brought in force that can make even the desperate moves towards further acquisition, for example, to precipitate the Jewish capitalists and middle class and new arrangements against the standards of the work-

Reactions Sweeps Europe After Munich

From one end of the earth to the other, the after-effects of the so-called "peace" of Munich has been a period of reaction and strengthening of reaction and fascism. While the nations looked on with scarcely a murmur, Hitler's butcher knives and his camisole have crushed to powder, from the hip, the last shreds of thousands of Jews throughout Germany. The anniversary of Armistice Day which was to "emancipate" and "save the world for democracy" saw a new wave of Jewish extermination, unplanned or destroyed, thousands of Jews thrown into hell in the ruthless pogrom of their time.

The roaring British Lion expressed a few EDITORIAL wise words but continued making connexions to the Rome-Berlin Axis in an attempt to achieve a four power bloc in Europe against the United States, United States, Italian conquest of Ethiopia is now recognized, a huge maze has been forced the right wheel of Italian society and the treaty between Italy and England went into effect despite the fact that Italy had not nearly complied with the provisions of the treaty. The United States is withdrawing aid to the Fascists in Spain.

3 YEARS OF THE R.W.L.

By Hugo Obstler, National Secretary

Three years ago, after a long fight in the Trotskyist movement as a faction, our group split from the Comin'-more Communist forces and organized the Revolutionary Workers League of the United States. In that period we have established our organization as the principal basis of Marxism. We presented our analysis of the major questions confronting the Russian revolution and have prepared the basis for our revolutionary growth.

We have now completed our Program and are ready to make our contribution. The group should be ready for publication of our program. A new edition of our book should be another leaf placed in our book of American movement. A comparison of our program with other groups and with actual events will reveal that our demands answer more problems: confronting the Russian revolution. Our demands are the other tendency in the United States, and above all on a new level of Marxism.

We have treated our program in action in the United States and its application in Spain and it has been the true beacon. The world's scale has driven many radical workers to the cause of the objective situation in the United States. We have lost our share of the independent party, and the Stalinist workers who have gone to the R.W.L. We have allowed some of them to work in the party, with them the other tendency in the United States.

Our four page paper and weekly has been issued regularly and in great demand. We have already raised the point that we are the important small group. The future is bright.

Forward to a new party in the United States. Forward to a new C.N.T., F.A.I., M.E.N.A. with the R.W.L.
LAND OF THE FREE

EL ELECTION NOTES

A recent election in New York tried in vain to bar persons on relief from voting on the ground that existing state laws which still on the books in many states... According to Roosevelt's figures two-thirds of the workers of West Virginia are unable to vote because of a poll tax. Negroes are eliminated entirely. "Of the People, for the People.""%

FIGHTING WORKER PUSH AND LOW

Depression in the exploitive industries of the U.S. has nearly doubled the 1935 output every 1940 and forced half of the youth who drop out of school for even because they have no money to continue and must work until the last day of August for N.Y. An impressionist father offered his 12 year old twin daughters for sale to the highest bidder. He is in poor health and out of work, unable to support either himself or his family. They claim that Communist demand to "Vote for the Working Class" in the coming election, speak, vote, etc. has spread through its schools, papers, radio, books - the historical lie that these rights were granted out of the goodness of their hearts and the goodness of the bourgeois government. - the Democratic Institutions.

There are two lies in this one statement. First, the bourgeois fought against each other as they could only do by propaganda. Second, the Democratic Institutions restrict and limit these rights by all sorts of methods (compulsory arbitration, refusal of permits for meetings, conspiracy laws, criminal syndicalism laws, polls, taxes, etc.).

Workers rights, (Democratic Rights) and Democratic Institutions are two things as opposite as day and night. Workers rights are those democratic gains obtained through the ballot box. The Democratic Institutions are the legal government institutions that carry out the program of the capitalist state, that defend the interests of the exploiters against the exploited masses. AGAINST THE GRANTING OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS EXCEPT WHERE CLASS PRESSURE FORCES THEM TO.

WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE WORKERS

Especially it all this true here in the United States. Who are the workers? Our forefathers, the fathers of George, or George and established a "glorious" republic with blessed Democratic Institutions "for, by and of the people," the working class is unorganized, a miserable as a workers in any and every country. Every penny the American workers obtained in wage increases and every minute off the day that a militant struggle has been waged to protect their Democratic Institutions AGAINST the workers and oppressed masses.

WORKERS RIGHTS UNDER DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

What are the most essential needs of the workers? What are the essentials to maintain workers from greedy exploiters so that the workers can keep their wives and children in some measure of security and steal a little enjoyment out of life? Above all they need the right to organize, to write, to speak, and to assemble. But how did they get these rights? Under the Constitution? No. They had to fight every inch of the way. Even today after more than a hundred years of a labor movement in this country these rights for the workers only exist to a limited degree and in limited areas where bitter struggles were waged.

THE AMERICAN TRADITION

We are told by the Stalinists and other reformists that the traditions of Washington, Jefferson and others should be glorified by the workers. But the Constitution and these fathers of the country did not see fit to abolish imprisonment for debt (even as late as 1833 over 75,000 debtors were in prison). They did not see fit to establish free schools for the workers' children. The growth of the trade union movement took the initiative and wrung these concessions from the exploiters.

At the time the constitution was adopted over three fourths of those qualified now to vote were disfranchised. In N.Y. only one out of every 300 people was permitted to vote.

Free speech, free press, and free assembly were added as amendments to the Constitution only because of the mass pressure that swept through the country. Today in many sections of the country and in every town where the organized labor movement is weak, these rights for the workers and oppressed masses, Negro and others, are still a thing of the future.

THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND STRIKE

The right of workers to organize into trade unions and other workers' organizations, has, like all other workers' rights BEEN OBTAINED BY A BLOODY CLASS WAR FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGAINST CAPITALISM AND ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. A hundred years ago the workers started their first big struggle against the capitalist class and its unions. This has continued in one form or another up to today. The police, the jails, the militia, the courts, and the laws have been a stumbling block to the exploitation of workers. The government have played their role in the battles of the workers into submission and taking away their gains time and again.

The struggle for the right to strike has been more bloody (who does not know of the murders in the Pullman strike, the Homestead Strike, the great Steel Strike, the Wobbly strike in Sanpita, So. Chicago, etc.) To-day in decay capitalism, with greater class pressure, industrial and trade union struggles have brought forth another METHOD of control to supplant the first. They are rapidly working toward the British Plan, introduced after the German revolution in 1926: government regulation and control of workers' demands through arbitration. In the Railroads they have already a machinery of this sort almost perfected AGAINST THE WORKERS.

This change in METHOD in decay capitalism proceeds in all avenues of WORKERS RIGHTS. First the exploiters use their Democratic Institutions to oppose workers' rights as long as possible. Once the gains are made the exploiters snatch the smidget of victory by using the Democratic Institutions for the exploiters' purposes. LIMIT AND CONTROL these gains, to make a farce of them.

THE RIGHT TO PICKET

The right to picket has been won with still greater bloodshed. The struggle AGAINST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS than even the right to strike. For the right to strike of course, they might as well picketing even now has not been won. The sit-down tactics, and Workers Defense Squads, in conjunction with a militant strike has been labeled as mass picketing by the Democratic Institutions. The struggle to reduce hours, first to the ten hour day, then to the eight hour day, then the twelve hour day, was one of the greatest fights in history. The bosses through their Democratic Institutions murdered literally hundreds of workers who fought for these reductions.

FOREIGN BORN

The rights of the foreign born workers, even though they put in most of the labor, with the Negro masses, that made possible the great productive system in this country, always have been and still are very meager - held in check by the Democratic Institutions. They are discriminated against in jobs, in wages, in hours of work. They can not vote. They live in abject poverty.

Today millions of Americans opposed to Fascism in Europe the American bourgeoisie and its Democratic Institutions do practically nothing to help them. They allow a handful of these victims of Fascism to enter the country as a means of keeping up the face of their sham democracy.

THE NEGRO MASSES

Last but most important — something that should be burned into the minds of every white worker — is the plight of the Negro masses under the Democratic Institutions.

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**Fighting Worker**

**Trotskyites Cover Right Shift with New Paper International**

In one day's time "somewhere in Switzerland," the Trotskyites in Europe established the "Fourth" International. In program. The goal set by our new centrist movement in Europe is an adventurous and buxom step.

Three years ago the American section of this present set-up, took a similar "left" step as a cover for liquidation into the Socialist Party and its further revisions of Marxism. This present centrist step, where the Trotskyite apparatus capture all of their own rank and file non-aligned organizations, covers up a change in essence.

**CENTRIST PROGRAM**

While building a new "Fourth" International, the Trotskyites in America have decided to subdivide themselves to the capitalist Labor Party; in Chile they support a bourgeois political party; in Spain and France they are breaking with the Stalinist capitalist government; in France they support the centrist movement of the French Socialist Party and Pivert's new centrist party. In Program. Their new centrist setup is for left-wing centrist organizations to maintain a centrist position on revolutionary questions. This means that Trotskyite workers on both sides working for the defeat of "their" centrist party should work with them in war time; they support American Workers and Peasants Government; is for support of democracy against Fascism, as in Spain; for aid to Stalinism in case of war against the Soviet; and many other leftist centrist and Trotskyite groups to capitulate to reformism.

The main document of the Centrist Program, the "Declaration of 4th International," does not obey Trotskyite activity against these adventurous tactics. They do not treat the question up as an open question and their program is still to be built. It will be built in the process of the struggle against capitalism on a Communist, not centrist, program, and in a struggle against the Trotskyite centrist movement and the revision of the whole program. For a new COMMUNIST (4th) INTERNATIONAL.

**ELECTION RESULTS A BLOW AT WORKERS**

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The "left wing" forces supporting the New Deal lost the heart of the CIO last heavily in the important state of New York. The chisel plan for the state was swept out of office. The Workers' party state organization was defeated. In New York the Communist program was resulted in a tactical defeat for the American Labor party. Their own defeat.

A PAPER INTERNATIONAL was set up with no resources for the penetration of the mass. Even on a small scale, only an International F.O.I. would be possible. But the Trotskyites in a centrist basis choose to "electrify" the mass and its achievements. Of the groups listed as "left," none do exist, some have less than a half dozen members, and at least one group gave no authorization to have itself listed. This is because it intends to take this question up only at the present convention and there is a sizeable left wing in the party against these adventurous tactics.

The political shift is the right issue of the agitation "result" of the capitalistic and south, and of the lower middle class. This element had no independent party of the working class to follow, and refused to follow the reformers into the Roosevelt camp. The party of the leftapel, the W.P.L., Socialist Labor Party, National of Farm Workers, etc. all supported Roosevelt and other left-wing reformers. "American People's Party." The Trotskyites and the CIO are testing the "revolutionary" Labor Party, the International Union, a coup of their own candidates, themselves, as the basis to diversify class action into bourgeois channels.

In case of the left shift in class relations and the increased working class, its было rearded in the election due to the lack of INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS POLITICAL ACTION, except for the minor work of the W.P.L. Instead the opportunist were able to channelize the working class into safe capitalist channels.

The comrades already participating in utilities and railroads, the movement of an independent organization of the revolutionaries with the Morgue group will now proceed more rapidly. The election results have shown that the movement is in the international situation and that in the United States, as under Roosevelt. Greater national unity in the working class is necessary to cope with world events. The elections were unanimous on this, as fact. The situation can only be resolved by action, i.e., a struggle against imperialism.

**New Paper International**

**Jap Victories Increase Imperialist Fight Against Asia**

Hitler's victory at the Munich Conference, which opened the door to German aggression in Eastern Europe and toward the Soviet Union, was followed within a week by the capture of Canton and Hankow in China by the Japanese Imperialists—a further blow at Great Britain especially—and to a large degree to slam the "open door" in China in the face of the "anti-fascist" imperialism, U.S. Britain, Japan and other imperialists.

These two victories of the imperialists have further accelerated the imperialist realignments now taking place, and in turn will intensify the "anti-fascist" and "democratic" nature.

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**PROVOKES**

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**PREREQUSITE**

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The Johnson-White" spirit is growing strong, and this spirit is growing strong.

As a result of the "anti-fascist" and "anti-capitalist" struggle, the two main causes for the increase of imperialist tendencies.

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**DEMOGRAPHY**

Negroes are discriminated in the schools, forced to pay higher rents in Negro ghettos, discriminated against in getting jobs, being given only the most difficult, most degrading work, for the lowest pay; millions are in one way or another deprived of votes, are oppressed and socially ostracized, and the suppression of an important Negro element FOR THEIR RIGHTS TO EQUALITY WITH THE WHITES has been bitterly fought for, and aided in bloodshed against the DEMOCRATIC front, and the capitalist puppets that uphold these institutions.

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Organize the Unorganized

CIO Meet Disregards Workers Needs

As we go to press the CIO convention still is going on. Events before the convention indicate that the pressure for reunification with the A.F. of L. is increasing. David Dubinsky and 256,000 Garment Workers, drew from the CIO on the eve of its Convention on the grounds that Lewis was responsible for the failures to achieve unity. The ILGWU will remain independent of both the AFL and CIO temporarily and in its program of Roosevelt unity.

The sharp setback that Roosevelt must face is the need for such unity "and" the need for an international campaign for the Roosevelt unity. During the period of United Mine Workers legal case, the labor movement held all militant strength to defeat the New Deal in its campaign for its day in court since it was accused of compromising with the "Communists".

LEWIS CONSOLIDATING BUREACRACY

If Lewis is successful he will come out of this Convention with a much stronger grip on the whole CIO apparatus as he did over the Mine

Workers. The autonomy of the various international unions will be taken away and such bureaucracies as Martin of the Metal Workers, Lewis, and the others fought against the autonomy of local unions. That the autonomy was fought down on this point—Lewis succeeds.

This bureaucratic hold is necessary for Lewis even if eventually the CIO is split up. It will greatly strengthen Lewis in the unity. There is a possibility that the existing CIO and its name will be transferred to the Lewis forces to achieve these purposes. Recent events in the U. A. W. indicate such a possibility.

U.S. tries to deport Ferrero

Vincent Ferrero has again been seized by the Immigration Commission in N. Y. and deportation to Fascist Italy, to death, once more faces this class war. The New Defense Committee has obtained a sixty day stay of deportation. Working class pressure forced the release of Dominick Julian, held with Ferrero in January of this year.

Some of the members of the present Committee are for having Ferrero depart voluntarily instead of taking the chance of the class war. The, on the grounds that there is a law the Fascist workers can depart in such instances and that the only reason to not be the law changed! Those who are for the worker class collaboration include the Stalinists and the Civil Liberties Union. A large part of the Committee however, is for taking the issue of the class in a militant struggle.

Workers should protest any such attempt to deport Ferrero. Labor organizations should organize protest meetings and form local defense committees to help Ferrero.

FREE ROSALIO NEGRETE

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Negrete is the son of the exiled Father Vicente Negrete, who has been warning of the Fascist movement in Mexico for years.

Capitolist Deal Postpones Rail Pay Cut

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