

TEXTILE STRIKE BEGINS TODA'

# Sinclair Plan a JAIL INTERNATIONAL Daydream of Middle Class

In the biggest vote cast in a primary election in the State of California, Upton Sinclair, running as a Democrat, received the nomination for governor by an overwhelming majority of three to one over his nearest runner-up, George Creel.

Sinclair's program was Epic-New Deal, Creel's was more or less New Deal, and Wardell, an out-and-out reactionary who made a very poor showing, was for the old deal.

The vote for Sinclair undoubtedly shows a nascent radicalization, or what is probably more correct, a distinct dissatisfaction with things as they are by a large section of the lower middle-class and to some extent the workers themselves. That it represents a swing to the left away from the old line two-party politics of American capitalism no one can deny. To estimate how far a swing to the left Sinclair's nomination indicates, an examination of his program will disclose.

#### E. P. I. C.

Upton Sinclair's EPIC (End Poverty In California) program is unquestionably a petty bourgeois program. Its effect is to reform one single state within the shell of the 48 capitalist states in the union. And typical of all demagogic programs, it promises something to everybody. To the worker, the farmer, the unemployed, the little business man and to the big business man . . . not forgetting the old, the maimed and the blind. To all shall be given, from none shall be taken. To the unemployed will be given scrip; to the big business man security-security in the fact that when the unemployed are Richberg Report the nation." isfied", then big business is secure. Idle factories will be taken over, the unemployed will be placed therein to produce shoes, clothing, etc., for themselves and for the farmers and farm-laborers on the

COMMUNISTS IN MEXICO Mexico City, Aug. 25 .--- The organization of Communists Internationalists in Mexico received a serious blow when the police

arrested four of its members, one a member of its provisional national committee, and one sympathizer, along with five members of the official Communist Party and two chauffeurs.

The comrades were kept in complete incommunicado for a few days, while the frantic families and friends searched for them. Without word they were deported to the disease-laden penal islands in the Pacific, where news has finally come from them.

The situation of these comrades and their families is desperate. One comrade was taken from bed where he was ill with intestinal fever. The wife of the same comrade, two days before his arrest gave birth to a child. She was forced to leave bed to go to work to feed the family of four little children, four days after birth, with of course serious consequences to her health.

Another comrade is tubercular, while a third has a chronic bronchial condition. The families are destitute.

Word coming from the comrades attest to the fact that while in agony, their morale is of the highest. They ask for medicines.

In spite of this handicap, the League in the capital has formed 1 new branch. This is an answer to the bourgeois government of Mexico, and all its attempts at suppression of the movement. ---Correspondent.



Donald R. Richberg, one of the farmers and farm-laborers on the idle land oper-idle land. From the idle land oper-ated by mamploved farm-hands week, made the "the manual of the Brooklyn Edison Co., the largest generating ated by unemployed farm-hands known the "tremendous gains" will come the foodstuffs for these made by the country since the in-categories. A system of barter will auguration of the National Recovbe instituted. Cash relief will be ery Act. The summary by Mr. Rich-

Real Wages Drop

# Wage Reductions Next Truck Strikes Loom in N.Y. As first fruits of Mike Tighe's ficient profits to endure a year of betrayal of the steel strike in July, idleness. Now, however, with their a drastic cut in the salaries of coffers swollen with swag, the first white collar employes has been an- drop in business brings cries of

nounced by virtually all members disaster from the steel executives. of the American Iron and Steel In- Economy is the watchword. Restitute, the "union" of the steel ductions in pay, and more unembosses. ployment. Even more drastic cuts of wages | The number of wage earners em-

will follow as sure as death and ployed by the steel industry in taxes. So it was when the salaries | June, according to the figures of the were cut the last time, and the time figures of the Steel Institute, was before. The salary cuts were 415,547. In July this number heavy; the wage cuts were heavier. dropped to 383,673, and the decline The present reduction in the sal- still continues. aries amounts to ten per cent. Sal-The total payroll for the industry aried employes will be put on a for July was \$34,913,521, a drop of five day week, with a correspond- 31 percent from the June total of ing downward revision of pay, and \$49,466,664. On top of this 31 percent cut in then some. This is reported to be the first the payroll, comes now the anreduction in payrolls by a major nonuncement of a ten per cent cut industry since the NRA went into in salaries, with a greater wage

effect. Do not believe that it will cut impending, and further reduction in employment and hours of Cuts Announced in Big Companies employment freely predicted by The announcement of the salary members of the industry and the cuts was issued simultaneously by capitalist press. a number of the major steel com-

A New Stagger System panies, including the giant United Eugene G. Grace, president of the States Steel Corporation. Others Bethlehem Steel Co., has already included Jones and Laughlin, announced plans for staggering Youngstown Sheet and Tube Com- employment on lines similar to the pany, and the Republic Steel Cor- steps taken by the steel industry poration, third largest company in when the depression was previously the industry. The National Steel at its worst. Corporation is expected to take Here then, in cold figures, is the

similar action shortly after Labor price paid by the workingmen in Day, when Ernest T. Weir, the the steel industry for the leaderchairman, returns from vacation. | ship of Mike Tighe and Bill Green. A united front against labor! For their trust in the NRA, they The excuse given for the reduc- will pay more dearly yet. tion is the drop in business. The Prices, as the NRA intended, will steel industry reaped enormous pro- leap rocket high this winter-are fits through the rush of stock pur- already mounting with frightful chases fostered by the NRA. These velocity. Prices will go up, and profits were hailed as an index of wages will come down. Unemploythe return of prosperity under the ment is increasing, and will in-New Deal. "As steel goes so goes crease.

More Profits-Less Wages



Despite the assurance of Presi-

ward swing and in many cases are

Hogs, for example, are now sell-

ing for almost \$7 per hundred-

and the Cotton Exchange has re-

severe deterioration since the crop

figures were issued at the end of

The raising of farm produce

100% higher than in June.

holds true for other livestock.

Unless Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, vice-chairman of the Regional Laborbor Board, succeeds in delaying the issue (when has she ever settled one?) 10,000 truck drivers in Greater New York will go out on strike today.

The issue is simple and clear. In January 1933 the trucking bosses such assistance should be given. succeeded in persuading the leaders of the truck drivers union that a voluntary reduction of \$5.00 a week would be for the good of the industry. The period of the reduction has expired, and presumably the bosses were to restore the wages to the 1933 level, but this they refuse to do.

There is no need to offer here the pretext on the part of the bosses for not sticking to their promise. The workers were tricked by pleas for cooperation with the bosses. Now they are undeceived, and willing to fight for their most elemen-

tary rights. Prices have gone up 27 per cent, and are still mounting. Even a restoration to the 1933 wage level would still mean a substantial reduction in the real wages of the drivers.

There is only one method by which they can fight the bosses, and that is the method of the militant truck drivers of Minneapolis. If they monkey around with the Regional Labor Board, without showing their strength, they will most forward immediately to the surely be gypped. If they put their Militant office their contributions faith in negotiations, they are licked before they start.

Efficient strike organization, systematic and militant picketing, unrelenting war on scabs, despite police thugs and the devil, these tactics, and these alone, will win for the strikers. They will win what they have the strength to win in open strike warfare, and no more

A strike of tremendous significance threatens today to close plant in the world, supplying light As in the impending truckers

Steel Salaries Slashed; Utility and CUBAN COMRADES NEED S NEED SUPPORT From the Militant columns our readers have become acquainted with developments in Cuba and with the activities and conditions of the Cuban section of the International Communist League. We have described the difficulties under which this section is building up a serious revolutionary force. It is still suf-

fering the persecution of the Wall Street puppet regime which has not at all abated under Mendieta. These comrades call upon us for assistance and The problem of Cuba is to build the proletarian revolutionary force, to build up its press, to have available organizers, but insofar as our comrades are concerned, although their influence within the Cuban labor movement grows constantly, the means to carry on these activities of building are still entirely

too insufficient. For a while they were compelled to suspend their weekly organ due to lack of funds. Publication will be resumed now if a little assistance can be given. In general the developments in Cuba are again taking on a more intense character. Dissatisfaction with the Wall Street

puppet government is growing and new struggles are impending. New and great possibilities are opening up for our Cuban section; but it must receive the support it asks for. Our members, sympathizers and friends should head this request and

to the Cuban Section. -ARNE SWABECK National Secretary, Communist League of America

tated by the discharge of the president of the Brooklyn Edison Local of the Brotherhood.

The union declares that it will not stand by and watch its national organization be destroyed but will take "matters into our own hands and fight the case with every means at our disposal." An ultimatum has been issued to

familiar cry to estrange sympathy from the textile workers and dethe National Labor Board and if moralize the strike is once again polluting the atmosphere. reinstatement of the official in ques-For the textile workers who have suffered and starved and wanted stunted in the mills, whose children have been victims of pellagra, this cry will invoke nothing but a curse The present crisis was precipi- SUBSCRIBE TO THE MILITANT mill owners - that "public" be of contempt. The bosses and the damned! This sentiment has poured into strike headquarters in Washington in the form of hundreds of telegrams from every textile center on the Atlantic seaboard pledging to go down the line with the union The 500,000 cotton cloth workers will not be alone when they strike. Some 200,000 men and women in the woolen and worsted industries will down tools simultaneously. Reports from Chicago state that 60,-000 cotton garment workers under the International Ladies Garment Workers are preparing to strike. A walkout of 100,000 in the silk industry has been agreed upon, only the date remains to be set. As one of the capitalist papers says, this strike is a major test for the NRA and all of labor is expectantly watching it. Since the institution of the National Recovery Act there has been no strike of nation-wide proportions. The auto strike was sidetracked, the steel workers strike was scuttled. Textiles are the first opening wedge. If the strike depends on militancy and a will to fight alone, then there can be no doubt of the outcome of the strike. The greatest danger to the textile strike, however, comes from within. Terror, intimidation, deputy thugs and all the other trimmings of democratic America will not stop the textile workers once they are aroused. If the strike is crushed or sold out we can say in advance it will be due to the Gormans, the McMahons and the rest of that treacherous crew. Sinister omens can be attached to any strike that starts with professions of loyalty to the government and violent denunciations of Communists by leading union officials Reports from Alabama where workers already are on strike, indicate that the battle will be fierce and the militancy surpassing anything seen in this industry before. The McMahons and the Gormans will be forced to reckon with this stormy spirit and think twice before they pass off any rotten agreement on the textile workers.

Wool Trade Join Cotton Not a loom in the nation will move today.

750,000 conton mill workers will quit the factories in a strike that will stretch out from Maine to Alabama

Workers in

When the workers leave there benches and become "hands" no longer but upstanding, fighting men and women, they will write the history of the first national strike in this industry. For the first time a major battle of the class warfare will strike the south and cause the black reactionaries to turn white with fear.

Despite the statements of the timid, treacherous Gorman, chairman of the strike committee, that the textile strike is not against the government, the fact remains that it hits directly at the NRA.

The first of the slave codes to be adopted in the country was the textile code. Incidentally this code was agreed to and hailed by the present officials of the U.T.W. The code did not abolish the stretchout, nor did it raise wages, nor did it grant union recognition. It was even powerless in enforcing its own innocuous provisions.

Not only did the code and the code authorities grant the workers nothing, but through a plan of 25% production curtailment thousands were forced out of jobs and into the unemployed army.

The bosses had no kick against this code. The NRA-they take it to their bosoms. But a unionnever. So great is their fear for union organization that they refuse to sit at the same table with the most cowardly of labor leaders. So strong is their hate for the slaves on whom they thrive that God himself is called upon to refuse relief

to them when they strike. The Yellow Press Howls Again "The public will suffer." "The business men will be ruined" holler the brass-check journalists. This

abolished. Money will flow out of the state and inflation will come in. But one point on the program departments, is supposed to be the which has more than passing significance for the working class in this country is that Sinclair promises to pardon Mooney immediately upon being inducted into office. Of this later.

Sinclair Sold on New Deal Perhaps one can get a clearer picture of Sinclair's Epic by examining the New Deal. "All we are doing is to bring the Democratic party," says Mr. Sinclair, "into line with the forward looking principles of the New Deal." And just exgains, the individual worker was actly what are these forward lookturning out far more for his boss ing principles? asks the worker in Toledo and Detroit, the longshoreman on the west coast-particularly in California-the truck driver in Minneapolis and the unemployed suffering from dysentery in New Jersey, New York and elsewhere.

What has the New Deal given us? they demand to know. And the answer is: New brands of tear gas, vomit gas, sawed-off shot-guns, the militia, vigilantes inspired by Johnson, fake arbitration boards and the of last year. The rise in profit National Run Around (NRA). Now for industrial concerns for the same 600 percent. California catechism of the New

Deal and Sinclair is its apostle.

A Socialist? The average weekly wage in Is Sinclair still a socialist? Let, manufacturing (where the bosses' those for whom he speaks answer. profits rose over 600 percent) in-"What do I think about it? I think creased from June 1933 to June it's great stuff," said Mr. Hopkins, 1934 a total of 8.5 percent. Against Federal Emergency Relief Admin- this slight increase there was a istrator. "Sure, I'm for him. He's rise in the cost of living for the on our side. A socialist? Of course same period of 9.6 percent. This not. He's a Democrat, a good Demwould indicate that while the bossocrat." He's on our side, say the es were making these huge profit bosses and their agents. Just as he gains the real wages of the worker took a slight drop. was during the war.

Anything might happen in Cali-These figures of course bring the fornia. Witness the growth of the story only through June (and very freak movement known as the Utoconveniently so for Mr. Richberg). pian society - which backed Sin- Since June the cost of living has clair's nomination. But we warn taken a sudden jump, and spurred the workers in California not to on by the drought, is steadily rely on a freak sentiment to get mounting. Furthermore, the latest Mooney out of jail. Promises or no Labor Department report of a drop promises. Moonev can and will get between the months of June and

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out of the bosses' dungeon in San July of 3 percent in employment Quentin only by mass agitation and and 6.8 percent in wages, show a pressure. We cannot repeat that still further shrinkage of the weektoo much or too often. This is not ly pay envelope.

the first time that demagogues have As regards total employment, the offered to reopen the Mooney case author of the report credits the

----if elected. Whether Sinclair will "New Deal" with an increase for or will not free Mooney depends private industry of 4,120,000 over entirely upon the mass sentiment the low of March 1933, and an in-

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submitted by various government administration's reply to all criti-With unprecedented-and hence

dent Roosevelt and his administracism of the results of the New Deal. suspcious - liberality, Harry L. The report indicates a fairly sub- Hopkins, Federal Relief Adminis- tion that "everything" is being done stantial upturn as regards the profit trator, announced recently that the to prevent profiteering as a result end of industry. As for the work- government would grant relief to of the drought, prices of all basic ing man, and his gains from the workers on strike—the textile strike commodities have taken a sharp up-

be the last.

NRA, the figures, gathered from being particularly referred to. those submitted by the Secretary of This statement was greeted with Labor Francis l'erkins, show very howls of anguish by the manufaclittle improvement indeed. turers and their press. Hopkins The conclusions arrived at indiwas not only violating the rules of a strike-breaking government, but cate that while the large corporations were making huge profit the laws of God.

God Against the Workers "Even God Almighty never prom-

corded gains from 12 to 14 points. in a given length of time, but re- ised anybody that he should not Speculators are taking advantage of ceiving no increases in pay for his suffer from hunger," yelped John E. the situation and are making heavy increased output. The report shows Edgerton, permanent president of purchases of cotton goods. "Proincreased profits, and increased pro- the National Association of Manufessional" buying which has been duction, whereas the returns to the facturers. The threatened textile a rarity since the stock market individual worker remained at the strike, he continued, would not last crash is again in evidence as huge low level of the spring of 1933. a week if "the Government would profits are in sight with the deple-Corporation profits, Mr. Richberg revoke its unfortunate comment tion of the cotton "surplus". Reshowed, rose a total of over 200 that no one shall go hungry in this ports from drought areas indicate

year as compared to the same per-The God-fearing Edgerton, who opposes child-labor amendments of July, as virtually no rain has fallen any sort on similar religious in many weeks in most of the coun-E.P.I.C. becomes clear. It is the period, he pointed out, was over grounds, is needlessly alarmed. ties West of the Mississippi River. Hopkins has explained everything.

actly nothing.

the rules of capitalist society. Certainly he will not violate the ton, while a year ago it was being

The same policy, he says, that has been pursued by his organization for this kind of product. in the past, will be observed in the future. This policy, he explained carefully, was "not a promise in advance that the strikers will be fed" Hopkins Reassures His Masters "During the California strike," proving to be bitter medicine for

the Federal Relief Administration siderably lowered as a result. It to California for relief needs, nor has tragically demonstrated that an was the cost of relief appreciably increase in prices could only be increased."

What then, does the promise of of small farmers and at the expense Mr. Hopkins mean? It means ex- of the living standards of the workers.

the local authorities, in every case being spent on relief will inevitably of the crisis will be passed. composed of respectable and God- lead to new taxation schemes for fearing elements, friends of law which the workers will have to bear

the bosses themselves -- strike-The 525 million dollars appro-They will pass upon each case

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berg, who correlated information government of Feeding Strike Are Responsible been led a merry chase by Mrs. Utility workers have will take place in the plant. Other Elinore M. Herrick. While she utility workers in New York will for years, whose bodies have been fiddled with the issue the Edison be called upon to support the trust fired members and officers of Brooklyn men.

the Brotherhood of Utility Workers.



weight, as compared with \$3.60 less The readers of The Militant know that we are not in the habit of than three months ago. The same shouting "help" at any and all times. We realize that we are dealing to the bitter end. not with wealthy magnates but with workers for whom a few paltry Cotton has also doubled in price pennies mean a great deal.

But the facts force us to send out this S.O.S. and to be as candid as possible.

WE ARE IN A CRISIS.

Through a sheer miracle the present issue of The Militant will reach your home.

What held us up was the matter of a few measly dollars, enough o pay for the paper on which The Militant is printed.

It was precisely these few dollars that it was so difficult to get Under these circumstances The Militant cannot appear next week.

We admit it quite frankly. Our activities in Minneapolis have irained our resources to the very bottom.

The members and sympathizers of the League have dug down and esponded nobly to our Organization-Press Campaign.

But so great are our accumulated back debts and so much greater he tasks before us that this revenue has been insufficient.

No sooner did we release the pressure of debts that were dragging down than we were faced with new bills, new burdens, and new tasks. Here are the facts:

It is only a matter of days when the marshal will appear at our shop and move our printing equipment into the street. A disposses notice has already been served.

And even if the landlord should be merciful for a few days, then ve probably will be forced to stop operating anyway. An electric bill long overdue; the lights and power will be turned off.

The gas company, the paper company and a host of other bills ollectors are on our necks demanding payments.

This issue of The Militant is made possible by the prompt response and the heavy sacrifice of a few comrades.

But that does not insure the next issue.

There will be no next issue of the Militant unless there is an immediate response!

We need not stress its importance to you. With a general textile strike due to break, and a truckers strike impending in New York, the absence of The Militant will be a veritable calamity. We are counting on you!

Every dollar, every dime is important!

Duplicate the contributions of the New York comrades and the appearance of the next issue will be guaranteed. More---the first hurdle

Comrades! Friends! Sympathizers!

If you want The Militant-and we are sure you do-rush your conribution to us at once.

Appeal to your shopmates and friends, inform them of the urgency priated for relief will hardly com- of the situation and solicit donations from them. We are certain that if pensate the farmers for their loss- you impress them with the seriousness of the crisis their contributions ACT NOW!

## The life of The Militant is at stake !!

Don't delay! Send your contributions at once to 144 Second Ave., New York City.

percent for the first half of this country".

Feed materials, the least valuable He has no intention of disobeying of all grain by-products, is now selling for between \$12 and \$18 per

intentions of God-Almighty. given away and dumped. \$2 per ton was usually considered a high price prices which motivated the whole Roosevelt administration agricultural program and was to be a solution of the agrarian crisis, is now

Hopkins points out reassuringly, the bankrupt farmers and workers "no additional funds were given by whose real wages have been con-

achieved by bankrupting thousands

Relief is administered through The millions of dollars which are

and order, tools of the bosses, and the brunt.

breakers natural born.

individually, and upon them and es, which are estimated in excess will be immediate.

them alone will rest the decision of 5 billion dollars. This may prefor it. To rely purely on the whim crease of 2,320,000 for June 1934 as to "need and worthiness" cipitate a serious political crisis

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Birthday Greetings

Prosperity

# IN THE TRADE UNIONS

TO ALL PLEDGERS:

Pledge Fund

Now that the Organization-Press Campaign is coming to a close, the main support of the Militant has Against Terror to be transferred to our pledgers.

self-sustaining. The income from subscriptions and bundle orders cannot possibly cover the full cost of production. We therefore have to depend on a subsidy of one kind

come was all directed through the

national office of the League. All Sloan of General Motors reports a golden age of prosperity right deficits of the Militant were therefore covered by the special donaaround the corner. Air conditioning of all buildings, fabricated tions which were sent to the orhouses and acordynamic railroad ganization.

equipment constitute the trinity that is to save capitalism from collapse and lead all of us to a luxurious life the like of which we have stant financial crisis and therefore never dreamed. As the cockney said: "Gawd! Wot 'opes."

REVIEWING

THE NEWS

W. Z. Foster's birthday greetings

to Bob Minor convinces one that

Foster must be very sick indeed.

Almost as sick as the party that

stages those disgusting birthday

celebrations one after another.

#### Drought and Snow

The faith of even the most holy must be sorely tried in our drought stricken area. First months of scorching heat burning up every growing plant and driving starving and thirsty cattle mad. Then after months of prayer by the faithful, snow and frost arrived. Many a preacher must feel like saying with the Negro parson: "Oh God! Don't make yourself ridiculous."

# Another "Splinter"

From Detroit comes the report Five members of the Lovestone group have resigned and made application to the Communist League. Just another "splinter", as Lovestone would say. \* \* \*

#### Duranty and Stalin, "Times" Correspondents

One of the favorite Stalinist yowls when argument fails them for the capitalist press." However, I have never heard of Trotsky helping a capitalist press writer get out his copy. Duranty writes to the N. Y. 'rumes from Moscow. "Stalin ... once struck out from a dispatch of mine the phrase that he was the 'inheritor of Lenin's mantle' and P. King replaced it with the words, 'Lenin's E. Konikow disciple and the carrier-on of his F. Victor work.'" If we could conceive of M. Spithos Lenin correcting and collaborating J. G. Wright in the dispatches of a bourgeois S. Gordon correspondent he would have F. Becker changed it to read "a disloyal, ar- M. Kling rogant, abuser of power, who is unrogant, abuser of power, who is un-fit for leadership who suppressed my last message to the party " (The my last message to the party." The L. Lewis modest Stalin writes in his own D. Morris picture of himself to be sent out to C. Nelson the capitalist world as the view of C. Tomas the "impartial" Times correspond- J. Weber ent Duranty. And a Stalinist dis-John Becker ciple in America says: "Even the capitalist press is forced to admit Lambert that Stalin is carrying on Lenin's Holley

Blah! Blah!

work."

An honest and truthful picture of A Sympathizer the situation facing the German A Social Worker proletariat and a truthful picture of the great difficulties confronting T. Smith he workers of the Soviet Union

No revolutionary paper can ever be (Ed. Note-The following letter by the Agricultural Workers Union of Ohio, now leading the several month's old onion strike in that district, speaks for itself.

It is a living protest against the or another. Up to March of this year the inconditions of peonage which pre-

slaves have risen in their might and by their militancy shown that the lash of hunger produces This method was found to be the best rebels. Since the beginhandicap to the organization, as it ning of the strike, July 20th, kept the national office in a conmore than 50 strikers have been railroaded to jail on the usual

hampered greatly the organization work. No funds left for field organizers; no funds for bulletins etc. etc.

The union leader has been kid-In March the National Committee napped and slugged by vigilantes. decided to separate the income in But the spirit of the workers is unbroken. Newspaper reports an effort to put each department on a self-sustaining basis, and have the tell of the armed defense of income used for the special purpos Odell, president of the union, by es specified by donators. women. The spirit of rebellion The Pledge Fund was started as that lies latent in the most downa help to the Militant. trodden wage slaves in this coun-We got a good response at first

try has found a magnificent dem-But the response did not keep com onstration in the battle of the ing so as to enlarge this fund suf onion workers of McGuffey, Ohio. ficiently to take care of the unavoid More power and all support to able weekly deficit of the paper. them.) We appeal now to all our pledg ers to keep their payments up regu-

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE larly. CITIZENS OF HARDIN COUNTY If you are behind in your payments on the Pledge Fund, send in Dear Neighbor:

as much as you possibly can at On June 20th, in McGuffey, a as much as you possibly can ave group of men, women and children, the strike tide in the bud. Berry's who gained and who lost by such ertheless, Governor Kump, through a precarious condition at this mo- living under the most servile and action was preceded by a recent action, the strikers or their mis- his subordinates, called out the ment. We must not wait until we inhuman conditions existing anyare faced with a crisis and have where in the U.S., banded together to skip an issue. The income from to increase their living standards. the organization-press campaign On this date, they were forced to as it always does is "Trotsky writes only helped to pay off back debts. use their constitutional right of If you cannot pledge a definite withholding their labor in order to achieve their purpose. They struck sum weekly, send a contribution for their jobs, the right of all free the Militant whenever you can. men, and began a courageous fight The following are still on our to eliminate the disgraceful blot of Pledge Fund list. We need more. slave conditions on the good name New York Local

**Downtown Branch** 

Newark Branch

**Bronx Branch** 

Boro Park Branch

**Boston Branch** 

Others

CORRECTION

We have been asked from Eng-

land to make a correction. In our

lications of the International Com-

munist League and amongst them

the Red Flag published in Great

Britain. While the Red Flag is is-

sued by a group of comrades who

support the principles of the Inter-

national Communists, it is not an

section in England of the Interna-

tional Communist League, but there

do exist two groups of revolution-

ists functioning in that country,

both of which adhere as sympathiz-

ing organizations to the Interna-

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1.00 weekly than an average wage of \$3 per 1.00 weekly 1.00 monthly season. A minimum decency level 2.00 monthly of existence is an obvious impossi-1.00 monthlp bility for these workers, hence, the lack of life's essentials have caused

trumped up charge of "inciting to

riot". Pitched battles have taken

place between strikers and thugs.

1.00 monthly .50 monthly 1.00 monthly .50 monthly .50 monthly .50 monthly 1.00 monthly pauperism. Hardin County has one

Harlem Branch

Onion Workers Appeal ed in the large city banks where as a great victory by both, Ben they have their central offices. In-] Golden, executive secretary of the creased wages will bring increased Regional Labor Board, and Philip purchasing power in our county- Zausner, will send the men back to thus benefiting all types of local work under the same conditions as businesses, increasing living stand- before the strike: the seven-hour ards, producing healthier living day and the nine dollars wage conditions, the only method of rais- scale, neither of which conditions ing the social level of our county. Only through your help and immediate action can the floodlights ion officialdom. It will be up to the of a national scandal be averted. painters themselves to enforce these Insist that all work in the fields vail in that section of the councease and the companies negotiate try. For the first time in years these underpaid agricultural with the strikers at once. Insist that the sheriff and courts are not to be used as agents of the employ-

ers. Demand that the special de- in leading the fight inside the union putles be removed. Insist that the against the illegal work-tax for the jailed strikers be released. Give the strikers your support and financial assistance. A victory for the strikers will be a victory for all pects to continue throughout the Hardin County residents. Our com- year. But here we come to this munity welfare is at stake. Do lamentable situation where the left your part.

-Sub Committee For Adequate Living Standards, Agricultural the union, and the whole thing Workers Union, McGuffey, O. once more.

# Court Outlaws Closed Shop in N.J.

A lower New Jersey court all dealings and communications launched another offensive in the must immediately end and a new state-wide crusade against trade un- strike center created which was to lonism. Vice chancellor Berry's de- be Local 499—the one local out of cision outlawing closed shop con- thirteen in Stalinist control. But

chain of vicious anti-labor decrees heroic gestures result in nothingdesigned to strip the workers of ness. This policy was already thetheir elementary rights and stem oretically a split. But let us see court ruling declaring illegal picketing during a New Jersey furni-

ture workers' strike. agreement, the court ruled closed shop contracts "against public pol icy".

After a prolonged fight last year the bosses submitted to an agree ment which included among others

a minimum wage scale and a closed of the barbaric conditions that exshop clause. The NRA code had ist here? In the onion fields the not yet gone into effect. Later, the average worker receives approxicode for this industry allowed lowmately \$36 for a season's labor (based upon the average pay of 10c er wages than those specified in per hour, a 10 hour day, 36 day the contract. Accordingly, the season). Granted that several bosses cut wages down to the NRA rupt but had caused corruption also level but kept a closed shop. The members in the family worked, the workers demanded the minimum total income could never supply wage stipulated in the contract. even the minimum human needs because no worker received more In court, neither union leaders nor the bosses raised the question week during the 3 months working of union control. Union leaders are preparing to

Should the court of Appeals and Errors uphold Berry's ruling, the a permanent condition of starvaclosed shop in this state will be tion, malnourishment, undernouroutlawed. ishment, improper housing, lack of sanitation, insufficient education, disease, mental derangements, etc. -all the sordid social evils bred by

of the highest rates of tuberculosis 2.00 monthly in the state, unsanitary conditions 1.00 monthly are now indicating a possible tyen all the protection by private de tectives who drive them to and from the shop in private cars. So far the police have not actively intervened, except in arresting one of the strikers, Sam Fox, when he clashed with some of the

scabs. The striker has been released on a \$200 bond and faces trial on the charge of assault. Every attempt on the part of the

bosses to get the workers back to work by bribes has been met with were enforced before, and will not be enforced now by the corrupt ununion." ing to support the strike fully by Here the left wing, the class con physical and financial aid. scious element of the rank and file

The workers can go back to their must take the initiative, in not only jobs victorious only if they stick enforcing job conditions, but also together and gain the recognition of their union. This they realize fully and their militant spirit is employed painters and the obnoxious twice-a-day reistration for the unemployed, which Zausner exthere is strength.

-BRUSH WORKER.

"Law and Order" Terror

closed without any disorder. Nev-

Until the state police arrived, the

wing, thanks to the Stalinist split-Shovel Workers Rebel ters, is isolated and expelled from In West Virginia must be built up from the bottom

.Parkersburg, W. Va.—On July Stalinists Wreck Left Wing 20, Federal Labor Union 18,658 When the strike was called five struck the Ames-Baldwin Wyoming weeks ago, the Stalinists impetushovel plant here. The main purously declared, that they did not pose of the strike was to force the recognize the District Council; that company to deal with union representatives as prescribed by section

7a of the NRA, as well as to guarantee seniority rights to its employees

the militants from the masses make welfarg". Such pretenses are com-

Newark for violation of a union demands upon the officials and the shooting and beating of workers, and the terrorizing of the inhabibosses, but the balance of union power lay so entirely with the officers that sentiment and protest, plus weak and small organization had little chance of winning these strike-breaking, anyway. Such atends. All cards were heavily rocities soon proved to the workers ist Young Guard (the Y.P.S.L.) of stacked against the Stalinists. A for what purpose the West Virginia Brussels invited the Stalinist youth week later the charter of Local 499 State Police had been organized- and the Bolshevik-Leninist youth to was revoked, and their open supporters in other locals driven out. The few individuals who dared to protest were silenced by Zausner. The old leaders were not only corin the membership. Zausner gained Making sorties into the picket line, fascist repression, the Socialist ground. The strike meetings were gradually driven compactly together and anyone who refused to fol- bystanders as well as pickets. These terests of Stalinism, but should low the united strike action under armed thugs shot a bystander, Mr. demand the inclusion of Trotsky in the leadership of the District Coun- M. W. McMullen, and deliberately, the list of those to be defended. We cil, was trampled under determined, without any cause, clubbed and beat added however, that naturally in

> Is Zausner's Charge True? The Stalinists were charged by

The workers' most elementary nobody is quite clear. But it is militancy of the pickets. rights are at stake. Only concerted most sincerely to be hoped that mass action will repulse this gov- Louis Weinstock, the courageous ernment assault. The trade unions leader who has fallen into the Stalmust wage a united struggle to inist swamp, would not do such an to investigate the shooting of Mc-

into a dual union.

MARCH OF **EVENTS** 

#### The United Front and the Defense of Trotsky

The burning question in those countries of Europe not yet under the general response: "Call up the the iron heel of fascism, is the unitunion. Deal with us through our ed front of the proletariat against The Brushmakers Union, fascism and imperialist war. The Local 16303 of the A. F. of L., de- establishment of that united front cided at its last membership meet- of all working class parties and organizations willing to fight in this struggle, without discrimination, although not sufficient, is neverthe-

less a preliminary and absolutely essential condition for the defeat of reaction. The fate of France in this connection, the ability of the testimony that they understand the French workers to strike unitedly meaning of the old axiom : In union and decisively at the fascist forces,

will decide immediately the fate of Belgium, Holland, Spain and England. Fascism triumphant in France would mean that European civilization will be thrown back into the Dark Ages with all its barbarism. It is the realization of this that causes the masses to exert an irresistible pressure on the bureaucracies of the parties of the Second and Third Internationals for unity in the struggle. The workers are compelling action.

The first task posed for such a united front is the defense of all the victims of fascism and the reactionary bourgeoisie, the defense of the working class fighters against

fascism. Necessarily then the question of defending Trotsky poses itself for inclusion in such a program. pickets were keeping the plant The Stalinists cannot evade this issue, they are being pushed to the wall and forced to declare whether Trotsky is the victim of the attack of the French reactionary bourgeoi-

# The United Front in Belgium

# In every country the best fighters come from the youth movement. tants of the South Side, did not Thus in Belgium the youth comserve very well to maintain peace, rades show themselves the most adbut these tactics were good for vanced, the most serious and willing to learn. Recently the Socialnamely, for strike-breaking and no send representatives to debate the other. These legal assassins would, question of a united front for the without provocation from anyone, defence of Trotsky. Naturally we hurl tear gas bombs into the picket presented the position that in case line, and into nearby restaurants of the acceptance of a united front where workers were congregated. for the defense of the victims of the police would ferociously swing Young Guard should by no means their riot sticks, and knock down concede anything to the special into the ground, A. K. Summers, the case of a struggle against fascism union's president. Such brutal and which poses other questions too, heinous methods were adopted for such as the fight against decree the sole purpose of breaking the laws and arbitrary government new union-an accusation on which fighting spirit and smothering the power, we do not lay down any ultimatum that we refuse to join the

united front unless the defense of **Bosses Investigate Themselves** Trotsky is included. The Stalinist Kump's representative from the speaker evaded the entire issue by Department of Public Safety, sent presenting the Stalinist program and attacking Trotsky. The reacassining thing as lead his followers Mullen, forgot to interview the tion of the Young Guard showed wounded man, or any of the wit- that the Stalinists had failed utter-The place to fight the bosses ef- nesses to the shooting, or the man ly to carry conviction. This was demonstrated later in the acceptance in principle by the N. C. of the claimed that the state police were socialist youth of the offer for the united front by the Stalinist youth. wound was too small to be done by The socialists, after accepting the that surpasses understanding-in a calibre of gun used by the state task of defending Thaelmann. splitting knowingly with a mass police. However, this investiga- wrote: "We believe also that the tor for the bosses had never seen defense of a militant like Trotsky the wound, nor had he consulted is equally necessary and that we the doctor as to the extent or dimshould place ourselves in the camp opposed to that of the French bourin fact, the Governor and the state geoisie. We think we should derepresentatives clearly revealed fend all the militant victims of inthat they were on the bosses' side, ternational reaction, without distinction as to tendency." The Stalthe strike even if they had to kill inists tried to minimize the entire the union's president and a couple issue of Trotsky but the socialist youth have thus far stuck to their Like the Government, the local guns and not permitted themselves newspapers pitched their tents in to be put off.

tracts is the most reactionary in a it is an everlasting pity that such

conditions.

Not only did the separation of der", and to "protect the public's sie or not.

it difficult for the membership as a mon to all our public officials (from the Essex Reed and Fibre Co. of whole to force desired action and the President on down). The

appeal the case to a higher court. angry feet.

would serve the interests of the E. Beecher American working class and the Cochrane workers of the world. Instead of Colay that a vast stream of blah, blah is preached by Stalinist liars about M. Lipshitz the Soviet Union. In regard to Germany the same course is fol- S. Eckstadt lowed. Those who preached that the Hitler danger was past and the proletarian revolution on the order of the day every day since 1929 E. Wiener are now again out with the same C. Shechet old record. What kind of Commu-W. Henderson nists are those who require 'shots in the arm' to keep up their cour- J. Chiplowitz age? Lies to the capitalists are sometimes necessary, to the workers the truth and nothing but the A Miner, W. Va. P. Miller, N. Y. C. truth serves revolutionary aims. \* \* \*

## Baseball, Wages and the Rising Cost of Living

Detroit Auto Workers are expect ed to be so excited with the success of Mickey Cochrane's Tigers and the pitching of "Schoolboy" Rowe that the bosses will be able to go through their pockets while they issue of July 21, under the Quesare cheering the victory of the tion Box heading we listed the pubteam.

## . . .

Living Costs and Profits Rise

Richberg reports --- "Corporate profits rose from a deficit figure of 6.9 in the first quarter of 1933 to a profit figure of 13.2 in the second quarter of 1934" and "living costs have gone up slightly faster than the individual workers pay." To insure that "happy" picture some other consumption figures could be given, something like this: "Labor faker schemes for selling out 98.4 during the past year" and "the tional Secretariat of the I.C.L. One use of tear gas and vomit gas has shown an increase of several thou-

sand percent. The number of killed and wounded strikers have also shown a huge increase." All the demagogy of the most demagogic der the act of March 3, 1879. president in years, all the threats of and persuasive power of a corps of politicians and misleaders of labor, all the powers of the press plus tear gas, vomit gas, machine guns, rifles and bayonets to say nothing of police clubs and the blackjacks of hired thugs were needed to send corporate profits Martin Abern James P. Cannon soaring and keep wages behind the Mar Shachtman Maurice Spector

cost of living. The workers are learning, the power of demagogy is subsiding, the decks are being cleared for great class battles. The NRA has shown its hand.

75e for six months. -BILL.

.50 monthly phoid epidemic - these are mere .50 monthly straws in the wind of our fertile .50 monthly bed for disease. Disease is no respecter of individuals, it attacks

1.00 monthly rich and poor alike. What has been the answer of the 1.00 monthly onion growers, the big land com-1.00 monthly panies, who are directly responsible 1.00 monthly for these inhuman conditions? Blindly ignoring the social effects .50 monthly of their greed they are doing just

.50 monthly as the feudal masters of old, using oppressive and brutal force to keep .50 monthly tenants. their slaves in serfdom and dark .50 monthly destitution. They are illegally attempting to use our county machin-A Friend, Youngstown 2.00 monthly

ery-JP's, deputies, sheriff, courts and other county officials in their interests; actually having the braz-A. Wolfe, New Haven 1.00 monthly en affrontery of making the citizens of Hardin Co. bear the expense of forcing the workers back to their jobs-and living death. Not satisfied with taking hundreds of thous-

ands of dollars profit yearly, these masters are now seeking to use our county funds and officials to protect these profits. Over \$6,000 to date has been spent by Hardin County for special deputies (this does not include the thousands expended on court trials, etc.), more than enough to pay the small wage increase demanded by the strikers for many seasons. Think of the irony of paying deputies \$3 a day present moment, an official national and expenses to physically force Think of the disgusting trickery of vital problem which affects every trict Council. The Master Painters there has been mass picketing

Entered as a second class mail Post Office at New York, N. Y. Unthe people of Hardin Co. (if necesand compel the land owning com-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1934

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# Painters Strike Ends; Zausner Collects

smash these decrees.

Although the New York painters strike is now over, and the settlement is hailed as a great victory trade-union.

for the painters, it is obvious, that the only ones who benefited by this strike—who came out of the struggle with any material gains are the must again become the pioneers in ension of the injury. In every way, boss-painters, Zausner and his lieu- blazing the pathway of class strug-

It was evident long before the strike was formally declared that upon the foundation rock of Leoin- and that they were out to break the corrupt union leaders and the ism, aainst which the waves of bosses had the whole thing in the false policies, passion and reaction bag: it had all the spontaneity of may dash and the words of dema-

ership, the yearly pre-seasonal again. strike has become a habit and a necessity. The 50 cents a day

stantial income for the Zausner 100 Brush Workers work-tax has proved to be a submachine. The politician, the gangster and the lackey, who had terrorized, intimidated and slugged

the protesting painters, expects to collect, now that the prearranged strike and the settlement is over and months in this way.

**Boss-Painters Also Wanted Strike** also were crying for a strike for boss and struck solidly. tion wages. The only answer of that they do not have to live up to is a true tribute to the abilities of seniority rights. the land owning companies to this any paper agreement with the Dis- the working class. Every day now

legal methods and brutal force. during the strike that they had al- at University Place and 11th Street. Neither of these answers will solve ways paid the workers below the The strikers realize that what is at the problem but both will inevitably scale and worked them longer stake is the recognition of their bring on more trouble, dissension hours: violations that were winked union which alone can defend any and greater hardships for everyone. at by the union officials. But while of their economic gains. This sen-How long will this shameful con- the price of painting material timent is clearly expressed at their dition last? Just so long as it takes showed a slight increase in the strike meetings, on the picket line

sary, the state and nation) to bring order to be justified in giving higher cuss their strike. sufficient pressure from all sides estimates for work, had to prevent the rich landlords and theg reat panies and large onion growers to real-estate concerns with a per- ual means to attempt to break the and Foreign: \$1.50 per year; All excess profits realized by these insistent demands for more pay. companies and growers are deposit. The settlement, which is hailed strike breakers. The scabs are giv. Roosevelt organized the NRA to to terms.

fectively is in a mass organization. who conveyed Mr. McMullen to the But we must fight intelligently. hospital. The state investigator Courage without consciousness leads to defeats. There is nothing innocent on the basis that the but gabbulous futility-the futility

The left wing must be reorgan ized in the painters union. We gle in the mass unions, and estab lish our organization d structure

prearrangement. To the District gogues may blow, but the house founded on this rock, will not fall Council, under Zausner's mislead-

Strike in N.Y.

100 brushmakers in the Hertzberg the strike. Harte wrote a letter and Son brush factory went out on to the N.L.R.B., stating his position the tax money starts to roll into strike for union recognition and on the strike. He hoped that the the union treasury in earnest. Last higher wages. The wage scale as workers would think this letter was year more than \$160,000 was col- established by the NRA was \$13. an offer to the union for a settlelected and spent inside of four The strike was provoked by the fir- ment. The union members, howing of one of the active trade union ever, wisely voted against termin-

members. The workers then decid- ating the strike on the basis of The boss-painters in their part ed to hurl back the challenge of the Harte's letter, stating "it is only a letter", and "not a specific concompeting starving, demoralized also were crying for a strike for a week now the picket lines tract". The letter, by the way, did it with material gains. They knew have been militant and the fighting not even mention the union, nor or scatting, so that these land com- it with material gains. They knew spirit of the young people involved did it offer union recognition or panies can continue to pay starva- from past experience with Zausner, spirit of the young people involved did it offer union recognition or

of pickets to do it.

the bosses' camp. As a result, the

A Ruse Is Spiked

Wood County Labor News.

Federal Labor Union No. 18,658 presented mountains of evidence to resident of Hardin Co. has been il- Association admitted many times around the shop which is located the Federal Labor Relations Board (enforcement section of the NRA), proving that the Ames-Baldwin Wyoming agents had coerced the employees to vote for a company union. However, the union can expect little help from these people. unless the union, first, by the force past summer, the contractors, in and wherever they gather to disof the strike weapon brings the bosses to their knees. In that case

Plug-Uglies to Break Strike the NRA is superfluous. The Fed-

The employers are using the usto turn labor discontent into peacepay wages which will insure decent formance-with a painters strike. spirit of the workers and to get ful channels, and either to prevent pay wages which will insure accent formatice with a painters strike, spirit of the work. They have strikes or to keep strikes within living conditions to their workers. That is why the picket mos were them back to fill the places of the limits harmless to the bosses. The own unions, and less willingly use local community except to the ex- on Park and Fifth Avenues; to im- union boys and girls as well as the workers, by relying on the committent of their payroll-the purchas- press the parasites there with boss- customary line-up of tough-looking tees and investigators of the NRA, so.50 per half year — Canada ing power of the resident employees. es' impecuniosity and the painters' and ill meaning gangsters who hire is a measure attain better working their own labor organizations will

#### Parkersburg locals are editing a The Movement Begins Here paper all their own, called the

All too slowly a campaign is getting under way for the defense of Trotsky here. Without comment President Harte of Ames-Baldwe print the following letter sent win Wyoming Co. tried to use the to us by John Brooks Wheel-National Labor Relations Board to Last Wednesday (Aug. 22) about trick the workers into calling off wright. He writes: "A man far greater than Julius Caesar is in danger of being murdered. A man whose accomplishments are equivalent to those of Calvin, Cromwell and Clarendon, or of a Rousseau, who directed the course of Revolution wrote its history and worked to undo the work of Bonaparte and the Dynasts,-Leon Trotsky is in danger! Altho I doubt the wisdom of forming a 4th International, I beg you to bring the influence of your paper to bear upon the necessity of forming a United Front to defend the life and liberty of Leon Trotsky, whose security involves the future well-being of millions. and who worthily occupies the post of champion of civilization against barbarism. An age so rich in event and poor in character as ours could ill afford his loss." Comrade Wheelwright is right. The defense of comrade Trotsky is the task of every revolutionary worker and in---JACK WEBER. tellectual.

> eral governmentc reated the NRA induce the workers to resort to the governmental boards for help, so that these same workers would less efficiently use the power of their their strike weapon against the bosses. And only by the might of

---G. N.

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# International **Youth Day**

youth in their struggle against capitalism, militarism and war are embodied in International Youth Day.

As the day of demonstration against these curses of present day society, the first Sunday of every are "the democratic parties and two governments of Paraguay and September, was set aside by the revolutionary So- central organizations of a democialist youth who met at the first international anti- cratic type" of Latin America. war conference held during the World War. Who were more courageous than the handful of youth who assembled at Berne, Switzerland, in the dark days the above described organizations of April 1915?

Neither the mass chauvinistic spirit of the time fostered by the capitalist class and the official Social Democratic parties, nor the powerful coercive powers | ly and culturally. (Free trade.) of the war governments could deter their struggle. Fired with revolutionary enthusiasm and a keen un- tional conflicts. derstanding of the imperialist character of the World War, their small numbers and their isolation from democratic forms of government. the mass of youth did not deter them from unfurling the banner of the Socialist struggle against war, of revolutionary internationalism.

These advanced youth had been taught by the Left wing in the old Second International. Above all tion. Liebknecht and Luxemburg had fought for the organization of the youth. As early as the 1900 Paris state. Congress the Second International recognized the need for "the education and organization of the young people with the object of fighting militarism".

# Origin of Socialist Youth Movement

youth organizations arose in all the important coun- be attractive to such organizations tries of Europe and America. In some, primarily as anti-militarist organizations (Belgium, Italy, Holland, South Germany, Spain, Switzerland and Norway), in others, as defenders of the apprentices and young workers (Austria, North Germany), in still others, for the Socialist education of the youth (England, the United States),

All reflected the growing importance of youth un der imperialism, as wage slaves and cannon-fodder. The growing militarization of Europe at the turn of above program as issuing from a land-in the year 1934, when the the last century focused the attention particularly workers' party. It would be con- world is engaged in a war (at presof the revolutionary Socialists on the problem of winning the youth for socialism.

The process culminated at Stuttgart on August 24, 1907, where, under the leadership of Karl Liebknecht the Socialist youth leagues organized the first revolutionary youth international. The fate of the militant youth movement was inextricably bound up with that of the revolutionary Socialist wing of the Sec- (mining, rubber, cotton, coffee, definitely that this conference is ond International.

On the wave of the enthusiasm engendered by the heroic struggles of the Russian workers in 1905, the ploited proletariat slaving in these internationalists gained strength in Western Europe industries, the native industrial and in economics, so in national and America. On the crest of this wave the Socialist Youth International was founded. However, reaction soon set in. Shortly after the Stuttgart Congress the influence of the Left wing receded, not to be revived until the Russian working class revolu- their position in economics: in be- government ideal for capitalism at tion of November 1917. Thus came the decline of the world Socialist youth movement.

Nevertheless small groups of youth were trained in revolutionary Marxism. Those who had founded the Socialist Youth International joined, in the main, the Left wing in their respective country. While ngs. there was neither unanimity nor clarity among the revolutionary Marxists and though they were not well organized, the crucial test of a social crisis, the semi-colonial countries and the tatives of a class left behind by the World War, found them united in defense of internationalism.

#### Anti-War Position at Berne

The Berne Youth Conference arose on this background. It denounced the Social Democratic war mongers who despite their repeated anti-war pledges, given at International Congresses and meetings, became bloodthirsty proponents of the imperialist slaughter. Unclarity was displayed on the question of the centrists. But what was to be expected on such an occasion? Surely not a clear-cut, complete Marxist program!

Not until the Russian revolution of November 191



Called by the national committee | At present we have the war in All the glorious traditions of the revolutionary of the Socialist Party of Argentina, the Chaco. As the two little coun- Masses, Willi Muenzenberg under- hope to extricate themselves from a congress of "Iberia-American de- tries involved directly become ex- takes to explain the German events their responsibility for the German mocracy" is scheduled to take place hausted both from the point of view

3. Defense of the republican and

5. Control of foreign capital

6. Compulsory, free, lay educa-

7. Separation of church and

4. Labor legislation.

(imperialistic capital).

Nicaragua.

century liberalism.

in Buenos Aires in September. In- of man power and economic vited to participate in this congress strength, the powers behind these Bolivia, the United States and The task of this congress, accordother forces to decide the issue. ing to its callers, will be to unite The war in the Chaco is in acute

danger of becoming continental, inon a common plan of action in faternational. The prize of this envor of the following program: larged war will not be a small piece 1. Free interchange, commercialof land in the Chaco, but entire South and Central America and 2. Pacific solution of interna world hegemony.

All the efforts at "pacifistic solu tion" are not only the phantasies of a class which lives on illusions. Not only will they not stop an imperialist war, but are also a great obstacle in the path of the revolutionary solution of an imperialist war by revolutionary methods. Between the imperialist war of the big financiers, and the revolution-

ary war of the proletariat we find As yet it is unknown what response this call has had among the the petty bourgeoisie dreaming of liberal, democratic and reformist "pacifist solutions" of all wars. In groups of Latin America. This this matter also the middle class In the period from the late '80's to 1907, Socialist platform will, however, undoubtedly in-between nature of this all becomes clear.

as the Apra of Peru, Groves party Free trade? One rubs his eyes in Chile the Socialist Parties of to find out if by some chance he Uruguay and Brazil, Grau San Mar- has not reversed the position of tin in Cuba, the Left wing of the the hero of Bellamy's "Looking National Revolutionary Party in Backward" and instead of waking Mexico and the Sandinist group in up in the 21st century, has awakened in the year 1850. To call for

Even by an immense stretch of free trade-like the industrial capimagination we cannot picture the italists of the latter years in Engservative even for a petty bour- ent concealed, but soon to be open) geois liberal group. It is a twenti- between the imperialists who are eth century echo of English 19th continually raising tariff wars against each other, and the prole-

Caught in the scissors of big tariat, one of whose historic tasks foreign financial capital, mainly in- is the freeing of world economy vested in extractive industries from its national barriers, shows meat, nitrate, fruit) and in rail- representative of the hopeless petroad and power and the super-ex- ty bourgeoisie.

As in international politics (war) capitalists, tiny and impotent, in politics the middle class character many cases little removed from of this call is clear. Between fasartisanry, adopts a position in in- cism and the proletarian dictatorpermational politics analogous to ship this call defends the form of tween, is the best description. By the time it was small, progressive their very nature incapable of a and democratic. There is no word revolutionary struggle against im- of independent working class acperialism, they find solace in mis- tion of even a reformist type. All of these things clearly prove

erable impotent reactionary wail-The financial capitalists demand Aires in September will be an inthe uncontrolled exploitation of the ternational conference of represenworkers and peasants in them. The march of history: the Latin Ameri- at a catastrophic pace" and; that proletariat demands freedom from can industrial bourgeoisie. The the C. P. was attaining "considerall imperialism. The petty bour- ideas of this class are on par with able success in its policy of the

geoisie wants to "control" foreign its economic development: 1850. capital. (The fly on the cow's rump wants to control the cow!)

United States. The conflicts in

In the July 31st issue of the New By this casuistry, the Stalinists

to the American workers. defeat. But it is a difficult task. It seems that there is very little It was not so long ago that Muenagreement on this question even in zenberg spoke in a different vein. the minds of the Stalinist histor-In February 1932, he had this to ians, since each new pamphlet and say about the united front: "A gian counterpart of the Young Spartacus). The Great Britain, are obliged to call in article on the subject contradicts bloc or even an alliance, or even temporary joint operation in indithe laborious apologetics of its pre-

vidual actions between the Commudecessors. nist Party and the Social Democra-However that may be, we are tic Party in Germany against Napresented by Muenzenberg with a tional Socialism, would forever disbrand new interpretation, which is to give the American workers the credit the Communist Party among the broad masses of the workers. key to the German situation. . ." Then, it was the united front

Unfortunately, space limitations from below that would crush fasdo not permit us to deal adequately cism, for as the great Stalin himwith each point raised. What we self hath said, and all the little intend to do therefore, is to concentrate exclusively on the material cial Democracy and Fascism are not presented by Muenzenberg, and show that even on the assumption necessary to defeat the S. P. bethat the premises laid down are true (which they are not),---the conclusions drawn are entirely at tee of the German Communist party replied in part: variance with the facts presented. in **July, 1932,** it was even pro-In an introduction where he atclaimed that fascism already extempts to give a picture of the conisted !

ditions in Germany prior to Hitler's "Before all, we must make it appointment as Chancellor, Muenclear to the social democratic zenberg reveals in the most unmisworkers that what we have today takable manner the crass, unhistor-

is the Fascist dictatorship. . . . The ical and un-Marxian approach of same holds for the illusion that the S.D.P.G. or the General German After recording the effects of the Trade Union Alliance are also oreconomic crisis in Germany from ganizations of the anti-fascist 1928, he goes on to attribute the struggle. Whoever would aim to build on the idea that by 'appeals' to the S.D.P.G. or other reformis organizations, a struggle would come about, would disarm the proletariat." --- Rote Fahne, July 26,

Muenzenberg, also cannot refrain from taking a poke at the Trotskyclining steadily" during 1930-1931 ites. In a brilliant example of history written to order, he says: "The Trotskyites say we made a mistake to win the masses at a rapid rate. in January, 1933 when we didn't declare a general strike ourselves cess in its tactic of the united front (?!), with or without the Socialists (!!), when we didn't summon Under these conditions, granting the workers to follow us into the for the moment that they are true, streets for an armed uprising. We and that "when the Prussian Gov- are ready to bear responsibility for what we did before the Communists of New York today, and before the coming World Congress of the Comintern in Moscow. The events of the last one and a half years have shown that the line of Thaelmann and the German Party was correct."

The correct line which put Hitler into power and Thaelmann in jail, is now counter-posed to an invented one for the Trotskyites. The German L. O. which for years prior to Hitler's advent to power consistantly advoacted the united front between the S. D. and C. P., for which they were peremptorily castigated as "counter-revolutionists", are now accused of calling for an Needless to say, Muenzenberg docs cations, cannot produce what does

#### YOUTH UNITE IN BELGIUM

Belgian youth are showing the way of genuine united front action to the young workers and students of the world. An agreement for action against war and fascism has been arrived at between the three major youth organizations: The National Federation of Young Socialist Guards, the Young Communist League and the Young Leninists (the Belthree organizations will fight for the liberation of all class war prisoners irrespective of political affiliation and organize joint action of the workers against the dictatorial powers of the reactionary Belgian government. Further, the united organizations will combat the recent government decrees calling for the dissolution of the Young Socialist Guards and the Young Leninists. Independence of organization is to be maintained in the united struggle against the common foe.

Two features are of interest here. One is that the Stalinist youth organization have designed to enter Muenzenbergs after him: "The So- a united front with the "counter-revolutionary Trotskyists". And the other is the splendid attitude of antipodes but twins". It was first the Young Socialists in the course of the negotiations with the Stalinists. The Belgian Y.C.L. addressed fore fascism could be destroyed. In a proposal to the Young Socialists calling for united a statement of the Central Commit- struggle in behalf of Thaelmann. To this the Y.S.G.

"We believe that the defense of a militant like Trotsky is equally as important and that we should be in the camp opposing the French bourgeoisie. We think that every militant without regard to tendency hounded by international reaction should be defended by us,"

## NOTES ON THE UNITED FRONT Czechoslovakia

A blanket refusal was the answer of the Czech Socialist party to the Stalinist request for a united front. They charge the Communist party with splitting the trade union movement and working for the destruction of the social democratic organizations. In years gone by, this argument would not have carried an ounce of water. But since the auvent of Stalinism, with its theories of "social-fascism" and "red trade unions" not a few workers are affected by it and believe the reformists sincere in refusing the united front.

#### Britain

Here too the "Loyal Opposition of His Majesty King George", the chauvinists of the Labor Party have rejected unity of action with the C. P. In Britain the Communist Party is an insignificant sect. It has little or no support in the unions which could reenforce its demand. Then the whole policy of the last five years serves as a condemnation. Two outstanding reasons motivate the Labor Party refusal of the united front: It "would stimulate confusion in our own ranks and weaken our hold over public opinion." In other words, the united front would discredit the fakers in the eyes of the workers and compromise them in the opinion of the bourgeoisie. They forget, however, that this is the party of Stalin and not of Lenin.

#### Holland

The S. P. of Holland says "Nothing Doing." Go appeal to our International. That's how they answer the Stalinist appeal for the united front. They could never get away with such brazen cynicism if the offer were made by a real revolutionary party. They would have to answer to the workers for whom the danger of fascism is more important than the prestige of the bureaucrats, reformist or Stalinist.

#### Sweden

In Sweden the Social Democrats constitute the bourgeois government. Consequently they will have no truck with any proposition for united front. Because . . . it might lead to sad results for bourgeois armed uprising without the S.D.! society. And that, they wouldn't like at all. So they say to the C. P. "There is a gulf between the revolunot quote chapter and verse to sub- tionary line of Bolshevism and the peaceful road of Social Democracy. . . . The united front slogan is the trade unions.

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(from below!)." ernment was overthrown in the coup d'etat of July 20, 1932 . . (the) Social Democracy's last iota

of prestige disappeared", it should have been a comparatively easy task for the C. P. to rally the workers under its banner. Make This Out-If You Can!

that what we will have in Buenos But, no! Despite the fact that the Social Democracy was completely discredited and that: "Its trade unions were losing members united front": and, that it was win-

The bourgeois United States of ning "the masses at a rapid rate" Europe was and is a utopia owing ---despite all these favorable fac-Dependent upon foreign capital to the fact that European capital tors, says Muenzenberg, the reason for the machines and tools they ism cannot overcome its inner dif-"Hitler did not seize power in an use; upon railroads owned by for- ferences that lead them to the open struggle against the working eign imperialists to transport their building of ever higher tariff walls class", was because this same Soproducts; upon banks to finance and the exciting of ever more frenz- cial Democracy (which had already stantiate this fantastic proposition. their undertakings; upon laborers ied nationalism. For the same rea- lost its influence), prevented the His very originary mind, while it simply a slogan to increase the influence of Bolsheworking for the foreign imperialists son — that European and North workers "from making a solid unit- can invent unconscionable farbri- vism at the expense of the Social Democrats and for their chief market-they are American imperialism cannot over-led front; (and) had been com controlled by foreign capital and come their differences-the bour-pelled to make a retreat". will become ever more dependent geois United States of South and How is one then to interpret all

success of the Fascists in winning a mass base (1) to the propaganda of Goebbels and (2) "by promising every group in the population what that group desired". And what, pray, was the "revo-1932. lutionary party<sup>\*</sup> doing during that interval? "The Socialist Party," Myenzenberg continues, was "deand: "The Communist Party in the ensuing winter of 1932-1933 began It began to attain considerable suc-

the Stalinist historians.

and the creation of the Communist International did the youth movement again arise. The Young Communist International was thus organized in Berlin on November 20, 1919, nine months after the founding of the Comintern.

)his genuine heir of the revolutionary Socialist youth traditions, endorsed the decision of the Berne the struggle against centrism on the matter of the political subordination of the Young Communist League to the Communist parties was not solved until the Second Congress of the Y.C.I. in 1921.

The thriving militant youth movement was temporarily doomed with the victory of Stalinism in the to British influence versus those Soviet States of Latin America. we have successfully up to now Communist International, the defeat, once again, of the revolutionary Marxists. The revisionist and could have no other effect than the collapse of the Young Communist International. The bureaucratic regime in the Communist parties, which took on even of events in the struggles between Street. greater stultifying force among the youth, could these two countries. not but be repugnant to the young workers and their need for self-education and development.

#### Steps Towards New Youth International

Arising from this situation the movement for a new world party of revolutionary Marxism, the Fourth International, is finding its reflection among the youth. The Luxemburg Youth Conference held last February. in organizing the International Bureau of Revolutionary Youth Organizations, marked an important step forward in this process. Unanimity does not exist. Many of the participating youth organizations do not understand the need for a decisive struggle against centrism. Are they less advanced than were the youth who assembled at Berne in 1915? Only the most patient discussion and constructive joint activities can win these youth to a full revolutionary program

These are the considerations which we must recall on the nineteenth International Youth Day. Today the Stalinists. when reaction is growing throughout the world, we must assemble the forces of revolution. The victory States, as well as the threatening war clouds which hover over the world, the growth of the militarizato build a powerful youth movement-for the youth are the first victims of imperialist wars and Fascist demagogues.

Just as the revolutionary vanguard requires the youth, so the militant youth movement depends upon political guidance from the vanguard. Such should be the inseparable connection between the Communist League and the Spartacus Youth League. Together we call upon the militant youth to demonstrate on September 2nd against wage slavery, militarism and imperialist war.

> -JOS. CARTER. \* \* \*

#### EDITORIAL NOTE

coming issues.

upon it instead of attaining the Central America is doomed to be his statements about the success of control over it they dream about. still-born. Such is the nature of the party's united front policy, its be depended on to whitewash the South America is the arena for politics in the epoch of imperialism. winning the masses at a rapid rate criminal betrayal of the German a free-for-all fight between various The proletariat lives in 1934. It and the disintegration of the S.D.? workers, the workers of N. Y. and European and North American needs an internationalism suitable Perhaps the editors of the New the world over will soon give their Conference on International Youth Day. However, groups, with the late entrance of to its epoch, a revolutionary inter- Masses will undertake to enlighten answer to the Stalintern-organiz-Japan into the fray. The chief bat- nationalism that will carry society the American workers on this score! er of defeats.

tlers are Great Britain and the forward instead of backward. And then to cap it all, he con-For the Latin American councludes this part of his article with If the number on your wrapper is South America are in reality con- tries the next step forward is the this statement: "We will continue flicts between countries sympathetic formation of the United Socialist the tactics of the united front, as

sympathetic to North America. The main task of this union will be (!), together with the German or smaller, your subscription to The Governments are formed and over- the defense and extension of the workers, for a real revolution and Militant expired. Do not delay. treacherous program and practices of the Stalinists thrown, nations fight each other, proletarian dictatorships of the not for another bourgeois-social Send your renewal in at once and international pacts are signed ac- various countries against the at- demoratic regime." Is this perhaps so save us unnecessary labor and cording to the dictates of the course tacks of imperialism, chiefly Wall the same kind of united front that expense. If you cannot renew at it means intense suffering for the Chinese revolution--C. C. | Browder is now so anxious to have this time let us know how soon you ist, who has now rounded out his seventieth year) August 24, 1934 can.

the S. P. accept?

not exist.

While the World Congress of the CONDEMNATION AT ANY PRICE Comintern-if it ever is held-can In this column last week we wrote of the heavy

dared to use troops to shoot down

toll taken by Kuo Min Tang terror of the Internationalists in China. In the course of the note we told of the plight of comrade Chen Du Hsiu, founder of the Communist party of China and leader of the Communist League there. We said that due to the intervention of bourgeois admirers he was not subjected to the same treatment as other political prisoners. The statement was immediately seized upon

by a certain scribbler for the Daily Worker, one Harry Gannes, who says that . . . "The main bourgeois admirer of Chen Du Hsiu is Wang Chin Wei, one of the chief henchmen of Chiang Kai Shek." On

what authority he makes this assertion he does not bother to say. Facts are least important in the Stalinist press. This different treatment (whatever it is,

is accorded Chen, according to Gannes, because of "his service to the executioners of the Chinese workers and peasants." Then why is he in jail altogether? Surely even the Chinese bourgeoisie has more use for such a "staunch friend" than to keep him cooped up in a foul dungeon. Or perhaps, as the argument went in regards to the "red" scare in Minneapolls, it is to make him more popular with the Chinese workers in order to be able to sell them out later?

But the stalwart loyalty of Chen to the revolutionary workers of China stands in glaring contrast to the craven capitulation and outright treachery of executed immediately upon apprehension. That might be true if they stuck to their guns. But the facts speak another story with most of them. Here is only on the proletariat, capitulated to the bourgeoisie and even betrayed their own comrades:

Tsang King-teh-secretary of the Chinese section of the International Red Aid.

Chen Yung-chao-head of the Chinese Communist party.

Chang Chi-yung-director of the Organizational Department of the Kiangsu Provincial Committee of the Chinese Communist party.

Liu Wen Hsiang-a party member and secretary and executive member of the party-controlled Shanghai Labor Union.

Fang Yuen-ming--editor of the party's trade union organ.

These facts only partially exhaust the names of the real renegades from Communist, to say nothing of the scores of spies, the most ardent "Trotskybaiters", that wormed there way into the leading councils of the party only later to betray the most militant and courageous workers to the police.

#### NEW INTERNATIONAL OFF THE PRESS

The August issue of the New International is now available to all readers. It is an anti-war number war and the war to come. Besides, there is highly English language.

Stalin's Camp Followers on Latin America

This article is devoted to a dis-parties of Germany and the United the precision and language of a sions against the workers and who

apologists for the Stalinists, the the significance of the Cuban revo- One other aspect of Ward's cur- strikers and demonstrators, "ap-Lovestoneites on Latin America. lution, what the Cuban workers ious approach deserves mention, peared to take the demands of the These people in their pitiable im- were doing, what mistakes they Ward tells us that "In addition to masses too much in earnest". And Stalinist leaders in China. Gannes says they are potence to influence the course of were making, what was the role of our economic interest we have a so it goes with Hevia and Mendieta. events and because of the shameful the Communist party of Cuba in very vital political interest in The Cuban revolution is explained ambition of their leaders to recap- these events, what was still to be Cuba." (The interest of the inter- as a succession of presidential perture important positions in the ap- done in Cuba, what was to be done national proletarian revolution? sonalities in relation to American a partial list of Gannes' heroes who have reneged paratus of the Stalinist party, de- in the United States to help the No.) "Its dominant position in the imperialism much as the school fend or cover up the betrayals of Cuban workers. The same silence Carribean and its closeness to the texts explain history as a succes covered the infamous bargain Lit- Panama Canal make the island a sion of kings. The class struggle in In August 1933 the class strug- vinov made with Roosevelt in its strategic point in the continental this type of history, lurks somegle in Cuba reached the point at relation to the Cuban revolution, defense of the United States."! where in the background and makes of Fascism in Germany, the Fascist danger in France, the spread of incipient Fascism in democratic United which the tension of the classes defined and makes the specially in the question of the (Our emphasis). Ward writes like its presence felt like the occasional is presence felt like the occasional is presence felt like the occasional is presence for the order of a volcano for the order of a vo broke out into revolutionary strug- fight against American imperialism. a patriot! rumble of a volcano. gle against the Machado dictator- And on the war in the Gran Chaco Ward attempts a chronological On the role of the Communis ship and American imperialism. the Lovestoneites observed the survey of the events covered by the party of Cuba Ward is as silent as tion of the youth and the hopeless plight of the young The Lovestoneites maintained a same policy of silence-is-golden. period of the Lovestoneites' silence, the tomb. Grave charges have been profound and, for them, wise si-But those in the Lovestoneite that is to say, the first year of the laid at the door of this party. They lence. When "revolutionists" do not camp who had faith were rewardpresent epoch of the Cuban revolu- have been substantiated with docuunderstand that the revolution has ed. In the July 15 issue of the tion. It is a strange record which ments. A clear case of treachery arrived it is always wiser to keep Workers Age the Lovestoneites who, she compiles. According to Ward has been made against the C. P. of quiet. A month later the masses in their time "discovered" Latvia the "starving and wretched masses" Cuba. But Ward, like her conoverthrew Machado. But Ameristruck again and raised the petty and Esthonia, discovered the existfreres, finds it politic to pass this bourgeoisie to the seat of power, ence of the Cuban revolution. Those can imperiailsm was able to ease in question by in silence. Eloquent Martin supplanted DeCespedes as who seek light on the struggles DeCespedes who, Ward recognizes, testimony of the character of this provisional president. The Love- which convulse the "'Queen' of the "smelled so much of his former movement !! stoneites still steeped themselves in Carribean" should read Ellen chief". How was this possible? Is this silence accidental Not silence. Wisdom had not been Ward's "Cuba in Turmoil". But re- Ward is discreetly silent. "The at all. Ward summarizes the state vouchsafed them. Four months member as you read that this is army and the students supported by ment of the Communist party of later the revolution suffered a de- the first pronouncement by these another surge of the masses, took Cuba on the abrogation of the Platt feat with the reinstallation in pow- right wing Communists on the Cu- control of the government and put Amendment. Did the Lovestoneer of the docile servants of Ameri- ban question. If you look for their in Grau San Martin." Why were- ites "discover" the literature of the and the major part of its contents deal with the Due to an unfortunate combination of circum- can imperialism; this time it was position on the Cuban revolution n't the masses able to take power? Cuban Stalinists only yesterday? questions of imperialism and militarism in the last stances the regular "Question Box" does not appear Mendieta, who replaced Martin as you will look in vain. You will Ward does not tell us. The U. S. Strange and convenient ignorance in this column. However, we hope once again to be president. The Lovestoneites re- find, however, that Cuba's geo- didn't recognize Grau. Wall Street of the statement of the Communist interesting material on the united front in France, able to present our readers with this feature in the ported a general strike. They were graphic position, population princi- was afraid of the big bad wolf. party of Cuba of the abrogation of containing documents hitherto unavailable in the

cussion of the position of those States to explain to the workers tourist guide book.

too busy reforming the Communist pal crops and size are set forth with Grau who was carrying out repres-

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Tom Mooney Appeals to

Labor for Assistance

er than a knot from one of the

For the past two months the In-

ROADED me to this living hell for

These acts of violence and the un-

working class gesture called a gen-

# UnitedFruitCompanyVs. United Banana Workers

A few weeks ago seven thousand | land-workers, for the most part no Costa Rica banana workers went longer "peasants" but true proleon strike. It was the biggest strike tariat.

in Costa Rican history and was distinguished by several unique tional industrial unionism, particufeatures that together made enough larly clear in the Caribbean zone, strike New York Times news.

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In the first place, the workers of a few great companies, who have went out on an all-inclusive, in- long since wiped out, economically, and "Labor Day" is not as some of dustrial union basis. Cutters, load- all trace of national borders. ers, railroad and dock men stopped work, paralyzing the banana indus- led and supported by an active, in- sus an American holiday. Quite try from the jungle to the water's edge.

The government gun-men, called in at once by the many United Fruit be the linking, by means of indus- of L. itself, only later to be adopted boys holding public office, were unable to make a dent in the strikeunable even to get near the armed, fighting workers, led by Communist Party members and backed by C. P. representatives in the Costa Rican legislature-men who, let us state with honest surprise, are making a consistent, intelligent fight against the United Fruit strangelhold.

International Solidarity in Strike second remarkable feature about this strike was its close contact with Nicaraguan workers, and its solid support by Jamaican Negro workers in the Atlantic zone, in spite of the race-hatred campaign carried on by the United Fruit and the smaller subsidiary planters. The Costa Rican government began deporting Nicaraguans shortly after the strike, accusing them of being "foreign trouble-makers", but at the root of this action was the fear of strike in Nicaragua too--also, like Costa Rica, a vast estate of the United Fruit. The workers might discover-they are learning rapidly-that the precious national boundaries are economically fictitious---that the Nicaraguans are not only suffering imperialist exploita-

tion like themselves, but largely in the same industries and under the yoke of the same companies! An international strike would be

new in Latin-Amerca --- and immensely dangerous to the United Fruit Company, whose huge empire includes most of Central America and the Caribbean zone, and spreads into South America, especially in Colombia and Venezuela. A huge industrial union embracing the fruit, sugar and coffee industry could paralyze not only the industry itself, but most of the railroad and water traffic in the Caribbean zone. Hence the alarm of the United Fruit at the fraternizing of Nicaraguan and Costa Rican workers.

Furthermore, international industrial unionism, cutting through national borders, would wipe away the big talking point of petty-bour geois demagogic agitators and governments-at present a strong and typical Latin American product-

for these knomintangists base their appeal on "anti-imperialist" supernationalist "peasant and worker" demagogy. The workers cutting an oversight on the part of Rich bananas might find out their true berg) there was a decrease in em- of the Americas" and no one will two strongest powers in the world bananas might ind out their true berg) there was a decrease in em-class status—side by side with the railroad men and ship-workers, manufacturing industries, and a its to Mexico together with many other attributes highly qualifies

# LABOR DAY--1934

Labor Day, the first Monday in | a sigh of relief when the demon-| capitalist onslaught on the working September, is not the holiday of strations are over and they still class. First the fire was trained

labor. Set aside as a national holiday by

Second, the strength of interna-United Fruit Company to make the ers are reduced to an identical class of the American Federation of Laand industial position in the employ bor.

Third, the strength of a strike

tated by economic reality, should May 1 was founded by the A. F. trial unionism and politically, of by the European labor and Socialist

Latin-American workers to North movement. Americans, for at that point a general strike in the banana industry, or coffee or sugar, would become a significance: and would reveal the 1 and Labor Day. true international nature of imperialism, and the necessity of international action, on a mass basis, -JEAN MENDEZ. against it.

# **Hopkins and Relief**

(Continued from Page 1) They, and they alone, are to decide how much of the dwindling relief funds will be given to strikers. Have they been sufficiently starved, is their need sufficiently desperate, are they properly grateful and amenable to reason?

There are insufficient funds on hand to take care of one-tenth of this country's starving. Who believes, then, that the local authorities can accept, if they would, the additional burden of the striking thousands?

John E. Edgerton need fear nothing. The government troops will be at his disposal to crush the strikers. Funds, unlimited government funds, are his to break the strike. Relief for the strikers remains a promissory note, unsigned and undated.

Meanwhile, will the govenment continue to pour its loans into the coffers of manufacturers engaged in breaking strikes and locking out vorkers? It will.

The Weirton Company, arch-foe of organized labor, defiant of even the government's order to re-hire union men it had fired, is one of the chief beneficiaries of Roosevelt's generous administration, through loans and subsidies, through sums of money sufficient to feed every

single striker in the textile industry.

Richberg Forgets

Sinclair Plan

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remain in power. We judge ourselves by what our

enemies think and say of us. Congress on June 28, 1894 in direct For the American working class opposition to the revolutionary cel-Labor Day of 1934 is no day of reebration of May 1, it found its most of an impact on the hide of the where the great majority of work- direct support in the reactionaries joicing, rest or recreation. Whether Bill Green, President Roosevelt or J. P. Morgan like it or not, it will it was a year ago. Membership in country.

be a day of struggle, of class war. The difference between May 1 Cotton Mills Close on Labor Day our reformist friends would have us Labor Day 1934 will resound with the echo of the marching feet first time challenging the corrupt ine Workers Unions, have been believe: a foreign celebration verof nearly a million underpaid and bureaucracy of the A. F. of L. conducting one of the finest and telligent, militant workers' party. | the contrary. Baptised with the over-exploited textile workers leav-The fourth necessary step, dic- blood of the Haymarket martyrs, ing their places of drudgery in a nation-wide general strike.

Labor Day 1934 will find the day when the workers rise to their forces that FRAMED and RAILworking class rankling with resentfull stature. ment at the broken promises of the

clusion in this respect: that Wolfe's

policy was not different from Roos-

evelt's! In this way Wolfe, the

Wolfe said that there cannot be

The burning creed of the class self-appointed "savior" in Washingfew shams will be punctured. And break this strike. They ordered struggle and the illusory shibboton. They have learned much in outstanding among them, is the their murderous police to shoot leth of class peace-there lies the this year-that the New Deal of sham of capitalism itself. The ris- these strikers down in cold blood movement of enormous power and significant opposition between May the NRA has been a Raw Deal of ing profits concurrent with the without the least provocation-it Company Unions, starvation wages and charity pittances for the un-

An Offering of Capitalism With the full blessings of the employed.

President of the United States, Labor Day 1934 finds the Ameriwith the benediction of the bosses | can proletariat scarred from many who drive their "help" with the battles. Auto workers in Toledo, whip of slave conditions, with the truck drivers in Minneapolis, longmock eulogies of the labor-hating shoremen in San Francisco, coal capitalist press on "the dignity of miners in Alabama, furniture labor", the working class is given workers in the "model" village of a day off-without pay-to enjoy Kohler have shed their blood in the the full "harvest" of a year of toil. cause of unionism.

They have faced and fought the Day 1934. It is not a day of cele-Contrast this picture of superhypocrisy with May 1, when the clubs and bullets of the police, the bration-no holiday ever granted by capitalist class trembles in fear of | tear gas and bayonets of the Na- the bosses can be that-but a day the "revolution", when the state tional Guard. Every strike has for the workers to reflect over the city authorities mass their had its martyrs. and

armed minions to prevent "seizure the announcement of the steel trust transformed into action, then there of property", when the hired press screams with rumors of "bomb of a reduction in wages, the her- will be real holidays-workers holplots", "assassinations" and breathes ald of the second big gun in the idays.

# Stalin Followers

on Latin America or reading his speech in the Work-ers Age could draw only one con-(Contined from Page 3) the fight against American imper-

Workers Age, which prints the ialism ! speech without comment and ap-What are the perspectives of the Cuban revolution? Can the Comparently agrees with it in toto, and munist party of Cuba be "restored the Lovestoneites as a movement walkout they had requested better of terror is now in full swing; give objective assistance to the class to a Leninist basis (we assume that the Lovestoneites will not dare to enemy and help "the strongest pow- in wages. The employers refused will be crushed under its heelmaintain that the Cuban Stalinists er on the continent" to fasten its to grant any concessions and began that is real unions, willing to fight have been pursuing a Leninist pol-bloody yoke around the necks of to systematically fire the most ac- for its members; these militant icy although they have yet to ana- millions of our fellow workers.

lyze their "mistakes")? For the answers to these questions you look in vain in Ward's Baedeker of the amon the peoples of the American Cuban revolution. But perhaps we demand too much

Workers Age she is only a tyro in the subtle art of covering up the strongest power on this continent to traces of the Stalinists. We must influence the form of government or look to the maestros of the Love- the internal affairs and economic

Age. Wolfe's subject was "Voice Chaco which is engineered by the



palling hunger, the waste, the solidarity.

anarchy, the insanity of this sys-

That is the significance of Labor

the scene and arrested every one as McGuffey, O .- Two months ago some 500 men, women and children prison. Over 600 arrests were times sought and been denied said working in the largest onion fields made. Mayor Rossi said, "I will relief. We have asked the U.S. in the country went out on strike. drive every radical and Communit On numerous occasions prior to the out of San Francisco." A campaign working conditions and an increase | first the Communist then the unions workers were the spark-plug in the tive.

longshoremen's and general strike. A committee representing the equality and free cooperation workers demanded that those fired Nothing that I might try to say be put back to work. The employcould begin to do justice to the continents "while there exists any ers refused and threatened to fire history-making events that are takintervention or any threat of in- all of them. This incident on top of Ward. After all, judging by the tervention, any economic or politi- of the miserable wages they were say, that this is the beginning of cal or military pressure by the receiving precipitated the strike. Demand 35 Cents an Hour

years-but the end is inevitable. The strikers immediately organ-Richberg Forgets (Continued from Page 1) over June 1933. Between June and July of this year'however, (again July of t These militant workers, who have and children for 5 cents an hour. Up until a few days ago the bring this struggle forcefully and strike had succeeded in crippling dramatically before all workers and this winter when the effects of the

freedom. I want you to help me

The entire

for capitalism.

The prices of these posters, 24x

38 inches, are reasonable. 15c for

a single copy; 10 for \$1.00; 25 cop-

ies for \$2.00; 50 copies for \$3.50;

100 copies for \$6.00; 500 copies for \$27.50; 1,000 copies for \$50.00, pay-

MY DEAR FRIENDS, COMRADES able in advance to Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee, P. O. AND FELLOW UNIONISTS: Box 1475x San Francisco, Califor-As I write this letter San Frannia. cisco Bay District is tied up tight-

The posters can be used in connection with advertising Mooney greatest demonstrations of working Mass Protest meetings. They can ing class is stronger and more class solidarity ever manifested in be carried in parades on wooden frames, hung in union offices and halls and workers' headquarters, placed in friendly store windows and pasted up in places where great crowds pass. These banners should be carried in all Labor Day parades, and also May Day parades. In Labor, slowly but surely, is begin- bravest militant labor strikes ever fact there are a thousand different ning to feel its power. Let the fought in this country. These very valuable uses to which they bosses and their servants awe the same corrupt and all-powerful can be put.

We are desperately hard up for funds to carry on our fight on three fronts-in the capitalist courts, before the capitalist governors, and to the workers-where our real hopes are. We are enclosing a coin lower standard of living for the was wanton, wilful murder. Then card with the hope that you will working class, the destruction of they had the State militia called in at least enclose a small coin to meet the expense of printing and mailing this to you; and if fortune smiles more kindly upon you now than it does on many millions of starving workers we will not be angry with you for disregarding the coin card and substituting a check, postal or express money order to enable us to prosecute this case all the more vigorously.

eral strike; and this in spite of the We shall be very happy to have powerful opposition from all labor an order from you for a large bunleaders who were swept aside. Imdle of these posters to be used in mediately upon the consummation of this foul treacherous betrayal of your city, now or at a later date. We are sending out 25,000 of these the striking longshoremen and marcircular letters and posters, and time workers unions, the henchmen that in itself is an item which. we hope you will consider when passing upon this urgent plea.

U. S. District Judge St. Sure not only refused to grant my writ of habeas corpus, but also refused to issue a certificate of probable cause, which would entitle us to appeal was inished, then they appeared on from his decision. He said we should seek relief in the State Su-Communists and threw them into preme Court, where we have three Circuit Court to grant a certificate of probable cause and to hear our original application for a writ-habeas corpus. This court promised us a decision on the certificate of probable cause by the middle of

July, which has already passed. Your continued loyal and faithful assistance in this desperate uneven uphill 18-year old struggle against the most powerful odds, will be everlastingly cherished. ing place in this region. Suffice to May we hope for your early reply? Again I give thanks from the the end of the old order of things. depths of a grateful heart, and send It may take months-maybe a few you warmest personal regards with firm proletarian greetings.

Fraternally and sincerely yours, (Signed) TOM MOONEY \$1921

Food Prices Up (Continued from Page 1)

drought will be felt with full force. The thousands of small farmers

tages for it at the expense of its **Onion Workers** imperialist rivals. But a worker listening to Wolfe over the radio,



on the unions and now a slashing attack on wages is being prepared.

Stronger and More Confident

But on the other hand, the work-

unions has grown by leaps and

militant on Labor Day 1934 than the whole history of this entire

bounds. In more than one industry ternational Longshoremen's Asso-

the left-wing workers are for the ciation, along with nine other Mar-

For when that day comes not a LIFE are the ones now trying to

ssentials of life alongside with ap- to help break this wonderful labor

tem-all of this we can say is more justified appearance of the militia

firmly impressed in the minds of into the strike zone was like touch-

thousands today who were obliv- ing a match to a powder magazine.

ious to the meaning of the present Like one man the entire labor move-

set-up of things on Labor Day 1933. | ment in a marvelous spontaneous

against native nationalist bourgeoi- like decrease of 342,000 in the nonsie and the United Fruit. Strike Triumphs

So a third remarkable feature of the strike emerges: it was won. The workers got a raise, and virtual union recognition, since the strike was settled by a committee upon which were represented the union, the Communist Party, and the government-acting for United Fruit. This denouement contrasts dollars a month of the P.W.A. workers. sharply with the big United Fruit strike in Colombia several years ago, when the government sent in troops to crack down on the more or less marooned banana cutters, degenerated into skirmish and saown estimate, a million dollars in fits rise anywhere from 200 to 600 the Rio Grande." The language of wolfo's formulation fruit and property.

The Costa Rican C. P., one of the few Third International groups left in the world which actually pursues an intelligent trade-union policy, and maintains a realistic po- of a demagogue-even an "honest" litical fight, has emerged from the demagogue is to disarm oneself in struggle greatly strengthened and advance. The very fact that Sinheathily growing. The workers have clair got so overwhelming a vote learned several lessons from this strike, which if followed up should cant step forward in the history of labor movement have made it out radio for if not to make suggestions ing class. American labor.

campaign in California, particularly world, north and south of the Rio Lovestoneites will not solve the Lessons of Strike First, the strength of the industrial union principle as applied to as it revolves about Sinclair, in same great colonial combine as in conclusion we want to repeat the few words about what we Amerimarine workers, railroad men, etc. words to Sinclair junior to his cans should do as a people if we This should lead to a new and father: "Daddy, read your own clearer concept of Latin-American books."

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- Communists ......Max Shachtman 4. State and Revolution .....Jack Weber
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other attributes highly qualifies manufacturing industries. This him to deal with this subject.

Wolfe spoke from a capitalist rawould bring the total increase of employment for private industry dio station and could not, in all probability, have used the forth- 1912 rehearsed the World War from last June to July of this year to the grand total of about 1,600,000 right language of the revolutionary which burst forth two years later, movement. This circumstance im- Wolfe who had the opportunity to workers. In addition to the above posed on him a severe restriction in speak loudly and clearly, was siabout 1,000,000 men are being emthe use of his language, but only ployed on the various relief jobs lent. in his language. No other restricrunning anywhere from the one dol-

tion is permissible for a revolutionlar a day of the C. C. C. to the 50 ist. Better to give up the opportunity to speak than accomodate the content of your speech to the de-The total applications for jobs at the federal and state employment mands of the capitalist radio censors. Let us note at once that agencies ran well over 15 million. Thus does this merry dance of Wolfe seized the occasion to cover figures continue. Between 1,500,000 himself with the mantle of a modest brutality and terror. Many lives and 2,000,000 workers taken back patriotism. "As an American speakwere lost, and the struggle finally to industry at the magnificent ing to Americans", said Wolfe, "I wage of about 15 dollars per do not feel it appropriate here to week. Real wages go down. Pro- make suggestions to those south of more radical declarations and Gov-

parently the language of the Lovestoneite movement Tomorrow it national chauvinism.

Why was it not appropriate to "make suggestions" to an audience of thousands? Where is it more simply indicates that the issue of appropriate? In the Workers Age freeing Mooney in California is not which reaches far fewer workers? the bugaboo that cowards in the What do revolutionists want the

We shall return to the election to the toiling masses of the entire Ward and Wolfe than before. The Grande and everywhere else? wish to promote better relations with our neighbors to the South" (Our emphasis.) And Wolfe proceeded to make a speech which any

bourgeois demagogue looking for petty bourgeois and working class votes could have made in its entirety daily.

Moreover Roosevelt appears to be achieving the very solution Wolfe advocated. He granted "independence" to the Philippines; he abrogated the Platt amendment; he withdrew marines from Haiti. A revolutionist speaking over the rad'o on the Latin American question has a clear duty to expose the hypocritical, demagogic, anti-working class nature of these maneuvers by the leading imperialist power of the world to deceive the Latin American workers into thinking that U. S. capitalism is friendly to them with resulting trade advan-

tervention or pressure whatsoever. support. On this remarkable development

The strikers were evicted from which foreshadows the coming their homes and relief refused. All world war as the Balkan war of kinds of provocations were attemptin jail at one time in connection with activities attending the strike. To no avail. The strikers held

their ranks. The employers became Wolfe told his audience that the frantic and resorted to every means active in the labor movement. cooperation he spoke for was posto smash the strike. sible "only when the destinies of

Then an epidemic of fires and each land are directly ruled by the great majority, the workers, farmonly old, dilapidated barns were from the capitalist courts and poliers, peasants and producers generally". True enough; but abstract property damage resulted. It was enough to win the enthusiastic obvious that this was the work of ity to ask for my freedom just to support of Darrow who has joined the bosses in an attempt to smash the Baptist church, or the Farmer the strike and arouse public opin-Labor party which makes even ion against the workers.

Mayor's Home Bombed These provocations culminated in the abstract but are not filled by the bombing of Mayor Ott's home her master. Nay more! It is ap-him with a revolutionary working a few days ago. Immediately, on. August Second marks my 32nd class content. And that is the in- O'Dell, president of the union, was anniversary of membership into the will take on the flesh and blood of evitable mark of the opportunist. brought to the county sheriff's bar- International Molders' Union. These racks for questioning. Present at dates should be exploited to signal As for his patriotism and Ward's.

an organization which tolerates the inquiry was Sheriff Mitchell attention to this monstrous framesuch people in its ranks and prints and six special deputies. up. Labor Day, in every city in the country should afford a won-Suddenly, a crowd of some three their speeches and articles without derful opportunity for a brave and hundred "Citizen Vigilantes" even any comment is rendering the greatest service to the bourgeoisie crashed through the barracks' door daring exploitation of this case. I and the greatest harm to the work- and, taking the forces of "law and hope every one of my real friends, order" by "surprise", captured comrades and fellow unionists will not forget me on that day.

O'Dell. They dragged him outside, One is no wiser after reading beat him up and threw him in a truck which was rapidly driven away.

Late that night O'Dell appeared and American revolutions. But ous wounds. He had been taken ary workers. The quicker the Ambeaten and told to get out of the erican section of the Fourth Intercounty on pain of death. He was national is launched and comes to warned that his child would be grips with these problems the soonkilled and his home destroyed if he er will we be able to settle accounts dared return. with these right wing Stalinists.

The strikers immediately organ ---JOHN COATES. ized a defense group and prepared San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Aug. 16 for the threatened return of the Vigilantes.

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O'Dell, in behalf of the union said, concerning a return of the Vigilantes. "Let them come. We'd give \$500 a head for anyone who gets away alive."

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and agricultural workers forced off No labor or working class event the land will be compelled to seek should be allowed to pass without employment in the industrial cenputting the Mooney Case on its ters which are now glutted with ed and as many as 30 strikers were map. The only reason that I am millions of unemployed.

The demand for social insurance in prison is because of my militant. loyal devotion to the cause of the will be raised by tens of thousands workers, and the further fear. that of new voices. The organization if released I would again become of the unemployed will take on new meaning and will necessitate a new orientation by the unions and un-In this present industrial upemployed organizations as the unheaval I see real hopes or my freebombings started. Strange to say, dom, and very little hopes for same ity of employed and unemployed will become an even greater necesburned and no lives lost or serious ticians in public office. But I am sity in the face of the developing strike struggles. availing myself of every opportun-

These perspectives place great prove to the workers what they can tasks before the revolutionary expect from the courts and other workers. The burning need of a public officials doing the dirty work new Communist Party to lead the oncoming struggles is being reveal-

ed by each new event. It brooks no On July 27, my 18th anniversary, delay! I begin my nineteenth year in pris-

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