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Stay of Injunction Gains

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Roosevelt Kicks Bill Green Downstairs **CAPITOL NEWS LETTER**

Roosevelt Disregards Auto Union

By JACK ELDER

WASHINGTON. -- For once in A. F. of L. snoke the plain and simple truth when they howled that the newest version of the automobile code had been "imposed", not on the employers, but on the workers, Did the President consult with

organized labor before extending the code, for the third time, without the formal pretense of a public hearing?

He acted as if the Labor Advisory Board-executive arm of the A. F. of L---simply did not exist.

Did the President accept the advice and counsel of his National Industrial Recovery Board?

By a vote of 5 to 2 the Board recommended that the code be scrapped rather than renewed on ants, Jack Warnick and Caroline the basis proposed by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association.

Did the President ponder upon the joint report submitted by his prisoners had been in jall over six two disinterested experts, Messrs. Henderson (Research and Planning) and Lubin (Burean of Labor Statistics)?

Their report, he blithely informed the press at large, had been "lost" in the shuffle of papers on his desk.

One readily sympathizes with the A. F. of L. leaders in their disillusionment and dismay. But what on earth did Mr. Green and Co. expeet? They had their chance to assert the claims of labor in the automobile industry last March when the rank-and-file workers were pressing for a nation-wide cialist party of California, the strike.

Face to face with the threat of Labor Defense, the Communist direct mass action, the President party, the L.L.D., with Hedley as was ready to deal with the A. F. chairman. Instead the C.P. laid of L. He dealt so well, assisted by down as an ultimatum that the only Green's stupid betrayal, that the call for the conference must be an workers have been groaning ever earlier one issued by the 1.L.D. and since under the burden of works signed only by four C.P.-controlled councils, proportional representa- organizations, none of them unions. tion and the ineffable Wolman Board. Rather than drop the class tions are continuing in their efforts cluding the Shipyard Workers Un-

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 4.--Most of this week's session of the trial Labor Bureaucrats How as of 17 defendants charged with criminal syndicalism has been taken up with testimony and cross examination of 70-year old William Hanks. stool pigeon hired last April by Prosecutor McAllister to frame-up the union

by State in Labor Trial

Fantastic Evidence Used

The prosecution's attempt to make capital out of Hanks' fantastic claims that he had been driven out of Sacramento in September at the their lives, the bureaucrats of the point of a gun by persons he believed to be communists was turned into a fiasco by Hanks' thick-witted remarks.

Hanks declared he "didn't think it was necessary" to notify police that he had been intimidated. Asked why he didn't telegraph local authorities of his plight when he reached Omaha, Nebraska, Hanks Humphrey to postpone decision on students and friends of labor at an replied : "Well, there's communists >

there, 100." He decided, he said, to stay out of town because there "was ble community convention in Sec. UnionPledges a big communist convention in Sacramento September 20, and I didn't Solidarity to know but that I might be hurt "

More Defendants Balled Five defendants were bailed out on Thursday by the International Labor Defense. Only one defendant had been previously bailed out by the LLD. It was only after the Non-Partisan Labor Defense had bailed out two of the chief defend-

Decker, and was about to bail out Nora Conklin, that the I.L.D. bailed five out, including Conklin. 'The months. Eight others, including tubercular Donald Bingham, are still authorities. in jail. The funds loaned to the

Conklin were carmarked for her and were withdrawn.

Northern California Civil Liberties Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, has sent a letter to the Western Worker, protesting its lies about the break-up of the united front last Saturday. The C. any crime they may have committed, P. broke up the united front by repudiating the call for a conference signed on January 21 by the So-Workers party, the Non-Partisan

All the non-communist organizacollaboration ideal (that famous to build a campaign of organized

The Utopian Society, Incorporat-

Waterfront Fight The battle of the New York truckmen and longshoremen against millionaire publisher, arch-jingo-

ing collaboration of the two unions Opera House, New York, last Sununtil this Tuesday. The injunction day. The meeting was called by as finally handed down contains a the provisional committee for Nonstay until an appeal can be made Partisan Labor Defense. in March to the Appellate Division. This stay grants absolutely noth- college professors, noted liberals

Judge's Trick |Mass Meeting

Approved by Calls Hearst

18Framed-up ing to the truckmen. It is nothing and heads of student organizations more than a trick to give the mermore than a trick to give the mer- who had been assailed in the Hearst chants and shippers time to mobil- press for "subversive activities".

mediate relase of the 17 workers face of the union leaders, Cashal campaign Hearst has been waging and Ryan by giving them a breath- against them, made clear the antiand union leaders on trial in Sacra- ing space between now and March, labor, anti-culture character and mento on charges of violating the and to postpone action until the purpose of his attacks, showed criminal syndicalism laws is de- rank and file are demonslized by clearly his pro-Hitler and pro-Musmanded in a resolution passed by the attacks of the bosses, by the solini sympathies and revealed him General Drivers Union Local 574 of trickery of the union leaders, and as the prime mover and instigator the A. F. of L. Copies of the reso by the long wait, the uncertainty in the prosecution of the 17 labor an industry-wide strike if approved souls feel that they have been let lution were sent to the California and confusion attendant on an ap- leaders in the Sacramento criminal by a referendum of locals. The down. Dangers threaten their popeal. The stay will not prevent for syndicalism trial.

Among the speakers were Profesa moment the wholesale laying off Non-Partisan Labor Defense for for their attempt, under cover of a of anion truckmen which has been sor Sidney Hook, chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Professor James Burnham, professor of

philosophy, both of New York University, Professor George S. Counts, professor of education, Teachers' College, Columbia University; Luigi "It is to be operative," said Antonini, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; Roger Baldwin, chairman of the American Civil Libergentleman's agreement' the plainpaper columnist; Morris Milgrim union personel and the unions agree and Monroe Sweetland, organizers of the Student League for Industrial Democracy; Carlo Tresca,

What a farce! The stay on the anti-Fascist editor of Il Martello; injunction remains in force so long Felix Morrow, secretary of the proas the bosses refrain from firing visional committee for Non-Partisan Labor Defense. George Novack of the provisional committee was chairman.

promises. Telegrams of greetings were read If the merchants try to break the from two of the Sacramento pris-

'Leaders' in Dilemma Still Cling to F.D.R.

By ARNE SWABECK

Audience of 2,500 Indicts Labor widens rift with Roosevelt, announce recent capitalist newspaper headlines. This, of course, refers to the official American Federation of Labor family. It appears that William Green-usually so soft spoken-together with the more belligerent. John L. Lewis has made some strong remarks on the action saken by the President in extending the automobile code. Advertised by the Federation officials as "Labor's hope and strength", Roosevelt now turns around and kicks these labor officials in the pants. He feels he can afford to do so. The automobile agreement of March 25 last year put the manufacturers on the offensive while the automobile unions still suffer from the demoralization of the

policy pursued by the A. F. of L. Executive Council. A Dilemma

The Executive Council faces a VotedPending dilemme. Organization of the un-organized under its leadership has organized under its leadership has come to a stop. The "perfect" equil-Referendum ibrium of cooperation of labor, industry and government is coming

tumbling down over the heads of ALLENTOWN, Pa .--- Continuance these labor officials like a house of of unbearable conditions in the silk | cards. Instead of striking out boldindustry led a conference of 80 ly like real leaders and utilizing delegates from 36 locals of the the favorable mass sympathy for American Federation of Silk Work- organization they stall and saboers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey tage in fear of the consequences of and New York to go on record for the struggle. Now these craven local unions represented all took sition from two directions,

Obviously the government is A.F.S.W. is affiliated with the Unit- moving toward some form of compulsory arbitration in labor disputes while the rank and file union conference, held Feb. 3, expressed membership is showing increasing disappointment over the outcome of signs of discontent and restlessness. the 1934 strike and bitterness that A most damning indictment of the the Winant report on wages and A. F. of L. officials is contained in hours, due Feb. 1 and one of the the rather frank statements publicreasons for the calling of the con- ly made, that in the inner circles ference, has not yet been made. of the administration it is felt that Only realization that the time is not the A. F. of L. cannot organize the yet ripe prevented an immediate basic industries-steel, rubber and automobiles

Militant Bureaucrate

Despairing of obtaining a bene volent hearing for union recognition from the powerfully entrenched monopoly capitalists the Federation officials are turning their attention the picket lines until explicit wage, in the other direction. And these despairing officials are becoming aggressively militant when they face the large scale rank and file rebellion they see brewing on every Earle of Pennsylvania demanding hand. It is no secret that they are the immediate release of organizers still, despite their announced rift,

toying with the idea of coming to

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-The im-

Denouncing California employers

"red scare", to crush the Cannery going on for the last month, under and Agricultural Workers' Union, the mere promise of an injunction. George Hedley, director of the the resolution continues: "The membership of Local 574 is The terms under which the stay convinced that these 18 men and was granted reveal the whole lousy women are being prosecuted not plot. for their political beliefs, not for

the New York Times, "only during the good behaviour of the defendbut simply because they have given ants. . . . Under the terms of a their best efforts to organizing the unemployed and the cannery worktiffs agree not to enlarge their noners. The membership of Local 574 is well aware of the attempt of the not to molest non-union crews albosses in Minneapolis to invoke the ready at work.'

red-scare, to threaten the militant union members with the criminal syndicalism law, to frame our own brother, Happy Holstein. They were union men. If they fire union men not able to accomplish their ends the stay is inoperative and the inbecause of the solidarity and supjunction comes into force. port of the trade union movement

What a Victory!

A Lousy Plot

of Minneapolis and the P. S., inunion the court will "punish" them oners, Jack Warnicke and Norman ion in San Francisco who passed a enforcing the injunction! Mini. olution backing Local 574 in its by . . . In other words the court says to the merchants, "You mustn't take that "In the same spirit of solidarity candy, because if you do take it which other local unions demonwe will give it to you.' This is what Lyons, secretary of the Joint hereby goes ou record as supporting Council, Joe Ryan, president of the I.L.A., and MacGuire, attorney for mento brought to trial through the the unions all hail as a victory sufmachinations of the Industrial Asficient to warrant calling off the sociation and the agricultural growstrike. To quote Joe Ryan-"The most pleasing part of the stay is that and firm supporters of the open while it prevents us from making any demonstration until the appeal "We extend our brotherly sympa is heard, it also guarantees that which the P.U.L. has been fighting thy to the 18 framed-up workers in the practise of discharging union employes will have to be stopped in What is Ryan pleased about? He is pleased that the rank and file is prevented from demonstrating. He is pleased that the merchants have "guaranteed" uot to discharge union employes, by the "guarantee" Want Plenty? Nice, Easy of the very injunction they applied

Time for Bosses in Millionaire Publisher And Red-Baiter William Randolph Hearst, multi-

Labor Enemy

the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce ist, and friend of all munitions and the Merchants Association has makers, was indicted as "Labor just begun. Last week's one day Enemy No. 1" in a statement unanrank and file strike forced Justice imously adopted by 2,500 workers, the threatened injunction restrain- anti-Hearst meeting at the Central

Speakers included labor leaders,

ize against the union; to save the They denounced the "stool-pigeon"

partnersnip among management, labor to save the Sacramento de government and labor) the A. F. of fendants.

\$8.50.

L. leaders sold out the strike. They entered the agreement of March 25, MASS MEETINGS BUILD 1934, with their eyes wide open, fully aware that the President's cal route for the United Automobile Workers.

Thanks to that sell-out by its leaders, the A. F. of L. has lost Pittsburgh. The P.U.L. is waging ers associations, bitter enemies of most of the power which it once war on a relief cut. commanded among the robots whom General Motors, Chrysler and Ford find it convenient to employ. Today the federal unions in the automobile industry are pitifully weak, low in membership, downcast in morale, torn by internal strife, the theatre of a bureaucratic scramble for offices and emoluments.

The President, after all, is a consummate master of Realpolitik. Why should he pay the least attention to a neglibile quantity? Why should he disturb himself for the benefit of a ghost?

We can leave Green and Co. to their agonies. They have the capacity to discover, but not to learn. What is more important, is that the rank and file workers should profit from the lesson. They have nothing to rely on but organization secret invsterious process? and force. They can aquire what is worth fighting for, only when they are ready and able to fight Utopians want to change the ecofor it. nomic set-up of the United States

There is no hope for them in the and end poverty. New Deal's professions of belief in They make it easy. "social justice", "economic planning" and the "redistribution of plenty is possible and swear allewealth and income". There is still less hope for them if they trust to United States. You are then given Messrs. Green, Collins, Dillon, etc. a mystic number to be known by-And by fooling around with the apparatus of official labor boards, they merely paralyze their ability right hand to the American flag, to strike.

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struggle.

PA. UNEMPLOYED LEAGUE strated in supporting us, Local 574 PITTSBURGH, Pa.---New locals settlement meant a complete tacti- of the Pennsylvania t nomployed our 18 brother workers in Sacra-League in Allegheny County are forming rapidly as a result of mass meetings being held all over greater

the labor movement in California

This cut was hidden behind shop. change from the despised commodity relief system to cash relief, for

Secret Way--Its Utopian

for three long years. By arbitrar-Sacramento, Cal., and pledge ourily establishing a lower "budgetary selves to do all in our power to the interim." deficiency" standard, the relief adwork for their immediate release,

ministration is now able to send the and for the immediate repeal of the average family a weekly check of vicious laws under which they are being prosecuted."

much vigor.

The bosses and the union leaders are following exactly the same tactics which broke the auto strike, which broke the steel strike; the tactics of hesitation, compromise

Would you be able to use about | ly, however, it is doubtful whether and deception. Instead of the usual \$15,000 a year? To be got by a the Utopians can ever wave flags phony "impartial" board, like the harder than the bosses. There is auto board, the "impartial" Appelsome doubt even whether they can late Court is the machine used to ed, can fell you how--almost. The uphold the Constitution with as crush the strike and break the un-All it costs to belong to the Uto-

The truckmen and iongshoremen's pians is \$3. And if you know a unions are in the greatest danger. Unless a broad rank and file movement, well organized, is started,

All you do is just realize that The Easy Method The beauty of the plan is its easy headed toward a militant strike, regiance to the Constitution of the method of overcoming the enemies, gardless of all the legal maneuvers 'Want and Fear", and usheling in of the bosses and the unions' leadthe ideal state. These terrible ene- | ers, a strike set and called to throw 7 by 133 by 7a-and asked to bring mies are to be vanquished forever the whole question of injunctions your friends. Everyone raises his by asserting, to the neighbors, that stays, "gentlemen's agreements" out plenty is possible, and dropping of the window, the unions will be tacked on the wall in a room with smashed small pieces of paper in tin boxes.

the blinds down, and swears to If you live in a city where there Truckmen! Longshoremen! Act support the Constitution. The riare voting machines, the procedure now, or you are lost. tual is respectable. You are even is simplified, all you do is push a

blindfolded by a lady. A Voice button and pull a lever. The Department of Agriculture

speaks from behind a screen. Whis-No struggle, no bother no tronso reports run, has just discovered pers. Mystery. Awe. It's done! ble —it's all Utopian. that the A.A.A. program is divorc-The Utopian movement has jumped But the leaders specialize in ing thousands of share-cropper forward again by creeps and sounds. making things easy. The secrecy from the soil.

thing or two, not even that

Not Enough Flags and the old ballot-box and flag il-An army of special agents has The effort to end poverty the easy | lusions would have delighted Houbeen sent into the field (Arkansas way may be retarded, however, for dini. And the teaching of the leadand other states) to go through the there are not factories to make ers, that plenty through social revmotions of "investigation and adenough flags. The Chambers of olution, by the might of the masses, justment".

Commerce and the American Legion is not the way out of capitalism to must have flags. Also the bankers the new society-this must sound Agriculture suspects that some- root of all evil, which some covetand industrialists are hot for flags. sweet too, like the oaths to the flag thing has gone wrong with the pro- ing have erred from the faith, they But the cotton industry should and the Constitution, to the ENE- gram to make it bear so heavily on attack the right of property, and boom, and that may help. Serious- MIES of PLENTY.

The "indictment" pas meeting read, in part :

"We, 2.500 workers, students and friends of labor, assembled in mass meeting, accuse William Randolph Hearst of being an enemy of labor and culture. Like his fellow magnates in Europe. Hugenberg of Germany, the late Coty of France, Rothermore of England, he is using the power of his press to make systematic attacks upon all that is progressive in American life. . . We call upon all members of working class and cultural organizations to bring this indictment to the attention of their fellow members in order to broaden the struggle against Labor Enemy No. 1, William Randolph Hearst."

FatherCoughlin Adopts Popes' Fake Liberalism By DAN EASTMAN with signal depravity-seize upon

"Father Coughlin," says L. B. been acquired by title of lawful inheritance (Libby Holman) through on the liberal encyclicals of Pope intellectual (William R. Hearst) Pius XI and Pope Leo XIII." or manual (J. P. Morgan) labor, or economy of living (Andrew Mel-Pope Pius XI, the present incumbent, who gained his knowledge of lon)-

"These monstrous views they propolitics and economics while scalclaim in public, uphold in booklets, ing mountains (he is the author of a textbook on the Climbing of and broadcast everywhere through Alps) has done very little but elathe daily press. Hence the hallowed borate the basic thesis laid down (hallowed in the blood of 25,000 Communards- D. E.) dignity and in the encyclical of Leo XIII, On authority of rulers have occurred Social Evils.

such odium on the part of rebellious On December 28, 1878, seven short years after the "hallowed" heads subjects that evil minded traitorsof the French government had have boidly raised impious hands shot down twenty-five thousand against the very heads of states (Hitler, for example?). . . men, women and children, Parisian

workers, because they dared to "With such doctrines spread abolish night work in bakeries and far and wide and such license in institute an eight-hour day in the thought and action it is no wonname of socialism --- seven short der that men of the most lowly rears after the cold-blooded slaughcondition, of humble home and er of the Paris Commune, that lowly workshop, should fix eager kindly shepherd, Leo XIII, proeyes on the abodes and fortunes of the wealthy. duced his famous "liberal" encyclical. Let us quote:

Leo Takes Sides

"In short they (the Socialists), spurred on by greedy hankering af-Naive as ever, the Department of ter things present, 'which is the

the poorest of the tenant farmers. tioned by law of nature (!) dit

lumbia Pa

Silk Strike Is

part in the 1934 textile strike. The

Delegate after delegate at the

strike call. A regional concerence

to get further support for strike

action will be held in New England

Strike sentiment is growing and

it is evident that in any 1935 silk

strike the workers will not abandon

hour and stretchout concessions are

won-regardless of White House

A telegram was sent to Governor

ed Textile Workers.

shortly.

THIRTY DAYS, SAYS BUFFALO JUDGE, INSTEAD OF FOOD Buffalo, N. Y .--- When Mary Jan-kowski was brought before Judge Peter Maul of the Buffalo court on vagrancy charge, he asked her, from the ranks, so they move into Have you any money? Have you home?

"No," she replied. "Where do you sleep?" "In box cars," answered Mary.

in this weather. Thirty days . ordered the honorable judge. And so Mary, who recently came from Toledo was asured regular shelter and food for the next thirty days at the Wende prison,

an agreement with Roosevelt's proposed industrial truce of no strikes. Only the open shop and company union employers demand too much. They demand a complete surrender and the Federation officials cannot remain unmindful of the pressure action, not in reality against the employers but against the rebellion in order to head it off.

At this moment the otherwise soft spoken officials are preparing "That's no place to be sleeping to reinforce their blast against all opposition and against all progressives, whom they label "reds", with a campaign of expulsions, beginning in the very fortress of the basic industries, in steel. All local lodges of the steel workers union that sent delegates to the recent Pittsburgh progressive conference they threaten with outright expulsion. Make no mistake about it; their next step will be outlawing of strikes. This is the most serious

The Auto Agreement

In several respects the automobile and hold in common all that has agreement of last year entered into by the Federation officials became a furning point. It was a blow to the whole trade union movement. It advanced the automobile manufacturers into a position of being the spearheads in the struggle against organization of the unorganized in the basic industries. This agreement provided that any group of workers may be represented in conferences for collective bargaining with the employers. In other words, it legalized the company union and put the trade unions on the defensive. The trade unions, of course, had rich possibilities of embracing the great majority of the workers and becoming the recognized spokesmen of all the workers in the industry. Due, however, to this treacherous agreement these possibilities were frittered away, as the recent elections in the Detroit automobile plants, conducted by the despised Wolman Board, show

"They (still the Socialists) in good sooth cease not from asserting twelve different plants, 60,000 that all men are by nature equal, workers were eligible to vote. and hence they contend that neither | total of 53,771 ballots were cast and honor nor respect is owed to public the voting gave the following reauthority, nor any obedience to sults: Voting for unaffiliated replaws, save those sanctioned accord- resentatives, 40,143; for employers

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Ward, one of his apologists, "bases his social and economic philosophy PAGE 2

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NOTICE

In last week's New Militant

Comrade Louis Breier in the 4th

installment of his History of the

National Unemployed League

dealt with the question of unity.

Comrade Breier's article does

not represent the position of the

Workers Party. The Party's

position on unity will be put

forth in an article by Comrade

Max Shachtman in a forthcom-

ing issue of the New Militant.

rope it was not even budding in

The radical political movement

reform movement in the forties of

movement of the eighties, to be fol-

Czarist and Kerensky debts, except

Meanwhile the Soviets need ma-

Should Revolutionists Build A Labor Party?

By HUGO OEHLER Leftward-moving workers who have broken or are in the process of breaking with the past are look-

ing for weapons of struggle to the left of the Democratic and Republican parties. Reform and utopian movements

and middle class movements as well as fascist movements are springing up and taking root in the minds of the discontented masses who know by hard experience that something is wrong.

Every prolonged depression in the past increased the political activity of the working class. Reform and utopian movements sprang up on the heels of economic and social dislocation. These movements were washed away with the first signs of the return to prosperity. But the present crisis continues. Government and private measures to stimulate business fail. The condition of the working class becomes worse and discontent increases. Hoover's promises could not be realized and Roosevelt's "plans" for the forgotten man are more and more seen as plans for the "forgot-

ten" financiers and industrialists. In this fermentation the slogan of the Labor Party is brought forward again. As yet it has not taken root in any substantial section of the working class nor has a crystallization taken place. However, the new opportunist right turn of the Communist International and its sections and the issuing of the instructions for a Labor Party campaign bring the subject to the fore for clarification.

Labor Parties and Reform In the period of capitalist development the Labor Party took root in European countries and played its role as the handmaid of reforms, as the concession for class peace through the policy of class collaboration with the capitalist overlords. These reformist labor movements took on different forms in various nations all the way from Labor Parties based upon collective membership through trade unions and other workers' organizations to the var.

Social Democratic movements of individual membership. In the prewar period they constituted the progressive and liberal opposition parties championing the cause of lebor, humanity and what not. In the post-war period these parties became the left covering of the capitalist governments for the reorganization of Europe and for the prevention of the extension of the October revolution. They were struments to save European capi- cidentally, the business man failed labor governments in name but talism from the proletarian revolu-

capitalist dictatorships in reality. | tions. "New" reforms were the Since the rise of Hitler and fascism price to be paid by the capitalists in Europe this has become plain as the "lesser evil" to maintain power. Developments have shown for everyone to see.

Capitalist Decay that such concessions, especially But the post-war period revealed since Hitler seized power, can be another striking fact in regard to wiped out with the stroke of a pen.

the Labor parties and the parties The sweep of developing American capitalism enabled her to build America. It bloomed and withered of reform. a whole network of special means in Europe before its American Developing capitalism could grant of bribery without the aid of a counterpart had a chance to walk reforms, and such were granted to the degree of the pressure of the large layer of labor agents within upright. working class, and the labor leaders the workers' ranks. While a relaof the reactionary trade union

movement and the labor party workers was placed on a high level, movement held them up as special the masses of American workers, concessions these "leaders' had oboppressed races and foreign the tained "for" the working class. But born workers within the country, lowed by a more confused and hethe post-war period marked a deepand the colonial people, paid the ening of the decay and decline of band of robbers super profits. This capitalism. Many of the leading was not a difficult problem for the capitalist nations were in no posiion to grant further reforms. Instead the very life of the different capitalist nations after the war period demanded that they reduce ers were unorganized and labor's La Follette movement. and take away concessions from the participation in politics was conworkers, in order to compete with fined to the two old parties. While imperialist powers on the world social-reformism flourished in Eumarket for capital investments,

commodities and raw material. Every concession wrung from the capitalists in this stage rests upon an entirely different basis than the previous reforms. The reforms in the period of capitalist growth were used to bribe a part of the working class to enable the capitalists to have a free hand against the majority of the working class and the colonial people. The most outstand- ters to the editor, recently I ran ing representative of reform during this period was the Second Inter-

national. **Reform Base Disappearing**

The economic base of reform parbuy American made machinery, ble?"

The elimination of the economic oase of reform parties did not mean the immediate liquidation of these parties. The parties had developed into complex systems and definite parts of the superstructure of capialism whose organizational and

A Bit Mixed Up killed so easily. Even after their economic base was lacking these reformist parties served as the in-

It is true that the Soviet Union Likewise it is true that capital in November 1933, trade with Rus-

Food Workers Bare Union's **Alliance with Schultz Gang**

An Example of the New Trade Union Policy of the Communist Party

(Introductory note by Joseph Zack) | ning with 1929 and continuing to a The Food Workers Industrial few months ago, Williams and Union (split off in 1929 by the Com-Goldstein acted as open strike munist Party from the Amalga- breakers for the bosses' association mated Food Workers) started as in the cafeteria industry.

an "ideal" Red union. With less Jules Martin who acts as a politithan 2,000 members it endorsed the cian behind the scenes for the new Communist party and addressed Metropolitan bosses' association, demands to the bosses that could and is the real theoretician and innot possibly be obtained without spirer of this united front, is one the widest organization. of the big capitalists in the trade.

mob.

which go directly to the gang.

This policy brought the union Dave Krumholz, organizer for the tively small number of skilled of American origin was first a land close to liquidation. The food work-Metropolitan, is his lieutenant. ers wanted a union; by tradition These, then, are Rubin's allies. the last century, next an agrarian and as a result of their experience Every progressive worker in the with the American Federation of ood industry knows that the or-Labor, they were inclined to join

terogeneous agrarian movement in an independent union. The writer, the first part of this century. The then secretary of the Trade Union Unity Council, in 1931 endeavored urban middle class that was beaten to reorganize the union to suit the American capitalists due to the back by monopoly capitalism joined needs of the rank and file. Jack country's natural resources and forces with it and produced the

Rubin became secretary. high degree of exploitation of labor. various hybrid movements such as Today, with the C. P. swinging to The millions of American work- the Farmer-Labor parties and the the right, Rubin, along with Gold, Potash and others, wants to be in

(This article will be continued line with the party or perhaps a in the next issue of the New step or two ahead. In the name of flexibility and practicability, they are introducing class collabor-Credits for Russia -- A Slogan for U. S. Labor ation politics of a kind familiar in the A. F. of L.-a policy as sure to

offspring of this alliance between ruin the independent unions as the A. F. of L. officials and gangsters. policy of Red unions did before. It was the old United bosses' asso-It is very well to be practical and ciation which inspired the creation to take advantage of quarrels beof Local 302 in 1929 in order to tween bosses and labor fakers-but

break the cafeteria strike led by the not at the expense of the workers Amalgamated Food Workers. The and the prestige of the union. If unions created by the old associathe union is to live in the workers' tion are now used by the Dutch interests, the Stalinist bureaucracy Schultz crowd to terrorize the bosses into joining the new Metropoli-

must be halted.

By a Group of Progressive Food fee of \$500 up. Into this unholy al-Workers

liance, the leaders of the Industrial Mystery, telephone conversations

Union have entered. in Rubin's office, conferences, man-How the "Unity" Works in Practice euvers—only the top fraction of The old United bosses' associathe Communist Party is in on the secrets, and not all of it. Some of ion, which was working with the these "insiders" think Rubin is officials of the International Union clever—delicate politics must be played in secret. Others are dis- by the manipulations of the Dutch tour. satisfied. The active rank and file Schultz gang and Jules Martin, who is suspicious—a suspicion that may flare into a hurricane. hemselves and keep the Interna-

On the other side of the alliance, tional union out. By getting con-Coulcher and Co. do quite a bit of talking which percolates down to the masses as rumor. To calm the to work the racket both ways, at 1281 49th Street, Brooklyn. class-conscious element, the mysterthe expense chiefly of the workers. ics are finally theorized into a What can you workers think of And since there the united front policy of the C.P. An interesting program has been 'united front"

are still some doubts, Stachel, of if it can so easily become a cover arranged. Get your tickets in adthe C. P. Political Bureau, is for these maneuvers? Some will brought to the Central Opera House say, Beal among them, what do we in this issue. meeting (Dec. 17, 1934) to declare care as long as we get something out of it? Now Beal, a leader of

"kosh'er' What is this United Front? the top fraction, darling of the The "united front" that Stachel mobsters who was repeatedly boasts about is a "gentlemen's unbrought up on charges of corrupt derstanding" behind closed doors, practices, and whitewashed-Bea between Rubin, Stachel, Coulcher, gets something out of it. But how Pincus Goldstein and Co., officials of about the workers?

A. F. of L. Locals 302 and 16 and Some Pertinent Questions the Industrial Union. The rank and Is it not a fact that in the Sherfile know very little about it.

man Cafeteria settlement, the exact Why? Because it is a shady, unterms of which are not known to principled alliance between the the rank and file, the following

leaders of the Food Workers Indus-trial Union and one of the racket-1. The wages of

practically at will, and gradually all companies "protected" by the Metropolitan association are being allowed this privilege?

4. As soon as the Sherman Cafeteries broke with the old United association and joined the Metropolitan, the strike was called off by the union with a 90-day period for negotiations?

Considering the past of Coulcher and Co., would it not be fair to allow the rank and file to decide whether it wants this kind of a united front?

What about the recent Silver Cafeteria settlement, whereby the shops are being divided 50-50 between the Industrial Union and its allies? Is this a policy of uniting the workers into one union, or is it a process of systematic division into two unions with the bosses playing one against the other and the bureaucrats maneuvering the workers, each group blaming its sins on the other?

ganizers of Locals 16 and 302 are If these are the methods, have we connected with the Dutch Schultz not a right to suspect the purpose for which the special monthly taxes It is also an established fact that are being collected in the Industrial in April, 1933, the books of Local Union? Is it not for the same pur-302 showed that \$2,500 was turned pose for which the A. F. of L. Local over to Jules Martin, who worked 302 collected a \$2 monthly work hand in hand with Dutch Schultz, tax? Why don't we get a regular

after a conference between the gang and aboveboard accounting? and Local 302 officials in a midtown The strangling of inner democrahotel. To this day special monthly cy goes hand in hand with such poltaxes are collected in Local 302 titics. Food workers, be on guard!

The new Metropolitan Cafeteria WHAT TO ATTEND and Restaurant Association is the

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Feb. 15, Friday evening, Labor want to get the real gravy for Temple, 14th St. and 2nd Avenue. Forum. Auspices, Branch No. 1.

Feb. 15, Friday, 8 P.M.-John S trol of labor, and through it, of Wright 6. "Do the Workers Need the bosses' association, they expect a Laber Party?" Boro Park Br.,

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conditions of capitalist decline. But Year Plan? The capital goods in- the unemployed, at low-wages) for t was not a uniform process which dustries in the U.S. are at a low the Unemployed Leagues and all recomplished this condition. In America the whole process lagged liets want credit. What is the trou- try to raise the slogan of trade behind European developments. The permanent miserable conditions confronting the American workers since the beginning of the present

bit mixed up, as you may see. In-

REGISTRATION

'to mention credit, and no nation can carry on trade without credits!

SP is Hopeless, He Says -- In N. Y., E. Martin Leaves steadily declined.

more glaring, the more you con-

the day of diplomatic recognition, 18. Register immediately. for the school bulletir.

The paradox becomes more and

Why the Deadlock?

has happened since the Roosevelt-

needed by both countries, not ma-

The answer has to do of course

The answer is that the Roosevelt-

Litvinoff talks, which were appar-

ently so amiable, turned out in a

standing on which both nations are

letarian government in 1919-21.

The Soviet insistence, however, is

that the White House talks were

of another tenor. Both debt claims

those of the U.S. against Russia.

tionary forces on Russian soil and

terialize?

with politics.

chinery, and more machinery, and across a letter something like this: "Dear Editor-Why doesn't the the American factories are half United States grant the Soviet Un- | idle. And this is a ridiculous situion long term credits, so she can ation, to say the least. Now is a good time (while Roosies has been wiped out by the which is needed in the Second Five evelt is planning "made" work for

In a newspaper, among the let- | through an adjustment of claims.

Militant.)

ebb and men need work. The Sov- workers' organizations in the counwith Russia. Open the factories, In a newspaper, last week, was make machines for Russia at union a letter from a business man. The wages! Nothing stands in the way

business man complained that the of credit but the claims of Wall U.S. was getting very little trade Street. The trade is so badly needed from Russia and ended by saying: that we must say, to hell with Wall Street! We have to remember, however, that Wall Stdeet has an-

were established between our gov-

dollars for American goods. This was absolutely untrue and our gov-

of seeing the increasing power of the Soviet Union. International Workers

By TESS HUFF

"At the time diplomatic relations ernment and Russia, it was said other thought in mind, beyond the that Russia would spend 10 billion Czarist debts-and that is the fear

ernment should break off relations

with Russia immediately."

ideological structure could not be

risis were at far deeper levels in Europe even before the first world

Well, it appears the matter is a

Registrations for the classes of the International Workers School needs machinery and wants credit. are rolling in. From present signs the maximum quotas for some of goods factories in this country need the classes may be filled before the orders. It is also a fact that since school officially opens, on February

The variety of classes makes it

working class effective and realistic negative. leadership on the basis of a correct program," writes John Burfeindt

of St. Louis. Another comrade, E. Martin, formerly of the Weisbord group, joins the Workers Party because it is the

only party working effectively for Leninism, in the same way that the the world, every debt contracted a new international of labor. Their letters follow in full: Stalinists do.

Only a few months ago Weisbord the present moment, despite the St. Louis, Mo. January 29, 1935 Gitlow for the formation of a new for payment is greater than ever

St. Louis Socialist Finds

**Workers Party Is Realistic** 

Weisbord Group To Join W. P.

Comrades:

party. Today Gitlow is in the So- before. The experience of the world labor cialist Party and the C.L.S. having movement since the war convinced split, Weisbord remains with his me that social-democracy and refamily of nine, the fruit of three formism can only lead the workers and a half years of independent to defeat and fascism. My exper-"mass work' ience in the Socialist Party has Although many comrades were in convinced me that the S. P. has not favor of sending a delegation to the abandoned reformism; that, both Unity Convention, no discussion locally and nationally, it comprowas held on this subject and not mises continually with reformists even an observer was sent. and reactionaries on the political and trade union fields and in its

These are my reasons for leaving the C.L.S. own ranks; and that it is hopeless I accept the Declaration of Prinas an instrument of revolution, due to its unbroken tradition of comciples adopted by the new party "misunderstanding", a misunderconvention, and apply for memberpromise and the weak-kneed char-

ship in the Workers Party. What- standing pat. Roosevelt, and Wall acter of its so-called left wing. ever shortcomings exist in the new Street, still insist upon the pay-I am therefore resigning from the Socialist Party and joining the party can be ironed out within the ment of debts owed by the Czarist bounds of party democracy. Every- and Kerensky regimes. This was Workers Party of the U.S., the one claiming to work towards the the money, much of it, advanced only party which at the present

creation of the Fourth Internation- by American capitalists, which was time offers the working class effecal must reaize that only by joining used to finance the various White tive and realistic leadership on the the Workers Party and becoming armies in their unsuccessful atbasis of a correct program. active in it can they contribute to- tempts to overthrow the young pro--JOHN BURFEINDT

January 5, 1935

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Comrades :

As a member of the Communist League of Struggle, I worked towards the creation of a new revolutionary party and a new (4th) In-

talk on "The Roosevelt Security erica's intervention in Russia in ternational. Weisbord is incorrect in saying Program' Sunday evening, pointed 1921, when the U.S. sent expedithat the fusion of the C.L.A. and out the effects of the "Program" on the A.W.P. is similar to the entry the unemployed and employed and against the proletarian govof the Communist League of France workers of the country. He showed ernment) were to be mutually adinto the S.F.I.O. In the United how in each instance every step in justed at a later date. Meanwhile States a Fourth Internationalist the program meant another lowerparty has been founded by the ing of the American standard of forward.

merger of two independent groups living. on a Marxist basis.

normal trade relations were to go

WORKERS' SECURITY?

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5. - An-

-E. MARTIN

wards this goal.

Since the day of recognition the Ramuglia explained that where American government has stood pat, The "leadership" of the C.L.S. the National Unemployed League making no attempts either to nego-

thony Ramuglia, president of the and those of Russia against the U.

National Unemployed League, in a S. (claims which grew out of Am-

with its sectarian attitude and bu- was strongest as in Ohio and Pen- tiate a settlement of the claims or reducratic domination, tried to asylvania, the relief authorities to establish a basis for trade and squelch criticism of Weisbord's in- found it impossible to put over long term credits with Russia. And terpretation of many principle their schemes for pauperizing the Russa refuses of course to obligate questions, by saying that at this workers. herself for the payment of the

sider the case. The fact is that possible for all to take one or more "I am resigning from the Social-|time the C.L.S. could not tolerate the United States not only needs courses. Elementary classes inist Party and joining the Workers any "negations" concerning them. Russia's business, but that it has clude Workers Party Fundamentals. Party of the U. S., the only party In other words if you didn't agree credit powers it doesn't know what A B C of Marxism and Marxian which at the present time offers the with the leader your criticism was to do with. At the same time Rus- Economics, American history, Amsia, of all the major nations, is erican labor history. The course in Having abandoned the position probably the only one which still Trade Union Strategy and Tactics

that the C.L.S. was the "one and has a clean credit slate. Since the is intended for active trade uniononly truly, 'Trotskyist' group" and proletariat took power in 1917, and ists. The courses in History of the that "Trotskyism is the Leninism started out on a grand scale to Three Internationals, Philosophy of

of today" (see pumphlet "What is build up Russian economy, requir- Marxism and the History of the Trotskyism", by V. Bush) Weisbord ing hig orders of machinery and Russian Revolution are for more now counterposes Trotskyism to goods from any and every corner of advanced comrades.

CLASSES

School Term Near

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Invaluable for members of the has been paid when due. And at Workers Party and Spartacus Youth League is the class in Or- ing the general hotel strike in 1933 ran to the conference called by world depression, Soviet capacity ganization Principles to be given by Martin Abern. Note that the Amalgamated Food Workers. It is time of this class has been changed

> For members of the Spartacus Why then the deadlock? What Youth League and Workers Party representatives to youth commit-Litvinoff talks in Washington, in 1933? Why did credit and trade. much talked of then and badly should be very valuable.

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information regarding the school, get in touch with Joseph Carter, School Administrator, at 2 West 15th Street, New York City.

eering gangs in the food industry earning \$14 to \$16 per week have in control of Locals 16 and 302, Nature Friends - Puljer's Orchestra not been increased in spite of the United Workmen's Singing Societies hand in hand with the new Metrofact that they are far below standpolitan bosses' association in the ard? Saturday Feb. 16th

cafeteria and restaurant trade. 2. Those who worked during the This racket into which the Instrike and were accepted into the dustrial Union got hooked through union afterward are keeping their Rubin and Stachel could not stand jobs while the militants among the daylight because it is not in the strikers are being weeded out on by one? Thus far the union has

done nothing about it.

GAMES

interests of the workers. C. P. "Unity" In 1935

Let us examine a bit the united front allies of Rubin and Stachel. Radek and Coulcher, A. F. of L. leaders of Local number 16 durtook out an injunction against the naive to suppose that suddenly to Monday evening, 7 to 8:30 P.M. they have turned honest labor lead-

ers, working for unity! We also know that J.J. Williams and Pincus H. Goldstein, officials tees, the course on History and of the Industrial Union, after get-Problems of the Youth Movement of A. F. of L. Local 302, after getting what they wanted three months ago forced their members back to work under old conditions Several scholarships are being in spite of the fact that the bosses had conceded the majority of the

> Only a year ago these officals expelled 12 opposition members who carried out inside the A. F. of L.



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#### NEW MILITANI

## Late Episodes in Kirov Assassination Analyzed by Trotsky **MARCH OF EVENTS** A TRIAL BALANCE OF 🚍 by JACK WEBER 💳 why then are they arrested? The have been Y.C.Lers who were sim- | 9. What is here involved is no

#### By LEON TROTSKY

Conditions now permit us to 'elucidate briefly the latest episodes of fact, the agent of Hitler. Quite the investigation relating to the possible. But how then to connect assassination of Kirov as well as the amalgams (or more exactly, not even attempt to provide an exseries of amalgams) interwoven with this affair,

1. The mysterious consul has now turned out to be a Latvian consul: our supposition that a petty nature has endowed them with. consul of a tiny nation would be chosen for the amalgam has been fully confirmed. However, it be-

in .

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new version had to be found: the Latvian consul was, as a matter of Trotsky with Hitler? Stalin did planation. He left his hirelings abroad to extricate themselves as

best they could. But the hirelings are incapable of giving more than

WHY WAS ZINOVIEV ARRESTED?

2. The Zinoviev group was arcame necessary to name the consul -obviously because of diplomatic rested in connection with the Kirov pressure-and this necessity threat- assassination. Yet the indictment ened to blast the amalgam: for, does not so much as let out a peep who would believe that a consul of concerning a single one of the Zin-Latvia is the organizer of world ovievists arrested in Moscow. But

THE STALIN AMALGAM

## **Open Letter**

#### To All Members, Friends and Sympathizers:

Two months ago the Workers Party of the U.S. was launched through a merger of the American Workers Party and the Communist League of America. This launching was greeted with great enthusiasm in New York by a mass meeting of more than one thousand. Subsequently the same expression of enthusiasm was reported at the Muste-Cannon meetings throughout the country.

Unfortunately however, this enthusiasm has not as yet expressed itself concretely in material assistance.

At its first meeting after the merger, the National Committee out lined a Program of Action consisting of 11 points, some of which have been partially executed as follows:

### PROGRAM OF ACTION

### Tasks:

#### 1. Double the Party membership in six months. Achievements:

Gains made in New York City. Minneapolis and Boston almost doubled. Philadelphia increased by ten; also Chicago and Los Angeles. Reports from other branches not in yet.

2. Raise \$5,000 in sixty days.

Only about 35 percent raised thus far.

3 and 4. Build the circulation of the New Militant and the New International

A six-months campaign for each of the publications is now in progress. Lack of funds greatly hampering the promotion work.

5. Organize two coast to coast tours and two as far west as Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Muste and Cannon just completed a short tour. Response very good but financial returns only sufficient to cover their expenses. As soon as sufficient funds are on hand, another national tour will be organized.

6. Establish Party concentration district organizers in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, the Anthracite and textile area of New Jersey and Eastern Pa. and the South.

Two organizers were sent to Detroit and have been maintained on a minimum basis until they could get work in automobile shops so as to become roofed in the industry and therefore more effective in their work. One organizer is being maintained in the silk area of N. J. and Mastern Pa. Chicago is getting a full time organizer and one is mamthe leaders of Bolshevism. He is tained in the steel section.

7. Organize a national Party educational system-including the first semester of a resident school in New York.

The New York resident school begins February 18, with twelve courses scheduled. Plans for a national training school for workers to begin May 1 if the funds permit, have been completed. The term is to be eight weeks with scholarships to 20 different units of the Party. Maintenance per student will cost about \$5 a week. Anyone particularly interested in this phase of our work, can contribute for it and the funds will be kept for that specific purpose.

8, Publication of at least one popular aghtational pamphlet pen month, elaborating some point in the Declaration of Principles or dealing with some urgent political question of the day.

foreign lackeys now besmirch Zino- | ply crtically minded. The task of | so much the struggle of the Soviet viev with mud as shamelessly as the amalgam was: to terrorize com- bureaucracy against Trotsky and

bellies before him.

intervention against the U.S.S.R. A enev and their friends? Their capcowardice, they drove the revolutionary youth into a blind alley. same penalty as terrorist acts. The youth has been left without under the ponderous lid of bureaucratism the youth is not permitted to think, live, or breathe. Under precisely such conditions are terrorist moods bred. Only the growth of genuine Bolshevism, on a world scale, can instil new hopes into the Soviet revolutionary youth and safeguard it from taking the road of despair and adventurism.

#### **1926 PLATFORM OF RUSSIAN OPPOSITION CITED**

4. The gap between the terrorist group and Zinoviev and his friends was to be bridged by the "platform | But this circumstance should not of the Left Opposition" of the year at all impel us to blind ourselves 1926. Citing one of the accused, who obviously mouths the formula reaucracy, which, on the one hand, of the G.P.U. examining magistrate, the indictment proclaims the "ideological" succession from the "new opposition" of 1926 (the Zinoviev faction) to the Nicolaiev group. defends its own economic and poli-

But how to link this up with the tical privileges against criticisms consul, intervention and the terror- and protests by the advanced workist act? The "platform" of 1926 has been G.P.U. IS TOOL published in every language. The OF BUREAUCRACY attitude towards the U.S.S.R. was

there set forth with exhaustive not have to bother pondering over this. But class conscious workers, even at this date, can profit much 1926 document. Upon acquainting themselves with it, they will draw

the specific conclusion that while the bureaucracy did appropriate the the ancient formula, "I am the most progressive measures from the program it had vilified, the Leningrad terrorists could never derive from this Marxist document any justification for senseless adventurism.

5. There is a specific historical achieve. stench to this attempt at connecting the Left Opposition with the idea of intervention. In 1917, Miliukov, Kerensky and Co. accused Lenin, Trotsky and other Bolsheviks of

being agents of the German General staff, and serving the interventionist plans of the Hohenzollern. Comrade West's series of four In its time, this moronic calumny articles on war. The last, "The made a tour of the entire world. United Front and War", will ap-Stalin has been unable to think up pear in the next issue of the a single new word. He slavishly New Militant.) repeats the hoary calumny about

only the pupil of Miliukov and Kerensky. 6. When, in March 1917, I was arrested by the British naval au- terpart of Leagues organized in thorities and incarcerated in a concentration camp in Canada, Lenin

wrote in Pravda (No. 34, April 1917):in the veracity of the dispatch

which the British government has received, and which purports that the League has made progress. Afthe Petersburg Soviet of Workers'

in 1923-25 they crawled on their pletely the youth, which was thirs- the "Trotskyists"; but the question

ting for independence, by showing of the moral atmosphere of the 3. What charge, politically, may it that the slightest doubt about world working class movement. The be brought against Zinoviev, Kam- the divine blessings which flow vile amalgam constructed around from Stalin, or about the immacu- the "consul" who, apparently, was itulation. By this act of political late conception of Kaganovich in the simultaneous employ of three would meet, hereafter, with the governments, stands today as one

of a number of ordinary and normal measures utilized by the Stal-8. The foreign agents of the G. perspectives. At the same time, P.U., who often pass themselves off inist bureaucracy in the struggle for friends of the U.S.S.R., and who for its caste positions. In 1921, compromise the real friends of the warning his most intimate comrades U.S.S.R., accuse everyone of being against electing Stalin as general in sympathy with (!) the terror- secretary, Lenin said, "This cook ists, who has a critical attitude to- will prepare only peppery dishes." wards the repressions which have At that time there could, of course. taken place. A revolutionist can be no reference as yet to the poifeel nothing but contempt for these soned dishes of the amalgams. To toadying methods. It is indubitable whom are they being offered today? that the enemies and stealthy op- To the workers. The Stalinists are ponents of the October revolution systematically poisoning the world utilize to the utmost, for their own proletarian vanguard with lies. Can aims, the confused and contradic- the interests of the workers' state possibly demand this? Never! But tory statements, as well as the this is demanded by the rapacious summary measures of repression. interests of the uncontrolled bu-

reaucracy, which seeks to guard at all costs its prestige, its power, to the dual role of the Soviet buand its privileges, by means of terror against everyone in the ranks guards (in its own fashion) the conquests of the October revolution of the proletariat who thinks and criticizes. against the class enemies: and

which, on the other hand, tigerishly REAL DEVOTION TO SOVIET UNION MEANS STRUGGLE AGAINST BUREAUCRACY

> 10. However passionate may be army must be "remodeled" and all one's devotion to the Soviet Union, military equipment bought from it must not be blind; or else it is Japan, Manchukuo must be recogworthless. The development of the nized, and the Chinese must accept

As a tool of the bureaucracy, the workers' state proceeds through elarity. The lackeys, it is true, do G.P.U. directs the weapon of terror contradictions, internal and exter- These are the demands made public. nal. The forms and the methods of both against the counter-revolutionists, who threaten the workers' the workers' state have already changed several times, and they state, and against the Y.C.L.ers by acquainting themselves with the who are dissatisfied with the abso- will continue to change in the fulutism of the uncontrolled bureauture. The bureaucratic stage, for bureaucratic clique, in order subsecracy. Identifying itself with the which there were objective causes, is exhausted.

workers' state—in accordance with U.S.S.R. to regenerate the party The absolutism of the bureaucracy has become the greatest brake and the Soviets, not by means of state!"-the bureaucratic upper crust portrays the terror against upon the further cultural and eco- terrorist adventures which are nomic growth of the Soviets. The doomed beforehand, but by means the party and the Y.C.L. as terror lackeys of the bureaucracy who de- of the class conscious mass moveagainst the counter-revolution. ify its regime play a reactionary ment against bureaucratic abso-This is the very goal that the venomous amalgams are intended to role. The Marxists--revolutionists lutism.

set as their task to free the world January 12, 1935.

the chief fallacies. 1. The League, in spite of the pretentious language of its publications, is a pacifist organization.

Its fundamentally pacifist character can be seen at once in the fact that the League attempts to isolate the struggle against war, to treat

During the past year and a half, the American League Against War it as a "special" or "independent" struggle, apart from the revoluand Fascism (which is the countionary struggle for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment many other countries) has been of a workers' state. While it is presented to the American public true that in certain circumstances as the means for fighting against united actions against war, involvand preventing war and fascism. ing various social groups, are pos-"Can one for a moment believe Its success in enlisting popular sible, it is not and cannot be true support has not been conspicuous. that Marxists can under any cir-Nevertheless, in a number of cities cumstances unite in program against war with any other groups TROTSKY, the former chairman of ter a temporary lapse in its activi- or individuals. We have already

can a Marxist party join in a perrecessarily mean giving up organ-

izational independence. 3. The League involves a complete misunderstanding of the relation of the working class to the middle class.

THE PLUNDERING OF CHINA

The sequence of events in the

East makes perfectly clear that the

denunciation of the Washington

naval truce by Japan was merely a

way of serving notice to the im-

perialists that the militarists of

GERMANY-REARMED

The Plundering of China

It does not represent a united front with middle class groups and individuals, but a capitulation to the middle class. The program, activities, and agitation of the League are precisely the program, activities, and agitation of middle class pacifism, and at a vast political distance from Marxism. In

China see "eye to eye" with the Japanese militarists in regard to the international situation in the Far East. The coming war against the Soviet Union is too close at hand for the Nippon generals not to seek in advance to guarantee themselves against attack from the rear. Every move made in China thus takes on the character of preparation for the wor against the workers' state.

#### Japan intended to go forward more **A Victory for Hitler**

rapidly in their plundering of China., The attack on Chahar is a It was a foregone conclusion that further step in the encirclement of with the coming to power of Hitler China and advances the Japanese in Germany, the fascists would comarmy closer to Inner Mongolia and mence a program of rearmament in the caravan route along which violation of the Versailles Treaty. China might secure help from the For fascism, the outright and most Soviet Union. Following the brazen violent form of the dictatorship of assault on Chahar, there come the finance capital, can only retain "conversations" in Nanking bepower nationally by waging war intween Japanese Minister Ariyoshi ternationally so as to expand its and Chiang Kai-Shek. The demands markets and thereby preserve the made on the Chinese hangman of decaying national capitalism,

the proletariat are exact repetitions The protests of the powers vicof some of the notorious twenty-one torious in the last war fell on deaf demands made in 1915 with the ears while Hitler proceeded with purpose of reducing China to the the program of militarism in Gerstatus of a Japanese colony. China many. At first quite hidden, the must withdraw from the League of war preparations became more and Nations (so that it cannot appeal more an open diplomatic "secret" for help to the other powers), she that created consternation in the must substitute Japanese advisers chancelleries of France and Britin place of the American and Euain. The meeting in London beropean military, economic and entween the premiers of these two gineering advisers, the Chinese countries has resulted in a substantial victory for Hitler. Flandin has agreed with the British to abrogate the arms clauses of the Versailles Treaty, except that which calls for a new railroad loan from Japan. the demilitarization of the left bank of the Rhine. Germany will In addition it is required that have to rejoin the League for this forced concession, a meaningless gesture which Hitler will not find proletarian vanguard from the fatal influence of the uncontrolled difficult to make. Hitler can now devote his sole attention to the preparations for the attack on the quently to aid the workers in the Soviet Union

> What effect all this will have on the relations between Soviet Russia and imperialist France remains to be seen. All the great diplomatic victories of Litvinov-at the expense of the world proletariatmay soon crumble to ashes.

cism marks a deepening of capitalwar as an attempted solution. By linking fascism and war, the League dividual. The one possibility of plays into the hands of the bour-"union" is on specific actions. Nor geois propaganda that declares Hitler and Mussolini to be the warmanent united front, which would makers, and "democratic" England, France, and the United States the defenders of peace. Thus is prepared the sell-out of the workers of England, France and the United States to the next war of their

peaceful democratic governments. Furthermore, this association of fascism and war fails to distinguish the great differences between the tactics of the struggle against war and the struggle against fascism. This it is not the business of these articles to elaborate, but it is sufficiently indicated by the fact that fascism is incompatible any correct united front with mid- with and involves the destruction dle class individuals and groups, of not only the revolutionary party the working class goes ahead on the but of all reformist parties, all

The League Against War and Fascism ist contradictions which likewise indicates the nearer approach of

in mind, I shall outline certain of program of any other group or in-(Ed. Note: This is the third in

The first of this series in preparation is a pamphlet by Leon Trotsky, on the Kirov assassination. Lack of funds has made it impossible to get out others dealing with American problems, such as the trade union and the unemployed questions. Send your contribution for this fund, and the Party promises at least three pamphlets to follow in anick succession.

#### 9. Build and consolidate a National Youth Organization,

The Party has appropriated a subsidy for this work and the Youth a revolutionist!" reports progress-slow but sure.

#### 10. Help to launch an organization of the Left-progressive wing in the trade unions.

Progress made, but public information cannot be given at this time. In Minneapolis however, definite steps have been taken for the constitution of a "national organization of militant and progressive union forces", as indicated in a resolution adopted at a conference of the Northwest Unity Conference, consisting of 50 delegates representing 10,000 workers. The conference met at the headquarters of Drivers Local 574. There are other possibilities for this work in other parts of the country. But without the necessary funds, even this point of our Program will remain on paper only.

11. Extend and strengthen the National Unemployed League-and work toward united action by the unemployed and final unification in one solid organization.

On this, the final point of our Program we can report that the NUL has decided to issue a weekly paper which will probably be called FREEDOM'S CALL within two weeks. A number of our comrades are movement! the leading force in this organization, and are giving good account of their activities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, the south-western states from **"WE DO NOT** Kansas to Texas and in the deep South. Imagine what could be done with a few more dollars!

Every Party member who is employed is pledged to pay two days pay toward the Party Foundation Fund and every unemployed member a minimum of twenty-five cents.

How much can we expect from every sympathizer?

The Program of Action, good as it is, will remain on paper only, unless we raise the full \$5,000.

If you have not yet made your contribution, or if you can make an additional one, won't you do it TODAY? Help realize the program in full. You may make your contribution for any special point and the funds will be used according to your wishes.

#### **OUR NEEDS—CONCRETELY**

We need at least \$300 in the treasury before we can begin to organize a coast to coast tour; \$40 per student before we can offer any scholarships; \$100 for the next pamphlet; \$200 for the maintenance of five field organizers for the next two months; and a few hundred dollars to execute the other points in the Program. We will however feel content if our sympathizers contribute these immediate sums. The rest of the money will come from our own members.

We plead with you-help us NOW. Don't delay. Fill in blank below. (Space does not permit a report of the receipts this week. A full report will appear next week.)

| Workers Party of the U. S.<br>2 West 15th Street                                | EVERY FRIEND,         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| New York City<br>Enclosed find \$ to help<br>fulfill the Program of Action, es- | EVERY SYMPATHIZER     |
| pecially point No                                                               | AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT |
| Address                                                                         | That Is Our Aim.      |

Deputies, in 1905; a revolutionist, who has unselfishly devoted himself for decades to the service of It is essential to be clear on this, the revolution—that this man is involved in a plan subsidized by the German government? This is indeed a deliberate, and unheard-of, this type. and unconscionable vilification of

These words were written before I join'ed with Lenin, prior to my election as chairman of the Bolshevik Soviet in 1917, prior to the October revolution, the civil war. the creation of the Third International, and the founding of the Soviet state. Today, after a lapse of eighteen years no agents of British counter-espionage, but Stalinists are repeating this very same "deliberate, and unheard-of, and unconscionable vilification of a rev olutionist !" This simple juxtaposition reveals best of all the poison of lies, vilification and fraud which the Stalinist bureaucracy is pouring into the world working class

BELIEVE THE INDICTMENT"

7. The fourteen who were accused in connection with the Kirov assassination were all shot. Did they all participate in the terrorist act? The indictment answers this question in the affirmative, but does not adduce even the semblance of proof. We do not believe the indictment. We have seen with what brazen and cowardly tendenciousness it has injected the name of Trotsky into its text: and how deliberately it passes in silence over what happened to the consul's provocation regarding the "letter". It is much easier to implicate in the affair a dozen or so I eningrad

Y.C.L.ers than to implicate Trotsky Who are these Y.C.L.ers? We do not know. There is not much difficulty in executing unknown Y.C.L. ers. Among the number there must became necessary in order to re-

vigorou seen that there is only one program campaign. What attitude are Marxfor the struggle against war-the ists to take toward the League? revolutionary program for the overthrow of capitalism; and to this not merely so far as the League itprogram only Marxists can subself is concerned, but with further scribe.

reference to any organization of In addition to theory, the agita tion and activities of the League There are two different kinds of make perfectly clear its pacifist na

By JQHN WEST

argument advanced in support of ture. We find the same old pacifist the League. The first, which is the hokum-loud yelps for "disarmaposition of the League itself and of ment", support of the "munitions its sponsor, the Communist Party, inquiries", "anti-war pledges", calls is that the League actually constifor "congressional investigations" tutes the most effective means for and the rest. Broken down minisfighting war (in these articles I am | ters and fake liberals find themnot concerned with the fight against | selves immediately at home in the fascism). The second argument is League, and are pushed as its most put forward by those who maintain prominent members and speakers. that the League, while not in the Fight, the magazine of the League. final analysis an effective means publishes just the kind of pictures for fighting war, should be supand articles that get across with ported because through it an "apthe Women's Club Peace Societies. proach to the middle classes" is And like all pacifist organizapossible. On the anti-war issue, it tions, the League is actually aidis maintained, revolutionists can ing the development toward war. unite with members of the middle It obscures the analysis of the class and can, through this means causes of war, diverts the real of approach, gradually win them to struggle against war into harmalliance with the revolutionary less channels, provides a salve for movement. middle class consciences troubled

Both of these arguments are proby the horrors of war. and prefoundly and disastrously mistaken. nares to leave the working class The argument usually heard helpless-both ideologically and against the I eague is that the organizationally-when a war sit-League is dominated in a mechaniuation arises. cal and sectarian manner by the At that time, the League, built Communist Party. Though this argument has some force, it is far sentiment instead of class organizfrom the root of the matter. Even if mechanically dominated by the Communist Party, Marxists would have to support and build the

League if it actually were an effective instrument against war. We must analyse further. THE FALLACIES

## OF THE LEAGUE

To begin with, certain organizational features of the League must ble kept in mind: (1) It is a permanent organization; (2) It perhave also peen G.P.U. agents: the mits and encourages individual very ones who had arranged to membership; (3) It not merely adbring Nicolaiev together with the vocates certain actions to be taken tain specific actions upon which all 'consul" and who had prepared the against war, but puts forward a are 'agreed, while retaining their amalgam, but who, at the last mo- program against war: (4) This full organizational and programment, proved negligent, and allowed program is in part political—e.g. it matic independence. There is no Nicolaiev to fire the fatal shot. The advocates, in a confused way, the such thing as a permanent united physical elimination of these agents abolition of "the profit system". move 'embarrassing participants in, clear all of the errors in the con- is nothing in common between the But it is capitalism that causes and witnesses of the amalgam. But ception of the League. However, Marxist program against war or on war. Fascism means war only in among those shot there may also with these organizational features any other important issue, and the the sense that the triumph of fas-

basis of specific actions immediately acceptable to both, but keeping its program intact, and demonstrating through the united front-not that an amalgamation, i.e. a compromise, can be reached between a middle

class and a working class program, but that only the working class program, the revolutionary program, is able to solve also the middle class problems. In the League, the working class program against war surrenders to the middle class | THE POLICY program. And, in addition, working class members are subordinated

to middle class members. 4. The League, because of the kind of activities it engages in, and because of the political implications of its program, becomes a substitute for the revolutionary political party. The political jargon of its program is the usual reformist twaddle, exactly in line with paragraphs from the platforms of Progressive Parties, Utopian Societies, Labor Parties, etc. Becoming an individual member of the League and building it is just like building any kind of reformist political organiz-

#### **REVOLUTIONARY PARTY** IS FIRST TASK

War will be defeated only by the

ers: and this struggle will succeed revolutionary political party. The

ation, will be blown away by one business of a Marxist is certainly puff from the capitalist state. Its not to build up a reformist grouppreachers and liberals will take whose historical role, we ought to the stump for the government, reknow by now, is to make smooth cruiting the masses to the new war "to end all wars" or "defend the to build the revolutionary party.

shores of our sacred land" or whatever it may be.

2. The League is a horrible narody of the united front as Marxists understand the united front.

greatest task. The united front, properly under 5. The League encourages a stood, is a tactic whereby working class and at times certain middle matically together "war and fasclass organizations, differing in cism". program, nevertheless unite on cer-While it is true in a sense that "fascism means war", it is a com plete illusion to suppose that fascism is the cause of war. By emphasizing the relation between fascism and war, as the League does, front, nor a "united front in proit suggests that the war danger A book would be needed to make gram". How could there be? There from non-fascist nations is remote.

independent trade unions, etc.; whereas war, as the last war proved conclusively is entirely compatible with the continued existence of reformist parties and the trade unions.

Much more could be said about the confusions, errors, and deceits of the League. There is space now only to ask and briefly answer one final question: Where and why did an organization of this kind arise?

#### **OF STALINISM**

The answer is not a matter of conjecture. We know the record. The Leagues (here and in other

countries) are the conception of the foreign office of the Soviet Union. The American League was first proposed in this country by the representative of the Communist International, to a group of non-party individuals-even before it had been presented to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S. Browder himself, when he was first told about it, before he had had a little chat with the C. I. representative, rejected it as "pacifist". The League follows directly from the whole policy of Stalinism. The building

of socialism in one country demands l neace: neace will be secured by revolutionary struggle of the work- treaties and deals with capitalist governments, by joining the League upon the sands of vague pacifist only under the leadership of the of Nations, and, quite naturally, by

pacifist propaganda. Squarely opposed is the Marxist conception: The Workers' State will be defended by the strengthening of the revolutionary movement in the road to war and reaction-but | the capitalist countries. This will prevent intervention in the Soviet Union, because the capitalist states This is the only political organization a Marxist has any right to will not be able to risk intervention join or support. And to build the if a strong revolutionary movement revolutionary party is his first and can, with the aid of the Red Army, turn the war of intervention into a

class war for the overthrow of the crowning confusion by linking auto- capitalist state. And, when the revolutionary movement is sufficiently developed, it will take the offensive.

The Soviet Union is finally defended by attacking The real building of socialism will be accomplished in the only way it can be accomplished—by the extension of the revolution. This is the only mode of "defense". In any other direction lies disaster, and the world-wide triumph of reaction

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## Danger in Sacramento

DANGERS threaten the Sacramento defense. We must be on guard.

The Non-Partisan Labor Defense, since its entry into the case, in support of all the defendants has pursued a clear, principled and straight-forward policy. This policy has been based on the following platform :

1. Win acquittal for the defendants. 2. Fight out the case on its real issue-the right of labor to organize-and prevent the State from hiding the real issue by turning the trial into a Red hunt. 3. Thereby draw in the support of the trade unions and the working class generally. 4. Maintain a solid working class front before the capitalist court.

As a result of the vigorous efforts of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, the case was raised from the dump where the International Labor Defense had laft it, bail was secured for defendants who had been lying in jail for six months, and the case itself was brought publicly before the working class. A united front agreement, embodying the N.P.L.D. position, with the Workers Party, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party all participating, was formally entered into, and had an excellent prospect of broadening rapidly.

In the midst of the trial, the Stalinists broke the united front agreement, and are now carrying on a slanderous and vicious attack against the N.P.L.D. and the Workers Party. Nevertheless, the N.P.LD. refused to allow the solidity of the defense to be broken.

In this trial, all the machinery of the capitalist class-from the blare of Hearst's publicity to intimidation of the jury to organization of vigilantes to testimony of the most conemptible stool pigeons-is being used to convict the defendants. The provocation is extreme, and it takes firm political judgment to stand up against it. The provocation of the State, in and out of court, must be met by a principled working class defense. If the defense attorneys allow themselves to play into the hands of the State in their conduct of the trial, they will jeopardize the fate of the defendants, prevent the real issues from being made clear, and antagonize mass support on the Pacific Coast.

Let the I.L.D., and the Communist Party, take warning. We will fight with all our strength to preserve the unity of the Sacramento defense. But we are not going to stand idly by while Stalinism leads the working class to another in the long series of Stalinist-led defeats.

For the acquittal of the Sacramento defendants! For labor's right to organize! For a united defense!

"Planned Economy" in the U.S.

S OON we will enter the third year of the New Deal policies pompously heralded again and again as a method of planned economy. With every step taken in this whole scheme one note is repeatedly dinned into our ears: Business is on the road to re-

the need of employment and regardless of the need of food, clothing and shelter for the masses. Planned economy means the exact opposite. means first of all the total elimination of unemploy ment. But that is possible only under Socialism, only after capitaism is overthrown and the working class has taken power. That is our goal.

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## A Watchdog of Capitalism

OHN L. Lewis barks again. This time he barks for William Randolph

Hearst. Hearst wants to head up 'the reactionary forces in the country and hog-tie labor. Mr. Lewis' yappings in behalf of the Hearst cam-

paign appeared in Hearst's New York American, on February 9. Nothing could reveal more clearly the true nature

and worth of the President of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Lewis fears the rank and file coal diggers. They are becoming more militant, and they are apt to get him in bad with the big business boys-the coal operators. They might even dump him overboard, hould the opportunity arise! This explains why the "great leader" accepts money from Hearst and lets loose a broadside in the Hearst campaign-against militant coal miners, whom he labels agitators and reds.

In some coalfields, particularly in West Virginia and Kentucky, sheriffs and company gunmen make a practice of hustling agitators out of the county and giving them "grim warnings" . . . Lewis recounts this with satisfaction. But to suit Hearst, Lewis lies. He tells the Hearst readers that the coal miners, not the company gunmen, are responsible for this! Less than two months ago deputy sheriffs in Har-

lan, Kentucky, entered a hotel and beat up two U.M. W.A. organizers who were holding a conference. In identifying himself with the Hearst campaign John L. Lewis reveals himself again as an enemy of labor. He is, indeed, one of the well-paid watch dogs of capitalism.

## On the Flying Trapeze

HE resolution adopted at the Central Committee meeting of the Communist party held Jan. 15 to 18 is an interesting, yes amazing document. It deals with three points-the trade union question, the united front and the labor party. On each of them the C. P. is executing a right about face. The "man

on the flying trapeze" has nothing on the Stalinists when it comes to flying "through the air with the greatest of ease".

For years the C.P. has asserted that the A. F. of facing a long term in San Quentin, L. unions are company unions, that they must be who was not in accord with the smashed and that independent "revolutionary" unions policies and practices of the Commust be built all along the line. Anybody who objected was a counter-revolutionist, social fascist, etc. Now everybody must go into the A. F. of L. and "revolutionary" unions must be liquidated.

For years "the united front from below" was the C. P. policy and with it went the great "theory of social-fascism". But in the latest pronunciamento there is not a word about this dominant tactic and leading theory of the last decade. Tossed overboard ! dealing with the Social Democrats, the comrades are now instructed to avoid "the replacement of argument by abuse".

Just last year an Independent Federation of Labor had to be built in the U.S. Anyone opposed was an enemy of the Soviet Union and conspiring to assassinate Stalin. Now "it is inadvisable to put the question of forming an Independent Federation of Labor" -delicately put at that!

For years anyone who talked of a Labor Party was a counter-revolutionist, etc. He was preventing the workers from rushing into the C. P. Now the C.P. proposes to take the initiative in forming a Labor Party, though it is hard to tell through the fog of words they use just what the concrete pro-



We responded by bringing from educators will speak. In many ers, business men, gangsters, all The following statement on the Chicago the experienced labor at- other ways we have aided the genpart it has played in the defense torney, Albert Goldman, to defend eral defense cause. of the 17 workers being tried in Sacramento under the criminal On the suggestion of American

Mini and to cooperate in the defense as a whole. We raised \$6,200 Civil Liberties Union officials, conbail and liberated Jack Warnick ferences began several weeks ago Trades Union Congress as represenand Caroline Decker after they had in San Francisco, resulting in the ative of the A. F. of L. and his spent six months in the wretched setting up of unified defense machi- "friends and admirers" had gath-Sacramento jail. We began a press nery, including our organization, campaign which has brought the the LL.D., several labor unions, Sacramento trial to public attention the Socialist Party, the Workers in other states and stimulated trade Party of the U.S. (to which Mini unions and other organizations to belongs), and the Communist Party. voice opposition to the persecution An agreement was reached covering people of Europe". A special song, of workers "guilty" of organizing plans for a mass meeting, a publia union. We have arranged a mass city campaign, fund-raising, the minent union leaders, writers and

syndicalism laws of California

has been issued by the Non-Par-

tisan Labor Defense-Ed. Note.

The Non-Partisan Labor Defense,

hitherto active in the New York

labor movement, was called into

the Sacram'ento case by Norman

Mini, one of the defendants now

associations (company unions). 5,440; for the Associated Automobile Workers of America, 3,124; for the A. F. of L., 2,286; and for the vised the workers not to participate.

union. By the methods of the for-

barring from court of factional issues, the calling of a broad supporting conference. etc. The defendants were gratified to earn that they were to have the support, not merely of the usual C. P.-ruled set-up of "innocent

clubs" and paper organizations, but of a genuine and broad unifed defense which might appeal for aid to the whole labor movement and all progressive elements. Our organization carried out its obligarespect.

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ders, was laid down as an ultima-

tum. Thereupon C.P.-controlled del-

genuine united front defense.

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Thus, Fri, Feb. 7-8 -- Buffalo, N.Y.

Fri., Sat., Feb. 15-16-Toledo, O.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 Akron, Ohio

Thurs., Feb. 21 -- Columbus Ohio

Fri., Sat., Feb. 22-23---Youngs-

Sun., Mon., Feb. 24-25---Pittsburg,

breaches of faith, and despite many join you. concessions made by other groups

gram is to be. Does this amazing resolution of the C. P. in which every single one of the leading policies of the party in recent years is thrown overboard, in which, there-form the nution and the intense speed-up system remains in either case; form the nution follow over bending the backs of the form the system remains the system remains the form the system remains the system re

**REVIEWING** THE NEWS By BILL SHERMAN

#### A New Militant Sub for the Beat Title

Feb. 15 is the deadline for titles Two tearful titles by Taylor: "Read 'em and Weep" and "The Weekly Weep". Among others, Ratsbane for Brisbane, By the Way, Now that You Mention It, High Spots and Otherwise, Sidelights on the Class Struggle, Covered Wagon, False Alarms, Lowdown on Highspots, Lie Detector, Unexpurgated, and the following letter :

"Dear Comrade Sherman: A bot vapor of unreality has always hung over America. Added to this obnoxious condition was the practically free distribution of 'American Baloney'-the daily news. Today American workmen are becoming fed up with it; and the vapor is fast condensing to cold water. The atmosphere is really stimulating. Your column, a catalyst to the vapor, must have a fitting name. So I take the liberty to suggest a few names; here goes; 1. Real World. 2. World as Is. 3. America the Real. 4. True News. That's all, Comradely, N., Bronx S.Y.L."

Tommy Matoy, Labor Leader

It was the largest banquet ever held in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. Judges, police 'captains, and a representative of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, a representative of Tamemany Hall, polificians, labor fakwere well represented. Tom Malloy, head of the Chicago Moving Picture Operators Union, was leaving to attend the 1930 British ered to say bon voyage and also to present him with \$26,000 for his expenses. A judge hailed Tommy Malloy as "an ambassador from the best citizens of America to the "Bon Voyage Tommy Malloy" was written and sung for this accasion. The Chicago FEDERATIONIST grew lyrical in describing the event. Tommy went to Europe, came back to denounce "reds" and to face an indictment for "conspiracy to murder". He could always beat the "legal rap" but two of his erstwhile gangster "friends and admirers" presented him yesterday with slugs from a sawed-off shot gun, and Tommy Malloy is dead. He was one of the "sane" labor leaders. a typical representative of the

tions to this united defense in every the A. F. of L and still dominates gangster racketeer that dominated a large section of it. So, Bon voy-The Communist Party-controlled age Tommy Malloy. May your fel-delegates, however, after repeated low parasitical labor fakers soon

"We know that the A F of L is committee meeting on January 26, a workers' union and not the acting apparently on orders from bosses' union" writes a steel work-

Labor Defense. FDR Kicks Green & Co.

the masses seeking organization (Continued from Page 1)

than the elusive and deceptive section 7st. They staked their all on the benevolence of Roosevelt. To adopt an aggressive policy of organization was the farthest from Mechanics Education Society, 314. their minds and to engage in a ser-These two last mentioned organiza- ious struggle for organization entions opposed the elections and ad- tirely to be avoided. Failing to secure the benefits of Section 7a they referred in appeals to the var-

ions branches of the Labor Relaence in voting in plant elections Board machinery. If it was not for the sake of unity, deliberately Well! Well! for a union and in tighting for a clear then, it should at least be smashed the unified defense. At a clear now, that these boards funcmer it is safe to say that a union tion for the purpose of covering up would never be established. It is the cunning measures put over on New York, they violated every bosses union writes a steel work-

meeting in New York at which promunist Party and the International

COVERY What do actual facts reveal?

Following upon the heels of the N.R.A. came the A.A.A., the P.W.A., the C.C.C. and all the lesser ventures. In the main they were all part of a general scheme designed to strengthen monopoly capital at the expense of the working class.

It is true there have been certain signs of what is called an upward trend in business. Most impressive is the record of net profit gains made by the monopoly corporations. The Analyst of January 11 informs us that for 190 companies representing the basic and key industries in the country, the net profits were \$320,635,000 for the first nine months of 1934. This compares with \$182,096,000 for the same period in 1933 for the same companies. Profits were almost doubled in 1934.

But what happened to the unemployed? The statistics of the A. F. of L. which cannot at all be said to exaggerate, presents the following picture, according to its own finally revised figures: It gives a total number of unemployed in November 1934 of 11.459.000 which is 429.000 higher than its figures given for the same month in 1933. Net profits are rising and unemployment is increasing. Such are the results of the husiness recovery under the New Deal. Of course, this has nothing in common with planned economy. It is capitalist production for profit wrung out of the surplus value produced by the workersthose who are employed. Any expansion that takes place is on the basis only of capital investments where the rate of profit is the biggest regardless of

fore, the utter failure of the party is implied, does it contain any straightforward Leninist admission of over the assembly lines under sur- fensive. To prevent demoralization this failure? Does it have anything to say about the havoe wrought in the American labor movement, in one union after another, in the unemployed work, in the defense work, by the insane disruptionist and adventurous tactics of the C. P.?

On the contrary. On the basis of the repudiation of its entire past program, the C. P. comes forward claiming to be the revolutionary vanguard and leader brings out the fighting qualities of the American working class! "Everything we that the workers possess and it inhave done is wrong; the American workers have stills into them a fighting spirit. repudiated it, even we have to toss it all overboard The feeling of strength by solidarinow: therefore we are the only safe guides, the only ty of mass numbers becomes a powrevolutionary party. And anyone who now dares to erful factor and obviates the fear stand for what we stood for yesterday is a counter- of the job that is at stake. Workers revolutionary assassin of Kirov!" That is the C. P. argument today. In thinking that the American masses will "fall"

for such an amazing performance, they once again insult those masses. The workers will not forget what destruction has been wrought these many years by the so-called Communist party. They recognize the leopard despite the talcum power he has sprinkled on his spots. Everywhere they are flocking to the banner of those who long since pointed out the destructive and ruinous role played by the C. P. They are flocking to the banner of the Workers Party of the U.S., the revolutionary vanguard of the American masses.

veillance of foremen and superinaccording to their desires. Their guarantee against a loss. Striking for union recognition is an entirely different matter. It

move forward by action and in the struggle they will feel that they act

directly for their union. Even the flerce onslaughts they meet from the employers when on strike tends to stiffen their resistance.

But this is all assuming that the unions give actual leadership in the struggle for recognition. This is an imperative prerequisite. Precisely this is what has been lacking in the automobile industry as in other basic industries and this is what has enabled the directors of and Company. There should not

to city for a number of years he kick the A. F. of L. leaders in the was appointed, in 1926, to the posipants. For this situation the Federation officials themselves bear the tion which he still holds, by Bishop whole responsibility.

Gallagher of the Detroit Diocese. They had nothing more to offer



but the workers bending their backs | terests successfully assumed the oftendents are not at all free to vote insofar as their heavy profits are concerned because they quickly job is at stake, and they have no learned by experience that when the workers from the basic indus tries enter the union they seek to turn them into instruments of struggle against the intense exploitation. The directors of the big corporations therefore set all forces they could command into motion in the fight. Accordingly the government, which during the early NRA period appeared in the role of benevolent neutrality to union organization, of necessity shifts its emphasis more in the direction of

its real role of serving monopoly capital. Policemen's clubs, court injunctions, tear gas and steel helmeted soldiers are ready to back it up

and free of Communist Party con-More than ever an aggressive poltrol, but also by three members of cy of organization and struggle is necessary if the trade unions are to meet this offensive successfully. But that is not the policy of Green observers.

monopoly capital together with be any illusions that the announced their executives in Washington to rift will mean a change of policy on their part or a change of their relations with capitalism. It is true that they cannot remain unmindful of the rank and file pres- Party is about to start a national sure for action and the rebellion tour. The schedule of his visits is that is brewing behind this press as follows:

sure, but the orientation is to crush the rebellion. Attempts to outlaw strikes will follow in an effort to throw demoralization into the ranks.

It is not decided in advance, that this will succeed. The American workers are getting into a fighting mood and learning how to deal with those who betray them. The policy of Green and Company foreshadows deep going splits and break-ups in the A. F. of L. A warning now is timely so that these break-ups may become only a separation of Pa. the officialdom from the rank and

file. In any event the preparation N.Y. MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, FEB.12th AT 8P.M. for the struggle with the trade un-A joint membership meeting of ion bureaucracy is now a duty of all real progressive elements. The all the New York branches of the sooner it is prepared for in an ef- W. P. will take place this Tuesday fective manner the more assurance evening, 8 P.M., Feb. 12 at Irving there will be that the ranks of the Plaza Hall. The National Secretrade unions will remain united tary, A. J. Muste will give an in- and make them recognize the unand that the separation or the splits timate report on his recent national will be only from the reactionary tour. Admission to this meeting officialdom

and over again the "A. F. of L. is erties Union and two of the I.L.D.'s a bosses' organization with Fascist defendants who were present. A leadeship and not a workers' unpolicy frankly designed to bar the ion". cooperation of any delegate unwill-

## NATIONAL JIG SAW **Bill Beich**

egates called for "a united front BABIES: Christopher Reynolds, under the leadership of the C.P. three year old son of Libby Holman and I.L.D." They thus drove all and suicide Smith Reynolds, tobacnon-C.P. delegates out, including co heir, was granted \$6,000,000 or the Socialist Party, Workers Party, an income of \$360,000 annually by Non-Partisan Labor Defense, and A. court decree. . . . JUST BABIES : F. of L. union observers present "I'll send you the Labor Departand prepared to participate in a ment's booklets on child care", we the answer of Edward McGrady, The Communist Party and the Ass't Secretary of Labor, to the Western Worker, seeking to shift plea of a West Virginia miner's esponsibility for this unfortunate wife who described the appalling oreak-up, have completely misrep- conditions of hunger, starvation esented what happened on January and death in the feudal company 26. The real truth can be testified towns of that state.

o, not only by delegates present FASHION NOTES: "I don't spend more than \$20,000 a year on he Civil Liberties Union and Mr. clothes," said Mrs. Harrison Wil-Plark of the Oakland Labor Coun- liams, recently voted America's best cil, all of whom were present as dressed woman. . . . Sears Roebuck advertises discarded flour sacks. excellent for making underwear, children's shirts, etc. . . . Arkansas children wear shoes made of dis-Comrade Joseph Zack, who was carded auto tires. expelled recently from the Commu-

### TOY WORKERS STRIKE IN

SECOND WEEK: GAINS WON NEW YORK, Feb. 8.-The staffed-toy workers have now entered the second week of their strike. Sat., Sun., Mon., Feb. 9-10-11-The picket line is still unbroken and the flying squads are function-Tues., Wed., Thurs., Feb. 12-13ing with the same effectiveness as at the beginning of the strike.

Two of the largest shops, in the Sun. Monday, Tues., Feb. 17-18-19 union before the strike, have returned to work with all their demands granted. The rest of the workers are still out, demanding: union recognition, increase in wage and a forty hour week.

The bosses' association has at last come out into the open and agreed to deal with the union.

The Association has been meeting continuously for the past few days.

A few of the shops have already signed up with the union. The bosses are beginning to crack. All that is needed now is one last concerted effort to smash the bosses ion's demands.

JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY.

## Father Coughlin **Re-echoesPopes**

(Continued from Page 1) ing to their own good pleasure. "The Socialists wrongly assume the right of property to be of mere of monks. During the course of human invention (!) repugnant to his education he showed great inthe natural equality between men; terest in social and political proband, preaching the community of lems, and doubtless regaled his goods, declare no one should endure mind with the above and other even poverty meekly, and that all may with impunity seize upon the possessions and usurp the rights of the wealthy.

#### It's More Profitable

"More wisely and more profitabthe right of property and of its adian.

"Therein," says R. Mugglesbee, a little town some twenty miles another sycophant blographer of outside the industrial city of Dethe Radio Descon, referring spe. I troit. After wandering from city



cifically to the above "liberal" en-

cyclical, "therein Father Coughlin

found the nucleus for his sermons

Edward Coughlin, of Irish parents,

et Hamilton. Ontario. in 1891. He

was educated in parochial schools.

and later under the Basilian order

more entertaining papal dictums.

It might be noted that while

Father Coughlin never ceases to in-

veigh against "international social-

Father Coughlin was born Charles

on social evils."

disposal, derived from nature, Father Coughlin's career begins should in the case of every indivi- properly with his installment as dual remain intact and inviolate." pastor of the parish of Royal Oak,

will be by membership book only.

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