ACROSS THE COUNTRY With Cannon

**And Muste** 

From A. J. Muste, national secretary of the Workers Party, comes further word of the tour he and James P. Cannon, editor of the New Militant, are making to present the program of the W.P. to the workers of the country. **Reports** indicate that Comrades Muste and Cannon's tour is a march of triumph.

By A. J. MUSTE

NEW CASTLE, Pa. and YOUNGS-TOWN, Ohio.-From the debacle which overcame the militant movement of the steel workers last spring when Bill Green and Mike Tighe sabotaged the general strike in the industry, the movement is slowly recovering.

The determination to build a union is not dead among the steel workers, though they are somewhat lost in the maze of Labor Board elections, injunctions by the steel istics study on wages. In August companies against the union and by 1933, when the code took effect, the union against the companies and what have you. A crisis breaking into a strike may develop in one of these mills where an election is denied.

W.P. Has Many Contacts

The militant leaders hope nothing too serious will break before they get their forces organized better than they were last year. Comrade Cannon and I were called into conference by some of them. We find the Party has many contacts in steel,

Comrades McKinney, Cooper, Sullivan and Berman from Pittsburgh popped into the New Castle meeting. They are hoping to tie in the unemployed movement here with the national movement.

The Party branches in New Castle and Youngstown have a good start and are thoroughly in earnest. The meetings for Comrade Cannon and me brought out most of the active spirits in the locality and made converts to the W.P. After the mass meetings, the branches kept the national officers up until four in the morning to discuss branch problems!

CLEVELAND, Ohio .-- On the way up here we visited an old steel worker's home. He still goes to work when there is work. "We are lucky if we make 10 dollars a week now, when we used to make that in a day."

The day before, one of his shop- to June 30, 1933 the rate of profit mates fainted on the job, narrowly in the 409 cotton textile mills studescaping being burned to death. ied was 4.69 percent; from June 30, "He has a wife and three or four 1933 to Dec. 31, 1933, 9.59 percent; children. He just doesn't get from Dec. 31, 1933 to June 30, 1934, enough to eat to let him do a trick 5.15 percent; during the two months in a steel plant."

**Two Husky Sons** 

Two husky sons of our friend sat are calculated upon the hypothetiin the house-no jobs. The father cal value of investment in plant and pat a question to us-really to the equipment. The F.T.C. cannot pencapitalist system: "Do you think etrate beneath the accounting logic thing for the young men to do?"



Akron C. P. Members

left the Communist Party and believe that the NRA codes would joined the Workers Party is reincrease the purchasing power of ceived as the New Militant goes to wage earners and redistribute the press. These three new comrades, Then glance at the recent reports this time, were the leading memof the Federal Trade Commission bers of the C.P. in Akron. and of the Bureau of Labor Statis-The Akron branch of the Worktics on the operation of the cotton textile code: NRA's first and model

getting these three trained mili- CIPLED STALINIST LEADERcode. These two reports, taken torubber workers is pending. And it LONG SERIES OF UNMARXIAN First, the Bureau of Labor Stat is very likely that Akron will be THEORETICAL AND TACTICAL the Toledo and Minneapolis of the BLUNDERS LEADS MAJORITY 1934 strike wave. half the cotton textile workers

earned less than 21.8 cents per hour. In August, 1934, on the eve of the great strike, the median

hourly wage rate was 34.9 cents. But wait—between August 1933 and August 1934 living costs skyrocketed-because of the drought, because of the A.A.A. processing taxes, because the NRA codes permit cartelized price-fixing and production control.

The result? In that one year, real wages--purchasing power-in

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national income?

gether, are revealing.

**BuyingPower** 

By JACK ELDER

the cotton industry, in the north fell away 15 percent; in the south, 25 percent. This, then, was how the cotton

extile code raised the purchasing power of hundreds of thousands of wage slaves.

Significantly, real wages moved ticipate, from the standpoint of upward slightly-5 percent in the north, 8 percent in the south-unbattled Amalgamated Association of til June, 1934. At that time, NRA agreed to a 25 percent curtailment Workers. in cotton production hours-with

no compensating wage increase. The mill owners were given full power to sabotage the industry's

productive capacity. Without delay, real wages plunged down. Under pressure of mass misery, the rank-and-file workers forced a nation-wide strike which their leaders choked off at its height,

Meanwhile, what happened to the cotton mill owners? The F.T.C. report shows that from Jan. 1, 1933

flated original valuations and min-

Then, too, the rate of return

(constituting an accounting profit)

It now becomes evident why the

Cotton Textile Institute loves its

code. It is well-calculated to en-

gender profits. As for the workers

ROOSEVELTS INSECURITY

PROGRAM

for wage earners but a scheme for

forced thrift imposed upon those

Not economic and social security

The government will not engage

-let them be happy as guinea pigs

TOLEDO, Ohio, - The Toledo preceding the strike a slight loss is reported-1.84 percent. These rates

best case for themselves; i.e., in-

AKRON OHIO JAN 21 1935

NEW MILITANT 2 WEST 15 ST

STRAW AGAIN CONFIRMS WP ployed League members who were THESIS REGARDING CP DE- arrested last Saturday evening af-GENERATION TOWARDS SOCIAL ter they stormed the relief headers Party is especially fortunate in DEMOCRACY UNDER UNPRIN- quarters and occupied it for eleven tants at this time. A strike of the SHIP THIS CULMINATION OF lief for 26 strikers in a county-w'de strike on relief projects.

NEW MILITANT

Weekly Organ of the Workers Party of the U.S.

news, which is further evidence of LONG LIVE WP

That Pittsburgh Convention

Steel Progressives Will Lead - A. F. of L. Leaders separate trial. Look Askance at Rank and File Conclave

(By Special Correspondent) | file leaders, a powerful rank and to jail, we all go to jail", forced PITTSBURGH.-On February 3, file movement has developed in re- Justice-of-the-Peace Nearing to susrank and file de'egates from unions cent months directed to the adop- pend sentence on all on a charge affiliated with the A. F. of L. are tion of a militant program of or- of 'illegal trespass' on the public to meet in Pittsburgh. In spite of ganization and opposition to com- property of the county relief buildthe unofficial nature of this conven- pany-unionism on the basis of an tion, many of the major A. F. of L. eventual steel strike.

unions will be represented. Fore-Revolt Against A. F. of L. most, of the unions that will parnumbers and influence, is the em- the decisions of the official San a "hot potatoe" they had grabbed. Francisco convention of the A. F. Iron. Steel, Tin and Sheet Metal of L. and to lay plans for carrying

Within the union, according to the claims of some of its rank and



SPECIAL BULLETIN

branch of the Workers Party has announced its formal withdrawal from the local branch of the American League Against War and Fasmembers in the American League, to take matters into its own hands. if they were not.

face C.P. paper organizations,

ment for a general, genuine united

front of working class organiza-

tions, it is laying the basis for the

WELCOME MUSTE, CANNON

TOVEY, Ill .--- Coal miners and

COAL MINERS READY TO

triumph of Fascism."

How much you will receive in the have been victimized and are now address.

the scheme; (2) upon your average trol of miner trustees, has been of-

asLeaguemen **Storm** Court By ART PREIS

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio, Jun. 22.---A cheering, jeering, clapping, stamping assemblage of Wood County workers and farmers packed

whose names cannot be given at BROWDERS LABOR PARTY LAST forced the release of 56 Unemhours in an attempt to obtain re-

56 Released

The defendants formed solidly into a "56 or None Club", modeled UNIT FIVE AKRON TO RESIGN on the famous "46 or None" trial Announcement of this important FROM CP AND FOLLOW ZACK of the Toledo Auto-Lite strikers, defeated attempts of county officials, acting as agents of "No Work-No Relief" Duncan, county relief

Workers Party members and League leaders, by giving them a

The 56 workers, 47 men and nine women, were tried in a body, and by raising the demand "If one goes

ing. A second charge of "unlawful

assemblage" against 55 men and women is set for hearing Jan. 28 Ostensibly, this "rank and file with the officials wanting to conconvention" is called to consider time it because they realize what

> Force Leaders' Release At the close of this hearing, when

out these decisions, which are deputies started to take Pollock mainly concerned with the exten- and Selander back to jail until sion of organization. But there is their hearing on the second charge implicit in such a procedure a re- or until bail of \$1,500 was raised, volt against the A. F. of L. official- the entire assemblage surged around

them while the "56 or None Club" There is no prospect that the seized the prisoners, shouting their 'rank and file convention" will re- slogan. The police, deputies and ceive the blessings of the officials. officials were helpless; they could In at least one case, that of the A. not feed or house the hundreds A., the officialdom headed by Mike who demanded to be taken to jail Tighe has already put thumbs down with the two prisoners, and the

on the whole business, calling on prosecuting attorney and sheriff the rank and file to adhere to the had to appeal to the prisoners to union's constitution and to avoid protect them from the crowd.

any sins against its "solemn ritual". Upon assurance by the prosecut Normally, plans for organization ing attorney of a drastic bail reissue from the Executive Council duction and release as soon as the of the A. F. of L. and the Interna- legal arrangements were carried tional Boards of the affiliated un- out, the two prisoners quieted their cism, because of the failure of the ions. No such plans have been defenders. The entire group set-American League to take action in forthcoming since the San Fran- tled back into their seats to wait demanding a published retraction c'sco convention and apparently until Pollock and Seander were reof a slanderous story concerning there has arisen a militant rank leased and pledged themselves to the activities of the local W. P. and file leadership strong enough join them again in the county jail

Worker. In announcing its withdrawal it firmed by the preparations of the lease the prisoners if they would firme damp



the court room here today and Union Conference Called by Five Groups to Aid 18 Defendants-Decker Bailed Out by NPLD

#### BULLETIN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 23 (by Wire).---Caroline Decker, organizer of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Agricultural Workers and leader of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union, was released on \$3,200 hail yesterday provided by the Non-Partisan Labor Defense,

Decker is being defended by the International Labor Defense but applied to the Non-Partisan Labor Defense for bail. Bail was supplied within 24 hours of the receipt of her application. Jack Warnick, another leader of the unifon defended by the I.L.D., was bailed out two weeks ago at his request by the Non-Partisan Labor Defense.

Two other defendants are out on bail. The remaining 14 are still in jail, where they have been since their arrest last July.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 (by wire) .- The newly formed joint defense committee for the Sacramento trial of 18 workers and labor leaders on criminal syndicalism charges, tonight drafted a call for a evonference of all unions and other labor organizations Feb. 10, to obilize the labor movement.

The call was signed by Charles Gordon for the International Labor )efense, Maurer for the Communist Party, Clarence Rust for the Socialist Party, Barney Moss for the Workers Party, Herbert Solow for the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, and Dr. George Hedley, director of the Civil Liberties Union, as temporary chairman of the committee. The Shipyard Union and Machinists®

Jan. 19, at the end of the first week

The united front came at almos

**In Mine Kills** 

11, Injures 71

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Jan. 21 .--

within a week. The first blast re-

WASHINGTON. — The United

States is "the most backward major

industrial nation in the matter of

mine accident prevention", accord-

ing to the report of the Minerals

Planning Committee of the Na-

tional Resources Board. Its acci-

of the coal miner who is killed is

Ten or more percent of the mine

tween \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000 a

**Second Blast** 

of the trial.

fire damp.

was dead.

of Chile.

Local 68 (A.F. of L.) have already the last possible moment to combat the united front of the capitalist endorsed the defense committee. class which is prosecuting the 18 The conference will be preceded by officers and active workers of the united front mass meeting Feb. 1. Cannery and Agricultural Workers The first meeting of the united Union. front defense committee was held

Not only the employers of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, who "suffered" from the union's successful strikes last year, but the whole capitalist class of California is demanding San Quentin prison sentences.

The Hearst press, the "Associated Farmers", the Industrial Association, indeed every businessmen's organization is calling for the victimization of these trade unionists. Racial and religious prejudices of the jury are being roused by the prosecution, which spent the whole Eleven miners were killed outright first week digging up communist and 71 injured, at least one fatally, expressions on the churches and the Negro. Leo Gallagher and Albert in the second blast in the main Goldman, defense attorneys, proshaft of the Gilberton mine here tested but the stuff goes on.

#### **Special Prosecutor Stays**

sulted in the death of one miner. When the trial opened, former Although the miners were warned District Attorney Neil McAlister, by the company "not to talk" they defeated in the last election and reported that the blast followed the presumably replaced by the new detonation of a shot of dynamite. district attorney, suddenly turned capitalist system: "Do you think etrate beneath the accounting logic they'll fix it so there will be some-they'll fix it so there will be some-thing for the young men to do?" The blast was undoubtedly caused up as a deputy attorney general by faulty ventilation of the mine, placed in charge of the case with nate the coming convention is con-the officials such as an offer to re-



The answer of capitalism to that momentous question we got an hour imum charge offs for depreciation and obsolescence. later when we drove through Mc-Donald, where Carnegie Steel was just breaking ground for a new strip mill. Referring to the labor does not allow for the generous to be displaced by the new process, salary which the owner pays himthe young steel worker riding with self as manager. us said: "They won't need anything in this damn industry pretty soon except a few button-pushers."

#### Same Old Story

We had a well-attended meeting of a high-minded experiment in here. Same old story as to C.P. and New Deal reconstruction. S.P. They can't meet us in an argument on our Declaration of Principles. The branch has good material, is working out a program of action. It will be felt in the labor struggle in Cleveland.

who can least afford to be thrifty---The branch conference in Cleve- this is the Administration's "unemland was attended by party memployment insurance" and "old age' hers from Akron. As dispatches to pension proposal. the New Militant have indicated. things may pop in rubber very soon. to pay a modest income to workers other workers are making arrange-If so Akron will be the first Towho become aged in the service of ments in this mining town to welledo-Minneapolis of 1935. Our party profit-making. Oh no! The gov- come J. P. Cannon and A. J. Muste, members and sympathizers are the ernment will require that each leaders of the Workers Party, when only advanced group having real worker make periodic payments they tour the Illinois mine fields, access to the rubber workers. toward the purchase of an annuity, Would that Louis Budenz were well maturing at the age of 65. enough to take the field. What a chance his America of the Middle end will depend: (1) upon the active in unemployed organizations. West would give him! number of years you participate in The local school house, under con-

TOLEDO, Ohio.--If there was ever any doubt as to whether our Toledo comrades would be able to dig in and follow up (never mind if the metaphors are mixed, Comrade Editor) the work they did in the great Auto Lite strike, that day is past. The Central Labor Union supports the Unemployed Leagues openly. Our comrades are asked

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issued a statement pointing out the A. F. of L. top leadership to propi-promise not to return to Bowling

pacifist, social-democratic nature of tiate the steel delegates. Bill Green Green and veiled threats that a the local American League, the finds himself unable to attend the "vigilante" group was forming and mechanical domination exercised in organization conference of the Al- they had better leave the countyit by the Communist Party, the uminum workers this past week in which the presence of hundreds of fake united front from below of Pittsburgh because he is obliged to League members in the court room representative middle class intellec. attend an Executive Council meet- made laughable --- the defendants'

tual "stooges" and the usual false- ing in Washington devoted to or- offer of \$300 bail was accepted. ganization in the steel industry. The statement ended by asserting The conference is very opportune.

American League Against War and plans that will be placed before the Fascism are not only wholely inef- A. A. delegates to the "rank and once to the relief headquarters on fective in fighting fascism, but "by file convention" as a proof of their another grievance committee. casting discredit . . . on the move- foolhardy and unwarranted action. Obviously, it is supposed that

Are Back on Job The released prisoners walked that such organizations as the Out of it will come organizational right back to the court room, addressed the assembly, and went at

The entire trial was a farce. It was obvious the verdict had been

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NEW YORK CITY .-- Champagne | band to be furnished by the Cul-35 years. will flow from soda water bottles | tural Committee will furnish low cost of producing coal or ore is due when the formal opening of the new brow music, and the ship of the to the various factors entering into National Headquarters and New new state will be sent down the York District Office at 2 West 15th rails accompanied by high spirits in the bituminous industry to beaccident occurrence, which amount

Street, takes place on Saturday and lots of soda pop. scene of sharp mine strife. Since night, Feb. 2, on the third floor, The entire membership is invited year. "If already known and avail-able improved safety methods and April 1932, nearly 2,000 miners we'l waxed, of the aforementioned

-Los Angeles, please notice-and measures could be put into general

A refreshment table of no mean of course all friends and well wish- use, the burden of accident expense proportions will help us make the ers. We'll sing revolutionary songs could probably be reduced to as newly scrubbed hall a little more and play ring around the rosie. low as 1 or 2 percent of mineral yeary earnings over the payment fered as the place where Cannon livable by messing it up a bit with The date is Feb. 2 at about 9 P.M. production costs," say the govern-

ia's leading businessmen's organiz A miner, Richard Evans, although ations. Attorney Gallagher (I.L.D.) fatally, injured directed a rescue objected but was overruled.

Attorney Goldman (N.P.L.D.) party to an alley where ten of his comrades lay helpless. When the pointed out that during the eight rescue party returned to him he days' adjournment the jury had been subjected to a torrent of newspaper propaganda. Judge Lemmon hurriedly sent the jury out of the court room, fearing the effect of Goldman's charges.

Goldman declared that the mob spirit created by the press warranted a mistrial, and a postponement of the trial for six months. He also called for reduction of bail and dent rate is exceeded only by that investigation into the switching of rosecutors. He made clear that "Miners and their families lose he did not think the new district between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,attorney, Babcock, was any fairer 000 in income annualy due to pre- than McAllister. All these motions ventable accidents and ill health," were denied. says the report. The average age

#### **Prosecution "Bargains" Rejected**

The prosecution has fried to induce defendants to turn state's evidence in return for dismissal of their particular cases. Donald Bingham, tubercular union member who has spent six months in the county jail, turned down such an offer.

The prosecution is especially anxious to get Norman Mini out of the case. The fact that this former West Pointer, sole native Sacramento defendant. stands solidly with the other defendants spoils the district attorney's argument that the prisoners are aliens trying to foist "foreignisms" on "the great American nation". Mini, too, has flatly rejected the prosecution's overtures.

The joint defense committee's agreement limited representation to political and defense organizations

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NEW ADDRESS of the following organizations: National Headquarters, Workers Party of the U.S. District Headquarters, New York District, W.P., U.S. International Workers School. New International New Militant 2 WEST 15th STREET Pioneer Publishers and Pioneer Bookshop 96 FIFTH AVENUE

and Muste will speak Feb. 2, 2 P.M. the skins of hot dogs, etc. A jazz and bring all your friends, (Continued on Page 4) ment experts. To Maintain this Great Work We Must Have Funds--Now!

THE Workers Party is expanding at a rapid pace, so rapid as to completely outdistance our meagre funds.

We have our principles, we have our men, workers are crying to be organized, the field is vast, the opportunities are here.

At the present moment we have contacts in the steel industry who are working in the progressive movement. The steel industry is one of the critical battlegrounds in the coming struggles of the American workers, and the progressive movement will be the determining factor in this struggle,

The Workers Party must, it is our revolutionary duty to maintain our work in steel, BUT WE MUST HAVE FUNDS.

In Akron, the center of the rubber industry, where a strike is imminent, we have been extremely fortunate. The leaders of the local C.1. unit, who are active in the unions and in workers' education, have resigned from the C.P. and come over to the W.P. just this week. These comrades form a nucleus from which we may penetrate thou- | HAVE FUNDS.

sauds upon thousands of workers. We are sending organizers into the field immediately.

#### But in order that the comrades may carry on this vital work, WE MUST HAVE FUNDS.

In Detroit, where tens of thousands of automobile workers are in a constant ferment, we have already established several party organizers. They are carrying the tradition of Toledo right into the heart of the automobile ndustry.

To maintain this work, WE MUST HAVE FUNDS. Last week we mentioned the expense of a new press to take care of the increased circulation of our publications. This week the need becomes even more imperative, so imperative that we are already negotiating for the press, although the money is not yet in sight.

We have undertaken the printing of a national paper for the N.U.L. It is hardly necessary to emphasize the importance of this step; a national paper will unify and promote the unemployed movement to a tremendous political force. We are fortunate to be able to assist in this work, where many of our comrades are active-BUT WE MUST

To facilitate our activities we have moved to the new office. It is a great advantage to have our work centralized; to have a place where all our committees can meet. At last we have a little space; the Political Committee no longer has to convene on the editor's desk. The International Workers School, an invaluable instrument in the class war, at last has space of its own, where the classes may meet in some semblance of order.

#### At risk of becoming monotonous, we repeat, WE MUST HAVE FUNDS. Comrades and friends, we must seize on the magnificent opportunities of the moment, and we must have money to do so!

Subscribe to the Party Foundation Fund now. Subscribe yourself, and press every friend and sympathizer to subscribe to the best of his ability.

Pay your pledges now, and pledge again. Press friends and sympathizers to pledge.

Collect all contributions, all pledges, immediately, and forward them to the national office, IMMEDIATELY. Comfades, friends, sympathizers: We are faced with great opportunity and a great responsibility. We cannot fail!

(Continued on Page 4) Saturday Night Housewarming

#### NEW HILITANT

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1935

IN THE UNIONS

By KARL LORE \_\_\_

# FROM THE FIRING LINE

## Three Convicted on Old Charge For Assisting Evicted Family

In Virden, Ill., Clarence Mayer, | family in the park." of the Workers Party, and two jobless comrades have been found guilty on charges growing out of an attempt last summer to expose and stop evictions in Virden. The New Militant is proud to print the following story of the case.

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#### By CLARENCE MAYER

Last summer Galen Sutphin was served with an eviction notice to vacate the home his father had bought and mortgaged, because of illness, to the Building & Loan Association.

Although the President had said, "None shall go hungry or shelterless in America", the relief organization did not act in time to save him from being evicted and his furniture was placed in the alley next to his home on August 17, 1934. The committee from the un-Mayor, the supervisor, the relief ence in getting a house for this evicted family. After every peaceful and legitimate means was exhausted and nothing came of it, the unemployed decided there was only one way to end evictions in Virden and that was to take the furniture into the City Park where it would have public protection and attention.

#### Move Furniture

At two o'clock Saturday, August 18, 1934, this action of moving the sive Miners of America had decreed furniture to the City Park took that "no officer should succeed place. Nothing unusual happened. himself or run for a lower office". The furniture was unloaded in the But Pearcy did not choose to return park.

Two policemen on duty said, "What is all this disturbance?" and among intelligent miners for his the unemployed answered, "We are hazy, topsy-turvy ideas of what a placing the furniture of an evicted progressive labor movement should

FORWARD

week give us a picture of a branch

of last summer our Minneapolis

leading political working class

Militant members of Local 574

are making applications and becom-

ing members of the branch. At the

same time these militants are in de-

mand for other fields of the class

struggle and actually being drafted

to take over leading positions in

V. R. Dunne became attached to

force in this city.

other unions.

to the pit.

A picnic of the Progressive Min- nothing happened; it was suddenly ers was going on and much atten- brought to trial and there the tion was brought to evictions by whole farce and comedy was exthe speakers, Laura Clerick and ploded in a four-day ordeal costing others. For the coal miners in the tax-payers of Macoupin County Illinois know what eviction means some one thousand dollars to prove and the sympathy of the picnic was to the authorities of Macoupin with the evicted.

These Terrible Unemployed! determined that that should be the The authorities were in a turmoil. case. At the end of the four days

They had been foiled! What charg- the jury deliberated five hours and es could they bring against these came to a verdict of five innocent terrible unemployed who wanted a and three guilty. The three found house to live in? Gracious! They guilty will have a court decision had broken the law! They had and then appeal the case.

taken the furniture in the park. Galen Sutphin and family are What could they do about it? They good citizens. He worked in the had to save their faces. coal mines many years. When they So five days later they issued closed, he went to Detroit to the warrants for eleven of the some automobile industry. When that jorty or fifty who tried to help the closed, he came back to Virden. evicted family. They served five He is a worker who wants to work.

days in county jail, were released He is denied the right but like all employed organization practically on bond by Progressive Miners and unemployed will fight to have the leaned backwards in seeing the other laborers, and when the State's essentials that belong to all.



**By Germinal** of the A. F. of L. in general, and SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 19 .--the ideas of John L. Lewis in par-The defeat of Claude E. Pearcy, ticular, but this never panned out president of the Progressive Miners in practice. Indeed, in some inof Illinois, for the position of secstances Pearcy proved that he was retary-treasurer, was great news "safer" to deal with than Lewis, to all Left Wing miners. and on the Semitic question he was Two conventions of the Progresmore reactionary than the gentlemen who adorn the lofty perches of

the A. F. of L. roster. Jones, NRA Socialist

The man had become infamous in no way a victory. Jones is the union board member of the Belleville territory. Proclaiming to be a Socialist, he has been everything

but that; unless one accepts the Oneal-Waldman - Solomon conceptions of "socialism". In the fight against "reds", support of NRA, de-militantizing the Women's Aux-

found an able lieutenant in Jones. And when the "Jewish international

him to work the next day; he got William Keck, also of Belleville, <sup>1</sup>tired of this and finally got up in was elected vice president. The a meeting of the Company Brotherhood and announced that he knew he was being followed and spied on to find out if he was an organizer

"We've got to listen to the people Comrades Muste and Cannon. A we deal with (coal operators). busy schedule of meetings has been Mass action is what caused Tom laid out for these comrades and Mooney to remain in jail these our reporter says: "By the end of many yars," sums up Keck's philo-

well know that there is a branch | What the miners will do with

(By an IRT Subway Worker) What has happened to the good boys, they thought nothing workers on the subways? Last week I told of a new spirit among the men. They are organizing a new union, a genuine union, in

> percent wage cut. They took it lying down.

o get more and more "sore". Five about should get their money back, or six months went by and one day and can-with no questions being asked two ambitious and optimistic young

men got some of their friends to gether, and started a union of their own, in opposition to the Company Bretherhood.

It was so easy to get the first few dozen members that they thought that in a few days they would have the whole road organized, "just like that". It was not as easy as that; but they stuck to their task, and by the time the Pension fake came up there were several hundred men in the union, and several hundred more knew all about it, and talked to others about it, and a new feeling was beginterborough Rapid Transit. ning to get into all the men.

SUBWAY UNION ROLLING

The subway workers began to feel that maybe if they tried they could get somewhere. They were so "sore" about the pension graft, added to their other grievances, that they started flocking into the new union by the hundreds.

The Two Men

It was about this time that the two men who had started the union the four hours per day which they were found out and promptly fired, will lose when the 8-hour day goes but it was too late. The company into effect. The seven-day week was forced not only to stop firing is still in effect. men for joining the union, but it has agreed to take these two men back. In what capacity was not

stated by the company, but if the Some locals of the Brotherhood had The election of S. L. Jones for no doubt whatever that they will union continues to grow there is passed resolutions instructing their delegates to demand the 10 percent the post of secretary-treasurer is get their old rating and pay. (Since back, and an additional 10 percent this was written word comes to us on account of the rising cost of that they are already back at work living. More than half of the men, at their old pay.) the lowest paid group, get nothing

The name of the union is the whatever from the agreement. The Transport Workers Union", and better paid men, those already on in case there are any who now wish eight hours, get one-half of their to join it but are afraid of being cut back, but the lower groups get nothing except a reduction in hours fired, we respectfully refer you to any one in the station department, from nine or ten to eight. Men Stirred Again and they will verify the following

> The men all over the road are getting stirred up again, and there is a steady stream of them coming

About five weeks ago, a man was into the union once more. being followed by "beakies" day This is only the start. Worse and night, they even slept on his times are coming. While wages redoorstep so as to be able to follow main the same, the cost of living continues to go up and up. What

are the men going to do? How can they support families on \$20.04 to \$24.80 per week?

What will happen? There can be only one answer: The men will confor the Transport Workers Union. tinne to join the Transport Workand to settle the question, he stated ers Union until it is strong enough that he WAS an organizer and had to demand-and get-an increase application cards with him at all for every man who is now getting times if any one wanted to join. less than a living wage. A man This man is still working. Station department men take notice!

The Company would like for the

men to forget about the wage cut,

and to accept the present ratings

as permanent, as the "basic" rate.

cannot support a family, and live like a human being in New York City today on less than \$30 per

Pow-Wow

REALLY voluntary, and anyone A very important meeting of the who wanted his money back could Executive Council of the American get it; all he had to do was to ask for it. Three thousand five hundred Federation of Labor is due to take majority rule in employee repremen asked for their money back But then- (and this is the and got it. All who were forced to the first time since the San Fran- the Mine Workers wants the coal join, and those of the track depart-

After the cut the cost of living ment who were fooled into joining chiefs of the Federation will gather The futile and ridiculous political started to go up and the men began before they knew what it was all in Washington for a pow-wow. And horse trading in which the Federasmoked for the benefit of the public so foolish as to leave their war

#### The New Agreement lubs at home. Now comes the working agree-

company pension graft was started

the union was growing so fast that

the Company got scared and pub-

lished an emphatic statement to

the effect that the pension was

The boys can't be blamed for Roosevelt. ment for the new year (1935) to feeling uncomfortable and insecure lecide what pay and hours the men

will have. There are 16,500 men, After a short breathing spell they and there are about 16,499 different face the possibilities of another and even more severe strike wave. working rules, ratings, wage scales, working days etc. Many men work, Auto labor is sore at the elections 12 hours a day, seven days a week. Automobile Labor Board and which Many work 10 hours a day, six days a week, and so on. Some of are serving to legitimatize company sary to keep labor in its proper these men have been working unionism in their industry. The place. It is interesting to note that nights for years and years. There are over 4,000 men working underground in New York seven days a week on one subway alone-the Inkilled by a long drawn out court

The new agreement provides the fight. Even in coal, which was so at the present time would furnish same wages as now, but with an eight hour day, instead of 9, 10 or 12 worked at present. Those al-L. Lewis, labor faces an increasready working eight hours, will re- ingly difficult situation caused by ceive one half of their cut back, the collapse of the price and pro-

and those who were working 12 duction control features of the coal hours, will receive their entire 10 code percent cut back, and a 10 percent \* \* \*

raise in addition, to repay them for

Times Are Tough The A. F. of L. Research staff proves that the Great White Father Franklin D. has let down his faith-The men are plenty sore about ful labor lieutenants most shamethe whole thing, as they expected fully. It begins its review of the the return of the 10 percent cut. year with this gloomy statement: "As Labor reviews the year 1934 and looks ahead to 1935, we see no significant gains during 1934 in employment, real wages or hours of work. . . . Such gains as were made since the enactment of NRA were accomplished in the summer and fall of 1933. During 1934 production of mines and factories increased only slightly; production on farms decreased;

the wherewithal to raise living standards was not supplied. Industrial profits on the other hand. increased, business failures decreased and the business community was in a better position to

carry on profitably at the end of 1934." The bright side is the constant

increase in the number of organized workers. In spite of severe repression by employers, an unpartions and of company unionism, A. pathizers invited. F. of L. records show an increase

affiliated to the Federation.

of unrelieved blackness. "The out- at once. standing fact is," the report con- | Feb. 10, Sunday afternoon-Irvtinues, "private industry has failed ing Plaza. Welcoming back A. J.

Hard Facts for A.F. of L. | have to be the base of their pro-A major point on the agenda will be the planning of a legislative

program. The thirty-hour work week, abolition of company unionism, recognition of the principle of place at the end of January. For sentation are on the list. Lewis of cisco convention, the eighteen big industry treated as a public utility. although the pipe of peace will be tion has indulged so long, will begin agair. Nothing will be done at large, few of the braves will be to ruffle the feathers of the politicians, especially of that best democrat of them all. Franklin Delano

Reactionary interests are pushing bills to outlaw sympathetic or general strikes and to force compulsory arbitration of all disputes. These labor leaders want to prove which are being conducted by the that they are gentlemen and that no such drastic measures are neces-Progressives in steel are planning the great drive to organize the steel action. Akron's strongly organized industry, announced with great hulrubber workers must either take labaloo at the last convention has action soon or see their union not yet materialized. It is feared that such a campaign undertaken solidly organized with a minim :13 the spark to set off explosions not of trouble by the cohorts of John only in blast furnace land but also in autos, rubber, textiles and God knows where else.

For the same reason every possible effort is going to be made to patch up some sort of agreement in the building trades controversy. All indications are that no compromise has yet been reached and that has just issued a report which the main effort will be to keep the rift in the National Building Trades Council from affecting the local units. Peacemakers have pointed out to the warring factions that jurisdictional strikes which would hinder and tie up the federal building program are sure to add strength to the movement for government supervision of labor organizations.



(Notices for this column should be sent in as long in advance as possible, and if destined for a particular issue must be on the editor's desk by Tuesday morning.)

New York City

Jan. 26, Sunday evening, Irving Plaza—Max Shachtman, "Should Communists Build a Labor Party?" Feb. 2, Saturday night-District Housewarming Party, 2 West 15th Street, third floor. See page 1 for allelled growth of boss organiza- story. Members, friends and sym-

Feb. 7, Thursday evening-Benefor the year of 3.369 locals affiliated fit Theatre Party, "Sailors of Catto Internationals and 1.115 directly taro". Frances Drake, chairman. Few tickets still available. Out-But otherwise the picture is one standing tickets must be settled for

to put the unemployed to work. . . . Muste from his nation-wide tour.

story The Man Defied Them

Keckism Wins

small coal operators know they have nothing to fear from him. can attend the banquet organized Keck will make a very unpopular

that schedule, the town will damned sophy.

More complete reports from Min- regularly organized, permanent in-

elements from independent unions buzzing with life. Since the strikes as well as from A. F. of L. unions. silence. The next conference will take place

branch has definitely become the on January 26 and will be addressed by Comrades Muste and Cannon. The conference is scheduled to adjourn in time so that the delegates

by our Minneapolis branch celebrat- president. ing the occasion of the visits of







neapolis than were available last stitution. It includes progressive bankers" scare was raised he gave eloquent support by his well-timed

iliary, expulsions from the union, removal of left wing members from union positions, the right wing

be. He claimed to oppose the ideas

TWO YOUNG MEN START

## Attorney and the sheriff and others stated that they go home and be



From August 23, when we were rrested, until January 14, 1935, opposition to the company union! Two years ago they took a 10

County that houses are meant for people to live in, and that they were

story):

the leadership of the St. Paul gar age workers' strike. That strike is now settled with a victory for the workers. Miles Dunne was drafted for the Fargo, N. Dakota drivers local in which he has since been active, taking the leadership in one successful strike. He built the local up to a membership of approximately 700. Henry Schultz was drafted for the organization of a new and thriving local union of the Northern States Power Workers. Indications are that this newly emerging local union will wir its demands without a strike.

Since the strikes of last summer the progressive forces, not only in Local 574, but in various other unions in Minneapolis, St. Paul and throughout the state have become strengthened and the movement is taking on organized force. Our comrades are the active spirits in this movement.

Sometime ago the progressive Feb. 2. forces had a conference in St. Paul, participated in by militant representatives from local unions from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Superior and other cities in this

## Railroad Jobs Get Fewer and Fewer

WASHINGTON.-Railroad employment dropped to the lowest point in the year in December 1934. The Inferstate Commerce Commission reports 960,769 railroaders employed in the middle of that month. as compared to the previous low o<sup>\*</sup> 966,365 in January, 1934. Since September railroad employment has been below the levels of last year.

The December figure represents a 1.88% drop in employment from the previous month on class 1 railroads and .57% decrease compared to December, 1933.

WASHINGTON.-Consumers paid 11% more on their food bills (or ate less) in the two-week period ending Dec. 18, 1934, than in the corresponding period of 1933, according to Department of Labor figures on retail food prices. Prices were 11% higher than a year ago, and about 16% higher than on Dec. 1932

FOLLOW THE NEWS IN THE NEW MILFANT.

of the Workers Party in existence." such a fossil at the head of their union 1 do not know. Behind closed Educational activities are not bedoors with the bosses, governors ing overlooked by our Minneapolis NRA agents and the like he is at comrades. Regular weekly forums home. He is seldom seen congreare being held under the auspices of a workers club organized some gating with rank and file miners, time ago. The attendance of this as he has a secret contempt for forum is steadily growing. During them.

Keckism will become more infathe garage workers' strike our commous than Pearcyism, believe it or rades put on a strike play entitled | "Under the Clock". The perform- not. Although it is unpopular to leaders, the American Federation ance took place right in the strike make such statements in advance, beadquarters. the next six months. If Keck

HEAVY SCHEDULE IN N.Y.C.

any miner's shovel. NEW YORK CITY .-- The coming weeks provide a well filled program for the New York District and its branches. Following the trade union conference this weekend and a lecture by Max Shachtman on Sunour housewarming party the following weekend, Saturday evening,

The next event on the program is few days later by the welcome take. home meeting to our National Sec-

retary, A. J. Muste at which time he will report on the tour. Two big events are scheduled for

early in February. The first is the "Red" Cabaret and Dance to be

(Special to New Militant) given en Saturday evening, Feb. 16, ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 14 .--at Germania Hall, and the second More than 600 workers on relief is the long heralded debate between A. J. Muste and Jay Lovestone, to projects gathered at a mass meeting called by the Lehigh County be held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. Unemployed League on Jan. 11 to 17, at Irving Plaza. Admission to the latter event is 35c and since give the men a chance to discuss the limitations of space in the hall grievances and to formulate plans will mean a rush for tickets, read- for correcting them.

ers are asked to buy them well in "We must work in mud up to advance from the District Office at our knees." "We got 15 minutes for lunch." "No shelter is pro-2 West 15th Street.



We might also add the following: The second month after the week.



AKRON, Ohio, Jan. 16 .-- Using every known artifice of labor mis of Labor bureaucracy here was able clip this item and watch events for | to stave off a strike vote of Firestone rubber workers this week

doesn't turn out to be a down-right after their rank and file leaders agent of the coal operators I'll eat secretly voted "immediate action". A careful rumor was spread that

**Program** for Future there would be no meeting for a The rank and file should continue strike vote, keeping many workers their fight. They should keep their away. The Firestone company did local organizations progressive, its share by rehiring about 75 of steer away from any unity with the militant 325 battery workers day night, Jan. 27, we will hold John L. Lewis, work to win over whose lay-off crystallized strike the rank and file of the U.M.W.A. sentiment. It was argued by the from the misleaders, build unem- bureaucrats that this indicated the ployed organizations, fight for more company would rehire all the oth-

pay and better conditions, and last ers and so a strike was unnecessary! but not least, join the Workers. Refusing to admit defeat, milithe theatre party, "The Sailors of Party. Therein lies the road to sal- tant rank and filers are planning vation; there is no other road to an "outlaw" strike for which sentiment is rising.

600 At League Meet

vided from the cold." "The water boy has only one tin cup and this spreads influenza." "The boss fired eight of us because we didn't haul enough dirt in our wheelbarrows." "The boss fired me; he said I was agitatin'." "They don't allow us anything for transportation. My bus fare is \$1.20 a week." "The place where we work is worse than a hog wallow."

The assembled workers passed a resolution that the Unemployed League be adopted as the organization to represent them; that grievance committees be elected on each project; and that project grievance committees meet weekly to discuss matters of mutual interest and to carry unadjusted grievances to higher sources.

Arnold Johnson, Secretary of the National Unemployed League, in a stirring speech, warned the workers of the efforts being made to lower the rates on relief work and tion.

The men, however, will never for- get. I think I can say this for every worker on the line. The PIONEER PUBLISHERS and BOOKSHOP is now located at 96 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y. C. (One Flight Up)	(certainly no extreme estimate—K. L.) and even these were offset by employment losses to farm laborers and to railroad workers amount- ing in all to 230,000 lost jobs. The 'ncrease in 1934 of persons seeking work approaches 400,000 Un- employment in November 1934 ex- ceeded November 1933 by 429,000 persons." * * *		
	"The workers' average yearly		
	wage has increased 6.7 percent,		
	while the cost of food rose 11.3 per-		
<b>S</b> pecial	cent and prices of clothes and house		
Bound Volumes of the	furnishings rose 15.3 percent. Clear- ly, the average employed worker's		
MILITANT	standard of living was lower in		
July 1931-Dec. 1932\$2.50	1934 although his yearly income		
1933 1.50	rose from \$1,029 in 1933 to \$1,099 in 1934 Figures for average		
1934 1.50	hours worked show neither		
Order Now	gain nor loss since 1933; the average		
PIONEER PUBLISHERS	was $37\frac{1}{4}$ after the codes had been established last fall; it was $37\frac{1}{4}$		
96 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.	this year."		
,	Profits of industry, on the other		
	hand, have gone up. The profits		
NEWARK OPEN FORUM	of 418 large corporations in- creased from \$605 million in 1933		
"Roosevelt's Program Means	to \$911 million in 1934.		
"Security for Whom?"	÷ * *		
Speaker: TOM TIPPETT	Hard Faets		
FRIDAY, JAN. 25, at 8 P.M.	Those are the cold, hard facts as-		
Workers Party Hall	sembled by their own research de- partment. It will give the Execu-		
85 Sprngfield Avenue	tive Council plenty to chew on.		
Admission 10c	This cruel set of statistics will		
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We find that small employment Report from Comrade Muste on gains in manufacturing industries, conditions throughout the country. Feb. 16. Saturday'night—Germancoal and other mining, utilities, trade, service industries, amounted ia Hall, 16th St. and 3rd Avenue. "Red" Cabaret and Dance. Revue. in all to only 170,000 new jobs for dancing, games, supper and drinks. men, however will never for- more than 11,000,000 unemployed ainly no extreme estimate-K. (See ad in this issue.) Feb. 17, Sunday, 2:30 P.M.-Irvand even these were offset by oyment losses to farm laborers ing Plaza. Debate on "Which Prond to railroad workers amount- gram for American Labor?" by A. all to 230,000 lost jobs. The J. Muste and Jay Levestone.

Friday night forums at all New York branches, including:

Feb. 1, Friday, 8:30-Branch 6, 776 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn. Hugo Ochler on "Should Communists Organize a Labor Party?"

Feb. 1, Friday, 8:30-1281 49th St., Brooklyn, Branch No. 7. Dick Etlinger on "Roosevelt's Program". Davenport, Ia.

the cost of food rose 11.3 per-Jan. 29, Tuesday, 8 P.M .--- Old nd prices of clothes and house Masonic Temple Auditorium, N. E. cor. of Third and Main Sts. A. J. he average employed worker's Muste: "What Does America Face ard of living was lower in in 1935?" Tickets obtainable at although his yearly income Pecks Confectionery, 2224 Rockingfrom \$1,029 in 1933 to \$1,099 ham Rd., Davenport. Free unem-34. . . . Figures for average ployed tickets also at this address. worked . . . show neither Kansas City, Mo.

Jan. 29, Tuesday evening, Work- $37\frac{1}{4}$  after the codes had been ers Library-A. J. Muste and J. P. lished last fall; it was 37½ Cannon on "The Workers Party of the U.S."

St. Louis

Jan. 31, Thursday, 8 P.M.-Hibernian Hall, 3619 Finney Ave. A. J. Muste and James P. Cannon on "The Program and Purpose of the Workers Party of the U.S.\*

#### Los Angeles, Cal.

Feb. 1, Friday, 8 P.M., Walker's Auditorium, 730 S. Grand Ave .---"The Message of the Workers Party of the U.S." Speakers: Sam Meyers, Charles Curtiss and Dave Harris.

#### Gillespie, Ill.

Feb. 1, Friday, 7:30 P.M., Socialist Party Hall -- "The Workers Party". Speakers: A. J. Muste and J. P. Cannon. Chairman: James Cross.

#### Tovey, Ill.

Feb. 2, Saturday, 2 P.M., School House-"The Workers Party" A. J. Muste and J. P. Cannon. Chairman: C. H. Mayer.

#### Springfield, Ill.

Feb. 3, Sunday, 8 P.M., Carpenters Hall, 5th and Monroe Sts .--"The Workers Party". Speakers: A: J. Muste and J. P. Cannon. Jerry Allard, chairman. Feb. 3, Sunday, 10 A.M.-All day Left Wing Conference.

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# **WORLD IN REVIEW**

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# THE NATURE AND CAUSES OF MODERN WAR

## **CAPITALIST EXPANSION** itself. **ENDS IN OPEN CONFLICT**

By JOHN WEST

(Ed. Note: This is the first of a series of four articles by Comrade West on the problems of the revolutionary fight against war. The remaining three will be entitled: "The Struggle Against War", "The League Against War and Fascism", and "The United Front and War". Do not miss them!)

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of the revolutionary movement is conditions of capitalist production the elimination of war. It has be- itself-by the possibility of using come almost commonplace to real- the surplus value realized from the ize that modern war threatens not sale of commodities to produce merely suffering and death to vast more surplus value.

millions, but the actual destruction of human civilization, the thrusting pansion exceeds the limits; the of mankind back into barbarism. capitalist created market can no No one who, with the lessons of the longer "absorb" the products of the last war in mind, has followed the expanded capital equipment; exrecent developments in military pansion becomes over-expansion. technique, can doubt this to be lit- The over-expansion is temporarily erally true.

In the face of this prospect, it is the revolutionary movement alone that has a solution to offer. From the open war-glorification by Fascism to the futile gesturings of pacifism, all other forces in modern society are not merely powerless to prevent war but in fact aid in preparing war. The responsibility for the struggle against war rests wholly on the revolutionary movement.

The first step in the struggle against war is a clear understanding of the nature and causes of war. A mere pious horror at the dreadfulness of war-which is shared by the great majority of men-is useless, and worse than useless.

#### AT THE BOTTOM OF WAR

The driving force of the capitalist mode of production is the necessity for the continual accumulation and expansion of capital. This ital expansion, however, continues necessity is inescapable. Capitalists in an even sharper form at the more must constantly attempt to expand restricted level. capital, in order to maintain profits. But this attempt comes up perialist) war. against (indeed it is merely the reverse side of) the equally inescap- DRIVEN TO able tendency under capitalism for IMPERIALIST EXPANSION the general rate of profits to fall. The fall in the rate of profits demands capital expansion, in order amount of profits; the expansion, them, they must find continuous however, in its turn involves an increased tendency of the rate of re-investment; but the internal profits to fall, and, consequently, the still further need for capital mode of production within any expansion.

The necessity for the expansion of capital leads to the mighty development of the means of production, to the huge new machines and roads, the enormous corporations, the ever-growing monopolies. The investment (and likewise consumer expansion is, however, by its nature markets) beyond the national borunregulated and chaotic, for two ders. chief reasons, the first of which is

a rational and inclusive plan. (2) It is developed with no relation to the needs of a consumer market.

From the point of view of capialism, the "market" is only the means for transforming commodityvalues back into capital-values for capital. The market is therefore necessarily limited not by the potential needs of consumers (which fineries in Cuba. Curtiss-Wright

lation of capital, i.e. for the re-

capitalizing of all present values

and for new capital investments;

markets through which commodi-

(2) a periodic inability to find

An integral part of the great aim are nearly boundless), but by the The tendency to uncontrolled ex-

plants in Canada and even (Ford) ir: England and Germany. CAPITALISTS VIE **ON WORLD-WIDE SCALE** 

But the capitalists of England Germany, France, Italy, and Japan are driven by the same scourge. 'corrected" by the periodic crisis. Since the world is limited in exduring which capital (i.e. the value tent, since the areas available for of the means of production) is denew forms of capital expansion and stroved through falling price levels, exploitation are growingly restricbankruptcies and material deteriorted, conflict is not only likely but ation. The point is reached where inevitable. The grandiose battle of capital accumulation can once more the capitalists of the imperialist and Tin Workers, early in Februproceed "normally"; the tendencies powers is fought on a world-wide ary. That record is here presented re-assert themselves on a new and scale. Into the colonies, mandates, ) in a fourteen paragraph calendar still more violent scale, and the "subject nations", "spheres of innext crisis is rapidly prepared for. fluence", flow the surplus capital Capitalism thus faces: (1) A funds, imperiously demanding to be chronic necessity for the accumu-

set to work at making profits. The political arms of the capitalists-the governments of their respective countries-are extended watchfully over the new investments.

ties turned out by the capital equip-They are ever ready to unseat a ment can, by their sale to consum-Central American government. ers, be re-converted into capital. threaten a native prince, wipe out During the decline of capitalism, 'red bandits", stop or start a revothis second periodic condition likelution, send a flotilla of warships wise tends more and more to be or a regiment of marines, resent an come chronic, thus bringing about 'insult to the flag", if necessary a lowering of the scale of capitalist set two countries-Bolivia and Par-

operations. The necessity for capaguay for example-flying at each other's throats to settle the dispute of Standard Oil and Shell over rights to an oil field. These two conditions explain the To expose the foundation clearly, fundamental basis of modern (im-

there must be added to this basic drive of capital for accumulation the closely related struggle for movement now finds its leadership sources of raw materials, for con- in an organized struggle against trol of shipping, for the ability to Tighe and the union's bureaucracy.

Capitalists of every major capimanufacture in countries where the It was the Rank and File group, standard of living is lower than in whose criticism of Tighe and the tal'st nation are faced with the folthe home country, and the determi- NRA was formulated in the famous lowing situation: In order to susto retain an equal or greater total tain the system which sustains nation of the home capitalists to slogan "National Run Around" keep the home market for their own now the watchword of all progresoutlets for capital investment and purposes by tariffs, quotas, and exchange restrictions. market, provided by the capitalist

#### CAPITALIST SOCIETY CONTINUALLY AT WAR single nation, is not sufficient to

re-convert into capital values the The truth of the matter is this: values of commodities turned out | In the stage of imperialism, capieven by existing capital equipment, talist society is continuously at much less of new. Consequently, war. This is the essence of impergreat factories and mines and rail- the capitalists of each nation are ialism. It is not a question of one Green Tighe. But the proof of the forced to seek outlets for capital war starting, then stopping, to be pudding is in the eating—and the changing only in the form it takes, eventually be realized or with-

If we glance even for a moment in the degree of violence. at the history of the United States

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forms, from strikes to armed up- alism" means the end of imperial-

International Tel. & Tel. builds risings to preparations for interven- ism and consequently of imperialist SITUATION IN CUBA tion in the Soviet Union, and will war. The lessening of foreign trade and operates telephone and telegraph systems in Spain, Latin America, South America, and the Near cided. East. General Electric buys heavily

The disguises that war wearsinto the electrical industries not only of "backward" countries but of Germany, France and England. New York banks and investment houses exploit the copper mines of to the flag-must not be allowed to the struggle to capture and control

hide the fundamental conflicts it. Africa and the silver mines of Peru. The Standard Fruit ('o, owns and which are the true source of modoperates the great orchards of ern war. Though these other facfurther use in the accumulation of Mexico; United Fruit, the orchards tors may provide the final push that of Central America. The American sets open war going or may modify Sugar Refining Co. expands it re- the character of a war, there is nothing in their own nature that must necessarily lead to war. They builds an airplane factory in China. Standard Oil and Texas Co. build are the tools of the forces making oil refineries and operate filling sta- for war, not the cause of these tions all through the Far East, as forces. Nor should we be misled by well as in Bolivia, Venezuela and those who tell us that the present Mexico. The auto companies build tendency toward "economic nation-

By DENNIS BROWN

The record of the Roosevelt Ad-

ministration comes up for inspec-

algamated Association of Iron, Steel

tion by the insurgents of the Am-

statement of facts.

policy.

continue until the final issue is de- crisis, far from removing the imperialist contradictions, only exag- the island of Cuba. gerates them, only increases the appearing as due to "national" or relative importance of whatever dieta-Wall Street regime and its "cultural" differences, as following foreign capital expansion and trade from an assassination or an insult remains and makes ever sharper right) increases in sharpness, with

> The general conclusion is inescanable: Modern war is neither accidental nor due to the evil of human nature nor decreed by God. War is of the very essence of imperialist-capitalism, as much a part of capitalism as wage labor. To speak of capitalism without war is like speaking of a human being without lungs. The fate of the one is inextricably bound to the fate of the other.

Will the Steel Workers Strike?

AFTERMATH IN SPAIN

The terror regime continues • in

As the conflict between the Menopponents (on both the left and bombings and street murders again daily occurrences, the government has placed the country under vir-

tual martial law. constitutional All guarantees have been suspended throughout Cuba for a period of 30 days. This decision was accompanied by a Cabinet decree calling for the death penalty for all persons convicted of setting fire to cane fields or "sabotaging in any form or otherwise

be made to apply to strikers on the sugar plantations

#### Toilers Under Imperialism Imperialism and its puppets are

unable to solve the crisis that has held the island republic in its clutches, with ever-increasing privations for the masses, for nearly a decade. The great mass of toilers of city and plantation remember how they were able, during the days of revolutionary upsurge fol-

lowing the overthrow of Machado, to win increased living standards through militant struggle, and are now preparing to press forward once more in order to re-gain the positions that the Mendieta "counter-revolution" has wrested from them.

interrupting the sugar harvest". Freely interpreted, this decree can

The period of the sugar harvest is always the period of most intensive struggles by the Cuban working class, and in this case it coincides with the political crisis brought about by the partial breakdown of the ruling clique.

#### Mendieta Seeks Allies

Here's Record Under NRA to Date The beleaguered Mendieta regime is casting about on all sides for allies. Elements such as the "Autenticos" of Grau San Martin and the semi-Fascist ABC, who under more favorable circumstances would ally themselves with the puppet of imperialism, realizing that a greater future is offered them if they remain in opposition, calling for elections, the NSLRB have spurned every attempt to negotiate. Grau, from his exile in Miami, Florida, has announced that his party "will not accept any formula tending to perpetuate the present regime in Cuba".

While the government casts about in search of a life-line, it is bringing pressure against the left forces on the political field. It is these leftist forces which today represent the main danger for the Mendieta government.

A number of strikes have occurred recently, contributing considerably to the further weakening of the government. If the threatened general strike should materialize, however, it may well become, as in the case of Machado, the lever by which the trade unions have just which the whole regime can be dumped into the sea.

The Aftermath in Asturias According to an official statement made public on Jan, 15 by the governor general of the province of Asturias, eleven thousand miners of the region have either been killed in the recent revolt or are otherwise unaccounted for. The government decreed some time ago, that all miners returning to work in order to be permitted to do so, would first be required to turn over one rifle to the authorities. A few days ago the Miner's Union of Asturias was declared illegal. It appears that the valient miners of Donald plants of the Carnegie Asturias who bore the brunt of the

armed struggle, are also destined to bear the brunt of the present relatively "peacefu!" interlude. The whereabouts of some of the

missing miners is indicated in the held, it will not recognize the trade same official htatement referring to union should it happen that the a whole series of rebel groups who majority of the workers favor the are still holding out in the moun-

the body of the union has moved steadily is independent action. To bring their own coercive pressure apon the employers is what the union masses have been moving tospecific pledge: ward. That pressure can only ex-"In order to assure the free express itself in the strike. This

sive groups. It must however be pointed out that the Rank and File leadership showed serious weak ness in its first struggle. Greater resoluteness in the struggle will be necessary to unseat Tighe and Co

Green spoke before the Amalgamat-Many thousands of workers have ed convention and induced the workers to call off the strike scheduled to begin the next day. He apfollowed in a decade or two by a pudding is on the table. Promises peared as a quasi-official spokesman new war. It is war all the time, were made, and a promise must of the Federal Administration; and he let it be understood, by tacit as-

of the Department of Justice did, sought, but in vain, to induce the not trouble to familiarize them- NSLRB to issue formal decisions selves with the Anti-Injunction calling for elections. (One election Act of 1932. Thus on May 29, 1934, was held during that period; it re-Judge Nields threw out the caseon technical grounds-and the De- an agreement between the union partment of Justice had to start all and the employer.) Instead of over aagin.

still in the Federal courts. It is bring about agreements between Two courses have presented hemselves to steel workers during the past year and a half. Onesince the trouble began. Judge that recommended by William Green and Mike Tighe--has been a reliance upon the benevolence of NRA. Tacit admissions have given leaders and the Federal Administration. Cooperation between labor and capital has been their stated

## the Supreme Court.

6. On May 30, 1934 (one day after Judge Nield's first decision on the Weirton suit) President Roosevelt, in his executive order approving the extention of the iron and steel code, made the following

ercise of the rights of employees under the provisions of Section 7 of this Act and Article 4 of this code, I will undertake promptly to provide, as the occasion may demand, for the election by em ployees in each industrial unit of representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of collective bargaining and for mutual aid and protection, under the supervision of an appropriate governmental agency and in accordance with suitable rules and regulations."

sulted not from a decision but from 5. The case was resumed, and is functioned as a mediator trying to

now January 1935, well over a year the union and the employers. 11. Twice during the month of

ities for a successful strike were brighter than before; labor militancy was brewing in the industry.) The first such proposal called for proportional representation, in the nanner of the Automobile Labor Board (from cooperation with

> posal, denied, point by point, the terms of the original truce: Compulsory arbiraion.

12. Having failed to sell these proposals to the union, the NSLRB suddenly remembered its (theoretical) powers, and on January 2. 1934 issued two decisions—the first t has handed down—calling for elections in the Duquesene and Mc-Steel Co. (U.S. Steel Corp).

13. But U.S. Steel has announced t will not comply with the election order; that it intends to go to the courts; that even if an election is ke were

Neilds cannot possibly decide on December, the President, the Secthe case in time to get it before retary of Labor and the Board the current session of the U.S. Su- brought pressure to bear upon the Franklin D. Roosevelt and the preme Court. Thus the NRA will union to accept certain compromise have expired before the election proposals emanating from the Iron of an alliance between these labor powers of the Labor Boards, speci- and Steel Institute. (During this fically, and the meaning of Section month, steel production began to 7a, in general, can be decided by move upward briskly; the possibil-

**Roosevelt's Pledge** 

Membership Exerts Pressure The second course toward which

7. On June 15, 1934, William

withdrawn). The second such pro-

1. No elections would be held for six months; i.e. until the day when the NIRA was due to expire. 2. Both majority and minority groups to be vested with collective bargaining rights. 3.

Anoher Weirton Case

dependent on the second: (1) It is carried out on a com-

petitive basis, not in accord with <sup>1</sup> tendency everywhere manifesting

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tion reach a point where the at- ent militant action. tempt is made to find a political The following is the dated record of Roosevelt and the labor bureau-

cracy:

solution of the economic and social contradictions through war open and undisguised : imperialist-inspired wars between subject nations; wars of subjugation by imperialist nations against subject peoples and the converse wars of these peoples against their imper-

ialist oppressors; the world-wide war of the imperialist nations among themselves. But, though producing a "boom" by loosening Weirton Co. refused to go through the bonds on capital expansion, by destruction of existing values, and by credit expansion, the open wars,

far from solving the contradictions, only express their depth, and preelection of representatives under pare for still more bitter conflict to come.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR **OF THE WORKERS** 

Labor Board finally referred the And throughout this bloody chaos case to the Department of Justice is fought the war that gives histor- (but never recommended to NRA ical meaning to the whole mad Compliance that Weirton be despectacle: the revolutionary war of prived of the Blue Eagle). At the working class against its ex- length the Department began to ploiters. This war, which, after prosecute the case, seeking an New Haven, Conn. Branch. 15.00 generations of preparation, began equity order which would compet on a world scale with the October Weirton to submit to an election. revolution, continues within every 4. But - conveniently for the country in a thousand varying Weirton company—the legal experts

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drawn. Roosevelt, Green and Tighe | surances, that if the str The economic wars of capital ex- must now stand on their record called off the workers would have while the steel workers weigh their elections, majority rule, recarmament and competitive exploita- against it the policy of independognition, collective agreements: all they were asking for.

Weighing the Record

1. On October 16, 1933, the Na-

tional Labor Board induced the

Amalgamated to call off the Weir-

ton strike. E. T. Weir signed an

agreement providing for an elec-

choose between the company union

2. Early in December 1933, the

with its election arrangements.

The wordy protests of the National

Labor Board notwithstanding.

the company union scheme.

Weirton proceeded to conduct an

3. After two months of mud-

dling and buckpassing, the National

and the trade union.

Set Up Steel Board

8. On the same day Congress passed Public Resolution No. 44 (approved by the President a few days later), authorizing the Presi-

dent to set up boards empowered

to call for employee elections to determine collective bargaining tion at which the workers would representation. Section 2 reads: "Any board so established is hereby empowered, when it shall appear in the public interest, to order and conduct an election by a secret ballot of any employees of any employer, to determine by what person or persons or organization they desire to be represented in order to assure the right of employees to organize and to sclect their representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining as defined in Section 7a." 9. On June 28, 1934, the President, relving on Public Resolution No. 44. did in fact create the Na-

tional Steel Labor Relations Board,

Section 3 of the Executive Order reads as follows: "Whenever, after its services are invoked by employers or employees, the Board upon investigation, shall find that an election is necessary to determine by what person, persons or organizations employees desire to be represented, the Board is authorized to order and conduct an election by a secret ballot. . . . After each such election the Board shall certify the results to all concerned, and the person, persons or organization certified as the choice of the majority of those voting shall be accepted as the representative or representatives of said employees for the purpose of collective bargaining, without thereby denying to any individual employee or group of employees the right to present grievances, to confer with their employers, or other-

of six months-the Amalgamated

union, etc tainous recesses, and against whom, In short, the Weirton case all according to the announcement, a over again. What is more, the Steel special military expedition is now Board's decisions are so timed as

initiating legal proceedings.

**Created Illusion** 

at the most.

done.

Green and Tighe.

to exclude the possibility that the

being sent. \* \* \*

U.S. Supreme Court might be able Spanish government officials anto pass upon the points at issue at nounce that they have confiscated any time before the expiration date 89,354 rifles, 35,211 revolvers and of the NIRA, June 16, 1935. Thus 1.026 machine guns, from the workthe orders of January 2 have a ers recently in rebellion.

theoretical and academic interest As the Lerroux regime draws the balance of the Spanish October, its 14. Any court proceedings that own foundations are being corroded might arise through these orders by the internecine struggles now would have to be handled by the U. developing within the rightist camp itself. One of the main points of partment has a magnificent record friction from the beginning has on 7a cases: the old Wagner Board been the disagreements arising as referred to it about half a dozen--to the punishment that should be he Department moved only once. meted out to the ex-rebels. Some he Weirton suit-and made a stu- of the rightist forces, especially the pid botch of the matter. The new Fascists, have been insisting on Garrison-Biddle Board has referred large scale executions of the leadto it some 16 cases but in only one ers of the uprising. The Lerroux ---the Houde suit----has the Departgovernment on the other hand has ment gone through the motions of allowed the Left Republican leader, Azana, and others, to go free, while commuting practically all of the

The above 14 points indicate in death sentences imposed by milias restrained a manner as possible tary court, to sentences of life imthat the Administration and the la-prisonment.

bor bureaucracy are no more than It is now quite evident that the struggle of the Spanish working barking dogs. Not a boss has been scratched but the unions have been class was at least successful in mauled. Nothing has been done that it has prevented the Fascists for labor except to create the illu- from consolidating themselves in sion that something was being the government. Meanwhile a deep ferment is in process within the Meanwhile, in February, the ranks of Spanish labor; policies workers convene again in the are being reviewed, lessons being Smokey City to plan their campaign drawn; and all indications point against capital, against the machi- towards a renewal of the struggle nations of NRA, against the fakers on a still higher plane in the not

| verv distant future.

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or group of employees the right		LUIGI ANTONINI	
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with their employers, or other-	New York University	Ladies Garment Workers Union	
wise to associate themselves and	GEORGE S. COUNTS	CARLO TRESCA	
act for mutual aid or protection."	Professor of Education,	Editor, Il Martello	
We may say then that the crea-	Teachers College Columbia U.	FELIX MORROW	
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## In California

E IGHTEEN workers are on trial in Sacramento, California, facing a hostile jury and possible sentences of long terms in prison. They are charged with criminal syndicalism. But no smoke screen of any kind can hide the fact that these workers are prosecuted because they were the active organizers of the agricultural workers of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. It is the most elementary working class right which is at stake in this trial: the right to organize into trade unions.

To stir up passions and hatred against the defendants the prosecution has raised the "red" issue and has challenged the right to legal existence of the Communist Party.

A special red-baiting Deputy Attorney Generalalthough defeated in the last election-heads the prosecution, amply supplied with funds by the "Associated Farmers" and the Industrial Association. Religious and racial prejudices are played upon to secure a conviction. The Hearst press is flooding California with anti-red and anti-labor propaganda. And in this atmosphere of fierce reactionary agitation the Sacramento City Manager has publicly taken upon himself the arming of 600 "citizens" to repell an alleged invasion of the city.

The American Legion, the Elks, the Lions, Rotarians, Kiwanis, priests, rabbis, pastors, Boy Scout leaders, real estate brokers, brothel keepers and legislators-one and all are yelling for the incarceration in San Quentin of the eighteen defendants.

In face of this gigantic lynch party one duty remained supreme for those engaged in the active support of the defense: solidarity and unity of all defendants before the capitalist court despite differences of political views. Only utter disregard for working class interests could permit any other course.

For these reasons we accepted the building of a united front in the Sacramento defense as our special task and we have not swerved one inch from the pursuance of this aim. One of the defendants no longer adheres to the Communist Party. He shares the views of the Workers Party; but the capitalist court is no place for the discussion of internal working class differences.

We knew that the accomplishment of a united front in this defense would be no easy task. The perfidious attitude of the Communist Party had made that appear well nigh impossible. When members in their own ranks demanded a united front in this case they were denounced as stool pigeons. All the prejudices, artificially fostered, all the obstacles created by their false policies had to be battered down one by one to make a genuine united front possible in which the participants accept its obligations and carry them out honestly.

At the present moment this united front has been accomplished and a defense committee set up including the Communist Party, the Workers Party, the Socialist Party, the International Labor Defense, the Non Partisan Labor Defense, the Civil Liberties Union and other organizations mutually agreed upon by all concerned. The organizations involved and the defendants are pledged not to raise the internal controversial issues before the capitalist court and the attorneys for the I.L.D. and the N.P.L.D. cooperate in the courtroom. Will this united front last until the case is through? This we cannot guarantee since it involves more than our party. But we can say that only light-minded charlatans would consciously take any steps or carry out any actions designed to endanger or break the united front defense. Our position is clear. We fought for the united front from the day we entered the case. We are pledged and we carry it out honestly not only for the sake of the one defendant who shares our views, not only for the sake of the other seventeen defendants, but for the sake of the working class-the real defendant at Sacramento.

the Communist Party is the fact that although it has been the policy of that organization for the past seven years to oppose the slogan of a labor party in this country, its leadership never even bothered to inform the membership that a change had been made in the COUNTRY policy.

Up to yesterday, the C.P. bureaucracy looked upon anybody who advocated the formation of a labor write for the Central Labor party as a deliberate agent of capitalism, a social Union paper. demagogue and a social fascist. The right wing of The Auto Workers' Union has the Socialist Party was the special object of C. P. kicked out Ramsey and Bossler and ridicule and attack precisely because it defended the its present leaders make no secret idea of a labor party. of seeking the help of our com-

What, then, is the meaning of this abrupt, bewild- rades. The union is growing rapering and bureaucratic turn-about-face which has idly and despite the fact that the been effected in the dark of the moon? Auto Lite plant itself is still half On the lips of Waldman, Panken, Solomon the decompany union, thanks to Ram-

man that a labor party be formed, or that the S. P. sey's influence, the Mininger intershould initiate or help to create one, signified an ests hesitate to provoke a quarrel. acknowledgement that the S. P. had failed even as They've had a lesson! a party of reformism.

The slogan is a confession of bankruptcy. On the lips of Browder and his trenchmen, the appeal for a labor party in this country has essentially the same significance. In his "historic" speech in Washington, Browder as much as confirmed this. In effect, he declared:

I think the C. P. is the only party that is good for the working class; but the working class doesn't think so. It does not yet want a revolutionary party. Well, since this is the case, we, the Communist party is perfectly willing to create a non-revolutionary party. The kind that you want. After a while, you will learn that this party is not really the kind you need, and just as we created it for you, we will smash it for you so that you can finally follow the leadership of the only, genuine, real, etc., etc., party. What other sense can be made of this political abracadabra?

We do not believe it to be the job of revolutionists, who have had the opportunity to thoroughly absorb the lessons of what labor and reformist parties have led to in Europe, to creatt a reformist labor party in the United States. We shall return to the question of the labor party

in greater detail in forthcoming issues of the New Militant.

## $\mathbf{W}$

## Tom Mooney's Freedom

HEN the United States Supreme Court enterhours a day. tained a writ of habeas corpus for Tom Mooney Detroit? in November 1934 we said the action was a post election sop to the California working class. At that is booming. time the court ordered the state of California to show cause why the writ should not be granted.

Leaving aside the sheer irony of entertaining a writ of habeas corpus eighteen years after incarceration, we remark that our analysis was correct. The court has refused the writ.

The Supreme Court has the colossal gall to inform Mooney that he has not made sufficient efforts to obtain his freedom in the California courts .-- After eighteon years of appeals and reappeals, after four governors have refused pardon, after the California Supreme Court has declined to review the case!

The Court said that "Mooney had never asked the California court for the writ on the grounds which he now submits", and refused to deny that California would grant him his proper legal rights.

After eighteen years! Ironically, Mooney is sent back to California law at the very moment when it is in the act of railroading eighteen workers in Sacramento-for what? For the crime of organizing agricultural workers!

The Supreme Court is a court of aristocrats and millionaires. Mooney's freedom-the freedom of class war prisoners—is up to habor.

## $\mathbf{W}$

## Attack the Enemy

THE best defense is a good offense. Attack the Committee. a enemy-put him on the run. This strategy is particularly important to the

That Pittsburgh Convention REVIEWING ACROSS THE Tighe Will Maneuver to Hold Steel Delegates in THE NEWS Check - Bill Spang is Opposition Leader By BILL SHERMAN (Continued from Page 1)

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unions.

Five members of an S.P. local

sheet of ice to our Toledo mass

is going to Columbus to hold down

elected treasurer last summer.

guessing for a while.

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Meantime we can report that the

Detroit branch has a good start.

has the respect and confidence of

the hest elements in the trade un-

ion movement, and with the forces

that are being sent in will prove

itself capable of handling even as

Reports on the interesting and

complex industrial situation here.

the New Militant is getting from

other comrades. Capitalism is

booming here, Ford working 24

**A Hot Situation** 

big a situation as Detroit.

meeting.

meeting. And they weren't sorry!

blocking the rank and file revolt honest, Spang represents the virwithin the steel union will automa- tues characteristic of rank and file tically iquidate the less organized leadership in the steel unions. And and developed rank and file move- he represents the weaknesses of ments of the other participating this leadership as well-weaknesses that may well prove fatal to the present movement as they were to Will Delegates be Hoodwinked?

the Committee of 10. Whether or not the delegates will **Bill Spang's Weakness** allow themselves to be hoodwinked He does not understand that an

by these concessions or by any opposition movement within a union other maneuvers on the part of demands an even more careful or-Green, Tighe and their henchmen ganization and consistent leaderdrove 60 miles over roads that were is hard to predict. As far as the ship than a movement in opposition A.A. is concerned, the rank and file to boss greed. He will not submit movement seems to be suffering to the discipline imposed by a pro-Toledo branch is growing. Sam from the same weaknesses that gram, the discipline that obliges Pollock can't be spared for Detroit were apparent in the famous Comevery leader to submerge his perjust now. Ted Selander, however, mittee of 10 which nullified all its sonal differences, opinions and excellent opportunities for destroyweakness in the interests of the the office of the National Unem- ing the Tighe bureaucracy and ralcommon program and the common ployed League of which he was lying the union to a militant strugcause. He is an individualist, regle against the slow attrition taclying upon personal prestige and tics of the steel barons.

ability to storm the bureaucratic DETROIT, Mich .- There's going - These weaknesses resulted from barricades. He has the man-of-acto be big political news soon from the lack of program, of a common tion's contempt for careful plan-Detroit. It will mean a substan- tactic, and a unifying agreement ning, for "theorizing" and, in contial accession to the W.P. But based on progressive union policies. sequence, is fair prey to the very we'll have to keep the comades The movement was directed against first plan that comes his way-in the person of Tighe rather than the all probability the worst possible philosophy and tactics that make plan. Tighe pssible. The members of the

Such is the plan proposed for A Committee, united by a common A. action in the "rank and file condislike of Tighe, were disunited on vention" The delegates will lay every other basic point. The rank their plans for organization and apand file found themselves with an point their own organizers for carassortment of leaders but with no rying these plans out. leadership. It was a comparatively

**Tighe** is Afraid

simple business, therefore, for "Tighe dies not want to organize Green to sidetrack the strike movenew locals,' says Spang, "because ment and to throw the fight against company-unionism onto the laps of he knows he would lose control. If the NRA, the courts, the lawyers we left it up to him to send in orand all the thousand practitioners ganizers he would send us guys like the one we had last time who of pink sentiment and red tape. was more congenial to the steel

company than to us. We are going A.A. are not likely to repeat that to organize the A.A.—Tighe or no particular mistake. They have had Tighe, and then he can sit at his eight months of the Steel Labor Re- desk and look at the four walls of

> In these naive reckonings, the seeds of defeat are already sown. Tighe will not look at those four walls long before he evolves a plan

International and three mighty cheers for the Workers Party of chairman of the Fort Duquesne the U.S.-that was the Chicago Lodge which has been the sparkolug of the fight against company-

> "The union will not live through another delay like this. Our men are already desperate. Some of them are hungry-they have kids who are undernourished and wives who fade away right under their eyes. Unless our union starts to fight company - unionism with every weapon at its command right now-there may be no one to fight with later on. The men

Bill Spang was one of the mem

courageous, sincere, unshakably NEW TITLE WANTED

The editors don't like the title of this column, so they got together with the business manager and I am asked to announce that a year's subcsription to the New Militant will be given free to the reader suggisting the best title. The editors to decide. Titles must be in by February 15.

#### The Mooney Case

Again the "courts of justice", this time the highest in the land, played shuttle-cock with the life and liberty of Tom Mooney. This time the publicity and protests of the radical labor movement was so strong that the nine fossilized tools of Wall Street had to administer a gentle slap to California "justice", while on a "technicality" they condemned an innocent man to a continued living death. They passed the case back to California, where that other "stalwart representative of American democracy", Governor Merriam, says he is too busy to consider it now.

Where do our "labor leaders" stand? That smug Baptist faker, Bill Green, remains as silent on Mooney as he was vocal when helping to break the Frisco general strike.

'All the News That's Fit to Print"

That's the motto carried on the masthead of the New York Times. and they print a boxed in front page display to the story of the Judge in the Hauptmann case, giving a cough drop to the defense lawyer, and the Shenandoah mine explosion is tucked away on page 9.

Slobbering Over Stalin

Never to my knowledge has there been such servile slobbering over a leader in any section of the labor movement as is found today in articles, speeches and resolutions of the Communist Party of Stalin, Even Olgin's poetical praise of America's entry into the World for gaining control of the new un-War is surpassed by the following ions or for keeping control in spite greetings sent to Stalin by the Mosof the new unions. Actually, that cow District Committee of the C.P., which we take from a New York newspaper:

"Long live he who has led our party in the struggle against all plan of organization based on an enemies of Leninism! Long live he eventual steel strike in spite of the who is teaching the Party daily and hourly the art of discerning the enemy in the very embryo and mercilean house generally. If it fails lessly stamping him out ! Long live to do this, it will also fail to carry he who has secured the victory of our Party and the iron unity of the Bolshevist ranks! Long live our

A Golden Opportunity own great Stalin!" There is certainly a golden op-

portunity in the present movement The Dignity of the Court The Hauptmann case continues to orationist policies and to re-assert be the big news in the capitalist the militant traditions and the propapers. It has been turned into a gressive history of genuine trade-"Broadway success" by the press, unionism. The time is at hand for by publicity-seeking lawyers, judges, etc. Here is a man on trial for There are a million things to file convention" and one of the ions on democratic and non-com- his life, charged with kidnapping write about Chicago, but here as leaders of the rank and file move- promising principles. Will the and murder, and yet guards have

So there's no unemployment in Not Likely Again The rank and file members of the Say, comrade, we said capitalism Youth with their red sashes, the

(For a detailed description of what the Steel Labor Relations Board has "accomplished" for the steel workers see article on page 3.)

## CHICAGO, Ill.-A hall jammed with nearly 400 people, Spartacus

get the management of the hall to extend our time, the C.P. and S.P. attempts to answer us so weak that

"Our Men Are Desperate"

lations Board and are today in a his office." worse position, if anything, than they were at the outset. crowd so interested that we had to

the workers present often roared

is what his position is, if he is not In the words of Bill Spang,

their derision, the singing of the

It's 10 below zero here meteorologically speaking, but it's á "hot' situation as far as our branches the Spartacus Youth League and prospects of growth are concerned. The Chicago branches believe that a district comprising Illinois, southern Wisconsin, eastern Iowa and Missouri and northwestern Indiana, with headquarters in Chicago, ought to be set up soon. Com-

rade Cannon and I are convinced will go back to work.' by their arguments and are recommending action to the Political

elsewhere the time is all too short, ment for the strike and against the "rank and file convention" achieve been posted over the hall to stop

removed from office. And if the rank and file movement within the A.A. is strong enough to follow a

mionism :

bers of the Committee of 10. He

Greens and Tighes then it is also strong enough to remove Tighe and

out its other plans.

will be chairman of the "rank and | an entire re organization of the un-

to overthrow the reactionary Tighes and their destructive class-collab-



## The C. P. and the Labor Party

FTER having been the almost exclusive property A FTER having been the announce of the right wing in the Socialist Party for years, the slogan of a labor party has just been taken over bag and baggage by the leadership of the Communist Party.

The leader of the Communist Party, straight from Moscow, rushed down the gangplank of the boat which brought him home, grabbed the first train to Washington, and in the presence of the assembled delegates of the "unemployment insurance conference", set forth the new revelation.

Thoroughly characteristic of the present regime in

The employers are pushing the attack on unionism. Section 7a of the NRA, little as it has done actually ing now because this copy isn't in to secure to the workers the right to organize, is to Better have mercy on us. As I said, be emasculated or repealed altogether if the bosses

workers of the United States today.

have their way. Mindful of the growing sense of solidarity displayed by the workers in Toledo, San Francisco, Minneapolis and-the North Pole! Minneapolis and other strike areas in 1934, the National Association of Manufacturers now proposes federal legislation to prohibit general and sympa-thetic strikes. If the machinists, for example, go on 56Released by strike over a question of wages, no other workers even in the same shop may stop work if the N.A.M. is to be suited!

The only answer to these proposals to hog-tie and enslave the workers is for them to pick up where they left off last fall-organize in rubber, steel, automobiles, and fight out the issue of union recognition on the picket lines.

Production is for the moment on the rise in these industries. The bosses would like to avoid trouble.

The American Federation of Labor leaders must not be permitted in 1935 to prevent or sabotage strikes as they did in 1934. It is because these bureaucrats did all in their power to thwart the militancy of the masses that the bosses have dared to take the offensive again.

Let the workers of Akron, of Weirton, of Detroit, and a score of other centers take the offensive again! Union recognition will not be won in Congress, or in a Labor Board hearing, or in the Supreme Court, but in militant strike struggles.

The Workers Party of the United States pledges its utmost support to these struggles.

## **Roosevelts Insecurity Program**

payroll tax. This means the cost

will be shoved back upon the wage

carners, through lower wages or

higher living costs. In either case,

The plan has been conceived to

make sure that the various insur-

ance funds will go bankrupt from

share the enforced saving.

is taught in our respectable univer-(Continued from Page 1) period sities.

That workers are chronically thrown out of their jobs, by technological change, by the business cycle, by seasonal influences-all this is disregarded. Similarly, the New Deal social welfare lads forget that the American worker hardly earns enough to support himself, let alone to save for his old age, and that as he grows older, his earning power declines. The annuities are to begin at 65. But the worker under modern industrialism becomes aged economically long before he is biologically old.

#### Fifty-Fifty?

time to time. It contemplates not The cost of purchasing the anone pooled national fund with an nuities will be divided 50-50, in offsetting of risks by industries, retheory, between workers and bossgions, and enterprises, but 48 sepes. But if the boss does not pass arate state funds; and in each state on his share, as wage reductions. thousands of individual plant resomething is wrong with the theory serves. The evident intent is to enof the incidence of taxation as it courage state schemes modeled up-

on the abortion of the Wisconsin liberals. And the Wisconsin plan does not even pretend that unemployment insurance is its primary objective, but addresses itself to coaxing employers into regularizing production and employment. Thus Where the old age pension scheme we shall probably have sanctioned, is hollow mockery, the unemployby the Act of Congress, the idea ment insurance plan is a straight that individual employers can turn kick in the pants. To begin with, it will be financed by a 3 percent

#### back the tides of economic forces. Democratic Poverty

When the President set up his Security last June. the Secretary of the wage earning masses will not Labor remarked that not for us still open." share wages and hours, as they do any European scheme of economic today, but in addition they will and social insurance, but an American scheme; not for us any socialistic devices, but democratic devices. "Security"? Perhaps, if you

call it "insurance". "Insurance"? Fine-but be sure it encourages self-help and thrift among the casualties of the economic order. and be ever so certain that it costs the owners nothing. To safeguard the profit system, after all you must first safeguard profite.

Besides, I can hear the editor cussit's 10 below zero here, the weatherman says the cold wave is staying for a while, and we're headed for

**Ohio Leaguers** 

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reached in advance. Fearing organ ization of a proper legal defense the presiding justice refused to

continue the hearing. Since the new defense counsel was unacquainted with the case, the justice

permitted Art Preis and Pollock to cross-examine the witnesses. When Duncan was placed on the stand, the cross-examination became so hot the justice quickly ruled these

two could not legally carry on the questioning.

The justice refused to permit any testimony on the matter of relief conditions and administration.

Relief Building "Private" Unable to find a legal basis for the charge of "trespass", the justice ruled that the relief building-rent-

ed with public funds for a public agency-was the property of the relief administration only and in that sense "private" property. He ruled that the public could remain in the building until the regular closing time.

George McGee, one of the defendants and fighting Negro leader of the Rossford Unemployed League,

replied to a question as to why he did not leave the building at closing time, "The closing time of the Committee on Economic and Social relief office may be 12 o'clock but when your stomach is empty it's

> uer, asked what right she had to walk up the stairs of the relief building, answered, "Because I am a citizen of the U.S. I believe I have the right to remain as long

children." Charges are being preferred at once against Duncan before the

ployed League will demand his im. promptness. mediate removal.

bureaucracy. Hard fisted, these things

# **Letters To The Editor**

An increasing number of readers write letters to the editors of the New Militanti. Most of these letters deal with subjects that will be of interest to a large number of readers. In the future, therefore, the editors have decided to turn over this section of the New Militant to its readers. Conditions for publication are: 1) No letter shall be over 300 words in length. 2) the name and address of the writer must be known to the editors

START MEETINGS ON TIME! | ciency. His boss makes him come to work on the dot of eight.

ideology upon maximum efficiency.

principles, certain tactics, and an organizational set-up. society.

In the process of building itself. certain "details" are cast aside, even treated with scorn. "There well-run machine. And punctualiare b'gger things" is the answer to these smaller roblems.

these "details" for consideration. | ciency. In the "left-wing" movement all

meetings, parties, gatherings, demonstrations are traditionally unpunctual. Lateness has become almost a fetish.

Dear Comrade Editor:

Originally, perhaps, comrades and workers were so busy, that they could not manage to arrive on time. However, starting a meeting one hour after scheduled time has since come to be a sort of hoary tradition, that no radical party would dare to violate.

Aside from the physical inconreniences of this lateness, it must be remembered that some time, in our career as a revolutionary party, we may come across a "raw worker", one unfamiliar with the ways of the reds. When this worker does come to our meetings, he will plined fashion in which our meetings are run.

Glance over the correspondence section of every working class paper, union, political, social, and you will read this same plea for promptness, for discipline.

new state relief administration and and groups have failed to point out, a committee of the Ohio Unem- are the political implications of The worker is accustomed to offi-

We as revolutionists admire the well run machine. We base our

A party starts out with certain -We fight for an efficient, well-run

In order to secure this society we ourselves must have a well-knit ty, discipline in meetings, gatherings and demonstrations, is one I would like to bring up one of very important factor in our effi-

> Aside from the bad psychological effects of lateness, as a political tactic, it is ruinous.

I would therefore advocate that the National Committee take up discipline in meetings as a real is-

sue. That branches discuss and and that disciplinary measures be conduct of meetings and gatherings not only of the party itself, but of mass organizations in which the

party participates. As an agitational "front" this insistence upon punctuality and disciplined conduct of meetings is invaluable. As a party we will be set apart, our efficiency will be symbolized by this innovation. A month hence, a year hence it will be too late to decide that we're

a more orderly fashion. You can't break down old habit patterns eas ily!

What do the comrades in the field think about this question? I should devote space to it, and last-

> say "that's right!" Let's become the party that meets on time!

the gales of laughter that sween the courtroom. The Prosecuting Attorney, noting that the interest of his audience lagged during the hearing of expert testimony and fearing that attendance would fall, decided to bring in a Broadway brunette to break the monotony, Such is the dignity of justice in America, the dignity of a waterfront prostitute,

Strikers Versus Labor Leaders

After a militant ten weeks' strike, employes of the Kaynee Company of Cleveland returned to work with the signing of a collective bargaining agreement by the company and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. A Cleveland paper reports that following the signing of the agreement a workers' rally was held in the NEWS Auditorium, which was addressed by Sidney Hillman, President of the A.C.W. "In the evening the union tendered a banquet to Mr. Hillman, officials of the company, city officials and judges." We wonder why the chief of police was

left out-or was he?

# California Trial

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and bona fide trade unions. Howpass resolutions on this subject, ever, at the first meeting among those claiming to represent organintroduced to insure the efficient izations was one man who said he belonged to the American Veterans Association, "only that organization is controlled by agents of the Industrial Association and last night they expelled me and 11 others, but I represent them officially",

#### **Real United Front**

The attempt to pack the united front was defeated. Voting together for a real united front policy were the Workers Party, the Socome on time. And very likely he going to conduct our meetings in bor Defense and the Civil Liberties Union.

A slanderous article had appeared the previous week in the Western Worker, referring to "racketeering" and linking the Non-Partisan Labor believe that the New Militant Defense with it. Herbert Solow, N.P.L.D. representative, declared ly, I urge that action he taken. It's he regretted that the I.L.D. did not What other working class parties easy to nod one's head wisely and make some statement concerning this article. After much hesitation,

the I.L.D. representative promised a printed retraction in next week's Daper.

---COMRADE A. B. C.

Mrs. Frederick, a militant Leagas it takes to get food for starving