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## THE CRIME OF SACRAMENTO AN EDITORIAL

The conviction of eight leaders and active workers of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union, and consequent sentence to the penitentiary, is a crime of the first magnitude, not only against the individual victims but against the entire working class of America, against all forces in the country working for a better and happier future.

A blow has been struck at Sacramento against labor rights painfully acquired in generations of bitter struggle and sacrifice. Reaction, conspiring in the dark to thwart all the aspirations of the oppressed people for a better life, has scored a victory. Eight militants will pay for that reactionary victory with the loss of several years of liberty. The workers everywhere will pay for it in their struggles against exploiters emboldened by the precedent.

Those guilty of the Sacramento crime are, first of all, the industrialists and bankers of California, their cover organization, the Associated Farmers, and their agents, the prosecuting attornies, the court, the vigilantes and deputies, the police and the hired stool pigeons-the whole state apparatus of repression and oppression.

Accomplices in the crime are the cynical and corrupt leaders of the Communist Party who shamefully subordinated the interests of the defendants to an internal party factional struggle against them, and sacrificed the class interests involved in the case to sectarian considerations in the struggle against another party.

They played down the historic case and robbed it of the national prominence which was its due; they kept the defendants-members of the Communist Party!-in jail for six months before the trial, refusing to provide bail for them; they broke up the united front movement of defense and protest; while the trial was on they slandered one of the defendants, Norman Mini, who is distinguished only by his superior intelligence and integrity; they imposed courtroom tactics on their attorney which worked exclusively to antagonize the jury and jeopardize the chances of the defendants.

Despite all this the jury had to deliberate 66 hours before reaching a verdict. Four jurors held out for acquittal, finally consenting to a horse-trade which convicted eight out of fifteen defendants. A powerful united defense movement, an intelligent courtroom policy and a loyal attitude toward all defendants would undoubtedly have brought a different result at Sacramento. The American working class will do well to probe this tragic experience to the bottom. The day of reckoning will come for the capitalist perpetrators of this crime and also for their accomplices, the perfidious leaders of American Stalinism.

NY Left Wing way to power? Leaves YPSL And Joins WP

Resign as a Group in **Protest** against NC **Decision** at Buffalo

cialist Party a revolutionary organ ization." The statement cites the entrance of the Belgian Labor Party into a capitalist coalition government as a warning sign as to the preparations of the Labor and Socialist International for a new war on the side of the national capitalist class. and secretly Federal Union of Gas A repetition of the betrayal of House Workers, No. 18799 struck a 1914 can only be counteracted by well-prepared blow for the right to the organization of revolutionary organize. In this battle against Gas Company stalled the young parties of the Fourth International. the profit-gorging Laclede Gas Co., Federal Union, refusing to grant may soon be a reality, join the up the cause of the entire laboring population of St. Louis. Workers Party and the Spartacus Youth League Struggle Against Reformism

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The defendants will be sentenced by Judge Lemmon on Thursday. At the same time an appeal for a new trial will be heard.

Those convicted were Norman Mini, Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Martin Wil completely Every one of the workers, on heaving about the strike immedi-ately rashed over to the Strike Head-quarters to be assigned for duty At STATION J, they locked up the fitting obop, as the force walked out son, Albert Houghardy, Lorence Norman, and Jack Crane.

Those acquitted were Jack Warn ick, Fred Kirkwood, Harry Collentz, Lee Hung, Mike Plesh, and W. H. Huffine.

The verdict bears out our state ment that the trial was primarily directed toward smashing the Agricultural Workers Union. The eight convicted were the leaders of the union, the men the state was really out to get.

Of the eight convicted, two, Norman Mini and Lorene Norman, re

terrupted mass pressure from work-'plants" who were fixed by the ers and working class organizabanks and farmer capitalists held tions all over the world, the United out for conviction, while the bona States Supreme Court has granted fide jurymen held out for acquit-The final verdict was a com-Haywood Patterson, Scottsboro defendants

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NORMAN MINI

Scottsboro

**Boys Granted** 

New Trial

Is Victory for Negro

**Rights; Struggle Must** 

Be Continued

After four years of almost unin-

A strike vote at the Goodyear local was overwhelmingly for a walkout, according to a survey, and labor was heartened by the large number of workers who voted. Although the local seldom had over 1.000 at the largest rallies, nearly three thousand cast ballots.

The Goodrich and Firestone locals, always considered much stronger than the Goodyear union, are expected to show greater strength in their strike vote this Sunday and should pull out more than half the plants, which have nearly 20,000 workers.

Danger in Strike Delay

The first danger that confronts the Akron workers is the possibility that they will be induced by William Green, president of the A. F. of L., to accept a compromise something like the auto-code agreement. Tactics of the national A. F. of L. chiefs so far have been purely those of trying to club Congress into passing the unsatisfactory Wagner bill through strike threats.

Waiting too long before actually striking in order to fulfill all A. F. a new trial to Clarence Norris and of L. constitutional requirements has already seen one important week pass by and more delay will tend to cause a downswing in the The verdict was based on the rising strike sentiment. Meanlegal fact that in the court where while the companies ship carloads of tires out and stock all their warehouses in event of a shutdown. The company tactics continue to be that of provoking labor. Firestone, ordered by the National Labor Relations board to drop the company union, instead orders a strike vote to be taken by the com-

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pany union.



cialism if not the revolutionary Worker" appears above. St. Louis Gas House Workers majority are far closer to Oneal and Lee than to revolutionary Answer Bosses with Strike

> Police and Scabs Fail again, as in the case of the Minne-To Terrorize Strikers; Two Unions Offer Aid

> > Daily Strike Bulletin

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WOMEN'S ROLE IN STRIKES

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Twelve young socialists who have constituted the New York left wing group of the Young Peoples Socialist League have joined the Workers Party and Spartacus Youth League in a body. This is the first answer of the revolutionary socialists to the treacherons decision of the N.E.C. meeting at Buffalo declaring the advocacy of revolutionary views to be "incompatible with membership in the Socialist Party".

A public mass meeting to welcome the young socialists into the be held at Irving Plaza, Sunday, April 14 at 8 P.M. Dave Atkins, Julius Bertman, Manny Garrett, Joseph Carter and James P. Cannon will speak.

The statement of the young socialists clearly explains the reasons or their resignation and their adherence to the Workers Party and the S.Y.L. They record their repeated warnings against the Old Guard, the majority of the National Committee (Hoan - Thomas) and their criticisms of the vacillating, centrist "Militants".

#### Analyses Confirmed

"Our analyses"-says the statement-"were completely confirmed ber of Y.P.S.L. Circle 12 Srs. Bronx, by the decisions of the Buffalo meeting of the National Committee Circle 6 Manhattan Y.P.S.L., two of the S. P. and the "victory" reports spread by the leaders of the New York 'Militants'.

"At Buffalo the majority of the national committee retreated from H. Berkowitz, Circle 14 Srs. Bronx, their plan to take immediate de three years; Sam Roth, Circle 13 cisiv eaction against the Old Guard. Srs. Manhattan, one and a half They gave them six weeks in which to consider a compromise proposal. At the same time a heavy blowthis time a serious political one!was directed against the true revolutionary elements, that is, against those who favor the revolutionary

overthrow of capitalism. According to the N. C. majority revolutionary socialism has no place in the S. P. and the Y.P.S.L. Or as workers of Local 574 met here rethe suave "Militants" would have cently and planned to form an unit: revolutionary Socialists can re- employed organization. A large main in the Socialist movement mass meeting was held. In Action only if they do not propagate a and Organization Committee of 15

#### "We call upon those who do not

as yet agree with our views or the step we are taking to give serious

consideration to what we have said. ranks of the Workers Party and For we are convinced that only on the Spartacus Youth League will the program of revolutionary Marxism, and through the medium of the revolutionary parties of the Fourth International can we defend the immediate interests of the working class and bring about triumphant

Even as the workers left their world socialism. We are no less jobs the union headquarters was convinced that those of you who humming with activities, preparations having been completed before conduct a serious struggle against reformism in all its forms will the plant was struck. So effective has their action been that directly come to the same conclusion and join the Workers Party and the with the declaration of the strike came the immediate issuance of

its rights.

Spartacus Youth League." The signatures are: David Atdaily Strike Bulletin. kins, member of the S. P. 7th A.D. The "Gas House Worker", name Bronx, two years; member of Y.P. of this bulletin, has been greeted S.L., Circle 4 Srs. Bronx, 4 years. with enthusiasm by the men on the

Julius Bertman, member of S. P., picket lines. Already it has served 7th A.D. Bronx, two years; memas a solidifier of the ranks-a spur to new militancy and struggle. Here

five years. Edward F. Dawley, years; Evelyn Dorum, Circle 6 Manhattan, one and a half years Frances Levinsky, Circle 13 Srs. Manhattan, seven months; Marion your paper is mailed. If the number after your name is the same as this number -- 16-it means your sub has expired and years; Edward Rosen, Circle 1 Srs. this is the last issue you will Bronx, three years; Alice Falek, receive until we receive your re-Circle 8 Srs. Manhattan, two years; Coorge Fleischman, Circle 3 Seniors, one year; Freda Lapedas, Circle \* Srs. Manhattan, two years.

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apolis Drivers Local 574 labor has

a powerful weapon in its posses-

sion. A daily organ to combat the

filthy lies of the kept press will be

For eighteen months the Laclede

That is why they today, when war the Gas House workers have taken their rights. As far back as Dec. 1934 the Regional Labor Board handed down a decision recogniz-

ing the right of the union to bar As one man the gas workers folgain collectively as the representalowed the call of the union to blaze

tive of the workers. Even as the the trail for labor organization in Gas Company had damned the the very heart of open shoppery. public and the workers previously With the exception of a few incorrigible bootlickers the entire staff they now damned this decision. of Laclede is on strike. From the For months the case dragged on. main office to the coke plant to the The workers were patient. The street department and the meter case came before the National Lareaders the picket line marches for bor Relations Board which upheld

the decision of the R.L.B. Contempt continued as the company's attitude. And to top it all they handed the workers the notorious "Employee Representation Plan", Intimidation failing, terror, the

firing of the oldest employees for membership in the union was begun.

Driven to exasperation the union cook the only means to avoid the abject slavery: struggle. In this encounter the union can rightfully

expect the support of the entire public in St. Louis which has been suffering from exorbitant gas rates jail sentences for "illegal entry" is for years.

**Rat Agency Active** 

That the record of the company is perfect to date is indicated in its summoning of the dark forces of reaction to smash the strike. Al Ahner, notorious scab agency, is now in negotiation with the company for the purpose of furnishing strike-breakers. Labor organizations in St. Louis are preparing to scatter this outfit to winds. It is under police protection that

his scab aegncy is operating. The police chief has ordered all furoughs suspended and increased the period of active duty of the entire force from eight to twelve hours. On the other hand, labor is lin-

ing up behind the embattled gas house workers as can be seen in the assistance given them by the the short discussion, and suddenly Filling Station Operators and the called for a group of scabs who Automobile Workers. Two unem-

were standing nearby armed with ployed organizations and members of the Workers Party are also co- clubs to "throw the delegation

out". A skirmish followed in

tactics, saying that there might have been more than four (there have resisted the pressure. They prosecution of a person of the Afriwere two others) and they could admitted the convictions were a compromise forced by the anti-red sentiment in the city.

States." N.U.L. Helps Win Strike

Victory for Negro Rights Unquestionably this decision is of

The decision will also apply to

CHARLESTON, W. Va. - After tremendous importance insofar as 16 days of battle representatives of it is the most unequivocal statethe International Association of ment yet made with regard the Machinists (A. F. of L.) called on right of Negroes to serve on juries the local Unemployed League to where members of their race are help them in strike activity. The on trial. As such the victory can-The not be too much emphasized for it represents a milestone in the strug-Five days after the League was called gle for Negro rights in America.

organized labor in the Kanawha

## fully and a complete victory for the five other boys who are still

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MINNEAPOLIS, April 1. - The which the union delegation came case of the eight Albert Lea strik- out on top. A strike was called on ers who are today serving 60-day the spot.

Seized for "Rioting"

of special interest to the North-A few hours later three members west labor movement because it of the delegation were arrested on poses sharply the duties of labor charges of rioting. The next day lawyers to their clients; and be- two more were arrested. Attorney cause, out of this case grew the Baker of Mankato was asked by dismissal of Julius F. Emme, pro- the Albert Lea local to take the gressive trade unionist, from his case. The four other delegates post as ecretary to the Minnesota | were arrested during the next two Industrial Commission-a situation weeks, the case finally coming to which is causing most widespread

trial on Feb. 18. reverberations within the Farmer-In the meantime, Fosso, the Labor party and the trade union right wing president of the Indemovement in Minnesota. pendent Union of All Workers, On Monday afternoon, Feb. 4, a came to Albert Lea and eased Baker

local of the Independent Union of truthfully) that the Albert Lea All Workers called on Mr. Potter union had decided to engage Atof the Potter Foundry Company. tornies Gallegher and Goldie in-

The visit was due to a sudden camstead. (Gallegher is a staunch paign of discrimination against Farmer-Laborite, Goldie is a lawyer union members by Mr. Potter. Pot- fron. Minneapolis who has functer was most unsympathetic during tioned for years in various labor cases.

Attorney Baker, and all who knew anything of the case, were

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their race or color, from serving This follows on the heels of as grand jurors in the criminal similar moves by the two other can race, the equal protection of the law is devied to him, contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United

companies whose company unions voted "overwhelmingly" against a strike. This was done for propaganda purposes as full page newspaper advertisements claim that only a minority of workers want to strike, according to their ballots! Two citizens committees have been publicly formed for the purpose of averting a strike. Of course, alleged liberal ministers, and prominent business men head the list of potential strike-breakers. Union leaders refuse to give any date for the actual walkout on the theory that it would harm labor's chances, although it could hardly be before April 8. There is danger, though, that this is but a camouflage and no official strike will be called.

Rank and File Restless

In that event, even the rubber companies think that a spontaneous rank and file movement will carry out the plans. In fact, the companies have taken every possible precaution to prevent a spontaneous walkout being effective this week, so restless is the mood of the rubber workers.

The most serious defect of the rubber workers is the lack of experienced strike leaders as time and again good strategy was not used to swing all labor behind the pending struggle. This seems to be overcome by the aggressiveness of the workers.

Issuance of a proclamation forbidding mass picketing, deputizing of hundreds of unemployed including National Guardsmen, erecting of barbed wire fences and other military precautions shows that the struggle will be a bloody one as workers refuse to allow any scabs to work while companies are determined to break the picket lines.

**Regional SYL Conference** 

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE** of the Spartacus Youth League To Be Held April 13-14 District No. One: New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pa. Contributions should be sent to Bill Streeter, c/o S. Y. L.

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#### **NEW MILITANT**

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1935



Since the following article was | ployers had been waiting. A siren | lution referring to the Fargo vigilwritten, several new developments have taken place. The sixteen defendants have at last been released on bail after the most fantastic obstructionist tactics on the part of Judge Paulson. An investigation committee from the N. D. State Legislature surprised no one by bringing in a report unfavorable to the Union. The special strike bulletin has been succeeded by a new tabloid weekly, the Gate City Labor Review, official organ of Local 173. A Fargo Defense movement has been initiated in Minneapolis along non-partisan lines under the guidance of mighty Local 574, and has already succceded in mobilizing public opinion for the Fargo strikers-and what is more important, has raised some cash to finance the appeal which the union defendants will make to the State supreme court.

To understand what is going on today in Fargo, it is necessary to a local business man, had taken out paint in a sketchy background.

movement in Fargo has been dor-men. An FERA class in labor hismant. But the strikes of General Drivers Local 574, Minneapolis, had their repercussions in this city. In Without warning, the hall was tear-September 1934 Miles Dunne of the bombed. This was accomplished by Minneapolis union was loaned to General Drivers Local 173, Fargo, the windows. A second bombardto act as business agent at the latter's request.

Immediately things began to hum. | trance to the street. The prisoners

On November 3 a milk strike was were assembled as they came stagcalled for Fargo and Moorhead. A gering from the stairs, eyes streamday of hard picketing ensued, fol- | ing from the effect of the gas. Sevlowed by a ten-day truce. Local eral of the men from the hall were 173 came out of the strike victori- beaten by the vigilantes. Altogether, weekly plus commissions, an agree- | Towell Cruden, son of the Union's ment for collective bargaining, sen- | president), marshalled into line iority rights and no discrimination. marched to jail. This last h

The union switched its energies was charged with "obstructing toward organizing the coal and officer". The books and record transfer workers. Inside of a few the union together with the months, the workers in these indus- furniture were seized by the tries had signed up almost 100 per antes and turned over to Berge cent. The union approached the The union hall was padlocked employers and asked for a contract. This was coldly refused, and on January 22 the Fargo coal and transfer drivers went out on strike. The union laid down three principal demands: union recognition, no discrimination, and a uniform scale of wages

#### Vigilante Trouble-Shooting

Following is a calendar of events since the strike was called. Early totalling \$47,000. By the end of Sunday afternoon, January 27, a week only 46 remained in cus group of pickets went down to a of the court. and picketing nearby river to persuade an ice-cut- again proceeding. In the mean ting crew to come off the job. This the State legislature which wa was the signal for which the em- session in Bismarck, passed a

was blowing, and three hundred antes as "hired thugs", demanding deputized vigilantes, armed with that the strikers be accorded their clubs and ax handles, quickly as- lawful rights, that all arrested be sembled at the sheriff's office. Under the direction of States Attorney circulate petitions demanding the end documentary evidence is avail-Bergeson, they were directed to the recall of Bergeson got under way. river. Approaching, they waved their clubs and yelled provokingly, 'Why don't you —— start something?" to the pickets. The vigilantes closed in and arrested 18 of the strikers. On 4th Street South were 14 more pickets walking towards the river. These were also life.

arrested and carted off to jail, charged with "rout", an ancient charge dealing with "an act in the direction of a riot", which was taken out and dusted off for the occasion.

#### Tear Gas for Children

The body of special police then marched on the union hall, located on the second floor of a building on First Avenue. It was learned later that the owner of the building, riot insurance the previous Friday. Inside the hall were a score of wo-

Since the I.W.W. days the labor men and children, plus about 75 tory was in progress, taught by a seventy-year old man, Mr. Aasgaard. shooting aluminum bombs through ment was made and then "officers" formed a gauntlet from the hall en-

Thus 95 strikers were arres that day. When General Dri 574 in Minneapolis learned of arrest, it offered to replenish

Fargo picket lines. Gover Moodie of North Dakota promy stated he would "meet outsid sent into the Fargo strike th

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One of the arrested pickets, Ernest Falconer, shot and killed himself on his release from jail. Unable to comprehend the forces which held him in their grip, herded into jail like a common felon, he became despondent and took his Packed Jury

strike trials began. By the follow-

Swalde, president and secretary of strike. the union, were sentenced to six months at hard labor, as was one other picket. The other thirteen were given two months. In the case of the leaders, bail bond was set at \$1,000 each, as the union's at- in nearby communities to raise torneys prepared to appeal the case. As these lines are written, those ailed have not yet been released. Bail bonds have been offered by numberless sympathizers, only to be cynically refused by States Attorney Bergeson. That the latter is be- Pestilence Stalks the Streets of ginning to feel a bit nervous, however, is shown by the fact that he Town!" The American Civil Liberhas moved to dismiss the cases of

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press at the beginning of the strike, one paper approvingly quoted a religious old woman as saying, "Miles Dunne should be taken out on the prairies, stripped to his underwear and made to walk bare-footed back to Minneapolis." Just a word as to the Fargo em-

ployers. They have recently organized themselves as the "Associated released from jail. A movement to Industries of Fargo and Moorhead" able proving that they have received no little help from the Minneapolis Citizens Alliance in carrying on their fight against the union.

> One incident will show their temper. One of the unionists had the misfortune to lose a child a few weeks ago. The undertaker refused to bury the child without a cash payment. For ten days the dead

child lay on a slab in the mortuary. On Wednesday, February 13, the Finally an emmissary from the employers approached the man and ing Tuesday the case went to the told him credit would be advanced jury, hand-picked by the "law and for the burial if he would quit the order" machinery. A verdict of union and return to work. A friend guilty was brought in, and on Feb. | then stepped in and paid for the 23, William Cruden and Austin burial. The man is still out on

> Local 173 is by no means beaten. A special daily strike bulletin industry" for a conference to form-(shades of 574) still appears. A troupe of union wrestlers and box- ging". ers is scheduled to perform nightly money for the strike fund. All the roads leading into Fargo are picketed with immense signs, reading '16 Fargo Strikers Have Been Sentenced for 44 Months. Don't Trade in a Scab Town!", and "Industrial Fargo. Trade in Your Home ties Union and the Non-Partisan

> > 27, 28).

# terror plus the most vicious edito-rial barrage laid down by the local 1500 'Bootleg' **Coal Miners** Organize

MT. CARMEL, Pa., March 24.-About 1,500 "bootleg" coal miners jammed a hall in this city to lay tear it to pieces. the foundation for a permanent organization and in preparation for mass demonstration of 15,000 independent miners at Harrisburg on April 1.

"Bootleg" coal mining has become an extensive industry in 1933 convention of the American these parts, involving hundreds of thousands of unemployed coal diggers and doing an annual business that runs into millions of dollars. This form of individual appropriation, by which the jobless miners eke out a miserable existence picking coal on land owned by the companies, has become a dire threat to the profits of the coal barons. The "Liberal" Governor George

H. Earle gave these thosuands of otherwise jobless miners the cold | War shoulder in arranging and extend-

to split their ranks.

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rights must be upheld. . . .

Union Label

ing invitations to various interests affected by this lusty "depression ulate a policy on coal "bootleg-

The angered miners cheered to have joined hands with the employthe echo a plan ot swoop down on ers to force craft workers out of the State capital in hundreds of coal trucks. There the thousands of assembled miners will demonstrate that they are ready for a finish fight should the state and coal company interests interfere with their only source of livelihood. Thomas Kennedy, Secretary of the U.M.W. of A. and now Lieutenant Governor and Michael Heartneady. President of District 7 and now Secretary of Mines in Earle's cabinet were accused of "selling out the miners" and working in the interests of the coal companies. The most significant feature of he meeting, however, was the finish. And if all forms of union-

number of hitherto unknown leaders who have sprung from the it can't be helped. Jurisdictional rank and file in the battle to preserve their means of existence. Mike Demchak acted as chairman of the meeting and was elected

temporary president of the organization Organizations of the Independent

Coal Producers Association have The worker's pay envelope can be 1.800 members in Shamokin, 600 in a real weapon in the fight to en-Carmel is expected to have a branch ers Clubs" which have been organ-25, 26, 27 of approximately 1,100 members. ized in a number of middle western Organizers are now in Shuylkill cities are steps in that direction. County preparing for April 1. A All too often, however, the union meeting is to be held on March 28 to give a permanent character to actually works to the detriment of

the organization. further organization. A union like Office. This is to be followed by a conthe United Garment Workers. for vention when the majority of the example, will approach a boss with coal mining communities are orthe proposition that he allow organized which will unify the ganization in his plant, in order to by hat check, 15 cents. branches and elect an executive get the use of the label. The union



One of America's oldest indus-|duct in the unions, advertise it in trial unions is fighting for its life. the labor press and do its best to sell it to the labor movement in The threat comes not from the emgeneral. That is a good business ployers primarily but from the ofproposition for small companies ficialdom of large and powerful craft internationals who want to who are unable to carry on any advertising campaign of their own.

The organized brewery workers It is good business, however, only have always been at odds with as long as the number of union lacraft unionism. They always stood bel firms is rather small. The inside track on the labor market is stubbornly for the right to organize all workers in and around lost when a great many firms recognize the union and use its label breweries into their ranks. At the on their products. In order to sell the union and the label, therefore, Federation of Labor they were diand to make it attractive to manurected to turn over their teamsters, facturers, the union must keep itelectricians, engineers, etc. to the self small, refrain from any milirespective craft unions. A refertant activities or organizing camendum of the membership of the Brewery Workers turned down the paigns.

proposal by an almost unanimous Metal Trades vote. Last year's A. F. of L. convention reaffirmed its previous de-

One of the most intelligent reactionaries in the A. F. of L. is uncision but the brewers still refused doubtedly John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Department of the Federation. Frey is especially concerned to find a way to stem Now the craft unionists, led by the rising tide of industrial union-Dan Tobin of the International ism which threatens the jobs of so Teamsters Union, have begun a many of his fellow-officials in the war to the death. In a number of Metal Trades Department. He has cities jurisdiction strikes have been called. The Teamsters officials developed the idea of joint agreements for all crafts in any particular industry as a substitute for industry organization on a genuine the ranks of the industrial union. basis. The strike last year of the The boss signs an agreement with workers at the Butte Mines of the the Teamsters Union, fires any Anaconda Copper Company was setworker who stays loyal to the brewtled on this basis. Now the departery workers' organization and hires ment has signed an agreement with men furnished by the craft organthe Sinclair Refining Company which covers all of its affiliated In Spokane, Washington, the ununions which have workers in the ion workers are all on strike or are industry. Local councils are being ocked out as a result. The district formed all through the oil districts representative of the Teamsters has announced that a new stunt will to which all labor organizations in the field may affiliate. Grievances be tried. An organization called the and negotiations with employers Brewery Inside Workers is to be are to be settled in a matter similar formed. All Brewery workers in to that used by the system federa-Spokane must belong to it if they tions of railroad shop crafts. At want to work. It's a fight to the best it is a shoddy substitute for the real article. The oil field workism are wiped out in the struggle

WHAT TOATTEND No one will disagree with the proposition that the marshalling of

ers need genuine industrial organ-

ization. . . .

labor's purchasing power behind April 7, 8 P.M.-Harlem Mass union made products is desirable. Meeting on recent events there at Union Hall, 200 W. 135th St. Speak-Kulpmont and 600 in Atlas. Mt. trench unionism. The "Union Buy- ers: E. R. McKinney, A. J. Muste. Simon Williamson, chairman. Free. April 12, Friday, 8:30 P.M.-A. J. Muste will speak in Brooklyn on "America's Role in the Next War". label is turned into a racket which Auspices Flatbush Branch. Place to be announced later through District

April 13, 8 P.M.-Spartacus Jamboree at 2 W. 15th St. Dancing, entertainment, refreshment. Entrance

April 19, Friday evening-Theater Party, Workers Party benefit, 'Waiting for Lefty" and "Til the Day I Die". Tickets on sale at

District Office (60c to \$1.65). April 20, Saturday eve.-Spring Frolic and Chess Contest. N. Y. District membership. 2 W. 15th St., 3rd floor. Everyone invited. Paid "Red"

Cabaret tickets honored at door.

Between Speeches Coughlin Engages In Practical Business o His Own

The Cross of Silver

to one?

the receipts from his Radio league | silver is a Christian concern." in the bank, the usual procedure But a storm was brewing. Confor receipts from a so-called chargress authorized an investigation itable enterprise, had been specuto determine just who held the lating with them in motor stocks, largest amounts of silver in the to the tune of \$111,000, losing \$13,- United States. The gold lobby in

bonds. We must also note that the of the Committee for the Nation, E.

ther's account were the firm of for the Nation and financial giant

Harriss and Vose of New York, of the automobile, aviation and

ism. They were right.

All Roads Lead to Wall St.

The investigators reported in

April, 1934. Guess who held silver

in quantities of 25,000 ounces or

more? Frank Vanderlip, founder

L. Cord, member of the Committee

Sanders, Chairman of the Republi-

can National Committee, Harriss &

League, Father Coughlin's own

Father Coughlin never succeeded

in explaining away this incident.

His defense we quote from the New

He pointed out that in a speech

the previous December he had said,

'When at times contributions to the

Radio League of the Little Flower

where it will be safest." He neg-

lected to show how a gamble on

sidered a risky business under any

possible, covering \$300,000 with

"This time I purchased 500,000

York Times of April 29.

corporate child!

in turn promises to push his procommittee. Five in California Quit C. P. And Join Workers Party

#### 🖬 by dan eastman 🚍

We shall sketch the events of | ing exhausted the home market, Father Coughlins life through the flees to foreign markets, where days of Roosevelt's rise, election, coolie wages offer hope of restoring and the launching of the NRA. The profits.

That Father Coughlin should events are not important, but as revealing the character and tactics single out an obscure example of in itself, is interesting in the light of the ambitious priest in his effort | imperialist exploitation in a world to become an American Hitler. where literally thousands are pro-Later we shall consider his pro- minent in the news every day, inclines us to suspect that some mogram, and see not only its failings, which are numerous, but that Fa- | tive other than high Catholic-patrither Coughlin himself hardly takes ot indignation prompted his sudden attack on Royal Dutch Shell and his own program seriously. In the spring of 1931 Father its un-named American co-plotters.

Perhaps it was that group of Coughlin found himself, as a refinanciers centering around the sult of his persistent attacks on Vanderlip-Rand Committee for the ables, including none other than socialism and the red serpent, broadcasting over a national hook-Nation, who moved the Father to indignation. Perhaps the Royal Party. up to an audience running into millions. He had become a polit- Dutch Shell neglected to invite ical figure of some importance, a this little group in on the deal. In figure which various capitalist any case we can be sure that Fa- The New Deal In Money, written cliques were not long in enlisting ther Coughlin and the Vanderlip- by Charles Coughlin himself, "is Rand Committee have had some in their services.

Lubricating an Oil Plot

deals. One week, out of a clear sky, Father Coughlin delivered a tirade against three companies, two American, and one the Royal Dutch Shell, who "were conspiring to restrict American oil production in attack now appears a little ludi-leer has Father Coughlin been enfavor of the Venezuelan fields". He crous, since Roosevelt has carried ticed away from his modest home, revealed a suspiciously accurate knowledge of the transactions little to a point far beyond Hoover's Flower. On the evening of Decemwhereby this "conspiracy" formed.

It is reasonable to suspect that Father Coughlin obtained his in- government if it is to support capi- He spoke under the auspices of the surpass current expenditures the formation from, and delivered his talism at all, must necessarily tirade at the request of, some Amerthat even he himself, Father Coughican oil company which was getting lin, prime minister of God, could do rooked on the Venezuelan deal. nothing more if capitalism was to How otherwise could he have had continue than favor monopoly capinside advance information, and ital over small investors. For why otherwise should he light on charity's sake we may suppose that this specific deal, relatively obhe was too stupid to realize this, scure and unimportant in an imbut even stupidity will not explain perialist world? Why a Venezu-

elan oil plot, when he might as well attack the oil and tin plot behind the Chaco war, or the Ameri-

ilian cotton plot, or the nitrate plot

or any other of thousands of "plots"

present day. can companies involved in the Braz-

to restrict American production in ence. After the bank crash in De-

sentiment from the Priest's own Father Coughlin supported Roosevelt in the 1932 elections, attackpen, and a fitting caption for the ing Hoover for having favored the next chapter of his life. Only once during his entire carbig investors over the little. The

high old times together on other

the favoring of big investors over his \$750,000 Tower of the Little was poor efforts. For charity's sake we ber 9, 1933, he consented to give a may suppose that Father Coughlin lecture at Madison Square Garden

in 1932 was not aware that the in New York, a lecture on money. Vanderlip-Rand Committee for the surplus is temporarily invested support big investors over little, Nation.

His speech, as were and are all his speeches on the money problem, silver was a safe investment, and was for the abandonment of the further neglected to show how gold standard and the monetization marginal investment always conof silver; in short, silver inflation, the old greenback scheme, the root circumstances, made his investment of ninety percent of past mid-wes- any safer. The fact is that he tern political insurgency. Father gambled, and gambled as wildly as Coughlin, however, introduced a new note of righteous Christianity \$20,000, as he reveals when he says,

Making Charity Pay

The question is not without pertin-

his continuing this stand to the into the matter of inflation. Not

There is a question we would only was it reprehensible to "believe of silver with an investment of

like to ask in this connection: Is man more precious than gold", and \$20,000 through the firm of Harriss in Chile, or the antimony plot in an investment of \$111,000 a big in- when Father Coughlin talks about and Vose." China, or the sugar plot in Cuba, vestment or a little investment? gold he means gold specifically, he He further neglected to clarify is not talking in biblical terms the connection between his margin-

about wealth in general, but as he al investment and his "mobilizafavor of foreign? Plots that are troit, in the spring of 1933, the himself said, "I send a call for the tion of all Christianity for the rethe recognized and regular proced- Detroit Free Press revealed that mobilization of all Christianity storation of silver". But that harddure of finance capital which, hav- Father Coughlin, instead of putting against gold; the restoration of ly needed explanation.

The following statement of five leading members of the Communis 000 on one deal alone, \$13,000 gath-| Congress, judging from their own souls, had a keen suspicion that the Party in Porterville, Cal., speaks for itself. The document is a classic; story, from the hard earned nick- silver lobby was not entirely dis- comment would be superfluous. Porterville is in the heart of the Caliinterested, that there might perhaps fornia orange belt. The now defunct Cannery and Agricultural Workers be silver speculation lurking in the Union (wrecked by the C. P.) had one of its strongest centers here. back of all this Christian Inflation- The statement follows:

> Porterville, California March 27, 1935

District Thirteen. Communist Party U.S.A.:

District Committee.

We are resigning from the Communist Party. Here are our membership books with the exception of comrade B. L.'s who burnt his up. There is no use talking, or for you to try explaining things any longer, because you bureaucrats make it impossible for us to work like bolsheviks. Besides this, you're not just a bureaucracy but you're shipbuilding businesses, Everett bankrupt to boot. The terrible mess you led the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union into, which resulted in its complete collapse, is positive proof of your bankruptcy.

Vose, New York stockbrokers, and And then the way you are now trying to get the A. F. of L. to give ---the Radio League of the Little you a charter here in Porterville for the agricultural workers is about Flower, which topped them all as crazy a thing as we can think of. You call a meeting, elect party with 500,000 ounces held on marmembers as officers, and then expect the A. F. of L. to give you a gin! Tru'y astonishing: all our charter when your tactics are as plain as the nose on your face to old friends together again. Vaneveryone. Do you think the A. F. of L. is going to give the Communderlip, whose Committee sponsored ist Party a charter? We suppose you'll be getting out a leaflet in a Coughlin's Christian attacks on couple of weeks "exposing" the A. F. of L. There's no hope, you're gold, Harriss and Vose who helped done for. Coughlin lose \$13,000 in specula-

And to top all this off you want us to organize a Labor Party. tion in automobiles, and the Radio What do you think we are anyway?

We quit. And we're going to apply for membership in the Workers Party. Its program is going to develop a real vanguard in America.

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#### Fascist Symptoms in the Third | entire public debt by the system-Party Movement.

MARCH OF EVENTS

The present mayoralty campaign in Chicago gives symptomatic indications of the coming struggle to win the middle clases and the unemployed for the purpose of reaction. In this campaign the third party movement put forward its candidate, Jenkins, formerly a "progressive" republican associated with LaFollette. In his speeches Jenkins proceeded to lay the foundations (as does Father Coughlin) for that appeal to anti-Semitism which is the inevitable accompaniment of the rise of fascism. He universal conscription. denounced as those responsible for the notorious corruption in Chicago "a pack of crooked Jews who have disgraced our city." It develops

that Jenkins has Nazi ties and that

Pelley of Silver Shirt fame visited

the Chicago Friends of New Ger-

many to secure their support for

Jenkins. Thus wwe find already

on a local scale how the Third

Party movement under present

Nor is this observation based on

the leaning of the movement

towards anti-Semitism. The entire

program attempts to translate into

American terms the early demag-

for a political foothold. Thus the

booklet issued by this party calls

for an organization whose members

will be subjected to "a stern pro-

gram of physical education." This

is unprecedented in American pol-

itics and is a clear hint of the ult-

imate goal of creating storm troops

Furthermore "the new party

must be intensely nationalistic."

It takes no clairvoyant to read

into this phrase the entire program

of American imperialism and the

such a party and the organizations

of the militant and revolutionary

workers. The program calls for a

new party for American busines,

agriculture and labor. It makes

the following demagogic bid for

the unemployed worker's support:

"Business and labor and govern-

ment have all failed the jobless

American." "He is entitled to work

and the new party will give him

work and do it at once." Plainly

there is here the attempt to pit

the unemployed against the em-

The new party reaches out for

the petty bourgeoisie, overburdened

make the United States a "taxless

nation" by using the profits from

transportation, light and power,

similar (monopolized) public serv-

farmer in order to liquidate the Workers Party.

struggle between

and fascist bands.

irreconcilable

ployed workers

by taxation.

historic conditions plays a reac-

fascist forms.

atic issuance of government currency over several years' time "without disturbing the financial structure of the country". Without exhausting the chimerical outpourings of the capitalist horn of plenty pictured by third party demagogy, we may add that the soldiers have not been forgotten (they will be given the bonus), nor the youth who will be "given the opportunity or better be required to serve the country in some capacity for a short period of time." Naturally the fascists would be in favor of

\* \* \* New Political Movements and the Class Struggle

other countries. The government To the Marxist it is quite clear is the bosses' government which was likely to die! that no new political movement arises without meeting urgent | we aim to overthrow. The same is true for the workers in every other needs of one or the other of the two main classes in modern society. country, except the Soviet Union. The working class is slowly coming INTERNATIONALISM to a realization through all its For these and other reasons, a

By A. J. MUSTE

revolutionary party cannot be na-

Fellow-Worker:

everyday experiences that strive tionary role and tends to assume with might and main as it may it cannot regain the former standards | tionalist in spirit and character.

of living. Workers in one industry Nor can it be confined to a single or the other may gain temporary | country. It must be part of an insuccess in bettering the conditions ternational of revolutionary parunder which they gain their liveli- ties in which the forces of the hood, but taking the class as a workers throughout the world may ogy of fascism in its first strivings whole capitalism has exhausted its be united against capitalism, Fas possibilities of granting to work- cism, war. Just as we had to take the forces ers any real concessions in the way

of wages or higher standards. The that were ready in the U.S. as waves of strike struggles, each more | material with which to start the militant than the last, end with building of the new revolutionary the proletariat still suffering the party, so the forces in various same poverty, the same misery, the countries which recognize the same intense exploitation as be- | breakdown of the Second and Third fore. The lesson is being gradually | Internationals must be used to driven home that the only way out build the new, Fourth, Internais the revolutionary way, through tional. The W. P. has already en

the overthrow of capitalism. Hence tered into fraternal relations with the need for the Workers Party to parties and groups in Canada, Panama, Cuba, other Latin American give guidance to the class. But in parallel fashion, the big countries, Holland, France, China, South Africa, Australia, etc. which ourgeoisie, in their greedy scramble to maintain profits against the stand on the same fundamental

desperate rivalry of the capitalists program as we, in order that a soon as conditions permit definite of other nations, find the apparent solution for their problems by steps may be taken toward the ac tual establishment of the new Inwithdrawing all the previous concessions forced from them by the ternational.

An army composed of battalions workers, and by an intensive drive which exist only on paper will not on the living standards of the prodo much fighting—except on paper letariat and the toilers in general. This gigantic struggle, assuming or in windy discussions. Our bigmyriad of forms, is reflected gest contribution to the revived inpolitically. To accomplish their ternational movement of the work ers consists of building the W. P. movements which rally the middle into a powerful revolutionary force of other working class parties, we the Workers Party of the United to that extent will the unemployed "amalgams" or perhaps a vicious

class under the banner of reaction right here in the U.S.A., in the mightiest of the capitalist-imperialfor the purpose of eliminating de-It is proposed to mocracy and preventing the workist nations. Nobody else can do ers from seizing the power. The that job for us. The responsibility rests on our shoulders. When a third party movement must inevitably reflect this need of the big powerful revolutionary movement telephones, telegraphs, radio and bourgeoisie under present condiactually exists here in the U.S. it tions. The answer by the workers will change the whole face of the revolutionary movement throughices to defray the cost of govern- can be given not through a labor out the world. ment. Here is the usual demagogic party but by means of the only

The W. P. seeks to be the party appeal to the small man against the force of defeating fascism, the revof the American workers—created trusts. Inflation is promised to the olutionary Marxist party, the by them, not imposed upon them.

It enters into all their struggles: it gains experience and strength bloody conflict between two capi- In spite of the censorship we own interests. and recruits new forces out of these struggles.

Letters to a Worker | tionists and Social-Fascists if you continue to work and fight where Correspondent

It may be some time before ] get a chance to write you again. dogma to be learned by heart and In this last letter I want to stress repeated mechanically." It is our do, however, ask such workers to a couple points which are necesjob to take the tested principles of take the program of the W.P. and sary for an understanding of the Workers Party and constitute ad the international working class the issues we raise and to demand movement and make them work in ditional reasons why it is the only the American scene. There are party for American workers. revolutionary traditions in Ameri-In the first place, as was pointed can history which can and must be out in my last letter, the workers used in this connection. The class in each nation do not live within struggles of the past in American four sky-high walls, isolated from history have been fought out in the other countries. What happens in most bitter conflicts. As a result any part of the earth, affects us "the right to revolution" has been here in the U.S., may be a matter forced labor for the young or of of life and death for us. In these written into the most basic documents of American history. Thomdays of war threats we can all see as Jefferson asserted that a revothat plainly.

lution might be necessary about The government of the U.S. is every nineteen years. Unless "the not "our" government for which tree of liberty" were "watered with we fight against the masses of the blood of tyrants" that often, it

#### AMERICAN TRADITIONS

The conception of "a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are

created equal," a nation in which **REVOLUTIONISTS MUST** no individual or group should be ORGANIZE able to rule over or exploit another,

Thousands of those who accept n theory the principles of the revis a part of the picture of America olutionary movement, who in the therefore, and perform these tasks, which the masses have been taught past have taken part in labor to cherish. Capitalism has made struggles, are today outside of any the realization of any of these ideas political party. To them we say that today more than at any other fence or standing on the side lines. We have no time to lose if we are to build the revolutionary party too firmly entrenched themselves here in the U.S. also.

class. If, however, any party re

fuses to face and discuss the issues

we raise, such a party is not revo-

lutionary and a true revolutionist

cannot remain in such a party. For

the first characteristic of a revolu-

tionist is that he thinks for him-

believing in the capitalist system

like all workers who take their

ideas unthinkingly from the boss

press. If a worker joins a so-

called revolutionary party only to

lose his right to think, that is stul-

tifying himself and stultifying the

revolutionary movement.

individualist. He cannot work as an irresponsible free lance. He must work in an organized and disciplined way. That means he must belong to the organized vanguard of the working class, the revolutionary party.

All the physical and material The process of integration and conditions for an economy of plenty unification of the revolutionary and security for the masses are orces has begun here in the United Fired with hatred of what States as well as in other councapitalism has done to mankind and ries. The days of retreat and deby the vision of what can be done feat shall end. Under the leaderwith modern productive forces, the workers must march forward now the American working class is orto the battle to make that vision To those honest and militant workers who are today members it has already triumphed. Build movement is vigorous and growing, particularly against Trotsky, new of the Workers Party say: "We States! Build the New, Fourth, and even sections of the middle frame-up, can be expected, to cover shall-not call you counter-revolu- International!

By A. WEAVER you are-so long as you are firmly F. C., WATERBURYconvinced that you are working in QUESTION: Father Coughlin the most effective way possible for has many EMPLOYED workers the overthrow of capitalism." We supporting him in his attempt to build his "National Union of Social Justice". Would this not prevent him from developing it that they be discussed in the parinto a fascist movement bearing ties and groups to which they be in mind that prior to his assumplong. The W. P. is perfectly will tion to power Hitler had the ing to abide by the result of any backing of very few employed open discussion before the working proletarians?

ANSWER: The support, by em-

ployed workers, of Coughlin does not necessarily guarantee that he will not be successful in building a fascist movement, but does intro- the whole process can be reversed duce tremendous contradictions into self. Otherwise he would still be his camp which could prove fatal velop, basing itself on the middle to him if a strong labor movement class, declassed and demoralized

potential fascist organizations.) One of the essential needs of a the capitalists will not provide, or ing of the Workers Party to precontinue to provide, merely on the

strength of radio broadcasts. They require, in addition, an organized movement to break strikes, and smash unions, working class meetings, etc. In order to turn fascist, Coughlin would have to transform his organization. The contradictions between his words and deeds must then immediately become apparent to even the backward of the employed workers. It is one thing but help sharpen the internal politto merely applaud the priest's high- | ical situation in France. A prereinternational bankers, but it is another to act as a strike breaker or which fascism has given German to break up other workers' meetings capitalism that, that permits it to

sake of such high-sounding phrases, imperialism is deprived of that and, if he, his relatives or friends, freedom of motion which it would are members of a working class like in dealing with Hitler. From organization, the antagonism with the viewpoint of French finance-Coughlin would then become even capital a preventive war against sharper. This could only result in Germany at the present time, before an exodus of the employed workers Hitler becomes too strong would from his ranks.

and demoralized slum elements will do not give it that much elbow

not be driven away so easily. The room. latter two groups, may come to look on Coughlin as the source of do exactly as told by Litvinov is a a hand-out, (one of the reasons for foregone conclusion, and, under ship of the revolutionary vanguard the need of large funds by fascist threats from the French foreign oforganizations), whereas there is a fice to otherwise break the Sovietganizing to prevent the triumph of sufficient number of reactionaries French accord, this may consist of Fascism here, and to join with the among the former to provide many breaking the united front. Under workers of other lands to wipe it willing fascist recruits. However, such conditions a sharper drive from the face of the earth wherever to the extent that the workers' against the Bolshevik-Leninists and class have roots in this movement up the Stalinist treachery.

ly. Famine is at our doors. Nu-

sufficient inducement to remain in a fascist camp. Some of these very petty bourgeois and degenerated lements who would otherwise remain must necessarily be frightened away by the dangers involved in attacking a lusty proletarian movement. Because of such desertions, loss of a mass base, and corresponding failure to come across with the goods (break strikes, etc.), the fascist organization would soon lose the financial support of the capitalists and fall into dust. If the workers' movement is con-

so that even a handout will not be

fused and disorientated, however, and a strong fascist movement deexists. (This applies to all such elements. Only a really revolutionary party is capable of bringing clarity to the working class so that the need of the moment is the buildvent fascism from even arising.

> . . . HERMAN H., BRIDGEPORT--

QUESTION: What effects on the internal political situation in France (C. P. and S. P. united front, fascism, etc.) can be expected as a result of Hitler's move toward larger armaments?

ANSWER: Hitler's move cannot sounding radio demagogy about quisite for imperialist war is civil peace. And it is this assurance, or orgagnizations merely for the adopt its aggressive policy. French be the best solution of the The petty bourgeois, declassed question, but present class relations

That Cachin and company will

d'etat by the Venizelists. But we | olutionary duty. The working class has already can be sure that their passivity will not last long. The mobiliza-

We are sending you this letter without knowing whether it will In spite of the ever reach you. risk, we feel that the organizations merous sections of the petit bour- in other countries should know what the Greek Bolshevik-Leninists geoisie have been ruined. It is quite held out for five hours against the clear that we are entering a period are doing in these historic moments. of sharpening crisis in which the Give us every possible aid. It is masses will begin to battle for their a question of the honor and the future of the Fourth International talist political parties, at bottom a have been informed that over 100 In spite of all material obstacles in Greece which is at stake. Make

Civil War In Greece

real throughout the world.

STUDY THE PROGRAM

(Extracts from a letter) conflict between the two great im-communists and workers were our organization was the first at its every effort to call the internation-brought bufore the firing gread

member of the Left Opposition.

"Always True Bolsheviks"

engaged in several battles on its own account. At Cavalla the whole tion has already stirred them deepworking class and petty bourgeois population armed themselves and drove out the authorities. They

ATHENS, March 8.-The civil | Venizelist troops, but they were var has raged for eight days, a finally vanquished.

shaken to its depths.

A revolutionist cannot be an liant pages of labor history and upon which we can draw today, as it becomes necessary to raise these struggles to a higher and higher plane, to the plane presently of outright revolutionary action for the overthrow of capitalism.

impossible. Only through the revolutionary action of the working class and its allies-against capi-time no one should be sitting on the talism and for the establishment of an international socialist economy-can these ideas be made real in the twentieth century. Most im- before the forces of reaction have portant of all, there is a tradition of militancy and struggle in the and establish some form of Fascism American working class itself which stands forth on many bril-

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#### **News from the Soviet Union**

# The Anti-Trotsky Crusade

An Erring Professor

resolution; it came too late.

3. From Kompro Sviestsdenie

lutionary" organization. The party

members were in communication

A "Trotskyist Nest"

with him.

The excerpts which we give below furnish a vivid picture of the latest crusade in the U.S.S.R. against Trotskyism, indeed against the slightest manifestation of sympathy for Trotsky. This picture, incomplete as it is, serves to show what little success preceding Stalinist crusades have had in "burythis latest crusade will have no more success.

1. Under the heading "Purification of the Party" Pravda announc es on December 14. that the Dneipropetrovsk City Committee came to an agreement against the expulsion of the Trotskyist, Tagnetskaia, ing the directors of other colleges member of a Trotskyist cell in the to redouble their vigilance. Pravda, university. This Trotşkyist reit seems, is not satisfied with this ceived the especial protection of the Secretary of the Committee, a certain Levitine. From the 19th to for the 28th and Za Industrialisazu the 22nd Pravda rehashes the story for the 29th we learn that the and censures the Party District Bachir Collegium expelled several Committee for its "rotten liberal party members at Ufa for Trotskyism" toward the Dniepropetrovsk ism. A certain Strachnoff was exaffair. On the 25th we learn that pelled last February. He hid himno less a body than the Central self in one of the villages and went Committee of the Communist Party about building up a "counter-revo of the Ukraine has been forced to take action. Severe measures are invoked. The Dniepropetrovsk Bureau-Levitine, Skrypnik, Hechtman-is discharged. The District Administration is strongly censured for having tolerated Trotskyist elements. The local newspapers are the City Committee. The Director

ist elements at the University.

workers got worse every year. 2. On the 23rd of December 5. At the Agricultural College, Pravda announces under the head again in White Russia, the Trot-"A Trotskyist Professor" that at skyist Polevikoff tried to provoke Rostov Agricultural College the discussion on subjects forbidden by Trotskyist Vladimiroff is head of the party (Komsomol Pravda, Dec the Department of Political Econo- 30). my. In his courses Vladimiroff de-

6. January 4, 1935, Pravda befends the Trotskyist position on the gins the new year by informing us ing" Trotskyism. We may add that October Revolution and on the that several students at Dniepropeasant question. . . . He even af- petrovsk, by name Komarovski, firms that Soviet economy, up until Glousman, Iourieff, and Brochine,

the first Five Year Plan, depended have been expelled from the party on world economy. On the 26th for Trotskyist opinions and activi-Pravda carries the resolution of the ties. The expulsions are the wake Rostov Party Administration, exof the campaign Pravda has been pelling Vladimiroff, censuring the carrying on against Dniepropet-Director of the College, and warnrovsk

> "Ignored the Works of Stalin" 7. January 9 Izvestia announces

sadly that the Agricultural Colleges, founded by none other than J Stalin, have all become regular nests of Trotskvism. Beside Vladimiroff at Rostoff, Trotskyist element are discovered at Koursk. History Professor Serbent has been teaching Trotskyism in his courses.

Professor of Political Economy Lodyschenki, stated that while the far as numbers are concerned, there

mand .for the liquidation of the ku-

4. Komsomolskaia Pravda on the 30th announces a "Trotskyist laks was advanced by the Opposi-Nest" at the Medical College in tion in 1925-26; and only acted upon also censured for having supported White Russia. Two students, Levi- by the party four or five years later. tan and Makovetz, asserted during Professor Uronitch showed a per- University, stated that Trotskyists the Director of Censoship, the Diof Culture and Propaganda, Segal- an examination that "Trotskyism is sistent tendency to ignore the works were always "true Bolsheviks" in rector of the Movie Trust, and the ovitch is discharged for not having the spring of Bolshevism." An- of Stalin in his courses. All these the course of an argument on the leaders of te Motion Picture Worktaken action against the Trotsky- other student, Rasoumovski, proved Trotskyists were expelled, but their Kirov assassination during a politers Union, for example-received that the standard of living of the influence remains, and a solid ker- ical examination at the university. severe censures, some even fired.

perialist interests in the balkans, brought before the firing squad. We stand firmly upon our principles. We do not despise theory. England and France. There have On the contrary, without a theory been battles on the sea and battles we are lost, we become the victim on land, more than 150,000 workers of every kind of faker in this and peasants have been mobilized, But as Engels pointed out in a hand, for the interests of—their ex- yet arisen, as they feel that the class war for the interests of the against the Greek workers. welter of the twentieth century. and now fight each other, arms in well-known passage: "Our theory ploiters. The whole political, social Tsaldaris government is merely deis a theory of development, not of and economic life of the country is fending legal power against a coup

here.

post. By leaflets and by direct agi- al proletariat to the The workers at Serres and Drama by leanets and by direct agr at protecting in their trials! Do tation we explained the course for Greek workers in their trials! also fought heroically against the the working class, to turn against everything possible to arouse the Venizelists.

The large masses of the people outside of the cities have not as two camps of the oppressors into a and the Venezelists have loosed working class.

its oppressors, to convert the war international working class against for the opposing interests of the the bloody terror the government We are in the greatest difficul-

Several of our comrades have ties. We are constantly sought by been arrested, and comrade Georgi the police. But until the last mo-Deligani, who was taken with leaf- ment, to the last drop of our blood lets addressed to the workers and we will hold high the banner of soldiers, is to be brought before the Bolshevik-Leninists.

court martial.... We are marching Long live the Fourth Internawith faith in the power of the tional, and its Greek section, now orking class, marching to our rev- being born amid fire and blood!

orking class, marching to our rev- being born and a	
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mol in 1929 for his Trotskyist acamong the students. 8. Pravda, Jan. 10, Professor tivities. For his latest offense Ar Piatkoff, Professor of the History | istoff was expelled from the uni of Class Struggle attached to the versity. 13. Pravda, Jan. 18: The Secre-Medical Faculty at Tcheliabinsk, tary of the Odessa District Com has been defending Trotskyists. Instead of expelling him the local mittee is informed that the Cher-Party Committee and its Secretary, sonne City Committee is under the direction of Secretary Korostine, a Morosoff, did everything possible to convinced Trotskyist. Following a ceep Piatkoff on the faculty.

resolution of the District Committee One Expelled, One Consured 9. From the same Pravda for Korostine is expelled from the party. Pravda adds, "We must rehe 10th we learn that the Trotskyist Konstantinov, sometime expelled | mark that the example of Odessa, rom the party, was invited to the where propaganda work among the ractor station at Maloiasov. The youth is in charge of former Trotadministration of the tractor staskyists, is not an isolated example." tion knew that Konstantinov was a 14. At Astrakan are discovered Protskyist; in spite of that he was the activities of the Trotskyist, made assistant to the Director in Safarov, Director of the local Museum of the Revolution. Saforov Charge of Construction. One member of the administration was ex was handing out Trotskyist pamphlets to the youth. His accomplice pelled, the other was censured. 10. On January 11 Pravda is was the Acting Secretary of the bursting with information on the City Committee of Komsomol, Malactivities of Trotskyists. The Party ingine. The regular secretary gives fraction of the Peoples Commissarmoney to exiled Trotskyists. (Praviat for Agriculture for the U.S.S.R., da, Jan. 19). expells J. J. Reingold, head of the

nel of Trotskyism has been created | Aristoff was expelled from Komso-

**Twenty Cases in Twenty Cities** Let us stop this enumeration. We cotton department of the Commissariat, for his Trotskyist opinions. have already counted twenty different cases of Trotskyist activity in 11. The same issue of Pravda announces a fact of prime importiventy different towns in the two months since the assassination of tance. Golende, President of Gos-Kiroy. The number speaks more plan (State Planning Commission), and Assistant to the President of eloquently than any comment.

We might remark in passing that the Council of Peoples Commissars for White Russia, expressed Trotit Rostov they showed an old film Kulaks have been liquidated in so skyist ideas; he explained the abol- of the Civil War in which Trotsky ition of the bread card system as appeared several times. This film still remained a qualitative base the result of the powerlessness of was labeled "counter-revolutionor their development. Professor of the party in its war with the ku- ary", "contributing to the popular-Economy Fokine stated that the de- laks. Golende was formerly a ity of the counter-revolutionary Trotsky". In connection with this affair several responsible officials 12. The same Pravda informs us were expelled from the party, and that Aristoff, a student at Gorki several other very high officials-

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#### Fling Back the Challenge!

The impending gigantic struggle of the A. F. of L. rubber workers' unions at Akron, Ohio, center of the tire industry, for their right to organize and to bargain collectively which is leading them to call an industry-wide strike deserves the support of every class-conscious trade unionist in the country.

Although they are handicapped by certain weaknesses like the passing of the peak production season, the rubber-workers are determined to fight courageously and militantly to overcome these obstacles.

The rubber barons in the impending fight will be the spear-head of a nation-wide employers' drive to break the working class in the basic industries.

This challenge must be flung back to the employers and nation-wide support be given to the rubber workers. The workers must turn this first major battle of 1935 into the opening victory of the working class in forthcoming struggles.

Attempts to smash the strike through terror of national guards and hired thugs must be met by a thunderous country-wide protest which will serve to check the bosses.

The Workers Party in Akron and throughout the country pledges itself to help rally the working class and its allies behind the struggle of the rubber-workers.

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#### **New Recruits**

From New York City on the Eastern coast and from California in the West, out of the Socialist Party and Y.P.S.L. in the first case and the so-called Communist Party in the second, new recruits for the Workers Party and the Spartacus Youth League are reported in this issue of the New Militant. In both instances the new recruits to the banner of revolutionary Marxism consist not of isolated individuals but of groups of militants who, by conscientious study and the test of diverse experience have convinced themselves of the necessity of such a decisive step.

The drift from the Socialist and Stalinist parties, as well as from the ranks of the disaffiliated radical workers, toward the Workers Party, which began immediately after its formation last December, has continued steadily and grows in scope. The movement thus far is of modest proportions and moderate pace, but it is steady and the general direction is clear. The advance guard is moving already-and that is what is important and significant, for the movement of the advance guard today heralds the mass movement of the militant workers tomorrow. Utopian short cuts and magic prescriptions to create revolutionary mass movements overnight are no part of our philosophy. We proceed from scientific premises and chart our line of development on the basis of the accumulated experiences of the international labor movement. The movement that will challenge American capitalism—and finally overthrow it must indeed be a mighty movement of the masses. By this conception we mark ourselves off from all sectarians who worship dogmas in a closed circle. But the road to the masses is through the vanguard. By this conviction we differ with all opportunists and utopians, with all political quacks and their alluring schemes to get rich quick. Only a revolutionary theory, tested in struggle and assimilated into the blood of its adherents, can guide the masses to the revolutionary victory. The carriers of this theory are the class conscious militants, the workers' vanguard. The party which attracts them today by the tens and the hundreds will make its way to the thousands and eventually to the millions. The steady recruitment of the most advanced and experienced revolutionary militants from all camps in the labor movement into the Workers Party is rapidly establishing the new

party as the center of revolutionary unity. That is the augury of its future as the party of the revolutionary masses.

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#### **Tom Mooney Appeals**

The desperate financial condition of the Mooney Molders Defense Committee, overburdened with expenses and debts by the drawn-out struggle, has prompted Tom Mooney himself to wire appeals to sympathetic labor organizations and publications for immediate aid. The New Militant has received this appeal and gladly transmits it to its readers herewith: The New Militant,

2 West 15th Street, New York: "Our Defense is penniless. Absolutely necessary we raise immediately ten thousand minimum to present case to California courts for financial condition is desperate. Our distinguished counsel volunteering services without fee. Won't the New Militant contribute something now toward actual court expenses. Profound appreciation. Fraternal Greetings.

Tom Mooney.

The National Committee of the Workers Party considered this appeal at its meeting last week and decided to obligate itself to raise \$100 as a first contribution to this fund. In addition, it was decided to urge members and sympathizers of the Party to raise the matter in their unions and fraternal organizations and try to secure donations to be sent direct to the Mooney Molders Defense Committee.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, requiring Mooney to seek further recourse in the California state courts before appealing to the higher body, imposes did everything possible for the Alanother agonizing delay and heavy legal expenses on the defense committee, despite the ception of protecting a labor client voluntary services of the distinguished attorn- is to induce the judge and the proseys in the case. Mooney needs financial help, plea a lesser charge. Of the social and the fact that he needs it is sufficient reason and moral implications of a labor for every class conscious militant to make a case they have not the slightest little sacrifice and to bestir himself to an extra awareness. "Labor lawyers"-the effort to see that he gets it. There is no cause dearer to the heart of the rebel worker, and and Goldie do all the "lawyer-ing" none with a stronger claim, than the cause of while those whom they defend do Tom Mooney.

#### $\sim$ Local 22 Elections

The smashing defeat of the "United Dressmakers Committee" in the elections in Local 22, International Ladies' Garment Workers brothers in Albert Lea. Together Union, was a victory of the labor movement over twin evils which are alien to its historic | back on the case. Attorney Baker, purposes and hostile to its healthy develop- who, incidentally, is a man with a ment.

The so-called "United Committee" was just another name for as crooked a combination as charge of "illegal entry" was not ever set out to cheat and betray the workers even contained in the indictment. Workers Party will cooperate under cover of radical slogans. The "United Committee", claiming to represent the "rank and file", was nothing more nor less than a united front of the old "club", a reactionary mitted the court commissioner to and racketeering group, and the past masters issue such a writ. The commisof the art of union wrecking, disruption and sioner then issued the writ and the slander, who have made a "racket" of radicalism, the Stalinists. Behind these two unprin- of this. The Judge immediately cipled gangs not a few militant workers, be- issued a restraining order, brought fuddled and confused into thinking that Stal- Baker into court and venomously

**Conferences Prepare May** Albert Lea Day in N. Y. and Chicago **StrikersDuped** 

spicuously absent.

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insistent that the arrested men should stand trial on the charge of "inciting to riot" and exonerate themselves from the ridiculous accusation. Fosso, Gallegher and Goldie, however, felt quite otherwise. These three prevailed upon the indicted men to agree to plead guilty to the lesser charge of "illegal entry" rather than to fight the "rioting" charge, Fosso stating that the I.U.A.W. had no money to fight the case. After much arguing, the arrested strikers reluctantly agreed to do this, mainly due to their inexperience.

#### **Olson's Recommendation**

The case was scheduled to come up before Judge Peterson, a man with a notorious anti-labor bias. Baker, with some other members of the I.U.A.W., drove up to St. Paul and interviewed Olson, telling him of Peterson's prejudices, and asking for another judge. Governor Olson recommended Judge Senn of Waseca, who then sat on the case. After agreeing to hear the plea of guilty to the charge of illegal entry, Senn sentenced the men to 60 days in the county jail.

This, then, was what Attorney Gallegher and Attorney Goldie did for the Albert Lea strikers: secured for them 60-day jail sentences, on a charge of which none of them were guilty. And to this day, these two "labor" lawyers believe they bert Lea men. Their whole con ecution to "trade off" for a guilty term is a mockery when applied to such attorneys as these. Gallegher all the "laboring"-for sixty days

in the county jail. These two lawyers closed their whirlwind defense by presenting bills for \$100 a day for their work. support.

The progressives in the I.U.A.W were naturally angry at this gross miscarriage of justice to their with the Northwest Trade Unity Conference, they asked Baker to go well-developed social outlook, glad-

ly agreed to this. It didn't take him long to discover that the ments committee. Upon this basis he drew up a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Senn happened to be away at the time. Baker discovered an old law which per- Plans are being worked out to jailed prisoners were about to be freed when Judge Senn got news

A call for one united May Day demonstration was sent out by the offorts on h Workers Party in letters to

ing prepared.

Decision to hold a number of to take up each organization separparades on May Day, all converg- ately. As a result of the fight ing into a huge demonstration at made by the militant socialists and some central point, likely Union the Y.P.S.L.ers, the Workers Party, Square, was the most important de | represented by Albert Glotzer, was velopment of the conference of seated, through a vote of 49 to 29. trades unions, political parties, The Lovestoneites were also seated fraternal bodies, etc., held at the while the "A. F. of L. Committee" Rand School, Thursday, March 28. was unseated by an overwhelming The conference was called by the vote.

The conference then rejected in New York Local of the Socialist Party, which is controlled by the an almost unanimous vote, a united right wing, Old Guard. The infront with the Stalinists, who came vitations were carefully restricted. before the conference with a plea The Workers Party, Communist of unity.

Party (Opposition), and all other The greater part of the meeting was taken up with the character of of the Amalgamated Clothing political organizations opposed to the S. P. were not invited. Appar- the celebration. Four proposals Workers, as A. F. of L. spokesman were placed before the gathering in the New Deal's primary scheme ently the Yipsels are now included in that category, as there was not by the provisional committee: 1) to hold an open air mass meeting; a single Yipsel local represented.

2) to hold a march demnstration Militant Socialists were also conto close with an open air meeting; the Workers 3) to hold a mass indoor meeting

Delegates from Party, S.Y.L., C. P. (O.), etc., who and lastly, 4) a Sunday, May 5, 30 attended without invitations, were hour week parade and mass meet ing. The latter depending upon seated by the vote of the conference. In addition, the credentials whether the Chicago Federation of committee reported 350 delegates Labor could be induced to particiattending, 78 from the S. P., 139 pate. W. P. Proposal Adopted

from the Workmen's Circle, 100 Upon the motion of Glotzer, the from local trade unions and central bodies, 28 from the Unemployed econd proposal for a mass march

demonstration and meeting was Union, several delegates from the adopted by a majority vote, after I.W.W., etc. was elected August Claessens considerable discussion. The conference also decided to make atchairman and ruled that motions whether carried or not would have tempts to involve the I.L.G.U. and the Amalgamated Clothing Workno more force than suggestions to

the. arrangements committee. A ers Union in this march, and to motion for one united May Day endeavor to get these organizations to call off their separate meetings demonstration of all political tendin order thereby to hold one May encies was made by a representative of the International Pocket-Day celebration.

The chief slogan of the conferbook Makers Union. Considerable discussion pr and con followed. ence will be: The national 30-hour An amendment by Nelson (Love-Other demands include week. stoneite), I.L.G.W.U., to invite the Union wages on relief projects; Communist Party but not the "dual complete social insurance; support unions" brought confusion to the of the Lundeen Bill; against war issue. With many delegates de- and fascism, etc. A provision was Board. Today, once again, the A. manding the floor, discussion was made that additional slogans and F. of L. bureaucrats look toward ended by Claessens, who made the demands could be incorporated by the executive committee. usual S.P. speech, "the disgrace of

Madison Square Garden", "splinter Executive Committee Elected groups", etc. etc. Both amendment The conference closed with the and motion were defeated, though election of an executive committee the motion did get considerable to put the decisions into practice and to work out the details of the

Representatives of political partcelebration. Among the members es and groups other than the S.P. of this committee are: Arthur Macwere excluded from the arrange- Dowell, Cook County Secretary of ments committee. A motion to the Socialist Party, Lederman of change the name from "Socialist the Pocketbook Workers Union, and Labor Committee" to "Labor Patterson of the Workers Commit-Committee for May Day" was voted tee on Unemployment, Mordecai down by a small majority. This

Shulman of the S. P.; Giganti for question will no doubt be raised the C. C. of the Workers Committee and Albert Glotzer for th and fought again at the arrange-Workers Party.

The New York District of the The prospects are bright for rousing May Day celebration in wholeheartedly to make the par- Chicago. The Chicago organizaades and demonstration as militant, tion of the Workers Party calls colorful and large as possible. upon all its members, sympathizers and friends to watch for the demake the Workers Party and Spar- | tails of the march and prepare to

tacus Youth sections one of the participate under the banners of most lively sections in the entire our Party. parade. Floats, banners, music

uniforms for the S.Y.L. etc. are be "The Collective



BY JACK ELDER

HUMAN AND DIVINE ....

WASHINGTON .- Philip Murray, suppet vice-president of the United Mine Workers and pliant tool in the hands of Lewis, gets a job with the NRA. Appointed to membership on the National Industrial Recovery Board, he will hereafter sit side by side with Sidney Hillman, for class-collaboration.

Murray gets his job (which involves control over a lot of patronage) and the A. F. of L. at once forgives and forgets.

It forgives and forgets Richberg, chief betrayer of the organized labor movement from the first day of Section 7a to date. Richberg, the A. F. of L. chiefs were saying only a few weeks ago, was a doublecrosser, a traitor, a Judas. They were condemning him as the chief saboteur of collective bargaining. Today, once again, Richberg, Green and Liewis are pals, members of a happy little family.

The Executive Council forgives and forgets the President's renewal of the automobile code. Only a few weeks ago, the A. F. of L. leaders were crying to high heaven because the President acted without paying the least attention to the Henderson-Richberg report. They were chamoring for the suppression of the Wolman Automobile Labor the President as its firm friend.

They forgive and forget the candal of the recently-approved tobacco code; the paralysis of the habor relations boards; the overwhelming torrent of non-compliance with wage and hour requirements; the enactment of the Work Relief bill permeated by the philos-

ophy of low wages.

All, in short, is the best in the best of all possible bureaucratic worlds. Wage earners have nothing to complain about any more. The Administration, its heart in the right place, has finally recognized the co-equal status of labor with management. The problems of unemployment, starvation wages and stretchout have been solved. The economic order of the United States has been revolutionized.

For where Hillman once sat alone as the A. F. of L.'s spokesman on the NIRB, he is now joined by Murray. Two jobs in the place of one. Twice as much opportunity to sell out the unorganized toiling masses.

inism represents "Communism", were mobilized.

But, fortunately, not enough to affect the result. The dressmakers have learned something in the bitter experiences of the recent lible amount of effort, managed to years. They applied that knowledge to their bring the Judge's action before the own interests and the interests of the union in State Supreme Court, who ruled the elections of Local 22. 70 percent of the total vote was cast for the administration rushed back to Albert Lea and slate headed by Zimmerman. That vote is the sought another writ of habeas hand-writing on the wall for the Stalinist- corpus, which Judge Senn then racketeering combination in the needle trades. Incidentally, it sounds "taps" for Stalinist domination in their last stronghold, the Furriers.

In supporting the Zimmerman administration the members and sympathizers of the Workers Party in Local 22 only chose an alternative dictated to them by concern for the interests of the union. No one having the ties for false imprisonment. slightest regard for the needs of the dressmakers could do anything in the circumstances but register the most emphatic condemnation the state, and have opened the of the unscrupulous C.P.-"Club" combination. minds of large sections of the In doing so they did not give an unqualified endorsement to the Zimmerman administration ent conception of what a labor nor withheld their criticisms of it. Still less should they do so now.

An ugly aspect of the situation is the fact "judges in Minnesota will ask a that Local 22 has come to be regarded as a pawn in the Browder-Lovestone wrangling for place in the official Communist Party. All progressive and militant members of the union must oppose. unitedly any attempt to bring the Progressive Group under the domination of official Stalinism when the Lovestone-Browder deal goes through.

half of the strikers. S.P., C.P., trades unions and other organizations.

#### Supreme Court Ruling

Emme's Dismissal

denied.

Undaunted, Baker, by an incred-CHICAGO .--- On Sunday, March 31 at 10 A.M. the Provisional Committee of Chicago Labor May Day, called together a conference to that the Judge was in error in isplan for a May Day celebration. suing the restraining order. Baker Over 105 delegates representing trade unions, fraternal organizations, political parties and youth

organizations responded to this call, initiated by the Socialist This, then, is the status of the Party, the I.L.G.U., the Internacase at present. Several of the tional Pocketbook Workers Union, prisoners will be released on April the C. C. of the Workmen's Circle, 6, having served their sixty days the Jewish Federation of Trade in jail on a charge of which they

Unions, and others. were innocent, and which was not The conference opened with an even mentioned in the indictment address on May Day by Lederman, It is possible that action may be the manager of the Pocketbook brought against the court authori-Workers Union. He was followed by a report of the credentials com-Baker's sincere and capable acmittee, which marked the first tivities on behalf of the strikers struggle in the conference and behave attracted wide attention in lied Lederman's plea for unity on May Day. The credentials committee proposed to unseat the deleworking class to an entirely differgates representing the Stalinist "A. F. of L. Committee for Unemploylawyer is really like in action. ment Insurance", the Lovestoneites 'From now on," said one member and the Workers Party because of the Austin Union a few days ago, these were communist organiza-

tions. Unity Wins Out worker twice if he is guilty before they reel off a sentence.'

Intervention on the part of the nilitant socialists led to a motion

It was for speaking on this case at a sectional conference of the another story, and will be presented

Northwest Labor Unity Conference in next week's New Militant. held in Austin on March 2 that Incidentally, the Autin Union has unanimously demanded that Fosso Julius Emme was fired off the job he held as secretary of the Minne resign from the presidency for his cowardly and stupid advise to the sota Industrial Commission. Emme criticized Judge Senn's decision and Albert Lea strikers, as well as for suggested that heat be put under his general reactionary policies any judge that would sentence inwhich he is trying to impose on nocent men in such a manner. the heretofore militant Independ-

This remark of his was expanded ent Union of All Workers. It is possible that the Albert and spread over the front pages of the St. Paul newspapers in a lurid Lea case will be reopened, that the men will stand trial on the original manner, the account being written charge and be fully vindicated. by a newspaperman, a labor spy. The Albert Lea and Fargo cases who had sneaked into the Austin have driven home sharply the need conference. This was the excuse in the Northwest for a broad labor that Frank Starkey, a notorious labor faker and a member of the defense movement which can com-Industrial Commission (appointed mand the services of experienced by Governor Olson, incidentally) and intelligent labor lawyers-law-

was looking for. Starkey works vers who will be backedd up in hand in glove with the right wing their courtroom work by the power fakers in the State Federation of of a well informed and fighting and will function under the guid- Labor. Emme was summarily dis- mass movement. There is a great from jury duty and that there was him is by a renewed campaign of ance of Karl Lore. It meets Thurs- missed from his job without the field for the Non-Partisan Labor sufficient evidence to establish the mass protest rising from the mil- day evenings, 8:40 to 10:10 P.M. semblance of a trial. But this is Defense in the Northwest.

Propagandist"

"A paper is not merely a collective propagandist and collective agitator." It is "a part of an enormous pair of bellows, blowing every spark of the class struggle and of popular discontent into a general conflagration." Thus spoke Lenin himself, master of theory and master also in the field of practical achievement. If the symbol of the bellows applied to the organ of a revolutionary party was ever or anywhere appropriate, it is at this moment in the United States.

To take the popular discontent stirring everywhere in this country today, still manifest largely in the hearing given to utopians, false prophets and mountebanks and transform it into a revolutionary configgration! To enable the fighting elements in the unions to take the leadership in steel, automobiles, textiles, rubber, away from the bureaucrats who want to put down the fire of discontent so that the discontent of the workers with rising prices and falling incomes, with sham company unions, with labor hating bosses, may be fanned into a conflagration sweeping the nation like a prairie fire during this spring and summer! That is the task of the Workers Party.

To achieve that task the New Militant must be distributed in increasing thousands. It must become the paper of the American workers. Our field workers, our comrades in the front line trench-

es in the strike areas, our comrades who have to meet the arguments or the slanders of other parties and groups, the party organizers and members who meet the militant workers in the unions and unemployed leagues and win them for the party,all must be armed with the New Militant-their work must be supplemented by the New Militant going in thousands into the factories, mines, stores, offices and workers' homes.

Blow "every spark of the class struggle into a general conflagration"

That means, today, support the New Militant subscription campaign

National Committee of W. P., A. J. MUSTE, Secretary

Unfortunately, there is not as much cause for elation among the workers as there is among Green and Co. The whole Executive Council of the A. F. of L. might be named to the NIRB for all the difference that would make on the matters that really count. What has the NRA done so far to reduce unemployment, increase weekly earnings, and to the real income of workers? The answer-as all official statistics show—is nothing. What can the NRA do in view of its encouragement to production and price control, to cartels and monopoly? The answer-as a moment's reflection will indicate—is less than nothing.

#### THE PITFALLS OF LEWISDOM . . .

The wage conferences between the United Mine Workers and the operators are still dragging on. Outwardly at least the deadlock is complete. The operators propose to continue the wage and hour standards of the present bituminous coal code. The union proposes to raise wages and shorten hours.

Will this mean, if no agreement is reached, a truly militant strike? Not if John Lewis can help it. A safe and peaceful "suspension" until such time as coal inventories are reduced, is possible. But Lewis will work as hard to suppress any vigorous strike as he has worked to suppress all coal strikes from the very outset of Section 7a.

It should not be forgotten that the bituminous coal code is equipned with labor boards in which the U.M.W.A. and the operators have equal membership. The code very lefinitely limits the right to strike. The code very definitely provides for compulsory arbitration. These provisions were written into the code by Lewis and his cohorts for the specific purpose of preventing the rank and file workers from get ting out of hand.

JAMBOREE given by the Spartacus Youth League SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 8:30 Dancing, Games, Refreshments 2 West 15th St., N. Y. C. Admission 15c by hat check. Proceeds for National Tour.

## Scottsboro Boys Negroes barred who were eligible. Get New Trial

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awaiting their second trial, attornies stated, because they cannot be tried again on the present indictments since all the boys were originally named in the bills handed down by the Grand Jury.

The unanimous decision of the of Alabama says that he will seek court stated that the evidence overregularly established system in the knight of reaction must be an Alabama courts to bar Negroes swered. And the way to answer

It was just about four years ago that nine Negro boys were pulled Freed. off a freight train and charged with raping two white girls. Within a WORKERS SCHOOL NOTES few days they were sentenced to New Classes: death in as breathless a legal **History of Russian Revolution:** lynching spirit as even the Jim Those interested in the history of

Victory Not Yet Complete The victory is not yet complete. The Scottsboro boys are still behind bars. Lieut. Governor Knight

Crow south had ever witnessed. the Russian Revolution are invited to enroll for the class which meets

ter. new indictments to prosecute the

Friday evenings, 8:40 to 10:10 P.M. Henceforth the class will function under the guidance of Joseph Car-

whelmingly proved that it was a cases "to their conclusion". This | Trade Union Strategy and Tactics: This class has been reorganized

fact that there were many such | lion-throated working class of the United States. The Scottsboro Boys Must Be