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NIRA Code **Greeted By Strike Wave**

Textile Workers Thruout East Revolt Against Low Wages

20,000 OUT IN PENNA.

Say Bosses Will Make Minimum Wage Maximum Pay

By J. T. GODBER

Workers of America, determined that the minimum wage level set up under the Industrial Recovery Act shall not also become the maximum are continuing to revolt.

In Reading, Pa., 16,000 workers, out of a population of 110,000 ranging all the way from pretzel benders to full-fashioned hosiery workers, are still on strike and report that their ranks are being swelled daily

Hosiery workers who are now on strike in Reading number approximately 10,000. Mass picketing of the Berkshire Knitting Mills at Wyomissing, and at other plants in the locality that are not yet completely shut down by the rising strike movement is being continued

The Stunzi Silk Company is completely shut down, workers from both the day and night shifts having responded 100 per cent to the strike call.

The company had prepared a wage increase notice but the work-At another plant, where a strike

offered by the firm was not only too late, but also too small.

out on strike for higher wages. They expect to close the mill in a day or two.

Three hundred workers in the Webster, Strouse and Rose Bros. clothing factory at Quakertown are also out for higher wages.

In Lansdale, Pa., 1,500 nosiery workers, who have been on strike for about two weeks were joined by the employes of the S. H. Kendig clothing factory and the workers from the plant operated by Per. the boss bakers of the nation, has fect Foods, Inc.

In Philadelphia, about 500 hos-iery workers have been arrested in dustrial Recovery Act. The prothe past week for picketing the cessing tax on wheat is to be for June, 1932. plant of the Walburton Hosiery passed on to the consumers, which means that the purchasing power Company

Soviet Buys U. S. Cotton

This was the scene as Maxim Litvinoff, foreign commissar of the Soviet Union, passed out t the press in London the word that the Soviet Union was buying four million dollars' worth of American cotton-the first business transaction between the two governments since the Bolshevik revolution, and a first step toward recognition. Other business is to follow, and recognition is expected this summer.

WASHINGTON (FP)-Chairman sion in London between Raymond This is the first venture of the MANY PAWN CLOTHING ers got tired of waiting for it to Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Moley, confidant of the president, Roosevelt administration in financappear and decided to join the ranks of the strikers. At another plant, where a strike is also in progress, the workers tcrest of about \$4,000,000 to Ameri. secured by notes of the Amtorg, a declaration by the president that claim that their wages had been can exporters of cotton who will and is unconditionally guaranteed export trade to Russia will be were found to be totally were cut 40 per cent in the last year sell 60,000 to \$0,000 bales to the by the State Bank of the Soviet financed in much bigger sums in and that the 10 per cent increase Soviet Union through the Amtorg Union, and since the Amtorg will the near future. Such an expan-Tered by the firm was not only Trading Corp. Jones took pains to have by the firm was not only state that Pres. Roosevelt and Sec. price of the cotton in cash, the loan considered hazardous unless early was made under the direction of the Treasury Woodin approved is actually made to the Soviet gov- recognition of the Soviet govern. Lillian Zahn of the research staff Bedford silk mills at Lebanon went this loan, which followed a discus- ernment.

Food Union Prices Balloon Will Fight

Boss Bakers Grows Out Tiny Wage Increases By LARRY COHEN

NEW YORK-(FP)-Food prices "Bakers' Weekly," speaking for have jumped 30 per cent in four announced that the price of bread were 19 per cent above the figures

Steep Rise of Food

This is part of the price increase

ment were planned.

NEW YORK-H. H. Broach, more commonly known as "Little Caesar," International President months, Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., of the International Brotherhood announced the first of July. Prices of Electrical Workers has just been removed from that office by the International Executive Council

Hunger Call

Boy, 15, Wanders from **Home of Poverty** to Tragic End

FRIONA, TEX. - (FP) - The pirit of adventure still calls to youth to go wandering. But hand n hand with its dream stalks starvation.

Driven by hunger, Edward Hold inski, 15, felt the urge to leave a home where there was nothing but poverty and learn what the outside world held for him. So he traveled 1,000 miles from Moundville, W. Va., where he lived. As he met with hunger and exposure of every kind, the glory departed from his illusions. He staggered into a little Friona cafe, too weak to talk.

He died in jail-a nice, new jail so they say-crying for his mother His parents had no money to pay

for having his body sent back home. They had to request that he be buried in Friona. At the end of Edward's rainbow

lay a pauper's grave.

Jobs Rare Among N.Y. Tenements

50 Per Cent of Breadwinners in City's Apartments Found Workless

NEW YORK .- Half the bread winners in nine typical blocks selected at random from wage earn ers' districts in New York City ployed, a survey covering 419 families in 400 apartments in 63 tenements revealed. The study of the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences.

Borrowing from relatives, friends or on insurance policies, taking lodgers or pawning articles was resorted to as a means of "getting along." No less than 80 households reported borrowing amounts International up to \$1,200. Some 56 householders admitted having to cash or surrender insurance policies, while 42 were forced to pawn valuables, Lawrence Hogan, labor organizer

such as jewelry and clothing. In eight of the nine blocks visited man by the 80-odd delegates seat either gas or electricity, or both, had been shut off for non-payment of bills at the time of the investi-This is part of the price increase for destructive union wrecking po-which has affected practically licies which he has forced upon evicted within the last three years, at Durham, N.C. The purpose of

Ohio State Jobless Vote Relief Strike For August First

Delegates of Nearly Million Organized Unemployed Set Up National League, Call for Unity at Combined Convention

Unemployed Leagues

In Franklin County

By Arnold Johnson

COLUMBUS, O. -- Franklin

County leagues are all pepped

up over the results of the con-

vention. Solidarity, based upon

an understanding of the com-

mon problems of the unemploy-

ed throughout the nation, is 100

per cent strong here now. Dele-

gates who attended the conven-

tion have gone back to their

ocals with renewed courage and

enthusiasm to carry on the fight

against the forces that oppress

the workers and poor farmers

of this country. "We know what

the fight is about now," they

say, "we know who are our ene

mies and who our friends-and

God help anyone who attempts

Jobless Unite

Set UP Action

Machinery

HAZEL DAWSON

ed at the convention.

to break up our League."

Farmers and

COLUMBUS, OHIO.-Militancy and unity were the key-notes of the Ohio State and National conventions of jobless workers which met here from July 1-5. More than 1,500 delegates and visitors, coming from states as widely separated as California and Connecticut, representing nearly a million organized un-

employed, sat through the five days of the convention and by an ex-Convention 'Peps Up' change of experiences and problems hammered out a program for united action on the part of all the unemployed.

August 1 Strike

On the second day of the Ohio State convention a resolution, calling for a state wide strike for 50 cents an hour on all relief work, was passed amidst tremendous cheering and applause. A spokesman from the Unemployed Councils of the State, sitting in as a fra. ternal delegate, pledged his organization to active and full support of the August 1 strike.

Another resolution, calling for united action with other unemployed groups in the state, was referred back to the local leagues for discussion and action, although the sentiment of the League delegates was overwhelmingly in favor of

The first day of the National convention, July 3, was given over to reports from the various state delegations present. These reports, covering conditions in a third of the United States, were repetitions of the unbelievable misery and degredation the unemployed workers In Carolina of the country are made to suffer at the hands of callous and brutal public officials. The only hope for More Than 80 Delegates the workers of the country, employed and unemployed, declared every delegate, is to organize and fight

"We must put spine into the spineless," declared Leach of the HIGH POINT, N. C .- The Pro-Chicago Unemployed Workers' gressive Farmers' League and the Unemployed League of North Car-Leagues after telling about the garbage eaters of that City of Progolina, both organized on a state wide basis at a two-day joint con- ress. The bosses and politicians of North Carolina have at last vention here, went on record as favoring the formation of a farmer. taught the workers, black and labor party as the next big step in white, that we must fight together, reported Presswood from High the direction of economic security. Foint

"You workers are responsible for of High Point, was elected chair. your misery," said Jane Rose from California, "you have the power by Hogan was also elected president your numbers to take the country of the Unemployed League of North and run it for yourselves but be gation. No less than 34 of the Carolina, and an executive commit- cause you have not organized, because you mistrust one another, you let the bankers and politicians Because of the economic crisis, the League shall be "to draw un. rob you, insult you and starve you."



"Little Caesar" **Kicked Out by**



OhioJobless Vote Strike For Aug.1st

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have seen workers coming into deep in garbage, picking bones- betrayal. these are the conditions that organized the Ohio Leagues.' For a Workers' Republic

adopted with tremendous acclamaon July 4. "We determine and de- to the workers? clare," says the declaration, "that through organization and through determined action in unity with all flation program. workers and farmers to fight to de-America.'

The leagues voted to set up a na. president, four vice-presidents, a provided for the unemployed millions. secretary, a treasurer and 15 comthe national organization.

employed League, as stated in its constitution, shall be to bring toples and program of the league, in. to one unified group on a nation wide basis. The League, through its executive committee shall also work out a program for action with the National organization of Unemployed Councils and the Federation of Unemployed Workers Leagues of America and any other addition, the national executive Street committee is instructed to work with all possible speed toward a unification convention which will bring all the existing unemployed organizations into one powerful united organization.

constitution of the National Unemployed League are: Anthony Ramuglia of Los Angeles, president; Arnold Johnson, Columbus, Ohio, secretary; William R. Truax, Ohio. first vice-president; Elmer F. Cope, Pennsylvania, second vice-prest dent; Beulah Carter, Durham, N. C., third vice-president; A. D. Al-W. Va., fourth vice-president; Karl Lore, Mo., treasurer; and national committeemen James White, Ohio; Dick Harrington, Wash.; James Menzie, Ill.; Louis F. Bu denz, N. J.; Richard Wesley, W. Presswood, N. C.; V. C. Bauhoff, Ohio; Louis Breier, Pa.; Sam Sponseller, Ohio; Warren Montross, N. J.; Grace Mettee, Ohio; A CALL TO ACTION

Manifesto for United Struggle for Higher Wages, for Unemployment relief and Insurance, and for Workers' Rights

To all Trade Unions and Organizations of Unemployed; To all Workers, Employed and Unemployed, in the United States:

The undersigned representatives of, or leading members in, a broad variety of workers' economic organizations jointly issue this call to meetings dressed in burlap from action. We are moved by the conviction that these extraordinary times freight baggage. I have seen doz- create an emergency for the working class which demands the most ens of workers' children without heroic efforts to break down all the barriers to a united struggle of shoes or stockings-babies, ankle- the broadest masses in order to protect themselves from hunger and

The Roosevelt Administration, backed by a mighty chorus of bankers and industrialists and their political henchmen, is making the most gigantic and persistent effort to hypnotize the American workers and A "Declaration of Workers' and farmers into the belief that, without any effort on their part, "pros-Farmers' Rights and Purposes" perity" is to be returned, a real New Deal is to be given, through the pointing out the tyranny and injus. National Industrial Recovery Act and similar measures. This is an tices of the capitalist system of attempt to lull the masses into a sense of security, flabby optimism exploitation, and calling for the es- and passivity. We call upon the workers and farmers to arouse themtablishment of a workers' and selves, to refuse to be duped by rosy dreams, to organize and fight farmers' republic in America was against the Roosevelt-Wall Street program!

Congress has adjourned after enacting the Roosevelt program. tion by the assembled convention We now have the New Deal before us in reality. What does it mean

A nation-wide drive to cut down relief is on. The relief-wages of the profit system with its meaning- the unemployed on public works are viciously reduced. Evictions and less depressions, its needless mis- foreclosures multiply. Government employees have had their wages eries, its suicidal wars and its gross slashed. Veterans' allowances have been cut. The small percentage injustices must come to an end, of workers who have been called back to jobs receive miserable wages and we furthermore declare that it and are subject to a merciless speed-up. They slave much harder in is the solemn duty of every worker order to get but a pittance more in cash than if they were on relief. and farmer to bend every effort That little is immediately snatched from them by creditors who descend upon them like wolves and by the rise in prices under the in-

Not only does the Roosevelt-Wall Street program mean no imstroy this system and to set up a mediate relief from distress, but it is the agency to put over a permaworkers' and farmers' republic in nent lowering of the strandard of wages and of living. Under the much-vaunted minimum wage legislation, the nominal wages of a few workers in the most sweated industries, may for the time being be tional organization of the Unem- raised. For the mass of the workers, with forced labor camps miliployed Leagues to be known as the tarizing them at a dollar a day, the employers are helped to smash the National Unemployed League. The remnants of the old wage standards. Under the guise of shortening executive committee of this organi- hours a universal Stagger Plan is set up; and any slight raise in wages zation, as elected, consists of a is eaten up by a rise in prices. No unemployment insurance has been

This is what the Roosevelt program has done for the workers and mitteemen from the various states farmers. Contrast this with what it has done for the bankers, mortwith organizations affiliated with gage sharks, and industrialists who were rapidly being driven to the wall by the revolt of the masses against these oppressors and profiteers The purpose of the National Un. before Roosevelt came to their rescue.

The New Deal is giving billions of dollars of the public funds to save the banks, railroads, insurance companies and trusts for their gether the existing unemployed present masters and to guarantee and bolster up their profits for the groups agreeing with the princiing the burden of taxation on to the masses through sales taxes, taxes on food and indirect taxes of all kinds.

Roosevelt's most intimate cabinet associates have been expos receivers of enormous bribes, running into millions, from J. P. Morgan, thus being revealed as servants of he master of Wall Street.

In short, the "new deal" of Roosevelt, including the so-called Industrial Recovery Act (which should be properly called the "Industrial Slavery Act") is from beginning to end an enormous looting of the government treasury, a further robbery of the workers and tollers national group of unemployed. In generally for the benefit of monopoly capital, for the benefit of Wall

> Little wonder then that all business elements, from the "liberals" to the most reactionary, greet the "new deal."

The most dangerous sections of the Recovery Act are those deal. ing with the organization of the workers. The Act contains fine-sound-ing expressions about the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively, but actually it is moving towards abolition of the right to Officers elected to carry out the strike and a universal system of compulsory arbitration. Wherever the workers permit them to get away with it, the bosses will try to get by without having any kind of organization of their employees. Where this proves impossible they will openly or secretly encourage the building of company unions.

Where, because of the militancy of the workers, the activity of militant class unions, something that looks a little more real than a company union is demanded, the officialdom of the American Federation of labor will be called in to line up the workers.

The dominant policy of the A. F. of L. is not that of fighting in the interests of the workers, but of working harmoniously with the government and the employers, which always ends up in the workers getting the short end of the deal.

Thus the Recovery Act may be used to build fake unions, subservient to the government and the bosses, or company unions. Not only will no impetus be given to clean, progressive, industrial unions, Va.; C. L. Atkinson, Calif.; Bill fighting the class struggle of the workers against the bosses and the government, but a bitter war of extermination will be waged against genuine fighting, economic organizations

If at this time the militant elements in the labor movement are passive or divided among themselves, the forces of reaction will cripple Ross Cox, Ohio; Ben Smith, Ohio, all fighting unions in the United States. All weapons of resistance Stella Carmon, Secretary, Office Workers Union

We therefore propose for the consideration of all workers and their economic organizations the following immediate demands around gates From Most Exploited which a united struggle can be developed:

1. Immedimate and substantial increases in wages in all indus tries and for all workers. 2. A stubborn fight against all attempts to put over extensive

wage reduction under the guise of a minimum wage program. Struggle against relief cuts, evictions, foreclosures, and all at-

tempts to shut off water, gas and electricity from workers' homes. 4. Against forced labor camps, commissary relief plans, and for lina State Council. payment in cash at full trade union wage rates on all public works.

5. For a federal system of social insurance to be paid by the government and employers in order to secure all workers against all Branch 52, Full Fashioned Hosiery involuntary unemployment at the level of their previously established standard of living.

6. For the preservation and recovery of workers' rights; for the right to strike, to belong to any union of the workers' own choosing; for free speech, assembly and press: for complete equality for the 1685, Danville, Va.; secretary, I. M. them what to let us buy with our Negroes; for abolishing of all discrimination against the foreign born Ritchie, president of Local 1702 money and what not to sell us. and against women and youth labor; for the release of all political prisoners.

We propose the following as methods for realizing this program: 1. Initiate and support all efforts of the workers to organize in to the officers are: Larry Hogan, that we would spend our measly mines, stores and offices, strengthen the existing class unions W. E. Presswood, C. W. Bolick, relief allowance as we damned well and to build fighting industrial unions to carry on the class struggle of Clyde Munn and J. A. Kessler. the workers against the bosses and boss-controlled government agencies. Immediate conferences of all genuinely militant elements in steel, mining, textile and other industries to unite the masses for struggle

2. Agitate and organize in all unions and other economic organizations for the adoption of a fighting policy in line with the program here set forth and against those who follow the dangerous and deceitful policy of "cooperating harmoniously" with the bosses.

3. Intensify the struggle against autocratic, corrupt and racketeer. Farmers And ing elements in the unions and against the A. F. of L. and Socialist officialdom which supports or tolerates such evils.

4. Build up the mass organizations of unemployed workers; bring them into close cooperation with the employed workers; promote the unification of all mass organizations of the unemployed, locally, statewide and nationally.

5. Organize and support strikes and demonstrations of employed and unemployed workers.

Organize a broad campaign for Federal social insurance, through onferences, demonstrations, meetings, collection of signatures etc. WE CALL UPON ALL WORKERS AND WORKERS' ECONOMIC plans to organize local leagues in ing to prevent, just as they have ORGANIZATIONS (A.F.L. UNIONS, T.U.U.L. UNIONS, INDEPEND. every county of the state in sup- organized for years past to keep

ENT UNIONS, UNEMPLOYED ORGANIZATIONS) WHO AGREE port of its program of mass pre- down the cinditions of their work WITH THE GENERAL NATURE OF THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM, TO MEET TOGETHER IN A GENERAL CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT MEASURES FOR ORGANIZING THE BROADEST POSSIBLE MASS FIGHT TO WIN THESE DEMANDS. We propose that this conference shall be held in Cleveland on August 26th and 27th, 1933. farmer to the canitalist

Workers of America:

No matter what your present form of organization, no matter what your political beliefs, no matter what your leaders may be doing or saying-we call upon you to discuss this program. If you agree with us, that this general line of action is a life and death necessity for the working class, then you must set to work immediately to put it into effect. plight of both."

We must give the widest possible circulation to this manifesto and bring it to every group and organization of workers in America.

Let us begin immediately to work out plans for organized activity, for agitation, FOR IMMEDIATE STRUGGLES IN EVERY SHOP, in every trade union, in every unemployed organization, in every neighborhood.

Only in the course of these activities and struggles can we really who is who-who really wants to organize and fight and who only out the state. wants to talk and talk and postpone effective action.

Workers rouse yourselves, rally your forces

Against the Roosevelt "new deal" of hunger, wage cuts and starva-

For the Workers' Program.

For the united front of working class struggle.

Elect your delegates in every shop, trade union, unemployed counand league, every workers' economic organization! Send your delegates to Cleveland on August 26-27, 1933.

Gerry Allard, Progressive Miners of America

I. Amter, National Secretary, Unemployed Councils

Eugene Baumgartner, President of Nigger Halls Local, Bellville, Ill., Progressive Miners of America

Herbert Benjamin, National Organizer Unemployed Councils Frank Bonita, Printing Pressmen's Union, Los Angeles Fred Biedenkapp, Secretary, Shoe & Leather Workers Industrial Union Frank Borich, National Secretary, National Miners Union Joseph Brooks, Associated Silk Workers, Paterson, A.F.L. L. F. Budenz, Unemployed Leagues

Earl Browder, Member National Executive Board T.U.U.L. Ann Burlak, National Secretary National Textile Workers Union Max Burland, Secretary, Laundry Workers Industrial Union John Caruso, Vice President, Metal Spinners Union of Greater N. Y. Daniel McBain Member Central Labor Concord, N. H. Maurice Clark, General Secretary, International Association of Projec- James Menzie, Member Progressive Miners of America tionists and Sound Engineers of North America Tony Minerich, State Secretary, Unemployed Councils of Illinois Joe Costello, Member Executive Board, Local No. 13 Shoe Workers E. R. McKinney, Allegheny County Unemployed Leagues John Meldon, National Sec'y, Steel & Metal Workers Industrial Union Protective Union, Haverhill, Mass. George Nashburn, Sec'y Local 726, Hod Cargor Union, Denver Barnet Cooper, Manager Local No. 9, International Ladies Garment Workers, A.F.L. Loren Norman, Member Progressive Minets of America Betty Maysmith Norman, Women's Auxiliary, Progressive Miners of E. F. Cope, Member Amalgamated Assn. of Steel, Tin & Iron Workers Beulah Carter, Southern Textile Organizer America Andrew Onda, State Secretary, Unemployed Councils of Ohio James Cross, Member Progressive Miners of America Andrew Overgaard, Secretary, Trade Union Unity Council, N. Y. M. Demchak, Member United Mine Workers of America M. Piser, National Organizer, Furniture Workers Industrial Union M. Fisher, President, Local 42, Brotherhood of Painters A. Ramuglia, Business Agent Amalg. Clothing Workers, Los Angeles Bill Frame, Local No. 1, Progressive Miners of America Edward Ryan Jr.. Member National Committee American Full Fashion Philip Frankfeld, Secretary Unemployed Councils Pittsburgh District James W. Ford, Member National Executive Board T.U.U.L. Hosiery Workers Philip Raymond, National Secretary, Auto Workers Union Wm. Z. Foster, General Secretary, Trade Union Unity League Jay Rubin, Secretary, Food Workers Industrial Union Alex Fraser, Member Progressive Miners of America John Godber, Member American Full-Fashion Hosiery Workers Carl Schultz, Progressive Miners of America A. Severino, President Local No. 34, Bricklayers, AFL. H. Gordon, President, Paper Plate and Bag Makers Local No. 107, AFL H. Gund, Editor, Amalgamated Food Workers Journal J. Suchow, President Local 2090, Carpenters, AFL. Jack Stachel, Acting Secretary, Trade Union Unity League Ben Gold, National Secretary, Needle Trades Workers Industrial Unior Carrie Smith, President, Food Workers Union of St. Louis Chas. Henderson, Secretary Branch No. 108, Paving Cutters Union Bob Strong, President, Independent Housewreckers Union of Francis Henson, American Federation of Teachers, Conn. L. Heimbach, Allentown Unemployed Leageus Greater New York Tom Tippett, Educational Dept., Progressive Miners of America Clarence Hathaway, Member National Executive Board T.U.U.L. G. Terracina, Secretary Local No. 31, Int'l Hod Carriers & Com L. Hogan, Organizer, Textile Southern Territory Roy Hudson, National Secretary, Marine Workers Industrial Union Laborers, AFL. W. R. Truax, President, Ohio Unemployed Leagues E. Jeski, Secretary Bricklayers Local No. 9, AFL, Oshkosh, Wisconsin M. A. Vanelli, Secretary Local 1050, Carpenters, AFL. Arnold Johnson, Secretary, National Unemployed League Albert Wallace, Member Waiters Union, AFL. F. S. Kidnaugh, President, Local 179, Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Otto Wangerin, Secretary, R. R. Brotherhood Unity Movement Denver Frank Wedel, Secretary Local 499, Brotherhood of Painters, AFL. Ernest Kornfeld, Member National Committee American Full Fashion Louis Weinstock, Secretary, AFL Rank & File Committee for Unem-**Hosiery Workers** Ernest Kreis, President Local 1051, Carpenters ployment Insurance Philip Kaplan, President Local No. 2717, United Brotherhood of Carl Winter, Secretary, Unemployed Councils of New York Carpenters, AFL. Joe Weber, Secretary, Trade Union Unity League, Chicago, Ill. Joseph Zack, Secretary, Council of Industrial Unions, Cleveland E. J. Lever, Member International Association of Machinists

Workers Form League Gives New Textile City Officials Body In South Real Setback

Convention Draws Dele- Chamber of Comerce Tries **To Introduce Commis**sary System

Special to Labor Action

after making us work for our

HIGH POINT, N. C .- Two hun-LOGAN, OHIO-For brazen arrodred and forty-four textile workers from textile centers throughout gance it's hard to beat some of our the state at a convention held here so-called community leaders and on July 9 set up the North Caroour public officials. In this country,

The officers are: President, Humeasly relief orders, the county re bert L. Turner, vice president of lief agent and the head of the

Textile Centers

Chamber of Commerce of this town Workers of High Point; vice pres- decided that we didn't have sense ident, Guy Watson, vice president enough to spend the money that of the Piedmont Council; Mrs. we had worked for. So they issued Roxie Dodison, president of Local a list to the grocery store telling of Figh Point; treasurer, G. L. But we fooled them. We organ-Caldwell of China Grove. Members ized an Unemployed League and

of the executive board, in addition then told the would-be dictators saw fit. This community belongs "Capitalism has gotten us in a to us workers and the lousy bankterrible mess," the report of the ers, profitcers and their politician

Legislative Committee stated. "The friends had better go slow or one only way out is complete reorgan. of these days we'll show them how ization of our economic system much brains we think they have. which will bring about complete stabilization of industry. Food Union Will

Jobless Unite In Carolina

raise the prices of things workers buy is not giving them purchasing (Continued from Page 1) power but performing a feat of MacDowell County, was elected jugglery. What is needed is that state president of the Progressive the workers should receive more

Farmers' League, with headquar- wages without a rise in prices. ters at High Point. The League This the boss bakers are organizvention of foreclosures, establish- ers." men of a cooperative marketing Many bakers in the small shops

Fight Boss Bakers

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ers a few cents more and then

system, and the transfer of taxa- as well as in the large factories tion from the worker and poor controlled by the bread trust are flocking to the Amalgamated Food

'In all these measures,' the com- Workers, a militant industrial mittee on organization of the farm- union with locals throughout greaters declared, "we urge the farmer er New York, according to organand worker to see their interest as izer Gund. The union, which at common, and' their foe not each present has over 6000 members, is other, but the exploiter and profi- conducting an intensive campaign teer who is responsible for the to hold shop meetings in every

shop, so that the workers them-A Bureau of Information, with selves will be able to present a headquarters at High Point, was code for the baking industry. This created to act as clearing house code, drawn up by rank and file and distribution center for all in- workers in the shops, will really formation useful to workers and express the desires of the workers. farmers in their struggles through-At the same time, the union

warns that the baker bosses will The delegates unanimousey de- not give in without a struggie, and manded a moratorium on all fore- that the whole record of the govclosures because of non-payment ernment has been to side with the of taxes or mortgages; a capital bosses rather than with the worklevy on wealth and recapture by ers. In a new leaflet, 10,000 copies the national government of all in- of which are being distributed, it comes over \$25,000; administration is pointed out that "the shop meetof relief by committees of farmers ings must not only discuss, but and unemployed; nationalization must become real organization comof the banking system; and public mittees; that every worker must ownership and operation of basic rally to the union and rally others industries, means of transportation in the industries industries in the industries industries in the industries industries in the industries in

cotton acreage reduction plan ers calls on all food workers to eponsored by Secretary Wallace close ranks and fight for the five and the sales tax received unani- day week and six hour day with a minimum of \$30.

Joseph J. Leonard, President Local 1856, Carpenters Karl Lochner, Secretary, Unemployed Councils Cook County R. Lee, Secretary, Unemployed Councils, Birmingham, Alabama Karl Lore, Southeastern Mo. Unemployed League A. J. Muste, Vice President, American Federation of Teachers Frank Mozer, Member Local 690, Plumbers, AFL.

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LABOR ACTION

Saturday, July 15, 1933

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and Harry Connors, Ind.

Cotton Barons Offer to Omit Time for Food

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work straight through until 3 p. m. There will be no lunch hour but tions if his looms are kept running and production is not impaired.

At 3 P. M. the night shift will straight through until 11 p. m. also without a lunch period.

It has been pointed out on numerous occasions that the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will jail any one for working a horse all day without giving it a chance to eat, but apparently the textile code contains no such provisions for the protection of work-

The employes of this company have been out on strike for the past six weeks against a terrific speed up system which was introwage increase.

will be taken out of the hands of the working class

II. PROSPERITY IS NOT "AROUND THE CORNER"

The lying promises being made to the masses are given more effec. tiveness by the fact that industrial production is actually increasing, even though this increase is greatly exaggerated in order to strengthen the illusion of the masses.

But this very increase in production, when carefully examined, turns out to be another sign of the deepening of the crisis. It lays the foundation for a new and deeper catastrophe for the working class, since this increase is not due to such factors as would assure a continued rise in production. It is not due to increased buying power the company will raise no objec- of the masses. It is not due to increased foreign markets. It is due any employe desires to primarily to speculative production in expectation of rising prices as eat his lunch on the fly providing the Roosevelt inflation program develops. Goods produced are not for immediate consumption by the masses. They are stored for future sales at higher prices. Secondly, increased production is partially due to increased war preparations. All this makes it quite obvious that begin to operate and will work the present rise in production will be followed by a very sharp decline in the near future. Most important for the workers is to bear in mind that even the temporary increase in production is not accompanied by a corresponding increase in employment and payrolls. Thus for example the auto industry which claims 10 per cent rise in production over last year in the first five months, also admits a decline of 20 per cent in employment for the same period.

Unemployment on a mass scale is permanent, it is here to stay. It is pressing down the wages of employed workers towards and even below a subsistence level-as long as the capitalist system lasts. This is true of every country-with the single exception of the Soviet Union, where under a workers' government, unemployment has been for long entirely wiped out.

The Workers' Program Against the Roosevelt Program

Only a united workers' mass struggle can lead to a recovery of the workers' living conditions. The employers will give nothing volunduced at the same time the com- tarily to the workers. It is necessary for the workers to begin impany announced its 15 per cent mediately to rally all their fighting organizations in solid unity around a workers' program against the Roosevelt-Wall Street program.

Saturday, July 15, 1933

AUSTRIA

sreaker. .

BULGARIA

dismissal of the accused.

Since June 27 the following revo-

lutionists have been murdered:

Arso (National Revolutionary) in

Petritsch; Dimiter Surlew (Nat.

Rev.) in Sofia; Dr. Vitschew (Nat.

Council of the Anti-Imperialist

League, in Sofia; Krolew (Commu-

nist), Sofia; Boyadjieff, Secretary

of the Communist Party, Sofia.

The Chamber adopted a bill direct-

ed against political murder which

provides the death penalty not only

for such assassinations actually

performed, but for any attempted

assassination in the name of a po

other northern countries only.

The Nazi Police President or-

Ferrand, to join the newly founded

"United Front against Fascism."

litical organization.

DENMARK

ESTHONIA

DANZIG

ration.

FRANCE

member of the General

FOREIGN NOTES By CHARLES LAGNER

The Free Thinkers' Association, an organization controlled by So-

cialists, was dissolved by the gov-

ernment. . . . The Landtag of Low-

LABOR ACTION

Generous Rich

Drive Servant Girls 16 Hrs. a Day and Then Make Them Sleep in **Filthy Quarters**

policemen and other agents of the PITTSBURG, Pa .- The United law. In spite of this interference

woman leader of the Austrian labor carlier in the month and genand- the demonstration, a permet to put The Austrian courts Leaders from both groups gave the the police. The play is taken from arrests so that an investigation of cuts by making their demands for written, produced, and cast by to morals, the case of about 1000 Nazis ar- adequate food, clothing and shel- U.C.L. members. rested for high treason after a re. ter felt in the comfortable offices

United In Action

marched beneath banners pearing be secured. the words, "United we eat, divided we starve!"

by 2 riot squads, 21 motorcycle poplaced at the disposal of a National Socialist artist. . . . In Dortmund the wound Cush pointed out to the a Breslau inaugurated a boycott pose!" movement against four Jewish professors who were thereupon immediately dismissed. . . . On June 23 the Communist worker Alten-

berg, on June 24 the Communist Ib Kolbjorn, Secretary of the Artur May, were shot 'while trying great Danish Workers' Educational to escape'.... New German stamps Association, announces in "Soziald- will be made with a swastika emokraten" that the tours annual- water mark. . . . The student body ly arranged by this organization of the State Technical Normal Colworkers visiting the continent, lege in Dortmund went on strike rest by the German government, cialist woman agitator, Kaethe Leu, his statement reads, there is no died in Dresden, the results of a room in Germany for class consci- shock received when her home was ous Danish workers. These tours, raided by SA troops. . . . The New which are annually arranged for SPD Central Executive Board con-

sociation, each summer, will there and Szillat. fore take in Great Britain and HOLLAND On June 27, 109 members of the

The Parliament decided to aban- held subversive political views. don the gold standard for the pur- JAPAN At the insistence of the Japanese pose of encouraging foreign trade. Minister of the Interior, the show-

ing of foreign or Japanese Marxist films has been strictly forbidden. dered the suppression of the Com-

munist daily, "Die Freiheit" for POLAND Serious peasant uprisings are re three months. . . . In answer to the unions the workers of Danzig have fering farmers are cutting down to read a book she had. private forest preserves and are created an independent central orplundering the stores for food. In ganization which, with the assistance of the Trade Union Interna- Nockowa and Medyka shots were tional, has taken up its work once more. Demonstrations in which wounded. A policeman was also ar- philosopher. Yes, I saw myself in for it, and for a moment I month for five years. Then he gives representatives of the Belgian, British, Polish and Swedish trade rested. The movement is led by unions spoke, attended the inaugu-

Communists.

many hundreds of members of the sists of the members: Westphal,

Danish Workers' Educational As- Stelling, Rinner, Kuenstler, Loebe

RUMANIA The permanent directorate of the Socialist Party of France decided sentence for his heroic opposition te call the attention of all memagainst the World War, was rebers of the party to the fact that they have no right, in accordance years of his sentence. with the decisions of Party Con-SAAR REGION: gresses held in Lille and Clermont-

The Executive Committee of the Mine Worker's International in session here adopted a sharp anti- letting my bourgeoise background He is working in the Hazard field years. I submit it to Uncle Sam, been prepared, for the purpose of the Councils have in the past made

er Austria unanimously voted to Front in Allegheny County snowed there was excellent spint as the void the mandates of all National itself on the streets here when the leagues and councils pressed their tion of servant girls by employers, Socialist deputies. . . . The Social- Unemployed Citizens League and demands and defied the unreat of capitalizing on the depression, has ist movement of Austria is cele. the Unemployed Councils staged a the Jones and Loughlin officials to just been revealed in a sensational brating the seventieth birthday of series of demonstrations against a dismiss any of their workers who report from the State Labor De-Therese Schlesinger, the deserving 20 per cent relief cut threatened joined unemployed groups. After partment.

years a member of the National In about a dozen sections of the Sunday night in a neighborhood the morning to 11 at night. Little is well known as a writer and and street meetings were set up. group was labeled "anarchist" by clares the report.

On the South Side, Jones and

In the Hazelwood district, the blazing heat at the Wilkinsburg heart of the Jones and Loughlin demonstration after a parade steel mills, paraders were excorted through the main streets of the lice, 3 radio cars, a patrol load of Liberty, Pat Cash, U.C., was struck order. in the head by a falling American fiag. As the blood rushed from

new boycott against Jewish crowd that "the workers are alstorekeepers was inaugurated on ways the victims of the flag. We June 29. . . . The student body of must use the flag for our own pur. class political parties, Bloomfield, Herrin Hill, McKee Rocks, Carnegie all had their dem onstrations atttended by #00-500 members and scores of onlookers too timid to join the crowa.

Turtle Creek, the home of the Westinghouse Electric and notori- U.C.L. and John Meldon, U.C., sat to any of the political parties and ous for its anti-labor policies, put on a parade of 1,500 led by a drum corps, and 2,500 attended a meeting in the very shadow of Westingwill not touch German territory. against outrages committed by Nazi house where Elmer Cope, U.C.L. While Socialists are held under ar- students. . . . The well-known So- spoke on the need for united action the commissary at Tarentum. They against relief conditions.

Leaders state these demonstrations, in spite of widespread fear regular relief rate of 90 cents per of the mills and police, accomp. person was continued.

navy were dismissed because they

Part IV What Howard Conner said. "I met Anna Ball last January.

We were on the same bus, coming back from college. She told me "coordination" of the Danzig trade ported in Central Galicia. The suf. about the miners, and wanted me "The labor movement and radicalism-I knew absolutely nothing about them, and really I didn't fired when peasant rebels tried to want to know. At the time I was rescue their arrested leader. Nine reading philosophy. In fact, at the they crowded us into a car wait- me a lot of report blanks to fill farmers were killed and sixteen time I thought I wanted to be a

screening the big lumps from all thought of escape. the philosophies and bringing them together in a sort of modern pow-The Rumanian revolutionist Bu- er plant, where they'd turn into jor who was condemned to a life electricity and light the world. "I tried to explain my thoughts to Anna. It sounded crazy to her, leased after having served fifteen just as her explanation of all his-

tory as a class-struggle thing struck me as childish. "She laughed at me, and then

The Columbus Convention of

THE conventions of the Ohio Un-NEW YORK-Amazing exploitaemployed League and of the National Unemployed League held at Columbus, Ohio, on July 1-2nd and July 3-5th respectively, constitute a landmark in the history of the entire working-class movement Girls, 15 and 16 years old, are

in this country. Therefore, a caremovement who has been for many ed increased relief for the jobless. on an U.C.L. play the collowing often made to work from 6.30 in ful analysis of the results achieved, the difficulties encountered, Executive Board of the Party and county parades, demonstrations, theatre was revoked because the or no wages are being paid, de- failures, the outlook for the future, is in order. In the first place, this national

Living quarters are so bad that pave shown themselves surprizing- main speeches urging the unem a Hazelwood eviction stopped by in many cases the Labor Departlenient to protests against Nazi ployed to protest against relief mass action last fall, and it was ment holds them to be a menace

cent bomb outrage resulted in the of the county relief board. Mem- Loughlin pressure had full effect lished their purpose and laid the bers sang U.C.L. songs as they and no permits of any king could ground work for bigger and more militant parades of the jobless in

E. R. McKinney, U.C.L., spoke the future. More than ever, they from a broken down Ford in the urge, the unemployed must carry their fights for adequate relief to the streets and burst the bubble of false hope that Roosevelt will town. During his speech in East have all the mills working in short Aready plans are laid for a

united front conference for July 16. U.C. and U.C.L. together will rally all forces in Allegheny County for increased relief. Working union and fraternal labor organizations, church and liberal groups are in-

vited to participate. U.C.L. and U.C. executive com nittees appear reguarly before the Allegheny County Emergency Re. of the United States. Only a small lief Board. Recently Elmer Cope,

in on a session of the county sects which today clutter up the emergency relief board and the American working-class scene. state relief board to insist on the What, then, were these workers rescinding of the 20 per cent cut like? What were they thinking? for June and the abolishment of What did they want?

met much opposition, but the cut was rescinded for June, and the

A Four-Part Story About the Harlan Coalfields

By TESS HUFF -

for a ride, would probably kill him, literature alone!

"Imagine!

tioned before!

"And that's the case.

I didn't know. But me-they want-

ed to stay behind. I was the son

of Abner Conner you see. I re-

fused and they shoved me from

the car. I got a letter from Jack-

son; they whipped him, and said

know, I'm in jail.

to jail.

convention was the most repreentative gathering of unemployed which has yet been held. Fifteen hundred delegates and visitors were in constant attendance. The delegates represented, not them-

selves, but substantial functioning unemployed leagues and associa tions. In addition to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, West Virginia, Missouri, California and Washington were well represented. There are close to a million members in the leagues which had delegations at Columbus, and these leagues speak and act for a much larger number not formally enrolled in

By A. J. MUSTE

their membership. The Columbus convention was representative not only as to geographical distribution but as to background and viewpoint. Here were typical workers of the typical Middle Western industrial heart percentage of them were attached tion.

Typical American Workers

Certainly these delegates were not trained in the history and the-

... KENTUCKY MINERS ...

The N. U. L. will seek greatly isting units. The national commitdays. These will stimulate the oring at the curb. I knew we were out. I'm to fill one out every N.U.L. will also of course coordinme a nice lecture. I'm to associate "They drove us to the lower end with good companions, keep reguof town and stopped. They opened lar hours, lay off liquor, look for the door and told me to get out. work, and-it finally came to the Yes, they were taking my friend surface-I'm to leave that radical

The Movement Toward Unity

"The word hadn't been men-It is a matter for rejoicing that derstanding and joint action. both the Ohio and the National Frank discussion and criticism convention voted unanimously to are necessary, however, if the best

"That's my position. "I make out a good-conduct re- of all unemployed organizations to fore one or two observations are

ory of the labor movement. They general run of delegates details of were quite nationalistic in their argument and the reasons why ceroutlook, suspicious of "foriegners" tain groups or individuals took and "ousiders" and "Communists." certain positions were obscure, They believe that this country, its they were on the whole shrewd in constitution and its institutions are sizing up the situation and clung essentially alright, the only trouble to their two main clues: We want is that bankers and bosses are in an organization of Leagues, but it control and are misusing them. must be an organization which is They insisted that the national our agency for unity and not for anthem be sung and the stars and division. stripes displayed. There was a

a riot against those who were regarded as insufficiently "patriotic" was narrowly averted. (Here, how. made later.)

many who under certain circum- erally. stances might swell the ranks of

Fascism, there is decidedly another side to the picture. The delegates were not individualists; they look ed to organization and not individual advancement for their sal-They wanted action and vation. not talk. They wanted radical action and showed no sympathy for Lovestoneites who lean backward nowadays in their attempt to keep touch with supposedly "back

ward" American elements. They were not hypnotized by Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal. They knew that they must look to themselves for bread and justice. The program they adopted and on was one of Organized Radical Ac-

came a national organization for concrete results, such as preventunemployed leagues-the National ing cuts in relief, evictions, etc. Unemployed League. Organizations liation provided they admit unemployed and part-time employed regardless of race, creeed, color, na-

as secret orders); allow freedom and councils is respected. of discussion in meetings; are not under the domination of any poli- are to cease. tical party or sect; exclude business-men and office-holders or can- gram of militant struggle. didates (save of working-class parties) from membership; and em-

tee has begun to plan for four of the Councils have pointed to a regional conferences, Pacific Coast, Mississippi Valley, South Atlantic and North Atlantic in the next 90 ganization of the unemployed in their respective sections. The ate the activities of the leagues throughout the country so far as possible, but the leagues retain their autonomy. Coordination is to come through example and leader. leagues build their own national ship, not dictation.

work for a unification convention results are to be achieved. Thereshe got angry. She accused me of they'd kill him if he came back. port monthly for the next five be held as soon as the ground has in point. On their own admission

"And then, the next thing I "But the judge decides I'm to phasize pressure activities against will not be difficulties, misunderhave two years in Atlanta. They public authorities. "They arrested us on Main take me to the office of the federal Street. A fellow named Jackson prosecutor. By this time I'm feel- to extend the organization of that in the main the Unemployed and myself. They took our peti- ing just so so. I want to run my leagues, not merely to be a paper from Pineville. I was just coming tions-yes, you see we were get. fist through a wall or jerk some organization to "coordinate" exting signatures to place Foster on props from under the courthouse. the ballot---and they marched us I feel better when the prosecutor tells me my sentence will be re-"Next morning they released us. duced to six months, and that I will

"As we were leaving the court- be turned free on good behavior. house two deputies stepped up be- Probation, you know. Well. They side us. 'This way,' they said. And settle it that way, and he gives

Unemployed—An Analysis While the fundamentals of the

moment when the convention went united front were clearly and unhysterical with "patriotism" and mistakably laid down, not as much progress in working out detailed plans for unity was made as might have been hoped. Discussion of the ever, a number of factors were at reason for this leads straight to a work to which reference must be consideration of the role of various groups in the convention and While there were at Columbus in the unemployed movement gen-

The Communists and the Councils

In conferences between leading elements in the Conference for Progressive Labor Action and some of the Leagues on the one hand, and leading elements in the Communist Party and the Councils on the other hand, the following broad policy in the unemployed move ment has been agreed upon:

1. A single national organization of unemployed must be achieved.

2. Meantime united action in concrete struggles must be developed as rapidly as possible in which at the close the convention town, county and state situations, was unanimous and enthusiastic, both because it is only thus from below that real unity can be achieved and because by united Out of the Columbus convention action the unemployed can achieve

3. It is recognized that unity of unemployed are eligible to affi- cannot be forced, the pace must be slower in some places than in others. Real unity of the masses and not paper unity is the goal. tional origin or political affiliation; While unity is being achieved. meet in public buildings (not, i. e. therefore, the autonomy of leagues

4. Disruption and duplication

5. The basis of unity is a pro No one will expect that in a movement so vast as this, there standings and differences of opinion. It is our observation, however, Councils have adhered to the program outlined. It is significant that not even the bitterest critics single action of theirs either at the Harrisburg convenion in Pennsylvania or at the Columbus conventions which was not constructive

and in good spirit. The definite pledge of the Ohio councils to support the Ohio leagues in their August 1 strike for cash payment on relief jobs, etc., and the clear statement of Amter of the Coun cils that they wanted to see the organization as a step toward power and unity, were most important contributions toward mutual un

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8	GERMANY	Fascist resolution in which the	prejudice me against the truth-	now	and if he doesn't like it, or ff I'm	building a single unified organiza-	mistakes in their approach to the
8	The Municipal Council of Munich	League of Nations is called upon	the class-struggle. Bourgeoise! I	"And then all this other bust-	arrested for anything on any	tion of all the unemployed. It was	American masses If they now in
	decided to remove the graves of	to act in the suppression of the	hardly knew what the word meant.		charge within the five years, the		
1	the Revolutionists Eisner and Lan-	rights of organized labor in Ger-			government sends me to Atlanta.		
8	dauer who were murdered by reac-	many.	book.	"That happened this way.	And the Law knows how to work	that real unity will result from	hestility among those masses let
	tionaries during the Munich upris-	SPAIN	"Well I did. It was "The Iron	"I go down to the Baxter post	it. So that's the position I'm in.	united action and struggle of the	them consider that this may be
8	ing in 1919 Applicants for		Heel" by Jack London, I read Oil.	office-ves out of town-and I re-	"But come; let's go to the Cum-	workers for concrete issues in	due to these past errors and not
	membership in the National Social-	To support the strang	by Unton Sinclair, and I read	ceive a bundle of twenty Labor	berland Hardware.	town, county and state. Therefore,	
	ist Party after January 30 will re-	industries went out on a general	complete And in a month I had	Actions. I've gone about a hun-	"I knew two of the miners who	federations or joint councils of ac-	necessarily to lack of courage of
3	ceive membership books and the			dred yards, carrying the bundle,	were killed.	tion are to be formed as rapidly	
10	right to wear the Brown Shirt of	Strike		when I'm arrested. And the next		as possible by leagues, councils,	
2.4	the organization only after a pro-				prosecuted. That goes without say-		
	bationary period of two years	tom banda are on strike			ing. Yet look! The company lets		reported agreements by League of-
8	The jury court of Braunschweig				the coal dust accumulate - waist		ficials to support the Councils'
	condemned two Communists for an	SOUTH AFRICA CHICH			high in some places, Jim Boggs	for unification, it was itself a sym-	
	attack upon SA troops to ten and	tutone have had lod Hamburg ex.	way the profit-system chokes of	charged with selling a gallon of	said-and it explodes, and kills	bol of the underlying unity of the	
	twelve years in prison respectively.	Interest to thereater to out off all	distribution. And industry is not	liquor to two miners. And the min-	twenty-three miners. Is the law	unemployed movement. A fraternal	
	in Hamburg a secret Commu-	Langette from Couth Africa to Ger-	operated for the benefit of society	ers are there to testify. The trial	violated? Is murder a crime?		as in this case, is corrected when
	nist meeting was raided and twen-	imports from South Affica to Ger.	the many. It is operated for the	is before Judge Cochran in the	"I want to go up and see the	delegation from the executive of	it is shown that no agreement ex-
	ty participants were arrested	many if the boycott against der	few. And it ought to be turned	federal court at London. The	dead men. I'll put it in my report	was present, was seated without a	
	In Recklinghausen 86 Communists	man wares is continued.	around This is the function of the	indea must he about eighty years	to the government I'll say I've	was present, was seated without a	The Councils made a serious
	were arrested; in Gelsenkirchen	SOVIET UNION	labor movement to turn it around	lold Wall it turns out that the	been according with good com.	dissenting vote and its represent-	mistake in setting the date for
	five The Social Democratic	The news that the homes of a number of employees of the Berlin	It was all plain. And I saw that	warrant charging me with selling	panions, twenty-three miners. The	atives heard with attention, and	their Ohio Hunger March at al-
	group in the Municipal Council of	Trade Corporation of the USSR	it is the class-conscious philoso	liquor was issued before the date	government's suspicion will be	approval. There was also present a	most the same time as the Ohio
	Schweinfurt was arrested for vot-	Trade Corporation of the USSR and of the Derop were again raided	phies that explain history, the	they swore I sold them the liquor.	aroused, but I'll explain. Yes, I'll	I at a strengt with the strengt	U.L. convention and on very short
	ing against a Nazi motion In	and of the Derop were again raided t on June 22 was received in Moscow	philosophies that justify class ac	But what can I do? I know they	add that they were dead mmers.	eration of Unemployed Workers	notice asking cooperation with the
						Leagues (the so-caned Chicago	Hunger March. If cooperation was
							wanted, the question could and
	In Magdeburg, Berlin, Hamburg,	the building of a cruiser that will	read Karl Marx. My conversion	raise a row, suppose I stand up	(End)		should have been raised much
	Denftenberg and Brunswick, alto-	the building of a cruiser that will be placed into service in 1935. The	was complete and I went at i	expose them? What happens? They	(Enu)	Lovestoneites, Trocskyists, Prote-	sooner. As it was, the Hunger
	gether 259 members of the Social	be placed into service in 1935. The cruiser is to be used in the Far	headlong. I began organizing th	bear down. They make it nasty		tarian Party, etc., engaged in un-	March just a week before the Ohio
	Democratic Party were arrested	cruiser is to be used in the Fai	miners.	for me. All they have to do in	This concludes Tess Huff's true	employed work. These also were	League convention interfered to
	The Municipal Commission for	r East The Council of People's Commissars has decided to cut	"If I had had any doubts left	issue another warrant, with the	e story about the Kentucky Miners.	heard in the convention. The re-	some extent with the collection of
98	Art and Education in Berlin de	Commissars has decided to cut e down the budget for 1933 to 350	the short would have soon dis	- date changed. So I keep quiet, and	Back installments of this story	suit of bringing all these elements	food and other preparations for
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di	statue "Proletarian" by the sculp	million rubles under that of 1952	to mack before I received the first	t have a feeling they'll turn me	e stamps to LABFE ACTION to cover	became the greatest forum of labor	food and other preparations for the convention. The O.U.L. officials (Continued on Page 4)
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BIG BOOM OR BIG SMASH?

LABOR ACTION has been criticized in some quarters because it has refused to see any good for the workers in the New Deal and has warned them against pinning false hopes on it. Already there are many indications that we were right and that even the exponents of the New Deal themselves are getting worried that much sooner than they expected it will become clear that they cannot make good on their promises.

Thus the New York Times points out that "an extraordinary amount of manufactured goods is being piled up on the shelves." These goods are made under presnt low wage payments and long They are being piled up in anticipation of rising prices and forget about being unemployed or consequent big profits. There is no real basis for prosperity here, only a speculative boom. Meanwhile prices of food stuffs and other goods are already going up, relief is being cut down, and the workers suffer.

Many of the leaders of the unemployed at the great Columbus convention believed that the workers must prepare themselves not for "good times" but for a big smash in the fall and winter. The exponents of the New Deal fear the same thing. Let the workers, employed and unemployed, be alert and ready! Let them organize to take things into their own hands!

.... THOSE CONVERTED BOSSES

FEW weeks ago pictures in the newspapers showed all the ganizers? Are they unemployed to-A FEW weeks ago pictures in the newspapers showed and address and bankers giving up their profits and power, and day, are their children starving. in the codes for industry under the Recovery Act giving short hours, high wages and what not to their workers. A couple of orders?" And when we get the anweeks ago amid great to-do the cotton textile code hearings were swers to these questions we find held and a new era proclaimed.

Now cries of rage and anguish arise from Poo-Bah Hugh Johnson, administrator of the Recovery Act. No other big industry iness men, bankers, politicians, has submitted a code. A whole lot of little ones have, but between people who live by making profit them they employ only 150,000 workers. Financial organs are be- out of the sweat and blood of the ginning to whisper that many industrial leaders "believe that the corner has been turned in the depression and that the program of the National Industrial Recovery Administration can now be dis-ignorant, to keep them from get-In plain language the bosses are over their scare and counted." are now setting up the old cry that "government must be taken out of business.

And administration leaders are thinking that the "campaign of persuasion" cannot be relied on much longer if "the re-employ-ment of three or four million is to be realized by Labor Day." The screws must be put on the big fellows. Who will do that? The Roosevelt administration? We beg leave to doubt. It's up to the workers to show that they mean business.

THE UNITED STATES PREPARES FOR WAR

THE London Economic Conference has been tropedoed. It may or may not be kept afloat a while longer. It is certain that for the present it will get nowhere.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, who only a few weks ago preached a sermon on international cooperation to Hitler and the rest of the world and declared that the fate of all mankind hung on the suc-cess of this London Conference, has decided that the United States can bring itself back to prosperity by plowing under a lot of cotton etc., and that meantime the rest of the world can look after itself. It is no accident, however, that just as we decide to pursue this nationalistic course, Roosevelt also orders Secretary of the Navy Which is exactly w Swanson, a big navy man from of old, to get busy on a \$250,000,-000 building program. Battle-ships are to fight with. They mean war

Naturally other nations follow suit. As one big newspaper puts it, "The American example has intensified nationalism elsewhere and the conference summoned to promote internationalism finds itself confronted with nationalistic sentiment in whichever direction it turns." In plain words, capitalism is preparing for war. great Anti-War Congress to be held in New York City this coming Labor Day.

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CAPITALISM THIS IS HOW IT WORKS -By H. A. H. -

These Destructive Reds

Paid agents of the capitalist class stool pigeons, police spies, detective agencies, scab herders and cap italist politicians-are continually trying to divide the workers by peddling lies about labor organizers and radicals. No sooner does a group of workers get together to fight for their rights than one of these rats starts a whispering campaign against their leaders. "These fellows are reds," they say to the workers, "they want to tear down our institutions, they are agents of foreign governments and don't believe in our flag."

And the sad part of it is that a lot of workers, not having had experience in unions or other or ganizations of workers, fall for this stuff. They get all het up about protecting "our institutions, our flag and our government" and about their slave wages and their starving children. Which is exact ly what the bosses and their politicians want. That is what they pay the stool pigeons for doingmaking the workers forget about their troubles and fight one an-

But we workers are learning. The more intelligent of us are now asking, "Who are these people who fear the radicals so much who get so excited about labor orthat the haters of radicals are al most always well-to-do people, business men, bankers, workers-that is, people whose inting together and organizing.

Take fellows like J. P. Morgan, for instance. Do you think that he likes labor organizers? Of cours not. Mr. Morgan is a great patriot. an ardent flag waver, and he will tell you that Communists, CPLAers and other radicals should all gan did not think that it was unpatriotic to rob the United States seems to be that since by hook or

so mad about the government. They see a worker who steals a loaf of bread to keep his children volved. from starving sent up to the pen, while a Morgan, who robs the government of millions, goes scot free. Is it any wonder then that we say

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working-class?



The Columbus Jobless Convention

(Continued from Page 3) cooperation they could to the Huncrook he has secured legal title ger March, and sent out, against to a very large portion of the the better judgment of some of wealth of the country, therefore them, to the local leagues in Ohio the government belongs to him. a united front resolution to be And perhaps he is not far wrong voted on prior to the convention, since, in spite of his criminal ac- and thus risked being misunderstood by their own rank and file.

This attempt to force the situation, Which is exactly why radicals, to impose a certain method of apso-called reds and Communists, get proach on League officials, was a dangerous mistake, no matter how sincere and correct the motives in

"Communist By-Products"

On the subject of a unification convention the Council had a simthe government belongs to the ple, straightforward proposal, viz., bosses, the bankers and politicians, that the arrangements be made by National Unemployed League, the

in effect the Federation's execu- Congress. In a letter sent out unthough they were overwheimed tive is built up on the theory that der date of May 2, 1933 by Clarence be deported or shot. Yet Mr. Mor- with work in preparation for the each "political tendency" must Senior, Executive Secretary of the warning that certain groups (meanconvention and in connection with have approximately equal represen. S.P., and ordered read at all party the strikes for cash payment on tation on it. Thus Stalinites, Love- branch meetings, the following government of millions of dollars relief jobs in Franklin County and stoneites. Trotskyists, CPLA'ers, statements are made: 1) that "the in taxes. Mr. Morgan's theory elsewhere, nevertheless gave what Proletarian Party, Socialists, etc., Continental Congress has provedmust all have their represen- that the S.P. is capable of leading tations. A 'political tendency" nav- the masses" (and there are other ing 5000 unemployed in organiza- statements bearing out the point tions which they influence, must that the C.C. is definitery an S.P. have about the same representation movement); 2) that "the continuas one with 50,000 or 500,000. We ation work of the C.C. now proregard this basis as utterly un. vides that the only nation-wide orsound. Certainly there must be no ganization through which non-facdiscrimination against any politi- tional unemployed organizations cal group. Certainly all political can function." Just how an organ-groups ought heartily to support ization which is in one breath de the building of a unified unemployed clared to be an S.P. organization movement. But unemployed organ. can in the next breath be set forth izations and not political tenden. as the only organization through cies are the basis for control in which non-factional unemployed or-

the unemployed movement. ganizations can function, is beyond Under the circumstances it is our power to comprehend. Little easy to understand though not to wonder that the Socialist Execuexcuse the fact that Lovestoneites tive Secretary, after having so and Trotskyists who have repre. openly declared the Party position and that it is the enemy of the a Committee of five each from the sentation beyond their strength in about taking over the unemployed the Federation executive should movement through the Continental National Unemployed Councils and have fought bitterly, and in some Congress feels that he must instill In this connection, consider how the so-called Chicago Federation. cases to the point of obstruction a bit of caution into his member-Roosevelt's New Deal, which is This proposal would undoubtedly is m, for recognizing the Federation ship and tells them in this same ALLENTOWN, PA.—At a con-KANSAS CITY—(FP). Fortified about relieving the distress of the tion but relieving the distress of the tion bu

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phlet was unsigned, anonymo 2) that it was not openly distrib uted, but circulated surreptitously those most concerned such as Bi Truax, Arnold Johnson and other officers of the Ohio League no knowing for some time about this cowardly attempt to undermine their influence in their own organ ization; 3) that the pamphlet did not bear the union label; 4) that money was spent by Pittsburg Se cialists to print a lot of copies of this scurrilous tract though to this date money to print the constitution of the Allegheny Co. Unemployed League has not been forth coming

Naturally, honest delegates were plunged momentarily into the sus. picion that perhaps once trusted leaders were trying to put some thing over on them. Naturally, also, reactionary Fascist elements and labor spies seized the opportunity to try to throw the conven tion into turmoil, in fact to break it up. Thus developed the brief, hysterical flag-waving episode al. ready referred to (in which both onest and dishonest elements took part but of course with very difterent motives.) Socialist delegates sat by during that episode and never made an attempt to rebuke or allay the mob spirit. They subsequently continued their sub versive activities in that highly charged atmosphere until the candidacy of a delegate with obvious Fascist leanings for the presidency of the N.U.L. was making considerable headway and Lieberman himself said "this must stopped," dimly realizing at last presumably that he had gotten himself and his party into a shameful fix. Even then, however, he would not accept the opportunity offered him, for the sake of harmony, to withdraw the pamphlet and apologize for the way in which it had been circulated.

All these matters were brought before the Columbus convention in its closing session. Pauli, S.P. organizer of Ohio; was given the floor to answer. He evaded an answer to the question whether he and the S.P. repudiated such tactics, went into a speech about Germany, the Second and Third International. etc., and on his persistent refusal to answer was booed off the platform by the delegates.

In the very S.P. letter to which we have already referred occurs a ing Communists) are barred from the Continental Congress. The S.P. does this on its favorite high ethical ground, viz., that the policy of these groups "has consistently been to rule or ruin other organizations." We ask whether any lator organization has ever sought to "rule or ruin" by more dangerous, sneaky and despicable methods than prominent Socialists used at Columbus?

Labor Actionists and

The CPLA comes out of the Cohimbus convention with its prestige greatly heightened and with more clearness and confidence in its own ranks. Labor Actionists were active in the convention and in preparation for it as they had been in the building of many of the local, county and state leagues. They were "put on the spot" at Columbus and came out with an enthusiastic vindication from the rank and file of the delegates. The delegates were no fools. They made sure that the convention was

ference called by the local branch of the "Nature-Friends" on July 5 an Anti-Fascist Front organization was set, up here. Attending this conference were 14 delegates repre- senting 8 organizations. Resolutions were adopted pledg- ing solidarity with the German workers in their fight against Fas- cism, and the immediate release of all political prisoners was demand- ed as well as the return of all con- fiscated "Nature-Friends" camps in Germany. The elected United Front com- mittee was ordered to draw all working-class organizations into the Anti-Fascist Front and to make preparations for a general demon	milions of ragged and starving un- employed. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace issues an order to the cot- ton growers to destroy 10.000,000 acres of growing cotton. This order is endorsed by President Roose- velt, who points out to the bankers and cotton plantation owners that this is the only way to raise the price of cotton and thus to save business. During the past few years millions of bushels of wheat, vegetables and fruit have been de- stroyed for the same reason. Think of it, you workers who are starv- ing, who have no clothing but rags. Is a government which acts like this interested in your welfare? Yet they accuse radicals of	cago Federation and Lovestoneite and Trotskyist delegates in the convention itself. The convention accordingly voted to leave this matter of procedure in the hands of its national committee, which has already appointed its five rep- resentatives. Some of the representatives of the Chicago Federation proposed that the N.U.L. join the Federation, then the Leagues and Councils be- ing in the Federation, the latter would already be the one center of the whole unemployed movement and could call the unification con- vention. This proposal had a super-	the discussion in the Presiding Committee and in the convention amounted simply to a jockeying for position by these groups as against the official C.P. This had no proper place in such a convention. The effect produced on the delegates was certainly not favorable to these groups. The Role of the Socialist Party	groups that are now coming our direction by trying to force them to swallow Socialism at one dose!" Slip it over on them, when they're not looking is the slogan! The CPLA (Labor Actionists) flatly opposes this policy of the S.P. to capture the unemployed novement as being contrary to the interests of the unemployed and especially because it is inimical to unification of the unemployed movement. At the Harrisburg, Pa. unemployed convention and else- where we have blocked this policy. We can understand that the S.P.	Labor Actionists pledge the ut- most support to the August 1 strike of the Ohio Unemployed League for cash payment on all relief jobs, payment at union wages and work- men's compensation insurance for all workers on relief jobs. We shall do our utmost to make this strike nation-wide as rapidly as possible. We shall push the movement for federal insurance against all forms
The Modern Sunday School As- camp life and receive a good work. sociation has for over a decade ing-class training at the same time	wanting to destroy. "They want to destroy but not build," they tell you. Did you ever hear of a labor organizer, a radical, a Communist advocate the destruction of food and clothing? Of course not. It is only the patriotic people, the bosses and their politicians who advocate destruction. It is they who place the profits of business above the lives of the workers. WORKERS, FARMERSI Write LABOR ACTION about con- ditions in your section.	but was illogical from a realistic standpoint. In the first place, the Federation has a potential rather than a real existence. Most of the big organizations which attended the Chicago convention reported at Columbus that they had not yet joined the Federation. In the sec- ond place, the Federation execu- tive is hopelessly divided and brought no concrete proposal to the Columbus convention. In the third place, the Federation com- mittee could not assure the N.U.L. and other organizations that they would have proportional represen- tation in the Federation.	few individual exceptions, played a most despicable, underhanged, dis- ruptionist role, most of the time actually allying themselves with the most reactionary Fascist ele- ments in the convention! So inex- cusable was their role and so plain- ly was this exposed to the dele- gates at Columbus, that the Social- ist Party must speedily repudiate the course of the party members at Columbus and change its course in the unemployed movement, if it is to retain any vestige of a claim to	We assert, however, that the S.P., if it wishes to be considered a part of the labor movement, had no right to use the tactics which prominent S.P. members used at Columbus. Lieberman and other Socialists of the Pittsburgh (Alle- sheny County) delegation at Co- lumbus, both before and during the convention, circulated a print- ed pamphlet purporting to set forth how the CPLA and the C.P. had "double-crossed," the leagues at Harrisburg and warning that un- doubtedly a "similar stunt" was to be tried at Columbus.	of unemployment, to be paid by in- dustry and government, not the workers. Labor Actionists pledge their ut- most support to the National Un- supployed League in all its work and especially in the building up of the specially in the building up of the special regional conven- tions. We shall everywhere promote struggles for immediate ends. We shall continue to give every support toward bringing about a special unification convention to build a single national organiza- tion of the unemployed, for the un- employed, by the unemployed!