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A "Legal" Sit-down

faritime Labor And The Government

By James C. Rayne

Arbitration bill, maritime ing program. now struggling at the More all American workers Vicious he slow and calculated gling drive of the govchedient agent of the

s is to clamp compulsory strifle every expression class protest in coming

rkers to demand better the Railroad Labor Act. Read, for example, the

more the fact that noworried over the railroad ote illustrates the advandoing things the right he vote is reported as ngly in favor of aua strike, but it does em o. Judging the future by t, nobody expects the go into effect, EVEN

maritime workers. Then step down the line, hogworkers in each and try separately! That is lly laid plan. Militant Attack nust stand unitedly to ex- Whole Bill ppose this new drive of

has taught workers how tant unionism in America.

to regain their self-respect and obtain their rights, the employers are fight against the Guffey contriving a drastic union smash-

The Guffey "maritime mediation" bill is even more vicious than the day when strikers at a joint meet-Copeland bills. The Copeland bill ing of the Workers' Alliance and vitally and immediately affected the American Federation of Goveach and every individual maritime ernment Employes at Fillmore Hall workers-which explains why it voted to accept the concessions ofupon all militant unions, was comparatively simple to arouse fered by the WPA administration. a united opposition to it.

It is theoretically true that as long as the unions can remain strong and militant they can resist tion "will not recommend" any rethe blacklisting drive which the ductions during April or May from fink books intend to inaugurate.

But the Guffey bill hits directly projects. ilroad Labor Act was the at the heart of the union itself, aimte step in this direction ing at undermining its basic foun- assigned jobs "up to the quota" algreat mass of railroad dation stone: as the instrument mow only too well. The whereby exploited workers can tal right to strike against raise their living standards and refusal to work in agricultural conditions is to all in- fight for their political rights.

Complex Machinery

The Guffey bill would create a complex machinery around a cen- they "think a plan can be worked tral "Ship Labor Board," all of it out whereby a worker may phone" to be closely dove-tailed into the to some central location to deter-Railroad Labor Act. In fact, the mine whether a project will be open Railroad Labor Board is slated to that day or whether inclement he effect of this legisla- play an important role in the whole nks it can brazenly thumb system, and many clauses of the repeated attempts of the bill splendidly amend clauses of

The Ship Labor Board, the cenco Chronicle of last tral mediation board for the maritime industry, is carefully conceived to give labor representatives only a minority vote. Under the to the quota." fine pretense of claiming representation from "all interests," the National Ship Labor Board (and, corlost due to strike activity. Before respondingly, the four regional boards) will be composed of the fol- given 48 hours' notice. lowing: 16 nominees from labor unions, 16 from shipowners' organizations, 4 from shipbuilding com- eral 10 per cent raise in wages as functioning at present in all the panies and 4 to be chosen by the Department of Labor.

Workers Not Fooled

nominees of the shipowners, the main demands were supplemented he mechanism of boards shipbuilders and the government with the demand that no worker be ory delays in strike ac- will represent "different" interests! sent into the agricultural field un-They see that their representatives less he is registered as an agriculare definitely in the minority. More- tural workers, that all workers on ing the "break" by U. S. Steel in probably realized that militant unions would never become particis provided that the Railroad Mediation Board can appoint members to fill all vacancies!

ollective bargaining be- mered on this point: that the Cope- Mr. Pomeroy of his position as as and employers. The land bill was only one small item in State Relief Administrator. always been stacked the labor-smashing drive on the ith their employers. In employers. The fight has now and pronounced an ultimatum that the workers have been evolved to a higher and even more SRA workers were prohibited from inumerable crafts. vital plane. The Guffey bill must having lunch with legislators, and a new militancy and a be killed-for in the minds of its sending communications or peticoncessions from the tended as the death knell of mili- tion to legislators on the grounds

n Tobin Ousts Officials Of East Bay Teamsters

n officers of Teamsters Union, Local 70, in Oakere removed from office last Monday by Joseph

ational Organizer for4 uctions to pass through the rank and file. s established by I. L. A.

en, Tobin and Casey, tem.

under the direction of three prizes in any craft bureaucin, International Presi- racy, combined their efforts to appointed trustee of force the men through the picket

en at several Oakland remains as secretary-treasurer pro- organization in this area.

tile Drive Launched; TWOC Announces Policy on affiliated unions go on record

Organization has be-

forkers employed by of Local 2.

ct since its drive be- turing Co. and other concerns at to 6. lle Workers Organiza- Rochester, N. Y., while Local 4 has ee of the Committee been chartered at Duluth, Minn. "It will be the policy of the T. tional affiliated to the C. I. O., re-

charters to newly or W. O. C. to charter new locals commended "that all local unions whenever settlements are made and apply at once for affiliation with HOUSTON LOCAL man, chairman of the agreements are entered into with the Central Labor Council. That announced the issu- employers," Hillman declared.

0. C. to 4,000 carpet form the basic structure of the the Central Labor Council and Galveston, and Port Arthur who are poration now in effect." oyed by the Bigelow- powerful new industrial union those C. I. O. unions which are not and other plants at which the C. I. O. is building in the A. F. of L. affiliates set up a C. I. quests are made. textile industry.

tiles, Inc. Louisville, merge existing locals of the United ganizational activities."

BAY DISTRICT

Stalinite Strategist Works While Unemployed Picket

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif .- A strike of the WPA workers of the bay area ended officially last Sun-The concessions in brief are as

follows: 1. The State relief Administrathe present rolls of the various

2. Workers now on relief will be ready in force

3. No worker to be separated for fields "unless it be determined he is physically fit for such work." No "skilled" worker will be sent into the fields.

4. The administration agree that weather has shut the project down. 5. Meetings will be arranged with the supervisors at which represent-

mitted to speak." 6. All workers leaving WPA for private industry will be immediately replaced with SRA clients "up

7. All strikers are to be reina worker is laid off he must be

Demands as presented by the recommended by the National WPA, steel centers of the nation. collective bargaining rights for the Workers' Alliance and the AFGE. as well as no deduction in monthly Workers are not fooled that the pay for inclement weather. These (Continued on Page 3)

Pronounced 'Unfair'

Ellis Patterson, Assemblyman from Monterey County introduced But there is no one section of the a resolution in the State Assembly Guffey bill which can be singled out | condemning Mr. Harold Pomeroy, of bringing "harmony" on closely knit whole which must be tatorial and un-American activities cialty" mills; the Diesel-making Lewis Promises No More two months of parleys. under the hypocritical for special attack. The bill is a State Relief Administrator, for dicront, the Guffey bill, now fought intransigently by all work- in abridging the political and civil Buda Company of Harvey, Ill., and agress, would place a ers-waterfront and inland alike. liberties of the SRA workers and of obstacles in the way Labor Action has constantly ham- requesting the Governor to relieve

Mr. Pomeroy had appeared bethat it was impossible to separate himself from his official position.

Patterson's resolution. Mr. Patterson stated that Mr. Pomeroy was "the most unfair Relief Administrator he had ever

CIO Committee Hit "Western Worker"

moved the officers for lines, and summarily removed the O. Committee passed a resolution carry out William officers who obeyed the mandate of condemning the Western Worker, ing initiated by the men themselves organ of the Communist Party, for in the mills. Rumors that the charter had been a "dishonest attack" against the revoked by Tobin could not be veri- chairman of the local committee, brought to the steel workers in and teamsters voted to fied. Charles W. Real, the only of and voted to continue functioning money alone was shown by a report ss the lines manned by ficer of Local 70 who backed Green, as a coordinating body for C. .I O. of the American Iron & Steel Insti-

unions affiliated to the C. I. O. and result of the increase of approxiunions not attiliated to the A. F. of mately \$130,000,000, on March 16, quate protection for any employer L. was splitting the labor move- when union contracts became ef- against strikes," stated John L. ment. The resolution "that all C. I. fective. protesting the dishonest attack on ceed the 1929 average of 65.4 cents tracts provided a way to discipline the chairman of this conference by an hour by 28 per cent, the Insti- workers who violate an agreement." TORK. - With 58 textile. Local 3 includes textile workers the Western Worker, organ of the tute reported. The latest informaalready brought under employed by the Schlegel Manufac- Communist Party," was passed 26 tion to the Institute was that work-

> representative from each Interna- two months of 1937. all local unions who have been re-

the event of an emergency."

Minneapolis Striker To Discuss Parties L. Trotsky Cross-Examined

"The Role of Political Parties in the Minneapolis Strikes of 1934" will be the subject of an open educational meeting to be held by Local San Francisco of the Socialist Party Wednesday evening, April 28, 8 p. m., at 236 Van Ness Ave.

The discussion will be lead by a comrade active in the Minneapolis strikes, and the roles played by the Farmer-Labor party, and the Communist party will be contrasted with the role of a revolutionary party.

The heroic struggles of General Drivers' Local 574 and the part of revolutionary workingclass leadership in those strikes provide lessons of vital importance to all interested in trade unionism and revolutionary pol-

A graphic survey of the Minneapolis strikes can be found in "American City, a Rank and File History," reviewed on page 4 of this issue of Labor Action.

Men Rush Into Steel **CIO Union**

Company Unions Crumpling atives from the union will be 'per-As Workers Reach For Wage Rise

Pushing ahead with its historymaking campaign, the Steel Workstated and allowed to make up time ers Organizing Committee signed 51 steel companies to union contracts, in the month following the signing by U. S. Steel. There are strike committee included a gen- 492 lodges of the new steel union

> Bethlehem Steel and Republic Steel made voluntary statements that they are willing to bargain with representatives of the S. W.

since the drafters of the bill relief be given WPA jobs, and that negotiating a contract with the S. W. O. C. drove the total far past the 200,000 mark. A close check on this point showed that in check on this point showed that in the 10 days following March 2 there were approximately 35,000 new members signed.

ALLEGHENY STEEL SIGNS

Among the late signers of companies under union contract are Allegheny Steel Company, one of the most important of the "speton Sons Company, of Philadelphia. Workmen at both plants of Alle-

gheny Steel staged a few hour strike to prove to management he workers in their bar- part of the government and the fore the Social workers of the SRA their rights, but all other steel At the present time there are up of industrial solidarity instigators and supporters it is in-

A strike at the Lebanon, Pa., immediate cause for Assemblyman jobs pending negotiations between S. W. O. C. officials and manage-

CAPTURE COMPANY UNIONS

In the Bethlehem mills followers tured the company unions. It is estimated that of a possible 250 mills of Bethlehem Steel there were 150 S. W. O. C. men elected. LOS ANGELES.-The local C. I. paign on the part of S. W. O. C., other than the word-of-mouth back-

What the new steel union has tute. Payrells of the industry now The Western Worker charged are at the rate of \$1,055,000,000 anthat advocating central bodies for nually, highest in history, as the

The Houston local is prepared to

O. Organizing Conference for the send out speakers in case any re- Reo settlement covers about 3,000 ous postponements by the Govern- favor of the plan. Frank R. Bucka- tainment in Cabaret Style will be "It is planned eventually to purpose of coordinating their or interested in the Socialist move-more. ment should get in touch with the Foremen, time keepers, plant pro- in raising the necessary bond to Court Independence will oppose the The performance will be held at cently signed with the Textile Workers of America with The committee is empowered to organizer of the Socialist party by tection men, and confidential salment.

Hotel Crafts Sit-down

PROFITS

Concluded Stoppages of

LANSING, Mich. - Walter P. city, with the owners refusing to Chrysler and John L. Lewis have signed a peace treaty running to

Work

The Chrysler Corporation agrees signing of contracts. to bargain with the United Automoof the steel union virtually capagency for all its members; not to "aid, promote, or finance" any or-In no instance was there a cam-

TUO SNWCG-TIS

The union agrees not to solicit membership on the corporation's plant or time, and to use no coercion or intimidation. It will neither cause nor allow any member of the union to take part in any stoppage of work or sit-down strike during the term of the

A contract with the C.I.O. is "ade-Lewis as he promised punctilious The average hourly earnings ex- observance of contracts. "Our con-

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED

Negotiations will be resumed at The committee, composed of one hours of work a week in the first once on all supplementary matters, and those not covered by the main agreement. All court proceedings are to be dismissed. Men are to be put back to work as "fast as possible," with no discrimination HOUSTON, Texas.-Workers in against strikers," and in accordance "These T. W. O. C. locals will fused or are refused affiliation with and around Houston, Beaumont, with the seniority rules of the cor-

Vote Strike Hotel workers of six crafts voted

Before Impartial Commission

overwhelmingly for strike in San Francisco, as negotiations with hotel owners were broken off after The strike vote came as the cul-

mination of a successful drive to organize the famous hotels of this consider the demands of workers for collective bargaining.

The elements of this agreement are tial hiring and the agreement for serve as shop committees.

Workers who did not come under any of the previous crafts, such as bell-boys and maintenance men, have obtained a charter and are organized almost 90 per cent. Other unions voting to strike are Cooks' Local 44. Miscellaneous Local 110. Bartenders' Local 41, Waiters' Local 30, and Waitress' Local 48.

Several other crafts will be affected when the strike is called, but they have all indicated a willingness to support the strike whole-

Koci Deportation May Be Dropped

son against Koci was of such con- Forums tradictory and obviously fabricated A symposium on the president's cisco. nature that even the Immigration proposal for the reorganization of A NIGHT IN MEXICO will be Inspectors could not accept it as the Supreme Court will feature the presented by the Young People's So-From 65,000 to 85,000 men are truth. The case has been dragged forum for April 18. Sol Silverman, cialist League Saturday, April 30. covered by this agreement. The out for almost a year, with numer- prominent attorney, will speak in Dancing, refreshments, and enterfree Koci. The defense is being lew from the League for Supreme featured.

conducted by Austin Lewis.

New Local Chartered By Clerks

3,000 Department Stors Employes Initiated at Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO .- More than defense of Tom Mooney and coun-3000 enthusiastic department store sel in the Sacco-Vanzetti and other Revolting against long hours, employees and retail clerks were famous labor cases. companies approached by negotia. March 31, 1938. This settles the short wages and bad conditions, initiated into the newly chartered George Novack, secretary of the tors readily signed or are in the Chrysler sit-down strike. Governor hotel workers have been flocking local of the Retail Clerks Protec American Committee for the Deprocess of working out agreements. Murphy, a few hours later, and into the unions since the culinary tive Association last Wednesday fense of Leon Trotsky, announced nounced that the strike at the Reo trades instituted an organizing night at Scottish Rite Hall. Em- that a formal invitation had been plants, also a sit-down, which had campaign several months ago. Over ployees from the eighteen largest extended to the Soviet Governtwo months ago demands of the department stores in San Francisco ment, through its ambassador in been in progress 28 days, had been men were placed before the San nominated candidates out of which Washington, Alexander Troyanovplant was settled by agreement, settled in a 3-hour conference with Francisco Hotel Owners' Associa- five representatives from each sky, to send representatives to the This action of Mr. Pomeroy was the with all workers returning to their the Chrysler agreement as a basis. tion. Basic demands are preferen- store are to be lected next week to hearings with full rights of cross

> all workers to join their respective | The new union, representing the | "We have further extended a simunions within 15 days after the largest single block of initiates the ilar invitation to the Communist International has ever taken in, Party, which supports the official The unions' negotiating commit will be ready to present its de- version of the trials," Novack tee, with Walter Cowan as chair. mands to the employers within two stated. "Finally, in case the offiman, found themselves stalemated weeks. Increased wages, shorter cial organizations for any reason interfere, discriminate or in any when the owners refused to accept work-week and improved conditions find it impossible to appear, we representatives in the four big mills of Bethlehem Steel there bership in the union; and not to of the hotel workers.
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> when the owners reduced to accept the unions as the representatives are the basic proposals to be negohave invited Joseph Brodsky, well-the unions as the representatives of the hotel workers. stores at the same time, rather than to present testimony and to crosswith each store separately.

> > Carmen Lucia, Millinery Workers' have asked for any material the Union organizer, and Marion prosecution would want to present Brown, discharged from Wool- in cross-examining Trotsky." worth's for union activities last | The Stalinists have refused to fall, 4000 applications have poured present their charges at the hearin during the last two months.

By Carlo Recounts 40 Years In Cause

Stalinist Bureaucracy Fails To Present Shred Of Evidence

MEXICO CITY, Mexico.-Headed by professor John Dewey, the delegation of prominent figures in American public life opened its preliminary hearing before Leon Trotsky in its investigation to determine the truth of the charges levelled at the revolutionary exile during the recent Moscow irials.

Trotsky was cross-examined as the first witness in the ten-day hearing at Mexico City. He opened his defense with a dramatic recital of his 40-years devotion to the cause of socialist revolution.

Albert Goldman, Chicago labor attorney, who is acting as counsel for Trotsky presented the five main accusations levelled at the Moscow

1. That he prepared terroristic acts against Soviet leaders.

2. The he organized industrial sabctage to weaken the nation's

3. That he instigated other acts, such as explosions and mass assas-

4. That he maintained secret relations with German fascism and Japanese militarism to defeat the U. S. S. R. in war time and dismem-

5. That he sought to destroy socialist economy and re-establish

capitalism in the U.S.S.R. "The fact that Mr. Trotsky has personally denied these charges is not of itself a matter of concern to the commission," stated Dewey. That he has been condemned without the opportunity to be heard is a matter of utmost concern to the

Besides Dr. John Dewey, the commissioners who are making the preliminary inquiry are as follows: Benjamin Stolberg, well-known labor journalist: Suzanne La Follette, author and former editor of the "New Freeman"; Dr. Otto Ruhle, biographer of Karl Marx and a leading German Socialist now a refugee from Hitlerism; Carleton Beals, author of numerous standard works on Latin America; Carlo Tresca, editor of 'Il Martello" and a leader of the Italian anti-Fascist movement in this country; and John Finerty, associated with the

examine Trotsky. In the event none Through the intensive efforts of of those invited wish to appear, we

Intensive Activity Marks Party Growth In Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO .- An enjoyable the Supreme Court. The forum beof the San Francisco branch of the is 15 cents, unemployed free. SAN FRANCISCO.-Deportation Socialist party. A house party ar- South San Francisco proceedings against Frank Koci are ranged by El Booth and Florence expected to be dropped soon, as the Wyle proved successful in every San Francisco brought fifteen fel-Government has indicated it will way: \$12 was cleared after all ex- low-workers to the headquarters for not seriously rely on the discredit- penses were paid, twenty people en- last Sunday's forum. All of them ed testimony of their star witness. joyed a snappy afternoon, several Testimony of Carmen Joan Dod- new contacts were made.

method of raising funds for Labor gins at 8 p.m. at International Hall, Action was discovered by members 236 Van Ness Avenue. Admission

active trade unionists, they are anxious to organize a branch of the Socialist party in South San Fran-

International Hall, 236 Van Ness make up most of the those that are formed during the call the C. I. O. unions together "in writing to Box 2321, Houston, Tex- aried employes are not included in The Socialist Party took the lead Murray Weiss will present the Avenue, commencing at 9 p.m. Adposition of the Socialist party on mission is 25 cents.

Resolutions Go Left

Convention Repudiates Disrupters

CHICAGO, Illinois .- Crushing the campaign of the Communist Party to oust militant members of the Socialist Party whom they attempted to stigmatize under the epithets of "Trotskyism" and "counter-revolutionists," the special convention of the Convention came to a successful conclusion after running its full schedule from March 26 to March 29, inclusive.

The convention which was held at the LaSalle Hotel, was marked by the progressive attitude of the left wing and the healthier atmosphere since the Old Guard left for the happy hunting grounds of class

The frantic hope of the Daily Worker and other Stalinist publications that their campaign of villification would end in expulsion for the "Trotskyites" fizzled miser ably. The issue was not even brought upon the floor of the convention, a crystal clear demonstra tion of the contempt the Socialist left wing bears toward the insincerity and splitting maneuvers of the Stalinist machine.

Delegates, representing a cross section of the most militant elements of the American working class, devoted themselves to more pressing problems facing the work ing class.

A strong resolution against war was passed and the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism indicated as the only possible solution for the working class to the fascist

The People's Front, as exemplified in full and poisonous flower in Spain and France, was condemned by the delegates and its function as a tool of imperialism thoroughly exposed despite its stream-lined

The League Against War and Fascism was condemned by the convention, and the attitude of the Socialist Party toward a United more clearly defined.

Considerable time was devoted to the trade union question and the relation of the Socialist Party toward the trade unions was embodied in concrete resolutions designed to implement greater participation of the party in this field. The C. I. O. was endorsed as opposed to A. F. of L. attempts to bind the trade forms, although a critical attitude "unity at all costs," without the within the C. I. O.

On the Farmer Labor Party question, the delegates defined exactly spiritless and mechanical manner, what kind of combination they would participate in, pointed out the hopelessness of such a party in leading the workers to power, and re-affirmed the necessity for a A resolution proposing American revolutionary party of the working participation in a collective secur-

The organization of the party was centralized to some extent, tying fascist countries as a means of prebranch activity closer to the national office. At the same time provision was made for the publication sition from the delegates of the Soof an internal organ for democratic discussion among the members of the party over the issues which constantly confront an active group. This organ will be avail- Peaceful able to all members of the Socialist party.

The California delegates took a firm position against the disruptive fying the democratic countries to short-wall machines. has already been made to some of the branches detailing the conven-war, would lead the people into an- for agreements in other areas.

lie Goldberg, and Clarence Rust re-Rodgers who was elected to an enlarged National Executive Commit-different path. tee stopped off at Denver before returning to the Coast.

Comrades Crary and Glen Trim-

The convention as a whole was progressive and a distinct step to sition to the resolution become that ment expires. ward the left. Especially encourage the Stalinists withdrew it coming was the contempt for the splitting maneuvers of the Communist Party. Already in the branches a renewed spurt of activity has re- Workers' sulted from the convention.

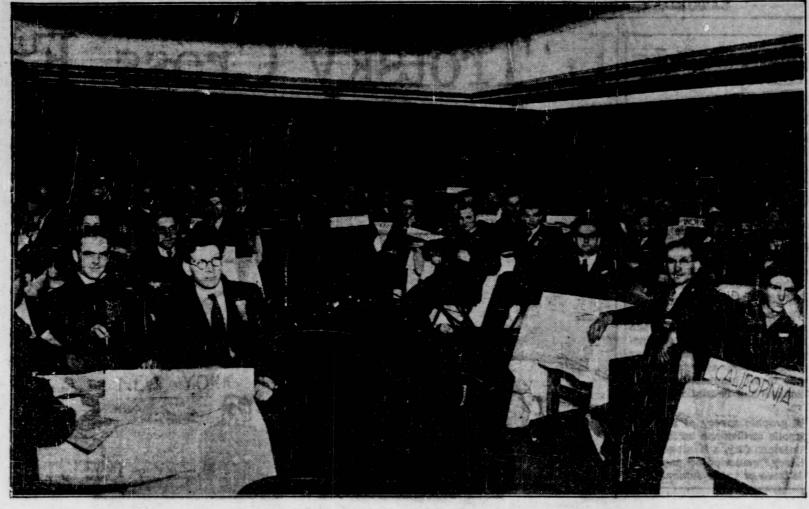
The Daily Worker professes to be fessing to an alliance with the Jap- itias of trade unions to protect anese secret service and the Nazi themselves against a fascist attack.

Gestano. being prepared for distribution to presented no effective program geles branch of the Socialist Party Saturday evening, spent the night government had refused to give the the membership of the Socialist against war and fascism, nor completed its preparations for com-

New SP Members

LOS ANGELES .- Application for charter for a new local of the Socialist party at Venice, California, Anderson, first beneficiary under discuss joint action with the So- in which all participate, follow the in contact. They were preparing answered many of the questions had asked of the comrade who ac- degree where you are came as a direct result of the par- the social security act, received a cialist Party unless it could censor speaker. Friends and party mem- us for the success of facism in which had caused me such confu- cused me of Trotskyism. ticipation of Socialists in the re- lump sum payment of \$16.41 on his the committee elected by the rank bers, especially the younger ones, Spain. I, as Educational director, sion. cent strike activity of the aircraft of the ai

Delegates At Socialist Convention



Delegates to the special national convention of the Socialist Party seated at their tables during one of the sessions at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago. At the rear of the half are party members and members of the Young People's Socialist League who attended as spectators. The sessions were closed to all but party members.

Coal Miners Obtain Favorable Contract

"Fascism vs. Democracy" Slogan Fails

LOS ANGELES-Whether or not States Soviet Union war alliance fascism should be considered a felony or a misdemeanor seemed to be the main controversy of the American League against War and Fascism, in a series of round table discussions held here over a period of two days. Not one of the vital issues of war and fascism were discussed in a serious and fundamental manner.

was taken toward the leadership slightest realization on the part of the majority of the delegates present what that cost might be. In a resolutions were presented and passed, dealing with only the most

superficial aspects of the burning problems of the day.

ity pact with France, England and all the democratic countries, inconveyors.

cialist Party. They pointed out that ing rate (piece work) of 8 cents a ceived the endorsement of this exthe Socialist position on this queston. tion was in direct contradiction to

Capitalists

other war under the slogan of A union demand for a joint com-"Democracy Against Fascism."

pletely, rather than allow it to meet defeat on the floor.

Militia

but in its articles of pseudo-pro- it a felony for any group to form workers covered by the agreement. gressiveness runs an uneasy cur- separate militias. The Socialist rent that is much like the quaver delegates opposed this on the of a hired assassin who has failed ground that it could be applied to Los Angeles Plans his paymaster. Browder and Fos- workers when the time became necter may yet find themselves con- sary for them to form workers mil-

The congress of the American The resolutions in full are now League Against War and Fascism against any of the evils confront. memorating May Day. ing the working class today.

Minneapolis news item: "Andrew

Wage Boost Averts **Need For Strike** Action

tween the United Mine to handle union organization in fields not already covered by es-Workers and the Appalach- tablished C. I. C. unions. ian soft coal operators re- Frank Rosenblum, organizer for corded substantial gains for the Amalgamated Clothing Workover 300,000 miners in a West section of the United Textile dozen states. The agreement, Workers organizational drive is reached after seven weeks of dis- the new director of the office. Ascussion by a conference of 300 rep- sistant director is Douglas Anderresentatives of the miners and the son, I. L. G. W. U. organizer, reoperators, was signed after a day's cently leader of the Taxicab drivstoppage of work that affected the ers' strike, and former State secre-The tone of the whole congress, soft coal industry throughout the tary of the Illinois Socialist Party.

The working week remains at 35 30 hours at the start of negotiations. Specific features of the con-

A flat 50 cents a day increase for day wage workers, raising the old \$5.50 rate in the north to \$6 and the \$5.10 rate in the south to \$5.60.

A 70-cent a day increase for men working on mechanical loaders and

An increase in the pick mining venting war, brought violent oppo- rate (piece work) of 9 cents a ton. An increase in the machine load- Labor party disguise, Ford has re-

> An increase of 1-cent a ton in the cutting rates for short-wall ma- Ford is notorious. His present ap-

An increase for workers on track- been rejected by every progressive By placing the fascist countries mounted cutting machines equal to in the Los Angeles labor movement. in the role of warmakers, and puri- 70 per cent of the increase for And the Labor Council which en-

attempts of the Communist Party make them appear as innocent capto split the only revolutionary italists longing for peace is to igforce in America. A partial report nore the root causes of war. This 000 men directly represented, as Craft plant, has found itself unable policy, rather than preventing a the Appalachian scale is the basis to stomach such an arch-reaction-

mittee to investigate the effects of dates for office, the Socialist party The Socialist delegates contended mechanized mining on the condi- is the only voice advocating the turned last week. Comrade Ward that the road to peace and the fight tions of miners and the displaceagainst fascism lay in an entirely ment of workers, was granted in party for immediate struggle the agreement. The provision calls against capitalism as well as the Immediately the Stalinists jumped for the establishment of a Mechan- ultimate struggle for socialism. to their feet and attempted to sup- ized Mining Commission, consisting press the opposition. However, the of eight representatives from the Pripsels Set Goal ble have not yet arrived as they congress had realized the logic of union and eight from the operators, arguments of the delegates, and within 60 days. A report is to be many of them rose to defend this brought in March 14, 1939, two viewpoint. So strong had the oppo- weeks before the present agree-

May Day Meeting cle, and "We're on our way."

LOS ANGELES .- With James P. Cannon and Ward Rodgers listed the "Yips" on their recent outing the maintenance of the People's among the speakers, the Los An- to La Honda. The group went up Front Government in Spain. This class collaboration.

A mass meeting will be held at of "the big trees." But it did do a great deal to Walkers Auditorium, 730 South An educational meeting is held mission is 15 cents.

the May Day demonstration.

C.I.O. Tries New Set Up For Chicago

CHICAGO .- In answer to the emergency situation created by the tremendous strike wave in Chicago, NEW YORK-A new two- ganization has set-up as an experirear contract negotiated be- ment, a regional office in Chicago

ers and director of the Cleveland

hours, although operators asked for C. P. Endorse

LOS ANGELES. - John Anson Ford, vicious anti-union politician has been endorsed by the Communist Party for mayor of Los Angeles!

An out and out capitalist candidate, too brazen to don even the protective coloration of a Farmer revolutionary party.

The strike-breaking record of peal for working class support has dorsed the district attorney candiary as Ford.

Denouncing all capitalist candi-

YPSL activities in San Francisco The employers were successful organization drive instigated by the in forcing the union to drop propo- district committee. New members, ment. A proposal was brought up on the originally demanded assurance of putting the district office on a of Democracy, it led to a great

Games, hikes, singing, swell food, cists. and plenty of fresh air and sunshine seph Piecarpo's cabin in the midst the fascist attacks.

state Senate and Assembly,

years imprisonment for making a Youth Act and Nye-Kvale bill; fas- under the revolutionary banner. political speech two years ago.

The repeal campaign received added impetus when the United States Supreme Court reversed the conviction last January.

Criminal Syndicalism Law Under Attack

Anti-Unionists Law, will be presented by Asseming. blyman Paul Ritchie, before the YPSL Propose Strike Crime Problems Committee on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p. m.

Problems Committee are meager. If

Oregon Wipes CS Statute Off Books

Chances of favorable reception of the bill by the reactionary Crime spond. The Y. C. L. refused to the bill is defeated in committee, for fear of losing their unity with have thrown out the formula to front, to break the poli however, Ritchie will make a mo- the administration pacifists. They which the president of the national lage of the Soviet burea tion in the assembly that the bill much prefer the censored meeting. council, Francisco Largo Caballero, ing to the masses an aud be removed from the committee. In this way the Young Communist has also adhered: "In the first cial program, bringing to

the Committee at the time of the strike.

is being paroled Friday, April 16. war again.

of 5.000 handbills calling for a Open With Hymns When the committee of the A. S.

lective security pacts.

ing fought against such a program, gram of the liquidation of slavery Thanks to their totalitar but the committee of the university assured the victory of the latter. | metically sealed characters student body felt that the meet. In our three years of civil war, cist regimes produce an ing proposed by the Y. C. L. would the superiority in the military art of unbreakable firmness. be more amicable to the wishes of and military technique was great- ity at the first serious test the college administration. As a ly on the side of our adversary but Assembly Bill 311, of which 23 compromise a Y.S.P.L. speaker will it was the Bolshevik program victorious Russian revol assemblymen are co-authors, and talk on the Capitalist Causes of which at the end triumphed. The dermined the regime of which would repeal the 18 year old War, but he must turn in an out- worker well understood for what lern. California Criminal Syndicalism line of the speech before the meet- he was fighting. The peasant hesi-

Sproul Peace

Meet Stops

UCLA Strike

LOS ANGELES .- There will be

no strike at U. C. L. A. this April

22nd. Instead the student body is

going to have a peace assembly, in

actuality censored by the adminis-

ed that a peace assembly be held.

The administration hoped by this

23, the Y. P. S. L. proposed to the Y. C. L. that a strike be called, inviting all groups that would reenter this united front for a strike ists, who determine the course, ening and fortifying the Ernest Besig, A. C. L. U. director, League, and its satellites, have place the military victory, and then the inexhausted and advises all those interested in the worked hand in hand with the ad- social reform." I consider this for- springs of the enthusiasm repeal of the California Criminal ministration to prevent the stu- mula tragic for the Spanish revolu- masses, and by these me Syndicalism Law to appear before dents from actually going out on tion.

As a reminder of the far reach- students mighty weapon against grams, the working masses, and Europe. ing effects of the Law, Caroline war in order to keep the college above all the peasant, fall into in-Decker, one of eight convicted of out of the Hearst headlines and to difference. In these conditions, Criminal Syndicalism in Sacramen keep them under the ideological fascism will win inevitably because to in the fall of 1934 for attempts control of social-patriotic doctrine the purely military advantage is more wholeheartedly of to organize orgricultural workers, -the doctrine that will lead us to theirs. Audacious social reforms You English are kind

Dangers Of Class Collaborationist Polin Pointed Out; Defeat Threatens All Human Culture

Fascism States Trotsk

By LEON TROTSKY

(During February, Comrade Trotsky gave the following ing interview to a representative of the newspaper as Havas, and made the following statements. This art translated from a Mexican paper, the IV Internation Translated by C. C.

President Sproul himself suggest- the republican front through volunteers? I have not instructions to anybody. In general I do not give tions. I express my "opinion" in4

method to rid itself of the publicity articles. To refuse to support the the university has received from Sproul himself held a patriotic assembly at Berkeley the day before or agents of fascism. The elementary duty of every revolutionary is war was declared in 1917. Today he is attempting to rob the students to struggle against the bands of Franco, of Mussolini and of Hitler of their mighty instrument in the

Spanish Victory Will End

fight for peace, the strike against A United Students' Peace Committee had been formed, including many liberal, pacifist organizations, religious societies, the American Student Union, Young Peoples' Socialist League, Nationally the A. S. U. program calls for strike, and the Young Communist League,

in control of the A. S. U., supposedly supports such a policy. This ror of participating in the electoral committee did all the groundwork combination of the Popular Front for a strike including the printing

a Y. C. L,'er. Andrew Charles, mem- assume, either directly or indirect- and social victory of ber of the national executive com- ly, the responsibilities for a policy criminal syndicalism law was wiped U. S. P. C. He proposed that the ance. Its duty is to call upon the dictated by a reaction from the statute books when Gov- peace meeting be exchanged for the masses to be at attention. The minutes singing of patriotic hymns, ing the Catalonian governmental The notorious anti-labor law, America the Beautiful, The Stars coalition. To struggle shoulder to

> In civil war, incomparably more During the forenoon, clowns so than in ordinary war, principle dressed as soldiers were to parade determines strategy. As an army leader Robert Lee was surely more The YPSL present at this meet talented than Grant, but the pro- gimes

> > tated a long time; but comparing tion will undermine the re through experience the two regimes Mussolini and Hitler. he finally adhered to Bolshevism. cause of this victory of

That afternoon, Friday, March The Formula "First Win the War ers and of the peasants

In Spain, the Catalonian nation- ists of Spain are: while

represent the most powerful funda- -General Franco.

Have I given or have I not given instructions to sur

the Hearst and Chandler papers. Spanish republican forces could only fascism. On the left side of the Spanish

governmental coalition, and in the POUM. This party is not "Trotskyist". I have criticized on many warm sympathy for the heroism party, above all the youth, are fight

The POUM has committed the er General Franco prepared, with impunity, in the course of many months, the insurrection which at the present time is dyeing Spain

U. C. L. A. met with the U. S. P. C. A revolutionary party must not SALEM, Ore.-Oregon's vicious mittee of the A. S. U., spoke for the of blindness and of criminal tolerernor Charles H. Martin signed a genuine strike against war. He sug- leadership of the POUM commitrepeal act previously passed by the gested a program as follows: 10 ted a second grave error by entersimilar to the Montana act that Spangled Banner and Our Sturdy shoulder with other parties, it is served as a model legal cloak for Golden Bear led by the cheer leader not necessary to assume the rethe violent repression of militant and the band. A five minute March sponsibility of a false governmenttrade unionism and working class of Time reviewing the past events al policy with these parties. Withpolitical parties during the reaction of the year, and four five-minute out weakening in the least the milifollowing the World War, was used speeches on the following subjects: tary front, it is necessary to know to sentence Dirk de Jonge to seven legislation, such as the California how to politically unite the masses cism and war; neutrality and col- Principles Must Dominate Strategy

> and Then Make the Revolution" would reveal itself as Is Tragic for the Spanish Revolu- factor for peace.

They have bargained away the difference between the two pro- Only on this rests the

the Policies of Ebert and man During the Ger

Hitler and Mussolini W the Spanish Proletariat

♦ The tasks of the true Not seeing in reality the radical and reinforce the cause

Why I Quit The Communist Part

By RICHARD LOREE Educational Director, Los Angeles Branch, Communist Party

In League Drive Spain. To the rank and file mem- able and gave the lecture.

and all day Sunday at Comrade Jo- workers arms in the first days of DESPAIR IN C. P.

was naturally greeted with hope was a difficult task to answer the pact, could not come out for prole- to submerge these dou are centered about the March-May that the Spanish Proletariat would comrades' questions as to why we tarian dictatorship in Spain. From ever, I was not satisfied be victorious in a workers' govern- were fighting for Bourgeois Democ- this followed their policy of main- catholic approach to the sals seeking a two-weeks holiday for the fulfillment of quotas for both So, when we were told by the questions even to my own satisfac- from this erroneous policy flowed cause of the accusations miners, and a guarantee of a year- "Labor Action" and the "Challenge party that the best that could be tion. I could not understand why all the other erroneous and Un- me with Trotskylsm. ly minimum wage. The union had To Youth," national YPSL organ, hoped for in Spain, was the victory thousands of the workers in Spain Marxian tactics. It handcuffed the in securing a copy of disappointed over the convention, floor asking for legislation making 200 days work each year for all stable financial basis, and other deal of misunderstanding and quesmeasures which will generally im- tioning. This confusion was fur- severe exploitation. This and many was inclined to regard these state- certain that no one was prove the League in the state are ther emphasized by Russia signing other doubts filled my mind. Then ments as attempts to slander the read this so-called "co the goals of the drive. Quotas have the Neutrality Pact and her half- I had a conversation with a com- C. I. but they persisted in remain- tionary" work. already been set by the S. F. cir- hearted support of the workers who rade who was a member of the So- ing in my mind because of their were fighting to overthrow the fas. cialist party. It had always been strong logic. my belief, and one strengthened by At the next meeting of the unit It gave to me the corre

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tional at the branch. I read all reformist policy, the Communist In- ome for enlightenment. Confer- Party of America."

friendship of the French Imperial- isfactory, as he told m bers of the Communist Party, this During the course of my talk, it ists with whom they had a war faith in the C. I. and its racy. I could not answer these tenance of the bourgeois state, and Besides I had become were giving their lives to uphold a revolutionary movement of the WHITHER FRANCE and

We could not understand any the literature of the C. P. that the I started discussing the question determining what const were the inducements which took policy which declared for its aim S. P. were either Social-Fascists or with some of the comrades, the volutionary policy. Up weak reformists who believed in next thing I knew, I received a the policies of the Soci summons to appear before the I decided it is the only bureau. I was accused of Trotsky- tion to which a revolut I had difficulty in overcoming my ism. At first I was too stunned at long. prejudices and listening reasonably the charges to reply. We had al- To my former comrad to this comrade's analysis of the ways been taught that Trotsky was P. who expressed doubt As the days went on, and the Spanish situation, which was quite a man who somehow or other came policy the C. I. was fo wards preparing the people for a Grand St., at 8 p. m., under the aus- by the Karl Liebknecht Circle every fascists gained more and more ter- different from that given by the C. into the Russian Revolution quite whose protests have Apply For Charter new world war to defend "Democ- pices of the branch. Music will Friday, at eight o'clock sharp, 236 ritory, coming within sight of Magive variety to the program. Ad- Van Ness. Speakers are generally drid, an attitude of pessimism and attended a series of lectures given role and then turned Counter-revo- the label of Trotskyism. recruited from the ranks of the cir-despair pervaded the party and all by James P. Cannon under the aus-lutionary. So I repeated before the you, "If you are still si The Communist Party refused to cle, and discussion and questions, of the leaders with whom we came pices of the Socialist Party. He bureau the same questions which I have not been intimidate

They were unable to answer call upon you to join

Civil war had broken out in the party literature that was avail- ternational in order to retain the ences with him were just

International Capitalism

By CHARLES CURTISS

billion pesetas, gold, has been given to General This is the group of foreign and office," Augur, in the New York Franco by a group of international capitalists. native capitalists who are supportthe roster of those who are bolstering up Franco in-Juan March; Sir Aukland Geddes; the House of workers and peasants of Spain are hild; the Penarroyo interests including the French giving birth amidst the present travail. ofinanciers, Herteaux, Mirabeau, Le-

ish concern

deux and Homercourt; Aufselcha-DISTRICT ger; Alfonso XIII; and others. Standing at the head of the ADERS END

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the Rio Tinto Corporation, is a with other holdings in copper and the high grade, low-phosphorous od that what action the important to Britain. ating committee of the AFGE The Rio Tinto mines are very ndertake was to militantly rate with the Workers' Alin protest over the highmanner in which relief apand WPA workers have

18 years of age and those

handled by the WPA admin-

attempting to stop lay-offs | Annual). n striking certain projects strikes in 1920. hich were almost totally un- already had large amounts of cap- American-owned firms. hed and which could not in- ital invested in Spain has increased ore than a small percentage its influence over Spanish economy

ders such as Ben Legere, they of the entire world output. being thoroughly discredited president of the company, Mira- Fight Over eir actions, that the commitalled a joint meeting of the names well known in French ters' Alliance and the AFGE, finance. it was explained that the Business Is ers were not "well enough or- Business ed to continue their action." but mass support, is a terrific portant financier of Franco. to future organization of the

in the bay area. shameless and despicable ac- is also a basic war metal. of these mis-leaders in calling pretended to plan "strike Marquis of Villamayor. sy" is another example of the am with which Stalinism plays virtual control of the chemical Spanish workers.

tramways.

ing Franco. They desire to abort

Jewish financiers like Rothschild and Cahl Cahen are united with protestants like Aufselhager and Weddes, and with Catholics like group is Juan March, a Spanish March and the French-to defend capitalist, naturally protecting his Franco, who proclaims himself a potash, his oil, tobacco factories defender of the Holy Roman Cathand lines of navigation. But March olic faith. But what is at stake is does not stand alone. In order to not Catholicism, but the private finance such a costly, unpopular ownership of the means of producwar even March's millions are not tion and distribution of the wealth Rebirth of of Spain against the socialistically Socialism Sir Aukland Geddes, president of inspired masses.

The "Nationalist" Franco, feels large scale financier of France. no embarrassment at mortgaging are the workers, both of Spain and The Rio Tinto copper mines along or selling the wealth of Spain to foreign capitalism.

Nationalism-religion-all these valuable. During the first republi- of his religious or national faith Times reports: can government of 1873-74, the rather than give up 1 per cent of minister of finance of that govern- his economic holdings.

ment sold at a ridiculous sum "for Common perpetuity" the mines to the Brit-

The mines have steadily in-The motive of Hitler and German creased in value until today they capitalism is similar to the motive and then refused relief. Work- are worth at least 20 million dol- of democratic France and of Englars. They have in recent years land: profit. In return for aid from have been denied relief and yielded the following dividends: in the Nazis, Franco has promised to ated from the projects on 1923-35 per cent; 1924 to 1927- cede the Spanish West African 50 per cent annually; 1928-40 per colony, Rio de Oro to Germany. cent, \$1929-20 per cent, and from Germany is also to get the Canary ned with the Workers' Al- 1930-34 per cent (Stock Market Islands while Italy will get the Balearic Islands

The company, which not only The role of the United States in A vote mea, has always bitterly exploited on in Spain is very interesting. This the committee, which the high rate of profit. Their treat U. S. capital are invested in Spain, repression: Stalinists, con- ment of the workers provoked one These investments include teleto mean "strike action" and of the most bloody of Spanish phone, sulphur, oil and other holdings. More than one half of the The House of Rothschild which cars supplied the Spaniards are of

Knowing what we do of the previous operations of Wall Street we by entering into the Rio Tinto com- are sure that we can make the France, England, Italy and the pany. The Rothschild interests also charge that numerous American instrike committee, continued directly or indirectly control the terests are involved in the financ- ested in keeping the workers of geles Merchant's and Manufacturmercury of Almaden, the best and ing of the preventative counter-

most abundant source of mercury revolution of Franco. in the world, and a very important In the American Spectator of is in effect working for exactly the efforts of the C.I.O. to penetrate war material. Rothschild is also a October, 1936, Gordon Rend ends The group of Penarroyo, whose certain oil companies are aiding refer to the Communist Party and The Douglas plant was the first offices are situated in Paris, and the fascists in return for promises the old guard Socialists, who see factory in the United States to be which is capitalized at 309 million of an oil monopoly through a Ger- in the struggle in Spain merely a evacuated of sit-down strikers by francs, is seeking to secure a trust man company controlled by Ameri-struggle between two forms of police measures; this was the first work after the example laid over the lead in Spain, after having can interests. In this article Rand capitalist rule; the fascist and the instance of the use of indicaments by Legere. This was termed secured control of this commodity also points out that the powerful in other parts. Spain produces telephone company, American conmore than one-half of the lead pro- trolled, is favoring the rebels. The duced in Europe and 7.8 per cent amor of their support is curbed only by caution because of the posthave such names as Herteaux, in the midst of Madrid.

beau, Ledeux and Homercourt, Spoils

Although international capitalism is opposed to a workers' Socialism the Spain, and have united around this Issue These, as good business men, place between the bandits at the finance, in 1873 granted English March 26 at which representatives problem of organizing the have no qualms of conscience in moment of the division of the imperialism the right to exploit the from both C.I.O. and A.F.L. unions photein of organizing the latest news dispatches at copper mines and miners of Spain were present, and has publicized flasco of this strike action, jowl with Aufselhager, one of the the time of this writing point out "for perpetuity" he thought the the case through the pages of Plane without consulting the rank most important owners of the war that France and Germany are at capitalist system of production Facts, the official organ of the lofile, improperly organized, industries of Germany, and an im- odds over the right of Germany to would be eternal. The working cal U.A.W.A. unions. take the Spanish West African masses of Spain, in blood, cold and

Lead, like mercury, besides being colonies. very important industrial metal, And Alfonso XIII, erstwhile King capitalism will put aside its differ- a new society free of parasites and Grand Jury for their actions in this action on projects which of Spain, is financing Franco also ences when it comes to attacking paupers, of war and crisis, of case. The committee is endeavornot affect their jobs person- through various individuals such the workers. Nazi Germany, fas- hunger and oppression-Socialism. ing to bring Homer Martin, Nation-

ain and her ally France will cooperate wholeheartedly in Imposing on Spain a regime committed to capitalism."

to the Insurgents winning with

German help." Their objection is

to "the prospect of a lasting es-

tablishment of Germans on Span-

"Thus the British seek merely

for German guarantees against

this possibility, and in turn Brit.

Left out of the calculations of internationally. The struggles of the Spanish workers have aroused content iron ore are very important shibboleths are merely bait to catch lutionary socialism among the fish with. To parphrase Marx, workers, Even in the land of con-Franco would give up 100 per cent centration camps, the New York

> "Nor have the millions of former 'Left' Socialists and Communists of the older generation quite forgotten. It has been found that the anti-Bolshevist propaganda campaign, with pictures and descriptions of the Spanish struggle, cuts both ways. It offers a prolonged glimpse, however distorted, into the doings of working men in an outside country . . . and it provides material for discussion that had been lacking."

ng to secure the 10 per cent controls the mines at Rio Tinto relation to the social revolution limited to the older generation. therefore any conspiracy to comwhich the Administration but also those at Nerva and Zala. and counter-revolution now going Even the younger generation is af-mit this act can only be a misde fected. The same article reports meanor and the defendants cannot was given to the com- their workers, as can be seen by More than 90 million dollars of the growth of strikes in spite of be tried under the general con-

"Despite the National Socialist efforts of the Hitler Youth, some of the younger workers are apparently growing up with something like the international socialist ideas of their fathers." Augur remarks that Germany, his article with an analysis of why italism in its democratic guise: we of Los Angeles. "democratic."

The Spanish workers and peas- commission of felonies. ants are the advance guard in this the bounds of capitalism in its fense of the "Douglas 400." "democratic" form,-to that degree will they be successful.

ad continuing to work while as the Count of Romanes and the cist Italy, democratic France, Eng- Opposed by the powerful capital- al President of the U.A.W.A. to land and Wall Street's United ists of the world, the workers in Los Angeles later in the month to These financiers, besides, are in States have united to strangle the Spain have only their own class address a mass meeting at which State Exec. Comm. his in the labor movement. products industry of Spain, its Light is thrown, therefore, upon the Spanish workers!

Face Trial spokesman for Britain's Foreign

"Frankly speaking the British Sit-Down Strike Issue Up government . . . would not object For Consideration of Court

> The trial of the Douglas aeroplane factory "sit-downers" is at present scheduled to begin April 26 in the Superior Court of Los Angeles county. Unless the mass pressure of the labor movement succeeds in securing the dismissal of the charges against the 355 arrested workers, this will be one of the largest mass trials in the history of

> It is possible, according to the attorneys for the defense, that a continuance will be granted in order to permit the Supreme Court of California to decide an appeal that is to be taken from the decision of the District Court of Appeals refusing to grant a writ of prohibition that was sought by the defendants.

The defense atorneys, John Packard, James Carter, and Marshall Ross, are seeking this appeal in order to test the jurisdiction of the Superior Court to try the defendants on the charge of violating section 182 of the penal code, the crime of conspiring to commit a crime, in this case the crime of forcible entry and detainer defined in section 418 of the penal

The accused workers contend in this appeal that the misdemeanor of forceable entry and detainer includes within its definition a con-Nor is this process of rebirth spiracy to commit this act and spiracy section, section 182 of the penal code, which is a felony.

If the strikers succeed with this writ, Attorney John Packard declared, this will substantially assist the defense and may result in the discharge of the defendants.

The defense of the Douglas strik Spanish capitalist class are inter- is part of the effort of the Los An Spain under capitalism. He leaves er's Assn. to terrorize the trade unout one more important group that ionists and to prevent the militant same end, the preservation of cap- into the notorious scab shop area

charging sit-down strikers with the

The conviction of these men will battle. To the degree that they be- make difficult the use of sit-down come clear on this question, and strikes. The importance of this trial and to take action into their In this last mentioned group we tion of the center of the company reject the false leadership of those warrants the complete and persistwho would strangle the struggle in ent support of all labor in the de-

The C.I.O. organizational committee set up a defense committee guided by Bill Busick and Steve Roberts. It held a highly successful and well attended mass meeting issue, serious disagreements take When Echegaray, the minister of at the Philarmonic auditorium

Labor and liberal organizations hunger are now fighting to put an throughout the Los Angeles area The cardinal point for all work- end to what capitalism thought was have passed resolutions condemning ers to remember, however, is that ever-lasting, and to replace it with the action of Buron Fitts and the to look to for aid. Solidarity with time the eyes of the entire nation will be focused on the trial of the Douglas 400."

The work of the defense commitforts of the local A.F. of L. leader- the State Executive Committee is ship to prevent the organization of holding a special meeting in Los the C.I.O. unions in Southern Cali- Angeles on April 17 and 18. fornia, making it difficult to se-

The C.P. has added to the diffi- meeting. carrying out its activity under the attend. cry that this organization was a

the Nihon Rodo Kumiai Tokyo. It declared itself opposed with the left and proposed which "follows the policy of the communists, socialists and library workers to communists, and is pledged to develop a troi of key industries, with the ulti-

Air Craft SPLIT DEEPENS, Union Men REACHES RANKS

Violence Occurs In Green's Craft Jurisdictional Squabbles

violence on jurisdictional picket fund. lines scattered throughout the nararily accomplished on other fronts on that basis every single readeras central bodies defied the split- every sympathizer and party memting commands of William Green.

The Georgia Federation of Labor challenged Green boldly by refusing to carry out his demands that they expel all C. I. O u.nions, force the resignation of A. Steve Nance, president of the Georgia Federation, and remove their offices from the proximity of C. I. O. offices. In Cleveland worker met worker

in pitched battle as members of the A. F. of L. attempted to cross C. I. O. picket lines in order to enforce jurisdictional claims of the reac- leader and a clarifier in the day tionary craft leaders. Fiats were to day struggles of the workers, comrades who believe in Labor Ac swung and heads were cracked as Every militant trade unionist should the struggle between industrial un- be reached by Labor Action reguionism and craft reaction reached larly. down into the rank and file.

plants, the shipyards, every place This is no time for retreat or rethat the C. I. O. organizing drive workers a position in the trade Minneapolis Unionists Decisions union movement, Green and his co- Whip Anti-Labor Co. horts sent "organizers" to disrupt and sabotage.

The most effective weapon utilized by the American worker in the sitdown, was assailed by Green of the last, and most notorious la as illegal, and to be shunned by bor hating companies the B. F. Nelthat act he directly joined the chor. facturer has been whipped into of the owning class. Where Green's order to "purge"

pathetic to the C. I. O. has been car. and thumbed its nose derisively at conference or committee. This workers. move, absolutely necessary if the

as an expedient, can very well the process of negotiations. serve as the basic structure of a national organization, should the

those sections of the country where for the workers, with seniority the local membership and leader- tablished throughout the plant. ship were willing to face the threat of suspension and defy the reigning is being depleted almost daily. To-A. F. of L. bureaucracy. In New day there is searcely a plant of any the inevitable process of centraliza-New Jersey the State Federation of significance in Minneapolis that is tion of power within the capitalist Labor and the C. I. O. both issued not organized or in the process of state. statements that close co-operation doing so. The labor movement is so and collaboration would continue in well organized that, given a bona-

character of his kind into bold re-strikes) is as good as the real thing. Spirella Company Western, Inc., to ized in crafts or in the still unutouched industries, are choosing to back the kind of unionism that can benefit the workers as a whole.

Convenes At L. A.

Following the plans and resolutions formulated at the National ee has been hampered by the ef- Convention of the Socialist party,

Conferences upon the C.I.O. drive The Stalin School of Falsification

The Action Army

comrades who gave or raised all sacrifice and self-denial. the necessary funds.

Lacor Action, if it is to go on must have more solid support. La-The split in the American trade bor Action must get the sort of inunion movement broadened during come that comes from day to day the past week,, with a barrage of work in getting subs, selling bundle words from the top, and physical orders, and building a sustaining

The board has decided to stabilize tion. The restoration of unity on a Labor Action as a forinightly. If correct basis was at least tempo- Labor Action is to appear regularly ber must knuckle down and do his

With the national convention over-with the face of the party turned definitely to the masseswith our message becoming an increasingly important factor in the organization of the mass industries, Labor Action plays an increasingly important role.

Build Labor Action by spreading Into the ofl fields, the steel it. Help support it in this critical

trenchment by the forces of revo-Once more after a delay of three lutionary Socialism. This is the weeks Labor Action greets you. And time for making giant strides foragain the credit is due to a few ward . . . even though that entail

Our enemies think that we are through. Schneiderman, state organizer of the Communist Party gloated in a recent issue of the Western Worker that Labor Action was through-that the Socialists were too weak to support it. Our enemies do not want us to continue. For them we have one answer. "You lie!" "Labor Action will continue. The forward march of Socialism in the west will go on."

Those who recognize this and have given their answer solidly are the Kerrys of Oakland who raised thirty dollars toward this issue, Comrade Schwind of Oakland, now in Mexico, remembered us and sent another \$25.00; Comrade Brownson of Upland, California, who is recovering from a recent severe illness sent \$25.00. Twelve dollars was The voice of the party, that is the raised at a cocktail party, given voice of revolutionary Socialism, for Labor Action by Comrades Booth and Wyle of San Francisco

> These are just samples of what tion will do and what others can do The State Committee at its

meeting this week will undoubtedly institute a drive to sustain Labor Action. Start that drive now -BUILD LABOR ACTION

With the signing of a union agreement with the Warehouse and gaining his elementary demands, Inside Mens Union, local 20316, one "loyal" A. F. of L. members. In son Company, paper product manuus raised by the most reactionary line by the organized labor movement of this city. For years this company had been in the forefront central labor bodies of unions sym. of the labor fighting forces here, ried out, the expelled unions have all previous attempts to unionize gathered together in some sort of its downtrodden and terrorized

But all this was changed with the tremendous task of organizing the appearance of the Warehousemens unorganized is to be pushed rigor. Union on the scene, actively aided jurisdiction over activities of comously, is now receiving the official by the militant elements of the lo- merce affecting the stream of intersanction of the C. I. O. Certificates cal movement. As usual, the Drivof affiliation are being issued to ers Union, local 544, rendered steallocal bodies throughout the nation, ing service by refusing to take de-Such bedies, though only formed liveries to or from the plant during

Terms of the agreement include such activities. age increases of 71/2 per hour for craft bureaucrats succeed in expel- unskilled labor, with a minimum ling the suspended international wage of 55c per hour. Wage inunions from the A. F. of L. That creases for skilled labor will be arthe groups already formed contain bitrated according to classification, the really progressive and militant after which they will receive the elements is apparent by their activ- union scale established for that classification. The Warehousemen's Unity was maintained only in Union is the sole bargaining agent

Thus the ranks of the labor haters of repressing their wage-slaves. further, the realization of the ne-sible to lose a strike. Minneapolis the act interfered with freedom of cessity of concrete action in defeat- is now, if not a union town,, at least the press. ing his splitting plans is more and 75 per cent so, which, to all pracmore throwing the reactionary tical purposes (such as winning

Box Makers

10-cent hourly increase.

Given On **Union Bill**

Five To Four Majority Okays Wagner

WASHINGTON, D. C .- By one of its habitual five to four decisions, the Supreme Court decided Monday that the Wagner Labor Relations Act is Constitutional, and that the Federal government has state trade.

The minority held that the effect was only incidental and that therefore the Federal government did not possess jurisdiction over

Briefly the Wagner act guarantees to workers the right of organization and forbids employers to interfere with or coerce employes in exercising that right. According to the act, employers must bargain with their workers.

The immediate effect of this deionization in plants where employers hold out for the brutal methods

Five cases involving the law were the organizing of the unorganized. fide strike backed by the employes of the Associated Press, the min-The sentiment against Green, and themselves, it is practically impos-

> An injunction was sought by the oust 30 women and 5 men sit-downers who have halted all manufac-

Nearly 1,000 box shook and ve- ture of corsets and foundation garneer workers walked out of seven ments pending settlement of their plants about Seattle, demanding a demands for a closed shop and pay increases.

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In this volume Trotsky establishes the actual relations between himself and Lenin, his real role in the Russian Revolution, the truth

about his "underestimation of the peasantry," the two conflicting views about his work held at different times by Stalin and his associates, etc., etc. A number of sensational documents are made public for the first time: Among them are the secret minutes of the Bolshevik Central

Committee in 1917 which reveals the differences of opinion that actually existed among the Communist leaders on the subject of the October insurrection and shows the complete harmony on the decisive questions between Lenin and Trotsky. Stalin's thoroughly Menshevik views prior to Lenin's arrival in Russia are confirmed by hitherto unpublished minutes of the Bolshevik convention in In a new foreword Trotsky relates the recent trials to the material dealt with in this volume. It provides the reader with an in-

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FTU reports that according This Fascist body was first formed establishing weekly rest and pro-tendencies with a total memberlatest data there are 5,924, in April, 1936. It has 14 affiliated viding "other measures" for the ship of about 50,000. One of these this case which effects all labor. held in conjunction with the SEC adustrial workers in Japan, organizations with a membership protection of employes in commer- organizations takes the Communom only 407,928, i.e. less than of about 80,000. Its largest affilicial undertakings. and only 407,928, i.e. less than of about 80,000. Its largest of the Sociation, are organized in the ate Nihon Rodo Kumiai Sorengo In the sphere of economic life, its tive underground (for the People's C.I.O. organizing committee from list party who are interested may 950 Trade Unions of vari- has 29,958 members. The first demands are: the creation of a Front). largest national organization was held last September, in of industry and labor," with an organization with 2,300 members. cry that this organization was a dual organization to the A.F. of L. the Nihon Rodo Kumiai Tokyo. It deciared itself opposed Advisory Board on which labor Also, there is the "Left" and pro-

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M,926 members. apan Harbor Workers' Union, members.

on, 13,086 members. Union, 12,500 members. Federation, 3,500 mem-

next largest organized body recently formed National Rodo Kumiai Kaigi (the social- appointed; and finally, the crea- taking the year 1930 as the basis of Patriotic Trade Unions.

Congress of this Fascist Associa- Ministry of Labor for the "control There is an Anarcho-Syndicalist

Wethirds of all the organized "patriotic front" both in the trade mate goal of their nationalization Hyogikai, with about 15,000 memes (263,914). It has nine afunion movement and in the political or State management; State conbers; three other organizations that will permit the continuance of Kramer, threatened to remove their field. It intends to promote Jap- trol of smaller industries through "more or less neutral" and a na- the excellent initial efforts of the machinery to another city in an efanese industry through the estab- manufacturers' guilds; enactment tional union of naval dockyard defense committee, lishment of a Japanese Industrial of a trade union law and a collec- workers of 39,000 members. Japan Trade Union Federa- Labor Congress in harmonious co- tive agreement law to control the The bulk of the organized Japaoperation of employers and em- labor movement; the extension of nese workers it will be noted are The Fascist tendency in the la- tion Act to bring in under com- It does not take much imagination

a second form, through Govern- ing in general industries; creation of the Stalinists will work with apan Iron & Steel Foundry mental prohibitions. Last Septem of industrial labor courts, with any attempts to really mobilize the ber, the Army arsenal authorities juries composed of workers, em- backward Japanese masses. apan Porcelain & Pottery compelled the arsenal workers to ployers' and consumers' representaswear not to remain or become tives; creation of industrial comembers of a trade union. As a operative committees locally and Jugoslavia eneral Federation of State result the General Federation of by trade, with equal representa-Workers' Union, 10. State Undertaking Workers' Unions tion of workers and employers, to economic situation in 1936, the lost its main strength. The last Congress of the Nihon nor or a Government official duly cording to the official statistics,

democratic federation) was held in tion of a national center of these of comparison, the wages dropped October, 1936, in Yokohama. Its committees, with the competent in-"principles" are as follows: It re- State Minister as its chairman. jects the idea both of the "People's The Congress also went on rec-Front" and of the "Fascist Front." ord protesting against the violation It fights "against capitalism, com- of the freedom of association. It munism and fascism." Its "social demands" are: the en- take measures to establish this free-

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NTERNATIONAL NEWS AND VIEWS

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Let Them Tremble!

The refusal of the Communist Party to send representatives to cross-examine Leon Trotsky at the preliminary hearing of the commission of inquiry provides one more example of the craven attitude this organization is compelled to assume before any body that might bare the true facts of the Moscow trials and executions.

In its cringing attitude before this small impartial commission, the Communist Party displays to the world how crushing will be the verdict of history upon the role it has assumed as executioner of the revolutionaries who established the first workers' state.

Trotsky has challenged the Stalinists to extradite him upon whatever charges they may bring against him. The Stalinists have not attempted to extradite him. They have no charges that will bear examination in any light but that lurid glow cast by the witch-burning pyre.

The commission in the full dignity of its task to see that no man shall be condemned without a fair hearing has asked the Stalinists to send representatives to cross-examine Trotsky that their direct accusations might be incorporated in the stenographic report of the hearing. The Stalinists have refused. In place of sending a representative they let loose their entire barrage of invective in the hackneyed garbage can't which distinguishes the style of the Daily Worker.

The Stalinists are too cowardly to stand face to face with their lies before the revolutionary who ence headed the red army and fiercely defended the first workers' government against the combined onslaught of the imperialist armies.

When Stalin must present facts instead the roof of his mouth.

crucified reason. Let them tremble for tive policy. their crimes against the working class.

Claws Only Sheathed

The tributes which certain labor leaders have been paying Myron C. Taylor, chairman of the board of U.S. Steel, whom they met secretly over a period of months prior to the recent recognition of C.I.O. should not be allowed to deceive anyone. A steel baron can afford to be suave and courteous over a morning demi-tasse. He pays out good cash for a professional thug to wear the brass knuckles he smashes upon the jaws of his wage slaves.

This dangerous impressison that the tigers who own the steel industry have suddenly lost their stripes and become fairy godmothers to the working class because they agreed to recognize the C.I.O. should be thoroughly dispelled by disclosures of the LaFollette investigating committee.

Recently uncovered are the details of a policy against labor which for sheer ruthlessness cannot be equalled anywhere excepting in those countries where the capitalist system has been forced to openly unveil itself. The guilty companies are the subsidiaries of U.S. Steel which constructed the Pulaski skyway leading into New York City.

An association was formed between these subsidiaries with the sole purpose of maintaining open shop conditions. The first task of this association was the enlistment of the police force as a strike-breaking instrument. This was accomplished through political venality, contributions to police organizations, purchase of beer and soda for the policemen each day.

These bribed police were used to quell labor disturbances with brutal force. Auxiliaries were obtained from the Robert J. Foster Agency to insure violence in case that the police proved "not tough enough" or "hesitated to make arrests." Curtis S. Garner, superintendent of erection for the the militant halo has a personal interest in American Bridge Company, admitted that | maintaining the system?

contributions to the police department were made regularly "just like you tip a Pullman

The baleful awareness of these tigers to class forces was shown by their paying a notorious strike-breaking guard \$50 a week and a total of \$5,600 during his trial for shooting a worker in the back and disabling him for life. During this same period the American Bridge Company spent \$289,-452 for "labor trouble," yet payment of the union scale would have cost only \$51,-

The history of the steel industry's dealings with workers, outlines in blood the ruthless nature of capitalist anarchy.

That the tiger, grown sleek and fat, has sheathed his claws does not mean that he has been chained and put on display behind iron bars.

The boss is always the enemy of the worker, even when he seems most friendly.

Strip Disrupters

The split in the American Federation of Labor created by Wm. Green and his coterie of disrupters has now been driven into the ranks of the unions and is finding its expression in clashes on jurisdictional picket lines.

That Green was "madman or fool" enough to think that he could prevent unionization of the basic industries was evident from the moment he initiated his splitting action in the Federation. The thunderous reply of the hundreds of thousands in these industries has brought this dream castle crashing upon Green's head.

The organization of the rubber industry. of the steel industry, of the automobile industry, and the looming of larger successes in the future has cracked the fossilized clay of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy from top to bottom. Green's attempt to counteract the blows upon his prestige by hurling worker against worker must be answered by energetic action from the millions now crowding for the first time into the trade Col. Sanborn,

Every agent of Wm. Green, including those who masquerade in the clothing of 'unity"-unity on Green's terms-must be exposed relentlessly. Wherever they crop up they must be stripped and shown in all their hideousness.

Wherever a petty faker takes up the cause of the mercenary bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. to instigate a raid upon another union for jurisdictional reasons, no matter if he is tatooed from head to foot with liberal phrases, he must be brought as sharply to account as if he were paid directly by the bosses.

On every militant trade unionist rests the tism up on charges of violating the responsibility of taking the initiative in organizing those millions whom Green would of machine gun slugs his tongue cleaves to suffer to rot in the slavery of the open shop. On Green rests full responsibility for what-The Stalinists have murdered fact and ever may happen as a result of his disrup- the pitched battles provoked by the

> Those who attempt to block the move- They protested, even though on the ment for industrial unionism deserve no declared the Wagner act constitumore than the crushing blow which upsurging Labor will deal them.

Waterfront Graft

While grand juries are investigating and the capitalist newspapers are screaming that seeks to speak for fascism in about the graft rampant in uptown San America. Colonel Sanborn failed Francisco, they might well turn their attention to the graft which has made of San army officer, who delights in ex-Francisco's waterfront a racketeer's para- plaining to gasping society ladies Leo T. McMahon, Harry Noland, dise. This is the organized system of cash- and paunchy business men how the Edson Thomas, J. T. Harrington, ing brass through convenient saloons at a "communists" incite decent Ameri- Sidney L. Church and William ten per cent discount.

Ostensibly the system is a convenience to choose to avail himself of the forthe waterfront worker. He gives his union um furnished by the Government. book number and the amount due him from the company for which he has been working. The saloon cashier enters this information in his books, takes the brass identification check, and pays the worker ninety per cent of the wages which the worker otherwise could not collect until perhaps a week later when the company makes up its pay roll. The saloon then cashes the brass with the company for its full amount.

Aside from the ten per cent reduction in the worker's pay check, he faces grave was ended in an agreement for a danger of losing his entire wage. Strong 15-day truce, during which negotiaarm men, dice experts, all the harpies who tions for contracts will be coninfest the waterfront drop upon him. Only ducted. too frequently wives of waterfront workers report that the family has been robbed in such a manner of its meager livelihood.

This vicious system has been wiped out erhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, of most of the ports upon the coast, but in and Helpers of America as the bar the police, and buying of \$1 lunches for San Francisco it is assuming proportions gaining agent for the strikers. which make the uptown rackets look like Guild Victory peanut wagon enterprises.

In Seattle, Portland, and San Pedro the unions themselves took action against this system. Why have they failed to act in San Francisco?

Could it be that the great tin god with

PEARLS FROM THE PRESS

kind of frames the Old Bolsheviks

this week when the metal shop in day night, but he led me away from victory for Hitler.

The Spoils of Victory - - - By Carlo Scab City Bows



-Red Baiter, **Becomes Shy**

'Decent" American Fails To Show Up Despite Subpoena

By VAUGHAN O'BRIEN SALINAS.-Six months after a reign of terror against lettuce strikers that rocked the nation, the National Labor Relations Board brought the instigators of vigilan-Wagner act.

The hearing opened last Monday, with the respondents protesting

The first witness subpoenaed by the Government was the self-styled leader of 'law and order" during the strike and notorious publisher to answer the call, and deputies ca workers into striking against Theile, all that is sacred, as yet does not

The 24-day strike of truck drivers

and helpers, which brought a short

erate trucks signed the agreement

under which the employers recog-

A one-year contract has been

signed by the New York World-

Telegram and the Newspaper Guild

of New York formalizing the 40-

hour, five day week which has been

in effect on the paper for nearly

The contract covers hours and

wages, working conditions, dismissal indemnity, sick leave, vacations

with pay and overtime

nize Local 107, International Broth

Truck Drivers

Savage Fury Of Farmers

HERSHEY, Pa.—Several thousand angry farmers, uniting with scabs and thugs, drove 1,000 sitdown strikers from the "model" factory of the Hershey Chocoate Corporation in a pitched battle that sent 25 victims to the hospital.

The unionists had called a sitdown strike to protest the intolerable conditions of the vicious Hershey Corporation.

The farmers finding their daily market for 800,000 pounds of milk suddenly cut off, armed

attack caught the sitdowners by into confusion by the savage fury of the farmers who struck indiscriminately at women and children as they fought to overcome the Hershey workers.

the Labor Relations Board, and

ed with a long list of violations, hid could not find him. The retired behind a battery of legal talent, be

Enough evidence is nevertheless expected to be uncovered about the activities of the organized farmers Presiding was Trial Examiner against the agricultural workers to Charles N. Feidelson of Atlanta, Ga. attract some unwanted attention to will appoint a committee to the lik-Attorneys Bertram Edises and A. the methods of "personnel manage- ing of the Communist Party they

NOTES UPON STRIKES

Most of the students followed him

Before a national radio audience

while Mormon missionary to Japan

went back to Confucius (600 B.C.)

religion, to find confirmation of the

theory that sit-downs are bearers

Plane Begins

Unions' Drive

DETROIT. Mich .- An airplane

equipped with powerful loud-

speakers will be sent by the

United Automobile Workers

over the world's largest indus-

trial unit, as the opening of its

campaign to organize the world's

largest industrial unit-the Riv-

er Rouge plant employing more

than 90,000 workers-the plant

owned personally by Henry Ford.

Court's decision okaying the

Wagner act would give the Ford

workers the opportunity they

long have sought-the right to

ioin a union free from intimida-

tion and coercion, Homer Mar-

tin, president of the union stated

that it would be unnecessary to

declare a strike at the plant in

order to gain union recognition.

en, now the U. A. W. A. will act,"

"The Supreme Court has spok-

Emphasizing that the Supreme

Confucius and Sit-downs

be with you whether I am a police-jof a venerable tradition.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas, erst- AFL Breaks Picket Line

and Lao-tze, founder of the Taoist through picket lines thrown by the

Reject Discussing Action With Socialist Party

cialist party to plan a May Day demonstration.

sent by the Socialist party ends:

unioniam, with the victorious demonstration would be a substantial step forward in the direction of achieving our goal of world socialism.

Party to form a united front came in a letter dated April 6. In this letter they refuse to so much as meet with the Socialist party un-

"Committee for negotiating united May Day action shall be comprised of genuine Socialists who repudiate Trotskyites and their disruptive activity. If such a committee of honest, sincere socialists is appointed we will have a committee from our party meet with it to discuss united action for May Day.'

In other words if the Socialists N. Somers conducted the case for ment" in the valleys of California. will deign to meet for discussion.

Craft unions under the jurisdic-

tion of the A. F. of L. smashed

C.I.O. about the Todd Seattle Dry-

Two shifts of the A.F.L. craft un-

Government troops milled into a

federation) against the C.R.O.M

dock Company in Seattle.

lines about the plant.

Tunnel Workers

one dollar a day.

Grave Diggers

etery and held up six burials.

\$15 a month.

Eight Killed

seus and Ghandi.

Los Angeles

The Socialist party of Los Angeles on April 1 sent a request to

C.P. Refuses **United Front**

The refusal of the Communist

MILITARIZE TEXTBOOK

the Communist Party asking for book in mathematics for elemen- bomb is a hit? the appointment of a committee to tary schools shows how the Germeet with a committee of the So- man child is being militarized. Germany and her allies face Here are a few examples: One of our bombing planes flies

The request for united action

"With the upsurge of American tances between Berlin and Prague? drive of the Spanish workers and Between Munich and Strasbourg? | 000,000 spent 10,500,000,000 peasants, with the oncoming im- Between Cologne and Metz? is dropping bombs on an enemy

By ANNE ROSS AMERICAN CITY

In reviewing Charles Rumford Walker's recent book, "American City-a Rank and File History", a Scripps-Howard writer comments. This is a book which will please It is hard to see just where he finds any basis for that opinion. True, it will not please Stalinists and other so-called radicals. Nevertheless, there is nothing in the book that will not please genuine revolutionaries, and there is much that is interesting, educational, and encouraging in this tale of American The story of the sit-down, Thomas class struggle under the leadership told his audience, is contained in of left-wing trade unionists. the history of the English kings, Walker has made his book an ab-Chinese butchers, Homer's Odys- sorbing and accurate account of an unforgettable chapter in labor

ionists, numbering approximately The forces of which he speaks 300 members, broke through the are the forces of the class war, and bloody fight instigated by the C. T. M. (Stalinist controlled trade union trade-union federation at San Martin. Texmelucan, Mexico. Eight were killed and more than 20 in-2.400 tunnel workers affiliated learned of the character of an inwith the C.I.O. Mine, Mill and dividual, a class, or a community in Smelter Workers, successfully ne- a few hours of crises than in a neapolis, a genuinely gotiated an agreement at Los An- lifetime of routine living," the au- trade union, oppos geles with the Metropolitan Water thor devotes himself to brief but of reaction, beat the District which includes pay in comprehensive reviews of the econ- their knees and wr creases running from 50 cents to omic past of the city, the factors the concessions thy Three hundred clerks and en- and the personal lives of certain struggle and crucial gineers were included in the agree- key persons engaged in it. Then port the Union Loca mnt, granting them a raise in pay of he moves the picture into a larger from the Rand and scale that the reader may plainly Farmer Labor party

LOS ANGELES .- Nowhere is the 188, reports that substant deep-seated desire of workers ev- gress in the drive to organ erywhere for organization more 12,000 workers in S clearly demonstrated than today in fornia job shops Los Angeles County. For years a

To Union Driv

celebrated scab center, Los Angeles is being pushed aggressi Bob Trochet, educa New locals are springing up everywhere. The United Auto Workers, starting a few months ago with Local 188, now has established locals in every aircraft and auto plant in the vicinity of Los Argeles. They are well entrenched in sev-

Argeements have been signed with Willys, Northrup, North Am- trial democracy concre erican, Kelley-Wells and Rocky strated-has been Several other agree- several plants. A par ments are pending, with the quick- line of the purposes and ening tempo giving every assur- tion of the shop stews has been mimeographed

PROFITS NOT TOUCHE Strikes Fail To Nick Dividends

NEW YORK .- Strikes and wage ship Co. spent \$173,841 to fir increases don't eat up corporation 98-day maritime strike and profits in these recovery days. came through with \$321,788 Companies are showing such large in 1936 against a loss the earnings that they can withstand year. 100-day strikes and still pay a The Toledo Shipbuildin pretty penny to stockholders.

ance of successful completion.

By Staff Correspondent

now hums with organization.

eral large job shops.

Remington-Rand fought a strike made \$70,000 profit last ve of its employes through most of a letter to stockholders, the 1936. It spent hundreds of thous- pany's board of directors di ands of dollars for Bergoff thugs any responsibility for w and spies, for advertisements, false hour conditions. rumor-mongers, fake movie riots strike is termed a "difficu and all the other claptrap of strike- organization over which the breaking. Despite this tremendous agement had no control. expense, despite the starvation and despair the company brought upon tola: "We're all in the sam its workers,, Remington-Rand made and wages are cut. Today a neat little profit for the last nine are told: "You are him months of 1936 of \$1,769,932-only covery by striking." \$100,000 less than the profit for the same months of 1935.

The American-Hawaiian Steam- without hurting profits.

Ray Hyatt, chairman of the or- ing distributed by the

withstood a 3-month strik

Yet evidence piles up ti

ployers can afford highe

AMSTERDAM .- A new Nazi text-, many fires will be set if every

The World War lasted 1563 280 km. per hour in day time and How many German soldiers

240 km. per hour at night. How their life for the Fatherland long would it take to cover the dis- day? Every hour? every France with a population for armed preparedness

city. Each plane carries 500 bombs ing the same period. How weighing 11/2 kilo. each. What is was spent for preparedne the total weight of the bombs? How person in France? In Ger

A NOVEL FOR UNIONIST Truck Strikes, Core of Book

Teach War With Arithmetic

A RANK AND FILE HISTORY By Charles Rumford Walker Farrar and Rinehart N. Y. \$2.50 net.

He selected Minneapolis, he says, not because she is in every way a typical American city, but because he believes that "her history exemplifies more sharply than most the impact of forces that are typical and universal."

book on the period of the Minneapolis truck drivers' strikes when the conflict broke through even the indifferent ignorance of the middle class and showed the futility of reformist parties and policies. Taking the two premises that "after all, the whole bundle of individual lives adds up to the life of the city" and that "frequently more can be which led up to this labor conflict, without batttle. see the events, emotions, signifi- by the political opportunity Throwing down their spades, 40 cances, and finally the results of Farmer-Labor lead grave diggers at North Arlington, the truck strikes in the summer of N. J., declared a sympathy strike 1934.

with ten general laborers seeking | Most important of the lessons to conclusion as well as a wage increase at Holy Cross Cem- be taken from this account are the and a fascinating and importance of a genuine rank and tive in addition.

file union structure and st ganization and the true role political parties active in the

the vacilliation and

conducting a general ca disparagement of un

Cracow, Poland, news item: "The which he was employed closed."- the maps and talked of the film of Greenwood Park school at West-Soviet government has sent 6,000 That shows where ability can get 'Bengal Lancer.' To have ques- port, Mass., walked out of their human skeletons to the United a worker-under capitalism. And tioned him about operations which classes when Dep. Police Chief Wil-States during the past year, receiv- incidentally the way the French are still in progress would have liam Montigny, who was also their ing from \$100 to \$140 each."-It spell capitalism is P-o-p-u-l-a-r been inopportune."-Highly . . . should be interesting to see what F-r-o-n-t.

Berlin news item: "A Nazi sci-Major P. W. Yeats-Brown reports entist has figured that if dish wa- what he could do, Montigny enteran interview with General Franco: ter were retrieved and refined, the ed the yard. Lille, France, news item: "Jean "I would have liked to ask the Gen- total saving in soap would be quite said. Destour, who was honored last year eralissimo about the battle of Ma- incalculable."-Not to speak of the are doing for me, but it is not the as 'the best workman in France' in drid, reports of which were coming increased supply of soup. . . all of right thing to do. You must obey the yearly competition, lost his job through when I saw him last Tues- which indicates at least one clean the law. I organized your Boy

More than 150 students of the scout leader, was ousted without

charges being preferred. Asked by the principal to see

themselves with nitch forks in order to re-open the sale for their product. Apparently well-planned, the